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When you can't take it back

Have you ever said something and immediately regretted it? Perhaps an attitude that was conveyed or a statement that is embarrassingly awkward or insulting and you wish you can reach out and grab the words out of the air before someone hears or reads them?

Have you ever hit "Send" or "Post" without thinking about your words and how it might read in someone else's shoes? Have you ever forgotten something important that was supposed to remain a secret and accidentally blurted it out to someone that shouldn't have heard it? Have you ever said something that made things immediately tense?

We've all been there. It happened to me just last weekend. I won't get into the details here, at the risk of making it even worse, but right after I hit send, I knew I had made a mistake. And I couldn't intercept the message, either. Once it was gone, it was gone, and I was at the mercy of the receiver.

It's one of the reasons why I try not to handle more intense or serious matters via e-mail or social media. For me, in person, or over the phone is always more effective in communicating. Now, granted, e-mails and Facebook are convenient. We can type something up quick and leave it, and for more mundane endeavors,

I actually prefer it. It is quicker and can be viewed at our convenience. But when it comes to resolving conflict,

issuing grievances, and dealing with complaints or problems, face-to-face conversations or a simple phone call is simply the way to go. With e-mails, texts or social media, tone and inflection are nearly impossible to read and can be interpreted however the receiver feels at the time of reception, regardless of the sender's intent. These issues are virtually non-existent when these things are handled face-to-face or over the phone.

These days, with the advent of social media, and Facebook, in particular, people have found it easier and easier to passive aggressively air their dirty laundry via a random Facebook post, that it makes it harder for any real progress to be made in repairing relationships. After all, it's easier to just post a vague jab at somebody on Facebook than it is to iron things out face to face. When you stop to think about it this immature behavior, it makes me long for the days when these social media sites didn't exist at all.

At the end of the day, these things aren't going anywhere. We are forced to adapt to them as best we can.

This past weekend, I feel victim to the very thing I just ranted against, and I realized that I am not immune to it. It's something we all (or at least, those of us that frequent social media or e-mail use) need to keep an eye on, lest we all fall into the trap of conflict resolution via technology.

Have a problem with someone? Handle it the old-fashioned way, face-to-face. It's the only way that has truly been proven to work.

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THE MINOR DETAILS
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Smanik out at DKH

ADILETTA TAKES OVER AS SEARCH FOR NEW CEO BEGINS

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER



Robert Smanik



Joseph Adiletta

PUTNAM — A change of leadership has come to Day Kimball Healthcare with the announcement last week that longtime president and CEO Robert Smanik has stepped down from his position effective Nov. 23.

A press release from Day Kimball Healthcare noted that the Board of Directors of DKH was informed of Smanik's decision and named Joseph Adiletta, a former chairman of Day Kimball's Board of Directors, as interim president and CEO effective immediately.

The announcement came as a bit of a shock for many, considering Smanik's part in helping Day Kimball Healthcare through a tumultuous time for healthcare across the state over the last few years, but according to Adiletta, who released statements as part of Day Kimball's announcement of Smanik's resignation, the decision to bring in a fresh perspective was mutual.

"Bob led our organization through some very challenging times, helping us to navigate through historic health care reform and



Courtesy photo

A fire in Pomfret on Nov. 21 destroyed a kennel and heavily damaged connecting structures as numerous departments worked to control the scene. No people or animals were harmed in the blaze.

Fire destroys Pomfret kennel

TEN DEPARTMENTS RESPOND TO EARLY MORNING BLAZE

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Numerous local fire departments responded to a kennel fire in Pomfret on Nov. 21, saving part of the attached structure and reporting no injuries, to humans or animals, from the early morning blaze.

Calls reporting the fire at 7 River Road in Pomfret came in to the Quinebaug Valley Regional Dispatch Center at around 6:44 a.m., sparking response from numerous departments and several hours of work to douse the flames. Responders worked for most of the morning to bring the scene under control with the fire deemed out before noontime while smoke still rose from the remains of the

kennel portion of the structure.

Pomfret Fire Marshal Ray Allen said no one was home at the time of the incident and that while the fire started in the kennel portion of the structure no animals were harmed as firefighters made it an early priority to determine if there were any signs of life as they began their attack on the blaze.

"Life safety comes first, no matter if it's humans or animals. One attack line team came over the stone wall and the other one came around the building from the west side and the wind was approximately 20 miles per hour so that wasn't helping the firefighters," Allen

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THANKSGIVING TRADITION



Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Quinebaug Valley's Will McGlynn picks up yardage on a nine-yard pass reception midway through the first quarter against Killingly High in a Thanksgiving Day game at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Killingly defeated the Quinebaug Valley Pride 63-14. For the story and more photos, turn to Sports in this week's B Section!

A DAZZLE AND A DIP



Members of the TPDA Dance Academy pulled no punches in their holiday celebration as part of the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade. The dancers danced the entire route to classic holiday jingles.



Jason Bleau photos

Dippers make their way into Quaddick Lake for the final time for the 2016 Turkey Dip for MDA and Camp Quinebaug.

It was a busy holiday weekend in the Quiet Corner last week, as two of the year's most anticipated events took place within three days of each other — the annual MDA Turkey Dip in Thompson on Thanksgiving morning Thursday, Nov. 24, and the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam on Sunday, Nov. 27, and The Villager was there for it all!

Check out our coverage of both events on pages A10-A12 and A14-A15!

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Thanksgiving in Killingly in the 1960's

Since the Killingly Historical Center was closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, I decided to take some extracts from the Windham County Transcript microfilms at the Killingly Public Library. I was curious about what was happening in this area in the early 1960's.

How many of you remember when the timing of the Thanksgiving meal revolved around the Killingly-Putnam football game? The Dec. 1, 1960 paper included a summary of the year's game...written by Steven Burlingame and Thomas Clarie.

R e d m e n Climax Successful Football Season... Speedy footwork of (Eddie) Keeler, (Francis) Baranski Aid in KHS Victory. The Killingly High Redmen defeated the Putnam Clippers 22-8 in the 32nd annual Thanksgiving Day classic played at the Alumni field in Danielson, before some 5000 fans."

Eddie Keeler, a junior, scored two of the three Killingly touch-

downs.

"Eddie Keeler and Francis Baranski were the offensive stars for the Redmen, and as usual co-captain Dave Oatley played a superb defensive game. Andy Konesi was the star for the Clippers."

Those of you who did not grow up with this rivalry cannot begin to understand the importance of the victory.

"Killingly's coach Art Roche said in an assembly just before the game, 'The rest of the season doesn't mean a thing. If you lose every game of the season, and beat Putnam, you have had a successful season.'" (WCT 12/1/60)

Please feel free to share memories about some of your favorite local football games.

As you drive through Danielson, it is impossible to miss Westfield Congregational Church replete with scaffolding. Other changes for the church were in the works as 1960 drew to a close.

"Westfield Church Votes to Join United Church Group. At a church meeting Sunday, November 20, led by Robert Howard lay moderator, the membership of Westfield Congregational Church voted its approval of the United Church of Christ. By this vote, Westfield becomes part of the United Church, a body that came into existence in 1957. The United church is made up of two Protestant denominations, both of which are the product of mergers, the Evangelical and Reformed churches, and the Congregational Christian churches...The Congregational churches are the descendants of English Puritans and Pilgrims and are found generally in New England, California, and the Midwest...Churches in Windham County which have voted to become a part of the United Church are the Congregational Church of Putnam, the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, and Westfield. In general the merging of the churches into the larger United Church will result in no major changes to policy or direction." (WCT 12/1/60)

The 1960's was the Cold War era. The above Transcript clearly brought this home.

"December 7 is National Civil Defense Day. Wednesday, December 7 has been designated as National Civil Defense Day by Civil and Defense Mobilization Director Leo A. Hoegh. Keynoting its theme, 'Peace Through Preparedness,' Director Hoegh urged home-owners to build fallout shelters. 'Fallout shelter protection for every American — in his home, on his farm, in his office, in his plant — is the best single defense measure for the greatest number of our people,' he declared... 'Civil Defense Day is tied in with the observance of Pearl Harbor Day — and with a good reason. The reminder of what happened in Pearl Harbor in 1941 should spur



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all Americans to be prepared with home shelters. The price of peace, it has been said, is eternal vigilance."

Did any of you have fallout shelters in your home? Mine did. My home in Pennsylvania was built into the side of a mountain and had a large cement-floored basement that included a secluded area that my parents stocked with emergency supplies. Fortunately, it was never needed. Please share your memories if you know of local shelters. Do you remember anything being done in the schools?

Do any of you remember Pomfret's Ben Grosvenor Inn? The December 1, 1960 Transcript wrote of its impending demise.

"The Ben Grosvenor Inn, Pomfret, one of the familiar landmarks in this area, will presently be torn down, according to John Downing, business administrator of the Pomfret School. The school is now the owner of the old inn, and due to changing traffic patterns in this region since the turn-pikes were built, plus the expense of trying to keep up the old building, the school's board of directors reached a 'reluctant decision' to do away with it. The Ben Grosvenor Inn, at one time a famous hostelry throughout all of New England, first opened its doors in 1871. It stands near the site of the original Grosvenor tavern which was built in 1765 by Col Lemuel Grosvenor, who it is said, got his appointment from George Washington. Ben Grosvenor, after whom the inn is named, is a direct lineal descendant of Col. Grosvenor... Tradition says, according to Lincoln's History of Windham County, that the Mormon Bible was composed in the Ben Grosvenor Inn, after the manuscript had left Joseph Smith's hands... Mr. Downing states that 1000 feet of the old pine flooring is to be sent to Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts to be preserved."

Consider doing part of your Christmas shopping at the Killingly Historical Center. Among the many items for sale are copies of Images of America: Killingly Revisited, reprints of 1869 maps of Killingly, and Danielson (ville), and postcards. A gift membership might be perfect for a family member. I'll print a more complete list in the next column.

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

PBA donates 112 turkeys to Handcuff Hunger Food Drive

PUTNAM — Held annually on the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Handcuff Hunger Food Drive received a helping hand for a second year in a row from the Putnam Business Association (PBA).

Throughout the fall season, the PBA collected monetary donations to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for the community. The turkeys were purchased at Putnam Supermarket and will go to support the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

"We were excited to bring this fundraiser back for 2016 in support of Daily Bread, which does a fantastic job helping to feed those in need in our community during the holiday season and all year round," stated PBA President, Earl Rosebrooks. "Once again, we are pleased

with the results of the turkey drive and thank our members for their generous donations to this worthy cause," Rosebrooks continued.

PBA members who donated to the turkey drive included: Bank Hometown, Courthouse Bar and Grille, Fluid Coating Technology, Gerardi Insurance Services, Rawson Materials, WINY Radio, ReMax Bell Park, Bucknam, Masseur and Associates, American Legion Post #13, Betty Hale, Congregational Church of Putnam, Aflac - Roberta Rocchetti, Angell House Design, Carlee & Michael Drummer,

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Located at the United Methodist Church in Putnam, Daily Bread is a full service food pantry serving residents of the greater Putnam area. Along with the Putnam Police Department, Handcuff Hunger was supported by the Plainfield Police Department and CT State Police Troop D. In addition to benefitting Daily Bread, other donations from the 2016 Handcuff Hunger Food Drive will also go to support TEEG, Friends of Assisi, and Project Pin.

WA named in top 10 high schools for UConn ECE program

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy has landed a spot in the Top 10 High Schools for total number of students enrolled in the UConn Early College Experience program for the 2016-2017 academic year. The Academy ranked No. 9 in the program this year with 180 students enrolled in UConn ECE courses.

UConn ECE is a concurrent enrollment program that allows high school students to take UConn courses at their high schools for both high school and college credit. Each course taken through the UConn ECE program is equivalent to the same course at the University of Connecticut.

"We are pleased to be one of the top high schools involved with the UConn ECE program this year," said Headmaster Christopher Sandford. "Having 180 of our students taking advantage of this innovative and worthwhile opportunity is quite an accomplishment. We look forward to growing our participation even further in the coming years."

Council appears poised to act on constabulary ordinance

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — After a year of research, and several years of debate, the Killingly Town Council appears prepared to act on a new ordinance that would establish a constabulary replacing the Killingly Resident State Troopers program in response to concerns about lacking police presence throughout the community.

The town has seen requests for additional resident state troopers scratched from budget proposals over the last few years and concerns about public safety downtown have become the central theme for the call for more police presence in the town. The call for increased police presence led to the formation of a Law Enforcement Strategies Commission that, after a year of research, have presented an ordinance that the Town Council will address during a public hearing on Dec. 13.

Town Manager Sean Hendricks said that the ordinance is the result of significant studies including input from law enforcement officials and town representatives from many different communities and establishes a new law enforcement constabulary that would see the resident troopers phased out and constables brought in over the next five years.

"It's taken a couple months for this to get to this point because there was some disagreements amongst the members of the Town Council," said Hendricks. "Back in February of this year the Law Enforcement Strategies Commission made its recommendation to the Town Council. That Commission has been doing studies for a year and they came up with numbers and strategies about how we could sort of add constables or police officers to the town while scaling back our resident trooper force and end up at the end of five years with

eleven law enforcement personnel in Killingly for about the same amount of money that we're spending now on resident troopers."

The new constables would be town employees working under the operation and control of the State Police. The town wouldn't have to create anything new, like a stationary department, to accommodate the constabulary as they would use state police facilities in terms of interrogation and lock up. As part of that partnership the town will need to maintain at least one resident trooper even after the five year transition is completed.

In May, the Town Council had decided that it wanted to put the idea to a non-binding referendum in the fall. Hendricks said that the Council envisioned a bond issue, or spending package, referendum coming out in the fall and piggybacking the nonbinding constabulary question off of that proposal. That question hasn't happened and will likely not happen unless the Town Council approved the ordinance and an appeal is issued to the town. The Town Council will give the public a chance to address the ordinance during the Dec. 13 public hearing and will then vote on whether or not to ratify the ordinance with a supermajority of six votes required for approval. If ratified citizens will have fourteen days to request a town referendum on the matter.

As far as spending is concerned, Hendricks said the plan as he has laid it out for budgeting for the constabulary would actually have little effect on the town and would be in line with what Killingly currently pays each year for its resident troopers.

"The beauty of this whole plan is that it's not going to cost us any more than we're already spending now. The first year expenses, which the Town Council put in

the budget for this year at \$166,000, which is basically to allow us to hire at least one person and maybe two and purchase a couple of vehicles, is really all we need right now. We need weapons, vehicles, and uniforms. Outside of that we don't really need any more infrastructure, per se," Hendricks said. "Right now in 2016 the town spends about \$935,000 for four resident troopers. In year 2021 or 2022 our projected budget is somewhere a little under \$1.2 million, which is about what we would be spending anyways if we gave a 3-percent increase to the resident state troopers every year. So the beauty of it is, it's really not going to cost us much more money than we spend now and if there are extra costs it will have minimal to no impact on our mill rate and I built this budget on really conservative numbers. I planned for the most expensive scenario as opposed to the least expensive."

Hendricks said he also laid out the plan to reflect a competitive pay system to make the constables more likely to commit to Killingly and not leave for another local police force. The salary range and projected raises were put together with the salaries and raises issued by Montville, Plainfield and Putnam police in mind.

Hendricks noted that there are some who may not like the idea of a constabulary and that there may be questions about the qualifications of town employed officers versus state police. The town manager said there are advantages to both, but the constabulary will help Killingly put a focus more on community-based law enforcement in a town that does need more attention.

"You've got some people who think that local police officers aren't as well trained or aren't as competent as state troopers, but even if you look country wide, 90

percent of all police officers out there work for municipalities and the other 10 percent work for state troopers. State troopers do tend to be a little more paramilitary and are viewed as a little more hard core and don't engage in community activities as much as local officers do. There's value to both and I think the challenge to having something like a constabulary is getting people in, whether they're already trained, and making sure they are working hard and are invested," said Hendricks. "If we're going to have a presence in all four corners of the town we need more personnel. That's what it boils down to. We think we can accomplish that with this plan. It'll take a little time, but people need to know that people are watching and if the bad guys know that and that there's a better chance they will get caught there's less chance they're going to do it."

The public hearing notice states the hearing will be at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Town Council regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 13. The meeting will be held at the Killingly Town Hall on Main Street.

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Local woman arrested on child neglect charges

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — A Webster, Mass. woman and a Danielson woman were arrested on Nov. 22 following an investigation into a child neglect case in Danielson sparked by concerns from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

According to reports out of the Connecticut State Police Troop D Barracks in Danielson, the investigation began back on July 21, at which time the Connecticut DCF office in Willimantic, Conn., issued a report of concern to the Eastern District Major Crime Squad at Troop D concerning a situation on Broad Street in Danielson. The situation involved three children, who were unidentified in reports due to their age, living at an address on Broad Street. According to police, DCF received a referral that noted the children were missing teeth, were malnourished and dehydrated, and that all of the children were wearing diapers and unable to talk despite being identified as being 3, 5 and 6 years old.

Following an investigation police issued warrants for two individuals, then 32-year-old Donna Rodeheffer of Main Street in Webster and 24-year-old Nicolas Emory of Danielson, who were accused of neglecting the children. Police reports stated that Rodeheffer turned herself in to authorities after the warrant was issued. Police have stated that Emory is currently being held in Arizona as a fugitive from justice and is facing child pornography-related charges as part of another investigation through the Connecticut State Police Computer Crimes Unit.

Police said that the children involved in the incident were taken into the care of Connecticut DCF with police investigations revealing the children rarely left the Danielson home where they lived. Police stated that detectives interviewed family members and learned the children were seldom seen outside of the home and had never attended school.

The children received medical care after being taken from the home

where medical personnel declared them underweight and the victims of extreme neglect. As a result of the neglect Rodeheffer was charged with three counts of risk of injury to a minor and three counts of negligent cruelty to persons and was held on a court-set \$150,000 bond on Nov. 22. She appeared in Danielson Superior Court today the same day. She was later released on a \$75,000 bond and will appear in court again in January. As for Emery, police have stated that he will be upon his being returned to Connecticut he will be charged with child neglect as well.

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A Boy Scout Thanksgiving

PUTNAM'S TROOP 21 WORKS HARD TO IMPROVE HOLIDAY FOR OTHERS



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

Members of Troop 21, of Putnam, get ready to carry the banner in front of Parade Marshall Dr. Louise Berry's car, moments before start of the 15th annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, held Sunday night in Putnam. Shown here, from left, is Troop 21 Senior Patrol Leader Richard L. LaBonte, Jr., Scout James Lazarou, Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo and Scout Damien-Michael Jacques.

PUTNAM — Most people are busy around Thanksgiving time. Troop 21 is no exception. Soon after their turkey was fully digested, several members of the Putnam Boy Scout troop carried the banner in front of Parade Marshall Dr. Louise Berry's car, during Sunday's 15th annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.

Berry was the superintendent of schools in Brooklyn from 1983 until her recent retirement. The life-long educator said she was happy to be escorted by Troop 21.

"I've seen so many great young people," she said, moments before the parade began. "These young men compare very favorably. I'm so glad they're here tonight."

Carrying the banner in the parade was the follow-up to Troop 21's latest service project, when the Scouts helped to serve turkey dinners to 44 clients of Putnam's John Dempsey Center, when they vol-



Troop 21 Senior Patrol Leader Richard L. LaBonte, Jr., picks up the turkey dinners he's about to serve to Dempsey Center clients at the annual Dempsey Center Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523, of Putnam. The Putnam Boy Scout troop has waited tables at the event for more than 15 years.

unteered at the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523 on Providence Street the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Troop 21 has waited tables at the annual event for more than 15 years.

Operated by the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services, the Dempsey Center provides services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Dempsey Center Thanksgiving Dinner Chairman Charles L. Mahoney, of Putnam, looks forward to seeing Troop 21 every year.

"We need the Scouts there to help us," Mahoney said. "They're a godsend. They make it much easier for the VFW to serve our guests and perform our community service."

Chartered to St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam, Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo, of Putnam, said the parade and the dinner was part of the troop's busy schedule. It all started with an August fishing trip, followed by a hike up Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire and a recent, hands-on science and technology program for Scouts, held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London.



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The Scoutmaster said there's more to come by the time the troop's program ends in June, with Troop 21 preparing to go snowshoeing and winter camping, a shotgun-shooting program, a food drive for local needy people, a Paw Sox game in Pawtucket and a fly fishing trip.

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

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

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

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

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 - 24. Expresses surprise
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 - 27. Fresh Prince of ___ Air
 - 28. Hindu queens
 - 30. Easter marshmallow treat
 - 32. Where coaches stand
 - 35. Women
 - 37. Thai province
 - 38. Drenches
 - 40. Matters that settle
 - 43. Not wide
 - 44. Elaborate garments
 - 45. Swiss river
 - 47. South Dakota
 - 48. Instinctive part of the mind
 - 50. Some put this in their hair
 - 51. French young women
 - 53. Two legged support
 - 55. Stimulates the heart
 - 59. Waste matter
 - 60. Nocturnal rodents
 - 61. The Who anthem "___ O'Riley"
 - 62. Old age personified
 - 63. Remnant
 - 64. Disband
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 - 67. A citizen of Iran

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 - 2. Wings
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 - 6. Earnhardt and Hunter are two
 - 7. Two-parted
 - 8. Foul-mouthed movie bear
 - 9. Tan horses
 - 10. Song
 - 11. Draw blood
 - 12. High-ranking Turkish officer
 - 14. Determine time
 - 17. Begets
 - 20. Watch chain
 - 21. Constellation representing a dog
 - 23. Indian dish
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 - 26. Romanian river
 - 28. An auto you don't keep
 - 29. Signs, ___, delivers
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 - 33. Sportscaster Patrick
 - 34. A way to glide
 - 36. Fathered
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 - 41. One-thousandth of an inch
 - 42. Discounts
 - 46. Rockers from Georgia
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 - 52. Stout sword
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Knights of Columbus give away 300 winter coats

FAMILIES THROUGHOUT WINDHAM COUNTY
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At left; Shane Pierce, 5, of Canterbury, gets fitted for a new winter coat by Mystical Rose Council 49 Knight of Columbus Eric Bard, of Brooklyn.



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Katelynn Collelo, 10, of Plainfield, gets fitted for a new winter coat by Connecticut Knights of Columbus District 36 Deputy Richard T. Broy, of Lisbon.

BROOKLYN — A warm winter coat. Most people take wearing one for granted. Some people can't afford to. That's why several of the area's local Knights of Columbus councils stepped in on Friday, Nov. 25, to help.

In the spring, seven of Windham County's local K of C councils joined forces to buy or collect a total of over 300 new and used coats for needy, local children and adults. On Friday morning, they sent volunteers to the Brooklyn Recreation

Department's offices to give them away.

"The Knights of Columbus live by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and we demonstrated that today, right here in this room," said Grand Knight Clifford C. Soucy, of Brooklyn, as he helped to pack up moments after the event ended. "It shows what Brother Knights can do when we work together to help people in our community."

Soucy is the elected leader of Mystical Rose Council 49, of Wauregan. When area Knights decided to hold a regional "Coats for Kids" program on the day after Thanksgiving, 2014, organizers picked the recreation department's offices on South Main Street, just off Route 6, because it's near a main road and is centrally located in the region. Because Council 49 serves Brooklyn, it's co-hosted the annual event with the Brooklyn Recreation Department for three years, since it began.

Working over several months, the seven local councils, covering an area from Ashford, east to Thompson and south to Plainfield, bought and donated specially made, new, K of C, children's winter "Coats for Kids." At the same time, they collected used coats for adults and children, along with dozens of used blankets and boxes of used baby clothes, all clean and in good condition, so whole families could be helped.

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Senexet Grange hosts Thanksgiving pie sale

Charlie Lentz photos

WOODSTOCK — Senexet Grange No. 40 held its annual Thanksgiving pie sale on Wednesday, Nov. 23. The fresh pies are baked at the Grange hall and included pumpkin, mincemeat, pecan, apple, cherry, and strawberry rhubarb. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Grange's programs which include providing scholarships for college to local high school students. The Grange's next pie sale is scheduled for Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Petra Scandalito



Joan Perry, the Grange's pie baker



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Brooklyn native shines in ECSU theatre production



Courtesy photos
Rhyder Dulin

WILLIMANTIC — Rhyder Dulin, an Eastern Connecticut State University senior from Brooklyn, helped christen the brand new Proscenium Theatre with an inaugural performance of “Cervante’s Pedro, The Great Pretender.”

The historic occasion — the first major production of the Theatre Program to occur in that venue — took place within Eastern’s new Fine Arts Instructional Center from Nov. 8-13.

The classic play by Miguel

de Cervantes Saavedra, a playwright of the Spanish Golden Age, follows the tricks of Pedro, a master pretender whose escapades involve him with a slew of characters and careers as he struggles to find his true vocation in life.

Dulin majors in Theatre with concentrations in Acting and Directing. In “Pedro,” Dulin played Tarugo.

“Our first production in our new Proscenium Theatre hopes to honor Cervantes’ timeless subversive satire by connecting the centuries of his day and ours,” said Ellen Faith Brodie, director and theatre professor at Eastern. “The costumes evoke the Spanish Golden Age paintings of Velasquez and his contemporaries. The scenic design was inspired by the 20th-century Spanish artist Jean Miro.

“Cervantes lives on in Pedro and we live on through the hopes and dreams of both the author and his creations,” continued Brodie. “We are all Pedro: pretenders in many costumes wearing many masks and dreaming of a better life and a better world.”



Eastern Connecticut State University recently christened the brand new Proscenium Theatre with an inaugural performance of “Cervante’s Pedro, The Great Pretender.”

At Eastern, Dulin has acted in “Power Plays: ‘Love of One’s Neighbor,’”

“Duet for Bear and Dog,” “Hold for Three,” as part of “Short Stuff 2015;” “Phoenix

New Plays Series: Shorts 2016 - Cheating, Charming, Bastard” and in “Whacked.”

School Menus

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Monday, Dec. 5: Totally Taco Snax, salsa corn, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1-percent or fat-free milk

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Baked chicken, green beans, whole grain roll, cranberry sauce, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1-percent or fat-free milk

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Hot dog on whole grain roll, baked beans, Baked Doritos, veggie cups/dip, 1-percent or fat-free milk, cookie

Thursday, Dec. 8: Personal round pizza, steamed broccoli, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1-percent or fat-free milk

Friday, Dec. 9: Crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, whole grain roll, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1-percent or fat-free milk

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Hamburger parmesan/bun, French fries, baked beans, Alt: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Buffalo taco (2), fiesta rice, cauliflower, salsa, lettuce/tomato/cheese/sour cream, Alternate Hot Main Item: Pizza (plain or veggie)

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Popcorn chicken, Asian stir-fried rice, garlic spinach sauté, broccoli, Alternate Hot Main Item: Orange zesty popcorn chicken

Thursday, Dec. 8: Lasagna with ground beef, garlic breadstick, dill carrots, Alternate Hot Main Item: Pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Friday, Dec. 9: Early Release Day: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, mashed potato, peas, Alternate Hot Main Item: BBQ pork rib/bun

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Chicken nuggets, mac ‘n cheese, ketchup, broccoli, 100-percent fruit juice, milk choice

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tater tots, ketchup, fresh apple, milk choice

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni), garden salad with Italian dressing, holiday cookie, orange smiles, milk choice

Thursday, Dec. 8: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, tomato wedges, grapes, milk choice

Friday, Dec. 9: Early Release Day — Cinnamon Toast Crunch, strawberry/banana yogurt, graham cracker, baby carrots, 100-percent fruit juice, milk choice

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Chicken parmesan dinner (breaded chicken cutlet smothered with zesty marinara sauce, topped

with melted mozzarella and parmesan, on bed of whole grain pasta), roasted autumn vegetables

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Nachos Grande (seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice with black beans, lettuce, tomato, guacamole, whole grain corn tortilla chips).

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Stuffed potato bowl (filled with popcorn chicken, mashed potato, corn, gravy and cheddar cheese), whole wheat dinner roll

Thursday, Dec. 8: Hot dog with fixings bar (hot dog on whole grain roll with chili fixing bar, onions, sauerkraut, relish, mustard, ketchup), crisp curly French fries, crunchy coleslaw

Friday, Dec. 9: Stuffed crust pizza (ensures melted cheese in every bite!), garden salad with fresh seasonal vegetable

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Whole grain pasta dinner with meatballs, whole grain garlic bread, roasted squash

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Popcorn chicken potato bowl (crispy popcorn chicken atop creamy mashed potatoes and sweet corn)

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Creamy whole grain macaroni and cheese, whole wheat dinner roll, roasted broccoli trees

Thursday, Dec. 8: Fiesta taco salad (seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese and salsa in a whole grain tostado bowl), Spanish rice, Mexicali corn

Friday, Dec. 9: Whole grain stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese, sliced strawberries

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WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Chicken patty on a wheat roll, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Baked potato, cheese and toppings, wheat roll, broccoli, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 7: General Tso chicken, rice, snow peas, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec. 8: Hamburger, gravy, whipped potato, wheat roll, corn, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 9: Pizza, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 5: Meatless Monday — Pizza crunchers with marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, blueberry parfait, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Chicken taco (seasoned chicken strips, flour tortilla, shredded cheddar, shredded lettuce, salsa, sour cream), tortilla chips, cinnamon apple sauce, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Chicken and waffle sticks, syrup, 100-percent juice, strawberries and cream, milk

Thursday, Dec. 8: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, chips, potato wedges, blushing pears, milk

Friday, Dec. 9: Fresh baked pizza, garden salad, roasted chickpeas, fresh fruit, milk

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Wednesday, Dec. 7: Chicken and waffle sticks, syrup, 100-percent juice, strawberries and cream, milk

Thursday, Dec. 8: Meatball grinder with shredded cheddar, chips, potato wedges, blushing pears, milk

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Santa Claus starts off the Christmas season in Putnam

Olivia Richman photos

PUTNAM — Santa Claus arrived in downtown Putnam on Friday, Nov. 25. He arrived on a fire truck to a crowd of cheering children waiting in line at Riverfront Commons. The event was sponsored by the Recreation Department and WINY, who provided free hot chocolate and cookies for the families waiting to see Santa Claus.



A large line formed to meet Santa in front of the Crabtree & Evelyn Community Store, making its way down to Family Dollar at the Riverfront Commons.



"Seeing Santa was fun!" said Isabella Peltier.



Santa Claus met with Mayor Tony Falzarano after getting off the fire truck. The duo lit up downtown Putnam, turning on the holiday lights.



Hannah and Ava Desimone asked Santa Claus for American Girl Dolls.



Gary Osbrey from WINY interviewed children who were waiting in line for Santa Claus.



Jackson and Maddison St. Claire posed with Santa Claus.



Santa Claus read a list written by Paige and Morgan Silkworth.



It started off with a normal request: Angelo Trayner asked Santa Claus for a dinosaur toy. But his second request of a human body was a new one for Santa.



Brady and Nicholas Devlin couldn't wait to tell Santa Claus about all the video games they wanted for Christmas.



Carter Stringer asked Santa Claus for Legos and a Nerf gun. Santa Claus gave Stringer points for honesty: When he asked if Stringer had been a good boy this year, he answered "Eh."



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Last month, President Barack Obama awarded the 2016 Presidential Medals of Freedom.

There were 21 winners; a wide range of talents was represented by the award winners, including singers, actors and actresses, scientists, philanthropists, artists, athletes, academics, environmentalists, historians, cultural leaders, public servants, and activists. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor. The honor is given to those individuals that have made "especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors" (The White House). The award is given to those who have inspired many and have pushed political, social, economic, and cultural boundaries.

One award recipient was software engineer Margaret Hamilton. The honor was given to Hamilton for her role in the successful landing of Apollo 11 on the moon in 1969. Her knowledge of software coding provided the necessary "save" to the Apollo 11 mission (NASA).

Hamilton was born on Aug. 17, 1936 in Paoli, Indiana. She attended Hancock High School and in 1958 earned a B.A. in mathematics with a minor in philosophy from Earlham College. She moved to Boston soon after, and began working at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), first in developing software for forecasting weather (Wikipedia). NASA contracted with MIT for the Apollo missions into space. Hamilton was a key contributor to the programming of the navigator and guidance systems for MIT's NASA contracts. NASA related that Hamilton was authoritative in her demands for constant testing and her vision of the whole-systems approach.

Hamilton saved the day on July 20, 1969! Just three minutes before Apollo 11, carrying famous astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, was supposed to land on the moon, the vessel's computer was way overloaded, and couldn't complete all of the duties necessary to land on the moon; a random radar system was wrongly triggered.

"Hamilton had not only programmed the computer to recognize such an error, but she also ensured that the software's priority scheduling could complete high priority tasks - like preparing for landing - by ignoring lower priority ones." (A Mighty Girl)

Reflecting on the stressful minutes during the Apollo 11 mission, Hamilton wrote in 1971: "The computer (or rather the software in it) was smart enough to recognize that it was being asked to perform more tasks than it should be performing. It then sent out an alarm, which meant to the astronaut, I'm overloaded with more tasks than I should be doing at this time and I'm going to keep only the more important tasks; i.e., the ones needed for landing ... Actually, the computer was programmed to do more than recognize error conditions. A complete set of recovery programs was incorporated into the software. The software's action, in this case, was to eliminate lower priority tasks and re-establish the more important ones ... If the computer hadn't recognized this problem and taken recovery action, I doubt if Apollo 11 would have been the successful moon landing it was." (Wikipedia)

Hamilton's software coding work was so successful that it has been used for Skylab, the Space Shuttle, and the original digital fly-

A snow globe town

A "Snow Globe Town" is the description of a place in a television show, "Gilmore Girls," that describes my hometown.

After a quick, sad trip to attend the funeral of a relative, I was ready to return to a warm welcome from my husband, our little dog and fluffy cat. As the runway lights of the Providence airport guided in my flight, I looked beyond the city to the dark roads that would lead me home. In a world that is brimming with complexity, the nearly empty road back to the Quiet Corner was a gift.

Every year I give my grandson a snow globe. So far, he finds them fascinating, but he is only three. I have always loved them.

As a little girl, I wondered what was inside the glass that made the snow fall in soft patterns. The flakes drift down on Christmas trees or Santa Claus or the nativity. A little tune plays. The pleasure of rewinding the music box and tipping the globe over again and again is soothing and magical. The falling snow changes the scene from something

mundane to a surprise. Inside the snow globe everything is beautiful. Safe.

Living in a snow globe would be limiting, but after the tumult of the election, it sounds good. Of course, the problem would be that once inside, nothing would ever change. Same environment. Same tune. Same old snow. As New Englanders we relish change, at least in the seasons, and too much predictability is stultifying, but pretending to live in a stage set now and then can be restorative.

The inspiration for the town, called Stars Hollow, was Washington Depot, a nice place I've visited, with a population of about 3,500, located in Litchfield County. We have a number of towns the same size. The fictional place has a diner, where everyone knows everyone else. Check. It has a fair number of eccentric locals. Check. The town meeting form of government provides ample opportunity for conversation and controversy. Double check. There is a fancy inn that brings in fancy visitors. Actually, double check that one too!

Would it have been good for the area if the writers for Gilmore Girls happened to have stopped at the Inn at Woodstock Hill or the Mansion at Bald Hill instead of the Mayflower Grace? Perhaps our corner of the world would be basking in the blue light of the TV set instead of the peaceful golden glow of a winter sunset. Perhaps the actors on stage at the Bradley Theatre would be scooped up by Hollywood talent scouts, instead of entertaining their friends and neighbors. We will never know because the writers went to Litchfield County, not Windham, but who knows what other creative types may come our way.

Recently my neighbor and I were talking about the holidays. She expressed her delight that she was taking her children to a holiday parade and then to play practice for their roles in a show. There are choral and orchestral concerts, more than a sprinkling of church fairs, open studios for artists to sell their works and colored lights twinkling from homes along quiet roads and busy highways.

Living in a Snow Globe Town or, more accurately, a Snow Globe Region, may feel saccharine sweet and sentimental. We know that our region has plenty of problems and as many challenges as other places, but just for a moment, we can pause. Take a deep breath and imagine the snow falling on a cozy tableau of homes, candles glowing in the window, choirs singing carols. It isn't just nostalgia; it is real life in our corner of the world.



Courtesy photo

QVCC DONATES TURKEYS TO FOOD PANTRIES

DANIELSON — A turkey drive sponsored by the Campus Life Committee at Quinebaug Valley Community College raised \$620 to help local food pantries provide Thanksgiving dinners. Forty turkeys were purchased and delivered to Our Daily Bread in Putnam, Friends of Assisi in Danielson, and Covenant House in Willimantic. Pictured, from left, Cindi Brassington, professor of allied health; President Carlee Drummer; Cheri Goretti, professor of medical assisting; Denise Walsh, professor of mathematics; and Beth Alves, professor of English and communications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A guardian angel

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, I was surprised by a guardian angel at Long Subaru, in Webster, Mass.

As I went to pay for repairs to my Subaru, I heard a voice saying, "I will pay that for Norm."

It was an auto sales person who I have

enjoyed many conversations with over the past 9-plus years, who also is a gentleman personified! His name is Mike Cameron. Thank you, thank you! Your kindness will never be forgotten.

NORMAN F. BABBITT
 EAST THOMPSON

'The responsibility of Earth lies squarely on our shoulders'

To the Editor:

The year 2016 looks to be the warmest year on record. By a lot.

The month of October alone brought record or near record warmth, cold, dryness and hurricanes to the United States and Alaska, South America, Finland, Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America. The Antarctic sea ice has contracted to its second lowest level ever while the Arctic is melting at an unprecedented rate. Inuit tribes see the ground beneath them literally disappear. In fact October's North pole temperature was a whopping 36 degrees above normal. 36 degrees!

And while those that deny that we are in the midst of a cataclysmic climate change event are the minority in America (and nearly non-existent outside the country), the president elect and his new administration question the research which has been reproduced and published in numerous peer reviewed journals. Even more troubling is that Mr. Trump has chosen Myron Ebell to lead the EPA transition team. Mr. Ebell has been labeled a "Climate Criminal." He has questioned the science even though his degree is in philosophy. He sees rising temperatures as a good thing, ignoring that the planet is at its hottest in 115,000 years, a time when sea levels were 20-30 feet higher. What's more, the pace of temperature rise is 10 times faster than any time in the past 65 million years.

The Paris agreement is a UN sponsored international accord ratified by 113 countries with a central aim of strengthening global response to climate change and keeping global temperature rise this century below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. China and Russia are on board. America, the number two leading producer of greenhouse gasses, through President Obama's strong leadership is on board. Mr. Trump, however, is threatening to unilaterally walk away from this historic document.

In potentially dooming us to an uninhabitable world, it further weakens America's global leadership both politically and eco-

nomically. China would step in and usurp our role. We would push further for dirty fuels while he rest of the world outpaces us in the use of cleaner and cheaper energy. Mr. Ebell feels that these are mutually exclusive. They are not. Already American business are beginning to flourish by going green. Militarily the Pentagon has also outlined how climate change puts our security at risk and ordered command to incorporate it into all plans.

We as a nation cannot idly stand by and allow this to happen. Already the oceans are reeling from the excess heat and CO2 that they have absorbed, in effect counterbalancing atmospheric changes. They have reached their limit. Higher water temperatures are changing migratory fish patterns, are causing sea levels to rise which in turn lead to greater coastal flooding and population displacement, and elevated acidity is destroying coral reefs. Ninety-three percent of the Great Barrier reef has been bleached and some studies predict that all coral reefs may disappear by mid century. Vast swathes of our seas are becoming barren due to loss of oxygen.

We as a country cannot allow this to accelerate. Already Mr. Trump plans to dismantle NASA's climate research, believing it to be politicized rather than simply presenting facts. At best the Paris agreement will limit global changes and make them manageable. At worst, without them, the temperature rise spins out of control, releasing methane into the atmosphere, and leaving the planet a lifeless cauldron.

We as a planet stand at a monumental crux in the annals of our existence. The responsibility of Earth lies squarely on our shoulders. We cannot sit by and let a President Trump delegate our annihilation. Please let our leaders know that we must reaffirm a responsible energy policy, honor our pledge, and not pursue our past mistakes.

LEE WESLER
 WOODSTOCK

Latest antique and auction news



Courtesy photo
Medical advertising from a Worcester doctor's collection in our January auction.

A record was recently set for the most expensive dress to sell at auction. The iconic dress was worn by Marilyn

Monroe when she sang "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy. It brought \$4.8 million at auction.

Believe it or not, this dress sold to Ripley's Museum, which will display it in their Hollywood "Odditorium."

Artwork from David Bowie's collection brought \$41.5 million at a recent auction according to "Yahoo News UK." Jean-

Michael Basquiat's "Air Power" brought the highest price selling for £7.1 million (approximately \$8.8 million). Bowie played Andy Warhol in the biopic, Basquiat in 1996. Basquiat died shortly before the movie was released.

The Telegraph newspaper from the United Kingdom reported that a booklet was recently discovered in Vienna that is believed to be the oldest copy of "Silent Night." The booklet is undated but the president of the Silent Night Society in Salzburg, Michael Neuriter, believes that it was printed in 1818 shortly after the song was composed. It was printed by Joseph Greis whose printing business ran from the early 1800's to 1835.

The mystery of why Civil War letters were mailed to a Michigan Postmaster has been solved. A Union soldier named Nelson Shephard is said to have written



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the letters, which were delivered without a return address to the Newaygo, Michigan Postmaster. The Postmaster contacted the Smithsonian for help according to the report on the Smithsonian.com website. The National Postal museum curator determined that they were authentic. The museum staff was still unsure why they were sent to the Postmaster 150 years after the end of the war. The Smithsonian Magazine published an article about the letters and found from a reader that they were sent by Nancy Cramblit of Muskegon, MI. Mrs. Cramblit uncovered them while searching through papers after her husband's death. She is an avid yard sale fan as was her husband and he had purchased them at a yard sale. She couldn't remember where or when they

Organizing your finances for the New Year

As 2016 draws to a close, it's time to begin organizing your finances for the New Year. To help you get started, we've put together a list of key planning topics to consider.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

Revisit your retirement contributions. Review how much you're contributing to your workplace retirement account. If you're not taking full advantage of your employer's match, it's a great time to consider increasing your contribution. If you've already maxed out your match or your employer doesn't offer one, boosting your contribution could still offer tax advantages. Now is also a good time to ensure that your portfolio allocation remains in line with your objectives.

Anticipate Roth recharacterizations. If you converted a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA during 2016 and paid tax on the conversion, mark your calendar now to allow plenty of time to recharacterize (i.e., undo) the conversion if you need to. The deadline is your tax-filing deadline plus any extensions.

Take stock of your goals. Did you set savings goals for 2016? Realistically evaluate how you did and think about your goals for next year. If you determine that you are off track, we'd be happy to help you develop and monitor a financial plan.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Spend your FSA dollars. If you have a flexible spending account (FSA), those funds may be forfeited if you don't use them by year-end. (Some FSAs offer a 2.5-month grace period or the ability to carry over up to \$500 into the next year; check with your employer to see if those options are available.) It's also a good time to calculate your FSA allotment for next year, based on your current excess or deficit.

If you're not using an FSA, evaluate your qualifying health care costs to see if setting one up for 2017 would make sense.

Make changes to Medicare coverage. Open enrollment for Medicare started in October and ends December 7, 2016. For many, this is the only chance to change health and prescription drug coverage for 2017.

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

Manage your marginal tax rate. If you're on the threshold of a tax bracket, deferring income or accelerating deductions may help you reduce your tax exposure. It might make sense to defer some of your income to 2017 if doing so will put you in a lower tax bracket. Accelerating deductions, such as medical expenses or charitable contributions, into the current tax year (rather than paying for deductible items in 2017) may have the same effect. In addition, reviewing your capital gains and losses may reveal tax planning opportunities — for instance, harvesting losses to offset capital gains.

Here are a few key tax thresholds to keep in mind:

- The 39.6-percent marginal tax rate affects those with taxable incomes in excess of \$418,400 (individual), \$470,700 (married filing jointly), \$444,500 (head of household), and \$235,350 (married filing separately).



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- The 20-percent capital gains tax rate applies to those in the 39.6-percent tax bracket.

- Itemized deductions and personal exemption phaseouts affect those with adjusted gross incomes above \$261,500 (individual) and \$313,800 (married filing jointly).

- The 3.8-percent surtax on investment income applies to the lesser of net investment income or the excess of modified adjusted gross income over \$200,000 (individual) and \$250,000 (married filing jointly).

Consider the benefits of charitable giving. Donating to charity is another good strategy for reducing taxable income. If you'd like to help a worthy cause while trimming your taxes, it's worth exploring your charitable goals and various gifting alternatives.

Make a strategy for stock options. If you hold stock options, now is a good time to make a strategy for managing current and future income. Consider the timing of a nonqualified stock option exercise. Would it make sense to avoid accelerating income into the current tax year, or defer income to future years, in light of your estimated tax picture? And don't forget about the alternative minimum tax (AMT). If you're considering exercising incentive stock options before year-end, have your tax advisor prepare an AMT projection to see if there's any tax benefit to waiting until January of the following year.

Plan for estimated taxes and RMDs. When considering your taxes for 2016, be sure to take any potentially large bonuses or a prosperous business year into account. You may have to file estimated taxes or increase the upcoming January payment. If you're turning 70 1/2, you'll need a strategy for taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your traditional IRA and 401(k) plans.

Adjust your withholding. If you think you may be subject to an estimated tax penalty, consider asking your employer (via Form W-4) to increase your withholding for the remainder of the year to cover the shortfall. The biggest advantage of this is that withholding is considered as having been paid evenly throughout the year instead of when the dollars are actually taken from your paycheck. You can also use this strategy to make up for low or missing quarterly estimated tax payments.

PROACTIVE PLANNING

Manage your marginal tax rate. To help ensure that your estate plan stays in tune with your goals and needs, you should review and update it on an ongoing basis to account for any life changes or other circumstances. If you haven't done so during 2016, take time to:

- Check trust funding
- Update beneficiary designations

- Review trustee and agent appointments

- Review provisions of powers of attorney and health care directives

- Ensure that you fully understand all of your documents

Check your credit report. It's important to monitor your credit report regularly for suspicious activity that could indicate identity theft. Federal law requires that each of the nationwide credit reporting companies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) provide you with a free copy of your report every 12 months, at your request.

Get professional advice. Of course, this list is far from exhaustive, and you may have unique planning concerns not covered here. As you prepare for the coming year, please feel free to reach out to us to discuss the financial issues and deadlines that are most relevant to you.

Whatever your planning may entail, we wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2017!

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Readers reveal favorite hints

It's time once again to take a peek into the mixed mailbag (snail mail and e-mails) to discover the array of tips and tricks sent in by readers. Whether it's saving time or money or recycling and repurposing, the following helpful hints are geared toward making the hectic pre holiday season a little easier!



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And remember readers, send in your best tips and you could win dinner for two at the Publick House Restaurant!

***A reader shares her homemade ice cream dessert that is light and tasty enough to top off a holiday feast:

I want to share this recipe with you. It is about 50 years old and is a \$2,000 grand prize recipe. I have made it often for my family. Only two ingredients!

Ingredients: two cups buttermilk; 1 1/2 cups of your favorite jam (strawberry is very good).

Directions: Stir buttermilk into jam. Pour into a refrigerator tray and freeze firm. Cut frozen mixture and place in mixer bowl. Whip until fluffy. Return to tray and freeze firm. Spoon in sherbet dishes and enjoy. Makes about one quart.

Mary Ann Wiersma
Whitinsville, Mass.

By repurposing a medicine cabinet staple, this reader cured a case of the "itches."

No matter how hard I try I manage to get poison ivy (so something similar) every spring and fall while gardening. Having tried many commercial remedies, I have found plain rubbing alcohol works the best for me. It eases the unbearable itch and dries up the rash almost immediately.

Diane Irwin
Webster, Mass.

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by-wire systems in airplanes (NASA). Hamilton founded Hamilton Technologies in 1986. The company's mission was to make software more accessible, faster, and even more reliable (A Mighty Girl). Hamilton is credited with coining the term "software engineering." Many believe that before Hamilton demonstrated the importance of software engineering, the field was not well-respected and was considered insignificant when compared

with other sciences and engineering. (Wikipedia)

Here's to Margaret Hamilton! Thanks for helping us get to the moon, for making engineering "hip," and for breaking the barriers of women in science.

Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master's degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our Earth is changing

To the Editor:

These last few weeks of warm weather have been pleasant, haven't they? None of those freezing rains or deep frosts we used to get in November. No family stuck at iced up airports over the holidays. No extra stress of a slippery commute.

Out my office window, squirrels have been moving mouthfuls of leaves to the treetops to make summer-style nests. Crows have been snapping twigs from dead branches and carrying them off to their favorite nesting tree. The warm temperatures and day lengths the same as early spring are tricking them into springtime behaviors. So it was no great surprise to see a pair of bluebirds checking out a nesting box yesterday.

Once the days get a little shorter and winter weather sets in, these animals will give up their mistimed activities and hunker down to deal with winter; all have strategies to survive. This prolonged end of the growing season is no danger to our plants and animals. At least, not the way our erratic winters and springs are.

Past summers, my kids and I would collect a few of the yellow and black striped caterpillars we found in the garden. We fed them a week on dill leaves and watched them shed their pajama-colored skins and become chrysalides for the winter months. Tucked outside in a container, placed in a consistently cold place and they'd live through the winter. With the warm winds of spring, the lovely-winged black swallowtail butterflies would emerge. Then there was the spring that we found only dead butterflies. They had hatched out at the false promise of a warm week in February then frozen when the cold returned. The same thing

happened the next year, despite our best efforts to hide them in a North-facing shadow. Now, there are no swallowtail caterpillars in the garden.

If the irregular temperatures affect one species of insect, it's affecting all our overwintering plants and animals. Did you notice the lack of forsythia blossoms this last spring? Same thing — a few warm days started the temperature-sensitive buds to start shifting from winter resilience to spring tenderness only to be killed by the return of freezing weather. Think of all the interdependent plants and animals of our New England ecosystem as a fanciful contraption set up on a table. Think of marble runs that set off tinkling bells, interlocking little Ferris wheels, self-building turrets and high-flying bridges. Every time we get heat then cold, every time we get drought then flood, it's like a fist slamming down on the table. Maybe just a few fragile supports fail with the first slams, but you know what happens if the slams continue.

What happens if we get too many slams is the on-going concern for future times. Not just heat, but too much energy — the way waves stand taller with stronger winds. The waves grow bigger, hit harder, and do more damage. Our weather can now be hotter and it can also be colder and at weird times of the year. All this because our industrial habit of burning fuels that throw carbon waste into the air. You don't need a scientist to tell you that our earth is changing. Look outside and remember how it used to be.

JORIE HUNKEN
WOODSTOCK

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were purchased and mailed them to the Postmaster hoping that she could find descendants of the soldier who would want them. The letters are now part of the Smithsonian's "National Postal Museum."

The BBC reports that the heir to an estate in France found \$3.7 million in gold hidden throughout the home he inherited. An auctioneer had been called to the estate to appraise the furniture but the gold was so well hidden he didn't see the gold during the appraisal. Gold was hidden in tin boxes screwed underneath furniture, in a box that had held whiskey and elsewhere in the house. The auctioneer stated, "There were 5,000 gold pieces, two bars of 12kg and 37 ingots of 1kg." The Telegraph reports that they were sold at the appraiser's auction house.

In local news, "Preservation Worcester" is offering the opportunity to be transported back in time for an old fashioned Christmas. They will recreate Christmas at the Denholm's building with "gilded escalators, festive window displays and a wide array of fashions." You can buy tickets on their website for the event which will take place on Dec. 10.

We continue to accept quality consignments and make pickups at local estates for our Jan. 26 auction. I have been invited to appraise items in Athol, in January and will be sharing details of that soon. I will also be lecturing on antiques at the Greendale Retired Men's Club at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester on March 1st. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on these and other upcoming events.

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Holiday Dazzle Light Parade illuminates Putnam



Lakeview Marine always brings a colorful float to the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade and 2016 was no different as they dressed a massive boat in countless Christmas lights.

Jason Bleau photos

PUTNAM — The streets of Putnam were alive with holiday cheer on Sunday, Nov. 27, as the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade celebrated its 15th anniversary as a tradition in northeastern Connecticut. Nearly 130 floats from organizations, businesses, schools, and more throughout the region marched through Putnam to ring in the holiday season. The streets were lined with guests from all over the region. In its 15th year the parade did not disappoint and few left the event without at least a little holiday cheer lighting up their faces.

At right: Danielle Hammon shows off her very festive headwear as she prepares for the 15th annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam.



WINY's Gary Osbrey, the mastermind behind the 15-year local holiday tradition, greets guests on his march through Putnam. At Left: U.S. Button in Putnam always entertains during the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade with its dedicated mascots marching through Putnam.



A slew of Disney favorites made stops to Putnam, greeting fans both young and old as they made their way down the parade route.



The Grinch rides through the Putnam streets in style during his annual visit to the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



Mackey Pet Shop brought some friends along for their march through Putnam, including a rather unique entry in this year's parade a live horse.



Members of the American Legion Post 13 led the way as the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade marched down the streets of Putnam.



The Sprinkle family of Ware, Mass., made the trip to Putnam to see one of the largest holiday celebrations in the region, the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade. At right: Always big supporters of community events, the Putnam Science Academy basketball team marched through Putnam to show a little of their own holiday cheer during the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



Raceway Golf Club Acquires Melody Hill Country Club

The Raceway Golf Club is proud to announce the recent acquisition of Melody Hill Country Club in Glocester, Rhode Island, representing a partnership of two of the tri-state area's oldest and most popular courses!

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Local legendary educator Dr. Louise Berry led the way in the Holiday Dazzle Light parade as the grand marshal.



The Putnam Clipper Marching Band makes it way through their hometown providing a mix of classic holiday tunes for all to enjoy.



Always a popular part of the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, many K9 companions marched the streets of Putnam including furry fellow who helped represent Aussie Pet Mobile



Putnam Bank's float for the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade helped inspire the spirit of giving, not presents but food for local shelters to feed those in need in the local community.



Members of the Killingly Big Red Marching Band make their way through Putnam playing renditions of the songs of classic rock band Journey.



Billy Pilgrim was one of several musical acts to actually play and sing their way through Putnam for the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



In its first year of operation the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam went simple with their float, but used decorative Christmas lights to great effect.



Members of Griffin Youth Hockey Organization, some making their way down the parade route in roller blades, pass out candy to parade spectators as they make their way through the Putnam streets.



Little ornaments and snowflakes right in the spirit of the holidays during the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



Taking the opportunity to spread awareness for healthy living, NDDH gave out tissues as they made their way down the parade route and had a fitting mascot on hand to help spread their message,



A racecar from Vintage Motorsports is decorated with colorful Christmas lights and was certainly a joy for all racing fans as it made its way down the parade route.



A go-kart driver representing Tri-State Speedway races down the Putnam streets.



The crew from Thrifty Auto waves to the crowd on their boat-themed parade float.



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Miss Windham County Teen, Miss Windham County, and Miss Quinebaug Valley all greeted the crowd on a float provided by the Danielson Elks for the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam.



Soft Rock 106.5 upped the ante a bit with their float themed after Santa Claus and his sleigh.



The students and staff of QVCC sang Christmas carols on their way through Putnam on this colorful parade float.



One of the most popular additions to the Holiday Dazzle Light parade was this dragon-themed display on top of a retired ham radio truck.



Local 4H campers wave to parade spectators as they enjoy their moment in the spotlight in the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



The local holiday season officially begins with Santa Claus capping off the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade.



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Romeo Blackmar, always a personality, was one of many to dress up in costume for the annual Turkey Dip for MDA and Camp Quinebaug.



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Sarah Jewell, of Woodstock, currently residing in Pomfret, took the dip a little early in memory of Troy Almquist whose family no longer lives in the area but used to be consistent dippers during the annual Thanksgiving event.

BY JOHN D. RYAN
SPECIAL TO THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — Jim Mahoney looked out at Quaddick Pond. It was an overcast Thanksgiving Day morning, with the air right at freezing, minutes before the 40th Annual Turkey Dip was to take place at 8 a.m.

About 140 dippers were getting ready, standing on the state park's beach, stripping off their outer clothes to reveal bathing suits underneath. They would soon run into the water. The dippers smiled and laughed, even as they shivered. Nobody knew for sure exactly what the water temperature was, but there was no ice, so it was above 32 degrees.

"We've raised a total of just over half-a-million dollars for muscular dystrophy over the last 40 years," said James D. Mahoney, of Putnam, who's in his 12th and final year chairing the Turkey Dip. "We're just over \$15,000 at the moment for this year, but there's more money coming in, so we hope to get \$20,000, which would be more than last year."

Dippers collected money from donors, in return for them taking a full-body dip in the pond. This year's donations are being split evenly between the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Connecticut and Camp Quinebaug, located in Danielson. The non-profit Camp Quinebaug provides programs for school age children with special needs in northeastern Connecticut.

Mahoney said there are big changes, coming next year, however. Camp Quinebaug will be taking over the event, moving it from Quaddick Pond, where it's been held for 25 years, to the camp's property on Wauregan Reservoir.

Within 5 minutes of running into the water, most of the dippers were back on shore, hurrying to dry off and get dressed, their jobs done for another year. Onlookers and friends milled through the group, many carrying towels or cameras or both, offering support and encouragement. Despite the cold, the atmosphere was festive, with a smiling group gathered around a wood fire burning in a dug out sand pit on the beach. In keeping with Turkey Dip tradition, many dippers and their friends were dressed in wacky costumes for the occasion.

Mahoney said it's all been worthwhile.

"Muscular dystrophy research and treatment has come a long way in the last 40 years," he said. "Since we started, life expectancies have doubled. I'm really proud of how the community has come together to support this."

Mahoney is a member of Putnam's Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64. Members of the council helped to found the Turkey Dip for MDA in 1977. The Catholic fraternal group was a co-sponsor of the 2016 event, as was Putnam radio station WINY, Putnam Bank, Wheelabrator of Putnam, Rawson Materials and Marianapolis Preparatory School.

Mahoney said the Turkey Dip started on Thanksgiving Day, 1977, when a bunch of friends decided to jump into Alexander Lake in Dayville, just before leaving for the annual Putnam-Killingly high school football game. No one remembers why. The next Thanksgiving, more friends joined the group and took the plunge, so the Turkey Dip tradition was born. In 1981, Woodstock native Troy Almquist, who was then an infant nephew of one of the dippers, was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Because of Almquist, the group decided to start raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Connecticut. They moved their effort to Quaddick Pond in Thompson in 1991. Almquist died in 2005, at the age of 24.

This year, donations are still needed. "We've worked to get as many donors as we could and everybody has given what they could, with more donations still coming in," Mahoney said. "We'll certainly accept more if anyone wants to donate. It's not too late."

To donate, please call Mahoney, at (860) 933-6817.



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Continuing their dominance as a team of dippers, Team Tavern from The Lake Tavern took an extra step in their yearly costume collaboration, adding a horse to their team.



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Recognizing their success in fundraising in their 2015 Turkey Dip effort, 4 G's Pizza was presented a cutting board-style plaque to hang in their eatery. 4 G's and The Lake Tavern engage in a yearly fundraising battle and in 2016 The Lake Tavern brought in over \$4,000 while 4 G's brought in \$3,000. Both teams topped their own 2015 numbers.



Jason Bleau photos

Jim Mahoney, Chairman of the annual Turkey Dip for MDA and Camp Quinebaug, greets guests to the 2016 edition of the event and announced that as of 2017 the event will move from Quaddick Lake, where it has been held since its inception, to Camp Quinebaug in Danielson.



Jason Bleau photos

Linda Colangelo has made quite a name for herself as of late performing the national anthem at many local events. She had the honor to perform it once more to kick off the 2016 Turkey Dip.



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Dippers rush out of the water after making the plunge into Quaddick Lake.



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J.D. and Rachel Rogers of Marianapolis made the trip all the way to Thompson to take part in the 2016 Turkey Dip.



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Participants and spectators paused for the National Anthem, moments before dippers took the plunge.

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John and Emma Ferguson, of Plainfield, stopped by to enjoy the annual Turkey Dip in Thompson. The Detroit Lions fans had plenty to celebrate on Thanksgiving as later in the day their favorite football team would score a holiday win.



Dippers run into the cold water at Quaddick Pond.

Photos courtesy John D. Ryan



Dippers run out of the cold water at Quaddick Pond.

Photos courtesy John D. Ryan



Several of the dippers waded around in the cold water.

Photos courtesy John D. Ryan



The Roy family of Danielson all dipped together in a potential new family tradition.

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Several of the dippers waded around in the cold water.

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The crew of Putnam Bank poses for a photo before the big Turkey Dip on Thanksgiving morning. Putnam Bank has made it a yearly tradition to provide hot chocolate for spectators and dippers during the event each year.

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The Stay Puff Marshmallow Man paid a visit to the 2016 Turkey Dip.



Eric Owen, Gavin Paquette, and Lauren Konicki pose for a quick photo during their stop to Quaddick Lake for the annual Turkey Dip for MDA and Camp Quinebaug.

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Dippers from numerous teams pose for a photo all gearing up to take part in a local Thanksgiving tradition.

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At right: Team Hot Bod prepares to take the dip.



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DKH announces Smanik resignation as CEO

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battling through financial challenges. Day Kimball is thankfully now in a better place and it's time to move on to the next phase of our evolution," Adiletta said. "Both Bob and our Board agreed that the organization would benefit from a fresh perspective in that effort. The Board of Directors thanks Bob for his dedication and service to Day Kimball and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Adiletta served three terms on Day Kimball's Board of Directors and four years as chairman of that board.

This is not the first time he has played a role in helping the hospital with a transition of leadership, with Adiletta's involvement with Day Kimball dating back to the mid-1990's. Despite the sudden change in leadership, Adiletta said he looks forward to a bright future for Day Kimball Healthcare.

"As we continue the important work being done at Day Kimball, I am confident that the strong leadership of our Board, along with the experience of our administrative team and the dedication of our entire staff, will ensure that our organization continues to move forward in a positive direction," Adiletta said. "I look forward to working with the Board, and the medical and administrative staff to continue fulfilling the

mission of Day Kimball Healthcare in the weeks and months ahead. Our commitment to providing quality health care to the people of northeast Connecticut will carry on uninterrupted."

The DKH Board of Directors has stated that Adiletta is only a temporary fill-in for the position and a widespread search for Smanik's permanent successor will be taking place. Jack Burke was chosen as the interim chairman of the Board.

Smanik could not be reached for comment.

Jason Bleau may be reached at 508-909-4129, or by e-mail at jason@stonebridgepress.com.

No injuries reported as Pomfret kennel burns

FIRE

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said. "They did an observation of what's there and you could see the cages from the east end looking into the building. They heard no barking and didn't see any animals inside so they knew it was empty."

Allen said that the first crews on scene faced a very involved

fire and that the structure is salvageable, albeit only partially. The fire started in the kennel portion of the building eventually burning around 75 to 100 feet of the single story building.

"It wasn't a total loss. The damage was done from the kennel area back towards the garage. There were two garages connected together there. The damage extended from

the kennel to the separation wall and roof area towards the second garage area," Allen said. "That part is totally gone. Firefighters saved the other garage and workshop area. So a small part of the building is salvageable."

As of this report no cause for the fire had been announced as investigators were working with the property owners to determine exactly what hap-

pened on site. Sixteen departments were called to assist Pomfret including Brooklyn, Eastford, Woodstock, Thompson, Williamsville, Dayville and others. Ten departments arrived on scene with several staying for the duration of the morning to control the hot spots still remaining after the initial successful attacks to control the fire. Mutual aid sources

to provide water tankers were also called in after Allen and his crew recalled past issues using a nearby water source that impacted past fires in that area, a fine example of using experience to make for a more efficient attack on the blaze.

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This reader's old-fashioned farmer's trick extends the life of winter squash:

When I was younger my family and I would have a big garden every year. At the end of the season we would pick the butternut squash and bring them in the cellar, oil them with olive oil and then store them in a large container. This method preserves them longer. At Thanksgiving my mom would make butternut squash pie instead of pumpkin and no one could tell the difference.

Deborah Lehto
Brooklyn, Conn.

Want to erase stains? Try this reader's tip:

To remove a blood or other stain from fabric, place a double piece of paper towel under the stain. Use a Magic Eraser or Quick Eraser, moistened with cold water, and press against the stain until it comes clean. Dry with a hairdryer. It leaves no mark.

Helen Podles
Dudley, Mass.

Here are a couple of crafty tips from a regular contributor:

1. I painted and made some earrings this week and when I went to add the aerosol varnish I strung them on a bamboo barbecue skewer and separated them so they wouldn't slide with mini-binder clips. I could carry it to the porch for ventilation and easy to hang to dry. Bet this would work for other crafts too.

2. I saved the old small plastic flowerpots from gardening. Spray paint these red and labeled "Butts" with a wide black sharpie. Good idea if you work or have a small business where you need an outside butt can. They don't get stolen, rinse easily and just refill with new gravel or sand after removing butts. These would work well if you are a smoker and need one for your porch etc. to keep from smoking inside.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, Mass.

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ted the stain removal tip above.

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@atol.com.

United Services celebrates year with annual dinner

POMFRET — United Services Inc., Connecticut's largest private, nonprofit behavioral health center, celebrated its 52nd anniversary Thursday, Nov. 17, with its Annual Dinner held at Grill 37 in Pomfret.

United Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning reflected on United Services eventful past year, which included breaking ground on the long-awaited expanded Windham Regional Health and Wellness Center. Located on public transportation routes in Mansfield just over the Windham town line, the new center will offer expanded behavioral health, autism and related wellness services for adults, children and families. The new center is projected to open in early 2018.

"Our Annual Dinner celebrations offer an opportunity to thank our vital community partners and our dedicated staff for their vital roles in our efforts to save and improve the lives of individuals, families and children," said Manning. "As we work to expand and enhance services for the thousands of Northeast Connecticut residents who visit our centers each year, the support of the community, including our state and federal legislative delegation, is more important than ever."

United Services outpatient mental health caseload is now 256 percent of what it was less than 10 years ago, yet the agency continues to face funding and program cuts, Manning said.

United Services elected new board leadership for the 2016-17 year as well as one new member.

United Services' new Board leadership includes vice chairman John Deary, of Pomfret, and treasurer Anne Konczakowski, of Windham.

Newly elected to the United Services Board of Directors was Sheldon Mossberg, of Columbia. Mossberg is a past board member, serving from 2007 to 2014 and as board chairman from 2012 to 2014.

Returning Board members include chairman Jeffrey Kramer, of Storrs; secretary Romeo Blackmar of Pomfret; Mary Bromm of Ashford; James Clark of

Canterbury; Robert Leonard of Dayville; Dr. John Duers of Chaplin; Terri Pearsall of Putnam; Cheryl Lewis of Putnam; Michael Turano of Canterbury; Maximo Garcia of Willimantic; Todd Pearsall of Woodstock; Idun and Preston Green of Windham; and John Fournier of Willimantic.

United Services also honored retiring board members Jeanne Nuhfer of Columbia, who served six years on the board, and Linda Loretz of Ellington, who served as secretary and vice chairman during her nine years of board service.

In addition to the new and returning Board members, United Services President and CEO Diane Manning recognized two community partners whose support over the previous year made a particularly large impact in the programs United Services provides to Northeast Connecticut.

Among those honored were:

- The Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development. United Services is proud to partner with The Women's Institute in the rehabilitation of the former Powdrell & Alexander Mill in Killingly to create 32 units of supportive and affordable housing. Accepting the award were Chief Operating Officer Loni Willey and Senior Finance Development Manager Ellen Flanagan.
- The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, which has been a strong partner to Northeast Connecticut non-profits. Anne Rash, member of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation accepted the award.

United Services staff were honored for their long-standing service to the organization and the residents of Connecticut's "Quiet Corner." Celebrating 30 years was Medical Director Dr. Jay Patel. Debora Moyer, program manager for parenting services programs, marked 25 years with the agency. Celebrating 15 years with the agency were Chief Financial Officer Robert DeVerna and Executive Assistant Lydia Gullifer. The agency also honored 6 employees who have been with the agency for 5 and 10 years.

United Services also recognized the retirement of Vice President of Services Earl Henrichon, who has been with the agency for 31 years.

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COATS

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service agencies, asking them to invite needy people to come to Friday's distribution event to be fitted for a coat.

And come they did. All morning families with children from towns throughout Windham County trooped in, with youngsters and their parents being fitted by Knights for coats and sometimes taking blankets, baby clothes, or both, to bring home. Most found the right sized coat and left wearing it happily, something Soucy said made it all worthwhile.

"The Knights are here to help people in our communities, and we certainly did that today," he said.

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



Volunteers gather just before the start of the 3rd Annual Northeastern Connecticut K of C 'Coats for Kids' program, held at the Brooklyn Recreation Department's offices on South Main Street the day after Thanksgiving.

that members could support each other religiously, morally, socially and financially.

Since then, the organization has grown to more than 1.9 million members and their families in more than 15,000 active, local councils in thirteen countries worldwide, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines, among others. Since 2005, the Knights of Columbus have opened new councils in Poland, Cuba, Ukraine, Lithuania and South Korea.

"Coats for Kids" is just one of many charitable programs run by Knights throughout the world all year long. K of C councils provide members

and their families with volunteer opportunities to serve the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Worldwide, annually the Knights of Columbus donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Please visit www.kofc.org for more information.

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

QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

The musical taste of a community chorus

STURBRIDGE — The audiences at two upcoming concerts titled “Brightest and Best: Favorite Christmas Music of the Quinebaug Valley Singers” will hear more than a delightful selection of holiday choral pieces. They’ll hear the musical taste of a local community chorus.

Music Director Nym Cooke explains: “To select the numbers for this program, we polled the membership on their favorite QVS Christmas pieces since 2002, when I came on board as the group’s Director. Thanks to the expertise of our Webmaster and all-around technical guru Eric Glinsky, this poll was able to be conducted — and the results tabulated — electronically.”

Chorus members were asked to select their 20 favorite pieces from a total of 137. The “winners” — 17 of which will be performed this December, then recorded in January for the chorus’s second professional CD — provide an interesting glimpse into the chorus’s musical taste. Unsurprisingly, the favorites are highly diverse in terms of musical style, era, length, and complexity.

Choice no. 1, with 17 votes (the two nearest contenders had 14 votes each), was “And the glory of the Lord” from Handel’s ever-popular Messiah.

“This speaks not only to the perennial appeal of Handel’s great oratorio but to the spiritual exaltation, majesty, and deep joy expressed in his music; also to the music’s tremendous rhythmic energy and Handel’s contrapuntal mastery,” says Cooke.

The two runners-up are perhaps slightly surprising choices for a chorus whose members are predominantly Christian, and generally traditional in their musical tastes. One is a choral arrangement of the Hanukkah song “Light one candle” by Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, and Mary; the other is contemporary American composer Morten Lauridsen’s harmonically dense setting of the Latin text “O magnum mysterium.”

Again, Nym Cooke: “‘Light one candle,’ though not Christian, is about the eternally meaningful theme of a flame of hope burning against the darkness of oppression and despair. And this arrangement is so exciting to sing and hear: its powerful rhythmic propulsion sweeps singers and listeners along, from the piano’s very first notes to the chorus’s final shouted plea, ‘Don’t let the light go out!’ with some sopranos hitting a high C.”

“And the Lauridsen piece is just very, very beautiful, quiet and peaceful, and deeply spiritual. Its sound is characterized by something called “tone clusters,” where you have pitches right next to each other in the diatonic scale being sounded simultaneously. Mortensen creates a shimmering blur with these clusters that is quite hypnotic.” An auditioned group of 16 singers will perform this work, which dates from 1994 and has taken choruses of all kinds by storm in the two decades since its premiere.

Space permits mention of only the next three highest vote-getters: the tremendously upbeat Kenyan song “African Noel” (13 votes), which features a perky flute obbligato played by QVS’s own Sarah Jo Burke; “Christmas Lullaby” (12 votes) by contemporary English composer John Rutter, who has written many Christmas choral works beloved by choruses worldwide; and “Joyful Mysteries” (12 votes), the opening number of a set of “Celtic Noëls” from Brittany in northwest France that the chorus featured most recently in their December 2015 Christmas concerts.

This piece, which Cooke describes as “a haunting fusion of folksong and devotional church music,” opens with a vocal solo from the chorus’s youngest member, 13-year-old Audrey Clark, and includes “some wild recorder playing, and even wilder drum and gong



LIONS SUPPORT ASPINOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PUTNAM — At the Nov. 17 meeting of the Putnam Lions, Lions President Paulette Blagburn presents Bill Pearsall a check for the Aspinock Historical Society. This support will help the Aspinock Historical Society in their mission to preserve valuable historical material, to provide a location for research and to participate in the education of others in local and national history.

playing,” according to Cooke. The Quinebaug Valley Singers have participated in what are probably the only three sets of performances of the “Celtic Noëls” in North America, so, as Cooke points out, “We’re probably the one chorus this side of the Atlantic that would include this piece in its ‘best of list.’”

The remaining eleven pieces on the QVS’s program are just as diverse as these first six — and just as pleasing both to sing and to hear. Music lovers in central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut are invited to hear the Quinebaug Valley Singers proudly present their personal “Brightest and Best” for the Christmas season, in concert at the St. Joachim Chapel (St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, corner of routes 20 and 148 in Fiskdale/Sturbridge, Massachusetts) on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., and again at the Evangelical Covenant Church, just off the common in Woodstock, Conn., on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m.

Both locations are handicap-accessible, and both concerts are free, with a freewill offering collected at intermission. The audience is invited to join the singers for scrumptious refreshments after each concert. Arrive early to be sure of a seat! For more information, people may email QVS President KT Therrien (kt2nc@aol.com) or Music Director Nym Cooke (nymcooke@gmail.com).

St. Nicholas Victorian Fair at Christ Church this weekend

POMFRET — You are festively invited to attend our annual Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair (where admission is free) at Christ Church located on Route 169 in Pomfret, on Saturday, Dec. 3 (snow date is Saturday, Dec. 10) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a homemade luncheon being served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the fair are allocated for several local outreach programs such as the Access Agency, Battered Women’s Shelter, ARC of Quinebaug Valley, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Community Kitchen, TEEG etc.

The Fair is an annual event and is well known for the many “themed booths” that cater to various shopping specialties including: Silent Auction with gift certificates, one of a kind items featuring four Patriots vs Rams tickets for Dec. 4, Hale YMCA three month membership and much more. Other booths include: Chocolate Extravaganza & Homemade Fudge with decadent sweets; Vermont Cheddar Cheese for your holiday hors d’oeuvres; Holiday Craft Table with clothes for 18” dolls and other handmade creations; Give it Again with new and unused gifties; Bakery Booth & Cookies by the Bag for holiday treats; Bottle Board where you can take a chance to win bottles filled with items from A to Z; Jewel Box with vintage costume jewelry and the Toy

Booth for gently used toys & collections. Two new booths will be making their debut this season; the Pampered Pet is dedicated exclusively to our four-legged friends with cat & dog toys as well as treats available for purchase. Also debuting is our Book Nook located in the church’s beautiful library-in-the-round, where gently used books will be sold. Locally handcrafted Holiday Balsam and Mixed Green Wreaths are also available for sale.

Admission to the Fair is free. Christ Church is located on the Nationally Designated Scenic Byway otherwise known as Route 169 in Pomfret, Connecticut and is directly across from Rectory School and ¼ mile south of the Vanilla Bean Café. For more information on this event, please contact The Saint Nicholas Fair Committee at 860-315-7780.



COCOA FOR COATS KEEPS QUIET CORNER WARM

Courtesy photos

PUTNAM — Cocoa for Coats, a fundraiser for the Putnam Family Resource Center, was held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Riverview Marketplace on Kennedy Drive in Putnam. Free cocoa was offered as monetary donations and coats and jackets were collected for the organization.

POTTER MEDALS AT TANG SOO DO CHAMPIONSHIPS



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PUTNAM — Junior Black Belt Morgan Potter recently medaled at the New York Tang Soo Do Championships where she received a Gold in Forms and a Silver in Sparring. She is a member of the Quest Martial Arts Competition team under Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn.

Thanksgiving Day football brings out local fans

Charlie Lentz photos



Paul Mondino and his son, Collin

PUTNAM — High school football fans spent part of their Thanksgiving at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex watching the football game between Killingly High School and the Quinebaug Valley Pride. Killingly won 63-14.



The Sheehan family, from left, Samantha, Sarah, Lisa, and Tom



From left, Jeanine Maurer, Gordie Maurer, and Joe Cacciapuoti



From left, Robert Murray, Nick Allsworth, Kevin Allsworth, and Richard Murray



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POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or other public documents kept by each police department, and is considered to be the account of police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the arrested party.

STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

DANIELSON

Friday, Nov. 18

Eric Langley, 32, of 64 Broad St., Danielson, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Faustina Arloo, 38, of 76 Maple St., Danielson, was charged with first degree criminal trespass/violation of protective order; interfering with an officer: non-assaultive; criminal violation of protective order: non-threatening/family.

BROOKLYN

Saturday, Nov. 19

Ian Emerson Gervais, 42, of 63 Day St., Brooklyn, was charged with second degree false statement: no fraud; interfering with an officer: non-assaultive; conspiracy (Felony - Class D).

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Khek Boriboun, 54, of 44 Lockwood St., Brooklyn, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; failure to drive in proper lane of multiple lane highway.

Tylon S. Collette, 28, of 1 Middle St., Brooklyn, was charged with second degree criminal mischief; violation of standing protective order - threatening/harassing.

DAYVILLE

Saturday, Nov. 19

Michael A. Rochefort, 61, of 3 Weeks Lane, Dayville, was charged with interfering with an officer: non-assaultive; insurance fraud; conspiracy (Felony - Class D).

Monday, Nov. 21

Michael Thomas Patridge, 19, of 27 Sayles Ave. Apt. B, Dayville, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

THOMPSON

Monday, Nov. 21

Dawn Aguiar, 39, of 670 Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct: voyeurism/peeping Tom.

Friday, Nov. 25

Nikko Stavropoulos, 23, of 98 Main St., Thompson, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

PUTNAM

Monday, Nov. 21

Kyle B. Woodmansee, 27, of 90 Powhatten St. Apt. A, Putnam, was charged with fourth degree larceny.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Monday, Nov. 21

Ezarick Key, 48, of 332 Church St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Doug Didonato, 23, of 121 Breault St., Putnam, was charged with speeding

Thursday, Nov. 24

Justine Boska, 28, of 68 Five Mile River Rd., Putnam, was charged with third-degree assault, breach of peace

Friday, Nov. 25

Henry Benoit, 67, of 66 Bibeault St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, third-degree assault

Saturday, Nov. 26

Andrew Richardson, 27, of 175 Walnut St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct

Keith Law, 30, of 175 Walnut St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, third degree assault

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CAP cadets take flight

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DANIELSON — Five Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from the Danielson Cadet Squadron (DCS) took flight during cadet orientation flights (Oflights).

The Civil Air Patrol owns the largest fleet of single engine piston aircraft in the nation, primarily Cessna 172's and 182's and are used to perform CAP missions in service to their local communities. Pilots fly reconnaissance missions for homeland security, search and rescues (SAR), disaster relief, and even counterdrug operations at the request of the government or law enforcement agencies. They sometimes transport medical personnel, supplies, blood and live tissue. In times of disaster, they assess damage and transport emergency personnel from site to site. When not flying traditional emergency missions, cadet orientation pilots fly orientation rides for cadets and teachers.

The cadet orientation flight program shares with cadets the thrill of flying. Every CAP cadet under the age of 18 is eligible for five flights in powered aircraft, five flights in a glider and unlimited number of backseat flights when conditions allow. Oflight flying is always free to cadets and the program Motto is: Safe, fun, educational. The Oflight program consists of 5 syllabi that are progressive. Cadets start learning to fly on their first flight. Syllabus 1 is an introduction and covers ground handling and basic flight maneuvers. By the time a cadet has advanced through all 5 phases, they are ready to make a decision on whether they are interested in continuing with flight training. Cadets can apply for their student pilot's certificate and can continue flight training in CAP aircraft at a significantly reduced rate compared to any other flight training options. Instructor pilots are volunteers and work for free, training materi-

als and ground school are either free or cost very little. Cadets only pay for use of the aircraft. CAP also offers flight scholarships. Orientations flights are also available to teachers/educators to promote aerospace education in the classroom.

Two Connecticut Wing aircraft flew to Danielson Airport to take the cadets on their flights. The primary destination airport was Martha

Vineyard; however, the weather was not good enough to make the flight. As an alternate airport, they ended up flying to Block Island where the pilots treated them to lunch. For two of the cadets, C/Geoffrey Vallone and C/Brendan Haven it was their first time in single engine aircraft and an experience they will remember and share for a lifetime. For C/A1C Andrew Davis flight #2, C/TSgt. Joshua Careau, flight #4 and C/2ndLt. Jacob Leon, flight #5. The whole experience lasted about 3 hours and was true to the motto — safe, fun and educational.

The flights were arranged by Danielson Cadet Squadron Commander and Orientation Pilot, Capt. Everett Hadley. The squadron meets every Thursday at the Danielson Airport from 6-9 pm. Teachers, pilots, adults and youth ages 12-21 are welcome. For more information, visit www.CTWG.CAP.gov.

Meeting to be held on proposed Killingly Energy Center

KILLINGLY — The Town of Killingly invites the public to attend a meeting wherein Town Manager Sean Hendricks will talk about the Community Environmental Benefits Agreement associated with the proposed Killingly Energy Center.

Members of the public are also welcome to submit suggestions as to terms/items they would like to see included in the agreement.

Citizens may also submit their suggestions via e-mail to shendricks@killinglyct.gov no later than Dec. 1, 2016, at 5 p.m.

All are welcome at this meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., in the Marie C. Chartier Community Room, at the Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road.

Contact the Town Manager's office with questions: 860-779-5335.

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GOOD CITIZENS

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DANIELSON — On Thursday, Nov. 17, six local high school seniors were honored at a good citizen ceremony at the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of the DAR. The ceremony was preceded by speakers Dave Goodrich who enlightened us on the 2nd Continental Light Dragoon Regiment, also known as Sheldon's Horse. The students were presented with a pin and certificate. Students were Meghan Hebert, Killingly High School, Emily Mead, Ellis Tech, Jazzlynn Lewis, Putnam High School, Nicholas Rouleau, The Learning Clinic, Jake Sullivan, Tourtellotte High School. Carly DeLuca with the Woodstock Academy was not able to attend.



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Redmen return to Class M semifinals

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The chase for a state championship began in earnest Tuesday night at Killingly High and Spencer Lockwood led the pursuit with 298 yards and three touchdowns in the Redmen’s 27-7 victory over Bunnell in the opening round of the Class M playoffs.

The win advanced No.-3 seed Killingly to the state semifinals where it will face No.-2 Hillhouse High of New Haven on Monday. Last year Killingly

fell to Brookfield in the state semifinals — Lockwood has been chasing another shot at a title game all season.

“All year we were really just focused on taking it one game at a time. Coming into the playoffs, now that we’ve

won this game, going past that semifinal game is really a big thing for us,” said the junior running back. “We want to get to that next level and get past that semifinal hump that we couldn’t get past last year with Brookfield.”

Killingly coach Chad Neal lauded Lockwood’s effort, which pushed his season rushing total to 2,267 yards.

“I think one of the best performances you might have seen from a back here at Killingly in a long time, given the circum-

stances, given the team you’re playing and everything, it was a special night,” Neal said.

Hillhouse earned the right to host Killingly on Dec. 5 by defeating seventh-seeded New

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly’s Spencer Lockwood fights for yardage against Bunnell Tuesday night at Killingly High.

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Bunnell	0 0 0 7-7
FIRST QUARTER	
K – Spencer Lockwood 35 run (run failed) 8:22	
SECOND QUARTER	
K – Lockwood 49 run (Jake Gauthier pass from Kyle Derosier) 10:50	
THIRD QUARTER	
K – Jake Gauthier 16 pass from Derosier (Luke Desaulnier kick) :48	
FOURTH QUARTER	
B – Jarrod Davis 12 run (Avery Nunn kick) 11:47	
K – Lockwood 64 run (kick failed) 8:01	
Bunnell	
Killingly	
First Downs	11 14
Rushes-yards	22-88 43-320
Passing	72 11
Sacked-yds lost	1-10 0-0
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-2 2-2-0
Punts-Avg.	4-29 3-44
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10 7-75
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING – B: Mike Castlot 1-10; Jarrod Davis 11-66, TD; Zhyaire Fernandes 7-(-1); Brett Bogdewicz 3-13. K: Spencer Lockwood 34-298, 3TD; Derosier 2-1; Kelsey Rhines 6-20; Zack Caffrey 1-1.	
PASSING – B: Castlot 7-15-1 for 72; Tyler Phommachanh 0-1-1. K: Derosier 2-2-0 for 11, TD.	
RECEIVING – B: Bogdewicz 1-6; Fernandes 5-61; Kyle Bannister 1-15. K: Gauthier 1-16, TD; Lockwood 1-(-5).	

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Killingly defeats Quinebaug Valley on Thanksgiving

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PUTNAM — Killingly High got what it came for against the Quinebaug Valley Pride on Thanksgiving Day. The Redmen brought home the VFW Commanders Cup, finished out the regular season with a 63-14 win, a 9-1 record, and escaped injury free with a Class M playoff game looming just five days down the road. The Pride wasn't so fortunate on Thanksgiving Day. On the final play of the game Quinebaug Valley's Ronnie Laconto suffered a broken kneecap and torn anterior cruciate ligament to put a damper on the holiday.

After the final horn Laconto, a senior from Ellis Tech, was lifted gingerly onto a stretcher as an ambulance idled at the 50-yard line at St. Marie-Greenhagh Complex. The serious injury marred the last game of the year for Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly.

"All I know is his ankle and knee were going in two different directions," Asermelly said. "They couldn't straighten his leg."

Under a cloudy sky Asermelly helped lift Laconto onto the stretcher and then the coach looked ahead to brighter days next season. The Pride finished with a record of 2-8 but they replaced starters at 18 of 22 positions from last season's roster and many players gained a year of valuable varsity experience.

"We've got 42 underclassmen," Asermelly said.

Pride sophomore quarterback Josh Dodd earned his team's Most Valuable Player trophy on Thanksgiving, throwing for 195 yards and two touchdowns.

"The future's incredibly bright, a lot of talented young guys," Asermelly said. "Most of our statistical leaders are underclassmen."

And yet Asermelly said players like Laconto will be hard to replace.

"Obviously the leadership of the seniors will be missed," Asermelly said. "However they laid a great foundation and the program's heading in a really positive direction."

Killingly junior running back Spencer Lockwood earned his team's Most Valuable Player trophy. Playing only the first half, Lockwood rushed



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly quarterback Kyle Derosier pitches the football to Spencer Lockwood on Thanksgiving Day in Putnam. Lockwood rushed for five touchdowns and caught one touchdown pass in Killingly's victory.

for 224 yards and five touchdowns on 24 carries and caught a 31-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Kyle Derosier (5-of-7 for 92 yards and two touchdowns in one half of action).

Killingly coach Chad Neal wanted to keep his team sharp yet injury free, knowing the Redmen would have to play Bunnell in a Class M first-round tournament game on Nov. 29 — just five days after the Nov. 24 game against Quinebaug Valley. Killingly led 49-0 at halftime.

"Get out healthy, and that's what I thought we did. Our starters played the first half, they played well. The guys on the jayvee played the second half," Neal said. "We played that second half as if (the score) was 0-0 so our jayvee kids could get some time and some experience."

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	KILLINGLY 63, QUINEBAUG 14			
Killingly	21	28	0	14-63
Quinebaug	0	0	0 1	4-14

FIRST QUARTER

K — Spencer Lockwood 21 run (Luke Desaulnier kick) 7:57
K — Lockwood 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 5:07
K — Jake Gauthier 3 pass from Kyle Derosier (Desaulnier kick) 1:42

SECOND QUARTER

K — Lockwood 31 pass from Derosier (Desaulnier kick) 11:10
K — Lockwood 12 run (Desaulnier kick) 7:25
K — Lockwood 23 run (Desaulnier kick) 3:11
K — Lockwood 12 run (Desaulnier kick) :01

FOURTH QUARTER

Q — Adrian Casiano 6 pass from Josh Dodd (pass failed) 6:17
K — Tyler Cournoyer 28 run (Dylan Sanford run) 3:50
Q — Jamie Talbot 73 pass from Dodd (Jeff Reed pass from Dodd) 1:02
K — Cournoyer 49 pass from Desaulnier. :12

	Killingly	Quinebaug
First Downs	21	7
Rushes-yards	37-301	10-(-8)
Passing	155	195
Sacked-yds lost	1-7	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	8-10-0	14-31-0
Punts-Avg.	1-22	4-26
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	5-54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — K: Lockwood 24-224, 5 TD; Zack Caffrey 2-8; Tyler Cournoyer 4-40, TD; Zack Burgess 1-(-3); Kelsey Rhines 1-9; Dylan Sanford 4-13; Desaulnier 1-10. Q: Dodd 1-2; Will McGlynn 7-5; Jacob Talbot 1-(-5); Dakota Ciccarella 1-(-10).
PASSING — K: Derosier 5-7-0 for 92 yards, 2 TD; Desaulnier 3-3-0 for 63 yards, TD. Q: Dodd 13-30-0 for 191 yards, 2 TD; Ciccarella 1-1-0 for 4 yards.
RECEIVING — K: Cournoyer 2-52, TD; Gauthier 2-18, TD; Burgess 2-43; Lockwood 1-31, TD; Josh Montpelier 1-11. Q: Jeff Reed 1-25; Casiano 4-43, TD; McGlynn 1-9; Jamie Talbot 6-99, TD; Thomas Ellis 2-29.



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Killingly High's golf team, from left, coach Kevin Marcoux, Ben Lovrien, Drew Aitken, Dylan Deotte, Tom Liebscher, Connor Fillmore, John Aitken, Nolan Marcoux, Connor Liebscher, Ben Klawitter, and Luke Desaulnier.

Killingly awards championship rings

PUTNAM — Killingly High's golf team was awarded state championship rings at a banquet at Connecticut National Golf Club last Friday, Nov. 25. The team won the CIAC Division III state championship by firing a cumulative 310 at Crestbrook Park in Watertown on June 6.

Second-place finisher East Catholic shot 316. Suffield (320) took third place, followed by Tolland (329) and Stonington (336) in the 20-team event.

The Redmen finished the 2016 golf season with a 25-0 record and won their fourth-straight ECC Medium Division championship and fourth-straight ECC Open Championship. Killingly also was the 2016 Fisher's Island Invitational champions and took second place at the 2016 Wildcat Invitational.

The team had an 84-1 four-year record including its current 71-match winning streak. Many team members were named All-Eastern Connecticut Conference over their careers including Drew Aitken (four years All-ECC), John Aitken (four years), Connor Fillmore (two years), and Ben Lovrien. Dylan Deotte was named ECC Honorable Mention.

Drew Aitken was named All-State four-straight years, John Aitken was named All-State for three years, and Fillmore earned All-State honors last season. Drew Aitken was named All-New England for two years and Fillmore was named All-New England last season.

Drew Aitken had a 75-3-4 career record and was the 2016 ECC Open Champion, the 2016 Wildcat Invitational Champion, and the 2016 Fisher's Island Invitational Champion. John Aitken had a 74-5-3 career record and was the 2013 ECC Champion. Fillmore had a 62-3 career record.



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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY FOOTBALL

NORWICH — Woodstock Academy senior quarterback Jared Bouten scrambles against Thames River on Thanksgiving Day at Norwich Tech. Bouten was given the 2016 Founder's Day Award for being the Most Valuable Player of the game for Woodstock. Thames River defeated Woodstock 60-58. Thames River finished the regular season with a record of 5-5. Woodstock ended its season with a mark of 4-6.



Julie Quinn photo

NORWICH — Woodstock Academy senior Ryan Whitehouse kicks off against Thames River on Thanksgiving Day at Norwich Tech.



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GONZALEZ SIGNS TO WRESTLE FOR AIC

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech senior Baltazar "JoJo" Gonzalez signs his national letter of intent on Nov. 21 to accept a scholarship to attend American International College in Springfield, Mass., where he will compete for the college's wrestling team.

With Gonzalez at Ellis Tech is his mother, Jessica, and father Baltazar (back row left), along with Ellis Tech head coach Rafael Calixto. Last season Gonzalez won the Class M State wrestling championship, the State Open championship, and the New England Championship — all titles coming in the 126-pound division.

Killingly vs. Quinebaug Valley on Thanksgiving



PUTNAM — Killingly High defeated the Quinebaug Valley Pride 63-14 on Thanksgiving Day at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Killingly junior running back Spencer Lockwood earned his team's Most Valuable Player trophy. Quinebaug Valley sophomore quarterback Josh Dodd earned his team's MVP trophy

Charlie Lentz photos

At left: From left, Kyle Derosier, Josh Dodd, Spencer Lockwood, Vasileios Politis, Alex Fontaine, and Zach Caffrey with the Commanders Trophy.



Killingly's Luke Desaulnier converted 7-of-7 on extra points.



Killingly quarterback Kyle Derosier lines up under center Brett Foley-Cahoon with Ethan Canova at left guard.



Killingly's Zach Burgess picks up yardage after a catch.



Quinebaug's Will McGlynn moves upfield after a reception.



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Quinebaug's Jacob Talbot returns a kickoff.



Quinebaug quarterback Josh Dodd scrambles for yardage.

KILLINGLY VS. QUINEBAUG VALLEY ON THANKSGIVING



Killingly High's Tyler Cournoyer rushes against Quinebaug Valley on Thanksgiving Day at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.



Quinebaug Valley's Jamie Talbot stretches for an extra yard with Killingly's Zack Caffrey holding on for the tackle.



Charlie Lentz photos

Killingly's Jake Gauthier finds the end zone on a three-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.



Killingly's Spencer Lockwood attracts some attention on a short gainer.

REDMAN

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Fairfield 27-14 in opening-round play Tuesday. The second Class M semifinal on Monday will pit top-seeded Valley Regional/Old Lyme against No. 5 seed St. Joseph. Lockwood said he's ready for a hard-hitting Hillhouse team.

"I love contact. I love making the first contact," Lockwood said. "I like letting them know that I'm not afraid. I'm going to run through them. I know Hillhouse has some fast physical guys. But I have the confidence in my guys and myself that we're going to get in that end zone."

Killingly senior quarterback Kyle Derosier said the team is focused on getting past Hillhouse.

"Definitely you've just got to dominate. We've got to come out with the same mindset that we did tonight and we've just got to come out and dominate," Derosier said.

All season long the Redmen have been stalking another shot at a trip to the state championship game.

"It's been driving us since day one, to come out here and try out hardest. We've just got to fight. We knew we were going to make States. We know now we've just got to fight," Derosier said. "You can just see it in the team chemistry and up in the locker room. It's just awesome. We're just here to fight and we're ready to win."

Killingly grabbed momentum early and never let go in its win

over sixth-seeded Bunnell. The Redmen received the kickoff and drove 57 yards in six plays, with Lockwood capping the march on a 35-yard burst up the middle with 8:22 left in the first quarter.

"It was extremely important to set the tone, make our kids believe, and let (Bunnell) know that we're a good football team," said coach Neal of the opening drive. "I think we kind of surprised them."

With 10:50 left in the second quarter, Lockwood raced 49 yards for a touchdown and Derosier connected with junior tight end Jake Gauthier on the conversion to push Killingly's lead to 14-0 — giving the Redmen a two-touchdown margin at the halftime break.

Bunnell threatened to get within a touchdown on its opening possession of the second half, driving to Killingly's 4-yard line. But the Redmen denied the Bulldogs on four-straight downs with goal to go.

"Defense played tremendous all night. We got pressure when we needed it. We tackled well," Neal said. "Our defensive backs did a great job in the open field."

Derosier hit Gauthier on a 16-yard touchdown pass with :48 left in the third quarter to help stretch Killingly's cushion to 21-0. Bunnell pulled to within 21-7 on Jarrod Davis's 12-yard rushing touchdown with 11:47 left in the game.

Lockwood capped the scoring on a 64-yard touchdown ramble with 8:13 remaining. Senior safety Bret Long snared an interception to set up Lockwood's 64-yard scoring run. Long said

the Redmen have been waiting for another shot at a championship game.

"It means so much to us seniors," Long said. "This year we're expecting to go farther than last year. I hope our team's ready for this upcoming game and I think we are. We fought hard last year against Brookfield (in the semifinals) but it left a very sour taste in our mouth and we were hungry this year."

Coach Neal sensed a driven team in workouts leading up to Tuesday's game against Bunnell.

"We saw it in the week of practice building up, how focused they were, how bad they wanted it," Neal said. "Bunnell throws a lot at you offensively. Our defense did just a tremendous job with their responsibilities and their job. And offensively we just ran the ball. We were a physical team. We're playing our best football right now and everybody's contributing. I'm a firm believer that on any night — if our kids come out and play the way they're capable of — we can win a state title."

Kickoff for Monday's semifinal at Hillhouse is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Bowen Field in New Haven. The chase for a state championship continues.

"We're definitely thinking about it, but baby steps, we've still got to get through Monday," Derosier said. "Without Monday we don't get anything."

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PUTNAM – James Dina, 79, of Putnam, died November 23, at the Backus Hospital in Norwich. He was the beloved husband of Christina (Miloseva) Dina for 46 years. He was born August 23, 1937

in Putnam, son of Ahilea and Nada (Popoff) Dina. He worked for the IRS and as a lab technician at the Belding Heminway Mill, and later for Crabtree & Evelyn and Staples Distribution. He made his home in Putnam all his life, an avid sports fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, and UConn Women's Basketball. He enjoyed family trips to Japan, Bermuda, Hawaii and San Francisco, and especially Macedonia to visit relatives. He enjoyed reading, sports statistics, grocery shopping, and spending time with his family. James will be remembered as a loving and proud husband, father, brother and grandfather. James was a caring, honest and loyal man who always put

his family first.

In addition to his wife Christina, he leaves a son: Christopher Dina and his wife Yukari; a daughter: Elizabeth (Dina) Gavaris and her husband Spiro; all of the New York City area; three beloved grandchildren: Emika, Charlie and Ethan James; a sister: Mary Page and her husband Gary of Putnam; a sister-in-law: Pauline Dina of Putnam; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Alexander Dina.

Calling Hours were held Sunday at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home. A Funeral Service was held on Monday at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Killingly. Burial was in Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St, I-91 Tech Ctr., Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067. www.cancer.org. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Catherine A. Dowe, 53



T U S C O N , ARIZONA-Catherine A. Dowe, 53, formerly of Putnam, died November 14 in University of Arizona Medical Center. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Margaret

M. (Boux) Dowe of Las Vegas, Nevada and the late Harold Dowe.

Miss Dowe attended Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts, and attended Central State College in New Britain, Connecticut. She went on to receive her associates degree at QVCC in Danielson. She then attended the Business Music School in Atlanta, Georgia for a year. She then moved to California, then moved back east and realized that she enjoyed traveling so she attended a travel school in Boston. She worked at Rite Aide for two years and went on and worked as an airline reservationist for American Airlines

for 27 years. She enjoyed visiting Las Vegas, people watching, attending live concerts and especially enjoyed traveling. She was a very generous person with her friends and did give a lot to the poor.

Catherine is survived by her mother Margaret Dowe, her two brothers Gregory Dowe of Dallas, Texas and Michael Dowe of Las Vegas, Nevada; her sister Elizabeth Sankow and her husband Fred of Old Lyme; a nephew Chad and two nieces Stacey and Sarah.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St, Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or to St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jacqueline R. Beaudoin, 82



D A Y V I L L E – Jacqueline (Holgerson) Beaudoin, 82, of Country Club Rd., died November 22 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving wife of the late Edward Beaudoin. Born in Dayville, she was the daughter of the late William Holgerson and Rose (Lafave) Holgerson.

Mrs. Beaudoin worked as one of the first L.P.N.'s for Day Kimball Hospital for 35 years and the Holy Spirit Provincial House. She also volunteered for Day Kimball Hospice. She was a lover of cats and enjoyed shopping, especially with her best friend Joan. She was an avid fan of Uconn Basketball and the New England Patriots. She enjoyed feeding the geese, watching the Catholic network on TV, and was a parishioner of the former St. Anne Church in Ballouville. She was an extremely kind woman who loved spending time with the family, especially her children and grand-

children.

Jacqueline is survived by her son, Edgar Coderre and his wife Karen of Thompson; her daughters, Suzon Warner and her husband Howard of Pomfret, and Robin Hubert and her husband Richard of Danielson; step daughter Robin Sanzi and her husband Gene of Putnam; her sister, Betty Baranski of Pomfret; her grandchildren, Kelly, Amanda, Amie, Sarah, and Cole; her great grandchildren, Lily, Miarose, Cassidy, and Micheala; and step grandchildren Gino and Alicia.

A Funeral Mass for Jacqueline took place November 26 at St. James Church, in Danielson. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman - Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to N.E.C.O.G., P.O. Box 759, Dayville, CT 06241 or to E.W.T.V., 5817 Old Leeds Rd., Irondale, AL 35210. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy L. McCauley, 54



PUTNAM – Nancy L. McCauley, age 54 of Putnam, died November 24. She leaves her companion, Joseph Ouellette and his daughters of Putnam; her mother, Nancy

(Carter) Horniak and her step-father, Ed Horniak of Hillsboro, New Hampshire; her step-mother and best friend, Mary McCauley of Putnam; her daughter, Heather Skow of Springfield, Massachusetts; a brother, Robert E. McCauley III of Webster, Massachusetts; three sisters, Tamara Battista and her husband Paul of Dudley, Massachusetts, Brenda Lemire and her companion Paul Lemire of Webster. Robyn McCauley and her companion Robert Muzziolli of Webster, Massachusetts; eight grandchildren; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her father,

Robert E. McCauley II of Webster, Massachusetts in 1996 and by a daughter, Holly Albestki-Almquist of California in 2016.

Nancy was born in Natick, Massachusetts and had previously lived in Webster and Thompson before moving to Putnam five years ago. She was a bartender at the Village Restaurant in Woodstock. She had a love for animals, especially dogs and was an avid fan of NASCAR and the Boston Red Sox.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private at the request of the family. A Celebration of Life will be held and announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to any animal rescue shelter of the donor's choice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.

R. Howard Smith, 82



DAYVILLE – R. Howard Smith passed peacefully from this earth on November 18, while on vacation in South Yarmouth on Cape Cod. He was 82 years old. He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years,

Genevieve, of Dayville; his daughters, C. Kelly Smith of Providence, Rhode Island and Ellen Pratt of Danielson; his son-in-law, Kevin Pratt, of Danielson; and his grandchildren, Sedona Pratt and Bryce Pratt, both of Danielson. He is also survived by his sister, Evelyn White of Middleboro, Massachusetts and Florida, and her husband, Edwin; his niece, Jennifer Heine of Hanson, Massachusetts and nephew, Christopher White of Furlong Pennsylvania; and his West Coast nieces, Karen Smith of Sacramento, California and Toni Smith of Portland, Oregon. Howard was predeceased by his brother David, a physician in Anaheim, California, who died tragically in a plane crash in 1964.

Howard was born on April 20, 1934 in Paterson, New Jersey to Ona Mae and Walter B. Smith. In his teenage years, he was a member of the 1949 national championship New Jersey Civil Air Patrol Cadet drill team. After serving in the Army in Europe during the Korean War, Howard graduated from New York University with a bachelor's degree in education and from Parsons School of Design with a degree in interior architecture and design, which he practiced for 13 years in northern New Jersey. Howard served

as Borough Council member, Council President, and Mayor of Bloomingdale, New Jersey.

Howard moved to northeast Connecticut in 1973 along with his young family and parents. There he began his real estate career. He worked with Petrowsky Real Estate before forming his own real estate firm. As a broker, Howard specialized in commercial, industrial, and investment real estate. He was also a respected real estate appraiser. Howard was heavily invested in his community, serving as President of the Northeast Connecticut Board of Realtors, a Director of the Connecticut Association of Realtors, member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Day Kimball Hospital, Chairman of the Killingly Water Pollution Control Authority, and member of the Board of the East Killingly Fire District. He was a frequent participant in town meetings until his retirement.

Howard had many interests during his life. He loved his family, the visual arts, organic gardening, history, bee-keeping, boating and sailing, coastal Maine, UConn women's basketball, and was passionate about woodworking late in his life. Arrangements are being handled by Gilman and Valade Funeral Home in Putnam. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to Wounded Warrior Project, Inc. For Memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Edward L. "Leo" Moran, 80



THOMPSON -- E. Leo Moran, 80, passed away November 6 at Sun Coast Hospice in Seminole, Florida. Leo was born August 5, 1936 to Edward and Lillian (Caron) Moran in Danielson, the oldest of three children. He graduated from Killingly High School in 1954, and was married to Winifred Bowen in 1955. Leo served as an Airman First Class with the 1942nd Airways and Air Communications

Squadron at Homestead AFB, Florida after being stationed in Mississippi and Hawaii. He earned a National Defense Service Medal and received an Honorable Discharge from active duty in 1962.

Leo had a prosperous career in the insurance industry, working as an insurance agent for Prudential Financial Co. until his retirement in 1993. He lived in Brooklyn until moving to Thompson in 1976. He retired to Seminole, Florida in the 1990s, but would always return to his cottage on Quaddick Lake in Thompson to enjoy the summers in Connecticut. Leo was an active member of the American Legion and VFW, and loved to par-

ticipate in the local Veterans Day parades each year. He was also an active member of the East Brooklyn Fire Department where he served as assistant chief. Leo was always a social butterfly, with an open door and a helping hand. He was as patriotic as he was thrifty, keeping an American flag flying, and reveling in a good deal. A true Leo at heart, he was fun loving, adventurous, and spirited; the twinkle in his eye was contagious.

Leo is survived by his children, Doreen Auger of Danielson, Karen Moran (Palmer) of North Port Florida, David Moran of Putnam, Colleen Moran of North Port Florida, and Darren Moran of Brooklyn as well as their spouses and partners; many cousins, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and niece, Mary (Canty) Butler of Pomfret. Leo was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings D. Paul Moran and C. Patricia Canty, and by his son Paul.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 10, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson, at 11 am with military honors. There will be a reception to follow at the VFW located at 207 Providence St, Putnam. Flowers may be sent to Tillinghast Funeral Home prior to the service.

LEGALS

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

On November 17, 2016 the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission made the following decision: File # 16-017 Bruce Barlow, 36 Camp Yankee Road, Eastford, CT. Construction of two retaining walls between existing home and water's edge. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT. Dated at Eastford this 22nd day of November, 2016. Susan Welshman Recording Secretary December 2, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF TAMMY J. PAUL (16-00352)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 22, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Stephen M. Paul c/o Stephen J. Adams, Esq., 158 Main Street, Suite 7, PO Box 682, Putnam, CT 06260 December 2, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Thompson NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - December 12, 2016

A special town meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, will be held at the Thompson Public Library/ Louis P. Faucher III Community Room, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening for the following purposes:

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting;
2. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Thompson on the following proposed resolution: RESOLVED: That the sum of \$48,600 be appropriated from undesignated surplus to the Fire Departments budget for costs related to the purchase of new equipment for Community Fire Company - Turnout Gear, air bottles and ladders for use by the firefighters, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing will vote "No." Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this 28th day of November, 2016.

Kenneth Beausoleil, First Selectman
Shaina N. Smith, Selectwoman
Stephen Herbert, Selectman
Town of Thompson, Board of Selectmen

ATTEST:
Renee Waldron
Town Clerk
December 2, 2016

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Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

December 3, Sat., 7pm

Angela & Friends Benefit Christmas Concert - Central Village Congregational Church, 33 Main Street, Central Village. Tickets adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5, includes refreshments. Portions of the proceeds benefit the Wilimantic Community Meals Program. info at www.centralvillagechurch.com.

December 3, Sat., 10am-3pm

4th Annual Holiday Art Show at East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, East Woodstock, featuring 30 artists and crafters. Enjoy refreshments and penny social too! 860-928-7449.

December 3, Sat., 9am-2pm

Christmas Bazaar at St. Joseph Church, Rt 101, Dayville. Raffles, Vendors, Crafts, Bake Table, Attic Treasures, Kitchen

December 3, Sat., 9am-1pm

Holly Fair at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 12 Bradford Corner Road, West Woodstock - We will be selling assorted Christmas greens, wreaths, swags plus cookies by the pound

December 4, Sun., 8:30am-12pm

Breakfast with Santa. St. Joseph School 26 Main Street North Grosvenordale. Adults \$10, Seniors, \$8, Children \$6, Price INCLUDES photo with Santa! French Toast Casserole, scrambled eggs, pancakes, steak, corned beef hash, sausage, bacon, roasted potatoes, fruit salad, muffins, beverages. Please join us!

December 5, Mon., 7pm

The Quiet Corner Garden Club is happy to welcome Julie Ignacio, owner of Hiya Pops Soaps Company, Brooklyn. She will give a presentation on her handcrafted goat's milk soaps. Products will be displayed

December 3, Sat., and December 10, Sat. 9am-3pm (both dates)



The Connecticut State Police, along with the Plainfield Police Department will be assisting the 2016 Tommy Toy Fund in their annual toy drive, at the following locations: Both Benny's in Killingly, Dolar General in Plainfield, Ocean State Job Lot in Brooklyn, Walmart in Brooklyn (December 10 only), and Walmart in Putnam. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or cash donation.

and available at So. Woodstock Baptist Church meeting room. Located off 169, just north of the Woodstock Fair Grounds.

December 6, Tues., 10:30am-11:15am

The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, however donations are welcome. 860-928-7459 The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 6, Tues., 1-3:30pm

Free Fall Prevention 101 & Screening Clinic at St. Mary Hall, 218 Providence Street, Putnam. Sponsored by Putnam Commission on Aging.

December 6, Tues., 12:30pm

Senior Center Activity Planning Meeting- Help steer the activities at the center! Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459 The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 8, Thurs.

Yoga originally scheduled for this day has been CANCELLED The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 8, Thurs., 10:30am

Northeast CT Transit District Presentation-

on the different transportation services that the Transit offers to seniors, Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 9, Fri., noon-8pm

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

December 9, Fri., 7pm

VFW Post 5446 Steak Supper, ALL you can EAT! Baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter, \$20 pp, 7 Winsor Ave, Plainfield Call 860-564-5446 for more details.

December 8, Thurs., 7pm

Wendy Walker comes to Pomfret Library to read from her internationally published book, All is Not Forgotten, a psychological thriller, with film rights sold to Warner Bros. with Reese Witherspoon producing, exposing a controversial memory-changing therapy for PTSD sufferers.

December 9, Fri., 6pm

Canterbury Historical Society Holiday Potluck Supper, Free and open to the public.

Just bring along a potluck contribution of any type of food to share. We just visit together and eat our shared meal at the Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury Canterburyhistorical.org

December 9, 9:30-11:30

Jingle Bell Brunch at Windham County Christian Women's Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. "A Shepherd's Tale" by Thomas Crumb, Inspirational Speaker Ruth Wacome, Reservations for Brunch \$12 are required by Dec. 2, call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671, email:wccwc81@hotmail.com.

December 10, Sat., 9:30am

Book Club at Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

December 10, Sat., 7pm

Moravian Love Feast, Federated Church of Christ, Brooklyn. Sacred music, prayers, candlelight and the sharing of a simple meal of bread and a warm drink. All are welcome.

December 10, 10am-11am

Paint with Snow- We will use shaving cream to paint with and color with paint. Aldrich Free Public Library, 299 Main St, Moosup, 860-564-8760.

December 10, Sat., 10-10:45

Mermaid Story Time at The Killingly Library for ages 3-8. Come and join up for story time with a mermaid! We will have a guest mermaid visiting and ocean themed activity. We will also be collecting for Friends of Assisi in Danielson. No registration required.

December 10, Sat. 10-noon

Holiday Card & Tag making, Eastford Public Library, Ages 5+ including adults, No registration required

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

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

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Trees arrive December 2
Hours of sale: Thursday and Friday
6 PM to 8 PM
Saturday 11 AM to 7 PM
and Sunday from 11 AM to 6 PM

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St. Joseph's Parish Center
68 Central St., Auburn, MA
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TAKE TWO
9:00 p.m.
Acoustic covers featuring requests, some comedy and crowd participation
308 LAKESIDE
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Visit with Santa from 12-3
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508-637-1771

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

308 LAKESIDE HOLIDAY PARTY NIGHT
Rob Adams at 6:00 p.m.
Enjoy a holiday dinner buffet and live music with a group of friends or business associates
6-10 p.m.
\$24.95 pp, reservations required
308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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508-943-5800
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Visit with Santa during Sunday Brunch
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

308 LAKESIDE HOLIDAY PARTY NIGHT
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