

## High hopes for charity



Karen Butera photo  
Roger and Donna Brown

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — Donna Brown has always had a heart for those less fortunate than she. When she was just 7 years old she learned about trick or treat for UNICEF and decided she would collect for that organization on Halloween. When told she would have no time to get candy if she solicited for the United Nations charity that benefits underprivileged children — she simply replied “They have needs and I have my own candy at home.”

That mentality has stayed with Brown, a detective with the Putnam Police Department. She has raised funds for the March of Dimes, St. Jude

Children’s Hospital and breast cancer research. Another organization she supports is Special Olympics. It all started when she worked in law enforcement in Newport News in Virginia and participated in the Torch Run for Special Olympics.

“I have been involved in the Torch Run as participant and as a captain,” she said. “In 2016 I was in the Over the Edge Challenge at Mohegan Sun. We repelled down a building to raise funds for Special Olympics of Connecticut.”

Now she’s about to make a much bigger climb.

“An officer in Cheshire put out feelers to see if there were any officers in Connecticut that were interested in climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Special Olympics,” she said. “Once some officers were interested, that officer contacted Special Olympics of Connecticut about climbing to raise funds. Once approved we started to prepare for fundraising. We each have to raise at least \$10,000.”

Some of the money will go to helping with costs.

“So far there are between \$800 and \$900 in personal costs. There are six departments participating in this climb and two in New Jersey. There are about 14 participants and also some police affiliated civilians,” she said. “Our goal is to raise \$150,000.”

They have currently raised \$105,000. The excursion is planned for February 2020.

“It is a nine-day climb,” said Brown. The atmosphere starts with desert-like conditions on the ground and changes to tropical conditions. Once on the summit, the temperatures are below zero.

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### TOE TO TOE

Charlie Lentz photo  
PUTNAM — Putnam High’s John Espinosa, left, and Ellis Tech’s Austin Derosiers, battle for the ball at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex on Monday, Oct. 28. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

## Made in America

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

BROOKLYN — Made in America is making a comeback in Brooklyn — signaling a resurgence of handmade craftsmanship. One popular item is the wreaths that decorate front doors for fall and Christmas. Dawn Baranski crafts wreaths and other items and started years ago when she was youngster.

“I started to craft when I would visit an elderly neighbor,” said Baranski, from Brooklyn. “Since she was alone in the evening, I would take turns with my sister visiting her, going every other night. She taught us how to crochet and how to sew.”

Baranski loved to sew. When she was in the seventh and eighth grade she took a home economics sewing class. She went from sewing to dabbling in crafting and creating many different things. One day while going through Pinterest, she found someone making a wreath. “After watching it, I thought ‘I could make that,’” said Baranski. “I went out and bought the material I would need and made it.”

Most of her customers have come through word of mouth. She also sells them at local area craft fairs. She believes in passing her gift along locally. On Oct.12 Baranski donated many of her handmade items to a craft fair at Putnam’s Hope Community Church of Putnam, where she worships. She wanted to help the church raise money for missions. She also teaches a craft class once a month at the church and donates the proceeds to missions.

Along with wreaths, some of the items she enjoys making are hanging dish-towels, heating pads, painting and decorating pumpkins, sock snowmen and signs with scripture. She also makes all



Karen Butera photo  
Dawn Baranski with her holiday hand-made wreaths

handmade Christmas gifts.

Since she retired from her full time job, she spends an average of 25 to 30 hours a week on her crafts.

“If I get an idea in my head then I sit down and make the item. Sometimes two or three days may go by before an idea will pop in my head. I still consider it a hobby and not a business. Someday I may like to see it become a business, but I always like to make new things. I would get bored if I had to make the same thing over and over,” she said “And I never want to get bored with it.”



### Bewitching

Karen Butera photo  
DANIELSON — At the gazebo in Davis Park, Hannah Eddy gets set to collect treats on Main Street last Saturday, Oct. 26. Killingly hosted its annual Scarecrow Kingdom event and the Killingly Business Association sponsored the Trick or Treat on Main Street.

## Courtney announces grant for Killingly

KILLINGLY — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn.- Second District) announced on Oct. 25 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development has awarded a federal grant totaling more than \$59,000 to the Town of Killingly. The federal investment will support improvements in at least 10 single family homes in rural Killingly, Putnam, and Mansfield, and is one of only two grants awarded throughout the entire state of Connecticut during this round of funding.

“The Town of Killingly and Town Manager Mary Calorio deserve major congratulations for identifying this

federal funding opportunity, and for putting together a successful grant application to win this highly competitive award – one of only two Housing Preservation Grant awards made in our entire state during this round of funding,” said Courtney. “The USDA’s Office of Rural Development has contributed to a lot of recent activity in our region, from improvements at the Putnam and Willimantic police departments, to projects at the Town Hall and community center in Thompson, and more. It’s always great to see more federal dollars coming back home to be invested in our eastern Connecticut communities,

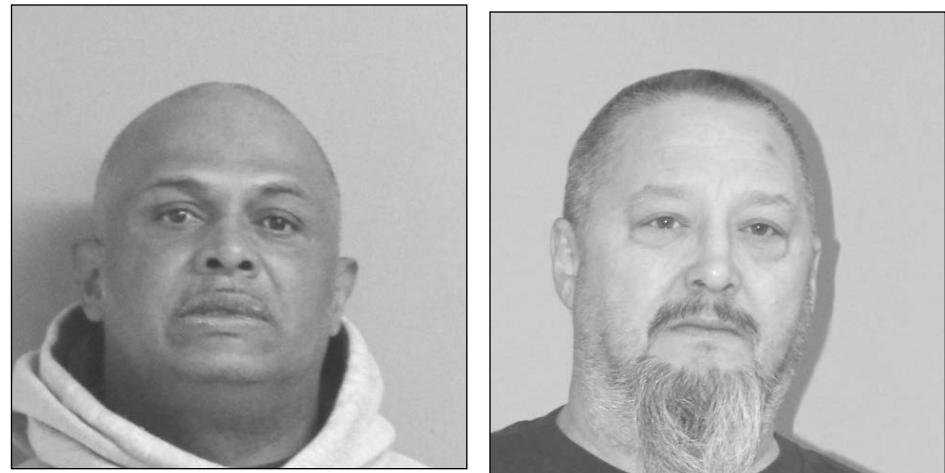
especially so when we know that the investment will have such a direct positive impact in towns throughout the Quiet Corner.”

The Town of Killingly will receive a federal grant award of \$59,784.86 through the USDA. The funds will be utilized by the Town of Killingly’s community development office to secure licensed contractors for low and very-low income homeowners who need critical repairs done to their homes — including removal of health and safety hazards, and addressing accessibility concerns.

### Set Your Clocks Back!



# State Police make crack cocaine bust in Brooklyn



Charlie Clavell

Eric Reissmann

BROOKLYN — On Monday, Oct. 28, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D Quality of Life Task Force teamed up with the Brooklyn and Killingly Resident Troopers Office in an effort to suppress on going narcotics activity in the East Brooklyn area. Numerous complaints have been made by concerned citizens regarding open air drug dealing which have affected the quality of life for residents living in the area.

At approximately 3:24 pm, Troopers stopped a vehicle on South Main Street in Brooklyn for several traffic violations. While interviewing the driver, Troopers observed several indicators of criminal activity and became suspicious, narcotics may be present in the car. K9 Ambrie, a Labrador narcotic sniffing canine was deployed to sniff the interior of the car. Ambrie alerted Troopers to a natural void in the center console of the car. A check of the void, resulted in the location and seizure of crack cocaine.

The driver of the car, Eric Reissmann, 53, of 9 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, admitted he hid the crack cocaine in the void before he was pulled over. Reissmann was arrested and transported back to Troop D where he was processed and released on a \$10,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 5.

At approximately 5:19 pm, Troopers stopped a car on Route 6 in Killingly near Route 12 for a motor vehicle violation. Troopers recognized the passenger as Charlie Clavell, 49, of 29 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, from previous police related contacts. While interviewing Clavell, Troopers observed several indicators of criminal activity and became suspicious that narcotics may be on his person. K9 Ambrie was used to sniff Clavell and gave a very strong alert to his waistband area. Clavell later admitted to having “crack cocaine” hidden in his pants. Numerous clear plastic knotted bags of “crack cocaine” packaged for sale were seized by Troopers. Clavell was placed under arrest without incident and transported back to Troop D where he was processed and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell. Clavell was initially held on a \$75,000.00 cash/surety bond but later posted said bond. Clavell is to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 13.

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

## POLICE LOGS

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### TROOP D LOG

#### PUTNAM

**Oct. 20**  
Jasmine Lamantia, 38, of 27 Paula Road, Putnam, was charged with issuing a bad check between \$250 - \$500.

**Oct. 20**  
Nicholas Navedo, 46, of 28 Vandale Street, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 2nd degree.

### CHARITY

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Special Olympics of Connecticut will allocate the money where they see necessary. There was a recent fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Putnam.

“There was a scare that Special Olympics would lose their funding but that did not happen,” said Brown. “Every little bit donated helps. Some give \$2 and others have given \$500.”

A Celebrity Bartender fundraiser is planned for Dec. 12 at the Elks in Putnam. Those interested may make a donation at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/2020-conquering-kiliman-jaro/c224003>.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Name:** Adam W. Minor  
**Position sought:** Board of Education  
**Town of:** Eastford

**Background/ Qualifications:** I am a lifelong resident of Eastford. I attended Eastford Elementary School (Class of 1997) and currently have two children there. I spent four years as a college student working at the school as a Before/ After School Program teacher. I also spent more than 11 years in local journalism, much of that time as either a reporter or editor for the Villager Newspapers – and have years of experience covering school boards and looking at budgets.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I love this town — and I love this school. It is this town’s greatest asset. I have a passion for working with kids. I have been a volunteer at my church’s youth group for two decades, and have helped many kids in their educational journeys. Because of my journalism background, I have been given unique access to many school districts, teachers and administrators, and have gained much insight into what they have to go through.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I feel my background has made me uniquely qualified to run for my first term on the Board of Education. At the end of the day, we are all running because we love this town and our school. While I can’t claim to have any



direct, hands-on BOE experience yet, I feel my involvement at the school as a student, parent and employee — as well as my journalism experience — sets me apart from my opponents.

**What is your vision for the future?** My vision is simple — to work as hard as I can, alongside fellow board members and the school’s administrators, to make sure the district is doing everything it can to not only provide as many opportunities as possible for the children at EES to thrive in their education, but also to do so affordably and efficiently. My motto has always been “Students First,” and as a BOE member, that will be my vision moving forward.

**Name:** Norman ‘Barney’ Seney  
**Position sought:** Mayor  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** I am the present Mayor of Putnam, have served as a Selectman in Putnam, First Selectman in Thompson for four years. Retired CT State Police Sergeant, U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. I am an active member of the American Legion and V.F.W. Posts.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** My years of experience and service in Town government as Mayor, Selectman, a member of the Finance Board and Redevelopment Agency in both the towns of Putnam and Thompson. Part of a strong team that listens to the citizens, considers their ideas and concerns, and addresses the issues.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I have been a public servant all my life. As Mayor and part of a strong bipartisan atmosphere, accomplished goals, as promised to taxpayers, such as a new Municipal Complex, new roads, sidewalks and bridges, programs with costs, time-tables and how to finance the projects. I have worked closely with Loft at Cargill Falls to move the project along. By supporting businesses in the Industrial Park, we have created jobs and tax revenues.



**What is your vision for the future?** My vision for Putnam’s future is to finish the Municipal Complex, work with the Putnam Business Association to continue the progress we have accomplished in downtown during the past 2 years. With our continued growth in both industrial and residential construction, I will continue to stabilize taxes while improving services and projects in the Town of Putnam. I am looking forward to being re-elected to continue the progress made over the last 2 years.

**Name:** Ed Grandelski  
**Position sought:** Killingly Town Council District 2  
**Town of:** Killingly

**Background/ Qualifications:** Currently Town Council member; lifelong Killingly resident; married to Nancy (Fodor) Grandelski, graduate St. James School & Killingly High School; Eagle Scout; B.S. Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Former mechanical engineer at Electric Boat in Groton; co-owner Grandelski Bros. Specialty Contractors; Former town constable; Democratic Town Committee member.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** Eight years Town Council experience, dealing with town government related issues, 45 years in engineering; building public

& private works — structural concrete installation and repair, pipe laying, manhole and catch basin structures, paving, sewer installation/repair and snow plowing.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** Over 45 years of experience managing and operating a contracting company: engineering, building, concrete & public works projects; 8 years of Town Council experience; Council liaison to Housing Authority; Sewer Authority, Conservation Commission.

**What is your vision for the future?** Continued fiscal responsibility/accountability; pursue all grants to the maximum extent possible (town & Board of Education); promote equal education opportunities for all students; support BOE’s effort to raise graduation rates; infra-



structure improvements; controlled economic growth (industrial, commercial, residential), maintain stabilized tax structure.

**Name:** Julie Watt  
**Position sought:** Member, Board of Education  
**Town of:** Pomfret


**Background/ Qualifications:** My wife and I have devoted our lives to education. We own and run The Complex Performing Arts Centre in Putnam; a performing and creative arts school for children ages 3-18 years old, which is rooted in community engagement. I also teach Digital Design at Norwich Technical High School, I am an Adjunct Professor at the University New Haven, and I am currently enrolled in a doctoral program for Educational Leadership at Johnson & Wales University.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** Within the past 10 years I have submerged myself into education. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with numerous students, families, teachers and administrators, within a variety of school settings. I have proudly served on several school and community boards, and foster a passion for educational collaboration, interdisciplinary approach and opportunities, and creative problem solving.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** N/A



**What is your vision for the future?** My educational philosophy is rooted in student success; encouraging joyful, trailblazing and inspired students. I feel that positive school leadership, teacher efficacy, and educational innovation all cultivate strength of unified voice toward student-centered, educational progress and processes of the future. My hope is to work together with Board of Education members, school personnel, and the community, to help support and guide the future direction of Pomfret Public Schools, to the best of my abilities.



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**Name:** David A. Griffiths  
**Position sought:** Councilor  
**Town of:** Killingly

Background/Qualifications: Lifelong resident of Killingly; graduate Killingly High School and H.H. Ellis Technical School; graduate University of Connecticut, Bachelor of Science degree in natural resource management and forestry; U.S. Air Force veteran; member Veterans Coffee House; member Danielson Lions; former Connecticut Probate Judge; member Killingly Town Council; Chairman NDDH; member Last Green Valley; member Killingly Grange #112; volunteer RSVP; former member South Killingly Volunteer Fire Dept.; former Killingly bus driver; former Connecticut State Marshal.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?: I have a strong and sincere interest in trying to make Killingly a town in which its citizens can be proud, and feel that my experience in all aspects of Killingly's government allows me to fulfill this goal. I take my responsibilities very seriously. I strive to make myself very accessible and am always willing to listen to my fellow citizens and try to help them however I can.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)? Having lived here all my life and having had a business here, I understand the difficulties one can encounter daily. I am a conservative Democrat who's looking to continue to improve Killingly's citizens' quality of life while doing it through a citizen friendly and



affordable budget. Unlike some of my opponents, I faithfully attend council and subcommittee meetings. How else can one keep abreast of town business?

What is your vision for the future? To retain current Killingly businesses and encourage new enterprises through business friendly regulations; to encourage a 5-year revisiting of Killingly's regulations to ensure adaptability; to work with the BOE to ensure all students reach their potential and increase graduation rates; to improve Killingly's roads and bridges by allocating the necessary funds to do the job; to limit future bonding indebtedness so as NOT to severely increase taxes; to work diligently to keep taxes stable.

**Name:** Norm Perron  
**Position Sought:** Special Service District Commission  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/Qualifications:** 41 Yrs. Putnam Fire Dept.; 30 Yrs. Putnam Fire Dept. Asst. Chief; 35 Yrs. Putnam Fire Marshal; Lic. MA Construction Supervisor; Cert. OSHA ; Water / Sewer Authority Commissioner / Past & Present.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** Long history w/ the former City of Putnam and Special Service District - attending monthly commission meeting. Very familiar with the Putnam Police Dept., Putnam Fire Dept. Putnam EMS and Emergency Dispatch operations, budgets, personnel and the management systems.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** Long history with the Commission Management Operations - both the past and present Commission Members and the history within the Special Service District and their

**Name:** Jamie Heath  
**Position sought:** Mayor  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** Lifelong Putnam resident. Married 32 years to Debra (Sherman), two children, Adam and Erin, and 5 grandchildren. Honors Graduate, Putnam High. Studied Business Administration at Vernon College in Texas while serving in the United States Army. 23 Year employee of MAPFRE (Commerce) Insurance in Webster, Mass. Currently a Physical Damage Claim Representative, previously an Assistant Supervisor in Premium Accounting and a Supervisor in Claims Operations. Extensive experience in negotiations, customer service and decision making.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I am the best candidate for Mayor for numerous reasons. I care about the town of Putnam and its residents. I am a political newcomer, with no preconceived notions regarding town politics. I am someone who listens and likes to invest the time needed to have as much information as possible when making decisions. I do not make my decisions in haste, nor am I a procrastinator. I like to get things done correctly.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I have no hidden agenda; I have not made promises to any person, delegations, or groups for the purpose of obtaining their vote. I believe we

**Name:** David Coderre  
**Position sought:** Board of Finance  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** Born and raised in Putnam. Returned to town 20 years ago. Former Putnam Selectman. Over 30 years of business experience, including Commodities Trading, Banking and Business Ownership. BBA in Finance and Business Economics and an MBA degree.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** “Best” is a strong word. I would say I am a uniquely qualified candidate with my background and skill set that would be beneficial in a position on the Board of Finance. Working with the entire Republican team I feel I would be an excellent representative for the townspeople of Putnam.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I believe my understanding of Finance from 30+ years in business, career accomplishments and



responsibilities.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
Continue to provide the general public with safety within our community, manage the department budgets and continue to create an inviting atmosphere to our town's public activities.



are entering difficult times in Putnam. Our savings have been depleted to make good on the current Mayor's campaign promises from two years ago. I will be aware of our expenditures and will practice true fiscal responsibility in this difficult financial time we have been brought to.

**What is your vision for the future?** My vision for Putnam is stability, economic growth, educational excellence and fiscally responsible decisions. We must be accountable and act in a way that is fiscally sound, not only for the town itself, but for all the town residents and taxpayers as well.

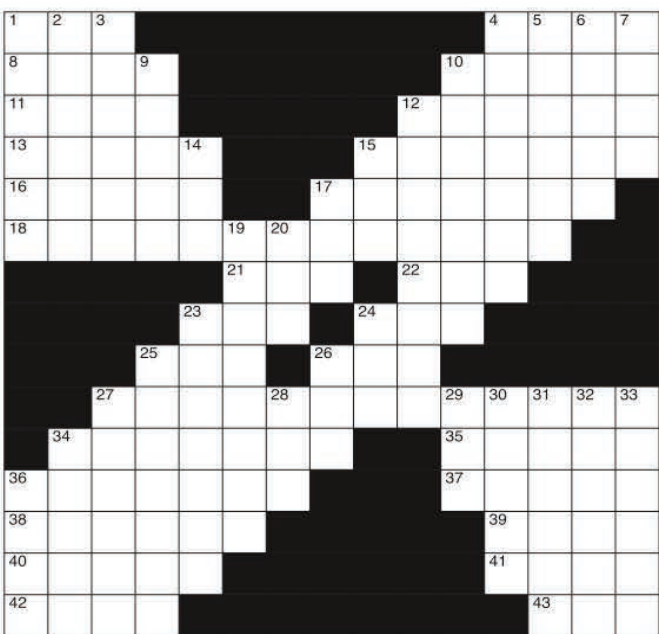


experiences along with my educational background make me a distinctively qualified candidate for the Board of Finance.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
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forward with fiscal  
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| 17. Milk-supplying companies             | 39. Narrow piece of wood                   |
| 18. Enjoyable distraction                | 40. Paths                                  |
| 21. Doctor of Education                  | 41. Monetary unit                          |
| 22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)       | 42. Wings                                  |
| 23. Curved shape                         | 43. Soviet Socialist Republic              |

### CLUES DOWN

1. Gear
2. Outer part of a bird's wing
3. Good luck charm
4. Removing from memory
5. Group of seven people
6. Records
7. German river
9. "Last of the Mohicans"  
actress Madeleine
10. Ancient Greek war galley
12. Nonsensical speak
14. Title of respect
15. Cast out
17. Have already done
19. Wood-loving insects
20. Analog conversion system  
(abbr.)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
25. Sea cow
26. Protein coding gene
27. Where boats park
28. The top of a jar
29. Fitting
30. German city
31. Martens
32. They're all over the planet
33. One that nests
34. Coming at the end
36. Croatian coastal city



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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Name:** Kevin Kerttula  
**Position sought:** Town Council District 4  
**Town of:** Killingly

**Background/Qualifications:** I am a USAF veteran and past member past ten year member of the South Killingly FD. I am a member of the Danielson Elks, Elks riders, and on the board of directors of the Attawaugan FD. For the past 23 years I have been employed by Rawson Materials in Putnam. I have lived in Killingly for the past 15 years. I offer a common sense blue collar set of qualifications.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?:** I was elected in 2017 and have been thru two budget cycles. With that understanding now of how the budget process works it gives me an advantage to start working right away. With my conservitive views help to deliver town services in a fiscally responsible manner. I feel as though I have worked well with the departments in the town hall that I have been connected to with the liaison positions.

**What differentiates you from your opponent?:** I am a blue collar worker who desires to give back to his community. I recognize citizens are taxed enough already. I will continue to bring fresh new ideas to the council as I have been doing. I am a fiscal conservative, and believe our town should operate

**Name:** Brian Maynard  
**Position sought:** Special Services  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** Born in Putnam and have been living in the special services district for 11 years. Currently heading up a local civil organization of over 180 members. Republican State Central Representative for the 29th District. Honorably discharged from the U.S Army serving from 1990-1996 in Germany, Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey, Savannah, GA and the Caribbean where I worked in support of a joint DEA/U.S. Army counter narcotics mission.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** My business skills added to that of a very successful team of republicans that listens to the citizens, values their input and takes actions to improve our town.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I have a B.S. in Political Science and am the Chairman of the Putnam Republican Town Committee as well as the Republican State Central Representative. I'll work with the team of proven leaders to continue to put Putnam and its residents first.

**What is your vision for the future?** Ensuring Putnam remains the gem of the northeast by working together on all aspects from our services, to our parks and recreation and future projects. I'm a proud resident of the special services district and I look to giving



**Name:** J. Douglas Taylor  
**Position sought:** District Authority  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** 28 years as Director of Materials Management at Foxwoods Casino. Chair of the Board of Trustees for Living Faith UMC of Putnam.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I have been on the District Authority for 8 years; I have been part of the budget process during these years.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** Experience of what the District Authority responsibilities are to the town and the departments that report to the District Authority

**What is your vision for the future?** Continued working relationship between the Town of Putnam, Putnam Police Department, Putnam Fire Department and the public events put on by the Recreational Department.



**Name:** Ian McDonald  
**Position sought:** Town Council district 4  
**Town of:** Killingly

**Background/ Qualifications:** I feel fortunate to have grown up in East Killingly and been part of a family with three grandparents who were Killingly alumni and children who are now growing up and attending school here. I have worked as a stonemason for 20 years and run my own business in that trade for 13. Recently I was highly involved in working alongside other residents to ensure the ponds in our district would not be unnecessarily drained.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** My work experience has me often needing to execute difficult and inherently uncertain projects, manage budgets/bookkeeping, and write and understand contracts needed to provide assurance to all parties. I feel there is significant overlap that gives me confidence to handle both the workload and attention to detail needed to ensure that residents and taxpayers have the oversight they deserve. I love our town and genuinely enjoy working with people to make positive things happen.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I will let others be the judge of that. Whether it is working to be more transparent and responsive to residents and taxpayers, encouraging positive business growth for new and existing businesses, making our schools a source of pride for all students, ensuring our parks and landscape are valued, making sure seniors, families, farm-

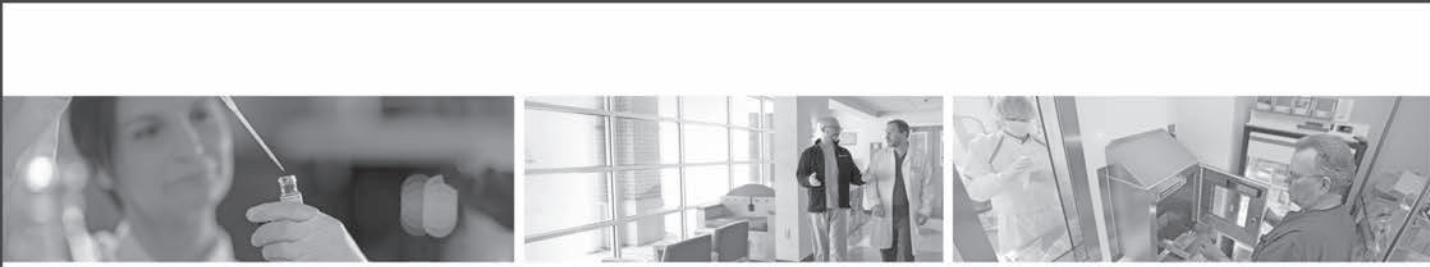


ers, workers and veterans in town feel their concerns are understood is a big enough task for all of us, which some of the more divisive forms of politics do very little to help us confront.

**What is your vision for the future?** I think Killingly has a lot of exceptional qualities which sometimes we don't recognize. We can become overwhelmed by some of our very real challenges and these can crowd out our ability to recognize some of the opportunities in front of us. Personally, I feel we have one of one of the most attractive main streets in the region along with possibilities along the waterfront. We need to be proactive in encouraging smart growth in our town, maintain quality schools and make sure Killingly a beautiful and affordable place to live, raise a family or retire.



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**Name:** Christopher Mongeau  
**Position sought:** Town Council – District Five  
**Town of:** Killingly

**Background/ Qualifications:** Teacher for the CT Technical Education and Career System, teaching Precision Machining at Vinal Technical High School. Machinist for 20 years before teaching. Locally, I have worked for Spirol, Slater Hill Tool, Sterling Precision Machining, Superwinch, and Anchor Glass. Ellis Tech Graduate, Class of 1993. Married to Jessica Mongeau (active Killingly PTO member and local teacher). Father students at KMS and KCS. Volunteer for local school and community functions.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** As a Killingly resident I would like to see our community grow and develop in a positive direction. Utilizing input from all community members, I will strive to make decisions that help our community prosper. I look forward to serving our district and our town. I will be there to represent your needs so that, together, we can move Killingly forward.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I plan on representing my district to the best of my ability, I will listen to all points of view and try to make a decision that will benefit all residents. Only by working together can



we make Killingly grow and prosper. I take this type of work very seriously and will fulfill all the duties of this position and put the work into it as needed.

**What is your vision for the future?** My vision for the future of Killingly is to keep Killingly fiscally responsible. I want to bring back local Main Street businesses in downtown. It is also important to help our school systems to make sure the students of our town get the education and the chances they deserve to be successful. Our town needs to be able to work together as a team to make Killingly grow and prosper.

**Name:** Jennifer York  
**Position sought:** Board of Finance  
**Town of:** Pomfret

**Background/Qualifications:** Currently serving on the Board of Finance, and for the last two budget seasons. I have been working in finance since high school and I am a recent graduate of New England College of Finance, Boston MA, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I have experience in many different financial areas. I started in banking as a young adult, where I gained experience through front line banking, bank audits, mergers, and public offerings. Continuing in the financial area, I became a Grants Director for a charitable foundation that served the Tolland and Windham Counties. At the same time, I worked hard to grow our family business. Most recently, I worked as an accounting/human resource manager.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** My strong commitment to making a difference and support of the Pomfret community. My family has lived here for almost 20 years and Pomfret is special to me. We have grown our family and business here



and will continue to for many years.

**What is your vision for the future?** My vision for the town of Pomfret is to get more community involvement from residents. There are so many opportunities for residents on town Boards and committees to get involved in and to make an impact. Keeping the mill rate low is essential to attract residents and keep our population stable. I envision another successful budget season with the collaborative efforts of all the board members.

**Name:** Michael Paquin  
**Position sought:** Board of Finance  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/Qualifications:** Raised and educated in Putnam. Local small business owner, NEC Bodyworks Towing Division. Member of the WPCA from April 2017 to present. Elected Vice-Chair of WPCA in 2018. Member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks, Putnam Knights of Columbus, Chrome & Steel Veteran Riders Club, and American Pool Players Association.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** As a first time candidate, I wouldn't presume to be "the best" one. My team entrusted me because of my work on the WPCA. I oversee the large operational budget, instituted cost-saving methods, and found ways to generate income. In July 2018, on my recommendation, we invested in equipment needed to receive commercial waste. We earn a net profit of \$25,000 monthly, the equipment will be paid for in 18 months, and we expect to earn \$300,000 annually.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I'm willing to consider everyone's opinion regardless of their



political or philosophical views.

**What is your vision for the future?** Putnam is a beautiful town and has a terrific future if we stay the course with respects to improving our infrastructure. Solid infrastructure coupled with our excellent school system will attract businesses and people will call Putnam their home.

**Name:** Jeffrey A. Rawson  
**Position sought:** Selectman  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** Born, raised in Putnam, loving husband, father of three children, graduate of Assumption College (Bachelor's, Sociology and Political Science), successful businessman with experience in management and finance, former Putnam Business Association President, director for QVCC Foundation, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW), The Arc Eastern CT, incorporator for Day Kimball Hospital and Jewett City Saving Bank, finalist Hartford Business Journal's Non-Profit Heroes, past recipient of Northeastern CT Chamber of Commerce's Business Leader of the Year award.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I believe I am an excellent candidate first and foremost because I am part of a strong team that listens to the citizens, considers their ideas and concerns, and takes action. With respect to my individuality, my love for the Town of Putnam and my desire to ensure that others have the same opportunities that I have had both in Putnam and in life are pervasive in my actions and motivate and drive me.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** What differentiates me from my opponents is my ability to view issues objectively and in a non-partisan manner. I consider my commitment to work in a bi-partisan manner to be a fundamental principle in my governance and have embraced this role. My busi-



ness experience both in the private and non-profits sectors has provided me with opportunities to learn from a myriad of people with varying backgrounds and has helped shape me into a strong leader.

**What is your vision for the future?** My vision for the future is to continue the growth of Putnam as the jewel of northeastern Connecticut while providing the highest quality of life for all. This includes continued and tangible progress with respect to the Town's infrastructure, services, recreation, and overall sense of community. I am proud to have called Putnam "home" for my entire life, am thankful for being elected in 2017 and hopeful for the opportunity to continue my efforts.

**Name:** Roy Simmons  
**Position sought:** Selectman  
**Town of:** Putnam


**Background/Qualifications:** Raised in Putnam. Graduated Putnam High School, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1980. Served in the Submarine Force, commissioned in 1997, and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 2008. I hold a B.S. degree in Organizational Management. Served on several town boards and commissions, including the Board of Selectmen from 2015 to present. Appointed Deputy Mayor in 2017. Member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks, American Legion, and community theater enthusiast.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I am not the "best candidate." I am a member of a team whose sum is greater than our individual parts. Each of our candidates brings a record of public service, professional and civic leadership experience, and diverse skill sets to the table.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I conduct myself in a manner befitting a public servant. I welcome and embrace public inquiry and scrutiny. I have always discussed issues with, and sought the opinions, ideas, and recommendations of others – regardless of their political affiliation.



**What is your vision for the future?** Putnam's best days are ahead if we continue our aggressive approach to improving our infrastructure. We must remain diligent in repairing roads, sidewalks, bridges, and parking spaces. We must continue to attract new businesses that create jobs and increase tax revenues, and potentially attract new residents and homeowners. We must continue our judicious use of financial resources to fund infrastructure upgrades that ultimately improve the quality of life of our citizens.






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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Name:** Donald Steinbrick  
**Position sought:** Member of the Board of Selectmen  
**Town of:** Putnam

**Background/ Qualifications:** I am a life-long resident of Putnam. I have been a member of Putnam’s Board of Selectmen for the past two years. I also on the Zoning Board for multiple years. I served in the United States Air Force, and I am currently a member of the Putnam American Legion. I was also a Justice of the Peace.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I have been actively serving in local politics for several years. I have also been an advocate for our taxpayers, seeking to keep Putnam’s mil rate stable. My experience as a Selectman and being part of a strong team to address the needs of the citizens of Putnam.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** Since I have been in office for the past two years, I am up-to-date on the current issues facing Putnam. I am well aware that past administrations have neglected our infrastructure and the needs of our taxpayers.

**What is your vision for the future?** I

**Name:** Lydia Rivera-Abrams  
**Position sought:** Killingly Board of Education  
**Town of:** Killingly

**Background/ Qualifications:** Three years. serving on the Killingly Board of Ed., Masters Degree in Education Administration, 18 years Administrative/ Supervisory positions in Boston Public Schools, 7 years. Teaching

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** First-hand experience on our Killingly Board and Boston School Committee matters, as the Superintendent’s Liaison to the 13 member School Committee for 3 years.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** Training, Experience, and Focus exclusively on an accredited K-12 Education program, the Staff who implements it, and the environment in which it takes place.

**What is your vision for the future?** An equitably balanced school district focused on providing a student based



want to continue the progress that our current administration has begun for the Town of Putnam. Our work is not yet done. We need to continue supporting better services for our citizens. We need to continue rebuilding our infrastructure that was neglected for so long. I will continue to be a voice for every citizen in the Town of Putnam through advocating for fiscal responsibility. I am willing to make decisions in the best interest in the town. I have a great love of our community.



PreK through grade 12 educational program, designed to enhance student performance within comprehensive standards. Meeting this challenge will provide them and their families the information they need to make the choices that will guide them towards a better quality of life, in Killingly or elsewhere.

**Name:** Lauren Skiff  
**Position sought:** Board of Education  
**Town of:** Eastford

**Background/ Qualifications:** I am presently serving on the Board of Education and am involved in the Board’s recent and upcoming agenda items. As a licensed Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner, I have extensive knowledge of the growth and development needs of our students, I appreciate the challenges and opportunities that those needs place on educators, and I am professionally trained in youth risk-prevention and safety. As a parent, I am committed to finding the best solutions for our students.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** The education and well-being of youth has always been my passion. Leveraging my distinct combination of experience as an educator, parent, and pediatric clinician enables me to uniquely unite expertise and a balanced perspective to serve our community. I am actively involved in Eastford Elementary School as a parent and have firsthand understanding of the quality education provided to our students. I have a vested interest in the future of education in Eastford.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** I have extensive experience in pediatrics and education both professionally and as a community member. My practice has included serving teenage patients in a School-Based Health Center, where I collaborated with school staff to ensure student well-being. Additionally, I have served as Adjunct Faculty for a master’s program, served patients from birth



through college, have volunteered as a tutor in an inner-city youth program, and currently teach elementary age students within our community at church.

**What is your vision for the future?** I envision Eastford’s Board of Education further fostering excellence in education, supporting faculty endeavors, and encouraging community participation in our school, to produce well-rounded students who are ready to impact the world locally and abroad as compassionate, engaged, and responsible citizens. I foresee a legacy of outstanding education through fiscally responsible decision making that attracts young families to the community and encourages our students to be proud to have been raised in Eastford.

**Name:** Jenn Trayner  
**Position sought:** Constable  
**Town of:** Pomfret

**Background/ Qualifications:** Experienced constable, enjoy the job and working with residents. Physically fit and ready, willing and able!

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** I have experience and get along well with the public. I enjoy my assignments as constable and frequently volunteer to help out different organizations.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?** There are not many female constables, although this year there are 3 on the ballot. I have been a constable several years and people know me. My experience makes me better able to serve the public and do the job. I enjoy working with people and it gives me a great sense of pride to be an active part of my community.



**What is your vision for the future?** I want to see Pomfret continue to be a safe, friendly community where residents get along, work together for the greater good, and care about each other.

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## A five-star life

The large man in front of me shoved his seat back as the plane lifted off. The tray table was nearly in my lap and although I had an aisle seat, I felt I'd have more room stuffed in the overhead compartment. I'm a small person and if I'm cramped, most people must be miserable. I wanted to ask my fellow traveler if he could put the seat up, but I didn't. I was going to visit relatives. I was alone. I didn't want trouble.

Is it bad manners to shove the seat back or just how it goes when traveling economy class. Must we endure discomfort and be quiet about it? Yes, I guess we do. But there is a way to vent – write a review and post it somewhere.

On a variety of sites, one can review anything. In Maine last summer we stayed at a seasonal hotel we've visited for years. The owner, whom we have come to know, said that she was shocked by reviews from guests who complained of things she would have fixed had they told her such as a burned out light bulb. She felt betrayed by stealth reviews as the visitors left ostensibly happy



NANCY WEISS

I read reviews before I buy a large item or when we visit a new restaurant. Nearly early everything gets between 4 and 5 stars, which are good to excellent. I'm drawn to read the negative reviews, not because I'm a downer but because, according to an article I read, we are all interested in hearing what's wrong and we

think we are making a better decision if we consider both sides. Of course, few people write reviews at all and most are positive.

The better way is to experience things first hand. On a visit to Arkansas, my family took me to five different chain restaurants. I believe they are called "fast casual". They were all within a short distance from where my relatives live, which is a senior community. Several of the restaurants I had never visited before and I hoped that they were hospitable to my brother and sister-in-law.

At every place, regardless of what meal we ordered, the food was tasty, attractive and reasonably priced. Best of all, the wait staff were so friendly and accommodating, I began to wonder how often my relatives ate there and perhaps how much they tip. The restaurants are fairly large and located in an area that draws tourist, but they felt like local establishments. If I were to give them a rating, it would be 5 stars for friendliness, good manners, willingness to accommodate customer needs and fry food to perfection.

We are living in a "review culture" that allows us to rate every experience. If we take the time, we can pick through every detail of an event and comment on it. Weddings should be flawless and every school function effortless. The pressure of so much perfection is exhausting and unrealistic.

I read airline reviews and found the company I flew with recently was high on one scale and mid-range on another. Many passengers rant about cramped leg room and boorish behavior, but overall we are happy enough to get where we are going on time.

We can honestly review only our own behavior and values. If I want a 5-star experience or a 5-star life, I have to find it on my own. I can decide to keep my airline seat upright for the entire flight, whether or not the guy behind me even notices. I can celebrate good manners wherever I find them.

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GOOD NEWS

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Killingly BOE excludes community

How hypocritical. At the September Killingly Board of Education meeting, the BOE identified a new set of pillars going forward to include: Community Inclusion.

At the previous June BOE meeting, the BOE voted to exclude the community on the decision to eliminate the 100-year Redmen legacy. According to Killingly Democrats, the way to include town citizens and the community is to exclude town citizens and the community. Every Killingly Democrat BOE member voted to eliminate our 100-year Redmen legacy. Democrats up for election this year

### Sorry state of democracy in Pomfret

Burt Lance is credited with popularizing the phrase "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". So, why is the Town of Pomfret First Selectman proposing that the Board of Selectmen term of office be changed from two years to four years?

One reason bantered around is that it takes the First Selectman at least one year to learn the job. Another reason is that it is getting harder to find candidates to run for this position.

History has shown that the longer a politician is in office, the more corrupt he or she

### Burke supports Gaudrea

I can't think of a person more qualified to properly assess the values of property in Killingly, the primary purpose of the Board of Assessment Appeal (BAA) Member, than Kevin Gaudreau. Kevin has over 30 years of professional experience assessing property. Kevin's qualifications far exceed those of his opponents. If you know Kevin, he is all about citizens keeping more of their money. He is

### Castonguay supports Heath

I am writing on behalf of Jamie Heath, candidate for Mayor for the town of Putnam. I have known Jamie Heath for most of my life. He was born and raised in the town of Putnam. He has made the town of Putnam his home since 1987 when he returned to Putnam after his service in the Army. Jamie is well versed in the town's politics. He is a family man and is always available to his family to share in their happiness and in their time of need.

He has been involved in the town's politics, activities, and been a part of many committees and donated his time to many functions over the years. He is the voice of reason in whatever conversation he is

### Kjos supports Skiff

I am delighted to support Lauren Skiff for Board of Education. Lauren is currently serving on the Board of Education, having been unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy in May. In the short time Lauren has been on the Board, she has shown her eagerness to educate herself in the work of the Board and to become more involved in the school and in the community. She is the mother of three young children, and therefore, has a vested interest in maintaining a level of excellence in the school system that Eastford residents have come to expect. She holds a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She heads the Child Safety protocol program at our local church. With her

### Dubay supports Whitehead

I heartily endorse Cole Whitehead for Killingly Town Council in this 2019 election. Having known Cole from his youth through a close family friend, I have observed him to be not only extremely resourceful but also extremely helpful and gracious whenever his help was requested for both personal and family needs. Cole Whitehead's principled character would serve the Town of Killingly in an

### Vote for Eastford Republicans

The Town of Eastford must keep pace with the demands of modern-day government even as the State increases burdensome mandates and decreases aid. In seeking efficiencies and effectiveness, current First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois has applied accountability to departments responsible for providing municipal services. Dubois made adjustments to secretarial staff at great savings; she automated the payroll system and intercepted overtime errors; she required new reporting from the Public Works Department which

who voted to eliminate our Redmen legacy are Jeff Buchbinder, Christopher Viens and Lydia Abrams. I believe each should be voted out of office next Tuesday. Every Republican BOE candidate supports the Redmen legacy. If the Republicans do not sweep the BOE elections, it's quite likely Hoween Flexer will be the Chair of our BOE. In my opinion, this will not be good for our community.

MATT DANBURG  
2004 REDMEN ALUMNI

becomes. If the wrong person, for whatever reason, is in office for two years, the electors have the opportunity to make a change quicker than if that person is elected for four years.

It is a sorry state of affairs that the electors of Pomfret will have no choice or reason to vote for the Board of Selectmen in November. The three present selectmen will automatically be elected with one vote.

FORD FAY  
POMFRET

the right person for the job. He has served in this position for two years and should be returned to office. I urge all Killingly citizens to vote for Kevin Gaudreau for Killingly Board of Assessment Appeal (BAA).

JACK BURKE  
KILLINGLY

involved with. I have watched him take action on numerous occasions and be a strong advocate for those that are in need. Jamie Heath is the fresh voice. He will listen to concerned citizens and advocate for them. He will be fiscally responsible while getting things accomplished on behalf of the town of Putnam. He is honest, diligent, dedicated, and the kindest man I know. I am proud to endorse Jamie Heath. Please get out and vote on Nov. 5. Vote or Democrat Jamie Heath and the rest of the Democratic Party.

MICHAEL CASTONGUAY  
WOODSTOCK

background in pediatrics and education, having worked in a school-based health center as a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Lauren brings a fresh, energetic perspective to the table. She is fiscally prudent, committed to providing the best possible education for our students at the most reasonable cost to our taxpayers. Eastford is fortunate to have Lauren serving on the Board of Education. Eastford residents, I urge you to join me on November 5th in voting to keep Lauren Skiff serving on the Eastford Board of Education.

ABIGAIL HUSTUS KJOS  
EASTFORD

effective capacity to help Killingly be fiscally responsible with our taxpayer's dollars. Being a local business owner and having been part of Killingly's business community for over 40 years, I believe Cole Whitehead would be the best choice for our town council.

DALE M. DUBAY  
DANIELSON

led to sharper budgeting and better planning. These and other efforts have trimmed the cost of town government while maintaining necessary services. Efficient government costs less. On Nov. 5, we urge our fellow citizens to vote for Jacqueline Dubois, Jim Trowbridge, and the whole Republican team.

RUSS MAYHEW, RICK TORGESON,  
ALLAN PLATT  
EASTFORD

## Headlines vs. fundamentals



FINANCIAL  
FOCUS  
JIM ZAHANSKY  
INVESTMENT  
ADVISER

People often worry about how news headlines or government action and policy will affect the financial markets. While there is some truth to that, we must also consider that the market may fluctuate but it's always a good idea to stay level-headed and unemotional when that happens. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth advisors, our Investment Committee meets on a daily basis to assess global economic and market performance so that we have the best insight when advising our clients and managing their portfolios.

At the end of last year, the big question was, "Will 2019 bring the end of the recovery?" All of the data seemed to point to an answer of "Not yet." And so far, that answer still holds. The big picture suggests growth is likely to continue for the rest of the year, which should, in turn, support the financial markets. But there's more to the story.

Headlines vs. fundamentals: To date, it has been an eventful year. Markets moved up, pulled back sharply, and then bounced again. The economy was slow to start, picked up during the first quarter, and now may be slowing again. Meanwhile, the political story has included the Mueller report, a China trade deal and then a trade war, a postponement of Brexit, and looming tensions with Iran.

Reacting to all of these headlines would have been a bad strategy. Because while the markets have been more volatile this year, the fundamentals—the underpinnings of our economy—have remained solid.

Take job growth, for example. Although there has been volatility in the monthly job gains, the overall growth rate has remained steady at more than 2 million jobs per year. Over the past 40 years, when job growth has been at this level, a recession has been at least a year away. Yes, we have seen some weakening recently, but the year-on-year trend remains strong.

Similarly, consumer confidence levels remain high, at levels last seen in 2001, and the year-on-year change is positive. We have never had a recession without a decline in confidence of at least 20 points over the previous year. This should buy us another secure 12 months or more.

Business confidence is weaker than both job growth and consumer confidence, currently sitting at close to its lowest levels of the past several years. Despite that, it is still solidly expansionary, suggesting continued—though slower—growth.

Even the yield curve spread shows risk is not likely immediate. Although the yield curve is on the verge on inverting, an inversion would only start the recession clock ticking. Historically, the initial inversion has preceded a recession by a year or more, which once again leaves us in the green for the balance of 2019.

Looking at these fundamentals, it's clear that conditions are better than the headlines suggest. We have never had a recession with job growth as strong as it is, with confidence where it is, and with the yield curve where it is. Some slowing is likely, but slowing is still growing, with calendar-year expectations for economic growth sitting between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.

The Fed and monetary policy: Given the healthy data mentioned above, we could have reasonably expected inflation to rise—and it did, but not by much. More, the most recent data suggests that, with slowing growth, inflation has started to pull back again. Although the Fed

# Who knows about Thomas Knowlton of Knowlton’s Rangers



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WEAVER

This past Monday, Oct. 28, I gave a power point presentation on Noted People from Northeastern Connecticut for LiR at Quinebaug Valley Community College. I thought I'd share a little about a few men and add a more information since the program was meant as an overview. During the 18th century a number of individuals gained recognition and fame because of their participation in the fight for Independence and the formation of a new country.

I'm sure that most of you have heard of Israel Putnam. How many of you have heard of Thomas Knowlton and Knowlton's Rangers? I learned the following from <https://connecticuthistory.org/thomas-knowlton-a-small-town-national-hero/> "Thomas Knowlton is arguably Ashford's most widely recognized war hero. His service during the Seven Years' War and the American Revolution are memorialized in a statue on the grounds of the State Capitol and in the dedication of Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford.

"Knowlton first saw military action when he enlisted as a private in Colonel Phineas Lyman's Connecticut provincial regiment in 1757 during the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War). He fought in numerous important battles during the war, including the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga in 1758. His service culminated with the siege of Havana in 1762, by which time

he had risen to the rank of second lieutenant.

"A New Call to Duty. After the war, Knowlton served as an Ashford selectman, until he heard about the outbreak of hostilities at Lexington and Concord. As a militia captain at Ashford, he led a company of 78 men to help surround the British in Boston. The General Assembly appointed Knowlton captain of the fifth company of Israel Putnam's Third Connecticut Regiment and he and his men poured a withering fire on British troops advancing on a strategic rail fence during the Battle of Bunker Hill".

John Trumbull of Lebanon included Knowlton in his painting The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17, 1775, (1786, oil on canvas). Knowlton is shown in the white shirt holding a musket – Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The painting is easily found in an online search. Israel Putnam is also included in the painting but unfortunately is thought to be nearer the left edge and is more difficult to identify.

"On January 1, 1776, Knowlton received a promotion to major of the Twentieth Continental Regiment of the Continental army. Shortly after, he marched his regiment to New York City to assist General George Washington in the defense of the city. Now a lieutenant colonel, Knowlton led a group of light infantry fighters known as Knowlton's Rangers. These men undertook the dangerous task of obtaining intelligence information for the Continental army. Included among Knowlton's troops was the soon-to-be-famous patriot Nathan Hale\*.

"On September 16, 1776, at Harlem Heights, Knowlton's men undertook a reconnaissance mission that brought them into direct contact with the British army. Knowlton engaged the British in

battle in an effort to prevent them from pursuing the fleeing Continental army up Manhattan Island. Knowlton's men suffered heavy casualties, including Knowlton himself, whose life was ended by a fatal shot to the back. In his General Orders the next day, Washington paid tribute to 'the gallant and brave Colonel Knowlton, who would have been an honor to any country.'"

\*Nathan Hale was another Revolutionary hero from Northeastern Connecticut, being from Coventry. "He volunteered for an intelligence-gathering mission in New York City but was captured by the British and executed"--hanged as a spy. He was born June 6, 1755 and died September 22, 1776, aged 21.

([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathan\\_Hale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathan_Hale)).

If you are interested in local town participation in the fight for freedom during the years leading up to and throughout the Revolutionary period, read Ellen D. Larned's History of Windham County, Connecticut. She provides a wealth of information and names and lists many local individuals who were also heroes.

Can you name the Signer of the Declaration of Independence from this greater area? If you said, "Samuel Huntington" of Scotland, Connecticut you are correct. He also signed the Articles of Confederation, served in the Continental Congress, and "was elected president of the Continental Congress on Sept. 28, 1779. Some historians argue he was the first president of the United States because he was president of the Continental Congress when the Articles of Confederation were ratified on March 1, 1781. That document created the new republic." (Congress <http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/samuel-huntington.jpg>).

Huntington "also served as chief jus-

tice of the Connecticut Supreme Court from 1784 to 1785, and the 18th Governor of Connecticut from 1786 until his death."

([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel\\_Huntington\\_\(Connecticut\\_politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Huntington_(Connecticut_politician))).

Note: The Killingly Historical Center will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 so that the staff can attend the Killingly Historical Society program next door at Westfield Congregational Church.

The Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society will present Facts of the Indigenous Thanksgiving by Olison Best and Jerred Swiftcloud Best of the Narragansett Tribe Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson. Light refreshments will be provided. A short business meeting will take place at 1 p.m. prior to the presentation. For additional information contact the Society at 860-779-7250 or [direction@killinglyhistorical.org](mailto:direction@killinglyhistorical.org).

Needed: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society is in need of a volunteer Board Secretary. If you are interested, visit the Center during regular Wednesday or Saturday hours or email Elaine Tennis at [director@killinglyhistorical.org](mailto:director@killinglyhistorical.org).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Selective democracy in Killingly

Killingly voters, never has there been a better reason to vote straight Republican than this Tuesday. Consider two examples:

Tolls. In May, the Town Council took a vote on a nonbinding resolution opposing tolls, and a new tax on every Killingly citizen. The resolution failed in a 4-4 vote (there was an absent seat). Every Democrat Town Council member voted to side with Ned Lamont and tolls. Every Republican opposed the new tax and wanted to send Ned Lamont a no new tax message.

Redmen Legacy. Eliminating the 100-year Redmen legacy was an effort led by Democrat BOE members, and in particular Hoween Flexer and Jeff Buchbinder. This is clear to anyone paying attention or that attended or watched the BOE meeting in June when the BOE essentially voted to eliminate our 100-year legacy.

When Republican Doug Farrow brought forward a motion to send the question to the town for a nonbinding resolution, to listen to the people of the town, every Democrat opposed, and the motion was defeated. Democrats decided there was no reason to include the town in this decision. Apparently, democracy is selective for Democrats.

Mr. Buchbinder actually said to the effect "the town is more than 90 percent white, so we know how that vote would turn out". I found his comment offensive and surely something a bigoted BOE member should keep to himself.

Got that, according to Democrats, our town is racist, taxpayers too white to decide. It is best the Nipmuc Indians

from Massachusetts decide was the BOE decision. Taxpayers get no say. The Norwich Bulletin called our BOE "cowardly" for their decision. As a point of fact, this town twice voted for Barack Obama as president.

Democrats appear to believe they are cleansing the town from our racist past by eliminating our 100-year tradition of honoring Native Americans. They are confessing our sins for us, and we citizens are to be grateful for their moral guidance and doing what is best for our collective souls. To honor Native Americans, we must stop honoring Native Americans is the Killingly Democrat religion.

I suggest calling everyone who wants to retain the Redmen legacy a racist is at best ignorant and malicious, and certainly uncivil, and a sure sign that you have lost the intellectual debate.

Me, I'm tired of paying more and higher taxes to a corrupt government and the Democrats calling me a racist because I disagree with them. Vote straight Republican this November. Republicans oppose the Redmen name change, they oppose tolls and new state taxes, and they oppose nonsensical "progressive" ideas to eliminate the traditions and culture of our town.

I suggest, if the Republicans do not sweep the BOE vote this Tuesday, Hoween Flexer is likely our town's BOE Chair. Read that again.

BEVERLY FERRON  
KILLINGLY

### Against road tolls

On 14 May, the Killingly Town Council took a vote on any plan to implement tolls on Connecticut highways through a nonbinding town resolution. The resolution's vote was 4-4 with one seat vacant.

Every Democrat Town council member voted with Ned Lamont to raise our taxes and the cost of living in Connecticut through the addition of tolls to include: Ed Grandelski, Adam Griffiths, David Griffiths and Lynn LaBerge. Each one of these candidates is up for re-election next Tuesday.

Every Republican voted for the resolution of no tolls to include: John Cesolini, Kevin Kerttula, Jason

### Woodstock zoning changes bad for quality of life

Perhaps you may have missed it. Perhaps you didn't realize the importance of it to the Woodstock way of life as we know it today. But the special place that is Woodstock is under challenge. This past year, lot size and conservation set-aside zoning changes were drafted and approved by the majority Republican Woodstock Planning and Zoning Board, in a vote that was largely a party line vote, the R's vs. the D's. In these far reaching zoning changes that define what will be Woodstock of the future (town-wide) 'We The People' did not get to cast our vote if we approve or disapprove of these lot size and conservation set-aside reductions.

There was no 'Woodstock Vision 2050' committee constituted. No public straw dog vote taken in a Town Meeting to see if 'We the People' approve or dis-

Anderson and Tammy Wakefield. Kevin and Jason are up for re-election, and every Republican Town Council candidate opposes tolls and any new state taxes on the citizens of Killingly.

Killingly residents should keep this in mind when they go to the polls on November 5th. One party believes you are taxed enough, another party believes you should pay more and higher taxes.

I believe Connecticut citizens are taxed enough.

LORI DODD  
KILLINGLY

approved of the proposed new direction for our town. That each property owner in Woodstock now needs to be on edge that their hard earned slice of paradise gets overrun with abutting 1 acre subdivisions.

This Planning Board election on Tuesday is not about if the Republicans that voted in these changes are good citizens. It is about decisions unilaterally made on 'Big Ticket' items where bad decisions are not easily, if at all, recoverable from (such as zoning changes). Once these genies are out of the bottle, they usually are not getting back in.

Your Planning Board vote is paramount. Be heard on this seminal topic for the future of Woodstock

JIM DUNLEA  
WOODSTOCK

### Durst supports Fortin

Woodstock residents who follow town affairs know board/commission members who they have come to regard highly. These town-serving board/commission members know Woodstock well, prepare for meetings, have a high record of attendance, reason and speak well, and have respect for the public. These "best" board members have something in common, which is that they are essential to the decision-making process. All board members have one vote, but all are not equal in impact to the board's decisions. One such person on Woodstock's Board of Finance is Dave Fortin. Regardless of your affilia-

tion, recognize the worth of this member to an important board. I attribute Dave's value to his practice of asking as many questions as he makes statements. By doing this, he promotes understanding of both sides of an argument and decisions that are adequately discussed. Dave's name will be on the second line. Recognize his past years of service and continuing importance to the way the BOF makes its decisions. Re-elect Dave; he serves us all.

WOODY DURST  
WOODSTOCK

### Kaplan supports Beausoleil

Over the last 5 years I have known Ken Beausoleil as a person of integrity who says what he means and means what he says. He was responsible for the sale of 910 Riverside Drive (the former pallet company) which recouped for the town over \$130,000 in lost tax revenue. He has tirelessly represented the town for the town's best interests (not his own). It is uncommon to meet someone in politics as dedicated as Ken. His hands on approach to governing has been the connectivity between town departments, commissions, boards both locally as well as on a regional, state, and federal level. His steady approach has positioned the town to make great strides in economic devel-

opment. His qualified leadership has guaranteed that important departmental positions have been staffed with the right people to get the jobs done. I know from my own experience that development and redevelopment take time, foresight, determination, and commitment and integrity. These are qualities and attributes that make Ken Beausoleil stand out from the crowd. A vote for Ken Beausoleil and Charlene Langlois is a vote to keep Thompson moving forward with proven leadership and true promise.

MICHAEL KAPLAN  
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No fan of Trump

Anarchy. Noun: “a state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority.” What else can you call it when a group of Trump-supporting Congressional Representatives crashes a closed door investigational meeting? They blatantly broke legitimate congressional rules by barging in and by carrying electronic devices which are prohibited in such meetings. All but 12 of those people were not allowed into the meeting because they were not members of the committees holding the investigation or specifically invited by the committees.

And how hypocritical can you get? The Dems are faithfully following the rules for such an investigation that the GOP themselves instituted in 2015! Yes – the GOP’ers are complaining that things are unfair while their own rules are being adhered to.

And it makes no difference that a dozen of the meeting crashers were entitled to attend the investigation. If they were conscientious, law abiding people, they would have attended the meeting as they were entitled to instead of partaking in a clearly anarchic mob.

Can’t you see just what Trump is fostering in our government and society? Anarchy. He met with this group beforehand and encouraged them to act. This is overt disregard for rules, laws, the Constitution and usual norms of society. He has been teaching that it is perfectly alright to do whatever you want because no one is going to hold you accountable. You can get away with anything.

There can be no argument that Trump has run his entire life this way. With no consequence to him he has been an adulterer, he has been a self-admitted

sexual molester, he has cheated innumerable contractors, governments and lawyers by reneging on contracts, fees and taxes, and now is flaunting the Constitution.

He is acting like a dictator (again) by asserting he could not be arrested if he were to commit murder because he is immune from any prosecution. A complete lie. That’s why we have the Constitution to protect us from a megalomaniac claiming he is above the law.

And can anyone remember any President, any member of Congress or any non-dictator world leader stooping so low to resort to name calling? Trump does this to intimidate and belittle anyone he doesn’t like. Many who like Trump think this is OK, possibly because it is so outrageous, i.e., it is cool to use provoking words. With a stand-up comic, being outrageous is part of the act. From a President, it brings the Presidential Office to a low, common ground instead of elevating it to a high, moral level.

And as a final word, something many of us have read. Why do we not hear anything from the GOP Senators or Representatives about the facts of the impeachment investigation? Nothing. Oh, we hear about how unfair things are (get over it), how things are being done in secret (bosh), and that it is a witch hunt (there might really be a witch to be found). When you can’t argue substance or fact, throw up a dust cloud bitching about how, why and what is going on. Again, intellectual corruption.

STEPHEN ETZEL  
PUTNAM

On electric cars

My wife just bought a zero-emission, all-electric car. She loves everything about it: how quiet it is, what amazing acceleration it has, its 250-mile range, that we can use our house photovoltaic panels to charge it, the Federal \$7,500 tax credit that helped us afford it, and, best of all, when she passes children or adults on bikes or the sidewalk, she knows they’re not breathing her exhaust.

When she goes downhill or comes to a stop, rather than just heating the brakes, the car uses its momentum to add charge to the battery, extending the range.

We can charge it in our driveway in an afternoon from a modified dryer outlet, but there are high-speed public stations, one in Putnam near the DMV and one here in Woodstock at Sweet Evalina’s – have lunch and drive away fully charged.

More all-electrics are coming soon. Ford’s 300-mile range Mustang should be out next year and they’re negotiating to have charging outlets at a wide network of gas stations. Remember what I wrote about acceleration?

This transition will happen quickly, Volkswagen and BMW are planning to go all-electric. China overtook the US in electric cars four years ago because their government supports the indus-

try. We should support ours.

When the U.S.-supported solar panel manufacturer Solyndra went bankrupt, the argument that the Feds “should not pick winners,” gained strength and, so, now almost all those photovoltaic panels we see are made in China. There’s a smarter way than an expensive tariffs war to compete with China. US Government investment in electric car development and infrastructure is critical.

A Democrat plan to do that will be proposed if they take the Senate back, next year. It is supported by climate groups like the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the League of Conservation Voters; labor unions like the United Automobile Workers and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and car manufacturers like Ford and General Motors.

It will be good for the future of all citizens and American manufacturing and will be a crucial contribution to our need to reduce the one third of U.S.’s carbon output that comes from transportation.

It’s a win/win for everyone but the oil companies.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM  
WOODSTOCK

George supports Farrow

I would like to recommend Doug Farrow for a continued seat on the Killingly Board of Education. I was a student of Doug Farrow’s at the Learning Clinic which I graduated from in 2016. I have had a few people in my life who I will always be grateful to for the time they invested in me throughout my life. Doug is one of those people. He was, hands down my favorite teacher, mentor and coach. Doug is extremely intelligent but never speaks down to people, he is kind and caring but will let you know when you could make better choices and he is a very strong advocate for guys like me; I learn a little different than most people which makes life challenging sometimes. Doug helped me to recognize that we are all different and using those differences as an asset is better than being a victim. I am very thankful for his support and encouragement as a teacher, mentor and coach.

When I decided to play baseball, I wasn’t very good. It was pretty hard for a lot of us to even hit the ball. He wasn’t working with the most athletic

bunch but it was a fantastic experience. Through the heartbreak of losing a lot, we learned it is okay and every game you lose, you learn something new that will make you better next time. Doug treated us like we were the best ballplayers he ever worked with. His motivation kept us wanting to play even though we were awful! Guess what — over the years I played, we got better and were eventually competitive. That was due to Doug’s encouragement, patience and hard work.

Doug’s positive outlook, cheerful disposition, intelligence, experience and calm under pressure make it pretty obvious he needs to stay in that seat on the Board of Ed. I will definitely cast my vote on November 5th for Killingly Board of Education and I believe you should too. He will continue to serve this community well and as always, put the students first.

SEAN GEORGE  
DAYVILLE

Building for Generations

BY JAMES DORAN KELLAWAY  
FOR WESTVIEW

Country Living at Westview Commons—a luxury living opportunity in the form of a 75-unit independent and assisted living facility—is a currently culminating venture that is decades in the making and on track to be completed autumn 2020. It has been strongly, but carefully, pushed forward by David T. Panteleakos, Westview Commons Owner, Donna Copeland, Westview Commons Executive Director and Herbert Czermak, Westview Commons Owner over the past two years with town meetings, financial planning, construction strategies, census research, and marketing development. Their vision for a retirement lifestyle destination has been around for much longer; well before this recent stage of physical assembly.

David Panteleakos is a Westview Commons owner and currently the Administrator/CEO of Westview Health Care Center: a 103 bed, nationally recognized, 5-star rated skilled inpatient nursing care and outpatient rehabilitation facility. He has literally grown up in this environment, for he represents the third consecutive generation of his family to work in healthcare field. Eileen Panteleakos (David’s mother) dreamt of a Westview-affiliated independent living facility during her preceding tenure as the Administrator of the skilled nursing facility. She stipulated that it should offer extraordinary value for a competitive level of investment within the market of retired living communities. In 1998 Eileen Panteleakos and the President of Westview Health Care Center, Herbert Czermak, developed the initial plans for “a comfortable, caring, beautiful retirement home in picturesque Northeastern Connecticut.”

As the baby boom generation has made its way to (and now through) retirement age, the corresponding shift in demographics necessitates that more options become available to seniors. The growth of this population creates an increase in needs that a life at Westview Commons caters perfectly for older active adults. They may desire to downsize a home, increase free time,

hire supplementary domestic services, perform less landscaping labor, travel or retired individuals may simply want to make a few new friends and have more recreational options. The executives developing this project firmly believe that independent lifestyles are the means by and for which those wishes will be met.

Not only will Country Living at Westview Commons be operated by administration and staff that remains keenly aware of senior’s desires with a state-of-the-art facility, but it will all be available at entry level pricing for this industry. Moreover, this luxury complex will not require large down payments or long-term contracts. For an all-inclusive price prospective residents will have their choice of one or two bedroom apartments complete with efficiency kitchens and spacious bathrooms, access to on-site parking including a 55-car underground garage, a comprehensive maintenance and repair policy, a loaded calendar of recreational activity and cultural events, and round-the-clock safety and security. Emergency needs can be managed and called in by the Westview Commons staff at any time, day or night, and each unit is fully equipped with networked fire protection system.

Under construction at this very moment, the physical building already commands an impressive presence on the 32-acre Westview campus. The total facility proper will amount to 115,000 square feet with residential units offering up to 1,085 square feet of space. Individual dwellings are designed with ample distance between doors; residences extending down a pair of two-story wings. Below raised ceilings the “A” wing and the “B” wing hallways elongate and intersect at the huge central core of the building. Considerably more than a welcome lobby, this will be the cultural center of the Westview Commons community. Its area is commanded by a 4,200 square-foot “Great Room” that functions as an elegant dining room with space to accommodate up to 150 people. Looking northeast fills the eyes with exterior views that soar through the two-story window wall. Glance

to the right and there’s a lively scene hailing from Harrington’s Irish Pub. Across from there, delightful tea and conversation brew at the Mediterranean Café—a side dish of laughter included. Walk up the grand staircase and a movie theater with plush seats opens its doors as a satisfied audience exits a screening of a popular film. Back downstairs, light emanates from the doorways of Physician’s offices, the mail room, and the beauty parlor.

Excitement billows from this interior intersection, but down each hallway quieter retreats await their respective dwellers. All 75 units have large private bath rooms, half of the units feature a second bedroom, and a third of the units have French doors leading to walkout patios. Entering one of these spaces reveals the open concept design that invites a great deal of customization for resident furnishing. Cofered ceilings increase the height above the spacious living rooms which gently ease into the kitchen, where a full refrigerator, glass range stove top, granite counters, and maple cabinets adorn the space and address culinary needs. Throughout the area, dimmable lighting in the form of recessed elements and hanging pendant lanterns give the exact level of illumination desired.

The one-bedroom and two-bedroom model units are available for viewing, and scheduling an informative tour with Executive Director Donna Copeland is a great way to learn about specific details that help with this very important decision. Whether expectations are deluxe or simple; whether independent living is preferable or assisted living is needed; whether interested individuals wish to expand their social circle or they just want to be able to invite their current friends to a glamorous new home where the only thing they have to worry about is getting a good seat at the piano concert down the hall—Country Living at Westview Commons is pleased to accommodate. More information about the new development can be found at [www.westviewcommons.com](http://www.westviewcommons.com) or by calling Donna Copeland, Executive Director at (860) 428-2230.

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decided in 2018 that the risks of not raising rates were greater than those of raising them, in 2019 it has put that policy on hold because of this slowdown.

Expectations are for no more increases this year, plus a real possibility of cuts. Inflation is now expected to stay below 2 percent, and longer-term rates should end the year around current levels, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury between 1.75 percent and 2.25 percent.

What about the stock markets? Steady growth and interest rates suggest that global stock markets are likely to continue to trade on fundamentals, such as revenue and earnings growth. Here in the U.S., revenue growth remains healthy, and while earnings growth has slowed, it is expected to remain positive. This should support the markets through the rest of the year.

With earnings growing, the real issue will be

valuations. Historically, high confidence levels have driven up valuations, and we have seen that in recent years. As confidence moderates and growth slows, however, we can expect valuations to stop rising, meaning further appreciation will depend on earnings growth.

Prospects bright, but no guarantees: Solid economic fundamentals should continue to support markets through the remainder of 2019, with moderate appreciation likely—if current trends hold. None of this, however, is guaranteed. Here in the U.S., we’ll need to keep an eye on potential impeachment of the administration by the House; the ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China; and, most notably, the debt extension. Abroad, we have pending issues in Europe, including Brexit and Italy, as well as a rising confrontation with Iran.

Even if growth does slow, though, or we see any of the other potential issues erupt, the underlying strength of the economy is likely to limit the

damage. We’ve seen many similar situations in the not-so-distant past—and they didn’t knock the economy or markets off their paths.

When you look back at the recovery so far, this scenario is very similar to what we have seen for most of the past 10 years: slow growth threatened by multiple risks. And, just as we have seen over the past 10 years, although the concerns are real, the big picture is very much like what we have become accustomed to. Despite the worries, it’s still not a bad place to be.

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# Teaching Caleb and Noah

I don't think it's possible for my grandsons to understand how deeply I love them. It wasn't until they were born that I began realizing how much my grandparents loved me.

I ran across a quote over the weekend that isn't new. I've heard it said for as long as I can remember and have seen the same quote attributed to many others, but my research on the net gives me confidence that I'm attributing these powerful words to the correct source.

Your beliefs become your thoughts.

Your thoughts become your words.

Your words become your actions.

Your actions become your habits.

Your habits become your values.

Your values become your destiny.

Mahatma Gandhi  
I've written about every line of this quote, in one way or another.



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It is one of those quotes that sticks with me and I find it to be on both my heart and mind this morning as I sit to write my column.

Caleb and Noah were in town this weekend. I find myself being more deliberate with them than I was with my children. I think because I only see them five to six times a year, I watch and listen to them, then try to teach them something useful. I'll see them again for five days over Thanksgiving. I'm already thinking about some way to give them something they can learn and take home after the holiday. I think the teachings in this quote is it.

Your beliefs become your thoughts. With every cell in my body, I know this to be true. I've written in this column dozens of times about the power of your beliefs. I'll always have someone tell me that they can't help what they believe, so they have no control ... but it's not true. We are in complete control of what

we believe. It's a choice we make, so always choose to believe that you have the ability and power to determine your destiny ... because it's true.

Your thoughts become your words. What we believe in our hearts and mind, always comes out of our mouths. We all know the negative and positive people in our lives by what they say. It's no coincidence that the positive people are almost always happier and more successful.

Your words become your actions. And it's so because what they believe comes out of their mouths and their words become actions. If someone else says it, your mind understands that it may or may not be true, but if you say it, your mind absorbs and believes it.

Your actions become your habits. There are many takes on this but Zig Ziglar said that if you purposely do something every day for forty days, it becomes a habit.

Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."  
Our habits drive our actions

and our actions drive our success. Your habits become your values. This is a column of its own that I'll address soon, but the more you do something, the more it becomes part of you. Your values become your destiny.

Our destiny is not up to chance ... and certainly not up to others. The saying "If it is to be it is up to me" comes to mind here and it's true. Destiny isn't something that you sit and wait for ... it is something you create, beginning with your belief system.

It is difficult to do Gandhi's words justice in a mere eight-hundred-word column. I am writing this with several purposes. First, to formulate how to help a couple of boys, seven and nine, begin to understand these truths and make them part of their lives. Second, to cause you, the reader to think about this and hopefully put these truths to work in your life.

I also need to hear these words as we all need to fortify our beliefs and strengthen our weaknesses. I am far from perfect, and like you, a work in progress.

When I write to also strengthen my weaknesses ... I never run out of material.

I do understand the best way to teach behavior is to model it. I had a college professor, Dr. H. E. Nutt, who is legendary in the field of music education. He would always say, "The best way to learn to play the clarinet (or any instrument) is to teach someone to play the clarinet." By doing so, it forces you to think about the correct methods and the more you do, the more it becomes part of you. By teaching these words, like teaching anything else, it forces me to put them into action.

So, as I try to share this with my grandson's and readers ... it is also my hope that by writing this column ... it makes all of us happier, stronger, kinder, wiser and more optimistic people.

Life is too short to be otherwise.

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# Survival of the Least Fittest

The bad times that we have make us appreciate the good times all the more. Apparently, I haven't been appreciative enough and needed to be schooled. I catered a private event on Saturday, which went swimmingly well. There was enough Polish food to feed a small army! Plenty of good people attended, not to mention the live band that I ended up singing along to...after one rum soda, of course! Sean and I packed up and went home before 10PM, having had a full day of food prep, and service. We were wiped out. We dragged ourselves upstairs, and dropped into bed wordlessly. Thirty years ago, I would be just getting ready to leave the house at this exact time of night. Who have I become?

Fast forward to two in the morning. I awoke because my bladder said "You've slept long enough, and you need take a trip down the hallway". Well, I noticed that all the lights were on upstairs, so I started shutting them off. Then I noticed the hall lights downstairs glowing in the stairwell, so naturally I had to attend to



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those also. It's one of Sean and I's biggest pet peeves: when people leave lights on after leaving the room. I hobbled downstairs to the living room to shut off the two lamps and wall light, then meandered to kitchen for another two ceiling lights. Next, into the dining room to kill the chandelier, when I noticed all the neon lights glowing expensively on the man-cave-porch.

As soon as I stepped out of the house, I closed the door a bit too tightly and felt the lock latch. Fabulous. It's two in the morning, I'm wearing a bathrobe and Batman flip flops, and I'm locked out of the house. The temperature had also dropped to a cozy forty degrees. I didn't bring my phone so I couldn't call and wake anyone to let me back in. I could knock forever and no one would hear it because all the bedrooms are on the second floor, but I tried anyway. The cat came running to rescue me but his lack of thumbs hindered his ability to open the back door.

I left my cane in the bedroom because I

didn't think I was going any further than the bathroom, so any I need to be exceedingly careful where I wander. First trip was. out to the garage to grab the spare key...which of course was not there. Now what? I thought to myself, "Ok, if I can make it to the front of the house and not trip on any raised roots or an errant car part, maybe I can toss some stones at our bedroom window and wake up Sean, who will gallantly come down and save me". I filled my bathrobe pockets with pea stones from the driveway and a few sticks, then slowly limped to the front of the house in complete darkness. The entire time I was thinking, "If I fall and rebreak my leg, everyone will continue to dream, blissfully unaware that I'm am dying on the front lawn". I'm dramatic like that sometimes. I scooped a few pea stones from my left pocket, and tossed them at the second-floor window...where they all bounced off the screen and rained down on me. The next handful didn't fare any better, and the three sticks just quietly tapped the shutters and fell silently to the ground. These had to be the quietest rocks and sticks I'd ever heard. It always works in the movies!

At this point it was getting cold, and I ran out of ideas on how to break in my own home. I would make a terrible burglar! My car was unlocked so I got in, hoping by some miracle there would a spare fob in it, and that I could start it to keep warm. No such luck, but there was a stale peanut butter cookie in the glove box so I put in my pocket. "At least I won't starve to death," I thought. I wandered back to the back porch where I wrapped up in a dog blanket and ate my cookie with a cup of sadness, and a heaping spoonful of self-pity. Two hours later my brother's car pulls in, and he sees me shivering on the porch. "Why are you outside?" he questioned. "Because I locked myself out." "Why didn't you use the garage key?" he asked. "Because it's not there. Now can you just let me in please? My bladder is screaming at me again!" Sean, who didn't hear the rocks and sticks thrown at the window, heard me lay my robe on the bed once I finally returned upstairs. "Where did you go, and why are you freezing?" he asked. I would be the worst survivalist ever...Stay warm, and carry an extra key!

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# Scarecrow invasion in Killingly

DANIELSON — Local kids participated in pre-Halloween candy collection on a bright fall afternoon on Saturday, Oct. 26. Killingly hosted its annual Scarecrow Kingdom. Community members got to bring their old clothes for the event, which was held at Davis Park. Both scary and silly scarecrows were set up for all to see. Also on Oct. 26, the Killingly Business Association sponsored its annual Trick or Treat on Main Street event. Kids under 12 participated, going business to business for the sweets.

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Adalena Ellis, Ashley Vargas and Joe-Joe Vargas



From left, Grayson, Michelle, Demetrius, Khristine, Savannah, Alex and Jeff.



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BELOW: Alyssa Jensen and daughter Alaina work on their scarecrow



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# Coderre is in Tourtellotte spotlight

**THOMPSON** — Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. October's Student Spotlight honoree is junior Cole Coderre.

Coderre was nominated by seniors Jonathon Bicklehaupt, Channing Boss, and Paige Majorowski, all of whom noted Coderre's enthusiastic involvement in many areas of school life.

"Coderre works really hard with his academics but makes time to give back to his community which is amazing," said Majorowski.

Coderre serves his school community in a number of ways. He is the modern music student conductor, the band assistant student conductor, the corresponding secretary of National Honor Society, and a Board of Education liaison. He is also an active member of the leadership team, drama club, and music club. During the summers, Coderre also volunteers at Day Kimball Hospital as a



Cole Coderre

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Junior Volunteer.

"I am motivated by my friends, my parents, and the constant drive to better myself. I have always had a drive to learn more and knowing that there will always be more to learn motivates me. Always trying to do better is something that motivates me as well," Coderre said. "I want to get my masters in nursing science to become a nurse practitioner. Once I have my degree, I want to work at a hospital in the city. Do not let other people define your self-worth, we are all unique for a reason."

He had advice for his fellow students. "Be true to yourself, it's not worth living someone else's life. Don't let other people dictate or influence you. Know your self-worth," Coderre said.

# Killingly student excels in music

**DAYVILLE** — Killingly High student Joliana Reynolds will join the "best of the best" for a National Association for Music Education concert series on Nov. 7-10 at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. The Jazz Ensemble, Mixed Choir, Guitar Ensemble, and—new this year—Modern Band concerts will take place at the event.

During the 2018-19 school year, along with other accomplished music students across the United States and overseas in military base schools, Reynolds practiced with dedication to gain a chair or part in their local, district, and state music honor ensembles.

Reynolds is a proven leader in her music classes at Killingly High School. In order to gain a seat in the All-National Choir, she first had to earn seats in the Connecticut Eastern Regional Choir and then, the Connecticut All-State Choir. To so this, she participated in auditions and was scored by a panel of judges. Reynolds is a choir officer at KHS,

has appeared in spring musicals, and has been featured as a soloist with KHS choirs. She looks forward to a future in music and hopes to major in music education or music therapy.

The All-National Honor Ensembles performers represent collaboration and creativity in its highest musical form. The All-National Honor Ensembles consist of a concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed choir, jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble (now in its second year), and modern band (new this year). Students were chosen through an audition process. The concert band and symphony orchestra will each have 119 and 121 instrumentalists respectively, the jazz ensemble 20 instrumentalists, the mixed choir 240 vocalists, the guitar ensemble 41 instrumentalists, and the modern band 16 performers.

Selected students will be rehearsing a challenging repertoire in preparation for performing under the direction of six of the most prominent conductors in the United States: Tesfa Wondemagegnehu

(Mixed Choir); Soo Han (Symphony Orchestra); Emily Threinen (Concert Band); Todd Stoll with Camille Thurman (Jazz Ensemble); Bill Swick (Guitar Ensemble); and Scott Burstein (Modern Band). All conductors have received top honors in their field and will spend several days rehearsing with students before the concert.

National Association for Music Education, among the world's largest arts education organizations, is the only association that addresses all aspects of music education, advocates at the local, state, and national levels; provides resources for teachers, parents, and administrators; hosts professional development events; and offers a variety of opportunities for students and teachers. The Association has supported music educators at all teaching levels for more than a century. With more than 60,000 members teaching millions of students nationwide, the organization is the national voice of music education in the United States.

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# Putnam fundraiser benefits Special Olympics

PUTNAM — What better way to donate money to a fundraiser while enjoying a dinner of chicken parmesan, salad and dinner rolls? On Oct. 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, a fundraiser dinner was held to raise money for Special Olympics that involves a climb up Mount Kilimanjaro. In February of 2020, Donna Brown, a detective in the

Putnam Police Department, is scheduled to make a nine-day climb up the mountain — with other fellow officers and civilians from various police departments throughout the state — the climb will benefit Special Olympics of Connecticut.

Karen Butera photos



From left, Christine Castonguay, Christina Donatelli, David Anderson and Tony Donatelli came out to support Special Olympics



From left, Pat Smith and Diana Csubak enjoying a fundraiser dinner



Chiefs for the evening, from left, Peach Campbell and AJ Smith



From left, Wendy Warren-Cudworth and Valentine lamartino serve up a dinner.



From left, Kurt Woehman, Mark Skaradowski and wife Paula waiting to trade in their tickets for dinner



From left, Nancy Donatelli with, Errol Livingston and wife Judy who are celebrating their 49th anniversary.



From Left, Chuck Mahoney and Bob McCormack

## WOODSTOCK LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

Baseball Majors  
Saturday, Oct. 26  
Putnam 7, Woodstock Rock Cats 5,  
Softball Minors  
Woodstock Riptide 13, Killingly Crush 9

The Woodstock Riptide hosted the Killingly Crush in the their final game of the fall season. Trailing by a run going into the bottom of the first the Riptide bats exploded with 4 hits scoring 4 runs led by a 2 run inside the park home run by Kaylee Ziarko. The Crush scored two in the 2nd to bring it to 4-3 and the Riptide could only answer with one run of their own. The Crush took the lead in the top of the 3rd with 4 runs but the Riptide answered with four of their own on RBI singles by Kaylee Ziarko and Avah Grimshaw. The top of the fourth found the Crush scoring two runs to tie the game at 9. Again

the Riptide bats came alive with 4 hits including RBI singles by Gabby Hoel and Ellah Monahan to give the Riptide a 13-9 lead. The game was then called because of time. From the circle, the Riptide were led by Kaylee Ziarko who pitched two innings, giving up one hit and striking out 6. At the plate, Gabby Hoel was 3-3 with 3 runs scored and an RBI. Kaylee Ziarko was 3-3 with 2 runs scored, a Home Run and 3 RBI. The Riptide tallied 13 hits in the game.

For the fall season, the Riptide finished 4-2. From the circle, they were led by Ellah Monahan who pitched 13 innings striking out 21 and Kaylee Ziarko pitching 5 innings striking out 14. At the plate, Caralyn Tellier led with 8 runs scored, Caroline Ethier had the most walks with 8 and Kaylee Ziarko led in Average (.900), Hits (9) and RBI's (11), a triple and 2 Home Runs.



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Monday, Nov. 4  
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Tuesday, Nov. 5  
Election Day, 6 a.m.  
School Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Eastford Elementary School  
Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library  
Wednesday, Nov. 6  
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Office Building  
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
Saturday, Nov. 9  
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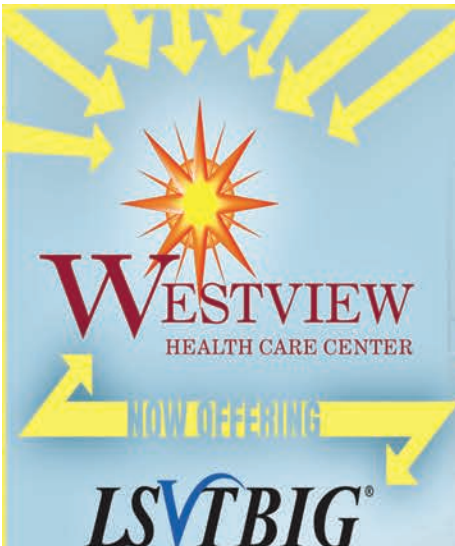
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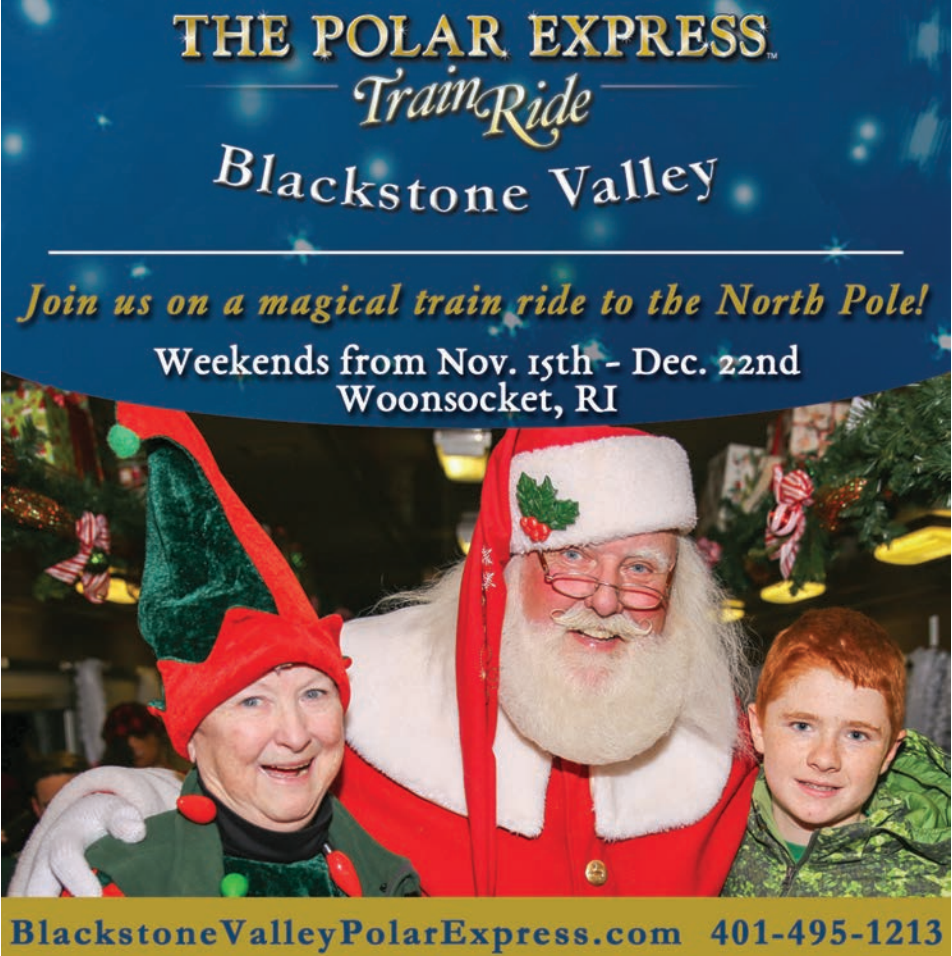
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## Killingly and Sharpe tame Bobcats



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Killingly’s Jack Sharpe powers forward on his first carry of the game as Brookfield’s Jedrek Rajcula attempts bring him down in the first quarter in Brookfield last Friday, Oct. 25. Sharpe broke Rajcula’s tackle en route to a 62-yard touchdown run.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

BROOKFIELD — The weight room was Jack Sharpe’s second home following the end of his freshman season last December. Over the off-season Killingly’s speedy 5-foot-10 tailback added 30 pounds to his once-spindly frame — bulking up to 190 pounds —

and lending credence to one of the laws of motion: Force is equal to the change in momentum (mass times velocity) over time. Sharpe’s time is now and he was a force against Brookfield High last Friday night — running for 386 yards and five touchdowns on 23 carries in Killingly’s 49-7 victory over the Bobcats.

“He did work hard but you know not

just over the summer, but since the season ended last year,” said Killingly coach Chad Neal. “He dedicated himself in the weight room, and nutritionally, and putting the size on. We saw it last year — the speed but not the power. You put about 30-40 pounds on in the off-season and that’s the difference — guys don’t want to tackle him.”

Like Sharpe barreling down the

KILLINGLY 49, BROOKFIELD 7

Killingly	21	14	14	0-49
Brookfield	0	0	0	7-7

FIRST QUARTER

K-Jack Sharpe 62 run (kick failed) 11:29  
K- Sharpe 26 run (Jacob Nurse run) 10:47  
K- Kameron Crowe 43 run  
(Chris Jax kick) 6:35

SECOND QUARTER

K- Cooper Morissette 27 fumble return  
(Jax kick) 6:41  
K- Sharpe 54 run (Jax kick) 3:31

THIRD QUARTER

K- Sharpe 68 run (Jax kick) 11:02  
K- Sharpe 9 run (Jax kick) 2:04

FOURTH QUARTER

B- Joe Bednarik 2 run (kick good) 1:47

	Killingly	Brookfield
First Downs	16	8
Rushes-yards	35-481	31-39
Passing	3	60
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	2-7-0	6-17-2
Punts-Avg.	0-0	4-34
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-60	2-15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-K: Sharpe 23-386 & 5 TDs;  
Nurse 3-9; Crowe 2-63 & TD; Jackson Lopes  
2-8; Jonathan Creswell 3-11; Sebastian Munoz  
1-2; Keith Perry 1-2. B: Zahir McLean-Felix 2-2;  
Shawn McGee 5-3; Andy Manesis 13-30;  
Bednarik 10-3 & TD; Schyler Parris 1-1.

PASSING-CP: K: Nurse 2-7-0 for 3 yards.  
B: McLean-Felix 6-17-2.

RECEIVING-K: Sharpe 1-3; Josh Heaney 1-0.  
B: Drew Martin 2-13; Nathan Bott 2-25;  
Brad Eberhard 1-11; Manesis 1-11.

gridiron — momentum is in the Red Hawks favor after pounding Brookfield for their sixth-straight win to open the season. Sharpe wasted little time in making Brookfield’s defenders look like cardboard cutouts — he ran for a 62-yard touchdown on the Red Hawks first play from scrimmage. He added touchdown totes of 26, 54, 68, and nine

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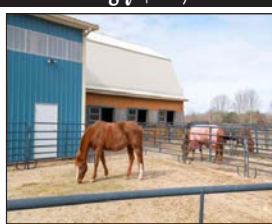
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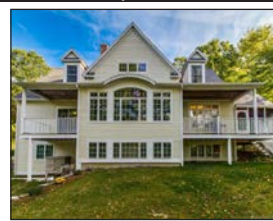
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# Killingly pays back an old nemesis



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Killingly High's Austin Caffrey rushes against Brookfield High in the Class M state semifinals on Dec. 7, 2015. Brookfield won 34-13. It was the last time Killingly lost a game at home.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

BROOKFIELD — It has been nearly four years since Killingly High lost a football game on its home turf — the last time came on Dec. 7, 2015 in the Class M state semifinals. The culprit was Brookfield High.

The Bobcats knocked off Killingly 34-13 in the 2015 semis and five days later they beat New Fairfield 21-14 in the Class M title game to claim their second-straight state championship and fourth in program history. Killingly paid a visit to its old nemesis last Friday night

and delivered some payback in a 49-7 win at Brookfield High.

“We told the kids in the pre-game that, you know, they’re the last team to beat us on our home field,” said Killingly coach Chad Neal. “They showed us four years ago the way it’s done.”

Neal was impressed with Brookfield’s power run game back in 2015 — the Bobcats rushed for 314 yards on 48 carries in their semifinal win and threw just two passes, completing both of them for a total of 52 yards. Neal took note of Brookfield’s pounding style.

“Brookfield was a power-run team then, very disciplined.

One of the things we talked about in the off-season after that year was how disciplined their run game was — and they didn’t make mistakes — and we kind of modeled ourselves after them,” Neal said.

The 200-mile round trip to Brookfield last Friday gave Neal a chance to catch up with former Bobcats coach Rich Angarano, who was on the sidelines back in 2015. Angarano stepped down from coaching the Bobcats after the 2018 season but was in attendance at Brookfield High last Friday night.

“Their head coach, who’s retired now, I talked to him in

pre-game tonight. I said ‘You know, we kind of modeled ourselves after you, playing physical football, and not making mistakes, being disciplined.’ We’re trying to continue doing that,” Neal said.

Since the start of the 2015 season through six games this year Killingly has posted a record of 49-6 — three of those six losses have come in the Class M state semifinals (to Brookfield in 2015, at Hillhouse of New Haven in 2016, at St. Joseph of Trumbull in 2018) with the other three losses coming early in the regular season at home against Griswold in 2015, at New London in both 2016 and

2018. Killingly avenged one of those six losses last Friday night. The 200-mile round trip fulfilled a debt to the last team that beat Killingly High on its home turf — consider payback made in full.

“It was good coming here and getting a win,” Neal said. “I think now we came back and showed them how far we’ve progressed — and where we are as a program.”

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Kameron Crowe finds an opening on the way to a 43-yard touchdown run in the first quarter against Brookfield last Friday night.

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yards. Sharpe ran with abandon after racing 62 yards for a score the first time he touched the football.

“Gives me a lot of confidence,” said the sophomore of his first touchdown run. “I know when that happens it’s going to be a good day, really excited, the line made a big hole. The line was working amazing. Those are the best holes I’ve seen all season. They work hard in practice. I knew they were going to open up big holes for me.”

Killingly’s veteran line includes left tackle Jake Galarza, left guard Ben Morin, center Caleb Johnson, right guard John Rodriguez, and right tackle Justin Maiato. Morin, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Maiato are seniors and Galarza is a junior. Maiato weighs in at 285 pounds and Galarza tips the scale at 260 pounds. Coach Chad Neal said the big boys in the pit did their job.

“I thought our offensive line was tremendous tonight,” Neal said. “They were tremendous out there and opened some big holes for them. I thought all the backs ran well. I thought a lot of times Jack (Sharpe) didn’t get touched until four or five yards downfield. He did a great job tonight getting to the next level, and then breaking it. He showed that tonight.”

Senior running back Kameron Crowe ran for a 43-yard touchdown with 6:35 left in the first quarter as Killingly stretched its lead to 21-0. The Red Hawks took a 35-0 cushion into the locker room at halftime. Killingly received the second-half kickoff and on the first play of the third quarter Sharpe raced 68 yards for a touchdown. All the effort that Sharpe has put in is apparently paying off when those holes open up.

“I was working for this all season and I’m glad it’s happening,” Sharpe said.

Sharpe’s performance

against Brookfield came six days after he ran for 226 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries in a 55-22 win over Ledyard — giving him 612 yards and eight touchdowns over a two-game span — while averaging almost 13 yards per carry. Coach Neal said Sharpe is not only getting stronger but smarter.

“His field vision’s getting better and better the more carries he gets,” Neal said.

The Red Hawks like to call their style RPO — as in run people over.

“Coach is all about RPO every practice,” Sharpe said. “That’s our offense.”

Killingly senior quarterback Jacob Nurse completed just two passes for a total of three yards. There was no need to throw.

“I like to run the ball. I think when you establish the run game it wears defenses out,” said coach Neal. “We like to be physical, which we were tonight.”

Killingly’s defense was



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Justin Maiato looks to block Brookfield's Joe Bednarik last Friday night.

stout as well. The Bobcats padded their stats on a meaningless final possession with a running clock late in the fourth quarter — up until Brookfield’s last scoring drive Killingly had allowed just 10 yards rushing on 22 carries and 31 yards passing. Brookfield sophomore quarterback Zahir McLean-Felix completed just 6-of-17 passes for 60 yards with two interceptions — one pick by Crowe and another interception by senior safety Jackson Lopes. Red Hawks junior linebacker Cooper Morissette scooped up a Brookfield fumble and raced 27 yards for a touchdown with 6:41 left in the second quarter to push Killingly’s lead to 28-0.

“I thought we were physical with them. They had nowhere to run. I thought our defense was impressive. We saw (Brookfield) against Foran and Foran’s a good football team. (Brookfield) lost by touchdown (21-14) at Foran. (Brookfield) actually had the game won, they had a

touchdown called back,” Neal said. “This is a good win. This is a quality win coming here.”

Among those Neal credited with strong defensive performances were senior middle linebacker Jonathan Creswell, senior noseguard Connor Leduc, along with Galarza and Rodriguez at the defensive ends.

“I thought all played very well and you’ve got guys on the outside — Cooper Morissette had the scoop-and-score, Kam Crowe on the outside — so guys just played well tonight,” Neal said. “I think our secondary did a great job also.”

Many first-year starters are finding their footing as Killingly heads down the homestretch — including Nurse at quarterback, Sharpe in the backfield, and senior Josh Heaney at wide receiver. The Red Hawks are finding their identity through six wins to start the season.

“We’ve had some good wins and we won games in the fourth quarter, which against good

teams shows what we’re capable of and what leadership we have. I thought last week (against Ledyard) wasn’t our best performance. Mentally we didn’t play well. And tonight we came out — we challenged them all week to come out and they responded tonight,” Neal said.

The loss dropped Brookfield’s record to 0-6. The Red Hawks are next scheduled to play host to Stonington (0-6) on Friday, Nov. 1, with kickoff scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Killingly High. The school’s weight room sits atop a hill just above the football field — it’s where Sharpe took up residence last December. Perhaps the end zone has been his second home this fall.

“We’re playing amazing but we still have to stay humble,” Sharpe said. “We’ve got a lot of season left.”

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# Woodstock on verge of first winning season



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ian Welz struggles for an extra yard as Stonington's Jackson Zuro hangs on for the tackle last Saturday, Oct. 26.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Nick Bedard was tired of listening to the critics. Woodstock Academy's senior receiver was well aware the naysayers gave the Centaurs little chance of turning around a dismal football program. After playing an independent schedule last season and registering a 1-9 record Woodstock returned to the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"We never had a positive winning



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock quarterback Ethan Davis scrambles as Stonington's Josh Curtin drags him down last Saturday.

record in school history," Bedard said. "So everybody was telling us we're not going to make it — you're not ready for the ECC."

Over 13 seasons prior to this one the Centaurs had not posted a winning record or achieved a .500 campaign, getting closest in both 2016 and 2017 with 4-6 records. Since the school reinstituted varsity football in 2006 Woodstock had posted a 23-109 record coming into this season. Bedard said there were reasons for Woodstock's recent futility.

"In past years I don't believe the team's ever really been truly together. I think there's been butting heads within like the teammates and everything like that," Bedard said. "So everybody coming together — we're a huge family this year — which is huge for us."

Family values apparently yield tangible results. Woodstock defeated Stonington 14-7 in an ECC matchup last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex — lifting the Centaurs' record to 5-1. If Woodstock can defeat Nonnewaug this Saturday, Nov. 2, it will guarantee the team a winning record. The turnaround began inside their helmets according to Woodstock coach Sean Saucier.

"They have great attitudes so it starts with that. Because if you don't have a great attitude then you can never really buy in, or believe, or never get to that point," said Saucier, in his third season. "So their mindset and their attitudes allow that to happen. It's pretty cool. I think people are excited and I think there's a lot of people who didn't think that this would — honestly — ever happen. So to be part of it is really special."

Bedard (five catches for 88 yards)

made a clutch reception late in the first quarter against Stonington last Saturday to swing momentum in Woodstock's favor. On fourth-and-18 from Stonington's 30-yard line, Bedard snagged a 29-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Ethan Davis to move the ball to the 1-yard line.

"Ethan put it in a perfect spot and I went up and got it," Bedard said. "(Davis) putting it right where we needed it to be and getting the reception was big."

After Bedard's 29-yard reception moved the ball to the 1-yard line, Davis sneaked in from there and Aidan Morin booted the extra point to put Woodstock up 7-0 with 3:12 left in the first quarter. The score remained 7-0 until the fourth quarter when a fortuitous substitution led to another Woodstock score.

Centaurs sophomore defensive end Huckleberry 'Huck' Flanagan recovered a fumble and raced 65 yards for a touchdown with 7:56 left in the game to stretch the Centaurs' margin to 14-0. Flanagan had just entered the game one play before his fumble recovery, replacing junior left defensive end C.J. Burrows.

"Fresh legs, right place at the right time, makes a great play. He's a heck of an athlete. He was able to get it down the field," Saucier said.

On Flanagan's score, Woodstock freshman Evan Roy sank his shoulder into Stonington running back Josh Curtin — popping the football out of his hands at Woodstock's 35-yard line — Flanagan grabbed it in mid-air and raced untouched for the score.

"I was just coming around the back-

WOODSTOCK 14, STONINGTON 7				
Stonington	0	0	0	7-7
Woodstock	7	0	0	7-14
FIRST QUARTER				
W- Ethan Davis 1 run (Aidan Morin kick) 3:12				
FOURTH QUARTER				
W- Huck Flanagan 65 fumble return (Morin kick) 7:56 S- Josh Curtin 1 run (kick good) 2:57				
	Stonington		Woodstock	
First Downs	12		11	
Rushes-yards	26-91		44-109	
Passing	170		41	
Sacked-yds lost	1-3		2-15	
Comp-Att-Int	4-12-0		9-21-0	
Punts-Avg.	4-22		2-36	
Fumbles-Lost	4-1		4-2	
Penalties-Yards	4-20		7-65	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING-S: Drew Champagne 1-0; Matt Tipple 8-24; Josh Curtin 17-76 & TD; Sam Inthasit 10-6; Jack Bernard 1-0; Mahmoud Salha 1-2; Justin Holland 6-1. W: Davis 4-8 & TD; Ian Welz 21-79; Gavin Savoie 1-4.				
PASSING-CP: S: Champagne 4-12-0 for 41 yards. W: Davis 9-21-0 for 170 yards.				
RECEIVING-K: S: Curtin 1-3; Holland 1-7; Bobby Dimock 2-31. W: Nick Bedard 5-88; Morin 1-31; Trey Ayotte 1-11; Travis White 2-40.				

side and I saw Evan Roy, the freshman, pop it right out and it went right in my hands," Flanagan said. "I realized I had the ball. I had to book it. I started running. And you know Luis Miranda was right behind me in my ear the whole time, just screaming 'Go, go, go' — so that just kept me going the whole way. It was adrenaline. I was like 'I'm going to run as fast as I can until I hit the end zone.' I was just gassing. I knew that I had guys behind me protecting my back."

Stonington pulled within a touchdown on Curtin's one-yard run with 2:57 left in the game but the Bears (0-6) could get no closer.

Woodstock is scheduled to face Woodbury's Nonnewaug High (0-2) on Saturday, Nov. 2, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. at Bentley Athletic Complex. Woodstock appears to be an overwhelming favorite to defeat Nonnewaug — the Chiefs are a first-year varsity program with just five games on their schedule. Nonnewaug school administrators initially explored the idea of joining the co-op team that combines Sacred Heart of Waterbury and Kaynor Tech, but were told they would not host any games or practices on Nonnewaug's brand-new artificial turf field, so the school nixed the plan to join the co-op.

It appears the Centaurs are on the verge of their first winning season since reinstituting football in 2006. Bedard was tired of listening to the critics — he might have to get used to hearing the cheers at Bentley Athletic Complex.

"This is absolutely unbelievable for the program," Bedard said. "We've never been here before."

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# Tourtellotte girls keep on rolling

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
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THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial coach Deb Spinelli lost nine seniors to graduation from last year's girls soccer team. She didn't know if the Tigers could bounce back this season with an untested lineup — turns out they just kept on rolling. Tourtellotte finished the regular season with 11 wins, four losses, and one tie.

"I've been pleasantly surprised," said Spinelli, in her 29th season.

In its final regular-season game Class S Tourtellotte fell to Class L Killingly 7-1 on Tuesday at Tourtellotte Memorial's field. The loss to the Red Hawks — a larger division school — likely won't affect the Tigers ranking in Class S. Tourtellotte was rated No. 7 in Class S through Tuesday's action and it will likely carry a top-eight ranking into the state tournament, slated to begin first-round action on Tuesday, Nov. 12. A top-eight ranking is huge because it guarantees at least two home games in the state tournament — assuming the Tigers can win their playoff opener.

"It depends on how many teams make (the tournament). If we don't have enough teams (to fill a 32-team bracket) then we might have a bye the first round —and then have second-round game," Spinelli said.

Winning in the second round would likely ensure another home game in the third round. A top-eight ranking keeps the Tigers off the road.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Mackenzie Minarik, right, and Killingly's Mackenzie Jackson, track down a 50/50 ball on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

"First of all we don't have to travel," Spinelli said. "I'd like to be here for our first couple of rounds."

The Tigers are getting

healthy as the tourney approaches. Senior center midfielder Ashley Morin and junior forward Kaylee Tackson have been the stalwarts for the

Tigers. Freshman Chloe Manzo scored the Tigers lone goal in the loss to Killingly. Freshman goalkeeper Madelynn Copley minded the net against

Killingly. Spinelli said several players have been solid this season.

"I've got a couple of freshmen that were big factors for me, Hanna Leclaire and Chloe Manzo," Spinelli said. "I've got some other younger kids that have stepped up. (Sophomore outside back) Alysha Bugbee has done a great job. All in all we're starting to gel," Spinelli said. "I put (Copley) in (goal) earlier in the season and she took a shot in the head and she hit the back of her head so she was out for two weeks. So she's been gun shy."

Spinelli is cautiously optimistic as the state tourney nears. She isn't sure how the tournament bracket will shake out. Spinelli hoped to avoid the half of bracket that includes the Class S juggernauts.

"I haven't seen how they're going to break down. I looked at them but there's been some shift and movement, to see where the powerhouses are — hopefully they bracket themselves up above us and we stay in the low bracket so we could draw a couple teams that we could really play with," Spinelli said. "Because we're sort of on the edge. We're not quite at the higher echelon of the higher-level teams in our division. But we're not at the bottom end. We're like right in the middle. So the difference is going to be who we're matched up against."

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# Killingly boys on tourney bubble

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DAYVILLE — A poignant moment signaled the start of Senior Night at Killingly High as Christopher Lackner limped on to the field for the opening kick-off against Wheeler. Lackner suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Red Hawks first game against Putnam High back on Sept. 16. He underwent successful surgery to repair the damage but still wears a bulky brace on his right knee. In a classy display of sportsmanship Wheeler booted the ball out of bounds on the kick-off — allowing Killingly a substitution and giving Lackner a chance to walk off the soccer field one last time to the cheers of Killingly’s partisans in the stands.

“My hat’s off to Wheeler. They respected our Senior Night, came to play, they did some good stuff,” said coach Ron Frechette. “I thought our guys played outstanding. We ended with a ‘Pride’ cheer because we played with pride tonight.”

Senior Night on Oct. 23 was bittersweet. This season is the seniors’ last shot to play in a state tournament game. Those upperclassmen were in eighth grade the last time the Red Hawks qualified for the tourney. Their postseason chances were dimmed in a 1-0 loss to Wheeler on Senior Night — Killingly’s record was 5-8-2 through 15 games.



Killingly High’s upperclassmen gathered on Senior Night on Oct. 23: First row, from left: Jacob Gould, Evan Townsend, Gary Salisbury, Aiden Keech. Back row, from left, assistant coach John Naylor, Pablo Yotti, Ben Torre, Connor Chanhovich, Chris Lackner, and head coach Ron Frechette.

A glimmer of hope survived the loss to the Lions in Killingly’s last home game — the Red Hawks defeated Plainfield High 1-0 on Oct. 28 to keep their playoff dream alive. Killingly was scheduled to face Ellis Tech in its final game and a win over the Golden Eagles would qualify for the states — a dream the seniors have never fulfilled.

“It’s big for them. They’ve been three

years without this,” said Frechette, in his 12th season. “I think they really would love to have that ride to go to the tournament — whether we end up playing a No.-1 seed or anything, it doesn’t matter, we just want to get there. This is a big deal for the guys.”

Frechette saluted his seniors for persevering through trying times over the last four seasons. The seniors on the team

include Evan Townsend, Lackner, Aiden Keech, Gary Salisbury, Pablo Yotti, Jacob Gould, Connor Chanhovich, and Ben Torre.

“That’s the big deal, most of these guys have been four years with the program. Had a couple of guys — because of family things — came in and out. But this group, it’s special — only because we haven’t had a lot of wins and stuff but they’ve

stayed with it,” Frechette said. “They’ve worked hard.”

Ian Spracklin scored the match’s lone goal for Wheeler (9-4-1) at 15:44 of the first half. Wheeler led 6-5 in shots and 6-4 in corner kicks. Killingly keeper Connor Chanhovich made five saves. Wheeler keeper Bowen Baker had five stops. The Red Hawks weren’t outplayed by the Lions but just couldn’t find the back of

the net.

“We had some opportunities. You saw that in the first half,” Frechette said. “We had probably two or three good quality chances — we put those away this game’s a totally different game.”

Frechette said qualifying for the tourney would serve another purpose — giving his freshmen, sophomores, and juniors a taste of the postseason and perhaps motivation to return.

“If they get the experience and the taste in them about making the tournament it will change what happens next year,” Frechette said. “When they taste it, it’s a wonderful ride when you’re in the tournament.”

## KILLINGLY 1, PLAINFIELD 0

PLAINFIELD — Killingly’s Pablo Yotti scored in the 25th minute off an assist from JR Simoneau to give the Red Hawks the win. Killingly keeper Connor Chanhovich made five saves to preserve the shutout. Plainfield keeper Joey Calorie had seven saves in the loss. The win lifted Killingly’s record to 5-8-2. The loss dropped Plainfield’s record to 5-6-5.

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# Killingly girls hunt top-eight ranking



Killingly’s Haylee Chester, left, gets set to receive a pass as Tourtellotte’s Hanna Leclaire, right, defends on Tuesday, Oct. 29. Chester scored two goals in the win over the Tigers.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Through Tuesday’s games Killingly High gripped a top-eight ranking statewide in Class L girls soccer. If the Redhawks can hang on to that ranking they’ll be in good hands when the first round of the state tourney arrives on Nov. 12. Coach Jim Lackner hoped his team can finish in the top eight.

“That’s the game plan,” Lackner said. “I keep hammering home to them, we’ve got to keep winning. We want to try to get two home state games, if we’re fortunate enough to win the first one. And after that, you never know, depending on how things shake out you might have three (home games).”

After defeating host Tourtellotte Memorial 7-1 on Oct. 29, Killingly’s record stood at 10-3-2 with one game remaining in its regular season. The Red Hawks were slotted one spot above No. 9 Masuk (10-3-2), which also had one game remaining on its regular-season schedule. A top-eight ranking is critical because it ensures at least two home games in the state tourney — assuming a team can win its playoff opener. Lackner said the Red Hawks have put together a solid season.

“It’s probably the best record we’ve had in a while to this point,” Lackner said. “Overall I’ve been pretty happy.

We’ve beat some really good teams.”

But Lackner has no illusions about the Red Hawks, knowing they’ll have to lift their game and put together a full 80 minutes of soccer every time they take the field if they want to make a run in the state tourney. The Tigers have lost twice to Plainfield (2-1 on Sept. 25 and 2-1 on Oct. 26) and fell 5-1 to Woodstock Academy on Oct. 4.

“For us, up here in the Northeast, the two top teams — you know Plainfield and Woodstock — we haven’t figured out a way to beat them,” Lackner said.

In the win over Tourtellotte on Oct. 29, Haylee Chester scored two goals. Lexi Purcell, Casey Beauregard, Chloe Hibbard, Abbie Norgren, and Abbie Burgess each scored one goal. Assists were notched by Burgess (3), Kaleigh Hopkins, Chester, Sage Lamparelli, Purcell, Lainey Buffington and Makala Dube.

Chloe Manzo notched the lone goal for Tourtellotte. Killingly led 21-4 in shots. Killingly’s keepers Taylyn Lemoine and Aryn Nisbet split time in goal and combined for one save. Tourtellotte keepers Kaliel Copley (3) and Madelynn Copley (5) combined for eight saves for the Tigers (11-4-1).

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# CTC tourney on tap for Ellis Tech



Ellis Tech’s Austin Derosiers moves upfield against Putnam High on Monday, Oct. 28. Derosiers scored three goals in a 7-0 victory.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Ellis Tech is hoping to get some revenge during the upcoming Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament. The Golden Eagles were edged by Windham Tech for first place in the regular-season conference standings. Ellis Tech will play host to Wilcox Tech in the opening round of the CTC Tournament on Monday, Nov. 5 — but the Eagles are looking to get past Wilcox Tech so they can face Windham Tech later in the conference tourney.

“We’ve got a huge tournament game next Monday at our place, looks like it’s going to be Wilcox,” said Ellis Tech coach Drew Mizak, in his 10th season overall, second year as head coach. “We’ll see where we go from there. We may see Windham Tech again in the tournament and I hope we do.”

Windham Tech finished the CTC season with a conference mark of 8-0-2. Ellis Tech finished with a conference record of 8-1-1 — finishing in second place because it had one more loss and one less tie than Windham Tech.

“They had one less loss because they beat us,” Mizak said. “Up until the last game we were right there. Ultimately the game that cost us was the loss to Windham Tech early in the season. We battled but just didn’t get the result and that came back to bite us.”

Mizak is hoping for a rematch with Windham Tech. Windham Tech defeated Ellis Tech 5-3 on Oct. 1 and the teams battled to a 4-4 tie on Oct. 15. Ellis Tech’s home-and-home games against Windham Tech were the difference in the final regular-season conference standings.

“We ended being behind Windham by one point (in the final standings) because we had a tie against them but we lost to them once,” Mizak said. “They beat us by one point.”

Ellis Tech tuned up for the CTC Tournament with a 7-0 non-conference victory over Putnam High on Monday, Oct. 28, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. Senior midfielder Austin Derosiers scored three goals and junior defender Mike MacCracken and senior midfielder Collin Lavoie each tallied two goals in the win over the Clippers. Senior forward Chad Cramer and Derosiers each notched one assist. Ellis Tech goalkeepers Brett Gile and Mason Carney combined for 13 saves. Putnam keeper Colby Livingston had 18 saves and keeper Karson Bates made four saves for the Clippers. Ellis Tech led 37-11 in shots and 3-1 in corner kicks. Coach Mizak said the Eagles’ offense is clicking.

“We have the potential to be very good when we’re not selfish and we distribute and we move the ball and we did that today,” said Mizak after the win over Putnam High.

Derosiers’ hat trick against Putnam wasn’t unexpected. He leads the Golden Eagles in scoring.

“Austin’s a great player,” Mizak said. “He’s our lead scorer by far. All-State last year. Just a great kid and had a nice game today.”

The win over Putnam High on Oct. 28 lifted Ellis Tech’s overall record to 12-2-2.

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# Putnam senior booters say good-bye



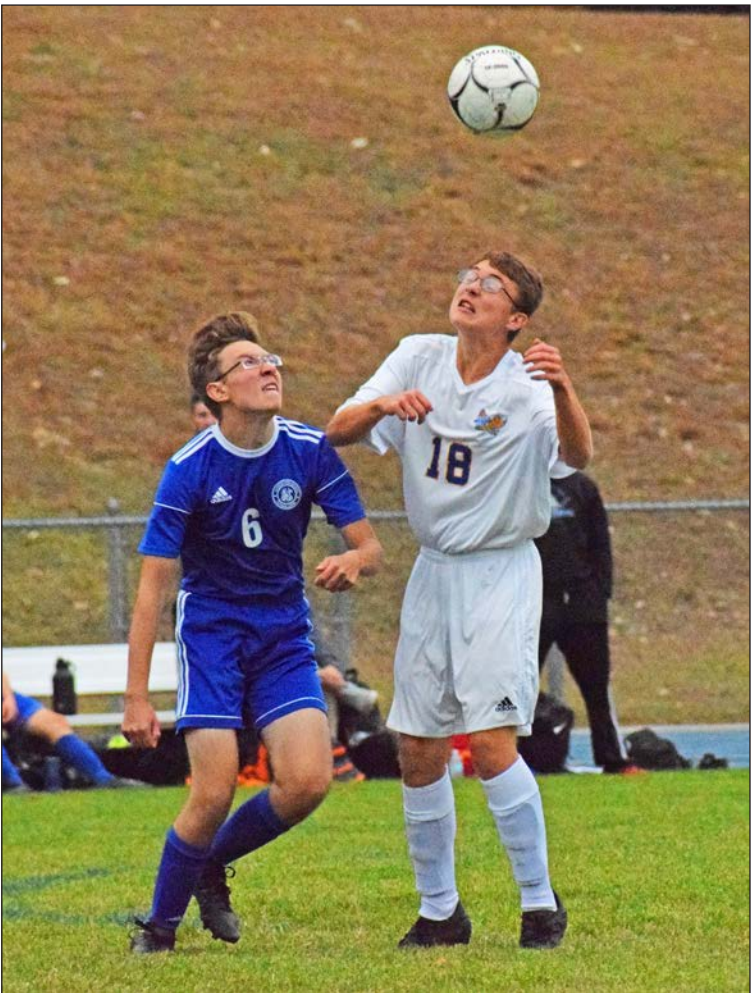
Putnam High's John Espinoza, left, tries to get past Ellis Tech's Jake Piche on Monday, Oct. 28, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High boys soccer coach Jon Miller gathered his players for one last team meeting on Monday night. After the final buzzer at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex the coach told them he wouldn't measure this season by wins and losses. The Clippers played their last game vs. Ellis Tech and although Putnam fell 7-0 to the Golden Eagles — Miller saluted his players, and in particular his seniors, for the effort they showed throughout a trying campaign. The loss ended their season with a record of one win, 13 losses, and one tie. Miller will remember the effort

his seniors displayed despite adversity. "Like we said 10 weeks ago, I wanted each one of them to be better on the last day than they were the first," Miller said. He said they accomplished that goal and it was difficult saying good-bye to each of his seven seniors. "I will definitely miss each one of them — for different reasons, each one, whether it's their outlook on playing or outlook as being a teammate," Miller said. His seniors included included midfielder John Espinosa. "(Espinosa) is one of those kids who is very passionate in everything he does," Miller said. "That's something that carries him. He uses his emo-

tion to motivate him, to drive him to play harder. He's going to continue on playing baseball in the spring and basketball this winter. Hopefully he's able to use that emotion and that passion to continue to get better in everything he does." Senior Kyle Haynes was the team captain. He played defense most of the year on defense and was also the center midfielder for several games. "(Haynes) is your definition of a captain. He's the leader of the team," Miller said. "He's the one who tries harder than anybody. He's often the best player on the field. He constantly wants to be better to make the team better, and show his teammates the right way to play." Miller said seniors Matt Chzaszcz and Tanner Clark both showed enthusiasm and effort during their first seasons playing soccer for Putnam High. Senior defensive midfielder Justin St. Martin hustled every minute he was on the field. "(St. Martin) is not the fastest one on the field but he tries, gives his best effort every time he's out there," Miller said. Senior defensive midfielder Noah Tompkins was appreciated for his diligence and drive despite being a newcomer to the sport. "(Tompkins) had never played before," Miller said. "I don't think, as of last year, he would have considered himself an athlete. He used the soccer season as motivation, to learn things, to meet new people, to try harder. He wanted to be someone the team looked up to for his effort. He definitely put forth that effort." Senior defensive midfielder Michael Ionkin was the rough-and-tumble defender.



Putnam High's Matthew Chzaszcz, left, and Ellis Tech's Kameran Seiner battle for a 50-50 ball.

"(Ionkin) is the biggest player that you see on the field. He's built like an outside linebacker but he's very fast and very light on his feet," Miller said. "He's Mr. Positivity all the time. He's always wants everybody to do well and always supports everybody. He's the vocal positive leader." It was difficult saying goodbye after a season that included just one victory. But sometimes seasons can't be mea-

sured by the scoreboard. "Right after the game I discussed how, for me, my goals for each one of them every year is they become better as people, become better as teammates and — lastly — become better as players," Miller said.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### BULLARD HAVENS 35, QUINEBAUG VALLEY 13

BRIDGEPORT — The Quinebaug Valley Pride fell to Bullard Havens Tech in high school football last Saturday, Oct. 26, at Bridgeport Central's Kennedy Stadium. Lee Schiavetti rushed for 114 yards and one touchdown for the Pride. Colby Pederson picked up 39 yards on four carries and ran for one touchdown. Quinebaug's Jack Merrill completed 10-of-14 passes for 58 yards with one interception. Receiver D'Andre Therecka snagged eight passes for 44 yards in the loss.

The win lifted Bullard Havens Tech's record to 6-0. The loss dropped the Pride's record to 4-2. Quinebaug Valley is next scheduled to play host to MCW United (Wolcott Tech/Housatonic Regional/Wamogo Regional). The home game versus MCW United (0-5) is set for 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, at Ellis Tech's football field in Danielson and it is the Pride's Homecoming game.

### WOODSTOCK 3, WATERFORD 0

WOODSTOCK — Paula Hernandez had 19 kills and 20 digs and Paige Audet notched 29 assists in the Centaurs win over the Lancers (13-5). The win lifted Woodstock's record to 15-4. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to an ECC Tournament quarterfinal match against Killingly at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4.

### AEROSPACE 3, PUTNAM 0

PUTNAM — The Clippers fell in straight sets to Academy of Aerospace & Engineering in volleyball on Oct. 28. For Putnam: Molly McKeon notched nine kills, 12 serve receive points and 11 digs; Abby Gardner had six digs;



The Killingly High girls soccer team gathered on Senior Night at the school on Friday, Oct. 25.

Ellie Morissette made four digs and had four kills; Alyiah Negron notched 23 assists, and Abby St. Martin notched five kills and one block. The win lifted Aerospace's record to 15-1. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 4-11. The Clippers are next scheduled to play on Monday, Nov. 4, at Montville High School, in an ECC Tournament quarterfinal match 5 p.m.

### PLAINFIELD 1, WOODSTOCK 0

WOODSTOCK — Kate Carleson scored the lone goal in the Panthers win over the Centaurs in girls soccer on Tuesday, Oct. 29. The win lifted Plainfield's record to 12-3-1. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 10-5-1 in its last game of the regular season. The Centaurs will play host to a first-round game in the Class L state tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12.

### PUTNAM 1, MLC 0

BLOOMFIELD — John Espinosa scored off an assist from Karson Bates

to give the Clippers the win over Metropolitan Learning Center on Oct. 25. Goalkeeper Colby Livingston notched 20 saves for Putnam High (1-13-2). MLC's record fell to 3-10.

### WATERFORD 2, WOODSTOCK 1

WATERFORD — Molly Quiles and Gabbi Sack scored for the Lancers (3-13, 3-8 ECC) in the win over the Centaurs in field hockey on Oct. 29. Eliza Dutson scored for the Centaurs (5-10, 4-7 ECC). The loss eliminated Woodstock's hopes for a state tournament berth.

### KILLINGLY 0, EAST LYME 0

DAYVILLE — The Red Hawks and the Vikings fought to a scoreless tie in girls soccer on Oct. 25. Killingly outshot East Lyme 13 -9. Killingly keeper Taylyn Lemoine made six saves. East Lyme goalie Avery Owen notched eight saves.

### WINDHAM 4, WOODSTOCK 2

WOODSTOCK — In boys soccer on Oct. 28, Eric Phongsa and Chad Graley each scored one goal for Woodstock Academy in the Centaurs last home game of the season. Alfonso Vazquez tallied three goals and Kaleb Calixto scored one goal for the Whippets (12-1-2). The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 1-11-3.

### WINDHAM 3, ELLIS TECH 0

DANIELSON — The Whippets swept the Golden Eagles in volleyball on Oct. 23. Set scores were 25-11, 25-18, 25-12. Mackenzie Ruley made five kills and Jocelyn Collin notched eight assists for the Golden Eagles (2-16). Windham lifted its record to 10-7. Ellis Tech is set to play host to Wheeler in its last game of the regular season at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.

## QVJC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Brooklyn runners swept to victory at the QVJC cross country championships.



DAYVILLE — The Quinebaug Valley Junior Conference held its cross country championship on Oct. 23 at Owen Bell Park. Two hundred and ninety-three students competed at the meet representing Ashford, Brooklyn, Griswold, Killingly, North Stonington, Parish Hill, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Rectory, Thompson, and Woodstock. Fifty-five Brooklyn students competed at the championship. The Brooklyn girls entered the championship 7-1, a three-point loss to Woodstock was their only loss. The Brooklyn boys were undefeated but had never won a conference cross country championship until Oct. 23. Brooklyn's girls and boys teams were each crowned conference champions on Oct. 23. The Woodstock girls team finished second and Griswold boys team finished in second place.

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# OBITUARIES

## Norman D. Beaudreault, 87



Norman D. Beaudreault, 87, of Woodstock passed away Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. He was the loving husband of Yvette (Gagnon). He was born September 1, 1932 in Putnam, son of the late Antonio and Effie (Perry) Beaudreault.

He was a US Army Veteran (50-52) serving in the Korean War. He was stationed in the Fort Campbell, Kentucky serving as a medic. Norman retired from Putnam-Herzl Finishing Co. in 1985. He enjoyed hunting and raising animals. He also enjoyed listening and singing country music. His favorite singer was Gene Autry. Norman and his wife Yvette also belonged to a local square dance club and spent many happy hours dancing. He served as the President of the Putnam Fish and Game in Woodstock for several years.

Norman is survived by his wife Yvette; two sons Norman Beaudreault, Jr. and his wife Cindi (Baranski) of

Jewett City; Gary Beaudreault of Thompson; three daughters Deborah Alberghini of Enfield, CT; Gail Jones of Vancouver, WA, and Ann Page Barrett and her husband Glen of West Springfield, MA. Additionally, his brothers Harvey, Paul and Leo Beaudreault and sister Ruth Roy. He was predeceased by two brothers Robert and Richard Beaudreault. He also leaves ten grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 12:00 PM at St. Mary church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT, burial with Military Honors to follow. Calling hours will be from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to ST Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38101-9908. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## James E. Sharples, III, 62



THOMPSON – James E. Sharples, III, 62, of Thompson Rd., passed away on Friday, October 18, 2019 at his home. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late James and Rosa (Demers) Sharples, II.

Mr. Sharples worked as a machinist for Arrow Diversified in Ellington, CT. He was a proud member of A.A. for 22 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, music and baking apple pies.

James is survived by his son, James Sharples, IV and his wife Dr. Kimberly Legere-Sharples of Meriden; his daughters, Mary May Messenger of Lewiston, ME, and Samantha A. Sharples and her companion Marvin Clemente of Willimantic; his sisters, Carol Beauchesne of N. Grosvenordale,

and Diane Dixon of Webster, MA; his grandchildren, Zachariah, Amaré, Anastasia, Ailonnne and Bruin; and his cousin and best friend, George Pickett, Jr.; his step-siblings, Bill Morton, Bob Morton, Steve Morton, Lauri Clerico, Michael Morton and Kevin Morton. He was predeceased by his step-mother, the late Lorraine Sharples, and his step-brother, the late Eddie Morton.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with James' family from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2019 in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT with a Mass of Christian Burial taking place at 10:30 in the church. Burial will follow in West Thompson Cemetery, Thompson, CT. Memorial donations may be made in James' name to your local food pantry. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Joseph Lindley, 63



THOMPSON - Joseph Lindley, 63, of Hill Rd., passed away October 25, 2019, in Massachusetts General Hospital after a long battle with a heart condition. He was the loving husband of

Suzanne (Tellier) Lindley. Born in Bossier City, Louisiana, he was the son of Joseph and Maureen (Patterson) Lindley.

In Joe's own words, "Joe lived with his wife and best friend of 43 years, Sue. His two sons, Sean & Jonathan both live in CT. Some of his past accomplishments include being an Army Officer serving most of his 11 years as a Combat Engineer, published six books, three about local forgotten war heroes. The others involve coaching youth athletics. Joe's two favorite sports are baseball and basketball. He had 25 years of experience coaching the two sports, ranging from little league to the high school level. He spent 18 years of his professional life at C & M Corporation where he started as an Engineering Manager and worked his way up to the President of the Special Products Division. He held a B.S. in Concentrated Studies (Business and Youth Counseling) and an M.A. E.D. in Adult Education and Distance Learning." Joe was an amazing person with incredible stories that he was

excited to share.

Joe was also involved in many community organizations, including the Thompson Historical Society, Tourtellotte Memorial High School Alumni Association, Board of Education, Juvenile Review Board, and Board of Trustees for the Tourtellotte Trust.

In addition to his wife, Joseph is survived by two sons, Sean Lindley of Putnam, CT, Jonathan Lindley and his wife Jessica of Wallingford, CT; four sisters, Kathy Weidman and her husband Richard of Moon of Wayne, PA, Pat Chadbourn and her husband Chad of Glen Rose, TX, Karen Lindley of Lancaster, SC, Donna Butterworth and her husband John of Monroe, NC; and many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 with a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. Burial to follow in East Thompson Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Thompson Historical Society, P.O. Box 47, Thompson, CT 06277 or to the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Program (TTALB) P.O. Box 123, Putnam, CT 06260-0123. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Martin J. Witkowski, 81

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Martin J. Witkowski, 81, of Linehouse Rd., passed away Wednesday evening, October 23, 2019 comfortably in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Joan A. (Senderski) Witkowski. Born in N. Grosvenordale, he was the son of



the late Dominic and Anna (Suchoka) Witkowski.

Mr. Witkowski worked for almost 35 years as a Cost Estimator for Kaman Aerospace. He was a member of Knights of Columbus in N. Grosvenordale, Thompson Lions Club, Quinebaug Community Center, Foster Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf, and was a founding member of the chicken BBQ fundraiser for St. Stephen Church. Martin was very proud that he built his own home

where he resided with his wife for 60 years.

In addition to his wife, Martin is survived by his children, Debra LeBlanc and her husband Philip of N. Grosvenordale, Brian Witkowski of N. Grosvenordale and Allen Witkowski and his wife Christine of Murray, KY, and; a brother Raymond Witkowski of Delray Beach, FL; five grandchildren, Jacques, Gabrielle, and Frances LeBlanc and Rebecca and Matthew Witkowski.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Martin's family from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019 in Stephen Church, 130 Old Turnpike Rd., Quinebaug, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. Burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster, MA. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen Church, P.O. Box 897, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Kathleen (Kay) Smith, 76



BROOKLYN- Kay's personality made friends with all that met her. She treated all with a friendly approach, but was also on the shy side until you got to know her better, and then you found a friend

for life. Get her mad and she could overcome any obstacle. She had four Sons (wanted a daughter but never had one) 12 siblings 6 grandchildren and many nieces & nephews who she dearly loved, her death on 10/23/2019 at 76 is the cruelest thing possible to those who were lucky enough to have loved her.

Rest in peace Kay.

## Walter “Spartsy” R. Pizzetti age 92



WEBSTER- Walter “Spartsy” R. Pizzetti age 92 passed away Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Healthcare Center, Worcester, MA. He was the husband of the late Nancy J. (Pepka) Pizzetti who died in 2004.

He leaves his two sons and a daughter, James L. Pizzetti and his wife Sarah of Woodstock, CT, Kenneth L. Pizzetti of Webster and Kara B. Pizzetti of North Grosvenordale, CT. Spartsy also leaves a brother, Alfred “Cookie” Pizzetti of Webster, nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his brothers, Anthony, Francis and sisters Adeline Pizzetti, Josephine Pepsak, Ida Caplette, Eleanor Berthiune, Rose Tomaso, Rita Willis, Carrie Peters and

Mafalda Pizzetti.

He was born in Webster son of the late Lorenzo Pizzetti and Nina (Poletta) Pizzetti and lived here all his life. He was an accomplished drummer and enjoyed music. He was employed for many years at Anglo Fabric Co. in Webster. He was a member of the Sons of Italy.

Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA were Monday, October 28, 2019 from 4 PM – 6 PM. Funeral was held Tuesday, October 29, 2019, with a graveside service at 10 AM at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Please omit flowers and donations may be made to the Cat Connection, Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Eleanore Manning Sands Ringdahl, age 82



Eleanore Manning Sands Ringdahl, age 82 of Wiota, WI went home to be with the Lord Saturday, October 19, 2019 at her home in Wiota. Eleanore was born February 12, 1937 in East Brookfield Massachusetts to Emery and Hazel (Conley) Manning. After graduation from Woodstock Academy, Woodstock, CT, Eleanore began her studies as a nurse at Philips Beth Israel School of Nursing in Boston, MA where she graduated as a registered nurse. On August 30, 1958, Eleanore was united in marriage to Wesley Paul Ringdahl in Woodstock, CT.

Following her marriage, Eleanore began working as a registered nurse, supportive wife, and a loving mother. Due to her husband's job, the Ringdahl family lived all along the east coast including Worcester, MA., Millinocket, ME, Phillipston, MA., and Cheshire, CT. After a calling from God, the Ringdahl family decided to move to Downer Grove, IL where they began their mission at Fairview Ministries INC. Eleanore continued her minis-

try work there for 19 years. In 2001, Eleanore and her husband Wes retired to Wiota, WI where they have enjoyed their hobby farm.

Eleanore is survived by her husband, Wesley, at home, two daughters: Sharon Elizabeth Mulligan of Saco, ME and Bonnie Paula Ringdahl at home; one son: Dwight (Teresa) Wesley Ringdahl of Temple, GA; and five grandchildren Jonathan (Karina) Dwight Ringdahl, Josiah (Trisha) David Ringdahl, Travis (Jennifer) Alt, Evan Michael Greene, and Emma Madison Greene. She also was blessed with five great children. Eleanore is also survived by her three brothers Howard (Nan) Sands, Bobby (Kathy) Sands and Emery Manning.

Eleanore was a member of Gratiot Evangelical Free Church in Gratiot. She enjoyed knitting with friends, spinning wool from her cherished lamas and sheep, quilting and cooking for her family. Her passion though was to serve the Lord.

Per Eleanore's wishes, private services were held. The Erickson Funeral Home in Darlington is serving the family. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.ericksonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ericksonfuneralhome.com).

## John J. Rybacki, Jr., 75



WEBSTER – John J. Rybacki, Jr., 75, died Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Rose Monahan Hospice Center, Worcester, after an illness.

He leaves several cousins, including Cara Simpson of Southbridge and the Benvenuti family; a sister-in-law, Nicole N. Rybacki of N. Grosvenordale, CT; and a dear friend, Heather Vanasse of Connecticut. He was preceded in death by his brother David in 2017.

He was born on August 2, 1944 in Webster, the son of John J. Rybacki, Sr. and Angelina V. (Benvenuti) Rybacki and lived here all his life. He attended Bartlett High School.

Mr. Rybacki worked as a custodian at Dapol Plastics in Worcester, at Bates Shoe Company and at Jeffco Fiber Company, both in Webster. He retired in 1999.

In his retirement, John went to the former Colonial Restaurant almost daily and had many friends there. He enjoyed collecting baseball cards and team pins as well as operating his ham radio. He was a fan of the Chicago Cubs. He belonged to Saint Louis Church.

The family would like to thank the workers at Lanessa Extended Care Facility, especially Chris, for their professional and personal care of John while he was a resident there.

A graveside service will be held on November 1, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old

Worcester Road, Webster. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to the Webster Senior Center, Church St., Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. [www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Lucille Irene McDermott, 98



Lucille I. (Bourke) McDermott, age 98, beloved wife of the late Charles B. McDermott for over 74 years, passed away peacefully on October 18th 2019 at Newtown Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Newtown, CT.

Lucille is survived by 5 sons (Thomas McDermott and his wife Ellen of Lunenburg, MA, John McDermott of Carmel, CA, Charles McDermott Jr. and his wife Connie of Little Torch Key, FL, Michael McDermott and his wife Kristen of Brooklyn, CT, and Frank McDermott and his wife Jeannine of Monroe, CT), and 2 daughters (Donna Rawson and her husband Jim of Thompson, CT & Rosanne Nagamine and her husband David of Ewa Beach, HI). She also had 1 son (Dennis McDermott) who pre-deceased her). Lucille also leaves 10 grandchildren (Thomas McDermott and his wife Azita, Erin McDermott, Jeni McDermott, Molly McDermott, Meg Barker and her husband Joshua, Mark Tedisky and his wife Christine, Bryan Tedisky and his wife Marlena, Ryan McDermott and his wife Cara, Alyssa McDermott, and Casey McDermott and his wife Amanda); and 6 great grandchildren (Any, Emma, Hannah, Jacob, Isabelle, Caiden, and most recently her namesake, Quinn Lucille, who gave her great joy). She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille was born in Worcester, MA, daughter of the late Anthony and

Rosanna (Goyette) Bourke. She is pre-deceased by 2 brothers (George and Robert) and 4 sisters (Yvonne, Antoinette, Loretta, and Thelma.)

She graduated as a Horace Mann Scholar from the High School Of Commerce in Worcester, MA in 1939. In her younger years, she was employed by New England Telephone and the Law Offices of Shea & Tamalonis. She married Charles in 1942 and lived on Acton Street until 1960, when the family moved from Worcester to No. Grosvenordale, CT. She was employed by Preferred Plastics as a secretary, and then for many years by Dr. Sherman Waldren of Thompson Family Practice. She retired in 1984. She was a long-time member of St. Joseph's Church in N. Grosvenordale. In 1999, she and her husband moved to Monroe, CT, to live with their son Frank McDermott and his wife Jeannine until 2017, when she became a resident at Newtown Rehabilitation & Health, where she developed many close friendships. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care and attention provided by the staff during her time there.

Lucille enjoyed reading, cooking and baking, bowling, watching Jeopardy, and playing cards with her family. Her devotion to and love for her family was matched only by her long and broad list of close personal friendships, which she developed throughout her 98 year life. She will be missed by many.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 20 Main Street, N. Grosvenordale, CT at 11am on Saturday, November 2nd.

## Norma F. Wolfe, 87



PUTNAM - Norma F. Wolfe, 87, of Putnam, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Villa Maria Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Plainfield surrounded by her family. She was born in Danielson on November 12, 1931, daughter of the late Donald J. and Marion (Perry) Field. Norma retired in 1994 after being employed by The State of Connecticut for several years. She is survived by her four children, Leisa Berube and husband Edward, Robert Rutledge and wife Pamela, James Rutledge and wife Cynthia and Heidi Driscoll and husband Henry, eight grandchildren,

Christopher Currier and wife Faith, Gregory Currier, Donald Rutledge and wife Rebecca, Erica Dumont and husband Eric, William Rutledge, Duncan Driscoll, Cameron Driscoll and Abigail Driscoll, as well as eight great grandchildren, Alexis, Brian, James Donald, Hannah, Flynn, Aurora, Avery and Allison. Norma also leaves her dear sister-in-law Jeanne Field and special nieces and nephews. Norma also had in her heart her always and forever friends, Alice and Edward Senecal, Louise Salmon, and Frances "Mildred" Sharpe. She was predeceased by her brother Joslyn P. Field. Funeral services will be private. Remembrances may be made to a charity of choice. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

## Katherine "Lyn" Liebler, 94

Danielson, CT. Katherine "Lyn" Liebler passed away on 10/25 at Davis Place, following a brief illness shortly after turning 94 years old. She was born in New Bedford, MA and raised in Port Jefferson, NY along with 3 sisters. In her career as a Registered Nurse, she worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering hospital in NYC before moving to Bronxville, NY to raise her family. She lived in Woodstock CT for 15 years prior to Davis Place. Predeceased by her husband and childhood sweetheart of 52 years (Dr. William A. Liebler) she raised twins Cynthia Liebler Saari and Michael A. Liebler. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Michael Saari of Woodstock, CT, her son and

grandchildren-- Andrew A. and Rachel Lyn Liebler-- of Croton, NY, a sister (Virginia DeWick of Florida), numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. She volunteered for several historical groups and, through her church, worked with Meals-on-Wheels, and pastoral counseling services. A kind and gentle soul, there will be a memorial service and interment of ashes at Christ Church (Bronxville) at a later date. In the spirit of Lyn's local interests, donations may be made in her memory to Sawmill Pottery in Putnam for senior citizen programs, or to PAWS cat shelter in South Woodstock, CT.

## Rose Marie (Lamiotte) Adams, 83



PUTNAM- Rose Marie Adams (Mickey) 83, of Woodstock Ave. died Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Leo C. Adams, Sr. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Clarinda Lamiotte.

Rose drove bus for Putnam Headstart for 18 years. She managed Pomfret Livery & Community Cab for over 20 years. She managed the Pomfret Village Store and worked for the C&M Corporation in Wauregan, as well as Gentex in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Rose was a member of the Putnam V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. She loved spending time with her mother Clarinda at the Thompson International Speedway cheering for her sons that raced there. She owned the RMA Motorsports Racing Team and she drove in a Woman's Powder Puff Derby.

Rose is predeceased by her son, Joseph (Jo-Jo) Adams; and her daughter, Donna (DeDe) Robichaud; her sister Mary Bellerive, her brother Authur (Sonny) Lamiotte. Rose is survived by her sons, Leo (Bim) Adams

Jr. (Claylene) of Putnam, John Adams of Dayville, David Adams of Dayville, Richard Adams of Woodstock, Bruce Adams of Dayville, Francis Adams and his companion Pamela Walker of Putnam; and her daughter Christine Adams of Putnam; her brothers, Raymond Lamiotte of Quinebaug, Ernest Lamiotte of Killingly; and her sister, Theresa Lamiotte; her lifelong friend (Family) Paul Lajoie; her sister in law, Rose Lamiotte of E. Putnam; her brother in law, Jack Bellerive of Woodstock; as well as many grandchildren; and great grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at Saint Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St. Putnam, CT on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a burial at Saint Mary's Cemetery, 230 Providence St, Putnam, CT. The arrangements for Rose Marie have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeast CT. 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260. For Memorial Guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Rita M. Manso, 94

Rita M. Manso, 94 of Danielson, CT passed away Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, CT. She was born April 14, 1925 in Putnam, CT, daughter of the late Joseph and Delia (Michon) Dusseault. Rita was the beloved wife of Paul Manso, he died July 5, 2006. Rita worked for Rogers Corp. as a mill worker. She enjoyed knitting, sewing and crochet and she loved her family and her cat Princess.

She leaves her sons Paul Manso, Jr. and his wife Amanda of Eastford, CT and David E. Manso and his wife Linda of Windsor, CT; her grandchildren Kevin, Lori, Amy, Melissa, Paula, Rebecca and Julie; her great grandchildren Zephany, Haleigh, Tabin, Max, Jodi, Zoe, Eve, Adeline, Camryn and Maeve; also several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Adelard Dusseault, Yvonne

Sabourin and Norman Dusseault.

A Calling Hour was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Nancy Atkinson, (19-00406)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, November 12, 2019 ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

John Aldrich  
c/o REUBEN JAMES MANNING, LAW OFFICES OF REUBEN MANNING & ASSOCIAT, 566 DEVOTION ROAD, BALTIC, CT 06330  
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### TOWN OF BROOKLYN NOTICE OF ACTION

On October 22, 2019 the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission voted to withdraw a Cease and Desist Order issued to Manuel Aviles on October 15, 2019, for unauthorized site work at 160 Creamery Brook Road (Map 32/Lot 125).  
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2. Woodstock, Connecticut
3. Claims to be presented to:  
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168 Main Street, P.O. Box 528  
Putnam, CT 06260
4. Claims to be presented by April 1, 2020

By Mary Lou Davis, President  
November 1, 2019

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary G Woodcock (19-00133)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

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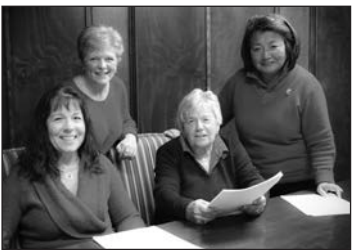
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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT**  
5:30pm-7:30pm Cormier Jewelers and Art Gallery  
First 50 people receive a free gift. Free raffles from local businesses and in-store baskets. Wine will be served - must be 21 or older  
136 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**HOW TO MOVE ON - CREATING A BRIDGE TO A NEW LIFE**  
1:30-2:30. Barbara Perman, President, Moving Mentor  
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### FRIDAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum.  
Show dates are November 1st and 2nd at 7:30 and November 3rd at 2PM. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and 12 and under. Held at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium 10 High School Drive, North Brookfield, MA 01535

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### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

**HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
10am-5:30pm. Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle. St. Andrew Bobola Church 508-943-5633



### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

**HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.**  
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Mary Queen of the Rosary Christmas Faire Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Baked Goods, and so much more!  
In the Church Hall 9am-2:30pm. 7 Church Street, Spencer, MA. If you'd like info on being a vendor at this Christmas craft fair, please. Email susan.terkanian@gmail.com

Pictures with Santa from 10am-3pm  
\$5.00 Donation to the Spencer American Legion Ho, Ho, Ho - Santa is Coming! Spread the Cheer!

Children & Pets Welcome! Santa will be meeting and greeting, take Christmas Pictures together! Let us know you're coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don't forget to share with your friends!



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Second Chance Mobile Unit Pet Adoption from 2-4pm. Home for the Holidays!  
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# VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

#### November 2, Sat., 10-11am

Growing Up Wild, Nature and Book Exploration- Ages 4-7. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road, Danielson, CT 06239, 860-779-5383. Register at [www.killinglypl.org](http://www.killinglypl.org)

#### November 2, Sat., 6pm

Class of 1969 Killingly Reunion. Connecticut National Golf Club. Please contact Wayne Magao 860-774-5488 for details.

#### November 2, Sat., 4:30-5:30

Take Out Lasagna Dinner -Saturday, (or until it's gone!) \$12.00 - Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna - Salad-Bread & Cake - at the Federated Church of Christ - Rtes 6 & 169 Brooklyn

#### November 2, Sat., 1:30pm

Facts of the Indigenous Thanksgiving. Olison Best and Jerred Swiftcloud Best of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Westfield Congregational Church 210 Main St. Danielson, CT. No Cost ~ Refreshments. Sponsored by the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society. For information please call the Society at 860 779 - 7250

#### November 2, Sat., 9am-6pm

November 3, Sun., 7:30am-Noon  
The St James School in Danielson, Connecticut is having their annual Christmas Craft Sale  
The Craft Sale is being held in the Church Basement. There are paper crafts, tree ornaments, holiday decorations, gift cards, great gift ideas, gift baskets, raffles and baked goods!

#### November 2, Sat., 5-7pm

Roast Beef Dinner 5-7 pm Congregational Church of Putnam 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

#### November 2,9,16,23, and 30, Sat 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday

and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

#### November 2, Sat 8:30-11am

All Woodstock candidates have been invited and all Woodstock residents are invited for a meet/greet. Free coffee and refreshments. at 628 Route 169 in Woodstock.

#### November 2, Sat., 9am-2pm

Harvest & Holly Festival. Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary to Thompson Memorial Post 10088. VFW Post Home 654 Quinebaug Rd. (route 131). Quinebaug, CT 06262 Featuring: crafts, bake table, cookies, tea cup social, attic treasures, theme baskets, luncheon, much more... Benefit: Veterans and Community Programs

#### November 3, Sun., Noon

Mia Donohue author of "Crossing the Bamboo Bridge" will be speaking about her book after church. Congregational Church of Putnam 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

#### November 5, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

#### November 6-13, Wed., 10-10:45am

Preschool Open Story Time-Ages 3-5. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road, Danielson, CT 06239, 860-779-5383. Register at [www.killinglypl.org](http://www.killinglypl.org)

#### November 7, Thurs., 4-5pm

Tween & Teen Happenings Ages 9-17 welcome - Extreme Angry Birds played with our huge catapult. Killingly Public Library

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#### November 7, Thurs., 7:30pm.

The Brooklyn Historical Society is pleased to sponsor "Death and Mourning Practices of Early New England," an illustrated lecture that will explore the traditions of death and mourning with such illustrations as memorial jewelry, embroideries and portraits. The exploration will be led by Bev York, Director of Museum Education at the Windham Textile & History Museum. Location: Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For more info: 860-774-7728.

#### November 7-21, Thurs., 5:30-6:30am

Coding Club Ages 9-17. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road, Danielson, CT 06239, 860-779-5383. Register at [www.killinglypl.org](http://www.killinglypl.org)

#### November 8, Fri 9:30-11:30am

Stoncroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. Holocaust Survivor Story told by her daughter Hanna Marcus. Inspirational Speaker Jean Steber, "Walked the Yellow Brick Rd but Found a Better Path". Reservations for Brunch \$13 is required by Nov. 1, cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or [wccwc81@hotmail.com](mailto:wccwc81@hotmail.com). Make reservations early!

#### November 8, Fri., 9am - Noon

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and Friends of Assisi is preparing for its 29th annual food basket distribution. Guidelines are simple. Those needing food baskets must register at the Killingly Library on Friday and must be a resident of the Killingly/Brooklyn area with identification for all family members and current proof of address (license or utility bill, etc.). Individuals or families may

only register with one agency/church (lists will be coordinated). Friends of Assisi hopes to take care of approximately 400 families with the help of this generous community. Donations are always welcome. For more information, please call (860) 774-2310

#### November, Sat., 9

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

#### November 9, Sat., 8am-2pm

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

#### November 9, Sat., 8am-2pm

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

#### November 9, Sat., 8am-1pm

There will be a Christmas Wonderland Bazaar at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Many craft vendors including the "pickle man." FREE COFFEE! Public invited. Sponsored by the ladies' auxiliary.

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

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

To submit your event contact: Paula at [Paula@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:Paula@stonebridgepress.news)

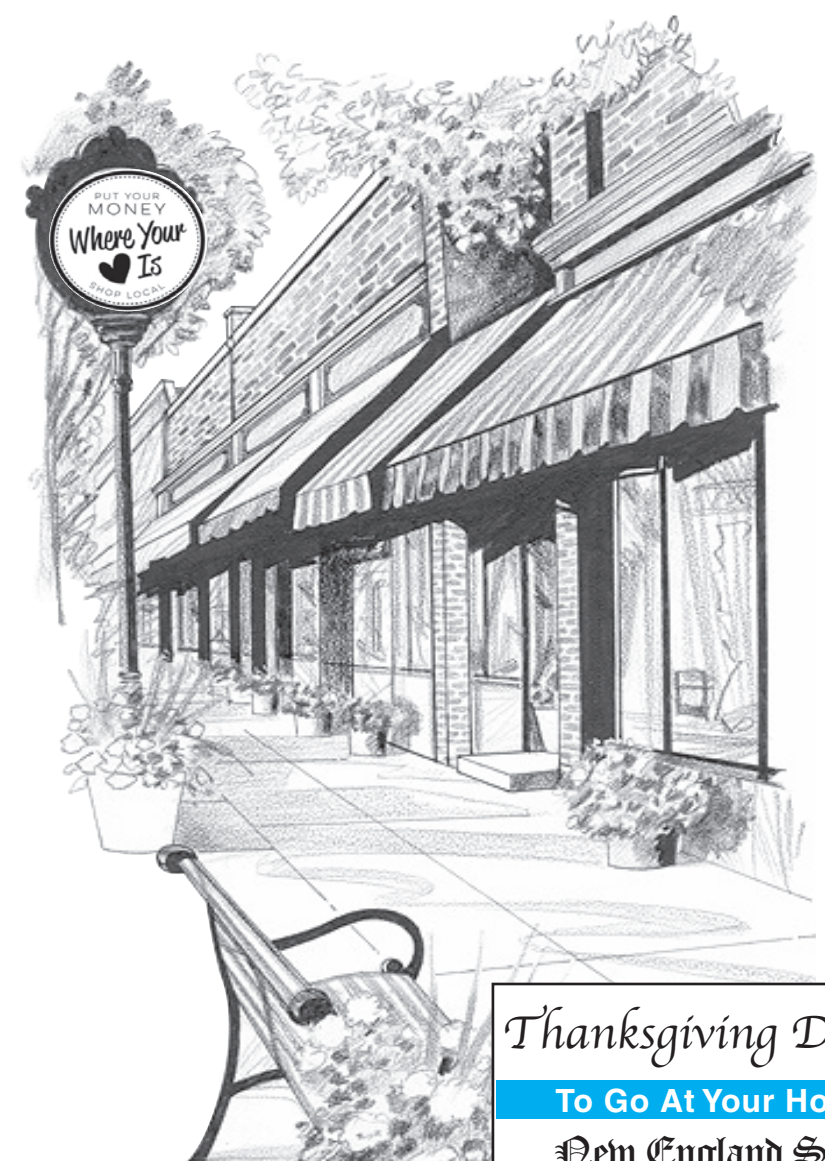
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