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Fifth anniversary of Living Faith United Methodist cafe

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — It's the 5th anniversary of the Living Faith United Methodist Church's Community Cafe, which offers a free meal every Friday. But the Outreach Mission Committee do so much more for the community, and Treasurer Kathi Peterson wants to share that with everyone.

It did all start with the Community Cafe, run by Christine Castonguy, who also buys and prepares the food each week.

"She does a lot of work and I admire what she does," said Peterson. "I'm thankful that someone is willing to step up to the plate and so something like this. It's an opportunity for the faith community to reach out and meet the needs of underserved people in this community."

It's a big undertaking, but it's not worth it to not only feed the community, but unite them.

"You come down on a Friday morning and you'll find people playing cards, interacting with one another. There's so many different groups here, a big cross-section of people," said Peterson.

But for many people involved with the mission, Community Cafe wasn't enough. They wanted to reach out into the community in other ways. And throughout the world.

"There are a lot of unmet needs in the world," said Peterson. "As a faith community we can do something about it."

Through the Community Cafe, members of the mission started blending soups for people on hospice support at Day Kimball Hospital. It was a way for chemo patients and hospice patients to enjoy a quality meal.

This started expanding to comfort bags for the oncology department at DKH as well as their home care department. Peterson came up with the idea after researching "Chemo Bags" on Pinterest.

"I got the message that maybe we should be doing something like this for our own community," she said.

Another major project that the mission has worked on for the past 30 years is providing furniture for people in need. According to Peterson, a group of men in the mission have provided and moved anywhere

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Touchdown stretch



Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Nick Bedard breaks the plane of the goal line with the football on a 14-yard touchdown reception against Capital Prep Harbor

on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Bentley Athletic Complex. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.

GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

PUTNAM — Andrew Zimeba attends Putnam's Great Pumpkin Festival last weekend as downtown was transformed into a Halloween wonderland.

Olivia Richman photo



Scouting out a rainy day project



Volunteers tend the rain garden.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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WOODSTOCK — For his Eagle Scout Project, Elliot Lawrence installed a rain garden at Roseland Park. The beautiful feature doesn't only enhance the park's aesthetics, but helps filter the water.

"I've loved this park since I was a kid," said Lawrence. "My mom always brought me here."

By being an instructor and a leader, Lawrence orchestrated the entire project, utilizing skills he learned throughout his time as a Boy Scout in Woodstock's Troop 27.

For Lawrence, completing his Eagle Scout Project was the culmination of all his hard work and dedication. It has become a huge milestone in his life, especially because Boy Scouts played such a big role in his childhood.

"What I like most about Boy Scouts is the morals it instills in the young boys in the troop. The motto. The oath. I think I personally learned a lot about the outdoors and exploring but I've gained a great moral compass," he said.

For Lawrence and other

Eagle Scouts, it's about "living the oath every day," by being trustworthy, helpful, kind and cheerful.

The Eagle Scout Project was supported as part of the 100 Rain Gardens and 100 Rain Barrels in Eastern CT initiative, with funding support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the US EPA through a Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant.

A rain garden is planted in a depression, designed with the specific purpose of collecting and filtering stormwater runoff. According to Eagle Advisor Vicki Embree, the plants, mulch and microbes help to filter out pollutants that would otherwise be carried into Roseland Lake.

Working with Eastern Connecticut Conservation District's Jean Pillo, Lawrence developed a list of perennial plants specifically adapted to periodic flooding, as well as providing color and interesting foliage year-round.

According to Pillo, the installation received its first "test" during a heavy rain three days

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POLICING THE TRAIL



Olivia Richman photo

POMFRET — Relay team members Chip Carney, Gage Griffin, Will Wolfburg, Dan Wolfburg and

Ryan Barile represented the Plainfield Police Department at QVCC Foundation's fifth annual Tackle the Trail relay race on Saturday, Oct. 20 — a 20 mile run from Pomfret to Willimantic.

MEET THE CANDIDATE

Name: Anne Dubay Dauphinais

Position sought: State Representative District 44

Towns of: Killingly & Plainfield (parts of each)

Background/ Qualifications:

I am a mother, grandmother, and nurse with 30 years of professional healthcare experience. I am a graduate of KHS, NMVTI, QVTC, and ECSU. I have lived, raised my four children and have my four grandchildren here in Killingly.

Additionally I come from a family with a small business and understand both the cost of doing business and raising a family here in CT. Most importantly, I know how to balance a budget.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

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What differentiates you from your opponents?

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my opponent did in 2015/2016. I will not vote to punish small businesses/citizens with oppressive taxes, fees, regulations and licensing requirements. I will continue to listen to our citizens and supports bills that lower the cost to live here...not increase it. I will not vote for corporate welfare as did my opponent or for bailouts like the \$550 Hartford Bailout.

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Patterson at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — Amy Patterson, Medicare advisor, will be the speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Patterson will be back to give updates and changes for 2018 and in particular what plans and changes are good for veterans. The coffee-

house will still be at St. John Lutheran Church 190 Wauregan Road Danielson for this Oct. 30 morning coffeehouse. We will be moving back to 185 Broad Street Danielson beginning with the Nov. 6 meeting. That is election day. Make sure you plan your day so you

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from a bed to an entire apartment set-up for individuals and families in need all over Northeastern Connecticut.


"I think we are continually and actively looking at additional ways in which we can meet the spiritual needs of families in the community," said Peterson. "Providing music, messages, meals... We want to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people. And we can do all this under the guidance of Reverend Dr. Bob Jon."


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Great Pumpkin Festival in Putnam

PUTNAM – Putnam’s Great Pumpkin Festival completely transformed downtown into a Halloween wonderland. Over last weekend, Putnam residents and visitors enjoyed the 12th annual scarecrow contest, craft and art vendors, live music, activities for children, and even one of the largest pumpkins grown of all time, at over 1,800 pounds.

Olivia Richman photos



Diva de Jesus with her son Royal.



YMCA's topical scarecrow display.



Putnam’s town crier Romeo Blackmar said the Great Pumpkin Festival is an event he really looks forward to each year.



Professional pumpkin carver Taylor Martin did a live demonstration of her mermaid carving for the Jack O Lantern Spectacular.



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Julia Budd

Occupation: Director of Communications at The Woodstock Academy

Lives In: Woodstock

Family: An amazing mother and two wonderful siblings

Pets: Two kitties – Eustace & Clarence

How long have you lived in the area? Woodstock has been my home for a few years, but I'm an Eastford girl at heart

Favorite food? I love a good bagel

What is currently your favorite TV Show? On Netflix I like to watch political dramas like Madam Secretary

Favorite movie? Anne of Green Gables

Favorite travel destination? Portland, Maine or Central Europe

What's the best part about your town? I love being able to shop for food locally and support my neighbors and local farmers.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My grandparents and parents have been the best examples of a strong faith in a loving God

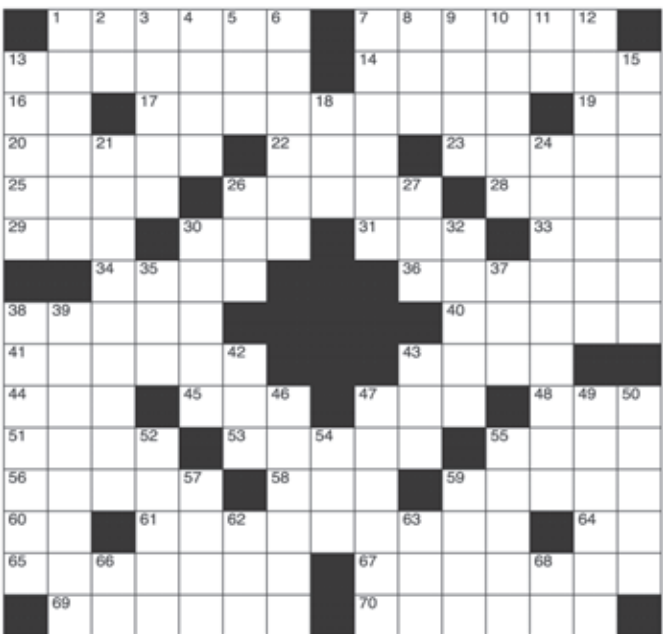
Favorite musical artist? Almost anything indie-folk

Favorite book? Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? “You will never be tomorrow what you are not becoming today” – Dr. Bill Brown (the president of my university at the time)

Favorite Sports Team: Tottenham Hotspurs

Each week we will be celebrating a local resident. If you would like to suggest a resident to celebrate here, please send Charlie an email at charlie@villagernewspapers.com. For a list of Selfie questions please e-mail charlie@villagernewspapers.com



CLUES ACROSS

1. Rhythmic patterns

7. Ethical theory

13. Nightclub

14. Upsets

16. Type of railroad

17. Home of The Beatles

19. Political organization

20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong

22. Seven

23. Enlarges hole

25. Some are big

26. August __, German socialist

28. Unappetizing food

29. Cast out

30. Adult male

31. After uno

33. Midway between northeast and east

34. Kenyan settlement

36. Oxygen deprived

38. British writer
40. Synchronizes solar and lunar time

41. Vehemently expressed

43. Hurt

44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

45. Gradually weaken

47. Cool!

48. Touch softly

51. Israeli city

53. Indicating silence

55. Protein-rich liquids

56. Tropical Asian plants

58. A very small circular shape

59. Type of wrap

60. Potato state

61. Spinning toy

64. Type of degree

65. Ornamental molding

67. Closes again

69. Verses

70. Rise up

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish seaport

2. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)

3. Powders

4. One of the “Great” ones

5. Increase motor speed

6. “E.T.” director

7. Caught sight of

8. Congressional investigative body

9. Aroma

10. Runs without moving

11. Southeast

12. About remembering

13. Slang for famous person

15. Potential criminal

18. Body part

21. All over the place

24. Conqueror

26. Actress Ling

27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

30. Distributes
32. Golfing legend Sam

35. Laos musical instrument

37. Open payment initiative

38. Having no fixed course

39. Type of dog

42. Digital audiotape

43. Hit lightly

46. San Diego ballplayers

47. Stop working

49. Suitable for growing crops

50. Musical groups

52. Soft

54. Lowest point of a ridge

55. Beloved late TNT broadcaster

57. Thin strip to align parts

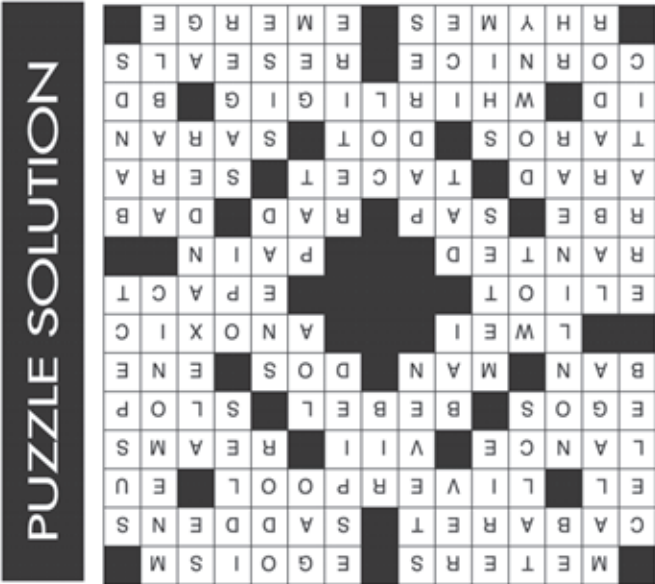
59. Cardinal number

62. Frozen water

63. One who is incredibly special

66. Rhodium

68. Top lawyer in the land



Chiefs win Killingly Flag Football title

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Flag Football League completed their inaugural season on Saturday October 20. With a total participation of 52 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 they were able to field 8 teams with two 4 team divisions, AFC and NFC. Each game was played 5 on 5 with rules designed to eliminate all contact. In the AFC final the Chiefs

defeated Raiders for the title. The chiefs were coached by Tim Jonasch and Neil Blanchard, the Raiders by Sean Maloney and Eric Anderson. The NFC division competed in 2 Pro Bowl style games. Game 1 winner was the Bob Bourget led squad over the Patrick Crowley led team. Game 2 's winner was the team

coached by Doug Cutler over the squad led by Andy Crowley.

The league would like to thank all parents, children, volunteers, and sponsors for making the first season a resounding success and look forward to continued participation in years to come.

Woodstock Little League results

BASEBALL MINORS
Saturday October 20th
Woodstock River Dogs 11,
Thompson 1

The Woodstock fall minor league River Dogs won at Thompson on Saturday October 20th 11-1. Nate Jezierski and Jacob Chapman led the way with 2 hits while James Silva, Luke Thompson, Jonah LaBonte, Brayden Bottone, and Davis Jette all added a hit. Wyatt Ducat and Sam Greene scored 2 runs while Greyson Magnan added a run as well. Nate Jezierski pitched all 3

innings for Woodstock and had 8 strikeouts for the win.

Saturday October 21st
Killingly Jaguars 4,
Woodstock River Dogs 1

Woodstock dropped their final game of the fall 4-1 on Sunday. Jonah Labonte drove in the only run scored by Woodstock with a double in the 4th inning. Jax Golden scored on the play. Bobby Graham also had a single for Woodstock. Jonah LaBonte and Luke Thompson combined to strike out 10 Killingly batters in the loss.

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George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Going to the dogs

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Jennifer Sherman was always a German Shepherd girl. But there was something about this dog’s eyes. When she saw the photos she just couldn’t stop thinking about them. She didn’t know a lot about Coonhounds, but she knew she had to adopt this dog.

That dog was Jethro, a Coonhound that Nichole Foster had shared on her Facebook rescue group: New England Needs More Coonhounds.

Jethro, at the time, was at a shelter down South. He’d been beaten and then thrown out of a car, left to die. Abandoned. This may sound horrific, but it’s unfortunately the story many Coonhounds face each and every day.

“Somebody had dumped him because he wouldn’t hunt,” said Sherman, from Woodstock. “That’s how it goes down there. If they go lame, get sick, old, pregnant. They don’t take them to the vet. They dump them. They shoot them. They throw them out the car door.”

When Sherman went down to Virginia to pick up Jethro, the lady at the pound told Sherman some disturbing statistics: The small five-kennel shelter that Jethro was at euthanize over 300 dogs each year. The bigger shelters put down more than dozens every day.

After talking with these rescues down south while trying to transport Jethro and other Coonhounds to New England shelters, Sherman became very passionate about this problem.

That’s when she became even more involved with New England Needs More Coonhounds. The Facebook group

is in its infancy, but its goals are clear: Spread awareness of Coonhounds and the horrors they often face, and share Coonhounds currently available for adoption, foster or rescue.

They also share fundraisers that raise money towards the adoption or transportation of these Coonhounds, said Sherman. The money goes towards getting the Coonhounds transported to New England shelters, fixing them, and getting them checked by a vet, to make their adoptions safe. And find them good homes.

But that’s not the only thing that got Sherman hooked on the group. The Coonhound’s often looked over personalities are what sealed the deal for her.

“Anybody who is not given a chance to get to know these dogs are short-changing themselves,” she said. “They’re doing themselves – and the dogs – a disservice. They’re such amazing dogs with great personalities, and people will be captivated, and fall in love with them.”

Plus, New England is “heaven” for Coonhounds, said Sherman. The dogs love the large properties, and the parks to run around in. The farms especially.

“People hear Coonhound and they think ‘hunting dog,’” said Sherman. “But they’re not just that. I want to introduce people to their other side. They are just absolutely the most goofy, funny and loyal dogs you’ll ever meet. Their personality is like no other dog you’ll have an interaction with.”

Their facial expressions add to that. According to Sherman, you can tell exactly what they’re thinking. They love to run, and they’re great with kids.



Jennifer Sherman with Jethro
Courtesy photo

But there’s one downside.

“You won’t have your own spot on the bed every night,” said Sherman.

In New England, Pit bulls get a bad reputation. Coonhounds have a similar situation below the Mason Dixon line. And a lot of times people up north have never even heard of this issue. The dogs are used to hunt mountain lions and bears, but once they get their foot caught in a bear trap, they’re often shot or abandoned.

Sherman rescued Jethro from death. But Jethro rescued Sherman as well.

“I was in a very tough stage in my life. I was at an all-time low. Unhappy. Down in the dumps. But Jethro stepped in and shook the house up, and I came out of it. I needed to start laughing. I needed to have fun. He showed me that even though he went through these horrible things, he could trust me. He could be a total goofball with me. Maybe I needed to learn something from this dog,” said Sherman.

If you’re interested in learning more about Coonhounds or want to see if there are any up for adoption, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/nenmch/>.

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Boy Scouts make wilderness trek

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PUTNAM — The boys are back in town after an extensive Fall Wilderness Survival Camporee. Boy Scout Troop 21 spent the weekend of Oct. 5 at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, learning how to survive in the outdoors through map and compass, fire starting, shelter building, wilderness first aid and sending emergency distress signals.

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

According to Assistant Scout Master John Ryan, the Scouts go camping

about once a month, 12 months a year, in an attempt to foster self-reliance and self-respect. They pack their own gear. They pitch their own tents. Cook their own food.

“These are all skills you can’t teach indoors,” said Ryan of the wilderness survival camporee lessons.

And who doesn’t love being outside?

At 56 years old, Ryan said that he was outside as a child all the time. He realizes how fortunate he was now that he sees kids sitting “around playing video games all day.” Being outside is healthy and good for your psyche. It refreshes you.

And maybe you’ll learn to read a map in the process.

Now that fall camporee is over, Troop 21 is preparing for next month’s wilderness camping trip, another hike, a Providence Bruins game, a winter camping trip, a food drive for local needy people, a weekend at an archery and planning an upcoming fishing trip.

“Our Scouts made up this year’s schedule and are responsible for planning and carrying out what they’ll be

doing,” Lombardo said. “They decide what they want to do; they raise their own money to do it. Scouting builds responsibility and character that way. We’re very proud of our guys.”

Boy Scout Troop 21 is always looking for new members, boys ages 11 to 17. Boys with special needs are also encouraged to apply, as well as anyone who may need financial assistance.

They are also looking for adult volunteers. As their troop expands, they need more and more volunteers to help make these trips happen.

For more information about joining or volunteering, call (860) 963-0171 or e-mail troop21putnam@gmail.com.

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Jared Jordan ties a split made from sticks found in the woods on a first aid instructor’s leg.

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Dalpe in Tourtellotte Memorial’s 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 Freshman Alivia Dalpe.

Regarding Dalpe’s motivation she states, “My family and friends motivate me to be the best person I can be. They are always encouraging me to try hard and are very supportive. I really look up to both of my parents as role models. They work hard and are always there for me. My two brothers, David and Devin, also are a source of inspiration, especially in sports.”

In middle school Dalpe had many accomplishments including induction into NJHS, earning high honors all four years in middle school, and receiving the Every Teacher’s Dream Award and Coaches Award for basketball in eighth grade.

At Tourtellotte, Dalpe has continued being highly active in her school community. She plays three sports for

TMHS — soccer, basketball, and softball.

Dalpe said “I believe it is important to represent my school with pride in athletics.”

She recently ran for and won the treasurer position for TMHS’s Freshman class. She is a member of the Student Council, Tourtellotte Student Leadership Team (TSLT), Yearbook, and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Regarding her involvement, Alivia said “I hope by becoming involved right away in high school that I can foster relationships with many students, not just those in my own class. I also hope that my involvement in my school community will help me become a well-rounded student who is better prepared for college and success beyond high school.”

Her plans after graduation are to go to college to study business. Dalpe’s personal message to her school and community is, “Don’t let others’ opinions change who you are and always keep a positive attitude.”



Alivia Dalpe is Tourtellotte’s spotlight student.

Courtesy photo



Quest students recently competed in Maryland.

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Quest students compete in Maryland

PUTNAM — Students from Quest Martial Arts in Putnam recently competed at the 2018 United States Goodwill Tang Soo Do Championships in Waldorf, Maryland. Attendees from all over the U.S.A. competed. 2018 Nationals Results: Derek Pomes- 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Sparring; Tami Hopkins- 2nd in Weapons; Greg Martinez- 3rd in Fighting; David May- 3rd in Weapons, 1st in Forms, 3rd in Sparring; Maddie Hopkins- 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Forms and 2nd in

Sparring; Mathew Card- 1st in Weapons; Alishia Thompson 1st in Weapons, 3rd in Forms, 3rd in Sparring; Cadence KickConnell- 1st in Weapons, 1st Forms and 1st in Sparring; Nick Caggiano- 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Sparring; Charlie Caggiano- 2nd in Weapons; Brian Card- 1st in Weapons, 2nd in Sparring; Aris Roane- 1st in Weapons, 1st in Forms , 1st in Sparring; Rayne Norman- 1st in Forms, 1st in Sparring

QVCC receives accreditation from metalworking institute

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center is now one of the selected few educational training facilities in Connecticut to receive accreditation from The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS).

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region and is now among the ranks of the best training providers in the United States.” As staunch advocates of the importance of certifying skills of QVCC manufacturing students and further supporting the strength of the program, QVCC Director of Advanced Manufacturing Stephen LaPointe said “The importance of stackable credentials that business recognizes when reviewing portfolios for possible hires.

QVCC has awarded 456 NIMS credentials to students over 4 years which validates the curriculum we teach meets industry standards.”

Scholarship Support from the Haas Foundation: Once again, QVCC has received monetary support from the Gene Haas Foundation. The award this fall in the amount \$15,000 brings the total support from Haas to \$45,000 awarded over 3 years. Ninety-seven

students have benefitted from their generosity.

Fifth Year of Manufacturing Your Future: On Friday, October 26, QVCC will welcome more than 200 students from 12 area high schools for an interactive morning with presentations on the latest trends in advanced manufacturing. Students’ participate in workshops featuring robotics, 3D scanning, lean continuous improve-

ment and programmable logic controllers. More than 25 businesses from Eastern Connecticut will be on hand to talk with students about the career opportunities in the industry. For more information, please contact Steve LaPointe, QVCC director of the advanced manufacturing slapointe@qvcc.edu or 860-932-4111.

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after its completion, and it was a success.

Lawrence is currently a senior at Woodstock Academy, and he’s been involved in Scouting since elementary school. With the rain garden complete, Lawrence now serves as Senior Patrol Leader for the troop and expects to have completed the last of his requirements for the Eagle Scout rank by January 2019.

When he’s not at school or Boy Scouts, Lawrence enjoys spending time with his family and learning as much as he can.

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Vicki Embree photos
Elliot Lawrence and his rain garden.

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Art show at Thompson Public Library

THOMPSON – Virginia Chase’s photography collection at Thompson Public Library, “Things, Stuff and the What Not” is a fun, eclectic look at nature. *Olivia Richman photos*



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Tell me a story

We are all storytellers. David Margolick, a native of Putnam and now a New York City writer with a raft of books, articles, and columns to his credit and a contributing editor to Vanity Fair magazine, came to the area to discuss his latest book, “The Promise and the Dream”, about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy as part of an event for the Day Kimball Hospital Women’s Board.

As an author, he writes stories based on years of research and analysis. He talked about Dr. King and Senator Kennedy, who died within a month of each other 50 years ago, but he also talked about his own story and that of his family and friends. He talked about what Putnam meant to the people who lived there when his father, a physician began a practice that lasted for 47 years. Those assembled were interested in hearing about David’s career and his books, but it was the stories of his family that drew the most comments. We relate to storytellers.

Don Williams, a retired State Senator, now Executive Director of the CT Education Assoc., wrote a remarkable book

about a Canterbury resident, “Prudence Crandall’s Legacy”. It is the story of a remarkable young woman, who defied convention, her neighbors and the law, by choosing to open a school to educate young African-American girls in the 1830’s. The effects of her trial rippled through American law in a profound way. Don spoke to a group of readers at the museum, making the story more vivid because of the location. The historical connections are important, but most of the people listening were equally if not more intrigued by the backstory of Prudence’s life. We were eager to hear the anecdotes of her life. We wanted her story.

Alison Davis, a Hampton resident, offers writing workshops several times a year at the former home of Edwin and Nellie Teale. The property is part of CT Audubon. Recently a group of women met to spend a Sunday afternoon writing and talking under Ms. Davis’ guidance. After spending time alone, the group reconvened to read their work. The stories were a reaction to the location. Nearly everyone shared something about themselves and their families. Humor and memory were two of the prominent characteristics of the pieces. People told stories about themselves.

It is easy to imagine our ancient ancestors sitting around campfires telling stories to pass the time, relay information and entertain each other. I heard a professional storyteller recently, who is a skilled mix of actor and raconteur. There are a number of trained people like her and they bring history and lessons in values to life. It is just a bit beyond what most of us can do. Our personal stories, especially if offered to a willing listener, don’t need to be dramatic or polished. They just need to be our stories, or our versions of good stories. I suppose this is where the personal narrative and folklore get mixed together.

The stories we like best are about our families or ourselves. I interviewed a friend’s mother to capture her story of a time when she was nearly lost at sea and was saved by a pod of dolphins who swam with her and beneath her. It is a fine story and one that I hope her family will repeat for decades. Few of us have such exciting narratives, but we do have stories of good luck, times when we won or lost, moments when we were stronger than we thought. Let’s tell our stories to our children and grandchildren so that they can catch a glimpse of how real life is lived and how it is remembered.



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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hayes will listen to voters

Election Day, November 6 will be upon us before we know it. This is a special year for the people of the 51st Assembly District. We need a strong person who is willing to speak up on our behalf to represent us in Hartford. Rick Hayes is that person.

I’ve worked closely with Rick during his tenure as Putnam Police Chief. He a leader and a doer! He transformed the Putnam Police Department during his tenure. He’ll be the same type of leader in Hartford. Rick will be a fiscal watchdog assuring that dollars

are allocated wisely.

He was visible and accessible as Police Chief and he will maintain that openness as State Rep. His slogan while Chief was ‘My door is always open.’ That motto will remain as State Rep.

Please join me in voting for Rick Hayes for 51st District State Rep on November 6.

RONALD P. CODERRE
PUTNAM

Who will pay for the increase in minimum wage?

There has been much talk lately about raising the minimum wage, either nationally or at the state level, in sharp increments to \$15 an hour. This would provide only short-term gain for the minimum wage earner and do lasting damage to many small businesses with thin profit margins. The proponents of this increase suggest that all workers deserve a “living wage,” but the minimum wage was never intended to provide that. Half of those earning minimum wage are teenagers engaged in their first jobs, and they don’t rely on their pay for survival.

Hiring a person applying for their first job is a significant investment for most employers. In the restaurant business, this usually means hiring for tasks ranging from properly mopping floors to satisfactorily washing dishes. That always requires training, usually by a person earning more than the trainee. So the initial cost of hiring that person is not only the minimum wage but also the wage of the person doing the training. That cost is compounded by the fact that turnover rates for such positions are very high, meaning the employer is likely to repeatedly pay that double hit – employee and trainer -for the same position. Employees in such jobs do not always represent cheap labor.

First-job employees often do not represent \$15 an hour value to the employer. Ideally, some of those employees will learn what having a job means and a few may put in extended service. In the restaurant business, those that stick around may eventually move into waiting tables, working the line in the kitchen or other better-paying positions. A few may eventually be given management responsibilities, where their accumulated knowledge will make them extremely valuable to their employers. That is where the employer’s investment in the former youthful worker truly pays off.

In the restaurant business, labor is the largest cost. A recent bill proposed in the Connecticut General Assembly, House Bill 5388, stipulated that the state’s minimum wage be increased to \$15 an hour by 2021. If that bill had passed (it did not in the last session, but seems certain to come back in similar form) it would have increased our labor cost by 48 percent over just three years.

It doesn’t take an economist to predict the inevitable result. Almost all small business-

es, especially restaurants, are in extremely competitive environments and the economy in the past decade has forced them to absorb many of their cost increases. A wage hike of that magnitude, however, would have to be passed along to consumers for those businesses to remain viable, especially because of the inevitable wage hike domino effect. Raising the minimum would not only affect the cost of labor at the low end; those who had previously been satisfied with working for \$15 an hour or even more would immediately expect a commensurate increase in their own wages to compensate them for their experience.

Unfortunately, the sharp price increases resulting from these increased labor costs are likely to reduce consumer spending on the goods and services provided by small shops and restaurants. This is particularly true of the fast-casual dining establishments, which rely heavily on fixed-income retired and elderly patrons. Those establishments that go out of business as a result of decreased patronage will no longer hire or pay taxes, and the survivors will likely higher fewer people and automate as much as possible. The supposed beneficiaries of the increased minimum wage who still have jobs would see better pay checks, but it’s likely that soon much of that would soon be erased by inflation in virtually every store and fast food restaurant they frequent. And so the cycle would begin again, with calls for an even higher minimum.

People and businesses are leaving Connecticut, which has one of the most abysmal job creation rates in the nation. Any effort to rapidly raise the minimum wage will hurt the state’s small businesses, the state’s already shaky fiscal condition and, ironically, the very people that legislation is intended to help.

Most employers would love to offer their people greater wages and benefits but remember, it is you the consumer who must pay.

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Dauphinais says no to tax increases

When I first met Anne Dauphinais in 2016 on her last campaign trail, I felt an instant need to support her values and help her win the seat as The 44th District’s State Representative. Connecticut’s economy is in danger, businesses are leaving and residents cannot afford to continue living here. Taxes are rising because the money we are currently contributing is being allocated to fund miscellaneous budgets other than the initial purpose of the tax. We pay enough in automotive and gasoline taxes, residents shouldn’t be

forced to contribute additional hard earned dollars towards Connecticut’s poor budgeting decisions. I certainly do not want to compensate the State of Connecticut for their ignorance, do you? Anne has voted “no” to every tax increase Hartford has tried to pass. She deserves another term to continue fighting for the future well-being of our state and the place most of us consider home.

REBECCA HOFFMAN
PLAINFIELD

Lamont won’t lower taxes

Ned Lamont is promising to lower our property taxes by \$700 per year. Can somebody please explain to me how he plans on doing this and do you really think this is going to happen if he’s elected? Though it would be nice, I believe that like I believe the

Town of Thompson will finally come up with a no mil rate increase budget.

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Dauphinais supports small businesses

She supports local as well.

Ask Anne why! If she voted for/against something and you are confused about why she did it just ask her she will explain it to you. She is a genuine person and a voice of reason in sea of chaos.

Anne doesn’t stoop to the levels of some of the candidates either, when asked why don’t you do this to retaliate, she says no I don’t want to go down that road. Anne would rather take the high road, the view is better, that is the type of person we need to get Connecticut back on track.

This is the second election I have helped Anne Dauphinais campaign for and I would gladly do it again. Team Anne! I encourage everyone who would like a real voice in Hartford to choose Anne. Get out there and vote on election day.

VIRGINIA H. CHASE
DANIELSON

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taxes if elected, yet every time Rick Hayes has voted on a budget in Putnam, it was to raise taxes. Please join me on November 6th and vote for Larry Groh Jr. for State Representative, the experienced candidate that we need in Hartford!

RICHARD BROTBECK
FABYAN

Trick or Treat

Yay for Fall! Sweaters, hoodies, boots, pumpkins, and cider from Buell’s. Time to fill the oil tank and turn on the heat. We called Buy-Rite last Friday and got our delivery so now I can take an hour-long bath with my homemade bath bombs... who am I kidding? I’m out of the tub in fifteen minutes. Sitting still that long is torture. I would say yippee for

football but I would be fibbing. I don’t understand a thing about it, and just show up at the parties for the food. I adore October, and the icing on the cake is Halloween! I actively seek out events

where costumes are required just so I can be as outrageous as I want without judgment. Some costumes have been a flop; all night people ask “What are you supposed to be?” and some years are a hit and you win first place in the contest. One year I dressed as one of King Henry’s deceased wives, Anne Boleyn, and I won first place in the costume contest, then sashayed back to the table with my prize. My brother didn’t tell me he was going to gallantly pull out my chair, so I missed it and landed on the floor. They shut me off at the bar and I hadn’t even had one drink. Good times... One time Rachel took an hour to design Sophia’s face in the style of a “Day of the Dead” death mask. She looked amazing but got to the party and no one else had donned a costume...awkward moment there.

I’ve always made the girls costumes and adore doing it. Once Rachel was a Luna moth and everyone kept commenting on what pretty butterfly she was. The child was infuriated and spent the whole party schooling everybody on the difference between moths and butterflies. One year Sophia announced she didn’t want me to sew her costume and that she wanted the “good kind” from the store. I was crushed but I complied and bought her the princess dress she coveted. The Velcro kept unsticking so the dress kept slipping off, and the hem frayed in the first hour. She later said “Mommy makes way better costumes.” I was elated and then hired back as official Halloween seamstress.

If you were a child during the 1950’s through the 1980’s you probably wore the Ben Cooper, Collegeville, or Halco costumes. I remember my mother taking my brother and I to Kmart to pick through the stacked boxes of vinyl costumes that displayed the plastic mask through a window on the front. The costume had to be big enough to fit over your winter coat and would usually rip halfway through the trick-or-treating. The plastic mask had stapled elastic to keep it on your face, the eye cutouts would dig into your skin, and the mask would steam up within a minute of putting it on so you had a wet face all night. You’d have to lift up the mask between houses in so you could breathe normally. It was the best! My mom would take us out and dad would stay home and pass out candy. One year we arrived home with our loot and found out that Dad had ran out of candy and had been passing out money for the last hour. Mom loudly reminded him to just shut off the light when he ran out of candy. I really miss trick or treating as a child so the next best thing as an adult was to bring children. No I didn’t have kids just for the annual candy payout...but it’s a definite perk. Have a spooktacular week!

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Graveyards and tombstones in Killingly

Since this is the last Killingly at 300 column before Halloween, I thought I'd write about a topic in keeping with the season — graveyards and tombstones. Did you realize that Killingly has 73 known cemeteries? During the Depression the Hale Cemetery Collection was compiled for Connecticut towns with all the legible tombstones being recorded. What a wealth of information! Since a number of the older stones from the 1700's are no longer legible, this has become a valuable resource for those searching for relatives. The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center has copies of the Hale collection for many of the towns in this area. If you are interested in looking for relatives all over the United States whose burial places are unknown to you, try the website www.findagrave.com. You may even discover that someone has included a photo of your relative's tombstone. I have seen some of mine in Pennsylvania.

During the 1700's many individuals were buried without stones. However, there are a number of marked graves in Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut towns. The earliest Killingly cemetery that I am aware of is now located in Putnam off Route 12 and Nancy Drive. Called Aspinwall Cemetery after one of the town's earliest inhabitants who donated the land, it probably was used as early as 1708 when Peter Aspinwall's stepson Peter Leavens passed away. The old Chestnut Hill/Bateman cemetery off of North Road in East Killingly also contains early pre-1720 burials. The old Thompson Cemetery (once also part of Killingly) is located adjacent to Route 12 near West Thompson Dam. The older section of Westfield Cemetery in Danielson also contains a number of early burials including James Danielson, who died in 1728. Breakneck Hill Cemetery (Warren) and South Killingly Cemetery are also some of the older burying grounds in the town.

James A. Slater's The Colonial Burying Grounds of Eastern Connecticut and the Men Who Made Them contains a wealth of information on the men who carved the stones in these burying grounds. In Killingly Slater attributes stones to the following: Killingly egg carver (21), Elijah Sikes (23), Spalding (9), Roberts (4), Soule (8), Bartlett (1),

Barker (1?), G. Allen (5), Oneco White-stone carver (4), B. Collins (5), Manning (1), and Stephen Hartshorn (2). There are also unknown slates and sunbursts. In Brooklyn there are 32 stones by Sikes in the Old Brooklyn Cemetery and 21 stones by Soule in that same cemetery. In that town there are also stones by Manning, perhaps Barker, R. Kimball, Bartlett, Hodgkins, L. Kimball, G. Allen, J. Stevens, Jr., Haskins, and the Killingly Egg carver. There are 6 Boston-area slates and three sunburst slates.

By the 19th century grave-stones had become more elaborate and were carved with a number of symbolic images. The websites <https://www.thoughtco.com/photo-gallery-of-cemetery-symbolism> and (http://washtenawhistory.org/images/tombstone_symbols) provided me with a wealth of information. "One of the most common symbols is the draped urn. The urn is an ancient symbol of death or mortality. The drapes (also called a curtain or veil) can mean sorrow or passage from one existence to another." Hands are another common symbol that can have different meanings depending on their position. Two hands in prayer symbolize devotion. One hand may symbolize the hand of God." Angels symbolize rebirth or a messenger of God, a guardian. They may be flying, young or sorrowful looking. They are seen on children's and adult's graves including some very old stones and some modern ones." The cross symbolizes salvation. The Christian cross has one cross bar while the Eastern Orthodox has three, two straight and one at an angle." The Celtic cross, a cross within a circle, usually symbolizes eternity. "Crosses may be combined with other symbols...one contains the alpha and omega symbolizing the beginning and end of life and a heart symbolizing the love of Christ." A book on a tombstone is "usually an open Bible (which) is a symbol of wisdom and resurrection." Flowers symbolize the brevity of life and sorrow. Certain flowers symbolize emotions. Lilies are a symbol of resurrection or purity. Roses



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indicate condolence or sorrow. Poppies are symbols of sleep and therefore death. An ivy vine symbolizes abiding memories and friendship. The laurel branch symbolizes victory. Tree trunks with their cut-off limbs symbolize being cut off in the prime of life. Animals — "The lamb symbolizes innocence, meekness, and sacrifice and is used on children's tombstones. Birds symbolize the soul. A flying bird symbolizes the flight of the soul back to God." The dove, is a symbol of resurrection. One with an olive branch symbolizes that the soul has found divine peace in heaven. Sometimes "people include a statue or carving of a pet or some other animal they care about."

Speaking of animals — Rufus Malbone went one step farther and had his horse Dolly buried beside him. In 2014 the Killingly Historical Center received a scrapbook from Hester Morin. Much to my delight, it contained an article on a subject I'd been asked about during the winter and on which I had been unable to locate any printed information. The headline from the April 21, 1971 Observer Extra-Putnam Patriot (paper unclear) read as follows: "Marker Commemorates Man, Horse Buried Side by Side off Route 44." Located off Route 44 in Putnam, near the Pomfret line, a "tall marble shaft, enclosed in a stone-wall fenced cemetery, marks the location of this unusual interment. Rufus Malbone, son of a slave of Pomfret/Brooklyn resident Godfrey Malbone, was a free man, who moved to Putnam in 1868 and purchased "land from Lucia Perrin. There he built a rough house for himself, and made his living in trading and selling vegetables. The house was completely destroyed by fire between 1884 and 1892."

"On his deathbed his horse Dolly became a source of worry to him. She was in fact, a very fine, fast horse, really a racehorse, although Malbone would never race her and thought her far too good for a race track...Since Malbone had raised her from a colt, nobody else had ever driven her. He told the neighbors to bury her in the same grave when she died, so that she would be

near him forever. He also said, 'See that nobody ever holds the reins over Dolly.' After Malbone's death and burial, Dolly became a neighborhood problem. Nobody owned her and nobody could drive her or sell her. Everybody fed her." Finally Sanford Davis agreed to help fulfill Malbone's wishes concerning Dolly. He called the horse to the reopened grave, where he mercifully killed her with one shot, and "she toppled into the grave where her master was lying in his coffin. A greater crowd assembled for Dolly's funeral than for that of her master...A tall marble shaft was erected, according to Malbone's instructions and paid for by him. This bears the words on one side: 'Rufus G. Malbone, Died Oct. 12,

1894, aged 60 years, 7 mos. and 20 days.' On the adjacent side it reads: 'Dolly, his faithful horse. Died Oct. 25, 1894.'" ..There is no way to get to the enclosed burial plot, which also contains several other unmarked burials including slaves, except through private property.

Mark Your Calendars: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will host a program on Trains of Yester Year by Pieter Roos from the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center, 196 Main St., Danielson, CT. Free and fun for the whole family. Free refreshments and food. Free parking at Key Bank or in front of the Killingly Historical Center. All are welcome! There will be a question and answer period after the program. Questions-call 860-779-7250.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, October 2018. Some of this column has been extracted from previous Killingly at 300 columns. For additional information email her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329.

New rules on retirement savings advice

With changes in the financial environment happening so frequently, it is important to stay informed and up to date on news and events that may impact your financial picture. One of these recent changes is the "Conflict of Interest" rule.

On April 6, 2016, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued a new "conflict of interest" rule regarding financial advice as it relates to retirement plans and IRAs. The rule would generally hold financial professionals to a fiduciary standard if they receive compensation for providing investment advice to retirement plan participants or IRA owners, which means they must act impartially and in their clients' best interests.

It is important to follow and understand the impact these changes may have on your finances. This article provides a brief over of the newly defined DOL rule.

On March 15, 2018, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the Department of Labor's fiduciary rule. In a majority opinion, the court held that the DOL exceeded its statutory authority under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) in issuing the rule. The Department of Justice, acting on behalf of the DOL, failed to appeal the decision by April 30, the deadline for filing the motion. In a last-ditch effort to keep the fiduciary rule alive, several state attorneys general and AARP filed a motion to intervene, which was denied by the Fifth Circuit along with a motion for a rehearing on the matter. While the fate of the fiduciary rule is still in flux, the DOL has issued guid-

ance stating that it would continue to maintain the temporary enforcement policy put in place last year, pending the department's issuance of additional guidance.

What is a "fiduciary" and why does it matter? "Fiduciary" is a term for an individual who has a legal or ethical duty to act for another's benefit. When a financial professional provides investment advice or recommendations to an IRA owner or an employer-sponsored retirement plan participant, and in doing so receives compensation, the new rule generally holds the financial professional to a fiduciary standard. In other words, the financial professional must put the client's best interest ahead of his or her own. To that end, the rule is designed to eliminate potential conflicts of interest. One example is a situation in which a financial professional would get paid more for one investment product than another, creating a possible conflict when he or she makes a recommendation.

Does that mean sales commissions on investments will be eliminated? Financial professionals can continue to receive compensation via commission on investment products. Under the new rule, however, certain requirements must be followed if advice provided relates to retirement plans or IRAs, including rollovers to IRAs. For example, if a financial professional provides advice relating to an IRA, there's a general requirement for a contract stating that the financial institution and professional will act as fiduciaries and will provide investment advice that is in the best interest of the client. There are also required disclosures on fees and charges, and on commissions and other

transaction-based payments.

Will anything change if a financial professional is being paid a flat fee? The impact of the rule may be much less obvious if a financial professional is compensated based on a fixed percentage of the value of assets, or on a set fee that does not change based on the particular investments recommended. However, there will be some additional documentation requirements, particularly when any discussion involves a potential rollover of funds to an IRA.

What about general educational materials? The new rule does not change or limit the ability of financial professionals to provide general investment, financial, or retirement education materials. That includes newsletters; general marketing materials; research reports or news reports prepared for general distribution; and educational pieces on concepts such as risk and return, effects of inflation, and estimating future retirement income needs.

Do the new guidelines apply to advice relating to accounts that aren't retirement plans or IRAs?

No. The rule only applies to advice as it relates to IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. Existing rules will continue to govern the advice provided by a financial professional relating to taxable accounts.

When were the rules scheduled to take effect? On February 3, 2017, just two weeks into his administration, President Trump signed a presidential memorandum directing the Department of Labor to review the fiduciary rule and determine whether it adversely affects access to retirement information and financial advice.

On April 4, 2017, the DOL announced a 60-day delay in the rule's implementation — from April 10 to June 9, 2017. Even though some major provisions of

the fiduciary rule were implemented in June, critical compliance provisions relating to detailed disclosures, policies and procedures, and contract requirements were delayed until January 1, 2018, and the DOL indicated it would not enforce the rule until then. In November 2017, the DOL published another 18-month delay of key provisions, postponing the "final" implementation of the fiduciary rule until July 2019.

In any event, the Fifth Circuit's opinion to vacate the fiduciary rule is at odds with other courts that had upheld the fiduciary rule, so confusion still reigns. Meanwhile, the Securities and Exchange Commission is proposing a different best-interest regulation with a comment period scheduled to end on August 7, 2018.

Plan Well: Being aware to these changes is key to realizing the impacts it can have on your financial goals. What do these changes mean for you? What adjustments may you need to make to fulfill your goals?

The actual conflict of interest rule, as well as explanatory materials, can be found by going to www.whzwealth.com/resources, click "DOL – Fiduciary Rule"

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Children need heroes

Growing up I was a big fan of Superman. He was the feature of my very first comic and it was that day I knew I wanted to be super too.

I was a target of bullies. I can remember my first bully situation when I was four years old. My sister and I were playing in a sandbox together. She said something mean to me so I stuck my tongue out at her. She promptly filled my mouth full of sand! This would be the first of many more situations in school while I was growing up.

Being bullied as a young child I can empathize with the plight of children bullied today. School was great as I was growing up. Mostly. Unfortunately, one of

the things I learned best was it is ok to be a target of any bully around. I was a quiet and shy boy that got picked on regularly and because I was mild mannered, I gave off a sense of vulnerability that bullies quickly noticed. Whenever I was targeted by a bully, I noticed no one spoke up, no one minded and no one cared. Left out of games on the playground, denied a seat in the cafeteria, humiliated and teased on the bus I was the poster boy for children that are targets.

This was a common occurrence for me in school and no one ever mentioned the word bullying.

It was a few years later, now in high school and things started to level off from being picked on. Until, a new neighbor moved in.

This family [Mom, dad, brother and sister] seemed like a "Leave it To Beaver" family except, the son was like Eddie Haskell. He was polite to parents and adults while in their presence, wild and unruly when they were not. He became the local neighborhood bully, and I was his favorite target. Generally bullying stops when you go home from school but in my case my bully lived right next door to me. It was nearly a 24/7 bad experience and I could not escape him. He was not mean to me all the time, just most of the time, and my friends and I put up with it and everyone was afraid.

And then there was the day he beat me up. The beating changed me. I lost my circle of friends in the neighborhood. I became withdrawn, had nightmares about being hurt again, and relived this horrible day in my

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Legally Speaking
by Kathleen Cerrone
Attorney at Law

NEW OR IMPROVED

Home improvement projects are challenging enough without having to deal with unexpected delays, misdirection, and substandard work. While cost overruns and delays are generally expected to be part of the process, some homeowners have engaged the services of unscrupulous contractors who simply do not deliver all that they have promised. In such cases, if there was a signed contract by both sides, homeowners can take legal action to enforce it. As a preventive measure, homeowners are encouraged to have their attorneys review any contract before it is signed to make sure that it is, indeed, comprehensive in its protection of the homeowner's interests. A lawyer can also make sure that a contractor is licensed and bonded. HINT: Bonding protects the consumer in the event that a contractor fails to complete

a project, does not pay for permits, or fails to meet other financial obligations (such as paying for supplies or subcontractors). Many standard home improvement contracts contain a mandatory binding arbitration clause. This means that if you have a dispute with the contractor, you give up your right to go to court. Instead, you agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration. There are advantages and disadvantages to arbitration. Before you sign a contract with such a clause, make sure you understand arbitration and its pros and cons. To learn more, please call **BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HERZOG and CERRONE, LLC**. We handle civil litigation, representation in housing court, representation in family court, or setting up a company, partnership, or corporate entity. Our office is located at **155 Providence St. Putnam**.

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Tackle the Trail benefits QVCC Foundation

POMFRET — Sponsors, runners and local organizations raised over \$50,000 for Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation's scholarship program, by participating in the fifth annual Tackle the Trail relay race on Saturday, Oct. 20. Individual runners and company-sponsored relay teams completed a 20 mile run from Pomfret to Willimantic, all while raising money for QVCC students.

Olivia Richman photos



The runners take off down the airline trail, the first of five legs equaling 20 miles.



Gates Auto Group: Mike Gervais, Bevin Kavanagh, Liza Monaco and Jesus Lopez.



So what do Marge's Gang (Bobi McGettigan, Tom Lowkes, Karlene Lowkes and Andrew Lowkes) love most about Tackle the Trail? The beer and the atmosphere.



Chloe Markley and Madelyn came to cheer on husband Joe



George's Plumbing runners get ready for the race.

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Water quality problems in Woodstock Valley

At the most recent meeting of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen, on Thursday evening October 18, a group of residents from Woodstock Valley made a presentation concerning the problems they are experiencing with their drinking water. What they told the Board was shocking, frustrating and an example of what can happen when government does not do its primary job of protecting the health and safety of its citizens.

The residents reported that for the past three to four years, they have had to deal with polluted drinking water coming from their wells, water filled with salt that has caused them to be unable to drink their water. The salt levels are so high, they reported, that they have had to purchase new hot water heaters almost every year for the past four years, replace plumbing, faucets, have their pet cats die from the salt in the water, vegetable gardens cannot be watered, have had to use bottled water for all their water needs, visit friends' homes to shower, wash their clothes at laundromats, and have their children's blood tested.

This is the Flint Michigan nightmare right here in Woodstock Valley.

So what has caused this pollution? Almost all investigations have pointed to the Department of Transportation's salt storage facility located just across the street (Route 198). The citizens reported that the DOT has offered to install new wells that go down much deeper than their current wells and to hook-up the new wells to the existing water systems in their homes. In exchange, one resident reported, she was told to meet with the DOT officials with no news media or any other officials to sign the agreement for the new well installation. She reported that this arrangement sounded just not appropriate and she suspected that her signing the agreement would stop any other litigation she might have against the DOT.

The proposed DOT agreement also did not address all of the damage done to her home by the salted water including the replacement of all of the plumbing, appliances, and the removal of salt residue that has seeped through her stone basement walls as the result of the normal dampness of the field stone cellar. In fact, the only compensation that the State of Connecticut's DOT has given to the families in Woodstock Valley is the delivery of bottled water every other week. Then, even this was changed. It was reported at our Board of Selectmen meeting that only source of clean water supplied by the DOT has been reduced with missed deliveries and a reduction in the number of gallons delivered.

So how has government responded? Maybe I'm just plain ignorant, but from my perspective, government has not responded very ethically. The families reported that they have received the run-a-round with each branch of government with each saying it was not their area of responsibility. The DOT said that they did not cause the problem. The Northeast Department of Public Health said that it's the town's responsibility and the town was reported to have told the families two years ago that it was the DOT's responsibility.

Even WFSB-TV has tried to assist the residents with ongoing investigative reports with at least three stories and nothing happened. The state representative from the House (Boyd) and Senate (Gugliomo) were involved and Senator Gugliomo was reported to have been their best voice and yet there has been no change. When the BoS were questioned about why these residents are still required to pay property taxes on their homes that they cannot sell and therefore have no value, the First

Selectman at the Thursday BoS meeting directed them to go to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a tax reassessment.

The final insult that these families revealed was the fact that their homeowners insurance was not able to cover the cost of the replacement of plumbing or hot water heaters unless they leaked and caused water damage in their house.

I was stunned! The next morning - I have breakfast every Friday morning at the Main Street Grill with a group of friends - I voiced my frustration and amazement. Roger Gall, one of the guys I have breakfast with, told me that he knew about this issue and that he attended a meeting with the "suits" from DOT one day almost by accident. He happened to be in town hall when the meeting began. He was not notified of the meeting being held in the town hall (Roger is the chairman of the Woodstock Pollution Control Commission). These DOT engineers told Roger that the residents were not invited because they wanted to review the issue - this after four years. The First Selectman was not present and as a selectman, I was totally unaware of the meeting. The meeting was scheduled by Rep. Pat Boyd and Senator Tony Gugliomo who were present. Rep. Boyd reported to me, during a phone conversation this past Monday, that they have been working on this for at least two years.

So why, after four years of not having drinkable water, talking with the various State of Connecticut government departments, going to WFSB, meeting with our local state legislators, meeting with Woodstock commissions and finally the Woodstock Board of Selectmen last Thursday, has nothing been accomplished except to supply bottled water? (There is that Flint, Michigan connection again)

I don't understand!
My job now is to understand, discuss, tell others and make sure more than bottled water is provided to these families who are our fellow "Woodstockians". They deserve a healthy and safe town to live in ... including the very water they drink. I believe that that is now part of my responsibility as a Selectman.

Frank Olah
Selectman, Town of Woodstock

The political climate of recent has been confusing and frustrating. Our state is pulling apart instead of coming together or meeting in the middle. In the 29th district, you, the voter, can help to better Connecticut's economy, decrease taxes, encourage business, and help to keep the businesses that we have by voting for David Coderre. This is not about Trump! It's not about being a Republican or a Democrat, It's about our state debt, taxes, roads, legalization of marijuana, our veterans and a large

Coderre is the change we need

slate of innumerable other topics that need our attention. It's about common sense, good communication, and listening to the people. It's about getting back to people with their concerns to validate that you and your concerns matter. David will go to his senate mailbox. Vote David Coderre for, "the change we need". "the voice we deserve".

DONNA M. CODERRE
PUTNAM

Dusseault supports Rosati Randall

During the last 19 months of the Obama administration 3.9 million jobs were created compared to 3.6 million jobs in Trump's first 18 months.

All Republicans want to do is get rid of the Affordable Care Act which means if you have a condition you may well be getting your insurance on your own. Republicans are also looking into work programs for Medicare recipients.

I recently listened to a state representative candidate debate on a local radio station between Christine Rosati Randall and Anne Dauphinais. I was shocked to hear Dauphinais say she would cut some seniors from the Medicare Savings Program. She said there were seniors who shouldn't be covered because in her opinion they

could afford to do without this health-care program. Dauphinais claimed some people on the Medicare program own five houses. I can't imagine there are many seniors in that category, but it made me realize she really isn't the advocate for helping seniors she portrays herself as. Rosati Randall on the other hand, seems to have a sincere understanding of how hard it can be for seniors on a fixed income. As a senior myself, I am fully supporting Christine and I encourage all seniors to do the same.

JACK DUSSEAULT
DAYVILLE

Dauphinais puts ideas over ideology

Dear Neighbors: I am writing in support of, and to ask my fellow Killingly and Plainfield neighbors to re-elect Anne Dubay Dauphinais to the Connecticut State Legislature.

My decision to support Representative Dauphinais is quite simple. I have observed that she puts "ideas over ideology" and "principle over party." How refreshing it is to have a true citizen representative unafraid to speak "truth to power" in Hartford. So often from the Democrats we hear platitudes appearing to be noble such as "we are doing it for the children" but this is nothing but an appeal to emotion. It is a simplistic response and a smoke screen to the number one problem facing all citizens of Connecticut: We are broke!

The next governor and legislature face a greater than four billion dollar deficit! And, billions of unfunded future liabilities! This is a very sad and familiar story in our once great and financially responsible state. Connecticut

has gone from the 'land of steady habits' to very unsteady, kick the can down the road habits. What we need now are more Anne Dubay Dauphinais citizen representatives who have the courage to stand and say "stop!"

It will not be easy but Anne won't buckle. She will demand that all spending must be put on the table and that difficult decisions need to be thoroughly considered and made. Some of these decisions can easily make a representative unpopular. They are tough decisions but Anne has the courage to get in the middle and stand her ground. She works hard and honestly for us, her constituents and for all the tax payers in Connecticut.

Please vote and return Anne Dubay Dauphinais to continue the difficult work ahead as our representative in the 44th district.

DOUG HUEY
KILLINGLY

Dauphanais has proven leadership

We are fortunate in Plainfield to have two amazing ladies working for us, Representative Anne Dauphanais, 44th District, and State Senator Heather Somers. I have had the privilege of watching them at work, keeping in contact with hundreds of citizens on a daily basis, paying attention to the needs of their constituents without worrying about political parties or the "favor-exchange network."

I firmly believe the Plainfield bus transportation issue, a long-desired need of the citizens, would still be tabled somewhere if these two had not stepped in.

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Small business manager supports Dauphinais

As a managing employee of a small business in Northeastern Connecticut, I would encourage everyone in the 44th House District to cast their vote for Anne Dauphinais to be their State Representative for another term. In a state where we are losing residents and businesses at an unacceptable rate we need legislators who do not vote in favor of a bill that has an appealing title but no substance. This past year our legislators passed a bill entitled “An Act Concerning Pay Equity and Fairness Matters”. This bill was widely promoted as ensuring pay equality for women in the workplace. Sadly the title of the bill had nothing to do with its content. The bill ultimately did nothing to advance the position of working women in this state but did tie the hands of businesses by preventing them from asking prospective employees about their pay history. While other legislators (including Mae

Flexer) voted in favor of this bill, it did nothing more than add restrictions to Connecticut employers, effectively making the hiring process more difficult. Representative Anne Dauphinais voted against the bill knowing that it placed more unnecessary regulations on Connecticut businesses. Anne is one of the hardest working legislators in the state and takes the time to read and consider the impact that the bill she is voting on will have on her constituents. She then votes based on the merits of the proposed legislation rather than the name of the bill or the potential optics of her vote. This is the kind of legislator we need in Hartford. Again I encourage you to vote for Anne Dauphinais. You won't find a better qualified person to represent you.

MARIA SMITH
DUBAY’S TRACTOR CENTER
DANIELSON

Coderre understands small businesses

I met Dave Coderre at his campaign kickoff event back in February and I was so inspired by his speech that I decided to get involved in his campaign. Since that time I've attended campaign events, put out signs and talked about him with friends and colleagues whenever possible. Dave is a small business owner and knows firsthand how excessive taxes and government regulations

are hurting the business climate in CT. Dave Coderre wants to represent all of us in Hartford and bring common sense solutions to the problems facing the 29th district. I'm voting for Dave Coderre for State Senate and I would ask you to do the same.

SCOTT ANTONSON
THOMPSON

Dauphinais will fight tax hikes

As District 44 residents and voters, we enthusiastically write this letter of support for Anne Dauphinais for State Representative of Killingly and Plainfield. We will be voting for Anne because of her strong belief to fight tax hikes that hurt all families and small businesses. CT is broke and it will not be fixed by raising taxes on hard working Americans and implementing more “projects” across the state and simply spending more money than the state has. She will continue to fight hard to make Connecticut affordable for all families and say “no” to higher taxes. Anne knows that every bill affects each and every one of us in some way. She is

not afraid to vote against a bill that has a catchy name and appears to be a good bill. She looks carefully into each bill and will not support it if costs the tax payer more money or takes away our personal freedoms. She is one of the few who will do that and for that we are grateful. As a person of integrity Anne will listen to you, even when she may not agree with you. She understands that she is working for all of us. We are voting for Anne because she wants to protect parent's ability to choose how to raise their children when it comes to medical decisions, religion, and schooling. As parents ourselves we do not want our rights to be limited or taken away. Anne's commitment to traditional family values and her dedication to look out for everyone is admirable. Please go out and vote for Anne Dauphinais on Tuesday, November 6th.

KYLE AND JEN NAPIERATA
DAYVILLE

Flexer works for all of us

There are many variables that seemingly separate constituents in the 29th State Senate district; however, regardless of where you live some desires are universal: we all want good schools, adequate jobs, a chance to succeed, and the systems in place to keep us healthy. The perilous era with which we live was cultivated by generations of politicians who sought power by exploiting our differences – rather than highlighting our commonalities. There are some candidates, however, who emerge from the midst of the forgotten, appeal to decency on both sides of the aisle, and work steadfastly to find middle ground that produces solutions. The constituents in the 29th State Senate district are fortunate to have such a candidate running in the current election – Mae Flexer. State Senator Mae Flexer demonstrated grit by fighting Governor Malloy's attempts to cut funding for our schools, police, and Day Kimball and Windham Hospitals; in addition, she took on members of

both parties in Hartford to hold property taxes down. Senator Flexer is conscientious about how dollars are spent and recognizes where prudent investments should be made. She recently introduced legislation that would increase funding for state technical high schools, so more of these schools would open and new curriculum could be developed, which would increase students' employability skills and attract more manufacturers. Raised in Killingly, the daughter of a Vietnam War veteran, and the first person in her family to go to college, Mae values her blue collar roots and is determined to help her constituents realize their potential. Her steady, reasoned approach to governance has made her a leader of leaders and put our concerns as a district at the forefront of the General Assembly's consciousness. For these reasons and more, Mae has my support for the State Senate.

JAMES OLIVER
CANTERBURY

Boyd will advocate for Eastford

I have known and worked with State Representative Pat Boyd for the last 20 years in his role as the Camp Director at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, the largest camp in CT operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Pat is an Eagle Scout himself and has dedicated his summers to preparing the next generation for leadership in our nation and community. As the Camp Director, he hires for employment over 80 seasonal staff members to operate the camp so running a

business and all of the challenges that come with that is not an abstract concept to him. For the last 20 years I have watched Pat do great things for the youth involved in the Scouting movement and for the last two years I have watched him do great things for the towns in the 50th district. I can think of no one more prepared to advocate effectively for small towns like Eastford.

TONY PERREAULT
EASTFORD

Groh will be ready on day one

I am proud to say Larry Groh will get my vote on November 6. Larry Groh has the experience that we need. We need someone in Hartford that can start on day one when they get to Hartford. Larry is the only candidate running for the

51st District that can do that. Please join me on November 6 and vote for Larry Groh Jr. for State Representative. Let's send him to Hartford!



MICCI ROY
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Emergency management director supports Boyd

Please join me in supporting Pat Boyd's re-election as 50th district state representative. For years I have worked with Pat as an emergency responder in Pomfret. I have watched him skillfully manage many emergency situations, and he has given great assistance to improving Pomfret's plans for disaster preparedness. Pat's activities in the legislature have also been highly commendable. Even in divisive times he has repeatedly brought people together for thoughtful discussion and the development of common

solutions. He has shown himself to be a strong advocate for the distinct needs and interests of northeastern Connecticut, particularly for our agricultural community, our first responders, and our schools. Please vote for Pat Boyd and let this good man continue doing good work on our behalf.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Say no to tolls, spending, marijuana legalization

In a recent radio debate, I listened to Mae Flexer scare seniors about the future of the Medicare Savings Plan, advocate for an increase to the minimum wage, and completely misunderstand how the bond commission affects our state budget. She pushed for greater access to mental health and substance abuse funding in one breath while being incredibly indecisive on legalizing recreational marijuana use in another.

On the other hand, Dave Coderre couldn't be more clear. He says "no" to legalized marijuana use. He also knows that the business costs of a higher minimum wage or highway tolls only get passed along to all of us as consumers.

If tolls are the best way to fix our roads, Coderre wants a reduction in gas taxes to avoid double-dipping. If families need to earn more, Dave wants better access to more and existing training programs so that workers can get paid

what they are worth.

Dave Coderre identified specific examples of wasteful state spending. Mae Flexer dodged the question and identified more areas to spend more taxpayer money.

Racking up state debt through the State Bond Commission puts tremendous pressure on the state budget basics like helping to fund local education, protecting our seniors, and maintaining needed services. With a \$4 billion budget deficit looming, we need Dave Coderre and his business experience to prioritize our spending and keep the waste out of Hartford.

It's time for a change. It's time to take a step in the right direction. It's time for Dave Coderre.

JO ANN GERARDI-VOCCIO
BROOKLYN

Support American values

My friend Tom Pandolfi's recent letter calls on voters to "Make Connecticut Great Again." This infers our state once was considered a great place to live. I think it still is—by a long shot! Most states that protect and preserve American values espouse greatness. Connecticut is no exception. Values such as supporting strong public schools, quality of life issues — public health and safety, civil rights (not voter suppression!), a clean environment and an economy that produces jobs all helped make Connecticut a great place for families. Since 1950, Connecticut has had 11 governors: 6 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 1 third-party candidate. That's a pretty even sharing of both the credit for the good times and the blame for not-so-great news over the past 68 years. Turning to the 2018 state election for governor: Democrat Ned Lamont says he's running "to resolve the state's fiscal crisis and revitalize the economy." He's pushing new policies to ensure a wave of job creation, invest in our children's future, and build an efficient transportation system, to name a few.

Republican Bob Stefanowski has

vowed to cut the state budget by 50% (!) to end the deficit. Those cuts to would be passed on to cities and towns, devastating for small towns like Woodstock because we can't assume those costs. Other planned cuts would drastically change the face of our public colleges and universities statewide, and the list goes on...

If we want Connecticut to be great, let's elect candidates who will be true to our motto, "The land of steady habits." Vote for a Democratic governor and give him a majority in the state legislature to get it done. That would be Ned Lamont, John Perrier (State Senate) and Pat Boyd (State House).

Don't let Mitch McConnell make good on his recent threats to American values: to slash Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare—making the rest of us pay for bottomless tax cuts for the super rich and corporations.

Support American values and vote Democratic!

GREG KLINE
WOODSTOCK

Flexer is Terry's choice

In 2008, I met Mae Flexer, a fresh-faced young woman, a candidate for state representative from Killingly. I learned that as a high school kid, she was rudely insulted by a male politician who wouldn't allow her speak to save funding for a school program at a town meeting. Rather than get mad, she "got even," at the age of 18, when she joined her local Democratic Town Committee. She served three terms as state representative before running for state senator.

The first member of her family to go to college, Mae remembers what it was like for a family to be financially strapped. Throughout her political career, Mae has advocated for programs for working families to lighten their load.

While a legislator, Mae worked to provide economic aid for family farms and farm to table projects. The Connecticut Farm Bureau named Mae a 2011 "Legislator of the Year."

Now a state senator for District 29 (Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, and Windham) running for another term, Mae has blossomed into a wise, mature, strong, principled

woman, concentrating on her constituents'r right to have health care, paid sick and family leave, contraceptives and the right to choose if and when to have a child. Mae is one of the strongest advocates in the state for preventing domestic violence.

During the fiscal crisis facing Connecticut, Mae has fought the State's attempts to cut funding for schools, police, and hospitals in northeastern Connecticut, facing the difficult task of balancing the problems due to the cuts and the pressure to increase property taxes. Mae's Dad is a Vietnam veteran. Mae is passionate about expanding veterans education benefits, state tax credits for veteran-owned businesses and streamlining the application process for veterans who apply for work. She is in a good position to accomplish veterans' goals,

The New Haven Register has praised Mae, recommending in an article on how to fix Hartford, that we need "an Army of Mae Flexers" to do so! Vote for Mae on November 6th!

LEE TERRY
STORRS

Make a change in Hartford

Last Thursday morning's debate between incumbent Mae Flexer and challenger Dave Coderre on a local radio station should have been very revealing to anyone willing and open-minded enough to see the broader picture of what is going wrong in the state. Throughout the debate her responses addressed "this special group" and "that special group", but missing from her list of concerns are the very people footing the bills. She offers only the instant gratification solutions to problems, collateral damage be damned.

I'm tired of being collateral damage. Those able to do so are jumping ship for states friendlier to their freedoms and bank accounts. More leave every day. If we hope to actually fix the state's problems we need to change the faces in Hartford to people who are actually interested in a fix, not just preserving power. Without a change in Hartford there will be no change in the direction we are going. The exodus of businesses and people will continue as will the demands on the purses of those remaining.

We have a chance to change this course. We have a slate of motivated individuals running for various offices who have actual experience in the pri-

vate sector, i.e., the Real World. These are people who employ common sense and have experience solving real-world problems that face homes and businesses in this state every day.

Dave Coderre who is running for State Senate and Ricky Hayes who is running for State Representative have both had to manage budgets, employees and bring actual management skills to the table.

State Representative Anne Dubay Dauphinais has been a voice of reason and common sense for the past two years and deserves to be sent back to Hartford to continue her efforts to turn this misdirected ship back on course. She has been one of the few to actually read and understand the bills before voting on them rather than allow herself to be bullied by misleading bill titles and has been transparent and makes herself available to her constituency as much as possible.

If we hope to see a brighter future in CT these are some of the people who can help bring the common sense and real world skills to put CT back on track.

KAREN FREMUTH
KILLINGLY

America in crisis

The divisions in our country are deep and getting wider. On one side there is no respect for women, no compassion for immigrants, no acknowledging climate change and its impact on our world. This side thinks it's okay to threaten people who disagree, to insult them, and promote false allegations against them. This side also acts recklessly, insulting our longtime allies, and giving approval to dictators and evil regimes. The other side has compassion for the poor, the disadvantaged, for immigrants and wants equality and

justice for women and minorities. It seems there is no middle ground, no willingness to negotiate for the good of the country. In this coming election we need to turn Congress around and put in people who will vote for what is best not just tow the party line. America is great when we all work towards the common good, not when we sow hatred and suffering. .

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
THOMPSON

Flexer supports health care for all

Mae Flexer has my vote this November because she is an outspoken voice for health care as a right, not just as a privilege for those who can afford it. She understands the struggles working families face because she grew up in a family of limited financial means. She has consistently fought cuts to Day Kimball Hospital which our community heavily relies upon. She led the fight to protect the Medicare Savings Program which so many seniors rely upon. She has also led the fight to make sure our health care coverage is protected here in Connecticut no matter

what happens at the federal level.

With Washington Republicans almost ravenous with the promise of gutting Social Security and Medicare, we need legislators like Mae Flexer in our State Senate to protect our values – and quite frankly, our lives. We have a lot of tough decisions to make next month, but one decision should be easy – Mae Flexer is the only candidate we can trust to stand up for healthcare.

Cynthia J. Dunne
Putnam

Rosati supports Rosati

When I think about my mother running in her third race for state representative in the 44th district, I cannot help but be amazed and wowed at her incredible drive and passion to serve this district. As her son I get to talk to her every day and night and see this drive and passion on display. She works tirelessly every day and every weekend working at her job in the morning and then door knocking until after dinnertime. She does not stop. My mom and I speak every night about her interactions at the doors and at local events. In every conversation she continually shows that her priority and purpose is to fight for the needs of our

district. She speaks about protecting our families, our healthcare, as well as our local transportation. My mother has fought and will fight tirelessly for our district to bring us the funds and resources we need to be a successful district. I am so proud of my mom for putting herself out there and championing our needs as a district. She is the clear choice to represent our district. I urge everyone to vote for Christine Rosati Randall on November 6th.

ERIK ROSATI
DAYVILLE

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mind daily along with being significantly traumatized. How would I ever recover? I wasn't sure that I could.

Several months later I read in the local paper that a martial arts school was doing a demonstration and new student enrollment. In 1969 martial arts was still a mysterious oriental art that had only been briefly introduced through film and books. I wanted in and I begged my Mother to take me. She made several parent excuses like "I am too busy, it's too far, it's too much money". Yes, I was persistent, I plead my case and she finally relented.

After arriving at the karate school, I watched the martial arts practitioners in amazement, Black Belts being attacked and able to defend themselves flawlessly! In my mind I now knew I had to take martial arts lessons. It was that day that I enrolled in martial arts and met a man who would change my life. Jose DeGuzman, a Philippine native and retired navy man was about to become my Sensei and change my life. It was not the karate chops he taught me that helped, it was

the increased self-confidence and self-esteem that I learned through small challenges and successes in martial arts training.

Here I am years later running a successful martial arts school with Master Kristin Duethorn for over 30 years. I knew we could change the lives of children in our local towns. But it was not enough. I wanted to help more children through the state and across the country so I developed my anti bully program called H.E.R.O — help everyone respect others, a program about teaching bully bystanders to become upstanders.

The world needs heroes. Heroes fight against villains. They are the protectors, role models and champions that make the world a better place. I have been a comic collector since age five and have always wished a super hero would arrive the day I was beat up and save me. Instead, today, I want to inspire everyday heroes.

We need to teach our children how to become these heroes. They shouldn't wait to buy the superman red cape before they feel this is their duty. It's a bystanders obligation to stand up for what's right.

There are a few key charac-

ter attributes that sets heroes apart. Heroes do what other people won't do. They accept responsibility that bullying is wrong and plan to stop it. Heroes are respectful. They treat other people how they want to be treated. Heroes display courage, even if it might put them in danger. They know that courage is not the absence of fear, it's being a little scared and taking action anyway. Heroes do what other people are not willing to do.

Martin Luther King said it so well. "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

In a Canadian study, they found out bullying stops in thirty seconds or less when someone intervenes (around eighty five percent of the time). I encourage parents to point out news stories, TV shows or news articles where a regular person acted selflessly to do what is right. This is the best way to stop bullying.

Mike Bogdanski is a martial arts Grandmaster and co-owner with Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam

Navigating aging with senior pets

Spunky pups and curious kittens draw the attention of people eager to welcome new pets into their families. As pets begin to age, owners of senior animals may find that they struggle with their pets' emergent needs in this stage of life.

Senior pets may experience dementia, mood

changes, inactivity, pain, and incontinence. But thanks to improved veterinary care and dietary habits, pets can live longer than ever — and remain comfortable well into their senior years.

Cats and dogs are generally considered geriatric at the age of seven, offers the American

Veterinary Medical Foundation. Even so, many pets go on to live 12 to 15 years, which can be the equivalent of age 75 to 85 in humans. Geriatric pets are susceptible to the same conditions seen in older people, including cancer, diabetes, weakness, senility, joint or bone diseases, and heart

disease. It is essential to keep an open dialogue with a veterinarian to discuss any potential health issues aging pets may encounter.

According to veterinary behaviorist Nicholas Dodman, coauthor of "Good Old Dog: Expert Advice for Keeping Your Aging Dog Healthy, Happy and Comfortable," pet owners must realize that older pets are less able to thermoregulate, so they're more sensitive to extreme temperature changes. Pets may need blankets or sweaters. They also may need to spend more time indoors when the

weather is harsh.

Dietary changes may need to be made. Older pets may eat less, but they should be fed high-quality, nutritious foods that help keep their weight in check. Excess weight can put added stress on sensitive joints and may contribute to problems with diabetes.

Veterinary Pet Insurance, a division of Nationwide Insurance Company, says there are new, alternative treatments available for aging pets, often used to treat pain, pet arthritis and cancer. Cold laser treatment directs light to stimulate cells and

increase blood circulation to ease aches and pains. Medical acupuncture can help reduce pain and inflammation. Radiosurgery can target cancerous tissue with a very high dose of targeted radiation while avoiding doses to surrounding tissue. In addition, monoclonal antibodies can be attached to cancer cells to boost natural immunity to cancer and germs.

Older pets require different care and more patience. Owners of aging pets should speak with their veterinarians about caring for pets as they grow older.



As pets age, their needs change and pet owners must adjust how they care for their pets.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

No meeting scheduled

THOMPSON

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Thursday, Nov. 1

Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall

PZC Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

No meetings scheduled

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Registrar of Voters, 8 p.m., Town Office Building

Community Conversation, BOE, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall



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TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN
Sunday, Oct. 14
Jeremy Renaud, 33, of 369 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, was charged with risk

of injury to a child and criminal attempt of voyeurism
DANIELSON

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Kristen Manoogian, 35, of 52 Carol Avenue Apt. #E, Danielson, was charged with larceny

PUTNAM
Monday, Oct. 15
David Nelson, 58, of 794 Five Mile River Road, East Putnam, was charged with illegal discharge of a firearm, breach of peace and reckless endangerment

WOODSTOCK
Saturday, Oct. 20

Roxanne J Deoliveira, 41, of 43 Sherman Road, Woodstock, was charged with violation of a protective order

THOMPSON
Friday, Oct. 19
Kendrick Safford, 25, of 450 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale, was charged with burglary and violation of a protective order



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 29, Monday – Cheeseburger, oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels. Alt. main: vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick.
October 30, Tuesday – Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce, mashed potato, roasted and fresh carrots. Alt. main: Sun Butter jelly sandwich with cheese stick.
October 31, Wednesday – Lasagna, garlic breadstick, roasted squash, cucumber wheels. Alt. main: vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick.
November 1, Thursday – Cheese pizza or ham/cheese sandwich, spinach salad, juice.
November 2, Friday – Crispy breaded chicken OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick, mac & cheese, spinach salad, fresh carrots

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

October 29, Monday – Pizza crunchers, marinara, crunchy baby carrots, garden salad with ranch, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry.
October 30, Tuesday – Chicken soft taco, tomato salsa, shredded lettuce & tomato, refried beans, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini-pancakes
October 31, Wednesday – BBQ beef served on a WG roll, three bean salad, oven baked potato wedge, assorted fruits, milk.
November 1, Thursday – Cheesy Mac n’ Cheese, Garlic Bread Stick, Steamed Broccoli, Golden Carrots, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Mini Waffles
November 2, Friday – Cheese Burger Deluxe, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Sweet Potato Fries, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 29, Monday – WG Mozzarella sticks with zesty marinara sauce, WG pasta, seasoned corn
October 30, Tuesday – Popcorn chicken potato bowl, crispy popcorn chicken atop of creamy mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet corn, and WG dinner roll
October 31, Wednesday – Hot dog with toppings on WG roll, baked beans, curly French fries, “Spooktacular treat.”
November 1, Thursday – “Wolf Meal,”

beef burger with cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato, seasoned curly fries, 100% juice sherbert
November 2, Friday – Putnam Special Pizza, assorted fresh toppings on homemade whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

October 29, Monday – Cheesburger (lettuce, pickles), oven baked potato, baked beans. Alt. main: cheese pizza.
October 30, Tuesday – Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce, mashed potato, roasted carrots. Alt. main: cheeseburger
October 31, Wednesday – Lasagna, garlic breadstick, roasted squash. Alt. main: stuffed crust cheese pizza.
November 1, Thursday – Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza OR Turkey & Bacon Flatbread Sandwich, Vegetable Soup Seasoned Green Beans
November 2, Friday – Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Filet of Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, Roasted Seasoned Broccoli

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 29, Monday – Hot dog/bun, oven fries, fruit, milk
October 30, Tuesday – Chicken taco, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, fruit/milk
October 31, Wednesday – Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, tossed salad, fruit/milk
November 1, Thursday – American Chop Suey, WG roll, wax beans, fruit/milk.
November 2, Friday – Pizza, carrot sticks, fruit/milk.

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 29, Monday – Hot dog/bun, oven fries, fruit, milk
October 30, Tuesday – Chicken taco, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, fruit/milk
October 31, Wednesday – Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, tossed salad, fruit/milk
November 1, Thursday – American Chop Suey, WG roll, wax beans, fruit/milk.
November 2, Friday – Pizza, carrot sticks, fruit/milk.

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After completing his undergraduate education, Dr. Park knew that he was interested in a clinical career. He, then navigated his studies toward dentistry as he went on to pursue his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree at the prestigious Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Park completed a general practice residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where he was able to improve and polish his skills. He continues his education by taking courses around the world to keep him updated on the latest research and innovative dental techniques. Dr. Park currently has professional affiliations with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), American Dental Association (ADA)

After working as an associate for several dental practices, Dr. Park found that he would never quite satisfy his desire to serve patients while working under someone else. While he had access to patients, he was not able to develop the close relationships he finds deeply critical to quality dental care. This led him to open his own practice in Southbridge and the patients he’s met have affirmed his decision. The people of Southbridge have developed a special place in Dr. Park’s heart and he is committed to serving the community to the fullest.

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Centaurs make converts of Capital Prep Harbor



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Luis Miranda snares a pass against Capital Prep Harbor on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Bentley Athletic Complex in Woodstock.



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Woodstock Academy’s Jaden Dennett rushes against Capital Prep Harbor on Saturday in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — The good news for Woodstock Academy was it forced Capital Prep Harbor to go for it on three fourth downs in the first half at Bentley Athletic Complex last Saturday. The bad news for the Centaurs was Capital Prep converted each fourth-down attempt into either a first down or a touchdown en route to a 20-0 halftime lead and a 34-19 victory over the Centaurs.

“They were opportune plays. Certainly let those up. That hurt. I said at halftime, we had them third-and-long, fourth-and-long, maybe a half-dozen times,” said Woodstock coach Sean Saucier.

Facing fourth-and-three from Woodstock’s 41-yard line early in the second quarter, Capital Prep sophomore quarterback Sahim Hasan connected with senior receiver Tyrese Wright on a 41-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring with 11:50 left in the half.

On fourth-and-17 from Woodstock’s 35-yard line in the second quarter, Hasan hit Cashon Young with a 21-yard pass to move the sticks. On the Sharks next play, Hasan ran 14 yards for a touchdown to help put the Capital Prep up 12-0 with 9:13 remaining in the first half.

Facing fourth-and-14 from their own 37-yard line late in the first half, the Sharks went for it and Wright snagged a 28-yard pass from Hasan to keep a 72-yard drive alive. Seven plays later — on the last play of the second quarter — Wright snared a 28-yard pass from

Hasan and tiptoed inside the right pylon for touchdown with :00 on the clock and the Sharks went into the intermission with a 20-0 cushion.

The Centaurs rallied and pulled within seven points midway through the third quarter.

“I knew we were right there. So I challenged the kids to come out (after the half) and show a lot of resilience and I thought they did,” Saucier said.

Woodstock senior quarterback Derek Thompson rushed one yard for a score with 7:52 left in the third quarter. Woodstock junior quarterback Nick Bedard snagged a 14-yard option pass from receiver Caleb Feen for a touchdown with 6:10 left in the third quarter and the Centaurs trailed 20-13.

Bedard was a bright spot for Woodstock. He rushed for 48 yards on six carries in addition to his touchdown reception.

“Nick’s dynamic. He’s fun to coach. He’s got a great attitude and he’s a speed kid,” Saucier said. “You

can do a lot with him.”

The Sharks answered Bedard’s touchdown catch with a 24-yard scoring run from Wright and a 45-yard touchdown pass from Hasan to Cashon Young to push their lead to 34-13 with 7:35 left in the game. Woodstock closed the scoring with 15 seconds remaining as Thompson connected with junior Travis White on a 17-yard touchdown pass.

The Centaurs could not contain Wright, who caught three passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another 48 yards and one touchdown on six carries.

“He’s on another level. He’ll be a scholarship player at the next level. He definitely was a handful,” said Saucier of Wright. “He’s a top-notch athlete who makes big plays.”

The win lifted Capital Prep Harbor of Bridgeport’s record to 3-2. The loss dropped Woodstock Academy’s record to 1-5. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Canton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Bentley Athletic Complex. Canton’s record is 0-6 and the Warriors are coming off a 41-6 loss to Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby last Saturday.

“Our best days are ahead of us. That’s what I just told them. That’s the message,” said Saucier as the season heads into its final four games. “I think it’s mental at this point — keeping a positive attitude, keeping the work ethic high. Staying focused — finishing the next three and a half weeks on a really high note.”

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CAPITAL PREP HARBOR 34, WOODSTOCK 19				
Capital Prep	0	20	0	14-34
Woodstock Academy	0	0	13	6-19

SECOND QUARTER
CPH- Tyrese Wright 41 pass from Sahim Hasan (run failed) 11:50
CPH- Hasan 14 run (pass failed) 9:13
CPH- Wright 28 pass from Hasan (Tavon Daniels run) :00

THIRD QUARTER
WA- Derek Thompson 1 run (Damian Bonneau-Nichols kick) 7:52
WA- Nick Bedard 14 pass from Caleb Feen (kick failed) 6:10

FOURTH QUARTER
CPH- Wright 24 run (Wright run) 11:25
CPH- Cashon Young 45 pass from Hasan (run failed) 7:35 WA- Travis White 17 pass from Thompson (kick failed) :15

	Capital Prep	Woodstock
First Downs	13	10
Rushes-yards	29-135	26-106
Passing	256	101
Sacked-yds lost	3-22	2-12
Comp-Att-Int	13-18-0	13-21-0
Punts-Avg.	3-35	3-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	14-120	2-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING- CPH: Hasan 4-45 & TD; Lavar Hunter 9-29; Wright 6-48 & TD; Carlos Delvalle 1-(-2); Tavon Daniels 7-14; Zy Patterson 2-1.WA: Thompson 4-3 & TD; Jaden Dennett 7-31;Ian Welz 2-6; Feen 2-2; Bedard 6-48; Gavin Savoie 5-16.

PASSING- CPH: Hasan 13-18-0 for 256 yards & 3 TDs. WA: Thompson 12-18-0 for 87; Bedard 0-2-0; Feen 1-1-0 for 14 & TD.

RECEIVING- CPH: Rey McDuffie 2-44; Wright 3-97 & 2 TDs; Young 6-96 & TD; Jose Sanjurjo 1-14; Devonte Brown 1-4. WA: Luis Miranda 7-45; Welz 2-25 & TD; Welz 1-1; Bedard 1-14 & TD; Savoie 1-3; Feen 2-13.

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Killingly High routs Waterford Lancers



Killingly High’s Tyler Cournoyer will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

File photo

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WATERFORD — It’s hard to find fault in a football game where you put up 41 points in the second quarter, lead 69-20 at halftime, and score every time you have the ball until taking a knee to end the first half. That was the kind of night for Killingly High in a 76-27 victory over Waterford last Friday night in an Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II game at Waterford High. The most basic value of Friday’s blow-out came in the victory column.

“Anytime you come out with a win it’s always positive,” said Killingly coach Chad Neal.

Needless to say everyone got a chance to play and sometimes in new positions. “I felt like we got a lot of contributions from a lot of guys, which is great to see, in all three phases of the game,” Neal said. “I thought Jackson Lopes really played well, Kameron Crowe on the defensive side of the ball. So we got a

lot of guys, guys in different positions. It gave us a chance to evaluate some guys and I think that’s a positive.

Despite a night showcasing the offense the bad news for Killingly came earlier in the week with the news that senior running back Tyler Cournoyer will be lost for the rest of the season. Cournoyer was a featured piece of Killingly’s offense. Neal said Cournoyer tore the anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in his right knee in the first half of a 49-0 win over Stonington on Oct. 12. Cournoyer is scheduled to have surgery next week and hoped to be back on the diamond when high school baseball begins in the spring. Through Killingly’s first five games Cournoyer rushed for 413 yards on 37 carries and five touchdowns, averaging 11.2 yards per carry, and he caught seven passes for 80 yards and one touchdown.

“Tyler’s going to be done for the year unfortunately,” Neal said. “It’s just one

of those things you never want to see, especially for a senior football player. You never want to see it with any player.”

With Cournoyer out the philosophy is “next man up” for the Redmen.

“It might not be one guy. It’s going to be a bunch of guys in different roles. It affects a lot of what we do, more so I think offensively and special teams, we have certain plays that are designed for him,” Neal said. “We’re going to have to find guys that are going fill that role.”

Against Waterford, junior running back Jackson Lopes rushed for three touchdowns and finished with 76 yards on eight carries. Killingly rushed 45 times for 336 yards and eight touchdowns. Killingly senior running back Nsaiah Harriet ran for two touchdowns and picked up 68 yards on 10 carries. Senior receiver Josh Montpelier had three catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns.

With its reserves in the game from

KILLINGLY 76, WATERFORD 27

Killingly	28	41	7	0-76
Waterford	14	6	7	0-27

FIRST QUARTER

K-Nsaiah Harriet 1 run(Luke Desaulnier kick)
K- Desaulnier 1 run (Desaulnier kick)
K- Harriet 3 run (Desaulnier kick)
W- Dan Annibalini 76 pass from Ryan Bakken (Owen Johnson kick) K- Josh Montpelier 55 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) W- Marquis Smith 98 kickoff return (Johnson kick)

SECOND QUARTER

K- Montpelier 20 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) K- Jackson Lopes 30 run (Desaulnier kick) K- Lopes 10 run (kick failed) K- Lopes 8 run (Desaulnier kick)
K- Dylan Sanford 5 run (Desaulnier kick)
K- Kameron Crowe 27 fumble return (Desaulnier kick) W- Annibalini 26 pass from Bakken (kick failed)

THIRD QUARTER

K- Mason Smith 14 run (Desaulnier kick)
W- Marquis Smith 68 run (Johnson kick)

	Killingly	Waterford
First Downs	18	8
Rushes-yards	45-336	23-94
Passing	147	185
Comp-Att-Int	4-7-0	10-19-1
Punts-Avg.	3-35	3-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-21	5-35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- C- K: Lopes 8-76 & 3 TDs; Harriet 10-68 & 2 TDs; Sanford 2-55 & TD; Smith 5-51 & TD; Cooper Morissette 6-24; J. Sharpe 8-19; Jacob Nurse 2-10, Desaulnier 3-9; Derek Turner 2-9. W: Smith 2-71 & TD; Cantres 5-19; Hightower 3-12; Harshberger 7 (-17).
PASSING- K: Desaulnier 4-7-0 for 147 yards & 2 TDs. W: Bakken 10-11-1 for 185 & 2 TDs

RECEIVING- K: Montpelier 3-112 & 2 TDs; Tom Bernier 1-35.W: Annibalini 5-153 & 2 TDs; Pezzolesi 1-13; Lovell 1-7; Correia 1-7; Smith 1-(-2).

the second quarter on Killingly, the Redmen scored their last touchdown on their first drive of the second half on a 14-yard run by Mason Smith. Waterford’s Marquis Smith finished the scoring with a 68-yard run with 3:04 to play in the third quarter. The loss dropped Waterford’s record 2-4 overall, 1-2 in Division II.

The win lifted Killingly’s record 5-1 overall, 3-0 ECC-Division II. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Ledyard at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at Killingly High School. Ledyard is 2-4 and coming off a 42-12 loss to East Lyme on Oct. 19. Ledyard is coached by former Woodstock Academy coach Clay Killingsworth.

“We haven’t played Ledyard in probably five years. They’ve had our number for a number of years. I can’t remember the last time we beat them,” Neal said. “Clay (Killingsworth) was there at Woodstock, we had joint practices together and stuff like that. It’ll be great to see him and play that game. He’s doing a good job down there at Ledyard.”

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Rebuilding season for Ellis Tech volleyball



Ellis Tech’s Sydney Nault, right, battles Putnam High’s Eryka Kittrel on Oct. 18 at Putnam High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — The graduation of six key players from last year’s roster was a net loss for Ellis Tech’s volleyball program. But this is coach Michelle Murray’s 23rd season so she knows the drill.

“Definitely a rebuilding season. It’s hard because you come off a winning season and you have some people who are very competitive, and you have to have them really look at the big picture. Everybody’s working hard every game. Can you achieve your goal? Can you do your role? Can you do your part? And that’s tough to teach but once they get it, and that’s what happened with last year’s seniors — they got it finally, they grew into it. The seniors this year, two of them had varsity experience, the other two didn’t. Everybody else is new,” Murray said. “So it’s tough but we’re a family and we’re going to work through our growing pains.”

Through it all the Golden Eagles have remained positive despite only a few victories to show for their effort.

“It’s tough. We graduated six last year. We only had two who had any varsity experience at all,” Murray said.

Senior middle hitter Sydney Nault and senior setter Isabella Fugazzi were two of the experienced returnees from last season’s team and they’ve been helping the underclassmen get used to the varsity level. Coach Murray credited the duo with helping her get the newcomers used to a faster pace.

“Syd’s very intense. She

wants to win. She’s very aggressive. And Bella (Fugazzi) is very aggressive but also keeps the peace and is nice and positive. So it’s a nice balance where we can get Syd to push and Bella will be saying the same type of thing but in two different ways. It’s been very successful. The ‘W’s’ haven’t been there but you can’t base it all on that,” Murray said.

Nault has done her part to guide the newcomers through the nuances of varsity competition.

“I kind of lead them and show them how it’s done. Because they always ask ‘Sydney, how do you do this?’ I’m like ‘Here you go.’ I take my time and I show them how to do things,” Nault said.

Ellis Tech fell to Putnam in straight sets on Oct. 18 (25-15, 25-18, 25-13), dropping the Golden Eagles record to 3-15. Nault said the losses have added up but she’s tried to look past the won/loss record and encourage the underclassmen.

“It’s hard to stay positive when you’re not doing so great but you’ve to try to pull through,” Nault said. “I encourage them. When they do something really good I let them know that they did it really well.”

Nault derives some satisfaction from knowing she’s helping the underclassmen for down the road.

“It is hard but I definitely know that they’re doing amazing. This is most of their first times ever playing. They’re really great and I love them so much,” Nault said. “And I feel like they’re going to be really good next year too.”

Coach Murray said the learning curve has been

steep but that should bode well for the future of the volleyball program.

“A lot of younger players. I’m looking forward to it. A lot of them sat the bench this year, to see what it’s like at the varsity level,” Murray said.

Freshmen middle hitters Jordan Daoust and MacKenzie Rouley were thrown into the fire of competition and are among the newcomers to the varsity who have shown promise.

“Trying to prepare them for the future and giving them a lot of time,” Murray said. “They’re a bunch of great kids. They care about each other. And it’s very hard to keep a team positive when you’re only getting the losses.”

Murray expects those losses to turn into wins next season when the underclassmen grow into their roles. The coach has been through this before. She knows the drill.

“We should have won a bunch of games but we beat ourselves. We didn’t beat the other team. We beat ourselves. It’s all because of inexperience. It’s not anybody’s fault. It’s just from inexperience in the game of volleyball when it moves so fast,” Murray said. “When you have a bunch of kids who’ve played jayvee but not at the varsity level they feel the speed change. They feel the pressure. So it’s different. There’s a lot of growing pains but I think the kids are doing a phenomenal job at trying to stay as positive as we can.”

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Quinebaug Valley knocks off Vinal Tech



Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley's Jamie Talbot breaks free on the way to a 67-yard catch-and-run touchdown reception in the first quarter against Vinal Tech on Friday, Oct. 19, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Sam Williams didn't start playing football until his sophomore year of high school but Quinebaug Valley's senior receiver made up for lost time in a big way last Friday night. He celebrated Senior Night with a key fourth-quarter touchdown reception in the Pride's 36-26 victory over Vinal Tech. Williams couldn't have scripted his big catch any better.

"I was shocked. I started very late into football. All these people were here before me," Williams said. "I wasn't expecting a pass like that. So when I saw the pass coming I was shocked but I was also so in the moment — I couldn't even react in an astonished way. I just had to make the play."

Adding to his drama was the improvised call that preceded the catch.

"Honestly it was drawn up in the dirt. It was a fake screen, we were running it a couple times on the drive before," said Pride senior quarterback Josh Dodd. "Corners would come up so we just put a 'go' on it."

To set the stage for Williams' key touchdown — Vinal Tech had gained momentum after pulling within 24-20 on senior quarterback Mark Francis's one-yard touchdown run and Nehemiah Brown's two-point conversion with 4:46 left in the third quarter at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. Leading by just four points, Williams and the Pride took possession on their 17-yard line early the fourth quarter — during the ensuing march senior running back Matt Fitzpatrick made a clutch 16-yard recep-

tion on third-and-nine from the Pride's 18-yard line and one play later senior receiver Adrian Casiano grabbed a 25-yard toss from Dodd to move it to Vinal Tech's 29-yard line.

On second-and-eight from the 27, Dodd's dirt-diagrammed decision was to Williams for a touchdown with 8:46 left in the game — putting the Pride back in control (30-20) en route to the victory.

Fitzpatrick added a five-yard touchdown run with 4:05 left to help push the lead to 36-20. Vinal Tech's Brown scored on a 22-yard run with 1:51 to pull his team within 10 points and complete the scoring.

Dodd completed 11-of-26 passes for 278 yards and three touchdowns. Quinebaug Valley senior Jamie Talbot is the Pride's featured receiver and he had three receptions for 129 yards including touchdown catches of 44 and 67 yards. Talbot drew enough of Vinal Tech's defensive attention to enable Williams to slip open on his touchdown catch.

"I assumed it was going to be Jamie because he's our main guy right now," Williams said.

Dodd's primary target has been Talbot this season but the quarterback was happy to toss what turned out to be a special memory in Williams' direction.

"Natural athlete, it's nice to connect with other receivers other than the primaries. I like getting other players involved especially with a natural athlete like Sam," Dodd said. "Any touchdown on Senior Night means a

lot to someone so I'm glad he got one. It was just huge. It was a big part of the game. It was a key moment. That's what makes a winner."

Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly said Williams came through in a pressurized situation.

"What a great moment for that young man. Sam does a lot of things well for us. He works hard every day. In fact early in the game I had kind of got on him a little hard. I was giving him some tough coaching," Asermelly said. "For him to respond just shows what kind of mental toughness he has as a senior. And to come up clutch in a big moment, it just shows the camaraderie these guys have and how much trust they have in one another."

After Vinal Tech pulled within 24-20 — Asermelly said the 83-yard fourth-quarter drive was the difference-maker and he told his players as much before they started the march.

"I said 'There's the win.' We understood the situation really well and felt like we understood their defense really well at that point," Asermelly said. "Just knew if we could execute we could come away happy tonight. But basically it just came down to players making plays tonight. The players made big plays in key moments tonight."

Asermelly acknowledged Talbot's ability to draw attention from opposing defenses and spring his teammates.

"I don't how anybody can watch the film and not pay attention to (Talbot). That does create opportunities for other players to do good things," Asermelly said. "We're understanding the

QUINEBAUG VALLEY 36, VINAL TECH 26				
Vinal Tech	6	6	8	6-26
Quinebaug	16	8	0	12-36
FIRST QUARTER				
VT- Nehemiah Brown 16 run (run failed) 10:20				
QV- Jamie Talbot 44 pass from Josh Dodd (Jeff Reed pass from Adrian Casiano) 6:13				
QV- Talbot 67 pass from Dodd (Matt Fitzpatrick run) 2:53				
SECOND QUARTER				
VT- Brown 12 run (pass failed) 4:39				
QV- Reed 19 pass from Dodd (Logan Owen run) :00				
THIRD QUARTER				
VT- Mark Francis 1 run (Brown run) 4:46				
FOURTH QUARTER				
QV- Sam Williams 27 pass from Dodd (run failed) 8:46 QV- Fitzpatrick 5 run (run failed) 4:05 VT- Brown 22 run (run failed)				
		Vinal Tech	Quinebaug	
First Downs	15		11	
Rushes-yards	39-269		24-93	
Passing	25		281	
Sacked-yds lost	0-0		4-18	
Comp-Att-Int	12-15-1		12-27-0	
Punts-Avg.	3-24		4-35	
Fumbles-Lost	4-2		0-0	
Penalties-Yards	7-95		10-110	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING- VT: Francis 6-11; Brown 25-218 & 3 TDs; Latrell Lindsay 5-37; Nefaru Murray 2-2; John Long 1-1. QV: Dodd 1-13; Fitzpatrick 16-28 & TD; Talbot 2-34; Nick Thomasson 3-8; Owen 1-3; Zach Andersen 1-7.				
PASSING- VT: Francis 2-15-1 for 25 yards. QV: Dodd 12-26-0 for 278 and 3 TDs; Adrian Casiano 1-1-0 for 3.				
RECEIVING- VT: Brown 1-(-3); Everton Russell 1-28. QV: Talbot 3-129 and 2 TDs; Casiano 2-18; Reed 3-42 and TD; Williams 2-51 and TD; Fitzpatrick 1-16; Thomasson 1-25.				

strengths of our individual players well right now. We're in midseason form and I think it's showing up."

Brown finished with 218 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries for Vinal Tech. The loss dropped Vinal Tech's record to 1-4. The win was the Pride's second straight victory and lifted Quinebaug Valley's record to 3-3. The Pride are next scheduled to travel to Danbury on Saturday, Oct. 27, to take on Abbott Tech/Immaculate co-op. ATI United's record is 4-2 and the team is coming off a 50-20 win over Wilcox Tech last Friday. Asermelly said the Pride are looking to make it three in a row.

"They have a very clear goal in mind to finish 7-3. We can only do that one week at a time but we've just got to win out," Asermelly said. "The opportunity's right there in front of us. This team is extremely talented. The sky's the limit for these guys. If they put their mind to it — they come to play every Friday night — they will win this schedule."

Williams tucked away a touchdown last Friday and he'll travel to Danbury this weekend holding on to a special memory — a late bloomer who blossomed on Senior Night.

"It was the greatest feeling ever. As soon as I crossed that line I had tears down my face. It was just happiness," Williams said. "I'm so glad I came out for football. It's been one of my greatest decisions."

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Killingly girls focus on postseason



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Abbie Burgess, dark jersey, moves past Woodstock Academy's Ashleigh Angle on Monday, Oct. 22, at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — No fear. That's the attitude the Killingly High girls soccer team hopes to carry into the postseason. Coach Jim Lackner said the Redgals played scared in a 4-1 loss to Woodstock Academy on Monday night and that won't cut it in either the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament or the Class L state tournament.

"I think my girls were intimidated," Lackner said.

The intimidation factor was understandable considering the Redgals' recent history against Woodstock Academy and that the Centaurs came into the match undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state in Class L.

"You have that reminder

from last year, the tough games we played against them," Lackner said.

Killingly begins play in the ECC Tournament on Friday, Oct. 26. Lackner said they have to be ready to play a full 80 minutes and can't start games like they did against Woodstock on Monday night at Killingly High School. Before they knew what hit them the Redgals trailed Woodstock by two goals and fell behind 3-0 at the half.

"You can't come out and be intimidated. You've got to be fully committed," Lackner said. "I could tell from the opening whistle we were just kind of in-between in what we wanted to do in terms of going for the ball. That's all lack of confidence."



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Emily Watling, right, controls the ball with Woodstock Academy's Hallie Saracina closing in on Monday.

Woodstock's Ivy Gelhaus scored the first of her two goals at 12:40 in the first half and notched her second goal at 13:37 of the half. Caroline Wilcox tallied at 25:34 in the first half to help Woodstock build a 3-0 lead at halftime. Kayla Gaudreau scored at 12:31 of the second half to push Woodstock's lead to 4-0.

Killingly's Grace Nichols scored on direct kick from 50 yards out at 13:37 of the sec-

ond half to complete scoring. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 9-6-0. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 13-0-2. Despite the loss Lackner was pleased with his team's effort all season.

"We're much improved over last year," Lackner said. "The girls will battle. We'll be a tough out in the ECC tournament and the state tournament."

But the Redgals can't play

scared: No fear.

"Fearing nobody — once you step on the field and you're intimidated by somebody the game's over," Lackner said. "We have no reason not to play with confidence."

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Woodstock girls set sights on state championship



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Ashleigh Angle, left, and Emma Redfield, right, battle against Killingly High's Taylor Jax, center, on Monday night at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSTOCK — Perhaps the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament is just a distraction for the Woodstock Academy girls soccer team — the Centaurs have their sights set much higher than an ECC tourney title. Woodstock is ranked No. 1 in Connecticut in Class L, heading toward the best record in school history, and coach Dennis Snelling saw no reason why they can't bring home a state championship trophy. He just hopes to escape what he thinks will be some rugged competition in the ECC tourney and then enter the state tournament unscathed.

"The way the ECC

teams are playing us, it's almost disrespectful. Woodstock Academy and Plainfield are the only two (ECC) schools with a legitimate shot to win the CIAC (state) tournament," Snelling said. "And everywhere we go it seems like teams are being aggressive and taunting us from the stands. I'd rather not play the ECC Tournament at this point. I'd rather just have the team rest and heal."

Snelling acknowledged that being ranked No. 1 in Class L puts a huge target on their backs and teams in the ECC would love to knock off the Centaurs in the conference tourney.

"To have three more games against teams that don't have anything else to play for, it's kind

of a scary thing for us," Snelling said. "I worry about injuries. I don't want the kids to play scared but they have to play guarded."

The ECC Tournament is scheduled to begin on Friday, Oct. 26. Woodstock is on the cusp of making history for the soccer program.

"We're a game away from the best overall record in 22 years. In 1996 the team went 13-0-3, finished second in the large (division). That's the highest the program itself has ever been. We're confident we can get that best record in school history," Snelling said.

It's been a dominating season for the Centaurs (13-0-2), undefeated through their first 15



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Heather Converse, left, and Killingly High's Emma Carpenter, right, jockey for the ball on Monday night.

games.

"We haven't trailed all season. We haven't been the inferior team," said Snelling, in his seventh season. "It's been a coach's dream."

Against Killingly on Monday night, Ivy Gelhaus scored the first of her two goals at 12:40 in the first half and notched her second goal at 13:37 of the half — and Caroline Wilcox tallied at 25:34 in the first half to help Woodstock build a 3-0 lead at halftime. Woodstock's Kayla Gaudreau scored at 12:31 of the second half to push Woodstock's lead

to 4-0. Killingly High's Grace Nichols scored on direct kick from 50 yards out at 13:37 of the second half for the Redgals lone goal. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 9-6-0.

Next up for the Centaurs: the ECC Tournament. Snelling hoped Woodstock escapes the ECC's without injury and then it's on to states in the first week of November.

"This is a team that can win the states and it's not because we've had an easy schedule. It's because they play hard. They play well.

They're strong. They're physically fit," Snelling said. "We have 18 players that rotate in and out seamlessly and there's no drop-off on the bench. We challenge each other in practice. It's a team that's built to win the states and they can accomplish that. That is the focus and it has been the focus."

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Putnam girls forge through season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Putnam High's girls soccer team was overworked and banged up as the regular season neared its conclusion but that hasn't stopped the Clippers from forging through to the finish line. Putnam fell to Tourtellotte Memorial 3-0 last Saturday at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. It was another game in which

the Clippers had just two bench players in reserve and that meant no rest for the weary.

"Our girls didn't give up," said Putnam coach Tommy Derosier. "They fought all the way to the end again. That's all I could ask today."

The Clippers fell behind Tourtellotte by three goals at the half but Derosier said they were determined to keep fighting.

"It's just a pride factor. Halftime's three nothing but don't let them get any more goals in the second half. Let's keep it here, try to put a couple in, try to make it a closer game," Derosier said.

Putnam sophomore striker Laylah Chavez was the latest Clipper to go down with an injury. Chavez was hurt after getting off a shot that hit the post early in the first half. She did not return to action. Losing one of Putnam's top scorers didn't make it any easier.

outshot Putnam 20-1. Putnam junior goalkeeper Kayleigh Lyons made 17 saves. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 8-4-3.

Despite an arduous season the Clippers are looking forward to the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament, which begins on Friday, Oct. 26. Derosier said scoring early would help them to get momentum in the first

round of the ECC Tournament.

"Just try to get a quick goal early, get the team down a little bit, then pack it back and try to defend them the rest of the game," Derosier said.

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Putnam High's Amayah Chavez, right, goes the ball with Tourtellotte's Jolie Wilber, left, last Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Bethany Smith, right, controls the ball with Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin, left, trying to take it away last Saturday in Putnam.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

WOODSTOCK 3, EAST LYME 0

EAST LYME — Undefeated Woodstock Academy captured the Eastern Connecticut Conference regular season division title with the win over the Vikings in volleyball on Oct. 18. Paula Hernandez led the Centaurs with 23 kills. Sammie Orlowski had 35 assists. Natalie Low had 12 kills and 14 digs for Woodstock (16-0, 6-0 ECC Div. I). The Centaurs were tied with Joel Barlow High for the No. 1 ranking in Class L in the state through Oct. 22 competition. For East Lyme (14-2, 4-2 ECC): Sophie Dubreuil had 16 digs and Sydney Iannantuono had 11 kills

KILLINGLY 3, NORWICH TECH 0

DAYVILLE — The Redgals swept Norwich Tech in volleyball on Oct. 22. Game scores were 25-14, 25-11, 25-19. For Killingly: Lauren Kirkconnell had 10 kills, seven digs, and four aces, Kelsey Allen had six aces and four kills and Trinity Angel had 10 digs and three kills Riley Riewerts and Kellsey Gumbs each had six digs for Norwich Tech (8-9). The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-15.

TOURTELLOTTE 3, PUTNAM 2

PUTNAM — Nima Sherpa, Spencer Fulone, and Anthony Ferraro each scored one goal to help the Tigers defeat the Clippers in boys soccer on Oct. 20.

Hunter Touchette scored both goals for Putnam High.

WOODSTOCK 2, WINDHAM 2

WINDHAM — Chase Anderson and Alejandro Quintas Gonzalez scored for the Centaurs on Oct. 22. Woodstock finished the regular season with a 9-5-2 record and a share of the ECC-DII boys soccer title. Alfonso Vazquez Villar scored both goals for the Whippets (12-3-1).

KILLINGLY 2, FITCH 0

GROTON — Chloe Hibbard and

Emily Watling scored for the Redgals in the girls soccer win over the Falcons on Oct. 20.

FITCH 2, WOODSTOCK 0

GROTON — Fitch/Ledyard's Zoe Pearse scored both goals for the Falcons (8-7, 6-5 ECC) in field hockey on Oct. 19. The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 3-10 overall, 3-7 ECC.

KILLINGLY 3, PUTNAM 1

PUTNAM — Hunter Touchette scored the lone goal for the Clippers in the loss to Killingly in boys soccer on Oct. 18.

Tourtellotte Tigers look forward to postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos and eight of her fellow seniors have been working for their last hurrah. Ramos has battled back from a surgically repaired left knee to get here. The Tigers have fought their way into a position to host a home game in both the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament and the Class S state tournament.

"We have nine seniors this year. I think this being our last season we all want to go out with a bang," Ramos said. "We want to end on a good note hopefully."

Coach Deb Spinelli knows her upperclassmen are focused and ready for postseason competition in both the state tourney and the ECC Tournament.

"I figure this is a strong group of seniors and I think that if we're going to do anything this will

be one of the years that we're going to do it with the group that we have," Spinelli said.

The coach is well aware that the playoffs are both her players' reward and recognition for all the effort during training camp and the regular season.

"You work all season to get there," Spinelli said. "I tell the kids if you're in a small division like this and there's any kids that want any notoriety as far as playing beyond high school, you're not going to see it on your day-to-day play. It's when you get into tournaments, especially the state tournament, when you get more publicity, more people are looking at you. You get more people attending the games so you get to showcase yourself a little bit more."

That showcase could lead to a spot on a college roster.

"I've got a couple of kids that if they wanted

to play in college could do it," Spinelli said.

Spinelli said the Tigers are playing well and settling into a solid rotation after mixing and matching several lineup combinations early in the season.

"We're a lot more set. The outside mids that we're using now, we brought (freshman) Alysha Bugbee from the backfield up to the outside mid on the left-hand side, which has proved very beneficial — she missed a week and half or so because of a concussion. This is her first game back today. She's strong on that side so that helps us," Spinelli said.

"Also I've been rotating a lot of kids into those positions so they got more playing time so they're a little bit more experienced. So now I can get some subs in there, give those kids a breather, and get them back in — because (midfield) is a very demanding position

playing the way we play, a 4-4-2 — so it's much more organized."

The Tigers defeated Putnam High 3-0 last Saturday at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. Sophomore Kaylee Tackson scored two goals and junior Ashley Morin scored one goal in the win over the Clippers. McKayla Minarik and Morin notched assists. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 8-4-3 as the regular season nears its conclusion. Tourtellotte, an ECC Division IV team, was scheduled to play an opening-round match in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division III/IV Tournament on Friday, Oct. 26. The CIAC Class S state tourney begins the first week in November.

"In the ECC, I think right now with this win, we'll probably be ranked number four in the ECC in the lower two divisions. So we'll probably

have a home game which will work to our benefit. Hopefully we'll win (in the first ECC round on Oct. 26) and play the following Monday (Oct. 29) — hard to say on the Monday game who you draw, could be Stonington or Montville, that'll be a stretch for us," Spinelli said. "Then we sit a few days and we wait for the draw for the state tournament."

Tourtellotte was ranked 14th in Class S following the win over Putnam last Saturday. If the Tigers hold that ranking at regular season's end they will play host to a first-round state tournament game. And despite a few injuries the Tigers should be healthy for the upcoming postseason. The seniors can't wait — a few bumps and won't stop them.

"Lauren Ramos got beat up today out there. She got one on the eye, then one on the knee, then one on the chin. But

the good thing about her is she's a tough kid, a lot of kids would just say 'Oh no, I've got to come off.' (Senior) Jolie (Wilber) got hurt the last game with her wrist. She's out there. She's another tough veteran," Spinelli said. "What happened was we were beat up. I've got five kids still sitting on the bench right now that were beat up. But they're at the end of their rotation to come back in. So I'll be getting them back. So when we actually get into the ECC and the state tournament, for a change, instead of me just starting the whole protocol to get them back, we're at the end of it. So they'll be coming back in. Thank God."

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Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos, left, tried to get past Putnam High's Tyler Eddy at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam on Saturday, Oct. 20.



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Tourtellotte's Rori Johnson, right, battles Putnam High's Bethany Smith on Saturday.

Putnam High navigates tough ECC schedule



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Kaitlin Zamora attempt a kill against Ellis Tech on Oct. 18 at Putnam High School's gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High first-year coach Shea Ogle was served a tough task when she took over the Clippers varsity volleyball program. Not only did Ogle have the job of setting her coaching philosophy — but she came along just as Putnam spiked an easier independent schedule to join the Eastern Connecticut Conference this season.

Ogle, who played during her high school days at Woodstock

Academy, was well aware of the rigors associated with a competitive ECC schedule because of her time with the Centaurs. She knew this season would be no easy assignment.

"It is a little bit of a challenge just because we didn't know what to expect. But I think the girls, they really handled it well. For the most part, when we lost, we really did take it to all five games. So that basically proved we could hang with any of the teams we were playing against. So I'm proud of how

we did," Ogle said.

Putnam defeated Ellis Tech in straight sets (25-15, 25-18, 25-13) in a non-league match on Oct. 18 at Putnam High School. The victory lifted the Clippers record to 4-10. Putnam was 3-10 in ECC competition through its first 13 league contests. The ECC teams have been more proficient than the squads on last season's independent schedule but Ogle said the Clippers' record doesn't tell the whole story.

"Some of the (ECC) teams are a lot more proficient (than last year) but for the most part I think the girls handled it so well that it really wasn't difficult. The girls just really adapted to whatever skill level that they had to play against. So I think they did fine. It was really the same as last year in many ways," Ogle said. "The girls just adapted, made the changes, and played how they had to play."

Senior outside hitter Kaitlin Zamora and junior outside hitter Molly McKeon have been stalwarts on this year's roster.

"They're definitely my anchors of the team," said Ogle.

McKeon said she's been assisting coach Ogle by trying to be a leader on the floor.

"We've been helping her out if there's anything to help the jayvee in practice. And just helping them improve their skills," McKeon said. "I take it as a big responsibility because next year when the seniors are gone I'm what's up. It's just nice knowing we're building a team chemistry by working together."

McKeon said the move to the ECC has been daunting.

"It's a lot more difficult than our season last year. The teams that we're playing are really tough this year," McKeon said. "Games that we've been playing have been very competitive. It can be hard at times but the team itself just works really well together. If we see one person holding their head down we try and pick everyone back up and just keep our heads in it so maybe we can get that next



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Mya Meadows goes for a kill against Ellis Tech on Oct. 18 at Putnam High School's gymnasium.

point."

Some of the changes Ogle implemented involved her game plan and rotation.

"We started off with a new rotation, 5-1 this year, so I had to teach the girls a little bit but I definitely looked to Kaitlin (Zamora) and Molly (McKeon) to help me out. I knew they were going to grasp things a lot faster so I looked to them to kind of lead the core and they did. They took the step up," Ogle said.

While at Woodstock Academy she played under coaches Jeff Boshka and Adam Bottone and has tried to pass along the lessons she learned there.

"I definitely implement a lot

of what my coaches taught me in high school on this court right here," Ogle said. "It definitely helped prepare me."

Ogle was handed a tough assignment but she's already planning for the next season.

"We're losing seven girls this year for our seniors. So we're going to have a lot of new players next year but I'm already starting to think 'Where am I going to start playing everybody?' — all the options that I have, all the choices I can make," Ogle said. "I'm really excited for next year."

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George Dana Rhodes, 86



QUINEBAUG, CT: George Dana Rhodes, 86, passed away on Oct. 20th, surrounded by his family in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, Helen (Dusza) Rhodes; his daughter, Diane Gregoire and her husband Leo of Holland; his son, David Rhodes of Sturbridge; his brother-in-law, William Lauzonis of Auburn; his two step-daughters, Linda Neff of Webster and Susanne Regis of Charlton; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a nephew, Charles Olson of Portsmouth, NH and a niece, Allayne Nelson and her husband Douglas of Auburn. He was predeceased by two sisters, Cynthia Lauzonis and Shirley-Ann Olson. He was born in Worcester the son of George and Vera (Bylund) Rhodes and raised in Auburn, and attended Auburn Schools and Boston University. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War and served as a corporal with the 7th Infantry Regiment.

George was a manager at Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford for 13 years. He retired from Allmerica Financial in Worcester in 1997 where he was employed in the Security

Department. He was a member of the American Legion, Life Member of the V.F.W. and of Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford. He served on the Board of Directors for several years at Quinebaug Park, Inc. in Quinebaug, CT. where he lived for 39 years.

George enjoyed gardening, boating, camping and fishing in Vermont, Maine and Florida, and making Swedish glogg on the holidays. For many years he ran cribbage tournaments and experienced three 29 hands. He enjoyed playing football when he attended Boston University and also when he was in the Army.

A graveside service for George will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th at 11:00am in the Holland Cemetery, 29 Brimfield Rd., Holland. There are no calling hours.

His family request to please omit flowers and donations in George's memory may be made to Worcester Children's Friend, Inc., 21 Cedar Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.
www.morrillfuneralhome.com



William "Bill" Jones, Jr., 81



THOMPSON – William "Bill" Jones, Jr., 81, formerly of Ballard Rd., passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Matulaitis Nursing Home on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. He was the loving husband of the late Sonia (Gawle) Jones for 61 years. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late William and Ellen (Dolan) Jones, Sr.

Mr. Jones was a proud member of the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Iowa. He worked at Putnam Hertzal for 25 years, then as a rural carrier for the North Grosvenordale Post Office for another 25 years. He also worked as a bus driver for the Thompson School system. Over the years he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and playing the slots at the local casinos. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and driving his DeLorean. Bill had a great sense of humor and was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Bill is survived by his son, William A. Jones and his wife Judi of South Killingly; his four daughters, Donna

Sullivan and her husband John of Stafford Springs, Laura Papia and her husband David of Quinebaug, Lynn Byberg of Pomfret, and Sharon Belliveau and her husband Scott of East Putnam; his brother, Richard Jones and his wife Alice of Las Vegas, Nevada; nine grandchildren, Frank McKusick and his wife Eileen, Brianna Sullivan, Sabrina Aubin, Matthew Papia, Rebecca Byberg, Andrea Byberg, Farrah Belliveau, Stacey Belliveau, and Hayden Belliveau; and two great grandsons, Quinn and Cassidy McKusick.

Calling hours were held on October 21, 2018 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory in N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a funeral service in the funeral home. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster. Memorial donations can be made to Friends of Autistic People (www.autisticadults.com) or 974 North Street, Greenwich, CT 06831. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Paul A. Gardner, 85



WOODSTOCK -- Paul A. Gardner, 85, of Woodstock died October 16, 2018 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved husband of 65 years to Barbara (Phaneuf) Gardner, they were married October 24, 1953. He was born in Putnam on July 22, 1933, son of the late Arthur J. and Grace (Morrell) Gardner.

Paul worked for Wyckoff Steel, retiring in 1989, Putnam Woolen for eight years, Charter Oak Construction for 15 years and Bingham and Chilkott for 15 years. He was a life member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks #574 and a member of the Putnam VFW Post 1523. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, singing, dancing and spending time with family and friends. Paul also enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, boating and cutting wood. He was a Veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Army.

Besides his wife Barbara he leaves his children, Sandra L. Line and her

husband John of Milton, Vermont, Bret A. Gardner and his wife Cassie of Plainville, Gail A. Whipple and her husband Dick of South Lake Tahoe, California, Donna M. Bellanceau and her husband Greg of Woodstock. Brothers Roland, Joe and Charlie. Grandchildren AJ, Nathaniel, Taylor. Along with many step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A special friend Fern Phaneuf.

Calling hours were held on October 22, 2018 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam, which was followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret and burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam, with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to **American Lung Association of Connecticut**, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com



Nancy C. Schnaittacher, 69



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

Mrs. Schnaittacher was a dedicated and loving mother and wife who was a thoughtful, accommodating, and a giving woman, always putting her family first. Nancy was adventurous in a quiet way. She loved traveling, knitting, basket weaving, and skiing in her younger years. More recently, she was an avid horseback rider and enjoyed hiking, walking (committed to picking up trash on those walks striving to preserve our environment) bike riding, and baking. Having been a member of the Woodstock Garden Club, she continued her love of gar-

dening in her own yard, tending to a variety of perennials and fruit trees. She loved using her iPad and enjoyed antiques, museums and the theater. Additionally, she was a Day Kimball Hospital Volunteer putting in hundreds of hours over the years.

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

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

Christopher P. Donais, 51

POMFRET – Christopher P. Donais, 51, of Wrights Crossing Rd., died Friday October 19, 2018 in Hartford Hospital. He was the loving husband of Ellen (Indars) Donais. Born in Hartford, he

was the son of Raymond A. Donais of Canterbury and the late Jacqueline (Quintal) Donais.

Mr. Donais worked as a self-employed handyman.

He enjoyed weaponry, martial arts, weight lifting and playing video games.

Christopher is survived by his wife; his father; a sister, Andrea Donais of Canterbury; and his adored cat Luna.

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



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DAYVILLE – Cranston Archer Briggs, 88, of Dayville, died October 18, 2018 at home after a brief illness. Beloved husband to Mildred (Bean) Briggs, they were married October 19, 1957.

Dr. Briggs was born in Putnam on August 16, 1930, son of the late Elbertus Archer Briggs and Helen Keech Briggs. He was a graduate of Killingly High School (1948) and the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry (1954). He served in the U. S. Army on active duty as an optometrist from 1954 through 1957 and on active army reserve through 1966. He started his optometric practice in Farmington, Maine, but returned to Danielson in 1960. He was an optometrist in private practice in Danielson for 49 years.

For almost 20 years, he and his wife enjoyed Western Square Dance, and, for many of those years, he served as a square dance caller for several clubs, as well as at the Brooklyn Senior Center and for the Holy Spirit Sisters of Putnam. Throughout his life, he enjoyed spending time at Alexander's Lake. He had long affiliations with the United Methodist Church of Danielson, the Masons and the Grange. He was a member of the Killingly Housing Authority during the construction of the original Maple Courts project.

Besides his wife, Mildred, he leaves his children, Barbara Briggs Scripps and her husband Sebastian of New Canaan, and Kenneth C. Briggs of Dayville; three grandchildren, Katherine and Julia Scripps and James Briggs; one great-grandson, Briceson Briggs. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Joanne Jean Yeaton, and their son, David.

There will be a private graveside service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation (alzinfo.org).



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OBITUARIES

Cecile M. Ferrie, 58



MILLVILLE - Cecile Mary (Heywood) Ferrie, 58, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 14, 2018 with her family by her side after a long battle with cancer. She was the wife of the late Richard Ferrie who passed in 2008.

Cecile was born June 2, 1960 in New York to Genevieve (King) Heywood of Putnam, CT and her late husband Roderick Heywood.

She worked as a personnel officer with the Department of Corrections for 29 years. Cecile lived for her grandchildren and they were her pride and joy.

In addition to her mother, Genevieve, she is survived by three children, Michael Ryan and his wife

Heather of Millville, Christopher Ryan and his wife Amanda of Blackstone and Melanie Haswell of Millville; eight siblings, Debbie Ganeau, James Heywood, Susan Young, Kim Heywood, Timmy Heywood, Roderick Heywood, Jr., Patricia LaChance and Matthew Heywood.; six grandchildren, Kacey and Makayla Ryan of Blackstone, Harley Ryan of Millville, Maddison Ryan, Brian Haswell, Jr. and Taylor Haswell also of Millville.

Visiting hours were held Friday, October 19, 2018 from 5- 8 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10 AM from the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11 AM in St. Augustine Church, 15 Lincoln St., Millville. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Doris Woodward Durst, 99

WOODSTOCK -- Doris Woodward Durst, 99, born in Pullman, Washington, passed into the hands of her Lord on Monday, October 8, 2018. Three of her sons were with her. Her family: Jay and Joann, Wayne (Woody) and Dotti, John Alan and Chris, Kate and Steven Hunt, and Jeff and Jane. She was pre-deceased by her husband, John Hudson Durst and by her daughter, Doria Danowski.

Doris and John Hudson Durst met as classmates in the Agriculture Program at UCONN and married on December 27, 1940, having graduated in June. The wedding was at her parents' Grassland Farm in Salisbury.

Doris and John had a large family. In addition to the sons and daughter, she has grandchildren: Gretchen and Scott Provost, Jerry and Deanna Durst, Allison and Christopher Britt, Erin and Reid Hayden, Jessica Danowski, Matthew and Heather Hunt, Sierra Hunt, Zachary and Emily Durst, and Laura and Keith Morin, in addition to several great-grandchildren.

The necessity of providing food to the troops during World War II brought attention to Doris, who was featured in magazine articles such as Mademoiselle, as a young woman active in farming who was helping the cause on the home front.

John and his brother Gus took over a nearby Salisbury farm called Hilltop. John and Doris lived there; it is where their first two children were born, Jay and Wayne (Woody).

She and John then enjoyed raising dairy cattle just across the border in New York on Sheffield Hill Rd in Amenia, New York. This 420-acre farm was named Quanqual Farm (Quantity and Quality) where they had a Guernsey herd and produced Golden Guernsey milk, a premium product at that time. John and Doris expanded their family, with John Allan, Doria and Kate all born in western Connecticut. Following the passing of Doris' parents, John and Doris remained in agriculture; in time, John returned to UCONN to obtain his teaching Certification in Agriculture, after which the family moved to a small Woodstock farm on Center Road, where they had one more child, Jeff.

Doris always exhibited an exuberance with and involvement in life. She was active throughout her life in her church, first as a Christian Scientist then, after moving to Woodstock, in the East Woodstock Congregational Church as well the Woodstock

Hill Congregational Church. The Ornament-Making Group was a special favorite church-related activity. The Concert Choir of Northeastern Connecticut drew Doris in, music having been part of her life since childhood.

Entries in the Woodstock Fair and community service were part of her joy in her life.

Doris' parents, Edwin Garver Woodward (the first Dean of Agriculture at the UCONN Radcliffe-Hicks School of Agriculture) and mother Lucille Mathews Woodward (who was elected to the Connecticut Legislature representing Salisbury from 1939-1940, where another representative was Gus Durst - father of Doris' husband-to-be, John) both passed away in the Hartford Circus fire of July 1944, along with their grandson by daughter Ruth. The lasting sorrow of this event was with her during her entire adult life.

Woodstock Academy became John's teaching post as he began his new career in the fall of 1957. At the Academy, Doris served in several capacities. "Doris's Deli" had significant impact on the culture of WA. It was a common hangout for students and teachers, often at the same time, and seemed to present "neutral ground." She impacted many students over the years.

More than one person in town has commented about how "Mom" was always whistling when she came into stores or the Post Office; she was said to do her best thinking when she was whistling. She loved to sew, play piano/organ, sing, read, do crossword puzzles and drive her car.

If Doris were able to communicate in the moments before her passing, it would have been her sense of adventure and joy that would have prompted her to proclaim "we're off!" which is how her positive outlook always manifested itself.

Donations in the memory of Doris may be made to the Woodstock Academy Center for the Arts/Music Program.

Burial will be private but a Celebration of the Life of Doris Durst will be Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, East Woodstock, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Betty A. Baranski, 75



POMFRET CENTER - Betty A. (Holgerson) Baranski, 75, of Hampton Rd., passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in her home. She met her husband, Francis H. Baranski in the birthing center at Day Kimball Hospital 75 years ago. They started dating in high school and enjoyed fifty-five years of marriage. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late William and Rose (Lafave) Holgerson.

Mrs. Baranski worked as a kindergarten teacher for 32 years with the Killingly Public-School System. She was a member of St. Monica's Guild and Most Holy Trinity Church. She

graciously volunteered her time at Day Kimball Hospital. Betty enjoyed crossword puzzles, cross stitching, and was an avid reader. Above all, she cherished time with her family and her life revolved around God and her family.

In addition to her husband, Betty is survived by her son, Steve Baranski of Pomfret; her daughter, Joelle Guillot of Pomfret; and her grandchildren, Stacy Baranski, Elizabeth Guillot, Matthew Guillot, Alexander Guillot, and Kathryn Guillot.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 in Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, which was followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jessie A. Hughes, 92

WEBSTER- On the morning of Friday, October 19, 2018, Jessie A. (Eddy) Hughes was called home by her Lord and Savior. At the time of her passing she was surrounded by the presence and care of her loving family. Jessie's devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her and ultimately gave her peace over her 92 years. Her husband of 39 years, Thomas E. Hughes, Sr., passed away in 1985.

Jessie was born in East Thompson, CT on January 8, 1926, one of seven children to the late Walter H. and Mary F. (Shaw) Eddy. She was raised in Thompson and attended Thompson Public Schools, graduating with the Class of 1945.

After Jessie and Tom's marriage in 1946, they purchased their home on Lower Gore Road. As a devoted wife, Jessie worked side by side with Tom, cutting wood, raising animals, gardening, and caring for their 10 children. To this day Jessie's home has been considered the homestead where countless family gatherings and events have been held; a testament to the love and affection Jessie's family has for her.

Jessie's words and actions demonstrated her deep commitment to her faith. She was known for her impeccable flower gardens and neatly kept yard and guaranteed documentation of all family events as seen through the lens of her camera. Over 75 years and numerous generations of her family have been documented, through thousands of photographs, all which are cataloged and notated. She had a special place in her heart for Boston Terriers and in her younger years, enjoyed bak-

ing for her family.

Jessie leaves behind her ten children, Paul W. Hughes and his wife Phyllis of Webster, Thomas E. Hughes Jr. and his wife Cynthia of Douglas, Michael J. Hughes and his wife Virginia of Douglas, Kathleen R. Lamarre and her husband Paul Sr. of Thompson, CT, Stephen T. Hughes and his wife Shirley of Putnam, CT, Anne E. Dufault and husband William Sr. of Douglas, George A. Hughes and his wife Susan of Dudley, Irene J. Sorel and husband Roland of Webster, Mary B. Hughes-Donahue and husband Kevin of Danielson, CT, and Elaine D. Hughes of Webster.

She also leaves 14 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandsons Thomas E. Hughes and Paul G. Lamarre, Jr, her three brothers, George, Walter and John Eddy and three sisters, Rose Munyan, Jeannette McCann, and Laura Furno.

A time of visitation with Jessie's family was held on Monday, October 22nd, from 5-7pm at TriState Baptist Church, 386 Quinebaug Rd, North Grosvenor Dale, CT. Her funeral was held at 10am on Tuesday, October 23rd, at TriState Baptist Church. Jessie was laid to rest beside her beloved husband in the East Thompson Cemetery.

Jessie's family respectfully ask that memorial donations be made in Jessie's name to the Tri-State Baptist Church's Building Fund, 386 Quinebaug Rd, North Grosvenor Dale, CT 06255. To share a condolence or memory with her family, please visit Jessie's Book of Memories at www.HaysFuneralHome.com.

Ronald R. Blain, 82



NORTH GROSVENORDALE - Ronald R. Blain, 82, of Riverside Drive, died Friday morning October 19, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Margaret (Laabs) Blain. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Rosario and Bella (Barrette) Blain. Ronald was a graduate of St. Joseph High School in N. Grosvenordale graduating with the class of 1954.

On December 27, 1958, at St. Louis Church in Webster, Massachusetts he was united in marriage to Margaret Laabs. Mr. Blain worked as a self-employed builder and real estate agent.

Ron was a former member of the Thompson Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus St. Bernard Council #2087 in N. Grosvenordale, and a member of the Board of Directors for Home Town Bank from 1996 - 2012. He enjoyed playing golf and tennis at his Florida residence. In his earlier years he enjoyed snowmobiling. But, above all he cher-

ished the quality time that he spent with his family.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Margaret (Laabs) Blain; two daughters, Carol Borowski and her husband John of Webster, Massachusetts and Karen Thoms and her husband Norman of Colchester; a sister Theresa Gadoury of Dudley, Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Nicholas, Margaret, Matthew, Elizabeth, Megan, and Alyssa and two great grandchildren, Addison and Landon.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00a.m. on Saturday October 27, 2018 in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Food Pantry, 20 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Nancy Jean Denis (18-00405)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 19, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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October 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jane Conti, AKA Jane M Higgins-Conti, AKA Jane M Conti, AKA Jane H Conti (18-00403)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 18, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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The fiduciary is:
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c/o Frank G. Herzog, Esq.,

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Putnam, CT 06260-0166
October 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mildred C. Morse, AKA Mildred Greenhaigh (18-00397)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 11, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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412 Glenwood Avenue,
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October 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Paul I. Lee (18-00396)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 11, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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The fiduciary is:
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c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
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October 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter A Arsenault (18-00400)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 16, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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The fiduciary is:
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October 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary Lou Gudmundson, AKA Mary Louise Gudmundson (18-00381)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 22, 2018, ordered that all claims

must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
October 26, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON

The following wetlands agent approvals were issued: on October 15, 2018 Application # WAA18029 was approved with conditions, Shawn Brissette, 26 Totem Pole Road (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 68) - construction of (1) a 10' X 12' addition with excavated foundation and (2) a 12' X 27' three-season room on an existing concrete slab to the existing home; and on October 16, 2018 Application # WAA18030 was approved with conditions, the Valley Sportsman's Club, Inc., 65 Valley Rd. (Assessor's Map 81, Block 48, Lot 10) - placement of a 14-foot diameter gazebo including the cutting of trees, placement of fill and grading in the 100-foot upland review area for Stoud Brook
Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
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OBITUARIES

Gary A. Guertin, 62



THOMPSON – Gary A. Guertin, 62, of Quaddick Town Farm Rd., passed away on Monday, October 22, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Elaine (Kondash) Guertin. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Ernest and Elizabeth (Lamontagne)

Guertin.

Mr. Guertin worked as a production control manager for U.S. Button in Putnam. He was an avid fan of the New England Patriots.

In addition to his wife Elaine, Gary is survived by his sons, Gary Guertin, Jr. and his wife Ginger of Beacon Falls, Justin Guertin of Wichita, Kansas, and Ryan Guertin and his wife Kate of

Dudley, Massachusetts; brothers, Robert Guertin of Putnam, Michael Guertin and his wife Susan of Port Charlotte, Florida; sister in-law Cindy Guertin of Thompson; grandchildren, Gabriella Guertin, Gary Guertin, III, and Charlotte Guertin. He was predeceased by his brother, the late Paul Guertin.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Gary's family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Smilow Cancer Research @ Yale New Haven Hospital, PO Box 1849 New Haven, CT 06508-9979 or to Day Kimball Hospice, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Todd Michael Ahnberg, 49



NORTH WINDHAM – Todd M. Ahnberg, 49, of Fairway Drive, died Friday afternoon at home. He was the loving husband of Eileen Ahnberg. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Dennis R. and Helene (Carpenter) Ahnberg of Sterling. Todd was a graduate of the Plainfield High School class of

1987, where he was a member of the track and cross-country teams.

On February 25, 2017, at Angles Watch Inn in Westbrook, he was united in marriage to Eileen.

Mr. Ahnberg worked as a laborer for various employers.

Todd was an avid outdoorsman. He was happiest when spending time in the woods on the family property. Todd also enjoyed reading, especially Tom Clancy novels.

Todd is survived by his parents, Dennis and Helene Ahnberg; his wife, Eileen Ahnberg; a son Nicholas R. Ahnberg of Eastford; two daughters, Alicia M. Janicello and her husband John of Fitchburg, Massachusetts and Ashley E. Ahnberg of Eastford; a step daughter, Crystal Sweeney of Norwich; a sister Carrie Tetreault and her husband Ronald of Danielson; nieces, Marissa Lalumiere and her husband Thomas and their son Jason of Gales Ferry and Melanie Lewis of Danielson; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations in Todd's memory may be made to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), 120 Wall St., 29th floor, New York, NY 10005 or online at www.afsp.org/take-action/give-a-gift/donate-to-afsp/. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Norma Anderson Rothwell, 92

Norma Anderson Rothwell, born on September 11, 1926, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. The daughter of Edward W. Anderson and Anna Belle Dodge Anderson of Brooklyn, "Gigi" was predeceased by her beloved husband of 52 years, Charles E. Rothwell, Jr. and her eldest son, Stephan E. Rothwell. Gigi was survived by her son Kevin J. Rothwell of Woodstock. She also leaves behind six grandchildren, Sharlene Pugh of Anderson, South Carolina, Stephan Rothwell and wife Nora of Morresville, North Carolina, Benjamin Rothwell and wife Christine of Eastford, Maegen Rothwell Manning of Woodstock, Jill Rothwell of Woodstock, and Shannon Rothwell-Spink and husband William Spink of Eastford. Gigi was further blessed with nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, who she could be seen cheering on at the majority of their sporting events. In her younger years, she was a dedicated employee of Gerardi Insurance for over 40 years

and joined many of their employee events, even in retirement. She was a tireless volunteer of Day Kimball Hospital, logging over 6200 hours over the span of 20 years. She also volunteered regularly for the American Red Cross at local blood banks, as well as the Gertrude Warner Boxcar Museum in Putnam, and became a well-known member of the "Quiet Corner" community, volunteering as much time as she could fit into her busy schedule. Gigi was an avid New England sports fanatic and loved spending time with her family whenever possible. A celebration of her life will take place on November 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Putnam Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, Gigi asked for donations to be made to The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut, 477 Connecticut Boulevard, Suite 217, East Hartford, CT, 06108 or the Chaplaincy Fund of Day Kimball Hospital. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com





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OBITUARIES

Karen Lynn Lafontaine



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE - Karen Lynn (Savoie) Lafontaine, 53, of Elliot Hill Road, died Saturday, October 20, 2018, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of Daniel Lafontaine for 23 years. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Ronald Savoie of Florida and Marion (White) Chasse and her husband Kevin of Florida.

Karen Lynn was an administrative assistant for several area businesses. She was a 1982 graduate of Killingly

High School.

In addition to her husband and parents, Karen Lynn is survived by her daughter, Tamara Lafontaine of North Grosvenordale; her son, Seth Lafontaine of North Grosvenordale; her brothers, Ronald Savoie of Westerly, Rhode Island, Randy Savoie of Catalina Island, California, and Matthew Roy of New York; and her sister Lauren Savoie of Dayville.

Calling hours were held on October 24, 2018 in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, North Grosvenordale. Burial will be private. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Wallace Franklin Green, 77

PLAINFIELD, CT - Wallace Franklin Green, 77, of Pine Street, died Thursday, October 18, 2018, in his home. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Joan Elaine (Carey) Green of Plainfield; two daughters, Teresa Marquis and Tina Green, both of Connecticut; three stepchildren, Jennifer Ann Luman, Robert Byron Jr., and Dottie Byron, all of Worcester; five sisters, Brenda Marasia of Florida, Pam Walker of Londonderry, NH, Betty Sinclair of Manchester, NH, Bonnie Gilbert of Maine, and Wanda Webber of Garland, ME; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was born in Franklin, NH, son of the late Austin and Doris (French) Green,

and lived in Garland, ME, for many years, Worcester for 36 years, and Oxford for 20 years, before moving to Plainfield, CT, last year. He graduated from East Corinth Academy.

Mr. Green was a truck driver for Rivco for 14 years. He enjoyed golfing, racing, fishing, hunting, and camping.

Memorial calling hours are Friday, November 9, 2018, from 3-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A celebration of his life will be held at 6 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to Masonicare of Connecticut, 45 Clara Drive, Mystic, CT 06355. paradisfuneralhome.com

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Crystal Pond Park

Eastford/Woodstock Employment Opportunity

Summer Day Camp Director

The Crystal Pond Park Commission is seeking a director/on-site manager for its five week day camp program for July and August of 2019. The camp consists of five weeks, Monday-Friday from 8am-3:30pm for children in grades K-8. Additional work time will be necessary during the months prior to the opening of the Day Camp. The candidate will be responsible for directing and supervising counselors, counselors-in-training, and program area directors, monitoring camp activities, and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for campers. Youth education experience is a plus. Salary to be determined.

Application packets are available at the Woodstock First Selectman's Office, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281, or at www.woodstockct.gov
Application, resume and two letters of reference must be received at the Woodstock First Selectman's Office, c/o Crystal Pond Park Commission by December 18, 2018 at 4pm.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
6-8 p.m.
KAROL'S CORNER TAKE OUT
610 Pleasant St., Rochdale, MA

TRICK OR TREAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

4-8 p.m.
TRICK OR TREAT
Raffles and contests
KAROL'S CORNER TAKE OUT
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ALBANIAN KITCHEN AND BAZAAR
Bake table featuring traditional Albanian favorites.
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Theme baskets, this 'n' that table,

handmade jewelry, and illustrated children's books by Ruth Sanderson
St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church
126 Morris St., Southbridge, MA

FUNDRAISER FOR EDDIE GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
700 Pleasant St., Rochdale, MA
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Indoor yard sale, bake sale, raffles, face painting, balloon animals for kids.
Early birds. \$10 entrance fee.
Proceeds to benefit Eddie Besse, a local 5-year-old with brittle bone disease in need of a van with a wheelchair lift.

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“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

October 27, Sat., 5:30pm
Bluegrass concert and dinner at the Killingly Grange. Chicken cacciatore with salad and dessert, followed by *Shady Creek* and *Still Pickin'* for your listening pleasure. Dinner at 5:30 for \$8, followed by music for \$12. 801 Hartford Pike, Dayville.

October 27, Sat., 9:30am-noon
Forest Owners and Gypsy Moths, Dealing with infestation and mortality. Goodwin Forest Conservation Center, Hampton, Public Welcome! Presenters from CT DEEP Division of Forestry and UCONN. Free coffee and refreshment. wbr655@yahoo.com or call 774-262-3284 for info. Directions: The Goodwin Center is located at 23 Potter Road, Hampton, just off State Route 6

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

October 29, Mon., 7pm
Everyone is invited to join in a special Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Rosary and Devotions in support of all human life, from conception to natural death, on at Our Lady of La Salette Church, 21 Providence Road, Route 6, Brooklyn. Since 1960, Knights

of Columbus throughout North America have brought silver roses on annual pilgrimages, to celebrate the “Culture of Life.”

October 30, Tues., 7pm
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

October 31, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefits St. James School.

October 30, Tues., 9am
Everyone is invited to attend a special Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Holy Mass and devotions in support of all human life, from conception to natural death, on at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Since 1960, Knights of Columbus throughout North America have brought silver roses on annual pilgrimages, to celebrate the “Culture of Life” and to show respect and support for all people.

October 30, Tues., 3-8pm
Everyone is invited to join in special Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Rosaries and Devotions in support of all human life, from conception to natural death, on at the Adoration Chapel behind St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam. Since 1960, Knights of Columbus throughout North America have brought silver roses on annual pilgrimages, to celebrate the “Culture of Life.”

November 1, Thurs., 5pm-9pm
PAWS Cat Shelter Fundraiser at

The Crossings Restaurant and Brew Pub at 45 Main Street, Putnam. Come eat and a portion of dinner proceeds will be donated to PAWS. Raffles!

November 2, Sat., 7-8:30am
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead, 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance for qualified veterans.)

November 2, Fri., noon to 8pm
Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or bay scallops (\$11); fried clams (\$14); fisherman's platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November 2, Fri., 9am-12pm
Friends of Assisi 28th annual Thanksgiving food basket distribution: Those needing baskets must register at the Killingly Library, and be a resident of the Killingly/Brooklyn area with identification for all family members and current proof of address (license or utility bill, etc.). Please register with one agency/church. Donations welcome. For info 774-2310.

November 3, Sat., 9am-2pm
Harvest & Holly Festival sponsored by VFW Auxiliary to Thompson Memorial Post 10088, VFW Post

Home, 654 Quinebaug Road (Route 131), Quinebaug, featuring crafts, bake table, cookies, tea cup social, attic treasures, theme baskets, luncheon, much more! To benefit Veterans and community programs.

November 3, Sat., 11a
Cookbook Club, Cookbook to be determined. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

November 3, Sat., 4:30 - 6pm
Take Out Lasagna Dinner (or until it's gone!) \$10, Meat or vegetarian lasagna, salad, bread, and cake at the Federated Church of Christ, Rtes 6 & 169 Brooklyn

November 3, Sat., 9am-2pm BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE TO HELP NEEDY ANIMALS

Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans to help homeless and needy animals at the

Killingly Town Garage on Route 12.

Dry cat food urgently needed, Purina brands preferred. Cash donations always welcome. For more information, contact **PET PALS** at 860-317-1720.



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.

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Logan is family friendly...so he's a "pal-ligator! He lives with his mom Allyson Colburn in Woodstock.



Sweet dreams are made of this! Skipper resides with his mom Crystal LeBoeuf in Woodstock.



"Oh my gourd I look good!" Peanut is loved by her human Kelly and they live in Danielson.



That catfish won't get away this time! Rufus lives with his humans, the Duquette family in Killingly



"They said I could be whatever I wanted, so I'm the Gorton's Fisherman this Halloween." Nico is adored by his human Max Hill of North Grosvenordale.



...tricks or Treats for flies. Teeg the blue-tongue skink lives with his human Dana Pelkey in Putnam.



There's a new sheriff in town! Sammy the cowboy is loved by Kathy Beaudoin of Danielson.



"Mom said I could be anything I wanted so I became lunch." Cozmo is loved by Allison Veazie of East Killingly.



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