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This production ends happily ever after



Photos courtesy of Monique Maldonado

Matthew and Chantelle Quigley-Dimeo were married in the Bradley Playhouse on Friday the 13th.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

PUTNAM — "Death By Fatal Murder" wasn't the only production that took place at the Bradley Playhouse on Friday, Oct. 13. Chantelle Quigley-Dimeo and her now-husband Matthew took advantage of the classic look of the Bradley — along with the beautiful 1950's stage set — to have a one-of-a-kind wedding that was truly like no other for the Johnson, R.I., residents.

The first wedding ever held at the Bradley Playhouse since it opened in 1901, the wedding was an exciting moment not only for the newlywed couple and their families, but for theater manager Monique Maldonado.

"In the theater's 116 years, this is the first wedding," she said. "I'm so happy we could be a part of their special day. Especially since they really love theater."

According to Maldonado, Quigley-Dimeo contacted her earlier in the year about the idea after she saw a play at the theater last year with her father. The idea had come to Quigley-Dimeo as she was "running

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Bless the beasts

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

THOMPSON - The invoca-

"Help us to love all creatures as our kindred being in God's great creation,

all animals as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise,

all small beings as expressions of your mysterious

and all meows, barks, neighs and croaks as voices of hope.

Christ Have Mercy. As we come home to Earth. As we seek to love our home.

As we seek to care for our kindred part of God's great creation.

Christ, have mercy. And let us cry out with the Angels in Heaven

"Glory to God in the highest! And on Earth peace with our kin in creation!"

Amen."

That was the Invocation that the Thompson community sang on the Town Common at the Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ's Blessing of the Animals, a special sermon hosted by Reverend Greg Gray on Oct. 4.

The church was delighted at the amount of community members who attended the Blessing of the Animals, with over 40 people bringing their beloved pets to the common.

"We are working on taking care of our people and the community," said Gray. "We are expressing to people love of each other, the love of God – and part of that love is extended to their pets and animals. They're part of their family as



Courtesy photos

The Reverend Greg Gray blessed animals on Oct. 4. in Thompson.

well."

Many of the people in attendance were not from the church, but came because they saw it "as an opportunity" to share the experience with other towns folk.

Dogs, cats and even one horse
- which was ridden up on the
common - were in attendance.
The cats were taken out of their
carriers and held during the
blessing.

"Bless, O Lord, these creatures," the blessing began, "and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being."

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Olivia Richman photos

Faculty advisers and administrators of the program, from left, Henry Marciano, Mike Joyce and Melinda Smith.

Floating a new idea

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — After witnessing the success of a marine trades program in another district, new Superintendent Melinda Smith brought a boat building program to the Thompson Middle School.

"When I came to Thompson, I saw all the beautiful water ways here," she said. "To take advantage of those water ways... This seemed like a natural fit."

Working with their hands, the seventh and eighth graders partaking in the after school program have been really engaged. They're not only learning wood working, but how to work in a collaborative team, led by Tech Education

teacher at the Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Mike Joyce.

The 12 kids attending the program — which takes place after school on Tuesday and Thursday — have not only become dedicated to the boat building program, but have become more engaged with school in general.

"A female student I had never really seen before came up to me to tell me that her younger brother was in the after-school class and he was so excited about it," said Joyce. "What's the likeliness of a student coming up to a teacher she doesn't know and talking about an after-school program?

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Danielson man overcomes polio

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Martial arts instructor Richard Parent has been into the sport for 40 years, not deterred by physical setbacks that may have discouraged most people. But Parent is not most people.

Despite contracting Polio at just six months old, Parent has not only become a second-degree black belt and a respected instructor at Citizen Tactical, but continues to learn new skills to this day.

"Quite frankly people may look at me as a disabled old man. A ninja wannabe," Parent said. "The only way to combat that view is training, to make myself more valuable."

So Parent recently completed five courses under international firearms instructor Rob Pincus. These courses included Intuitive Defense Shooting, Counter Ambush Training, Unorthodox Shooting Positions, Advanced Pistol Handling and Defensive Firearms Coach.

These are courses that many local pistol instructors haven't taken. According to Parent, "pistol instructors are a dime a dozen," but these courses help Parent stand apart from the rest. He's the only instructor certified to teach defensive pistol courses in the area

tol courses in the area.
But that wasn't enough for

Parent

He also recently completed an Edge Weapons Defense course, hosted by international edged weapons instructor Steve Tarani, an ex-CIA operative and once Donald Trump bodyguard who is specialized in straight bladed and curved bladed knives.

"Because of my vulnerability, I've always sought to find ways to make me less vulnerable," said Parent, who luckily has never had to use his training (although he's had close calls). His experience being "weaker" than other people has made him feel a similar-



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Richard Parent, left, has a black belt and is an expert in firearms.

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Free dinner for veterans at Killingly High

DAYVILLE — Hoween Flexer, in coordination with Whitsons, the Killingly High School Music Department, the Natchaug River Young Marines, Boy Scout Troop 1706 and the Killingly High School football team, is pleased to announce the third annual Dinner and Concert Honoring Veterans scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 at Killingly High School.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and is being provided free of charge by Whitson to all veterans in attendance and one guest. There will be a musical performance by the Killingly High School band and chorus following the dinner in the high school

Three groups are volunteering to serve dinner and escort veterans to their seats; the Natchaug River Young Marines, Boy Scout Troop 1706, and the Killingly High School football team.

Vigil set for Monday in Putnam

PUTNAM — There will be a Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance on Monday, Oct. 23, to commemorate the anniversary of the bombing of the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut Lebanon. The Beirut barracks bombings were attacks that occurred on October 23, 1983, in Beirut Lebanon, during the Lebanese Civil War when two truck bombs struck separate buildings housing Multinational Forces, Peacekeepers, killing 241 U.S. and 58 French peacekeepers, six civilians, and the two suicide attackers. Local citizens and American Legion Post 13 have held the Vigil for the past five years to honor and remember those lives lost, the survivors and their families. This year the gathering is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the bandstand in Rotary Park, located at 196 Kennedy Drive in Putnam for a brief prayer and then will proceed on foot the short distance to the Veterans Memorial Park where we will pay tribute to all those affected by this tragedy.

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THOMPSON RESIDENT WALKS FOR CANCER FUND

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BOSTON — From left in photo: Kris Cassidy, Doreen Babayan, and Debbie Ross all walked to benefit cancer research recently. Ross, from Thompson, Kris Cassidy, from Hudson, and Doreen Babayan, from Westborough, completed the 26.2 mile walk in the 29th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund and Dana Farber Walk Sept. 24 in Boston. They walked in memory of deceased family members and in support of friends currently afflicted with cancer. Ross was walking for Ruth Danielson from Thompson. They were proud to be able to walk with so many families, friends and supporters for such a worthy cause.

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Milking the goats for all their worth



Olivia Richman photos

Arthur and Lori Herrick love taking care of the goats at their farm and selling goats milk products.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

KILLINGLY — "We got our start when two brothers decided to start trouble by purchasing goats without their wives' permission.'

That's just half of the story of Double Trouble Acres goat farm in East Killingly. Co-Founder Arthur Herrick recalls the start of the farm with fondness. He said his son's future wife had a child with special needs who went to see the goats at Roger Williams Zoo every week.

"He just loved them so much," said Herrick. "We thought, 'We have several acres. Let's give him a goat or two."

Those two goats quickly turned into 25 Nigerian Dwarf goats.

'What began as a simple quest to make a little boy smile ended up becoming a small herd in mere months," said Herrick. "Although these are the little boy's goats, our family has had fun with the day to day care of the animals.

The family not only takes care of the goat herd, but uses goat milk to make a variety of natural products, including soap bars, lotions and lip balms.

At first they made the products as Christmas gifts for family and friends.

But soon the word got out: Goat's milk makes some amazing soaps. Now they frequent craft fairs and farmers markets.

"It's been going really well," said Herrick. "We have a lot of people who really like our product. It's not only a natural product, but naturally made. I hand cut the bars. I don't use soap cutters. And we use old fashioned wooden bowls. We use a twine."

It's the rustic look and feel of the bars that has made them a fan favorite among the local goat milk product purchasing community.

"It's fun to see what you can create yourself," said Herrick's wife, Lori. "Sometimes we do mixtures to come up with new scents. We have customers that like a certain scent and we'll make it for them every year. It's neat to find things that really work."

But the soaps and lotions are also very soft and great for the skin.

According to Herrick, goats milk has a lot of vitamins and minerals that make the soap and lotion very beneficial for people who dry skin or skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis and acne.

"I have a niece that has rosacea," Herrick said. "She's been battling those rashes. And for the last three years she's been using our products. And she has not had any breakouts."

Regular uses have come up to them at farmers markets and told them similar stories.

"It's exciting that it really helps people," said Herrick. "We started this as our own thing. But we have learned so much."

The free range goats on their farm are another reason the Herrick family has stayed so positive and happy about

"It's so fun having them," Herrick gushed. "They are the dogs of the barnyard. They are lovable. They are friendly. They're just amazing and so different. And they know their names. People



Goat's milk lotions and soaps contain a lot of vitamins and minerals that benefit people with skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis. It also keeps skin smooth and healthy.

think of them as livestock, but they're not. They have personalities.'

Some of the goats will come out of the stand and put their heads on the Herrick family's shoulder, wanting to

be hugged. Some of them will lick

his beard. With a background in 4H, Herrick already had a lot of livestock knowledge. He grew up raising sheep, ponies, cows, pigs. His daughter Katlyn also helps out with the goats, since she graduated from UConn with a horticulture degree.

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Board of Education, 7 p.m., Brooklyn Central Office

Thursday, Oct. 26

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

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

KILLINGLY

Monday, Oct. 23

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

Tuesday, Oct. 24

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 26

OSLA Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Town

PUTNAM

Monday, Oct. 23

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

Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 24

Putnam Facilities Study Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Oct. 23 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall



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Thursday, Oct. 26 Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

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

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

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Monday, Oct. 23

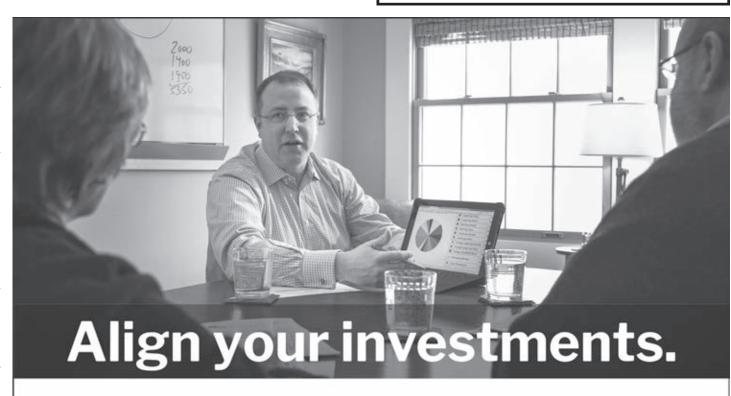
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Name: Rhonda E. Wishart

Occupation: Yoga Teacher, Owner of Strong Body/Strong Mind Family Yoga Studio

Lives In: Pomfret Center

Family: Husband Ray- Married 19 years, Daughters Mary-20, Melissa 15

Pets: Cat- Rogers (Named after Captain America)

How long have you lived in the area? Attended high school in Killingly. Left area for 7 years and have been back since 1993. Family has been in Putnam area since 1900.

Do you have a favorite food? Bacon

What is currently your favorite TV **Show?** Project Runway

What is your favorite travel destination? Any place warm where I don't have to wear shoes.

What's the best part about your **town?** It's really dark at night and you can see so many stars.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life? I don't have just one person. I have known so many great women/men who have showed me how to live a blessed life. Can't pick just one.

Who is your favorite musical artist? Tribe Called Quest

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?

No is a complete sentence. If you never say no, your yes become meaningless.

Favorite Sports Team: Yankees - Since I was 10 years old

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

- Syrian city 5. Secret collection
- Type of radar (abbr.) Trio
- 16. Jelly-like algae substance
- 17. Malaysian coastal city Christmas!
- 19. Bleak
- 20. Late Republic Roman poet 22. Supervises flying
- 23. Long, low sounds
- 24. Seven children born at once
- 27. Tyrion Lannister's nickname 30. Moon crater
- 31. Concealed
- 32. Woman (French)
- 35. Shipped 37. Babies need one
- 38. Two 39. Book of maps
- 40. A partner to cheese CLUES DOWN
- 1. "Mad Men" actor Jon Samoan capital
- 3. Singer Anthony 4. Sign of the Zodiac
- Short-term memory
- Larcenies 7. Side-neck turtle
- 8. Blissful
- you!
- 10. Species of macaque North-central Indian city
- 12. Common street name 13. Weaponry
- 21. Counsels
- 23. __ student: doctor-to-be 25. A bachelor has one
- Women's __ movement
- 27. Leaders
- 28. Chinese sea goddess 29. Caps of mushrooms
- 32. Papier-__, art material
- 33. Hmong

- Coastal region of China 42. Town in Czech Republic
- 43. Peter Griffin's daughter
- Men proud of their masculinity
- 45. One-time Chinese dynasty
- 46. Not pleased Mary ___, cosmetics
- 48. Midway between east and
- southeast 49. Reflected
- 52. Derived from
- 55. US Treasury title (abbr.) 56. Spiritual leader
- 60. Dismounted
- 61. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- 63. Southern constellation 64. Not often found
- 65. Extremely angry 66. Individual article
- 67. They congregate at hives
- 68. Regenerate
- 69. Plaster
- 34. Uneven 36. Resinous secretion
- 37. Pocketbook 38. Political action committee
- 40. Health care for the aged
- Metro Goldwyn __: film company
- 43. A gossip
- 44. Where wrestlers work
- 46. __ Squad
- 47. Self-defense
- 49. Muslim brigands 50. Saudi Arabian island
- 51. Goliath's foe
- 52. Hurtful remark
- 53. Wings
- 54. Beget 57. Second Greek letter
- 58. Blue mold cheese
- 59. Unstressed-stressed
- 61. Title of respect
- 62. Chop or cut
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Titan donates to The Arc Quinebaug Valley



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Susan Derosiers, left, accepts a check from Elaine Lind.

PUTNAM — On Oct. 13, Elaine Lind of Titan Energy New England, Inc. presented a donation check to Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley, in the amount of \$250.

The Arc Quinebaug Valley is very blessed to have the support of community businesses that surround us. Titan Energy New England, Inc. has always been willing to help our agency and is truly dedicated to The Arc's mission," saidDesrosiers.

This gift will help to enhance services provided by The Arc for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

'Titan Energy New England, Inc. continues to make a difference at The Arc Quinebaug Valley through their generosity and kindness, and for that, we are forever grateful for their support,' Derosiers said.

Pomfret Community School to host debate

POMFRET — Woodstock Academy is organizing a debate for Pomfret first selectman and selectmen candidates, and possibly other candidates. The debate is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25 at Pomfret Community School for the convenience of Pomfret voters. This is an invaluable experience for students, as they will moderate, organize, and host the event. It is also a great opportunity for voters to ask questions of the contenders running for election on Nov. 7.

Democratic candidates Maureen Nicholson and Patrick McCarthy and Republican candidates Donna Smith and Pam Lewerenz have been offered the opportunity to participate. Each candidate is allowed between three to five minutes to introduce themselves and highlight their platform. Questions will be taken from the audience. All questions must be written down and are read by the moderator. The moderator for the event will be McKenna Gagnon, a junior from Pomfret.

Sara Dziedzic, Social Studies

Department Chair, at Woodstock Academy is very enthusiastic about this teaching opportunity and looks forward to exposing her students to the election process, debate format, and researching current issues. Having a real time experience with candidates is a great exercise for the social studies curriculum. Woodstock Academy has 1,025 students and is Pomfret's high school for 200 of its students in grades 9 through 12.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Tyra Penn-Gesek

Name: Tyra Penn-Gesek Position sought: Planning and Zoning

Town of: Thompson Background/ Qualifications:

As with most candidates for volunteer positions, my main qualification is a deep interest in the well-being of my community. My specific background includes cultural events planning for non-profit arts organizations; and my skill-set includes strong talents for organization and critical thinking. I am a current member of the Thompson Economic Development Commission, and was an active participant in the recent NECCOG sponsored Thompson Branding Committee. Zoning being one

the primary tools of planning for vibrant

community development, it would be a

natural step to contribute to work of

the Planning and Zoning Committee. What makes you the best candidate for this position?

The best candidate is one who is willing to approach the challenges around land-use and zoning issues with a long view of the type of community the residents of Thompson want for themselves. Regulations and bylaws can be learned. What is more difficult is identifying where the regulations serve the community, and where they represent barriers to opportunity. I believe that I have the required critical thinking skills to approach these challenges effectively.

differ-What entiates you from your opponent(s)?

The idea of having an opponent, or opponents, to serve on this type of com-

mittee is counter-productive. Planning and zoning is a relatively large body, which should represent the breadth of the population of Thompson. As a relatively recent transplant, I would bring a fresh perspective, unburdened by "how things were". Knowledge of what is past is important; but, it can hold communities back from looking forward. I would also hope that my specific experience in the arts would be useful in helping to make Thompson a friendly place for creative events and businesses to take

What is your vision for the future?

It would be my goal to take some of the discussions from the Economic Development Commission and the Branding Committee and dovetail them into the work of Planning and Zoning. These various boards and committees do not exist in isolation from one another, and they are not in competition. The ideal for all is to work towards a resilient community. Within that, my goal is to help Thompson move toward a more integrated approach to future development.

Wayne Jolley

Name: Wayne Jolley

Position sought: Board of Selectman Town of: Brooklyn

Background/ Qualifications:

Own, and operate Jolley Concrete & Block, Brooklyn Sand & Gravel

What makes you the best candidate for this position? My Business sense

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

A conservative business minded

approach to the issues in town, and to keep the taxpayers in mind in

these decisions What is your vision for the future?

To keep Brooklyn from going into debt, and work to restore the surplus in case the town needs it for a rainy day.

Whitney Bundy

Name: Whitney Bundy **Position sought:** Board of Education Degree in Business Town of: Pomfret Background/ Qualifications: I

have a Bachelors degree in science and a Masters degree in business administration. I currently am a System Director for Hartford HealthCare, where I have fiscal responsibility for over \$30 million annually. I also develop strategy and innovation for my service line while ensuring smooth overall operations. My background includes participating in emergency management utilizing the HCIS incident command structure, and I've managed many system wide projects. I am currently on the Board of

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Education in Pomfret.

My Masters experience with finance and budget will play a key role in helping the board produce a fiscally responsi-

ble budget annually. I am currently on

the Board of Education and the Finance Committee, where we review monthly finances. What is your vision for the future?

I would like to continue to ensure we do not overspend and the things we spend our money on result in value for our kids. I'd like to make sure we create the best possible learning environment for our children through technology and the right resources.



BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

PUTNAM – Who do you picture when you hear the word "crotchet?" Would you imagine a 16 year-old? Well, Putnam resident Emma Lajoie is changing the way people think about crafting. As the founder of Joyful Wild Flower, Lajoie has begun to sell her crotchet products at local craft fairs and farmers markets and online.

I sat down with the accomplished crafter to find out how she got into crotcheting and learn more about her passion for crafting.

Is this something you do often?

"I crotchet a lot. I've been doing that for about nine years, since I was eight years old. It's something I love to do. So I've done quite a few craft fairs and things.'

When people picture crotchet I think they picture someone a lot older. What got you into this art

"My mom had taught me how to. I was frustrated by the whole thing, but after practicing it became something I really found relaxing. It gave me something to do. I don't like my hands to be

What did you like about crotchet once you learned how to do it successfully?

"I could make things. I started making things for my dolls when I was younger. I made different pieces of clothing. I liked that I could make things I could wear or use.

What is your favorite item to crotchet?

"I generally like to make hats. I like to wear hats. That's one good reason. They're kind of fun. There's so many different colors and patterns.'

What's your usual inspiration for your pieces?

"Generally color inspires me. My template is pretty bright."

Why is that?

"They're just happy. They're joyful."

I noticed that you also crotchet small animal stuffed animals. What got you into that?

"The little crotchet animals are really interesting. It's little pieces you stitch together. They have so much personality. They're all so different."

So you started a business, Joyful Wild Flower. Why did you decide to start selling your items?

"My friend and I started it up. She has goats. She started making soap. We'd split the table. I'd have one half and she'd have the other. She's off at college now. But it's something I stuck with. It's something I enjoy doing."

What do you like about going to craft fairs?

"You meet so many different people. They come from all different places, different states. Everyone gets so happy when they see all the different things people have made. You can hear their stories. It's really about the community

It sounds like a lot of fun. And you

meet people with similar interests and passions. How do you feel when people end up purchasing your prod-

"It really makes me happy to see a smile on their faces.

So you're still a student. What are you planning to pursue when you graduate?

"Generally, nothing too solid in mind

Are you thinking of pursuing anything to do with crotchet or crafting?

"Right now I work part-time in a preschool which I really enjoy doing. I love being with the children. Maybe something like that. I also really love to write. That's something I would want to pursue in the future.'

Do you have any advice for younger people looking to get into crotchet?

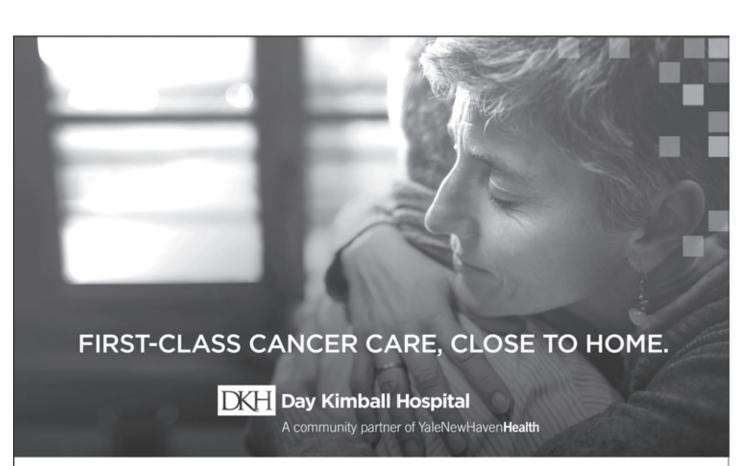
"It's a really great creative outlet. Patterns are great. But you can do so many different things. You can get inspired by so many different things.

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Olivia Richman photos

Sixteen-year old Emma Lajoie has a passion for crotchet, specifically hats and little animal plushes.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Robert Andrews

Name: Robert Andrews

Position sought: Zoning Board of Appeals

Town of: Pomfret

Background/ Qualifications:

I have lived in Northeast Connecticut all my life, and love the rural character of the area. My family and I fell in love with Pomfret and moved here 18 years ago where we raised our four children who all attended and graduated from our local schools. Professionally, I am the Safety Manager at Day Kimball Hospital. I am an incumbent on the Zoning Board of Appeals and have served in other elected capacities over the years including Constable in Pomfret, and as a member of the Danielson Borough Council while living in Killingly.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I feel I have an understanding for the

workings of a town position and have

What differentiates you from your

Being an incumbent on the board, as well as having prior experience at other levels of local government give me a well-rounded perspective needed to make sound decisions that affect our neighbors.

What is your vision for the future? I feel we need to preserve the rural character of the town we call home, but also welcome businesses that fit the

character of the town.



Tony Falzarano

Name: Tony Falzarano Position sought: Mayor

Town of: Putnam **Background/ Qualifications:**

I have been Mayor of Putnam for these past 4 years, prior to being Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Finance, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals, CCM Education Committee, and a million other volunteer groups and organizations on the local and state level for over 30 years.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I am the best candidate because of all my experiences as Mayor, ability to work with both political parties, my enthusiastic optimistic for future growth of Putnam, I'm authentic, open-minded, and focused.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

The difference between me and my

opponent is vast. I am a college educated, family orientated man. I am flexible, pleasant, reliable, innovative and ethical and well known

throughout the state of CT for political, educational, and athletic achievements.

What is your vision for the future? My vision for Putnam is to expand business & industry, continue with the infrastructural improvements in town, increase culture & art, keep the wheels of progressive education moving, fill empty stores, meet the needs of the people in Putnam, and be supporting and engaging to all of Putnam's social groups, like the Putnam Business Association, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the veteran's organizations,

the Lions and Rotary.



Renée C. Lasko

Name: Renée C. Lasko **Position sought:** Selectman Town of: Putnam

Background/ Qualifications:

I have bachelors' degrees in social work and culinary nutrition plus a law degree. I've been a practicing attorney for over 20 years and, mid-career, returned to school and am now a cooking and nutrition educator as well. For over 5 years I've also volunteered as the market manager at the Putnam Saturday Farmers' Market. I've been a Selectman in Putnam since 2011 and was an alternate on the Putnam Planning Commission before that.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Practicing law has made me a prag-

matist; I recognize that even the best vision, if not accompanied by a realistic plan, will lead nowhere. I'm skilled at seeing the many sides of any issue and then perceiving the situation from each vantage point. Because of that I value compromising to achieve a good outcome for everyone. Finally, my legal experience has given me insights into employment law, human resources, contracts and municipal rights and responsibilities that guide me when considering the town's needs.

What differentiates you from your

I'm not originally from this area so I see Putnam's beauty and resources, its opportunities and its potential for pitfalls through the lenses of other locales and experiences. I moved to Putnam in part because, after visiting, I saw that the town managed to create a growing downtown community in the center of a still-rural environment. I treasure that and will continue to work to preserve it.

What is your vision for the future? Putnam is in the rare position of

being able to embrace its rural nature while still having a thriving downtown cultural and culinary center and embracing modern industry. I want to keep working so that Putnam continues to have the best of all worlds!

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Amy St.Onge

Name: Amy St.Onge Position sought: Selectman **Town of:** Thompson

Background/ Qualifications: 14 year resident and business owner of Thompson with an Associates Degree in Business Management and 24 years combined experience in business man-

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I have built a career serving the public. I have the heart of a servant and I am a strong, focused and determined individual. I believe these qualities make me the right leader to help set a positive course for Thompson.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I am proud to be a Republican, however, I believe partisan politics is crippling our country. It's time to lay aside our party affiliations and work together as citizens. The best ideas are born out of conflict and challenges. When we work through our differences we can create the best solutions for the problems our town and our state is facing. I will

work for the people of Thompson. The needs of our residents come first before my Party platform, before any special inter-

est groups, before my own personal agenda. I am going to bring back Public Service in its truest

What is your vision for the future? I envision the Town of Thompson Unified for a purpose. I want to collaborate with the stakeholders of our community to solve the issues facing residents. Thompson is the forgotten gem of Northeastern Connecticut. We have amazing parks and recreation areas. Our school has small class sizes and that is a huge advantage. Thompson is a great place to raise a family. It is also a great place to conduct business. Working together we can attract families and business to Thompson to help ease the tax burden on our current

Jeffrey Otto

Name: Jeffrey Otto Position Sought: Board of Finance Town: Brooklyn Background/Qualifications:

I'm a retired industrial R&D executive. I've been involved with public

safety activities and Brooklyn's government for decades. E.g., current chairman and Board of Education liaison of the Brooklyn Board of Finance; previous chairman of the BRRA; Former vice-chair of Brooklyn WPCA; Chief, Mortlake Fire Company for twenty-five years; member, executive committee of Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association; former chairman, Eastern Connecticut EMS Council; president of Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications, Inc. (911 service provider).

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

My financial and technical business background informs my interest in Brooklyn's government. I have experience as Board of Finance chairman, including consolidating our town's budget and leading member's budget discussions. I've participated in bargaining unit labor negotiations. I've made mistakes and learned from them. I support a robust, not excessive, annual capital funding program. I have relatively conservative spending views but believe that long-term municipal needs must be considered in every annual budget.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

Age and experience. I also have a deep concern and affection for this town, in which members of my family have lived since before Brooklyn was founded. However, I wish to make it clear that I do not discount the interests and experiences of other candidates, who are capable and may bring valuable energy and varied backgrounds to their positions.

What is your vision for the future?

It seems inevitable that some state government expenditures must be shifted to the towns, hopefully not all at once. I support regional solutions to help control costs. I believe that providing ever stronger and more effective educational services is the responsibility of all residents to our posterity. The changing economics will call for larger reserve balances in our town. I hope that these new economic realities will encourage more residents to take an active role as volunteers in local and regional government affairs.

Joseph Adiletta

Name: Joseph Adiletta **Position sought:** Planning & Zoning Commissioner

Town of: Woodstock Background/ Qualifications:

It has been my privilege to serve on P&Z for almost 10 years. I believe that my experience on this commission, my engineering education, my business management background, and my active interest in the well-being of Woodstock during my 37 years living in town qualifies me to continue to serve on this commission.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

The decisions made by Planning &

Zoning can have long term effects on our environment, the appearance of our community, and even our financial stability. As such, deliberate, thoughtful and reasoned decisions are required by this commission and I believe that I offer those necessary characteristics as a commissioner.

What is your vision for the future?

The citizens of Woodstock have clearly indicated their vision for the future of Woodstock Study Circles and more recently from

their input during our updating of the Plan of Conversation and Development. The rural, agricultural, and pastoral states of Woodstock have repeatedly been identified as essential characteristics of our town that should be retained.

This desire has to be balanced with the rights of landowners and the level of regulations that are promulgated by this regulatory body.

I see a path to the future that works to ensure a significant agricultural presence, even as the types of agriculture may change, along with appropriate residential and professional/commercial development suitable for a rural

community.

ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL POLITICAL OFFICES:

The Villager has e-mailed questionnaires to candidates for "Meet the candidate" profiles that will be published in upcoming issues. If you did not receive a questionnaire please e-mail Villager editor Charlie Lentz as soon as possible at Charlie@villagernewspapers.com. All responses must be received by noon on Oct. 30 for publication before the election. Please be sure to include a photo with your response.





MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mike Alberts

Name: Mike Alberts Position sought: First Selectman Town of: Woodstock

Background/ Qualifications: I have served Woodstock as a member and Chairman of the Board of Finance. member and Chairman of the Middle School Building Committee, Selectman, and most recently, as a state representative for six terms. I have a strong background in finance and presently lead commercial lending activities at Jewett City Savings Bank. I am an Air Force and Air National Guard veteran with nearly ten years of service.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

 $Ibelieve that {\it mypast experiences}, both$ locally and in Hartford, have allowed me to create strong relationships with civic and business leaders across the state and my fellow residents. The challenging finances of our struggling state require a First Selectman with demonstrated leadership experience,

a strong financial background, and a proven ability to get things done thoughtfully and with respect to all.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I think the breadth and depth of my experiences is very different from what my opponent offers to Woodstock. As well-intentioned as he is, he just hasn't served in similar capacities.

What is your vision for the future? Woodstock remains a fantastic community to live, work, and raise a family. As the second-largest town in the state, we have unparalleled open space throughout our community thanks to our dairy and vegetable farms, nursery, vineyard, and preservation efforts. If elected, I will work diligently during a period of limited resources to retain Woodstock's character.



Position sought: Killingly Board of Education Town of: Killingly

Background/ Qualifications: Masters Degree and hands-on experience in Education Administration. Superintendent's Cabinet Staff level in the Boston Public Schools (3 yrs), Program Director (3 yrs), and General Administrative (12 vrs).

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

A parent and teacher with extensive administrative experience, and a lifetime of advocacy for students, their families, and the community of those who may not have a direct relationship with their public school district.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

Exposure and direct involvement with all aspects of accountability related to public education: parental, facul-

ty, administrative. and community activism, strongly advocating for broadcasting ALL Board meetings. Trust



earned. What is your vision for the future? "Average" is not good enough for Killingly!

Promoting a community of educators that is committed to higher expectations for themselves as well as for their

Pursuing a stronger sense of accountability from every adult associated with a student's environment.

Lifting this school district from the complacency of "average" academic Pride in what we do performance. and how we do it, will begin to move us towards higher levels of achievement, not excessive spending.

Alma Morey

Name: Alma Morey Position sought: Selectman Town of: Putnam

Background/ Qualifications:

Born and raised in Putnam. Married to Jim, three daughters, Shannon, Kayla and Jill. I am a graduate of Putnam High School and BS from ECSU. I am employed as a Manager at DCU in Worcester MA. I have served on the Board of Selectman for over 15 years in addition to being the Deputy Mayor since 2011.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

When making decisions for Putnam, I always base my decisions on what is right and affordable for the taxpayers.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

My biggest strength is my experience not only as a selectman but also as a deputy mayor. I have served on many commissions and

committees including the personnel policy committee. In addition, I have a strong management and financial back-

What is your vision for the future? My vision for the future is continue to

focus on smart and affordable economic



growth. I believe our focus should be on finding tenants for new technology park and filling our empty store fronts and buildings throughout the town.

Owen Tarr

Name: Owen Tarr Position sought: Selectman Town of: Putnam

Background/ Qualifications:

I am a graduate of Putnam High School, graduate from University of CT. I am employed as a Director at Seven Hills Foundation in Worcester MA. I have served on the Board of Selectman for over 20 years in addition to being the Chairman of the Putnam Recreation Commission for over 30 years.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

It has always been my philosophy to do what is best for Putnam. If re-elected I plan on continuing what I have done since day one.

differ-What entiates you from your opponent(s)?

My biggest strength is my experience with Putnam. I have

negotiated the new 40 Million dollar contract with Wheelabrator. Was the chairperson of the charter revision commission. Involved with the vison of the collaberative technology park.

What is your vision for the future? to lower taxes for every person in the Putnam community.



My vision for the future is continued economic growth which should lead

Peter Mann

Name: Peter Mann

Position sought: Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate

Town of: Pomfret

Background/ Qualifications: I have served on the Board of Finance, Economic Development Commission and as a Selectman in Pomfret. I also served as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission and on the Wetlands Commission in another town in Northeastern, CT. I owned and operated a sales agency for 40 years and am currently semi-retired.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I have been fortunate to have served on a number of Board and Commissions which brings varied experience from which to draw. Although Planning and Zoning concerns itself with land use, there are many factors which make up the decisions of the Commission. That experience will help me make well thought out decisions for the Town of Pomfret. I will have the time not only to attend meetings, but to do the research involved in making the land use deci-

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

Experience separates me from my opponents. Land use is the vehicle that determines the future of any town. Having seem what good and bad

zoning can do to a town will help make sure that Pomfret does not make the same mistakes as other towns and that the Planning and Zoning Commission makes good decisions for the Town

What is your vision for the future? As the demographics change, Pomfret will need to change the zoning regulations to allow Pomfret to accommodate these changes. Pomfret has many residents who are aging and would like to continue to live in Pomfret, but without the responsibilities of taking care of a home, which may mean changes in zoning. Pomfret also needs to continue the search for commercial business for the appropriate zones, which will provide tax revenue. At the same time our goals should be to keep Pomfret the rural town that we love. I will work to make sure we have that balance in Pomfret.

Donna Reynolds Lynch

Name: Donna Reynolds Lynch Position sought: Library Board of Trustees (two-year, unexpired term) Town of: Thompson

Background/Qualifications:

I have been a patron of the Thompson Public Library for as long as I can remember; some might even consider me to be a Library Geek. When my own children were born, I was thrilled to be able to share my love of books and of the Library with them. Over the years, I have continued to be a regular patron of our Library. Previously, I served for twelve years on the Thompson Board of Education. For six of those years, I was the chairperson of the Board. I am a faithful attender of meetings, and always follow through on tasks that are assigned to me. In my professional life, I am a recently-retired special education teacher (after serving for thirty-eight vears with the Town of Woodstock). One of the greatest joys of my teaching career was to be able to foster a love of reading in my students. I have served as a church choir director and as a substitute church organist in several local churches. In my retirement, I am also building a small craft business

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

As stated above, I faithfully attend meetings, and complete whatever task has been assigned to me. As a life-long resident of Thompson, I understand our shared history as well as our hope to

keep our community moving forward. Most importantly, I am a frequent user of the Library--which has allowed me to gain a better understanding of

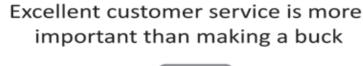
the broad spectrum of services which are offered.

What differentiates you from your opponent?

I can only speak about myself and my own qualifications. Through my years on the Board of Education, I was heavily involved in the Towns budget process, which allowed me to have an understanding of the Library's budget. As a Library patron, myself, I understand the user's perspective as well. I am a good listener, who always tries to understand the "big picture" of any given situation.

What is your vision for the future?

To meet the changing needs of our community, the Library has had to evolve. Computers have replaced card catalogues; audio books have supplemented books on our shelves. However, underlying all of this has been the belief that our Library provides critical services for the citizens of our Town. I believe strongly in the need to continue these critical services for our citizens, even as we continue to evolve in these challenging budgetary times. I would be honored to play a role in this process.





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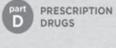
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October thoughts

There is something very temporary about the fall is year. Fall was once a season we could embrace as a real New England triumph, but the past month has been one warm slightly sticky day after another. When people diss our region for slushy winters, rainy spring and spotty summers, we could proudly say, "But wait until you see the fall'. Not so this year. Only the poison ivy is giving off bursts of color.

After years of drought and gypsy moth depredation, the forests, roadways and front yards look dry, dusty and ready to just let this season slip away without a



or-never bargain. Save those plants, stack some wood, tune up the snow blower and find the soup recipes. Once cool weather finally kicks in, we can settle, with relief, into familiar

rhythms. October is special to me because it is when my brother and I celebrate our birthdays one day and thirteen years apart. Because he is always an example to me of self-discipline, every year I resolve to try to do something better. Although I'll never top the year I gave up smoking, I persist in smaller things. This year I am working on modified push-ups and holding on the the rail when I run up and down the stairs. These goals are about as modest as one can get and seem to fit the mood of an autumn that never quite breaks out.

Halloween will be upon us and it can't come and go fast enough for me. I've never embraced the holiday and can't fathom the fascination some adults have with putting on creepy make-up or costumes. We sat at a restaurant recently near two couples who dined wearing green gooey face paint. I think they were dressed They seemed quite normal, except they looked bizarre. I read in an old Forbes article that even a few years ago, half of adults planned to dress up for Halloween. Really? I know people who love the holiday and see it as a creative like my grandson enjoy the chance to be a superhero, demand a little candy and upend conventional behavior for a while.

Recently, we returned to the 18th century farm we once owned for more than 30 years. We were invited to a wedding. The unseasonable weather was perfect for the outdoor ceremony and the reception under a huge, white tent. All the years we owned the farm, I dreamed of a wedding in the west field. Now we were guests and while I worried that I'd be mulling over the past and feeling sad about selling the property, I wasn't. Instead I was drawn into the beauty of the young bride, the emotion of the groom and the happiness of the families.

At one point, I looked over the landscape and thought – oh yes, I planted that Metasequoia, and the privet, and the winterberry, and the peonies in that garden... and then I stopped. It didn't matter. The farm, the fields and everything around us was held in the soft embrace of an October evening. The soft fog crept slowly up the hill, time stopped for a few hours in this unseasonable fall.

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election Letters Policy

Editor's Note: With an election season upon us, the Villager's guidelines for submitting election-related letters. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at (860) 928-1818.

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

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows:

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

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

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 3 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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

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

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

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

No "Guest columns" will be accepted as candidate endorsements.

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

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Pomfret voter for Smith, Lewerenz, Cartier

To the editor:

Much attention's been given to the need for experience and fiscal responsibility to lead our town. Donna Smith has the experience of Pomfret Selectman, Board of Education and professional acumen to seamlessly transition to First Selectman. Donna is a member of the Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee; compromised of the Pomfret Boards of Selectman, Finance, Education and Fire District to proactively assess Town operational priorities, strengths and potential gaps. This vision will not include industrial parks or any economic development that takes away from the rural character of Pomfret. She understands the importance of fiscal restraint and supported changing consulting fees from fixed amounts, whether services were provided or not, to per diem payments for actual services received.

Selectman candidate, Pam Lewerenz' experience comes from serving as our Tax Collector for 12 years, with a record of consistently being one of the best collectors in Eastern Connecticut. Pam accomplished this through experience. Perhaps they are right, and compassion and collaboration, by setting up payment plans during the Great Recession for struggling Pomfret residents, as well as a commitment to collecting revenue from unresponsive debtors. As a business owner Pam knows you must be resourceful as well as make sound decisions based on research, planning, and common sense. Pam understands that we cannot rely on State grants as a town revenue These grants come from money Connecticut borrows and this practice has resulted in a crippling \$23 billion of municipal debt, which affects us as State taxpayers.

Board of Finance candidate, Liz Cartier is a retiree, who worked at GMAC's Finance Division, and knows that you live within your means. Her conservative fiscal approach on Pomfret's Board of Education and Finance subcommittee as well as Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees have resulted in very responsible budgets that balance educational excellence with the lowest increases in recent memory. Liz has volunteered on just about every board or commission in Pomfret and will be a welcomed addition to this Board; which I have served as Vice-Chair for 12 years.

We are very lucky to have these experienced and talented candidates whose records show they can be relied on to do as they promise as well as respect all residents best interest, based on honesty, common sense and courte-sy...vote Donna Smith, Pam Lewerenz and Liz Cartier on Nov 7th.

CAROLYN GERRITY POMFRET CENTER

Baldwin endorses Lewerenz

To the editor:

I am honored to endorse Pam Lewerenz for Selectman. Over the past 40 years Pam has volunteered her time to various Town committees and functions including most recently, the library Board of Trustees. As the Town's tax collector Pam exceeded the Board of Finance's collection rate expectations and carefully built and managed the department's budget. As the tax collector Pam has first hand knowledge of pressures imposed on family budgets when taxes increase. She has been and will continue to be a responsible steward of tax dollars spent knowing the impact each dollar collected has on the families of Pomfret.

Pam realizes that in order to lessen the impacts of rising personal property taxes forced on municipalities by large reductions in State municipal aid, the town needs to

broaden the tax base through smart economic thing in sight. She ate our growth. As an entrepreneur who has success-shoes. She ate a Super fully launched two businesses, she has the Nintendo, controllers and knowledge and understanding of what it takes all. She ate my new steam to attract businesses to Pomfret. She is a long-iron. How in the world do time supporter of the Town's open space strate- you eat an iron? I came gy and as such will seek clean business entities home from work to find only that will have minimal impact on Pomfret's a lonely, little metal plate cultural sensibilities while replacing lost State revenues and adding good paying jobs.

The State is facing difficult fiscal realities shower her with attention, which will affect every municipality. Pomfret needs leaders like Pam, who possess the imagination, knowledge, skills and experience to keep Pomfret prosperous. I strongly urge you O'Brian of Purrfect Pet Care to vote for Pam this November.

> CRAIG BALDWIN POMFRET

We know better than that

across the street to the parking lot where her Honda Civic is parked. The sun has alreadv slipped over the horizon and the streets are relatively empty she wastes no time. As she pulls out onto the

An exhausted young woman

locks the office door and heads

been sitting in the alleyway turn on its lights and pull in behind After travelling the side streets she merges onto the interstate and is a bit concerned that the pick-up is still close behind. When altering her speed doesn't seem to shake her unwelcome tail, she exits the interstate.

street she notices

a dilapidated pick-

up truck that had

If you were this woman's father or brother, what would you advise her to do? Should she stop and talk with the driver of the pick-up? Should she park on her street and walk, alone, to her empty apartment? Of course not, we all know better than that. You would probably advise her to go to a well-lighted service station or store. Or maybe she could go to the police station or call a friend... anything but make

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herself more vulnerable than she already is.

This scenario is not unlike the ones so common in movies and novels where the bad guy walks up to someone on a busy street or in the mall, jabs

a gun against the victim's ribcage and says, "Walk very slowly to the exit." Haven't you wonto the exit." Haven't you wondered why the victims comply? Why would they go to the almost empty parking garage or get into a van? Why would they risk being taken to an old mill where they can be tied up and abused? Why not stop in the crowd and say, "Go ahead, shoot me right here where there are fifty witnesses and security cameras!

I would take my chances in the crowd rather than follow them somewhere where I would have absolutely no protection. Hollywood uses this story line, because they make their own reality and it is the easiest way to move the story along, but you and I know better than that.

Yet, so many times when people are accosted by fears and thoughts that torment them, they let those thoughts and feelings corral them off into the dark. They hole up in their apartment. They go off by themselves to argue with the predator. Perhaps they do this because they just don't stop to think it through. Maybe they have never found a safe place. Maybe they have no one they can trust to help them. But if we thought it through at all we would realize that we know better than that.

If you are dealing with feelings of doubt, fear or depression, find a safe place. Find a group of people who have healthy lives and who believe in a God who is "a very present help in time of need."(Psalm 46:1) I am surprised at how many people who are hurting or confused actually make the worst decision and stop praying or going to church. That would be like driving past the police station to a quiet, back road, getting out of the car and seeing what the predator wants.

They may feel like being alone is the answer, but it is actually

exactly what their enemy wants. Think about it. It may be that your depression, fear or loneliness will stop tailing you if you simply start talking to God or spending time with other believers. Find a local prayer group. Attend church. Start a daily prayer routine. Let His Word be rules vary from professional a floodlight in to your situation. to professional. You'd think But, whatever you do, don't take after consorting with dogs your predator down a deserted for 400,000 years we would road to a lonely place and try have figured out by now, to solve the situation by asking and agree on, what make them what they want you to do or where they want to take you.

Whenever I am overwhelmed by heaviness or doubts, I find a safe place with God or His people. It has saved my life more times than I could count. Try it once years ago. Their most likely and see if God doesn't set you free ancestor is the large northfrom your pursuers. Then the ern Holarctic wolf. Scientists next time you are being chased, concluded that dogs split you'll remember that -- you know better than that.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. has indicated a For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

The other end of the leash

A friend of mine is considering adopting another dog. It led me to thinking about my first family dog many vears ago...

we should get a dog," my then husband announced one day while I was dusting the still warm tin of cat ashes on the fireplace mantle. "We haven't had a dog since Scooter was hit by that Volvo

"You know what? I think

in 2001.' Oh yes, I remembered Scooter well. Scooter

was Christmas present for Red's our then Word 5-year-old BRENDA **PONTBRIAND**

daughter Rachel. She was an adorable, little black puffball who greeted Rachel

in her bed Christmas morning with doggie kisses, and promises from Rachel, and my now ex-husband of "We'll take care of her" and, "She'll be our best friend forever.' Fast-forward 2 months; the dog has now become MY best friend. Apparently, everyone else in the house thought I wanted to train her and, I guess I somehow unknowingly volunteered for the job. I had previously only

housetrained cats but really, how much different could this be? Well, let me tell you, cat poop was nothing compared to what this dog was expelling. Scooter pooped; a lot, and often. Professional dog trainer Uncle Matty from PBS said I should walk the dog every 2 hours for 15minutes. My canine savvy friends said I should walk her 15 minutes after her meal for 2 hours. In the end I was walking her every 15 minutes for 2 hours, and she would still wait until we got back in the house, and then go right on the floor. I pondered if I could get a diaper on her, but then how was I going to maneuver the big swingy tail? Then, what I thought was a brilliant idea, my friends informed me that besides bordering on demented, a cork wouldn't work anyway.

The dog chewed everylying on the floor. What were we doing wrong? Didn't we toys, and all the things a puppy needs? Maybe if I had known about Maree in Putnam, I wouldn't have been in such a mess. I bet even Pourings and Passages in Danielson has dog training books.

Not everyone is born a dog person. I grew up with cats. You show them the box, throw them some food, and if they feel like it they'll let you pet them. No training issues, no behavior problems, no lawsuits. Acquiring a dog, on the other hand, is a major life-altering event. There are many more rules accompanying a canine regarding feeding, affection, and training, and those them tick.

The earliest dog fossils, two crania from Russia, and a mandible from Germany, date from 13,000 to 17,000 off genetically from wolves between 75,000 and 135,000 years ago, but an analysis

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Chicken farms in Killingly

In my October 6 Killingly at 300 column I wrote about the daybook of James Aldrich, who operated a small store in East Killingly during the 1850's. I had an email from Robert A. Olsen, who has worked at Old Sturbridge Village, in regards to my interpretation of "nappy" in the daybook. "I was reading your column in the Putnam Villager, where you mentioned, "Jonathan Aldrich's purchases included '1 nappy.' It was not a napkin but what we refer to as a diaper.' I used to be responsible for the interpretation in the Asa Knight Store at Old Sturbridge Village. Plates from the Staffordshire potteries in England often had odd names referring to the size or shape. A nappy or nappie, was a ceramic dish, not a diaper. I remember Jane Nylander at one of her training sessions talking about the sizes and shapes, referring to, 'nappies, muffins, and twifflers." Thank vou. Bob. Obviously I

have much to learn! I'm still gathering information about poultry farms in Killingly so was glad to receive several emails from Helena Franczak Hayden concerning the Mashentuck Poultry Farm, which was owned by her parents Joseph (Jozef) and Peggy Franczak. She even attached several photos. "Mashentuck Poultry Farm.

This is the original barn. Or at least, it was there when we bought the place.

I can't tell from the aerial Google photo if it's still there or not. This is where we raised the new baby chicks. In the far right, there (was) a small separate area for a family cow, with two stanchions." (email 9-26-17). Another photo was

the layer house at Mashentuck. (Our hens were cage free, by the way. They spent their 'teenage' time in chicken tractors in the fields, and the layers were in the chicken coop, but free to roam about within their room in the coop.)

Unfortunately the farm had an unexpected disaster. "What happened to us, is, my father had just expanded the farm. He had built a new, and larger, chicken coop (With borrowed bank funds). He had stocked it with its first birds.

The birds were about ready to lay. Then the worse possible scenario happened.

A nearby poultry farm had become infected with an illness that strikes chickens.

That farmer had kept quiet about it. It was an illness that could become airborne.

And so it did. And it infected our birds. And there we were. The bank had funded the new coop. The bank had funded the purchase of the birds to put in the new coop. By the time we found out about the illness in the area, it was too late for us to vaccinate. If the other



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farmer had just told us maybe, just maybe, we'd still be at that property today. Maybe, If he had told us, we would have been able to vaccinate. But. We could not recover loosing the birds. I mean, tens of thousands of birds. My dad had extended himself financially as much as the bank would allow. There was no money for us to keep going and start over with new birds. So. My dad filed for bankruptcy. And that was the end of us as a farming family. A courtesy phone call could have saved us. But. It didn't happen.'

Helena mentioned that when she was growing up there, the mailing address was Glen Manning Road, which no longer shows up on a Killingly map. By finding the obituary for Ann Daly, her old 4-H leader (Galloping Ghosts), and using Google maps, she was able to determine that the road is now called Geer Road. Does anyone recall when the name of the road was changed? If so, please email me or call the Killingly Historical Center.

I thought that I would extract a few more tidbits from the Windham

County Transcripts of 100 years ago. World War I was bringing about numerous changes. "Liberty Choruses are to be organized in towns and citthroughout ies Connecticut so that, upon important public occasions, the Connecticut State

Council of Defense may call upon them and be sure of having available patriotic and inspiring music. The singers will be all volunteers and those who will train and lead the choruses will give their time to the work. Existing organizations will be asked to volunteer in bodies. The plans for these Liberty Choruses are being perfected under the direction of the Connecticut State Council of Defense.

"J. S. Stevens of Hartford has accepted an appointment as state musical director and under the direction of the publicity committee of the council of defense he has begun the work of perfecting a statewide organization of Liberty Choruses. He has written to the council's town committees throughout the state and has asked the chairman of each to recommend the best man in each town or city for the task of organizing and conducting the local Liberty Chorus work.

"The decision to organize these liberty choruses was made by the state council of defense because it recognizes the value of singing to weld the nation together and arousing the 'will to win,' the war. The plan calls for a mobilization of the state's musical forces for a patriotic service.

'Where there are no existing organizations, new ones are to be started under the leadership of a competent earnest and patriotic local director. Standard and uniform music will be arranged Existing organizafor. tions when they volunteer will be known by their usual names and further designated as specific units of the Liberty Choruses of Connecticut. Mr. Stevens has selected a songbook that the songs in it are inspiring patriotic selections of the type that makes the blood tingle" (WCT 10-11-1917). If you recall anyone in your family who participated in a local Liberty Chorus, please contact me.

One hundred years ago most families did not own automobiles. Thus an impending raise in the trolley rates produced an outcry. Vigorous Protests Being Made Against the Raise in Trolley Rates. The air was blue in many spots in Danielson and Killingly on Thursday last, when the news swept through the town that the Shore Line Electric Railway Company had raised their passenger tariffs as much as fifty per cent. Many mill operatives were loud in their denunciation of the increase as it means a big hole in their slender purses if they are to ride to and from their work. Business

men in Danielson were equally (worried) at the idea of lost trade since it was not to be expected that the people of outlying villages would come into Danielson to do their buying if the rates were to become prohibitive. All two-cent zone fares are now to be three cents thus making a fifty per cent increase and in many cases raising the trolley fare above that charged on the railroad.

"The Chamber of Commerce of Putnam has already begun plans for a vigorous protest against what they claim is an imposition. What action will be taken by the Business Men's Association of Danielson is yet problematic" (WCT 10-11-1917).

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Protect Yourself against Identity Theft

After the recent news of the Equifax security breach that has compromised personal information to over 143 million consumers, identity theft protection is becoming more and more relevant.

thieves Identity

can empty your bank account, max out your credit cards, open new accounts in your name, and purchase furniture, cars, and even homes on the basis of your credit history. And what will you get for their efforts? You'll get the headache and expense of cleaning up the mess they leave behind.

You may never be able to completely prevent your identity from being stolen, but here are some steps you can take to help protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Check yourself out

It's important to review your credit report periodically. Check to make sure

that all the informa-FINANCIAL tion contained in it is correct, and be on the **FOCUS** lookout for any fraud-IIM ZAHANSKY

ulent activity. You may get your credit report for free **INVESTMENT** once a year. To do so, **ADVISER** www.annualvisit creditreport.com.

If you need to correct any information or dispute any entries, contact the three national credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Following the recent breach, Equifax has offered the public one free year of its identity theft protection service, TrustedID Premier.

Keep your receipts

When you make a purchase with a credit or debit card, you're given a receipt. Don't throw it away or leave it behind; it may contain your credit or debit card number. And don't leave it in the shopping bag inside your car while you continue shopping; if your car is

broken into and the item you bought is stolen, your identity may be as well.

Save your receipts until you can check them against your monthly credit card and bank statements, and watch your statements for purchases you didn't make. When you do not need them anymore, shred any papers that may contain confidential information.

Helpful hints "If a stranger calls, don't answer." Opening e-mails from people you don't know, especially if you download attached files or click on hyperlinks within the message, can expose you to viruses, infect your computer with "spyware" that captures information by recording your keystrokes, or lead you to "spoofs" (websites that replicate legitimate business sites) designed

your identity. These are called phishing emails, designed to look real but could be malicious.

If you wish to visit a business's legitimate website, use your stored bookmark or type the URL address directly into the browser. If you provide personal or financial information about yourself over the Internet, do so only at secure websites; to determine if a site is secure, look for a URL that begins with "https" (instead of "http") or a lock icon on the browser's status bar.

There are also companies that will provide a credit monitoring service to safeguard against criminal activity.

How to Recover

When your identity is stolen, it may be less overwhelming the faster you act. To minimize your losses and prevent further stolen property, contact

the local reader,

the local advertiser,

our local friends.

We are just a call or email away.

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common origin from a single gene pool for all dog populations between 40,000 and 50,000 years ago in East Asia. Can you imagine a Neanderthal wife yelling at her husband because the dog, Ug, keeps crapping on the cave floor after she just cleaned it? What did they do for discipline back then if the dog didn't behave? Just.... eat it?

Dogs ancestors are wolves, and wolves are pack oriented. She needs to have a pack, and a pack needs to have a leader. That leader is you and your family, and she looks to you for that calm, assertive role. But instead, we tend to treat our dogs like little furry people and let them dominate everything in our lives, from when they eat and walk, to when WE eat and walk. They are dogs, and need to be treated like dogs. It's what they want. Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan claims he has never seen so many dogs with behavior issues as in the United States. "We give our dogs love, love, and more love with minimum exercise, and discipline." There are more than 65 million pet dogs in America. Over the past 10 years, the pet industry has doubled in size, with an income of about 34 billion dollars. On the average, dog owners can spend as much as \$11,000 on their pet in their pet's lifetime. How about a life insurance policy for a dog for \$30,000, or an expensive alligator purse for a Yorkie to ride around in? This country has the most spoiled dogs in the world. But are they the happiest?

The American Kennel Club is one of the most prestigious purebred dog registries in the world. It was formed in 1888 as a "club of clubs" to promote the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. The theory behind the desire for a purebred dog is that you can genetically control what characteristics and temperament you desire.

the contrary, a "mixed breed" dog is about as predictable as New England weather. Which is kind of like most of us, isn't it?

There is an unexplainable bond between humans, and dogs; more so than any other animal. You don't think they were named "man's best friend" for nothing do you? Dogs live in the moment; never in the past. If she had a bad day yesterday, she's over it today. If you are willing to commit to taking care of a dog for the rest of her life, she can teach you how to appreciate your world more. Maybe you too can learn to

rules are governing Sea Monkeys?

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You might even win a nice trophy. On

Some professionals disagree with the AKC's theory and say that any dog can be born with any temperament, and the only thing you can control through selective breeding are physical characteristics. They go on to say purebred dogs can have a myriad of health problems due to the relatively small gene pool from which they are born. The AKC vehemently denies this claim. Most professional dog trainers and breeders insist it's not the breed that causes a dogs misbehavior, it's the owners not knowing the correct way to

train a dog to behave. live in the moment.

I have now studied every dog book I could get my hands on and I have searched every shelter in New England in our quest for the Holy Grail of all Mutts, but after reading tons of material I'm even less sure of my ability to train one. It's not enough that my children will one day tell me that I've screwed them up, but to have the dog on a therapist couch is just over the top, and besides I don't think our insurance will cover it. I wonder what the training

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson Together sponsoring a Candidates' Night

To the Editor:

Thompson Together, with the participation of both political parties, is sponsoring a non-partisan Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October 25. Thompson voters will have the opportunity to hear the views of and pose questions to the candidates for the Board of Education and Planning & Zoning Commission. This event will be held at the Thompson Public Schools' Auditorium from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. There will also be a Meet and Greet opportunity during the intermission. I invite Thompson residents to come hear your candidates lay out their positions on the important topics so that you can make a better informed decision on Election Day, Nov. 7.

ELIZABETH GOLDSMITH, PRESIDENT, THOMPSON TOGETHER, INC.

Pomfret voter is for Dayna Flath

Having known Dayna for over fifty years, I feel uniquely qualified to recommend her for a position on the Board of Finance. Her education, business experience, community involvement, and personal character are ideally suited to serve the town and its residents. She loves our community and is dedicated to helping guide its future to the absolute best of her ability. Her maturity, optimistic attitude, and empathy for people and their concerns are refreshing in our current political climate.

David, Dayna's father, served as Chairman of the Board of Finance and had many conversations with her about Pomfret and its future. Although a staunch Republican, I know he would have heartily endorsed her as an excellent choice for the position. She and other Democratic young men and women are the future of our country.

> SANDY FLATH POMFRET

Mann comments on Murdock property

To The editor,

I have gotten a kick out of Charlie Tracy's letters to the editor regarding the Murdock Property. I am amazed at the amount of misinformation that is being spread throughout the town. Having been chairman of the Economic Planning and Development Commission for six years and followed its progress over the last six years since, the major discussion has always been the development of the Murdock property for various commercial and residential uses. The main reason is that, in its wisdom, the Planning and Zoning Commission zoned that area as Commercial Business, as it is the best area in town to have that type of development. At this point, it is the only unencumbered commercial business property in the town. Charlie is correct, the Town spent \$5 million to protect open space. I would like to point out, that at no time was the Murdock property considered, even though it was already owned by the Town. The Town is going to need commercial business soon in order to offset tax increases as expenses in town increase and State aid diminishes.

This property has been studied for commercial development for as long as the town has owned it. For many years it was thought to have an aquafer under it. Finally, the Economic Development Commission had the property tested. The testing showed that under the area of the Murdock property where the bulky waste is held has no aquafer. The only area of the Murdock property the shows any potential is an area over near the White Brook. Wells over there

could produce up to 50,000 gallons per day.

Charlie Tracy has been a member of the Economic Development Commission since 2014, so has been privy to all the discussion about the Murdock property and the plans for it. I attended the meeting where the Commission decided to put out a request for proposal to find a realtor to help determine the best use of the property and to help look for potential high tax paying clients. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by the bipartisan commission. Unfortunately, Charlie was not there to make his position known.

If and when a realtor is chosen and finds a potential client, nothing can transpire at the Murdock property without a Town Meeting to approve it. Neither the Economic Development Commission or the Selectmen can lease, rent or sell the Murdock Property without the approval of the citizens of Pomfret at a Town Meeting. It would seem to me that Charlie, being a member of Economic Development Commission would welcome the opportunity to search for development in a properly zoned area that will help stabilize the tax base for years to come.

Economic development does not happen overnight. For many years, the Murdock property has been studied and studied with very little action. The Donna Smith/ Pam Lewerenz team is looking ahead and will continue to pursue sensible, high value economic development for Pomfret.

> Peter B. Mann POMFRET CENTER

Woodstock reader wants civic involvement

To the editor:

Local elections always present a turnout challenge. Without the big money glitz of national, or lesser so state elections, local elections seem almost stealth; even more so if you have basically dysfunctional town committees who fail to present a full slate of candidates making most seats unopposed like we have this year in Woodstock. With the exception of First Selectman and one seat on the Assessment Board of Appeals, all other races are single candidate races. Why is this? Lack of interest, lack of communications, a specific strategy to NOT upset the applecart, or dysfunction, I would suggest a bit of all. The Democratic Town Committee seems to be satisfied simply getting the minority seats that state statute requires they get. This year's candidate for first selectman had to put himself forward for the job as the committee, reportedly, had no intention of running anyone, and seems quite concerned that the first selectman candidate could theoretically displace their candidate for a regular selectman's seat even in a losing effort. The Republican Town Committee is more like the "Town Hall" committee consisting primarily of town hall employees, elected officials and former elected officials. Word is that even they, the RTC, like

the DTC are concerned that one of the sitting board of selectmen might not get in, getting knocked off by the losing first selectman candidate should that candidate garner more votes than one the selectman candidates. Seem a little odd? It should, and a little hard to follow, and meant to be – "don't upset the applecart"; kind of like "don't ask too many questions". The two party system only works when there are actually two parties functioning as two parties.

So what is the purpose of this letter? To encourage all voters to come out for this election even if almost all candidates are unopposed as your vote still matters. Who you vote for, or who you don't vote for, sends a message – even for those who are unopposed and will get in anyway. Either you support things as they are or are looking for more and better in the future. Not voting for a specific candidate sends a message. Not voting at all says you don't care, and for those elected, "you can do as you please".

Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Board of Finance.

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Rogers supports Nicholson

To the editor,

I want to encourage all Pomfret voters to go to the polls on Nov. 7 with the challenge to match our 90-plus percent turnout at last year's election. Remember that the local elections are where your vote counts more than ever. In my 35 years in town, I have seen several candidates win by as little as one vote, and often by a handful of votes. If you are not registered yet, just do it!

And while you are at the polls please elect the team of Maureen Nicholson and Pat McCarthy. We need Maureen's experience, ability to communicate and to listen to the voters. As a former first selectman, she has proven her ability to lead during her time in office and we continue to benefit from the fruits of her labors. The sidewalk that has just been completed on Pomfret Hill was initiated by Maureen during her time in office. Our current board of selectmen was wise to see it to completion, but should not take credit for it. The list of projects Maureen took on as First Selectman is long: improvements to the Pomfret Senior Center, the town hall, the town garage, the fire station, the library, and all with savings to the

taxpayer.

I serve on Pomfret's Library Board along with Pam Lewerenz. Unfortunately, Pam has not been able to attend more than a couple of our meetings. Is this also how she will treat meetings of the Board of Selectmen? You cannot get things done if you don't show up.

When asked to participate in a debate by students from Woodstock Academy. Maureen and Pat were ready and willing to come and discuss issues in a wonderful multi-generational debate. The Republican candidates have refused to accept the invitation. Now, why would they not be willing to speak publicly about their positions? Maybe Ms. Smith didn't want to have to explain the fiasco of the coal tar street sealing at Longmeadow that cost the town dearly in both expenses and potential health of the residents.

Please go to the polls on Nov. 7 and vote for the team that listens before it acts, and then they get things done! Vote for Maureen Nicholson and Pat McCarthy!

> SALLY ROGERS POMFRET CENTER

Gosper endorses Kerttula

To the editor:

I served on the Killingly Town Council for 4 years ending in 2015. While I was unable to run again this year due to work obligations, I could not more confidently and enthusiastically endorse Kevin Kerttula for Killingly Town Council, District 4. I got to know Kevin when I campaigned 2 years ago and have since gotten to know him more now during his campaign.

Killingly, like all towns in Connecticut, faces uncertain times ahead as the State continues to face significant financial challenges that endanger our fiscal solvency. The current budget disaster we are witnessing in Hartford is just the latest example of the potential damage we could face despite the relatively sound fiscal footing Killingly is on at the moment.

While property taxes were kept in check during this last budget cycle, this was mainly due to an increase in residential and commercial values as

determined by our last revaluation. But our budgets did go up and we must be cautious and think clearly about the need when considering any increases going forward, not knowing what we will encounter from the State.

I believe Kevin will provide an excellent steady and fiscally responsible voice as well as fresh perspectives on the Town Council and will work well with his fellow Councilors, other boards and commissions members, and of course with the Town Manager and town officials. Kevin understands and values our small town culture and feel but at the same time will be looking to bring more worthy businesses into town to provide jobs and improve the overall quality of life for our residents.

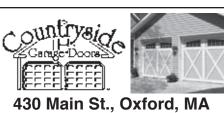
I ask all residents in District 4 to join me in voting for Kevin on November 7.

> BRIAN GOSPER KILLINGLY

FINANCIAL

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Presented by James Zahansky, AWMA, researched by Broadridge Communication *Investor* Services

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader explains teacher pensions

To the editor:

In response to Mr. Leonard's letters regarding teacher pensions there are two points that I would like to explain:

1) The State Teachers Retirement Board administers the Teachers' Retirement System. Teachers have always paid the mandatory share of their pension. It is our state legislators and the Executive branch who have "kicked the can down the road." Prior to 1979, the state did not set aside money to pay a teacher's benefits until that teacher retired. In 1979 the state phased in funding for active member pension liabilities, however, the state fell short of its funding obligations in nearly all the subsequent years up to 2008. The fact that there are fewer active teachers contributing to the fund and that the funds' investment earnings are down are also contributing factors. Today's retired teachers cannot be blamed for the system's unfunded liability

2) When teachers in the 1960s had to decide whether or not to join Social Security, there were many factors affecting their choice. The Connecticut retirement system provided a better benefit than Social Security. Teacher pay at that time was very low and most teachers could not afford to pay into two systems as do teachers in some states. (Many teachers in CT who were "head of household" qualified for government issued food stamps at the time.) Significantly, towns and municipalities largely opposed having to share in providing Social Security for teach-

Consider all the money Connecticut's municipalities have saved over the years by the teachers' decision in the 1960s to join the State Teachers Retirement System.

Sadly, today there are those who would deny a pension to teachers and state workers. Instead of denigrating pensions, let's look at the good they provide. The National Institute on Retirement Security reports that 92 percent of Americans say pensions help recruit and retain qualified employees. Presently there is a shortage of teachers in CT. Taxpayers receive critical services from dedicated teachers, nurses, firefighters and police officers. These people make a difference in our lives and we need to attract more into these professions.

Pensions throughout the country help support the economy. Retirees' pensions pay local and state taxes. Their pensions pay for food, clothing, healthcare and other basic necessities including big ticket items like appliances and home repairs. Moreover, retirees' spending from state and local pension benefits supported approximately 33,800 jobs in our state (Pensionomics 2016).

Contrary to popular belief, the vast majority of public pension benefits are paid with investment income and employee contributions. Between 1993 and 2014 approximately 50 percent of Connecticut's pension fund receipts came from investment earnings and another 12 percent from employee contributions (Pensionomics 2016)

Instead of advocating to abolish pensions, let's suggest working together to secure sustainable pensions for all workers. After all, financial security in retirement years benefits both the individual, the state and the nation.

> TOM SINGLETON WOODSTOCK

Kamp endorses Smith and Lewerenz

To the editor:

The team of Donna Smith and Pam Lewerenz are poised to make great contributions on the Pomfret Board of Selectmen; they have my support and should enjoy yours, too, for the following reasons. In Mrs. Smith we have a candidate with unrivalled economic and business experience. From her academic training to her successful tenure as a financial analyst at multiple companies to her work as Controller at The Rectory School, Mrs. Smith understands intuitively and professionally the intricacies of reliable fiscal stewardship and responsibility. How fortunate Pomfret would be, in this statewide economic dislocation, to have her at the helm! She and Mrs. Lewerenz are committed to diversifying Pomfret's tax base in order to ensure that small and clean businesses can help offset the tax burden being imposed on us by the brigands up in Hartford. The cost of living in Connecticut only worsens every year, but prodigal Democrats always find ways to spend more of our money at the expense of our family budgets. If you want to keep your municipal taxes to a minimum and invest in a team that will work steadily on preserving the tranquility of our beautiful town, support Smith and Lewerenz.

> Dr. Tahia Thaddeus Kamp POMFRET

Mahoney endorses Flath

To the editor:

On the Pomfret.gov website, one finds the following description of the Board of Finance duties: "The function of the Pomfret Board of Finance is to consider and maintain the overall financial condition of the town, assuring the maximum value in services and reasonable taxation of its citizens".

It then goes on to list the ways the board of finance accomplishes these goals, including recommending the annual town budget and measuring actual performance against it, providing an annual audit of financial records, setting the property tax rate and several other activities that support boards overall goals.

Dayna Flath is supremely qualified to sit on the Board of Finance and do the work that supports this sort of financial stewardship. As a business owner of a company that provides financial services, Dayna is routinely

aware of the need to balance the value of services with the constraint of a limited budget. Dayna will bring the same keen judgment to the table In terms of both considering and maintaining the overall financial condition of the town.

At the same time, no successful business owner has ever said they succeeded by accepting mediocre, over-priced services - Dayna will not hesitate to extract the most of services the town pays for while keeping the tax rates at as low a level as possible.

I have seen Dayna do all this in her own business, I have seen her do it while working with her on the finances at our church and I know she will be able to do it for the town of Pomfret. Please join me in supporting her on election day.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

KILLINGLY - The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society held their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 14, welcoming crafters and artists from all over the state to the Historical Society build-

The money raised at the craft fair will help the society run their programs and purchase supplies, as well as allow them to preserve artifacts and documents.

MICHAEL MAHONEY Pomfret

Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society Craft Fair



Illustrator Brandon Morgan had fun drawing some original pieces during the craft fair.



Olivia Richman photos Kym Dacey, pictured with Rita Rossi, started off making jewelry. But she recently started branching off into a variety of crafts.



The craft fair featured a lot of different crafts, from hats and scarves



Killingly Historical Society president Doug Flannery and Director Elaine Tenis said the craft fair was a way to fund programs and help preserve historical items.



Children of the American Revolution sold crafts made by children.



Jessica Reimer sold homemade cat and dog toys under the name Mutts & Mousers.



Melody Guillemette with her raffle tickets.



To help raise money for a trip to London. a homeschool Shakespeare group decided to raise some money by selling a variety of homemade items.



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Eastford's seniors make scary bus trip

—Eastford Senior Citizens recently organized a bus trip from Eastford Town Office Building to the Publick House in Southbridge, Mass. After enjoying a delicious hot turkey buffet, candles were lit on cupcakes and happy birthday was sung to Rebecca Knoll and Mary Ann Lally.

This second bi-annual bus trip was the culmination of the creative ideas expressed nearly three years earlier by William "Bill" S. Hopkins of Eastford and Jim Zavistoski of Sturbridge. The trip was made possible through the generosity Rukstela Charter Services of Eastford and The Publick House: Historic Inn & Country Lodge.

The first bus trip this season brought area residents to the Jorgensen Theater in Storrs/Mansfield. Many of the individuals attending these trips had never

attended either of these wonderful locations. The Eastford Senior Citizens next meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 8. A potluck supper with the Fabulous "Second Helping", a singing senior acoustical act. Seniors are encouraged to bring their families and guests. The meeting will be held at the Eastford Congregation Church Hall on 8 Church Road in Eastford. Access to the Dining Hall is through the double doors at the parking lot in rear of church. Everyone is encouraged to bring a delicious potluck food item(s) to share. Please call or text (860) 538-8868 to register your potluck item and your number attending. Plan to drop off your food items at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin about 5:45 p.m. Door prizes at 7 p.m.



















ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals was a tradition that Gray – and his husband, Rev. Jonathan Chapman, Pastor at the Westfield United Church of Christ in Danielson – wanted to bring back to the Quiet Corner.

It's a tradition that's hundreds of years old, started in the memory of St. Francis. "Animals have the same source as human beings," St. Francis once said. "Like us, they derive the life thought, will and love from the creator. Not to hurt our humble animal



brethren was our first duty to them; but to stop short there is a complete misapprehension of the intentions of providence. We have a higher mission. God wishes us to help them whenever they require it."

And while the Blessing of the Animals did have religious and spiritual undertones, it was a very emotional ceremony for all community members, regardless of faith.

'Some people were very moved," said Gray. "Some were even moved to tears, because they had older animals. The horse was 27. One couple walked up to the Town Common from their home. They brought their 16 year-old dog that they considered a child. This dog was considered a longtime member of the family. This was important for them."

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New ritual for cancer patients at Day Kimball Hospital

PUTNAM — One year ago in October of 2016 the Thompson Middle School PTO presented the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital with a \$108 check, funds raised by students as part of a charitable giving program at the school. That donation snowballed into a chain of charitable gestures that together have resulted in a touching and meaningful way for patients being treated for cancer at the hospital to mark an important milestone - their last treatment – and celebrate their survival.

After the donation was made the Cancer Center's staff thought about how best to use the funds, wanting to implement the students' charitable gesture in a tangible way. They ultimately decided on a truly meaningful use.

"In other cancer centers, when a patient completes their chemotherapy regimen they get to ring a ship's bell that is stationed within the chemo room. We'd like to use these funds to purchase a ship's bell of our own and have it installed in our chemotherapy infusion suite, so that our patients can have a physical and meaningful way to mark the completion of their chemotherapy treatment," said Linda Daniels, administrative coordinator



Courtesy photo

Care providers at the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital gather around the Center's new ceremonial bell. From left: Dr. Mandeep Dhami; front row Kate Tartaglia, Michelle Donahue; back row - Antoinette Plourde, Denise Spirito, Morgan Clark, Marissa Marwell and Serena Cochran.

for the hospital's Oncology/ Hematology Department, at the time.

The idea garnered so much support, however, that a bell didn't even have to be purchased. Instead, it was donated by DKH Appeals and Events Manager Patricia Hedenberg, who was moved to contribute to the cause after hearing the story of the Thompson PTO's

donation.

DKH Director of Oncology Carolina Starr-Manning says that the staff was thrilled with Hedenberg's donation as well, and next planned to use the donated funds to purchase a plaque on which to mount the boll

"But when I contacted Barbara Kenyon at New England Awards and Trophies about mounting the bell on a plaque, she and her husband insisted on donating the labor and additional materials," Starr-Manning said. "And then one of our nurses, who would like to remain anonymous, wrote a poem to accompany the bell. And finally, the husband of one of our patients donated the sailor's knot to attach to the bell."

Starr-Manning says the entire staff at the Cancer Center has been moved by the outpouring of generosity that the initial donation sparked, as was the Thompson PTO President, Shannon Julian.

"I just recently spoke to the President of the Thompson PTO to tell her this story and she thought it was wonderful that their effort drew in so much support," Starr-Manning said. "And the students' original donation will now be put toward ongoing upgrades to the facilities and amenities in the Cancer Center's infusion rooms."

Jean Mrozinski of Pomfret was the first patient to ring the bell, back in July before it was even mounted on the wall. Starr-Manning held the plaque out in her hands so that Mrozinski could ring the bell.

"They gave me a party when I was done with chemo,"

Mrozinski said of that last day of treatment. "I can't tell you how wonderful everyone was to me there. From surgery, to chemotherapy, to my visiting nurse and the wound care center – everyone at Day Kimball was fantastic. But of course it was a joy to be done with the chemo."

Mrozinski says she was in tears as she rang the bell.

"It's the only time I cried, and it was because I was happy," said Mrozinski. "I have not shed a tear over cancer. The doctors kept asking me, what is my secret, and I said a thankful heart...I just took every day one day at a time, and I have a lot of faith. Dr. Dhami [Mrozinski's oncologist at the Cancer Center] told me that it was my attitude that saved me."

Mrozinski does indeed have the attitude of a fighter and a survivor, and seems to personify the words inscribed on the bell's plaque: "Lost at sea in a terrible storm, such a horrible storm no one could have forewarned. But I found my calmer waters, and I can see the distant shore.

I have overcome, I have prevailed. To ring this bell means I survived this war."

Peer is Day Kimball employee of the month



Courtesy photo

From left, Joseph Adiletta, Christine Peer, Anne Diamond and Jerome St. Sauveur.

PUTNAM — Christine Peer, pre-certification/registration clerk has been named employee of the month for September at Day Kimball Healthcare. Peer, who has some 20 years experience in the medical field, began her career with DKH in 2013 as a pre-certification/registration clerk in the physical medicine outpatient facility on South Main Street in Putnam. She relocated to the Plainfield office in 2015 and currently assists at both locations. In her role, Peer is responsible for greeting and registering patients, scheduling appointments, maintaining and updating patient information, as well as performing various administrative duties such as obtaining insurance authorizations, daily billing and answering phones.

"All of our pre-registration staff need to multi-task, and Chris does a great job of this. Whether greeting patients, scheduling appointments, or working with insurance companies, she handles her responsibilities in a very organized and professional manner. Chris is an excellent mentor to other front office staff and she's also flexible with coverage. As a first line of contact to the patient, Chris impresses her co-workers with her ability to do it all effectively and calmly, while fielding their questions, as well," said Jerome St. Sauveur, DKH director of physical medicine.

"I feel so appreciated and honored to have been chosen," Peer said. "I love being the first and last person the patient interacts with when they come into our therapy facilities. Many of our physical therapy patients come into our facility and you can see pain or frustration on their faces. Each patient I interact with often leaves with a smile and returns at their next visit with a big smile for me when I check them in again."

Peer was born at Day Kimball Hospital and resides in Moosup with her husband and three children. She attended Quinnebaug Valley Community College where she earned her nurse's aide certification in 2013 and Phlebotomy certification in 2004. Over the years, Peer has volunteered for various local ambulance companies and for the past several years, she has served as a Medical Reserve Corp. member and volunteer for the Northeast District Department of Health where she assists with mass flu clinics and community disaster training within several area communities.



BOATS

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I think there's definitely an interest in the boat building."

And, like Smith mentioned, Joyce believes it's the "realness" of the program. The students are not only building something, but they're building something they'll be able to use once it's certified floatable.

The students will take their 8-by-12 foot boats into the water at the end of the year and spend some time fishing with middle school principal Christopher Scott.

"It's something real, particularly in Thompson," Joyce said. "There's so much water around here. Everyone goes to the lake. They spend their summers there. They do the Turkey Dip. Everybody in this town fishes. So they're very interested in it. It's something different control of the something d

ferent. It's a challenge."
One of the those fishing residents looking for a challenge is eight grader Alex Grauer, who joined the program because he likes to "create things."

He's been fishing since he was younger and said the feeling of catching a fish is very exciting. It will be even more exciting to do it on a boat he made himself.

"It's fun," he said.
"I like doing different things. There's so much to do. We aren't just doing one thing at a time."



The seventh and eighth graders in the boat program at Thompson Middle School.



Superintendent Melinda Smith discusses the boat building program with students why they like the program.

Joyce has been teaching for almost 40 years and said the program is really something different. He never even built a boat himself. And the students aren't only building boats, but getting really engaged in boating and marine history.

Retired social studies instructor Henry Marciano volunteers at the program, invited by Superintendent Smith. The students – and Joyce – have been enjoying his stories about pirates back in the 1700s. Joyce said the students were "intently listening" to

the story.

According to Smith, if the program continues to be a success she hopes to sell some of the boats the students made in order to fund and build the program. She envisions it being a part of the curriculum at the Tourtellotte Memorial High School at some point, possibly bringing an entire marine trades program to the town.

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WOODSTOCK FALL BALL RESULTS

BASEBALL: MAJORS

Killingly 15, Woodstock 2 Killingly 7, Woodstock 1

The Woodstock Rock Cats hosted a double header against Killingly at Roseland Park. Though the Rock Cats lost both games, it was a perfect day for baseball. They lost 15-2 in the first game and 7-1 in the second

The Rock Cats fought hard in the field. Vincent Laurens pitched for the first time with 2 strike outs. Zachary Renaud had a great three innings pitching with 2 strike outs. Dominic Dennett struck out three players. Dominick Tocci helped the team by making an unassisted

double play at first base.

Nicholas Sivertsen led the offense with 2 doubles and a RBI for the day. Dominick Tocci had one hit and a RBI. Zachary Renaud and Matthew McClure each had single hits. Other players that contributed to the team are Bradley Blair, Matthew Letourneau, Gabriel Luperon, and Cameron Robida.

Thank you to all the players, coaches are parents for a great Fall Ball season. Look forward in seeing everyone in the Spring.

MINORS

Woodstock 9, Killingly 0

SOFTBALL: MAJORS

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PUTNAM — Kelli A. (Thibeault) Welby, was conferred her Masters of Science in Nursing with membership in Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, in August of 2017, from Simmons College. She is a 1995 graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High and a graduate of Worcester State University with a BS Nursing. In September she was certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Association of Nurse Practitioner Certification Board. She lives in Foxboro, Mass., with her husband, Robert, and son, Daniel. Welby is the daughter of Roger and Beverly Thibeault, from Putnam.



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Hebron 17, Woodstock 4

The Woodstock Riptide's bats

struggled in a 17-4 loss to Hebron.

As a team, the Riptide only man-

aged 3 hits with Annika LeBoeuf

going 2-3, a double, and run

scored. Ainsley Morse account-

ed for the other hit going 1-4 with

2 RBI. Lana Syriac reached base

in all 4 at-bats with 3 walks, a hit

On defense, Annika LeBoeuf

and Avery Kollbeck worked

together for the Riptides only

1-2-3 inning with LeBoeuf throw-

ing all three runners out at first

on groundballs to the pitcher.

Madison Whitehouse and Sarah

McArthur also contributed fine

defensive plays.

by pitch and 2 runs scored.



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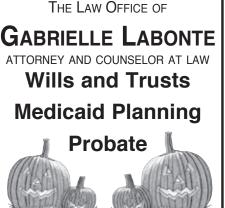
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out of venue ideas." It was a lifesaver. What stood out to me about the Bradley was the atmosphere. The scenery. It reminded me of old vintage the-

aters or older movies. I love 50s style everything. And it really brought out that nostalgia," said Quigley-Dimeo. When she was younger, Quigley-

Dimeo recalls her parents working as ushers at a local theater called Trinity Rap. She started handing out programs herself at three years old.

"I've always been into theater," she said. "I love reading. I love art. Watching a play is like jumping into another world."

When Quigley-Dimeo approached Maldonado about using the theater as a wedding venue, Maldonado felt it was a "really cool idea." Not only was it something people normally don't choose as a venue, but she felt the Bradley was the "perfect place."

Originally, the couple planned to have the Bradley Theater's red stage curtains closed, creating a solid backdrop. But when Quigley-Dimeo laid her eyes on the play's set on stage she knew she had to keep the curtains



"It's a period play, taking place in the fifties," said Maldonado. "The set was so beautiful with the couch and the chair."

But not only was the stage a dynamic set, but the rest of the theater lent a hand in making the venue even more exciting. The spotlights highlighted the stage. The seats were perfect for the families to watch the wedding. The entryway made for a dramatic and romantic entrance. Even the stairs going up to the second floor seating were decorated and dramatic.

"It was phenomenal," said Quigley-Dimeo. "It really was. And we had so much help from the people at the Bradley, which was great.'

The wedding was also special because it was the couple's eight-year anniversary. They met each other on Friday the 13th eight years ago. And the bride's parents also got married on Friday the 13th years ago by the same minister.



So it was a day of tradition. But also the first wedding of its kind.

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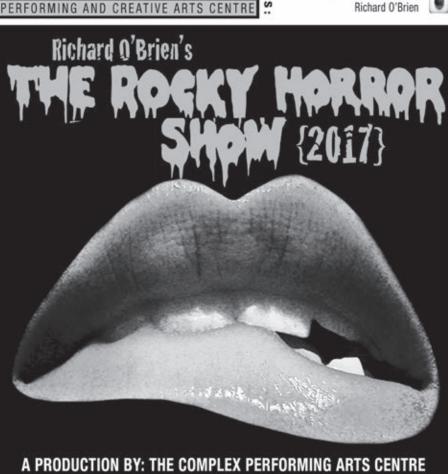








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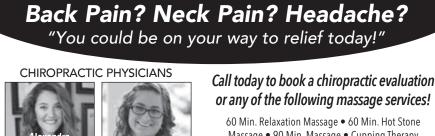
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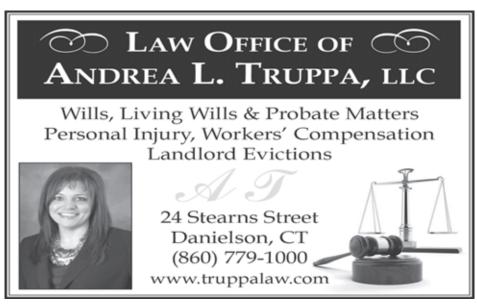
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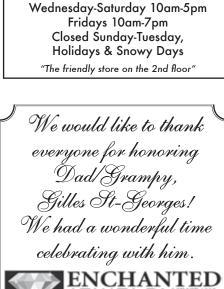
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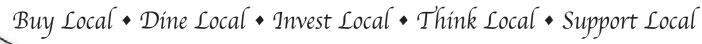
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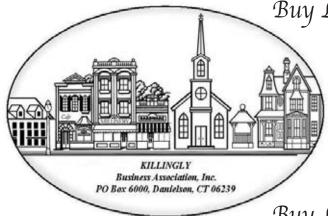
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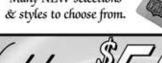
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Woodstock Academy recognizes students at convocation

WOODSTOCK — Thursday, Oct. 5, Woodstock Academy honored nearly 200 students with 275 awards at the annual Academic Convocation. The evening celebrates the academic accomplishments of students from the 2016-2017 school

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Ashleigh Angle: Outstanding Achievement in German II ACP, Outstanding Achievement in Music Technology & Production I; Alyssa Arends: High Achievement in Health Education; Lillian Bates: 20 x 30 Honoree; Russell Beausoleil: 20 x 30 Honoree; Alexia Bourbeau: 20 x 30 Honoree; Gabrielle Cavagnet: AP Scholar with Honor, Outstanding Achievement in Italian IV Honors; Noelle Ciccarelli:High Achievement in American Politics, Government & Outstanding Achievement in Symphonic Band; Daniel Cremé: AP Scholar with Honor, Outstanding Achievement in Italian III ACP; Andrew Davis: High Achievement in College Accounting; Isabelle Dubois: Outstanding Achievement in German IV Honors; Diana Outstanding Gonzalez: Achievement in Concert Band; Brandon Hallene: Most Improved in Latin, Outstanding Achievement in Culinary Arts; Hannah Ives: 20 x 30 Honoree; Josephina Keith: 20 x 30 Honoree; Emily King: Outstanding Achievement in Glee Club; Hali Korsu: High Achievement in Algebra I; Grace Leite: 20 x 30 Honoree; Steven Madenjian: Outstanding Achievement in Chorale; Nicole Maxim: High Achievement in Introduction to Careers; Alexander Orbegozo: High Achievement in Modern World History; Samantha Sheldon: AP Scholar; Lydia Smith: Outstanding Achievement in General Biology; Nicholas Smith: AP Scholar with Honor; Makara Sorel: High Achievement in ACP Chemistry, American History Award; St. Laurent: Outstanding Achievement in Mixed Chorus;

Canterbury

Anastasia Bibeau: High Achievement in Innovative Technology; Zachary

Corey Stanley: Outstanding Achievement in Musical

Theatre; Breana Weidele:

Outstanding Achievement in

Early Childhood Education

Outstanding Brown III: Achievement in Mandarin II ACP; Lily French: UCONN Avery Point Book Award, Outstanding Achievement in German I ACP; Chelsea Hart: 20 x 30 Honoree; Casidhe Hoyt: Outstanding Achievement in Junior PE; Jessica Kasacek: 20 x 30 Honoree, High

Achievement in Algebra I , High Achievement in Modern World History, Outstanding Achievement in Freshman PE; Kaylynn Lafemina: Art at the Arboretum Honorable Mention; Kelsey Oloff: High Achievement in Introduction Careers; Tyler Stuba: Outstanding Achievement Advanced Engineering Robotics; Riley Surprise: Outstanding Achievement in Conversational Spanish; Jacob Webber: AP Scholar

On with Distinction, Outstanding Achievement in Latin IV Honors

Charlton, Mass.

Jamie Woods: Outstanding Achievement in ACP Chemistry, Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology

Zhiqing (Irene) Chen: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement in Precalculus; Ke (Aaron) Hu: Outstanding Achievement in Precalculus; Yuhan (Nina) Huang: 20 x 30 Honoree; Zhirong (Ruby) Li: High Achievement in International Business; Ruyuan (Olivia) Tan: High Achievement in International Business; Yong (Jason) Wang: 20 x 30 Honoree; Dongchang Wei: Outstanding Achievement in Guitar II; Zhexuan (Katrina) Wu: 20 x 30 Honoree, Art at the Arboretum 2nd Place Award; Kejian (Jefferson) Wu: Outstanding Achievement in French II ACP, Outstanding Achievement in French III ACP; Yiyang (Ian) Xu: High Achievement in Calculus AB

Dayville Margaret Ritzau: Outstanding Achievement in Sophomore PE; Rachel Salmon: Outstanding Achievement in Sports Medicine

Eastford Ely Driscoll: High Achievement in Engineering CAD, Outstanding Achievement in Honors Biology; Griffin Edwards: Rensselaer Medal Award, Governor's Scholar Semi-Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Outstanding Achievement in Honors Chemistry, Trinity College Book Award, Undergraduate Who Has Done The Most For The Academy, National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition; Madelyn Grube: High Achievement in Geometry, Outstanding Achievement in Sophomore PE; Alexis Lathrop: Outstanding Achievement in Prenatal Development & Infancy; Zoe Marshall: 20 x 30 Honoree

Hampton Hutchins: Thayne R.I.T. Computing Medal, High Achievement in ACP Chemistry, AP Scholar

Pomfret Anderson: AP Jessica National Merit Scholar, Scholarship Program Recognition; Peyton Aubin: High Achievement in Algebra II, Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology, Outstanding Achievement in Latin III Honors; Maximilian Bosio: Art at the Arboretum Best in Show; Lily Brin: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement Health Education: Hannah Burgess: Outstanding Achievement in Algebra II, Achievement Outstanding in Spanish III ACP, High Achievement in ACP Biology; Jack Butler: Most Improved in Latin; Reid Butler: 20 x 30 Honoree; Cassandra Gallant: High Achievement in Environmental Science, High Achievement in Modern History, Outstanding Achievement in Electronic Design; Nora Guszkowski: DAR History Award, High Achievement in Calculus AB, National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction,

Outstanding Achievement in AP Chemistry, Outstanding Achievement in Computer Katherine Science; Harrington: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement in Algebra II, High Achievement in Government American Outstanding Politics, Achievement in Spanish IV Honors; Rachel Holden: Outstanding Achievement in Exploring Multimedia Design; Kathrine Ionkin: Outstanding Achievement in French I ACP; Parker Kalafus Outstanding Achievement in Spanish IV SCP; Ivan Karlsen: Outstanding Achievement in Economics

; Gabrielle Larrow: 20 x 30 Honoree; Noah MacAlister: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement in SCP Biology, Outstanding Achievement in English II; David May: High Achievement in Freshman Science, High Achievement in Geometry; Noah McNamara: Outstanding Achievement Environmental Science; Luis Miranda: Outstanding Achievement in Mixed Chorus; Tavia Orvos: 20 x 30 Honoree; Zachary Paige: High Achievement in ACP Biology, Outstanding Achievement in Symphonic Band; Charlotte Powell: AP Scholar; Jaden Rosselli: Outstanding Achievement in Personal Finance; Ashley Roy: AP Scholar with Distinction, Outstanding Achievement in Honors Environmental Science; Elizabeth Roy: 20 x 30 Honoree, AP Scholar with Honor; Stephanie Roy: AP Scholar with Distinction, Outstanding Achievement in Honors Biotechnology; William Schad: AP Scholar with Honor; Isabella Symington-St. John: High Achievement in Algebra I; Ame Tsamaase: 20 x 30 Honoree; Abigail Vaida: AP Scholar

Putnam Emma Ciquera:20 x 30 Honoree

Southbridge, Mass. Elizabeth Elza: 20 x 30 Outstanding Honoree, Achievement in Algebra I

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Abigail Dustin: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement in Honors Chemistry, Harvard Achievement in Calculus AB, Outstanding Achievement in English III, Outstanding Junior Artist, AP Scholar

Mary-Margaret Andrulot: Outstanding Outstanding Achievement in German IV ACP; Elaina

Babbitt: High Achievement in ACP Biology, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish III SCP; Caroline Eaton: 20 x 30 Honoree; Mackenzie Eaton: Outstanding Achievement in ACPBiology; Avery Jones: High Achievement in Freshman Outstanding Science, Achievement in Modern US History; Chloe Nolin: High Achievement in Geometry, Outstanding Achievement in German III ACP, Outstanding Achievement in Piano; Kansas Sienna: High Achievement in

Innovative Technology Webster, Mass. William Gajewski: AP Scholar with Honor

Woodstock Armstrong: Haley Outstanding Achievement in SCP Chemistry; Nicholas Bedard: 20 x 30 Honoree; Tatum Bentley: 20 x 30 Honoree; Kathleen Boshka: High Achievement in ACP Biology; Addie Bouten: Outstanding Achievement in Nutrition and Food Prep; Dominic Bove: High Achievement in American Government & Politics; Jordyn Brousseau: Art at the Arboretum Honorable Mention, Outstanding Freshman Artist; Abigail Brousseau: 20 x 30 Honoree; Skylar Brousseau: 20 x 30 Honoree, Outstanding Achievement in Painting; Caitlin Cannon: AP Scholar; Taylor Castano: 20 x 30 Honoree, High Achievement in SCP Chemistry, Outstanding Achievement in Drawing ECE; Brendan Chapuis: High Achievement Honors Chemistry, National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction, Gettysburg Book Prize; Danielle Chaput: Outstanding Achievement in Freshman PE; Christopher Cheney: Outstanding Achievement in 3D Animation & Design; Spencer Collins: High Achievement in Architectural Design; Dani Collins: 20 30 Honoree; Heather Converse: High Achievement Engineering CAD, Outstanding Achievement in Latin II ACP; Seth Correia: 20 x 30 Honoree; Reagan Couture: High Achievement in Algebra I; Nathan Craig: High Achievement in Freshman Science, First Year Math Award - Highest Ranking Freshman in Math, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish II ACP, Outstanding Achievement in Geometry; Chandler Creedon: Outstanding Achievement in Concert Band; Natalie Crose: High Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology; Samantha Cudworth: Outstanding Achievement in Drawing; Brianna Dennett: Outstanding Achievement in Spanish I ACP; Seyla Dodge: Outstanding Sophomore Artist; Adam Drouin: 20 x 30 Honoree; Emma Durand: Outstanding Achievement in English I; Christine Faist: 20 x 30 Honoree, Outstanding Achievement in Italian I ACP; Allison Faist: High Achievement in Algebra I, Outstanding Achievement in Latin I ACP; Harrison Frost: Outstanding Achievement in Junior PE; Jack Gelhaus: 20 x 30 Honoree; Jenna Gormley: Outstanding Achievement in French II SCP; Madeline Gronski: High Achievement in Geometry; Emily Hamill: Outstanding Achievement in French III SCP; Ethan Holcomb: Achievement Outstanding in History of Rock and Roll; Hailey Jaques: High Achievement in ACP Biology, High Achievement in ACP Chemistry; Sofia Jendrewski:20 x 30 Honoree; Emma Kelleher: Outstanding Achievement in SCP Biology, 20 x 30 Honoree; Blake Kollbeck: Outstanding Achievement in Current Affairs; Rachel Lambert: High Achievement in Freshman

Scholar; Jacob Mainhart: Outstanding Achievement in Aerospace Engineering; Lillian Mandeville: High Achievement in College Accounting, High Achievement in SCP Chemistry; Kathryn Mason: 20 x 30 Honoree, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish II SCP; Hannah Matsas: AP Scholar; Liam McDermott: High Achievement in American Government & Politics; Leah McFarlin: 20 x 30 Honoree; Justin McGroary: 20 x 30 Honoree; Kathryn McLoughlin: Outstanding Achievement in Modern US History; Emily Menard: High Achievement in ACP Biology, Outstanding Achievement in American Government & Politics; Ciri Miller: High Achievement in Precalculus, AP Scholar with Distinction, Outstanding Achievement in Chorale; Molly Millix: High Achievement in SCP Chemistry; Kiara Monahan: High Achievement in AP Chemistry, National AP Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction, Connecticut College Book Award; Tristan Monahan: Outstanding Achievement in Italian II ACP; Connor Mortimer: 20 x 30 Honoree; Samantha Mowry: Outstanding Achievement in The Developing Child; Jacob Murphy: National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction; Sonny Nielson: Outstanding Achievement in Spanish I SCP; Lindsey O'Dea: 20 x 30 Honoree, Art at the Arboretum Honorable Mention; Olivia Perry: High Achievement in Modern US History; Morgan Peterson: 20 x 30 Honoree; Luke Prouty: 20 x 30 Honoree; Tristan Raszka: High Achievement in Architectural Design; Emma Redfield: Outstanding Achievement in Art I; Avery Riva: 20 x 30 Honoree; Andrew Roy: Most Improved in French; Mariangela Ruggeri: High Achievement in ACP Chemistry, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish V A; Hailey Schofield: High Achievement in ACP Chemistry, Outstanding Achievement in Photography; Star Schofield: 20 x 30 Honoree; Ian Sohan: High Achievement with Distinction, Hammer Award; Sroczenski: High Achievement in Modern World History, Outstanding Achievement in Freshman Science; Jared Sroczenski: AP Scholar with Distinction; Sophia Stoll: Outstanding Achievement in Psychology; Julia Theriaque: 20 x 30 Honoree; Derek Thompson: High Achievement in ACP Biology; Grayson Walley: High Achievement in Geometry; Ethan Werstler: 20 x 30 Honoree, AP Scholar; Wesler: Rebekah Achievement in Algebra II, Outstanding Achievement in Ceramics; Aleya Wesler: Achievement Outstanding in Mandarin I ACP; Harold Wotton: 20 x 30 Honoree

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ity to his students, who he hopes to

"Diamonds are not a girl's best friend: A knife is," he said. "A woman properly trained with a knife can take on just about anybody. It's a weapon that doesn't run out of ammunition. It's quiet. And it's always with you. If you treat it properly. You always have that edge to defend yourself, even against bigger males who are trying to assault you.'

Of course, Parent hopes his students never have to use their pistol or knife training. He often tells his students that they "won't be considered a hero" for shooting an attacker. In fact, it can

cause a lot of legal stress. For this reason, Parent tells people to "avoid the situations at all possible costs," but if the unfortunate occasion does arise where there is no other way to survive, his students will be able to take care of the situation. Parent is certified to teach by the NRA, S.A.F.E., USCCA, MA and RI.

"I love empowering people," he said. "I love empowering people. I love teaching something that can be used to make their lives safer. They feel empowered. They don't feel so threatened and vulnerable. I like giving something like that to other people."

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The Arc Quinebaug Valley receives donation



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Susan Desrosiers receives a donation from George Dimopoulos.

WOODSTOCK — A check in the amount of \$556 was presented to Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley, from George Dimopoulos, Woodstock Branch Manager of bankHometown on Oct. 16. Woodstock Branch

Members of the bankHometown team raised the donation from their "Jeans Day" campaign. The last Friday of each month, bankHometown employees are given the opportunity to wear jeans in return for a small donation, which is then provided to an organization of their collective choice each month.

We cannot thank the employees of bankHometown enough for their support, generosity and kindness. This donation will go to good use at our agency." said Desrosiers.

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

"The Arc is very lucky to have community businesses such as bankHometown on our side. We appreciate all of you," said Desrosiers.

Free concert at Quinebaug Valley Community College

DANIELSON $\,$ —A chamber music theater performance of Tres Vidas by The Core Ensemble will be held Monday, October 23, at Quinebaug Valley Community College, starting at noon.

Part of the college's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Tres Vidas celebrates the lives of three legendary Latin American women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya, and Argentinean poet Alfonsina Storni. The audience will hear folk songs of Mexico, El Salvador, and Argentina as well as vocal and instrumental tangos. The three women are played by one actress.

"If the chance arises to see Tres Vidas, seize it..." said the Boston Globe. "A marvelous example of how an ensemble can bring their gifts to the stage individually and collectively, to enlighten, entertain, and enthrall an audience..." wrote the Portland Press Herald.

Since its founding in 1993, The Core Ensemble has been acclaimed for the development of a new genre of chamber music theater works, as well as a long history of commissioning and performing contemporary chamber music. A series of chamber music theatre works combining music with other performance elements such as narrative and dance have toured nationally and internationally since 1995.

The performance is sponsored by the college's Cultural Programming Committee. The public is invited to attend and admission is free. For more information call 860-932-4155.





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Putnam Police Department

Saturday, Oct. 7

Alfred Talbot, 56, of 19 Market St., North Grosvenordale, was charged with Operating Under the Influence, Drinking While Driving

Brian Scott, 29, of 256 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor (two counts), Disorderly Conduct.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Francis Wilson, 46, of 97 School St. Apt.3, Putnam, was charged with Assault 3rd, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Threatening 2nd.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Louise Ryan, 85, of 207 Sabin St. Apt.58 Putnam, was charged with Evading Responsibility.

Pasquale Cole, 56, of 42b Chapman St. Putnam, was charged with Breach of Peace, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd, Threatening 2nd, Unlawful Restraint, Harassment 2nd, Criminal Mischief 3rd, Interfering with an Emergency Call.

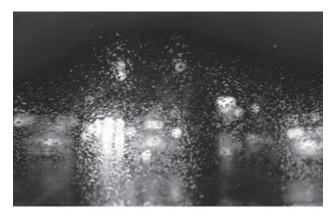
How to safely navigate wet roads

Fall is a great time of year to hit the open road, as fall foliage is colorful and provides a wonderful backdrop for weekend getaways, while the mild temperatures of fall make this an ideal time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Though autumn is often a mild time of year with regard to weather, fall foliage enthusiasts can still encounter adverse conditions on road trips. According to the automotive group AAA, wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic accidents each year. When combined with fall leaves, wet pavement poses an even greater threat to drivers and their passengers.

Autumn and precipitation do not necessarily go hand in hand, but drivers should still exercise caution during the fall road trip season so they can better handle roadways that are wet and covered in fallen leaves.

 Do not use cruise control. Because fall foliage can be so stunning to experience, many drivers are tempted to use the cruise control feature on their automobiles so they can pay more attention to the array of colors at their disposal. But cruise control should never be engaged when driving on wet roads or roads that may be covered in leaves. Such conditions require drivers to focus their undivided attention on the road ahead of them. When drivers suddenly encounter slick roads, easing off the accelerator rather than quickly



Wet weather can quickly compromise drivers' visibility, and it's imperative that drivers know how to safely navigate wet

applying the brakes can be the safest response, but such a response is impossible when cruise control is engaged.

· Drive slowly. Many fall road trippers are already driving slowly so they can fully enjoy the fall scenery. But it's important that drivers slow down even more when encountering wet roadways, as driving slow can reduce the risk of a vehicle hydroplaning. When vehicles hydroplane, they slide uncontrollably on wet surfaces as the tires rise up on the water covering the roads. AAA notes that tires on vehicles driving as slow as 35 miles per hour can still lose some contact with the road, so drivers should maintain low speeds when driving on wet roads and reduce their speeds even further during heavy rains.

• Resist the urge to brake quickly. When drivers feel themselves losing control, many respond by braking quickly. But hard braking and quick turns can increase the risk that a vehicle will hydroplane. And even if the vehicle does not hydroplane, motorists may have a hard time controlling it when slamming on the brakes. When encountering wet roads, brake slowly and maintain low speeds until the roads dry off.

 Leave ample room vehicles. between Because braking quickly on wet roadways can increase the risk of accident, it's important that drivers leave ample room between their vehicles and the vehicles in front of them. Afford other drivers the space to brake slowly just like you hope the drivers behind you are doing. Avoid overcrowded roadways during especially wet weather.

Wet conditions during fall road trip season can be dangerous, and it's important that drivers learn to navigate wet roadways safely.



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Redmen say bye-bye to Bacon for 5th-straight win



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Spencer Lockwood drags Bacon Academy's Noah Violette for an extra yard in Colchester last Saturday, Oct. 14. Lockwood finished with 244 yards rushing.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

COLCHESTER — Killingly senior tight end Jake Gauthier might have expected a bit of rust to collect on his teammates coming off a bye week and a 15-day layoff before traveling to Bacon Academy last Saturday. No layoff could tarnish the top-ranked Class M football team in the state. Killingly piled up 387 yards on the ground in a 35-0 victory over the Bobcats.

"I feel like we've really polished up our plays," said Gauthier, after rambling 48 yards on a touchdown catchand-run. "We polished up everything.

We had a solid base. But it's all about polishing. I thought we've done a great job of that so far. As a team I feel like we've come a long way since week one."

The win over Bacon Academy was the Redmen's fifth-straight win as the regular season reached its halfway point. Gauthier said the layoff got old really quickly.

"It was initially nice, like the first couple days off were nice," Gauthier said. "But then we were just itching to get back in there. We're so hungry as a team that we just want to get back out there right away. It was amazing to get back. You could feel the energy through

the team."

Killingly led Bacon 28-0 at halftime. And a running clock was instituted a little over one minute into the third quarter after Spencer Lockwood rushed 21 yards for a touchdown and Luke Desaulnier followed with the extra point for a 35-0 cushion. Lockwood finished with 244 yards rushing on 27 carries and senior fullback Zach Caffrey added another 99 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries. Through five games Lockwood has run for 1,159 yards and 13 touchdowns on 141 carries.

The Redmen's defense was stout as well, limiting Bacon Academy (2-3) to Killingly

FIRST QUARTER

K – Zach Caffrey 5 run (Luke Desaulnier kick) 1:33

SECOND QUARTER

K - Caffrey 44 run (Desaulnier kick) 7:50 K – Jake Gauthier 48 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 5"58

K - Zack Burgess 3 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 2:01

THIRD QUARTER

K – Spencer Lockwood 21 run (Desaulnier kick) 10:57

Killingly Bacon First Downs 43-387 22-90 Rushes-yards Passing Sacked-yds lost 50 0-0 0-0 6-14-0 Comp-Att-Int 1-32 2-2 Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost 7-35 1-1 Pentalties-Yards

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- K: Desaulnier 3-21; Lockwood 27-244, TD; Caffrey 8-99, 2 TD; Tyler Cournoyer 2-8; Johnathan Creswell 2-9; **B:** Connor Brown 3-9; Jon-Mike Murray 5-(-1); Quame Piper 13-79; Jack Cavallo 1-3.

PASSING- K: Desaulnier 4-7-0 for 79 yards, 2 TD. B: Brown 4-9-0 for 39 yards; George Tsakiris 2-4-0 for 11 yards;

Murray 0-1-0. RECEIVING- K: Gauthier 1-48, TD; Burgess 2-27, TD; Vasileios Politis 1-4. B: Shawn Soja 2-31; Tsakiris 2-8; Ashton Destin 2-11.

four first downs. Gauthier said Killingly is playing well as the season reaches its midpoint but the Redmen need to stay focused as they prepare for New London this weekend.

"It's a short week. It's a lot of mental reps we need to get through. That's our mindset. We've got to fly through practice 100 percent all the time," Gauthier said.

Halfway through the regular-season schedule, Killingly coach Chad Neal

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Two plays thwart Pride against Prince Tech



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Quinebaug Valley's Will McGlynn rushes against Prince Tech last Friday, Oct. 13, in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Prince Tech produced a pair of big plays within 28 seconds to put the only points on the scoreboard the Panthers would need in a 14-0 victory over the Quinebaug Valley Pride last Friday night at Ellis Tech. Quick points last forever and the breakdowns were costly because the Pride could generate no offense.

"Two fluke plays, and we had a touch-down called back," said Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly. "I'm very proud of my team right now. Nobody worked harder.'

Following a scoreless first half and after both teams were forced to punt on their opening possession of the third quarter, Prince Tech set up on its own 47-yard line on its second possession and needed only one play to cash in, with Alex Higgins racing 53 yards for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead with 7:05 left in the third quarter. Quinebaug Valley started its next possession on its own 41-yard line, but fumbled on its first play from scrimmage and Deleon William returned the football 40 yards for another touchdown with 6:37 left in the quarter.

"We had an error in the formation and it led to a mishandled handoff,' Asermelly said. "And unfortunately it couldn't have bounced better for them and worse for us.'

Following the fumble return, Panthers quarterback Trondell Thomas passed to Chris Walter for the two-point conversion to put Prince Tech up 14-0 and complete the scoring.

"It wasn't given up on the defensive

side. The defense gave up one touchdown tonight," Asermelly said. "That's a tremendous effort. When you look at where we were at the start of this season, to play a team with (Prince Tech's) size and speed, and only give up one defensive touchdown — how big is their heart. I'm so proud of these guys. They gave me every ounce they had tonight."

Offensively it was a different story for the Pride. Quinebaug Valley picked up only 29 yards rushing on 23 carries and gained 86 yards through the air.

"We got zero offensively," Asermelly said. "From a matchup standpoint it was tough to create tonight in a lot of situations. We emptied the kitchen sink at them. It wasn't for coaching or players' effort. (Prince Tech) is a quality football team and tonight was a heck of a high school football game."

Coach Asermelly wasn't happy with the loss to the Panthers or the two letdowns that led to Prince Tech touchdowns, but he was pleased that Quinebaug Valley forced five turnovers (three fumbles and two interceptions) and held Prince Tech in check minus the two critical plays.

'We're down several linemen right now and to put up that kind of defensive effort, I'm thrilled with these guys. I couldn't be more proud of our character, the resiliency we showed," Asermelly said. "Prince is a very good team. They're undefeated for a reason. We battled. We worked our butts off."

The win lifted Prince Tech's record to 4-0. The loss dropped Quinebaug 's record to 2-3. The Pride is scheduled to play host to Abbott Tech/ Immaculate (2-3) on Friday, Oct. 20, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech. Coach Asermelly probably hopes he gets the same defensive effort against ATI — perhaps he also hopes for a little more help from his offense.

"If we can play with that kind of mental toughness week in and week out, we're going to have a lot of positive

Prince Tech First Downs 33-220

Prince Tech 0

THIRD QUARTER PT - Alex Higgins 53 run (pass failed) 7:05

Quinebaug 23-29 Passing 37 86 Sacked-yds los 5-30 Comp-Att-Int Punts-Avg. 5-26 6-26 Fumbles-Lost Pentalties-Yards

Γ – Deleon William 40 fumble return (Chris Walter pass from Trondell Thomas) 6:37

PRINCE TECH 14. QUINEBAUG 0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- PT: Chris Walter 18-81; Higgins 10-97, TD; Clay Jackson 3-24; Deleon Williams 1-(-4); Jumel Maldonado 1-22. QV: Josh Dodd 2-(-7); Jacob Talbot 1-2; Thomas Ellis 4-4; Will McGlynn 14-29; Nathan Roberts 1-0; Jamie Talbot 1-3.

PASSING- PT: Trondell Thomas 4-14-2 for 37yards. *QV:* Dodd 11-25-1 for 86 yards

RECEIVING- PT: Maldonado 1-8; Williams 3-29; **QV**: Adrian Casiano 8-63; McGlynn 1-5; Jeff Reed 1-7; Nathan Roberts 1-11.

results," Asermelly said. "I think we took huge strides with the defense from September to October. There's no doubt about it. You can see it on the field. You can see it in statistics. Defense made huge leaps forward. Injuries have caught up to the offense but we expect a few players back next week. I think that will be the shot in the arm we need."

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Quinebaug Valley's Josh Dodd lines up against Prince Tech last Friday in Danielson.

Killingly netters reset after loss to Centaurs

VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — If losing is sometimes a blessing in disguise then the Killingly High volleyball team had its prayers

Academy on Monday. Woodstock snapped



Killingly's Ally Conde makes a play at the net with Meredith Zamperini flanking her on Monday, Oct. 16, in Woodstock.

answered at Woodstock chance to reset as both the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament and Class L state tournament approach.

"It exposed some things that we need to work on," said Killingly coach Dan Vogt. "It was better to lose now so we can work on those things than have our first loss be in the state tournament. I'd rather lose now than then."

Set scores in the loss to Woodstock were 25-18, 25-20, 25-17 at Alumni Fieldhouse on Oct. 16. Killingly won the first meeting between the two teams in five sets (25-18, 18-25, 23-25, 25-16, 19-17) back on Sept. 21 at Killingly High School. Since then Woodstock added sophomore Paula Hernandez to it roster and she might have been the difference in the rematch. Hernandez had 16 kills and 12 service points.

"(Hernandez) is a phenomenal player," Vogt said. "Obviously offensively she was a big weapon but defensively she's was pretty darn good too. You add an All-State caliber player to a really good team and that's a dangerous combination. They have a very good chance at a state title with her in the mix.'

Both Woodstock Academy and Killingly High will be playing in the Class L state tournament. And both teams will also be competing in the ECC tourney so they might tussle for a third time.

"There's a good chance we see them in the ECC Tournament and the state tournament again," Vogt

Monday's loss was an opportunity for the Redgals to scout and adjust to Woodstock's new lineup with its addition of Hernandez. So Vogt welcomed his team's first defeat of the season and perhaps the blessing in disguise that came along

with it. "Absolutely, we haven't played a ton of teams that really pushed us and today they obviously did and we were able to see what we need to work on," Vogt said. "When you lose, those errors that you need to work on are a little more clear some-

times. Ally Conde had nine kills, two assists, and four blocks for the Redgals. Reilly Allen had six kills, six digs, and one block for Killingly. Vogt said Killingly would be prepared should it face Woodstock again in the postseason.

"I think we were certainly ready to play today. We were in both the first and second sets, we were right in it, and (Woodstock) pulled away a little bit late on both of them," Vogt said. "We might have got down on ourselves a little in the third set but we know we can beat this team and we'll probably face them again. We'll have to work on some things but we know we can beat this team."

The loss dropped Killingly's record to 15-1. Woodstock lifted its record to 12-3. Killingly is next scheduled to play at Ellis Tech on Monday, Oct. 23. Vogt said the Redgals will focus on closing out the regular season strong in hopes of getting a high seeding in the Class

L state tournament. "Last year we had two home state games and if we get a spot or two higher in the state rankings we'll have potentially three home games." Vogt

said. "We're looking to finish out 19-1, that's our goal. We're at 15-1 right now, which isn't too bad. If you would have told me we would be 19-1 at the end of the season I'd certainly take it. We just have to take it one game at a time right now.'

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Killingly's Trinity Angel, left, and Reilly Allen defend the net against Woodstock.

Putnam boys seek high seeding for tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Simon Morente, white jersey, goes upfield with Tourtellotte's Kevin Gomes, center, and Vince Charbonneau defending on Oct. 12 in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — Putnam High wrapped up a berth in the Class S state tournament with a 3-0 victory over Tourtellotte Memorial last week. Now the Clippers want to improve their seeding for the tourney with only three games left in the regular season.

"We want to be in the top eight (in Class S). It's a lofty goal but that's our goal," said Putnam coach Jon Miller said.

Finishing in the top eight in Class S would give the Clippers a firstround tourney game at home and if they can win in the first round, and if they can win that opener they would also play host to a second-round game.

"We're not in a conference this year so the state tournament is kind of like our Homecoming game," Miller said. "Being able to play one, maybe two, games at home — that's huge."

Kobie Bates, Hunter Touchette, and Jorge Ajqui Portuges each scored one goal in Putnam's shutout of Tourtellotte on Oct. 12 at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. The win lifted the Clippers record to 7-2-2. Clippers senior defensive midfielder Hayden Belliveau said Putnam High is focused on attaining a high seeding for the tournament.

"It's really important because we want the home advantage," Belliveau said. "It's just a great atmosphere here so we want it here."

The win over backyard rival Tourtellotte came on Senior Night and Belliveau said the Clippers had not beaten Tourtellotte since his freshman season. Belliveau said that's no coincidence because his teammates are more cohesive than in years

"We're talking better. Last year we weren't really communicative," said Belliveau, a captain. "This year we're actually playing as a family and not just selfishly."

And it's always nice to beat backyard-rival Tourtellotte.

"This is the first time we've beat them in three years so it's nice,"



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's upperclassmen were honored on Senior Night on Oct. 12. From left, Tyler Fitts, Scott Davagian, Jr., Ben Smith, Hayden Belliveau, and Justin Haynes.

Belliveau said.

Putnam senior goalkeeper Tyler Fitts was injured when he took a shot to the face in a 2-2 tie against Parish Hill and will miss the rest of the season. Junior Tyion Harris has taken over the chores in net and earned the shutout against the Tigers. Putnam outshot Tourtellotte 21-3 in the victory. Harris made two saves against Tourtellotte. Tigers keeper Jake Bergeron made 15 saves for Tourtellotte

Coach Miller said the win over the Tigers was a nice finish at home for his upperclassmen.

"It's a great way to have Senior Night, score three goals, have a new keeper in net, who has only had a limited number of minutes. So for the boys it's definitely a big step," Miller said.

soph-Miller lauded

omore defender Kyle Haynes.

"The defense definitely stepped up huge today. Kyle Haynes doesn't get nearly as much credit as he should," Miller said. "He covers everything from the right side of the field, where he usually is, to the far left."

Putnam and the Tigers are next scheduled to meet in a rematch at Tourtellotte on Saturday, Oct. 21, with the match set to begin at 11 a.m. Following the rematch Putnam has two games left in the regular season, playing at Ellis Tech on Oct. 25 and then closing out the season at Public Safety on Thursday, Oct.

Miller said his Clippers are a tight unit that is highly motivated and that unity is reflected in their record.

These guys did it themselves this year. They came in, day one, they hung out over the summer, playing down at the field, shooting. Going to the gym, working out," Miller said. "Doing everything on their own before (assistant) coach (Rob Loomis) and I could do anything with them. Makes a world of difference for us."

A top eight seeding would seemingly mean the world for Putnam as

"It looks like we're going to need, out of our next give games, it looks like we're going to need at least four wins," said Miller after the win over Tourtellotte. "I think these guys can do it. It's a focus that they've had for the last couple weeks."

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Woodstock gridders fall to CREC Co-op

HARTFORD CREC Cooperative defeated Woodstock Academy 40-32 in football last Saturday, Oct. 14. Woodstock senior running back Kameron Janice rushed for 118 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries. Janice rushed for touchdowns of 11, 17 and 13 yards. Luis Miranda also had a pair of touchdowns for the Centaurs, scoring on a 12-yard pass from Derek Thompson (11-for-20 passing, 131 yards, 2 TDs) and on a 54-yard fumble recovery. Miranda caught five passes for 74 yards and had six tackles on defense. Jack Hovestadt led Woodstock with seven tackles. Woodstock turned the ball over four times. Thompson was picked off twice, one was returned for a touchdown, and lost a pair of fumbles. The win lifted CREC Cooperative's record to 2-3. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 2-3. Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Griswold (3-2) on Friday, Oct.20, with kickoff scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

KILLINGLY 3, STONINGTON 0

DAYVILLE — Taylor Jax scored two goals and Abbie Burgess added one goal to help the Redgals defeat the Bears in girls soccer on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Killingly High. Mackenzie Jackson, Chloe Hibbard, and Burgess each notched one assist. Keeper Sarah Azizi made six saves for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly's record to 5-7-2. Stonington fell to 3-11-1. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Putnam on Friday, Oct. 20, with the match set for 6 p.m. at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex.

ST. BERNARD 4. **TOURTELLOTTE 2**

THOMPSON Ashley Morin and Mekayla Minarik each scored one goal in the Tigers loss to St. Bernard in girls soccer on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Samantha Morin and Amanda Bogoslofski each notched one assist for the Tigers. Tourtellotte goalkeeper Kailei Copley made six saves. Emily Smith scored two goals and Sarah Forrester and Lindsay Clement each scored one goal for the Saints. The win lifted

St. Bernard's record to 9-4. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 9-3-1. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Putnam High at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

PUTNAM 3, WINDHAM TECH 2

PUTNAM — Molly McKeon notched 18 service points with 10 aces and had nine kills to help the Clippers defeat Windham Tech in volleyball on Monday, Oct. 16. Set scores were 22-25, 25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 15-9. Kaitlin Zamora had 11 service points, eight aces, and six kills for Putnam and Victoria Dias added eight service points with two aces and three kills for the Clippers. The loss dropped Windham Tech's record to 3-13. The win lifted Putnam's record to 8-6 and qualified the Clippers for a berth in the Class S state volleyball tournament. Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 20, with the first serve scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Putnam High's gymnasium.

ELLIS TECH 3, WINDHAM 0

DANIELSON — Sydney Tetrault and Victoria LaBarre each notched 10 service points in the Golden Eagles win in volleyball over Windham on Oct. 16. Set scores were 25-18, 25-18, 25-5. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 8-9 and qualified the Eagles for a berth in the Class S state volleyball tournament. The loss dropped Windham's record to 2-12. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Killingly High at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

PUTNAM 1, **INNOVATION 1**

NEW BRITAIN — Hunter Touchette scored the lone goal for Putnam in the boys soccer tie against Innovation on Oct. 16. Putnam's record was 7-2-3 through 12 games. Innovation's record was 7-5-1 through 13 games. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to Tourtellotte for a match scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

> WOODSTOCK 1, MONTVILLE 0

WOODSTOCK Gelhaus scored off an assist from Will Schad in Woodstock Academy's boys soccer win over Montville on Oct. 16. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 8-5-1 overall, 5-4-1 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II. Montville's record fell to 4-8-1 overall, 2-6-1 ECC-

KILLINGLY 3, WATERFORD 0

DAYVILLE — The Redgals swept the Lancers in volleyball at Killingly High on Oct. 13. Set scores were 25-18, 25-22, 25-17. For Killingly: Reagan Morin had eight kills and five digs; Reilly Allen notched seven kills, eight service points and two blocks; Ally Conde had 11 kills, 12 service points, and four aces; Meredith Zamperini had 27 assists and made eight digs. Waterford's Ana Magano had seven kills, 14 service points, and two blocks and Gretchen Dusza had 29 assists. six service points and three kills for the Lancers. The win lifted Killingly's record to 15-0, 5-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference-Division II. Waterford's record fell to 10-4, 2-3 ECC-II.

KILLINGLY 2, **WATERFORD 2**

WATERFORD — Taylor Jax scored both goals for Killingly including the tying goal with three minutes left in regulation against the Lancers in girls soccer on Oct. 13. Ciana Chiappone and Julia Florek scored for Waterford. Abbie Burgess notched an assist for the Redgals. Both teams had 14 shots. Keeper Sarah Azizi made five saves for Killingly. Skyler Henry made three saves for Waterford. The tie put Killingly's record at 4-7-2. Waterford's record was 5-8-1.

STONINGTON 3, WOODSTOCK 1

WOODSTOCK - The Bears (11-0-1, 6-0-1 ECC Division II) remained undefeated with the boys soccer win on Oct .13. Jack Gelhaus scored the lone goal for the Centaurs (7-5-1, 4-4-1 ECC-II).

PLAINFIELD 2,



File photo

Putnam High's Morgan Foucault scored her 99th career goal in win over

KILLINGLY 1

Lyman Memorial on Oct. 12.

The DANIELSON Panthers nipped Killingly in overtime in boys soccer on Oct. 13. Andrew Chappell scored for the Redmen with less than four minutes left in regulation to tie the match for Killingly. Zach Lewis scored both goals for Plainfield including the game winner in the seventh minute of overtime. Killingly's Griffin Ware notched the assist. Matt Bamber and Tyler Fadden had assists for Plainfield. Keeper Connor Chahanovich had 10 saves for Killingly. Keaton Barry made nine saves for Plainfield. Both teams had 11

Killingly (2-11-1 through 14 games) closes out its season at home against Plainfield at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Old Killingly High School.

PUTNAM 5, LYMAN 0

PUTNAM Morgan Foucault scored two goals to lift her career total to 99 goals in the girls soccer win over Lyman Memorial on Oct. 12. Alyson Morris, Tyler Eddy, and Jaidyn Gillette each scored one goal for the Clippers. Laylah Chavez had three assists and Morris had one assist for Putnam. Keeper

Kayleigh Lyons had eight saves for Putnam. Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Killingly High at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex.

WOODSTOCK 2, EAST LYME 1

WOODSTOCK - Hannah Chubbuck scored in overtime to give the Centaurs (4-5, 4-4 ECC) the win in field hockey on Oct. 12. Woodstock's Avery Jones scored off an assist from Sydney Cournoyer pass. Katie Durkee scored for the Vikings (4-8, 4-4 ECC). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Immaculate of Danbury at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Bentley Athletic Complex.

KILLINGLY 3, PLAINFIELD 0

DAYVILLE — Reagan Morin had 12 kills, six digs, and seven service points in Killingly's win over the Panthers in volleyball on Oct. 12. Game scores were 25-14, 25-12, 25-11. Kelsey Allen had six kills, 14 service points and four aces, and Meredith Zamperini notched 30 assists, with four digs for Killingly. Plainfield's record fell to 9-5 overall.

Newcomer lifts Woodstock volleyball





Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Paula Hernandez, left, attempts a kill against Killingly High on Monday, Oct. 16, in Woodstock

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK

Hurricane Maria tore through Puerto Rico on Sept. 20 — knocking out power and scattering residents in its deadly wake. One of Maria's victims was Paula Hernandez, who fled the devastation and relocated to the Quiet Corner — now the sophomore outside hitter is the new power source for Woodstock Academy's volleyball team — and she helped

knock out previously unbeaten Killingly High on Monday at Alumni Fieldhouse. Like Maria, Hernandez's impact has been enormous.

"She brings some energy to the court, obviously, with the way she plays,' said Woodstock coach Adam Bottone. "Being her first home game was kind of nice and a lot of people came out to support her."

Hernandez is thrilled with her soft landing Alumni Fieldhouse's.

"It was really nice because I have more opportunities then I had in Puerto Rico," Hernandez said. "And they have supported me after everything I have passed through. At first I thought it was going to be hard because I'm the only one who speaks Spanish — not the only but one of the only."

Volleyball has a universal language and Hernandez used it to on the volleyball court notch a team-high 18 kills with 12 service points to help the Centaurs defeat the Redgals in straight sets (25-18, 25-20, 25-17) on Oct. 16. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 15-1. The win lifted was Woodstock's ninth-straight and lifted its record to 12-3. The Centaurs are rolling as the regular season nears the finish line.

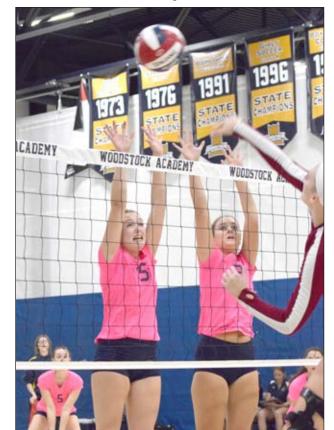
"Any time you can take down an undefeated team, knock them off, it's huge. Killingly's a great team. They have a tremendous program. Dan (Vogt) does a great job coaching them," Bottone said. "It's a big win but we have to keep it going and not look at this like the pinnacle of what we've been able to accomplish."

Without Hernandez, Woodstock lost Killingly in five sets (25-18, 18-25, 23-25, 25-16, 19-17) back on Sept. 21 at Killingly High School. The rematch against Killingly was Woodstock's first game on its home court since Sept. 29 and the Centaurs seemed to feed off their raucous partisans at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"It's been a long time since we've had a home match," Bottone said. "To come in here with a pretty big crowd really helps.'

And Hernandez's addition to the roster has been a game changer.

"It was clear that she's a quality player for sure. She's been playing volleyball for a long time," Bottone said. "But the biggest asset that she brought to the team was that she made everybody else better. They saw how she plays and then they learned from that by watching her. Our defense has gotten better. Our hitting has gotten better. We're limiting our errors. So there's kind of like a rejuvenation in the



Woodstock's Sammie Orlowski, left, and Denali Johns defend the net against Killingly.

After a 3-3 start in its first six games, the Centaurs have won nine straight matches after falling to Killingly on Sept. 21.

'That's typical of my teams. We usually start out kind of slow and then as the season goes on we get better and better and we tend to peak in the postseason," Bottone said. "That's the trajectory we're on right now."

Woodstock outside hitter Caroline Eaton had 13 kills against and setter Sammie Orlowski notched 35 assists on Monday. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host to Bristol Eastern on Friday, Oct. 20, with the first serve scheduled for 5 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse. Now the goal is to keep winning down the stretch in order to improve Woodstock's seeding for the Class L state tournament.

"That's the hope, definitely the hope. We're well on our way," Bottone said. "We still have some tough matches to go. We're not out of the woods by any means."

Perhaps they can find their out of the woods with their new power source.

"Our goal is to keep working hard," Hernandez said. "To win that state champion-ship."

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Woodstock's gymnasts honored as CHSCA team of the year

WOODSTOCK - WoodstockAcademy's 2016-2017 gymnastics team was recently named the Team of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association.

It's an honor and it's nice to get It was such an exciting season but it seems like so long ago," said Woodstock coach Kasey Fillmore.

The Centaurs captured their third New England gymnastics championship in March and did so, for the first time, on their home floor as the Centaurs hosted the event for a first-time ever. The Centaurs also captured their sixth consecutive Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference State Open championship last season.

"It was a team that set the standard for years to come, across New England, across the state and, for sure, at Yhe Woodstock Academy," Fillmore said.

The Team of the Year honor, according to CHSCA organizer John Fontana, is selected in the following manner. Each sports committee of the organization names a Team of the Year for its sport. Fontana then sends out applications to the schools that have been chosen asking for further information. From the applications returned to the CHSCA, a group of sports journalists make the final decision, naming male and female athletes and teams of the year.

It's the second time that The Woodstock Academy gymnastics program has received the honor. It was also named as such in 2011-12. Academy graduate Paige Stuyniski was also chosen the 2016 Female Athlete of the Year by the CHSCA.

"It's a gem of a program," said Woodstock Athletic Director Aaron Patterson. "Think about all of the female athletic teams in the Eastern Connecticut Conference and then think how many programs there are across the state. To be No. 1 among all those, that's pretty impressive."

Stuynski now competes for Texas Woman's University



The 2016-17 Woodstock Academy gymnastics team, back row, from left, Jenna Davidson, coach Kasey Fillmore, Lydia Taft, Allison Crescimanno, Abigal Vaida, Madelyn Grube, Elise Boisvert, Emily Arters. Front row, Grace Logan, left, and Paige Stuyniski.

and teammate Grace Logan competes for Bowling Green

University in Ohio. "They led by example," Fillmore said. "They made the sport, which can be stressful when you consider the hours and the dedication involved, fun for the whole team."

The 2016-17 team includ-Stuyniski, Allison Crescimanno, and Emily

Arters from Brooklyn; Jenna Davidson from Canterbury; Madelyn Grube from Eastford; Logan and Abigail Vaida from Pomfret; Lydia Taft from Putnam, and Elise Boisvert from Woodstock.

"These gymnasts are outstanding representatives of The Academy, in their character and dedication during competition and as students," said Woodstock Associate Head of School Holly Singleton. "Our team receiving this honor makes the season a perfect 10 in my books.'

Woodstock Head of School Christopher Sandford said: "For the team's consistent high-caliber performance to be recognized with the singular honor of Team of the Year is really special for the gymnasts,

coaches and the whole of The Woodstock Academy. We are pleased to provide an environment for our student-athletes to thrive."

The Centaurs will be honored on Nov. 16 during the CHSCA Hall of Fame banquet at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

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said so far. so good.

"We're playing good football. We're where we want to be,' Neal said. "We've got a long road ahead. The schedule doesn't get easier. And we're going to get everybody's best game. We just have to get better every day.

Although Killingly is ranked No.-1 in the state in Class M, Neal said he doesn't have to guard against overconfidence.

"One thing I've seen about these kids is they remain humble. They don't get into the rankings and stuff like that. They've been there before," Neal said. "They know they've got to come out and play each week."

Neal's aim is to get his team playing its best football at season's end. The Redmen seem to be moving in that direction.

'We've just got to get better week to week. That's what we're going to focus on," Neal said. "We've got to build more depth. Injuries mount up as the season goes on. We need more from guys now that we're in the beginning of the season coming along, it's going to be their turn to get on the field and help us."

Bye weeks can be counterproductive and the coach was relieved to get his team back out on the field against Bacon Academy.

"We were anxious. We needed to play," Neal said. "It's been a long layoff, 15 days, we needed to play.

And after Killingly plays host to New London this weekend the Redmen have another bye before returning to action against Trinity Catholic on Nov. 4.

It stinks. I understand the bye week but it's a long time off from football. We saw a little bit of the effects today," Neal said. "We've got another one coming up in



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Killingly's Zach Caffrey rushes against Bacon Academy's last Saturday, Oct. 14, in Colchester.

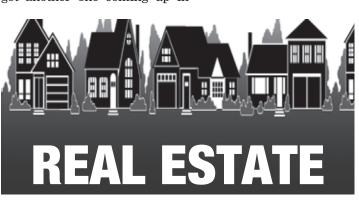
a couple weeks. Again, we just have to take care of ourselves and get better each time."

Killingly is next scheduled to play host to New London (1-4) on Friday, Oct. 20, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Killingly High School. Rust never sleeps — but neither do the Redmen.

"New London has athletes. They've got players. And they played well last night against Fairfield Prep. Despite

the score (a 36-16 New London loss) it was a one-touchdown game at the half," Neal said. They're going to be tough. We're not overlooking New London — no."

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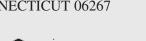
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John Alton "Jack" Barrett, 88



WEBSTER, MASS. John Alton "Jack" Barrett, 88 years young, bid farewell to life and the family he loved beyond measure with a bittersweet, raspy, raucous kind of laugh, and a "let me go, I've

had a good life," and "I love you all" declaration from his lips. Jack would tell you that "Life is so precious" and "God is Love." He died of complications of old age on Monday, October 9, 2017, in Overlook Hospice. He will be deeply missed!

He was born in New Rochelle, New York on May 17, 1929, the son of Alton Herbert & Gladys Leila (Walch) Barrett. He was predeceased by four brothers and one sister: Raymond W. Farnum, Arthur Bates Barrett, Horace Mitchell "Bud" Barrett, Daniel Lincoln Barrett, and an infant sister Ruth. He was deeply influenced by his relationship to his maternal grandparents, Horace H. "Buddy" Walch and Winifred E. (Bates) Walch.

He instilled in our family a love for life, respect for our fellow man, a mischievous twinkle in the eye, an appreciation for poetry, history, and yes ~ politics (Ugh! & a LOL!), that freedom is not free, self-reliance and work ethic are good qualities, and to have never ending hope!

Jack was a man of great wisdom, a deeply spiritual man with a magnificent loving heart and incredibly brilliant mind. He lived life with gusto, had great humor, laughed often, and loved well. He had a deep love for his wife Vada, saying "we had something really special, your mother and I." He was always young at heart and would tell us "growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional."

He leaves his loving wife of 63 years, Vada Mae (Eggers) Barrett, three children, Sharon Pelletier, Katherine Barrett, all of Webster, his son Alton Barrett of Prudence Island Rhode Island; five grandchildren; Kyle and Tyler Bennett, Michaela and Desiree Pelletier and Aribella Barrett; 3 great-grandchildren; Sakaya "from Hawaii" Bennett, Oliver "the Genius' Bennett and Cooper "Super Duper" Bennett.

He leaves in-laws and outlaws he loved dearly; Bryan P. Pelletier, Gary E. Bennett (recently deceased loving father of the Bennett Boys), Debra Henault, Mary Ellen "Mimi" & Juliana Henault (long-time companion of Alton & her children), Sutton Tucker Bennett (wife of Kyle), and Dr. Jillian Reed Bennett (wife of Tyler), and his remaining sisters-in-law from Forest Virginia: Mattie (Eggers) Droog & Helen (Eggers) Davidson; and his many predeceased brothers & sisters

He had a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews, their husbands, wives, children, grandchildren & great grandchildren, from New England to Virginia & beyond!

Jack thoroughly enjoyed many a Barrett Family Fun Day in August at Prudence Island Rhode Island, Barrett winter snow skiing trips to King Pine in New Hampshire, Eggers Family Reunions in the mountains of North Carolinia and family trips to Virginia. Times treasured and fondly remembered.

Jack's father worked for Standard Oil Co. and the family travelled extensively. Jack lived many places in his first 17 years, including: Aruba as a young boy with oil tanker trips to the states, destination Webster Mass. and Prudence Island Rhode Island to visit his grandparents; the Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, New Jersey, Saint Andrews School in Barrington Rhode Island, to

Oakridge, Tennessee, New York, Chicago, Michigan and more.

He proudly served our great nation in the US Navy from 1946 to 1952. enlisted at 17 years old from Newport Rhode Island. He did his basic training in the Great Lakes,



hitch hiking with a friend along Route 66 to report for duty in San Francisco, California. He served in Kodiak and the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, the Mediterranean and beyond! Many a great story has been told of his adventures, and some kept quiet, only hinted to by the scar of a serious head injury and the arm tattoo of a skull & banner with the words "Death before Dishonor." Upon discharge, he tried his hand

Chicago, Illinois, where he set out

at raising beef cattle with his brother Bud on a farm in Concord Virginia. Relatively short lived, he soon moved to Lynchburg Virginia where he met the love of his life Vada, who followed him back to Webster, Mass. where he finally settled down to raise their family. In the early 1960's, Jack ran an outdoor ice skating arena in Webster on the corner of Thompson and Birch Island Roads, but due to an ultimatum and a proposed promotion from his full time employer (BW Footwear), he gave up his beloved freedom to settle down and work in manufacturing. He was an entrepreneur at heart, a leader with great problem-solving skills, a Jack of all trades, and founder of his own manufacturing firm, Barrett Stitching Co., in 1975.

In around 1990, after retirement, he created Jack's Hope Realty on Prudence Island Rhode Island. As owner, broker of his own real estate sales company, and with the help of his friend and fellow agent, Sam Cambria, they were able to share the dream of vacation home ownership with other Prudence Island Rhode Island enthusiasts for many years! Jack excelled at whatever he put his mind to!

He was a physical kind of guy and loved to swim, sail, ice skate, play ice hockey, touch football, softball, run, snow ski, and enjoyed raking leaves on a windy fall day (to the chagrin of our neighbors, LOL). Captain Jack, the old salt, would take the land-loving Vada and grandchildren on expeditions in Narragansett Bay on his Sports Fisherman boat and would teach the grandchildren how to hold the helm from the fly bridge. They often joyfully played and ate at Rocky Point Park, welcomed the tall ships to Newport a time or two, explored and camped on Prudence and Dutch Islands! In later years, he thoroughly enjoyed winters in Southwest Florida. He enjoyed walking the boardwalk at Englewood beach, the sunsets at Manasota beach and the lighthouse at Boca Grande. He was tech savvy and an avid Ancestry. com guru, who let us know our heritage, firmly planting our roots in the rich soil of our loving past some-ones! We are grateful for his great legacy, and his very own incredible penned poetry! Farewell and enjoy the tide Dad, Grampa, Uncle Jack! See you soon!

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 15, in Scanlon Funeral Service, followed by a service at the funeral home. The Reverend John R. White officiated. A graveside service was held October 16, in Mount Zion Cemetery, Webster, Mass. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performed military honors.

Donations in his name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, at: DAV, 24 Beacon St, Suite 546 Statehouse, Boston, MA 02133.

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Beverley B. McNally, 93



THOMPSON Beverley B. McNally, 93, died peacefully at Matulaitus Nursing Home in the early morning hours on Saturday, October 7. Beverley was born in Providence, Rhode Island on August 8,

1924, the second child of Henry Ernest and Constance Hird Burgess. Her family moved to Putnam, and she attended Putnam schools, graduating with honors in 1942. She attended Mitchell College in New London and transferred to the University of Connecticut. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology in 1946. While a student, she was a member of the 1944 National Intercollegiate Archery championship team. Upon graduation, she began teaching junior high school science in the Putnam school system. In 1965, she received her Master of Science Degree in Education from the University of Connecticut. She retired from teaching in 1985, following a 39-year active and noteworthy career.

Beverley served on many local and national education associations, and served in several elected positions, including President of the Putnam Education Association. She was a charter member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization for women educators. She was instrumental in forming the National Honor Society of the Putnam Middle School. She was a member of the Putnam Women's Club, where she also served as President, and of the Day Kimball Hospital Women's Board. She was on the Rainbow Court Order of the Amaranth, a social and philanthropic organization basing its membership on Masonic heritage and promoting the practice of truth, faith, wisdom

Beverley married her high school sweetheart, Frank W. McNally, on July 4, 1948. Frank predeceased Beverley in July of this year soon after they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They resided in West Thompson, where they built a home. In addition to her many professional duties, Beverley actively supported her three children academically and in music, sports, 4-H and scouting. Frank and Bev together created a lovely and welcoming home and garden where they enjoyed entertaining family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Frank, Bev is predeceased by her sister Alva King. She is survived by her brother Russell Burgess, and her three children: Constance Crawford (husband Chris), Alison McNally (husband Bobby German) and Frank W. McNally, Jr. (wife Sandra); and her beloved grandchildren: Christopher Crawford, Jr. (wife Karen), Alison Crawford, Alex Crawford (wife Taylor), Jason McNally, and Lisa McNally; and her great-grandchildren: Chloe, Ryan, Camden and Casey Crawford.

Beverley, who wouldn't be caught without her pearls, will be remembered for her feisty and caring spirit. She had the mind of a scientist yet loved a touch of whimsy. She set a beautiful table. Her distinctive "school-teacher" voice could raise the roof and was always paired with a joyful smile. She loved the Red Sox, UCONN basketball

A funeral service was held at the Christ Church in Pomfret, on October 17, which was followed by interment. Guests were invited to a Celebration of Life reception at Grill 37 following the

may be made in Beverley's memory to the Christ Episcopal Church Flower

Barbara J. (Tourtellotte) Lamb



THOMPSON Barbara (Tourtellotte) Lamb, 69, of Quaddick Town Farm Rd., died peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on Friday morning, October 13. She was the loving

wife of Thomas W. Lamb. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Marshall and Florence (Baranski) Tourtellotte, Sr. Barbara was a graduate of Killingly High School.

On October 18, 1969, she was united in marriage to Thomas Lamb at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret.

Mrs. Lamb worked for over twenty years as a Home Health aide for ommunity Home and He She enjoyed gardening and flowers, but above all she cherished the quality time she spent with her family.

Mrs. Lamb was a member of the East

Thompson Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary where she was their secretary for many years.

service. In lieu of flowers, donations

In addition to her husband Thomas, Barbara is survived by her son, Stephen Lamb and his wife Elizabeth; her daughter, Kelly Lamb of Thompson; and her sister Elizabeth Gingras of Virginia. She was predeceased by her son Andrew Lamb; and her brother Marshall Tourtellotte, Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Saturday October 21, in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in West Thompson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements and cremation have Home and Crematory 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.

Irene McGirr, 91

HICKSVLLE, NEW YORK -- We announce the passing of Irene McGirr, 91. She recently relocated to Hicksville, New York where she died on September 5. She was born on October 21, 1925 in Manhattan and was adopted by her parents Hester and William Goodyear. She spent much of her youth in Great Neck and New Jersey. She married Patrick Terrence McGirr Jr. on August 24, 1946 and honeymooned in Niagara Falls. They resided in Great Neck until their retirement to Brooklyn Connecticut where they spent about 30 of their golden years. She attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and obtained many achievements through civil service exams. She held many jobs through the years like waitress, map making, editor and secretarial work where she worked for Port Washington School District until she retired. She is survived by her children James of Silver Springs Nevada, Carol Stevens and husband Jim of Stormville New York, son-in-law James Ryan, Patrick McGirr III and wife Jill, William McGirr and wife Grace, and daughter Diane and her husband Bernabe of Hicksville New York. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Marcus, Carolyn, Kathy, Christian, Colin, Kelly, Molly, Brendan, Emma, Megan and Aidan. She has 7 great grandchildren, Jenny, Jillian, Jamie, Reese, Madeline, Olivia and Ciara. She was predeceased by her spouse Patrick on July 7, 2010 and daughter Teresa on July 17, 2015. She enjoyed life and was involved in multiple activities at the same time like Girl Scouts, American Legion, PTA, sewing, and needlepoint. She was an avid reader and enjoyed many hours at the beach. Her biggest love was her devotion to raising, training and showing her many golden retrievers in field trials and obedience. During her retirement, she volunteered many hours at church assisting in fundraising with book drives, cookie swaps and raffles. She was a member of Brooklyn's Historical Society. A few of her dogs served the community and brought many smiles and comfort to residents of a nearby nursing home with weekly visits. She will be greatly missed and forever cherished. In addition to services on Long Island the family has planned a memorial service November 4 at Our Lady of La Salette, 25 Providence Road, Brooklyn at 11:00 am.

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Sharon A Bellville, 69 DAYVILLE



Sharon A. Bellville, of Dayville, passed away at Hartford Hospital on October 12, 2017 with her family by her side. She was the wife of Frederick L. Bellville. Sharon was

born in Hanover, New Hampshire on March 9, 1948, daughter of the late Roger and Alice (Seace) Aldrich. She had been employed at various factories and most recently Foxwoods Casino. Sharon enjoyed knitting, quilt-

ing and spending time with her family. Besides her husband she is survived by her daughter Lynn Farinto and husband Akinropo of Webster, Massachusetts; son John W. Bellville and wife Sheri of San Antonio, Texas; brother Richard Aldrich of Danielson; sisters, Joan Walter of Orange, Massachusetts and Jane Belville of Webster, Massachusetts; and grandchild Allie Bellville. She was predeceased by her brothers, Edgar Aldrich and William Aldrich. Funeral services were private. Tillinghast Funeral Home, Danielson, was in charge of arrangements.





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Laurea Daigneault, 98



GRISWOLD Laurea Daigneault, 98, of Griswold died Friday October 6, at Harrington Court in Colchester with her family by her side. She was born in Rawdon Montcalm Canada on

P.Q. October 29, 1918 the daughter of the late Emphrem and Delima (Racette) Sylvester. She worked in textile factories all her life until her retirement. Her faith meant a lot to her. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Jewett City and was a Eucharistic Minister for years. She was well known in Jewett City and called Matante by many She loved playing cards and spent many hours playing solitaire when there was no one to play with. Laurea was the last survivor in a family of fourteen children.

On December 20, 1939 she married Donat Daigneault, who predeceased her on January 2, 1981. Laurea was the matriarch of a large loving family. She is survived by her three children, Leo Daigneault of Brooklyn, Vivienne Hill of Griswold and Ronald Daigneault of Lisbon, seven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was known to all her family as "Mem." All her family are recipients of her beautiful handmade quilts, which will be cherished for generations. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last Friday at St. Mary's Church in Jewett City. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Guillot Funeral Home, 75 South B Street, Taftville is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Frances (Bailey) Reynolds, 84



DANIELSON Ann Frances (Bailey) Reynolds, 84, passed away on Sunday, October 1, at Davis Place. She was a lifelong resident of Killingly and the daughter of the late Ray and

Harriet (Nash) Bailey. Ann was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Richard Reynolds. She held a few jobs in her younger days, to include Durables in Brooklyn and American

Standard in Plainfield, but eventually chose to stay at home and raise their children. She also filled her time with many volunteer hours for the Brooklyn Fair and as the treasurer for the "Daughters of Isabella" (St. James chapter). Ann is survived by her son, David (Kathleen) Reynolds, daughter, Nancy (Glen) Marple, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 11am at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson. Burial will follow in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson.

Marie Jeanne Benoit, 81



NAPLES FLORIDA - Marie Jeanne Benoit passed away on October 5. She was born on Jan 21, 1936 and as a child attended private schools. She married Leo Benoit in 1957. As the wife of an

Army husband she traveled to many places. Eventually she settled on Lake Bungay in Woodstock. She worked for American White Cross as a customer service rep and then she worked at

the ARC until her retirement. Marie had a love for animals, numerous cats and dogs but her favorite was Sally, who was waiting at Heaven's door for her. She is survived by sons Sherman Benoit (Mary) of Putnam, Lennard Benoit of Naples, Florida, a daughter Liane Johnston of Ironton, Missouri and a sister Yolande of Arizona. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and six greatgreat grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Leo Benoit and a granddaughter Karen Johnston. Services will be private.

Miranda Lyn St. Jean, 28



STERLING Miranda Lyn St. Jean, 28, of Porter Rd., died Wednesday afternoon, October 11, surrounded by people who loved her at Wm. W. Backus Hospital. Born in

Putnam, she was the daughter of Judy A. (Sharpe) Chauvette of Coventry, Rhode Island and Timothy R. St. Jean of Killingly.

Miranda was an amazing baker and cook, always tweaking every recipe to make it her own.

She loved all animals from dogs and cats to snakes and mice. As a little girl, she would sneak all the strays into the

Miranda had a green thumb and worked at Logee's greenhouse as a teenager. She took great pride in her gardening skills especially her morning glories and vegetable garden. She saw beauty where there was none and would plant flowers and trees so the rest of us could see it too.

Miranda worked for a short while as a material handler at Staples prior to becoming disabled due to her special

Miranda is survived by her fiancé Brandon Deojay; her daughter Ailise Chatelle; her father Timothy and step mother Robin St. Jean; her mother Judy A. (Sharpe) and step father Leo Chauvette, Jr.; her step father Shawn Credit of Moosup; brother Timothy St. Jean Jr.; seven step brothers Chris Woodman, Jack Thornton, and Jason, Branden, Kyle, Leo, III, and Ryan Chauvette; two step sisters Holly Ellis and Tanya Credit; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as her best friend Sharon Deojay. Miranda was predeceased by her grandparents Florence St. Jean, Sissy Sharpe and Albert Sharpe Sr. as well as Nicholas Chatelle.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory 104 Church St., Putnam. Donations to help cover her final expenses can be brought to any Citizens Bank c/o The Miranda St. Jean memorial fund account #25860860 or mailed directly to Judy Chauvett, 17 Larch Dr., Coventry, RI 02816. For memorial guestbook please visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

Brenda L. Aiken, 59



DANIELSON Brenda Lynn (Challinor) Aiken, 59, of Danielson, Connecticut, passed away on October 11, at Davis Place surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on June 15,

1958 in Putnam, to James and Gloria (Tetreault) MacKenzie. She married Kenneth Aiken at 16 years old, this December would have marked 44 years of marriage.

Brenda lived all her life in Connecticut with her family. Many years ago, she worked at Superior Bakery with her husband Kenneth. Brenda enjoyed babysitting her nieces and nephews when they were younger and spending time with her family and friends. Some of her favorite things to do included going to bingo, going to the casino, shopping, playing Yahtzee and Scat, and sharing a good conversation. Brenda had a heart of gold

and always did whatever she could to

make others happy. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt. She will forever be loved and missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Brenda is survived by her daughter Tara Aiken and her long-term companion Daniel Paine both of Putnam, her grandsons: Jared Jordan and Oliver Paine both of Putnam, her brothers Dennis Challinor of Thompson, Robert Challinor of Rittman, Ohio, and James MacKenzie of Thompson, her sister Patricia Sargent of Putnam, along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents James and Gloria MacKenzie, her husband Kenneth Aiken, her brothers Richard Challinor, Michael Challinor, David Challinor, and William MacKenzie, and her sister Kathleen Fague.

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

How to maintain car value over the long-term



know finding the right car involves more than iust finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the long-term.

· Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles

strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.

Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent the vehicle when entering or exiting their own

cars. · Protect the interiinterior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.

Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.

• Keep maintenance

When shopping for a that look good can make or. A well-maintained receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying preowned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

Maintaining resale value is a concern for new car buyers who want to get the best returns on their automotive investments.

How to safely navigate wet roads

Fall is a great time of year to hit the open road, as fall foliage is colorful and provides a wonderful backdrop for weekend getaways, while the mild temperatures of fall make this an ideal time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Though autumn is often a mild time of year with regard to weather, fall foliage enthusiasts can still encounter adverse conditions on road trips. According to the automotive group AAA, wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic accidents each year. When combined with fall leaves, wet pavement poses an even greater threat to drivers and their passengers.

Autumn and precipitation do not necessarily go hand in hand, but drivers should still exercise caution during the fall road trip season so they can better handle roadways that are wet and covered in fallen leaves.

• Do not use cruise control. Because fall foliage can be so stunning to experience, many drivers are tempted to use the cruise control feature on their automobiles so they can pay more attention to the array of colors at their

disposal. But cruise control should never be engaged when driving on wet roads or roads that may be covered in leaves. Such conditions require drivers to focus their undivided attention on the road ahead of them. When drivers suddenly encounter slick roads, easing off the accelerator rather than quickly applying the brakes can be the safest response, but such a response is impossible when cruise control is engaged.

· Drive slowly. Many fall road trippers are already driving slowly so they can fully enjoy the fall scenery. But it's important that drivers slow down even more when encountering wet roadways, as driving slow can reduce the risk of a vehicle hydroplaning. When vehicles hydroplane, they slide uncontrollably on wet surfaces as the tires rise up on the water covering the roads. AAA notes that tires on vehicles driving as slow as 35 miles per hour can still lose some contact with the road, so drivers should maintain low speeds when driving on wet roads and reduce their speeds even further during heavy rains.

· Resist the urge to brake quickly. When drivers feel themselves losing control, many respond by braking quickly. But hard braking and quick turns can increase the risk that a vehicle will hydroplane. And even if the vehicle does not hydroplane, motorists may have a hard time controlling it when slamming on the brakes. When encountering wet roads, brake slowly and maintain low speeds until the roads dry off.

· Leave ample room between vehicles. Because braking quickly on wet roadways can increase the risk of accident, it's important that drivers leave ample room between their vehicles and the vehicles in front of them. Afford other drivers the space to brake slowly just like you hope the drivers behind you are doing. Avoid overcrowded roadways during especially wet weather.

Wet conditions during fall road trip season can be dangerous, and it's important that drivers learn to navigate wet roadways safely.

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The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 10, 2017, 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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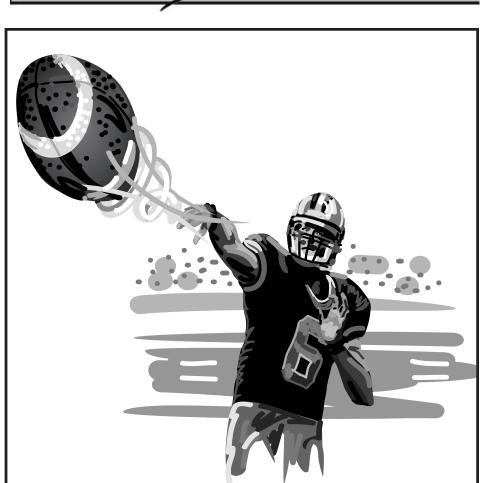
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October 21, Sat., 7pm

Benefit Coffeehouse Concert - featuring the Deb Hopkins Duo and Adele & Company. Central Village Congregational Church, 33 Main Street, Central Village. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, under 5 free. Free refreshments at intermission.

October 21, 9am

Tackle the Trail, Air Line Trail (Rte. 169), Pomfret. 860-932-4174. Pre-registration required. See details at www.qvcc.edu/tacklethetrail. The course begins in Pomfret and ends in Willimantic, post-race party at the Willimantic Elks! Individual runner \$100. Relay team (up to 5 runners) \$200. Visit www.qvcc. edu/tacklethetrail.

October 21, Sat., 2pm-3pm

Pet Pals Northeast is holding a low-cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line. Cost is \$12 CASH per animal. All animals must be on a leash or in a secured carrier. If available, bring prior proof of rabies vaccination. For more information, contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720.

October 21, Sat., 9am-noon

Mountain Bike Ride at Goodwin State Forest, 20 Potter Rd., (Off Rte. 6), Hampton. 860-230-1237. Quiet Corner NEMBA will lead guided mountain bike rides through Goodwin State Forest's trails in Hampton. These rides are open to all levels. Groups will be divided to cater to various experience levels. All welcome. Bike & helmet required. No dogs please. Find us on Facebook, visit www.nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba or contact QuietCornerNEMBA@gmail.com.

October 21, Sat., 10-11am

The Stillness of the Still River, 12 Westford Rd., Eastford. Park at school grounds beyond firehouse, west of Rte. 198 junction.860-974-0407. This trail starts/ends behind the school. Walk along the Still River and note location of a mill. Observe a wolf tree, sluiceway, dam and two wooden bridges.

October 21, Sat., 10am-4pm

Putnam's Great Pumpkin Festival, Downtown Putnam, Main St., Putnam. 860-928-1350. Vendors, great food, live entertainment, crafts, and even the Blackstone Valley train ride - get your tickets before they sell out! Much more family fun, including some great BIG pumpkins.

October 21, noon-1pm & 1:30-2:30pm Did You Know? Putnam Public Library, 225

Kennedy Dr., Putnam. Meet at Library. 860-928-

1350. Did you know that Aunt Jemima once visited Putnam and there's a ghost at the Bradley Playhouse? The town crier will be happy to fill you in! Learn and "experience" a few FUN FACTS.

October 21, Sat., 1-2:30 pm

Gertrude Chandler Warner: World Renowned Author and Putnam Neighbor, 1 S. Main St., Putnam. Park on street or in any nearby municipal lot & meet at Boxcar. 860-315-7194. Ms. Gertrude C. Warner is known around the world for her Boxcar Children series of books, yet most of her life was spent living within a 3-mile radius of the Boxcar Museum that honors her life. Walk through Gertrude's neighborhood and hear stories of her life growing up on South Main Street in Putnam during the early twentieth century.

October 21, 22, 28 & 19, 2-3:30pm

Pumpkin Tours!, Creamery Brook Bison, 19 Purvis Rd.. Brooklyn. 860-779-0837. Visitors to this unique agricultural business - a bison farm - enjoy a wagon ride to see the bison, pick a pumpkin and then get to decorate it. Craft & decorating supplies are provided for a great fun adventure with your family. \$10 per person.

October 21, Sat., 4-7 pm

Swim with the Pumpkins, Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center, 9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam. Use 10 Kennedy Dr. for GPS purposes. 860-315-9622. Pre-registration required by calling 860-315-9622 to register for your time slot. Free event open to YMCA member and non-members! Swim and splash in the pool with hundreds of inflatable pumpkins. There will be arts and crafts and other activities.

October 21, Sat., 5:30-8:30 pm

7th Annual Owl Prowl, Horizon Wings, 9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford. 860-429-2181. Pre-registration required to participate in walks as there is limited space; email horizonwingsraptorrehab@gmail.com. Visit our local raptor heroes at Horizon Wings for this annual head-turning event. Owl prowl walks happen on the Nipmuck Trail behind our facility (off of Iron Mine Lane) at 6:30 and 7:15 pm. Must be over 8 years old to participate in the woods walks. Adults \$7, Children \$5, ages under 4 are free.

October 21, Sat., 4:30-7pm

Community Fire Department's New England Barbeque: all you can eat chicken! Chicken and pig and all the fixings. Adults \$15, children 7 and under \$9. 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Come on out and support your local volunteer fire department.

October 20 – 22

From Friday at 5:30pm until Sunday at 9am. Teen Weekend at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret). Food, games, crafts, leadership skills and lots of fun for teens 13 - 17. Bring your own pumpkin to carve. Fee is \$50. Preregistration required. Call 860-974-3379 to register or email: wt4hcampdir@earthlink.net

October 21, Sat., 8:30am-3pm

Harvest Fair and Luncheon; Congregational Church of Putnam. Part of Putnam's Pumpkin Fall Festival. Crafts, holiday relics, white elephant, nuts, live wreath orders, jewelry, drawing, bake sale, sewing/ knits, grab bag. Luncheon 11:30am-2pm; roast turkey, ham sandwiches, chili, chili dogs, chicken soup, apple crisp. Lunches packed for train ride. Information: 860-928-4405.

October 21, Sat., 8:30am-1pm

POMFRET SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE Meet teachers and students, and take a closer look at what Pomfret School offers students. Limited interview slots available. Registration required 860.963.6120 admissions@pomfretschool.

October 21, Sat., 9am-1pm

Book Sale & Bake Sale Sponsored by the Friends of the Canterbury Public Library Sale Opens at 8:30 AM for Members Community Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury, CT, just off Route 14 Memberships available at the door, at the Canterbury Library, or at: http://canterburylibrary.org/

October 21, Sat., 6:30pm

Eastford Independent Fire Company No. 1 Steak Supper - "All you can eat" at Eastford Firehouse, Steak, baked potato, salad, green beans, rolls, dessert, beverage - \$20 per person, for tickets: John Paquin 974-0256, Jeannine Spink 974-1678 No tickets sold at the door.

October 21, Sat., 10am

Halloween party. Come in costume if you would like. We'll have Halloween crafts & snacks. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 22, Sun., 1-2:30

"Nature Framed" Walktober walk at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret). This nature treasure hunt will take participants on a one mile meander through woods and along the pond at the Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center. We will return to the lodge for some snacks and time to make a framed collage.

October 22, Sun., 1-2:30 pm

Air Line Trail, Thompson. Park at the lot on Mechanicsville Rd. (Rte. 12). 888-940-4669 NOW partners with TLGV's Ranger Marcy for a scavenger hunt hike on the Air Line Trail. Along the trail, learn about NOW's positive impact in the lives of the children in our region by ensuring each child's access to fitness, nutrition, and athletics.

October 23, Mon., 10am-noon

Lost Mills of Hemlock Glen with Nick Bellantoni. Jnct. Old Kings Hwy. & Hemlock Glen Rd., Hampton. 860-884-5162. Retired State Archeologist Nick Belantoni will lead an easy walk through Hemlock Glen. The walk will focus on the archeological remains and history of the mills in this

October 24, Tues., 7pm

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

October 24, Tues., 4-6 pm

Thriving Communities Conversation, Audubon Society Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center. 860-928-4948. All are welcome to participate in this special program, a community conversation about the environment.

October 25, 6:30-9pm

Candidates' Night for BOE and P&Z candidates will be held in the Thompson Public Schools' Auditorium. Come hear the candidates' views and pose a question. There is also a Meet and Greet during the intermission. This non-partisan evening is sponsored by Thompson Together.

October 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Spooky Stories and Tricky Treat Scavenger Hunt, Killingly Public Library, 25 Wescott Rd., Killingly. 860-779-5383. Pre-registration required online at www.killinglypl.org or call 860-779-5383. This free fun event is aimed at children ages 4 to 8.

October 26, Thurs., 9:30am

In Her Shoes presentation at United Services, 1007 North Main Street, Dayville. In Her Shoes is a twohour interactive presentation that explores the lives of survivors of domestic violence. Participants will move, do, think, and experience the lives of women in an abusive relationship. To register, email usidvp@usmhs.org.

October 27, 5-7pm

Downtown Putnam Trick or Treat Night, Union Square, Main St. to Jade Garden, Kennedy Dr., Putnam. 860-928-1350 Business employees from Union Square to Jade Garden dress up and will be passing out candy at this family-friendly event.

October 27-29, 9am-8pm

Book sale at Babcock Library, 25 Pompey Hollow Rd, Ashford, Friday - Oct. 27. 9-8, Saturday. Oct. 28. 9-6. (Bake sale as well) Sunday. Oct. 29. 9-3

October 27, 6-7:30 pm

Killingly Outdoor Movie Night - Hocus Pocus, Westfield Church, 210 Main St., Killingly. 860-779-5390. Killingly Parks & Rec and Westfield Congregational present a free outdoor movie. Grab your chair and blankets. Please bring a nonperishable food item.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

11:30 am HOLDEN HEARING AID CENTER FREE Educational Hearing Health Luncheon Hosted by Matthew Moreno, Au.D. Spencer Country Inn 500 Main St, Spencer, MA 01562 RSVP Free Lunch by October 23 Call 508-829-5566

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