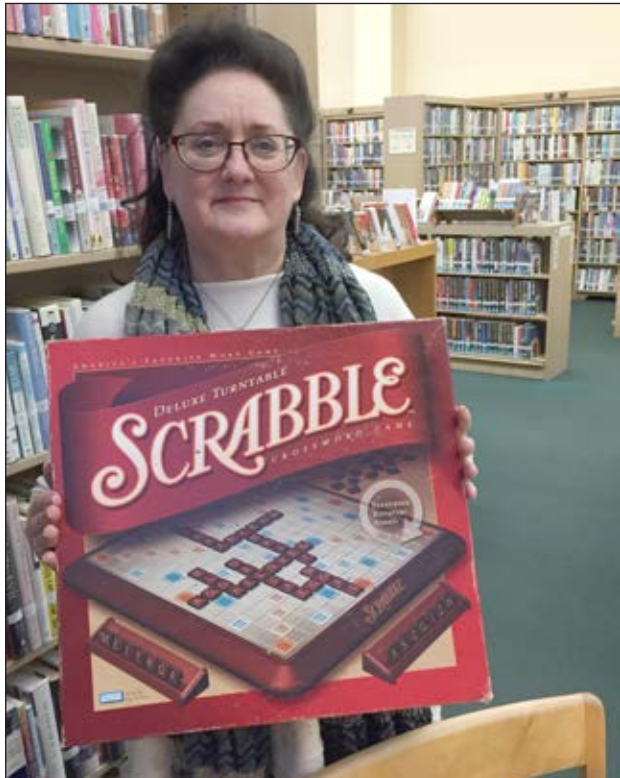




Piecing together a challenge



Olivia Richman photos

Passionate Scrabble player Pat Jensen leads the Scrabble Meet every Monday night. She also offers some competitive points in this article, to help players with their strategies.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Are you a word wizard? Looking to improve your vocabu-

lary? The Putnam Public Library has just the club for you: Join them for Scrabble Meet every Monday at 6 p.m.

Led by Adult Programming Director Pat Jensen, Scrabble Meet is not only a social night out, but a competitive challenge for anyone looking to show off their dictionary prowess. The Scrabble Meet was founded 10 years ago because of Jensen's big passion for the game. She wasn't sure if anyone would be interested, but now there are participants who come rain or shine. And if the library is closed Monday, they will plan a time to play Scrabble at the library later that week. "It's a great way to meet people," she said. "We had a man and woman who actually both heard of our Scrabble Meet through their church. They ended up both attending our Monday night meetings and hit it off. It's a Scrabble romance." Growing up, Jensen always played Scrabble with her family. But 15 years ago, she was playing with some friends of hers and lost quite badly.

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Charlie Lentz photo

NEW BRITAIN — Killingly High coach Chad Neal hoists the state championship plaque after his team defeated Joel Barlow High 41-14 in the Class M title game on Monday night. Coverage begins on page B-1.

Animals are his art work

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

wwTHOMPSON — Using only ethically gathered and roadkill animals for his art, Tom Bowen views his pieces as honoring nature spirits. The visually striking dream catchers, wall decorations, and preserved animal parts are striking works of art that garner mixed reactions from viewers. "It's important for people, especially these days, to know that they're all road kill," said Bowen. "A lot of times people seem reserved or have a rever- sion to it. But when I tell them that people seem to brighten up and warm up to it. People want to know this is all very respect- fully done." I sat down with Bowen to find out more about his unique artwork, and learn about his process, as well as his connec- tion to each piece.

You've been creating this art for eight years. What started it all?

"One day I was driving and passed by a bird on the road- side. I was compelled to go back and pick it up. Even though at



Olivia Richman photos

"I've always been spiritual," said nature artist Tom Bowen. "As far as I can remember, I was more comfortable out in nature and with animals."

the time, I didn't know any- thing about preserving or mak- ing art with it... I just learned by doing." What made you go back to that bird? "I actually didn't know why I was so strongly compelled to pick it up at the time." And what made you want to create art out of the bird? "I've always been hands-on with art. I just felt like I wanted to honor that bird." Why do you feel the art honors the animals?

"They're all so beautiful. The second you make contact – even visual – they have their own energy that's awe-inspir- ing and beautiful. That visual imprint in someone's mind... They take it away with them... It calls them back to a place of reconnection. They may be fas- cinated by the animal or it may promote thoughts of nature in general... Either way, it sends

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Olivia Richman photos

"A community project of the Thompson Business Association, Northeast Department of Health, TEEG and TMHS" reads the plaque on the Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ's beautiful raised bed.

TEEG seeks to spur healthy habits

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON – Raised beds for growing vegeta- bles and flowers have been popping up all over Thompson. And there will be more to come. These beautiful and useful raised beds are the result of a grant writ- ten by TEEG and Health Quest to the Northeast District Department of Health – along with the Tourtellotte Memorial High School – in hopes of helping the commu- nity grow healthy food, spread healthy habits and educate.

The beds were made and delivered to town halls, schools, care facili- ties, and will soon be sent to Thompson Business Association members. There are also three at TEEG, who use theirs to grow vegetables and herbs that are later har- vested and put into their food pantry. "I believe that it shows you can grow your own food in a small space," said TEEG's Executive Director Anne Miller. "It brings beauty. It con- nects us." The ongoing grant has allowed TEEG to

continue spreading the beds throughout the Thompson community (and beyond). By offer- ing and building the beds for free to TBA members, Miller said it will be a way to connect Thompson businesses, similar to how downtown Putnam has their painted bicycles. One of those busi- nesses is the Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ. During the winter – when not too much can grow – the church has decorated their raised bed with holi- day greens to go with the

season. In the summer- time, they will grow food in them once again. "People at TEEG were surprised at what we could grow in these small spaces and what could be used in salads and in rec- ipes," said Miller. "And it doesn't have a to be a lot of work to have a garden." The raised beds go along with TEEG's mis- sion to "empower indi- viduals and families" by changing what's getting in the way of living their life fully. Growing things

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Senators back Thompson bridge project

THOMPSON — U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and

the Trump administration on Dec. 8 to fund the Blain Road Bridge Replacement Project in Thompson.

“The Blain Road

Bridge is a vital link connecting the east and west part of trail system across the river. Replacing the bridge is going to enhance usage

of the trail system and help Thompson residents better enjoy our outdoor recreation opportunities. It’s also a safety issue,” said Ken Beausoleil, First Selectman of Thompson. “We worked with UConn to get the design and send it to the Army Corps. Now it’s up to the Army Corps to finish the job. Thank you to Senator Murphy and Senator Blumenthal for advocating on our behalf for this project.”

In a letter to Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army Douglas W. Lamont and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, the senators emphasized the importance of the project to the Thompson community, and outlined the extensive investments the community has already made to complete the bridge replacement. The Blain Road Bridge will provide a critical link for Thompson’s trail system, allowing residents to have better access to recreation opportunities. Murphy and Blumenthal also highlighted that completing the bridge replacement will make critical safety improvements.

The full text of the letter: To: Douglas W. Lamont, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army; and Mick Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget. “Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Lamont and

Director Mulvaney:

We write to stress the importance of funding the Blain Road Bridge Replacement Project in Thompson, Connecticut. We urge the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to give the project full and fair consideration as the agency develops its Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request, as well as giving priority in the FY 2018 Budget Request to replace this recreational amenity. This prioritization will help the Town of Thompson complete this project, providing a critical link in connecting its abundant trails system. This link will keep people in the park and off of narrow secondary roads, avoiding serious pedestrian safety issues, while ultimately allowing the Corps to leverage local engagement and investments to further its mission.

The Blain Road Bridge is a component of the West Thompson Lake Flood Control Project, which was authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1960. The latest bridge was removed by the Corps due to safety concerns, and the Town hopes to replace it with a pre-fabricated unit that was to be purchased, paid for and installed by regional Army Corps staff, provided the Town engineered the project. While Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

funds were requested for West Thompson Lake in Fiscal Year 2018, those funds were not included in the final Budget Request.

The Town of Thompson partnered with UConn and its seniors in the School of Engineering to provide the engineering services for the construction of the Blain Road Bridge. This local partnership provided a valuable learning experience for students and ultimately saved the town and the Corps money. Had UConn not agreed to this collaboration, engineering would have cost at least \$5,000 if a local engineer were hired. Further, your agency suggested that it would cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for the Corps to do the work.

We believe the Blain Road Bridge Replacement Project represents an important opportunity for the Corps, insofar as it presents the agency with a chance to take advantage of the local engagement and dollars already invested in this worthwhile project. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support this project and request your full and fair consideration.”

Sincerely,
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Cuts to Brooklyn school budget

BROOKLYN — Brooklyn elementary and middle school budgets will experience nearly roughly \$300,000 in cuts. Brooklyn Public Schools Superintendent Patricia Buell said the cuts will be instituted to deal with a \$486,632 budget deficit.

The school district’s cuts include layoffs, schedule reductions and a bus rerouting system. The cuts were needed after holdbacks in town aid and education cost sharing from the state.

Several teachers will be laid off, including a media specialist, a health teacher and technical education teacher. Three paraprofessional vacancies will not be filled. Other losses include one custodian, an occupational therapy assistant and assistant financial secretary. No layoffs are anticipated for general education teachers from pre-kindergarten to seventh grade.

The school system was also able to save roughly \$65,000 by having the elementary and middle schools on the same schedule: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Prekindergarten students through grade 8 will be on the same buses. Two furlough days that have yet to be scheduled will reduce the school year from 182 days to 180. Alan Yaku, the middle school principal, will reduce his hours to three days a week.

A town meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 20 to approve any proposed solutions. This may mean either dipping into the town’s reserve fund, which sits at just above \$1 million, or raising taxes. This current mill rate is 27.09.

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Ex-Thompson official has larceny case continued

THOMPSON — Former Thompson Public Works Director Leo Adams, facing a larceny charge, had his case continued in Danielson Superior Court on Dec. 5. The continuation was made because of the review of documents received from the town regarding restitution. While Adams was employed as the Public Works director for Thompson, the town allocated him \$9,000 to purchase a used forklift at a close-out sale. Town officials later learned the \$9,000 covered the cost of the forklift and a front-bucket payload that Adams acquired for his personal use. How much restitution to be required is now being considered.

The question of restitution previously delayed Adams’

case on Nov. 29. Adams’ attorney, Martin Weiss, requested a continuation to Dec. 21 to review the documents received from the town.

Judge Patricia Swords recommended Adams begin planning for payments to make restitution.

The number had been estimated with the cost of both the forklift, which has been in the town’s possession since September, and the impounded payload. Previously in court, Weiss said he’s not convinced his client, who is charged with third-degree larceny, owes anything.

Adams, 63, recently entered a second-stage application for a pretrial diversionary program that, if successfully

completed, could leave him without a criminal record.

In May, Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil told police Adams had town approval to spend \$9,000 on a used forklift from the former Norampac facility with a municipal check.

Town officials later learned the \$9,000 covered the cost of the forklift as well as the front-bucket payload, though the loader was never included on a bill of sale. Adams initially told town officials he paid cash for the loader, which police found at his property, but did not get a receipt.

According to police, Adams “changed his story several times” during an interview conducted by state police detectives. At first, Adams

said he agreed to pay \$9,000 for the forklift and offered to take the loader for himself at no cost for scrap.

He later told police he mis-spoke and that the \$9,000 check was for the purchase of the forklift and loader. Police executed a search-and-seizure warrant at Adams’ Waltham Avenue property in Putnam and found a loader. The loader has an estimated value of between \$6,100 and \$6,950. Adams told police on June 16 that he brought the loader to his house with plans to clear a space for a garage before “bringing it back,” according to the warrant. He will return to Danielson Superior Court on Dec. 21.

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Herlihy is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Shane Herlihy of Putnam earned Westview Health Care Center’s Employee of the Month for November. Herlihy has been employed at the facility since March 2016 where he works in the Support Services and Maintenance Department. Aside from working at Westview, Herlihy is currently enrolled at Porter & Chester Institute’s Industrial, Commercial and Residential Electrician program with future hopes of becoming a Connecticut licensed electrician. In his limited spare time Herlihy enjoys spending time outdoors, fishing, making music and watching sports with his family.

“Being at Westview provides me with a sense of accomplishment on a daily basis,” Herlihy said. “If I can make one of my co-worker’s job easier; one visitor feel welcomed and one resident smile, to me, it was a successful day.”

“Shane’s exemplary work ethic and positive disposition are the ideal attri-



Shane Herlihy

butes for working in a health care facility,” said David T. Panteleakos, Westview administrator. “The dedication and pride that he places in his work is the cornerstone of qualities that Westview’s reputation is built upon and we’re honored to present him with this distinction.”

Longest night service at 1st Congregation Church

WOODSTOCK — The annual Longest Night service at First Congregational Church of Woodstock is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20. For some, the holiday season is filled with tidings of comfort and joy. For others, it is a difficult time tinged with sadness, grief, loss, pain, or struggle. For others still, it is so very busy that it’s hard to even catch a breath.

The Longest Night service, so named because it is held on or near the winter solstice, is a time to acknowledge all the complicated emotions of this season. It is a time of quiet contemplation. It is a time of peace.

The service will include prayers, music, poetry, scripture, communion, and several participatory opportunities for reflection, meditation, and prayer. Participants will be invited to light candles, to write prayers on slips of paper, to receive a blessing, to sprinkle salt into water as a symbol of their own tears or the tears of the world, and to participate in other ways, including simply sitting quietly throughout the service.

“Christmastime can be very difficult for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, or struggling with broken relationships, or facing illness or addiction or depression,” said the Reverend Jocelyn Gardner Spencer, pastor of First Congregational Church of Woodstock. “We hope that the Longest Night service will be a time of healing and hope for anyone who needs it. It is good to be reminded that all our human struggles and sufferings are shared by the God who will never leave us or forsake us, the God who loves the world so much that God couldn’t help but join us in it.”

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Name: Iris Conlon Arsenault
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How long have you lived in the area? 17 years

Do you have a favorite food? Italian
What is currently your favorite TV Show? Blue Bloods, Game of Thrones
What is your favorite travel destination? Adirondacks in NY

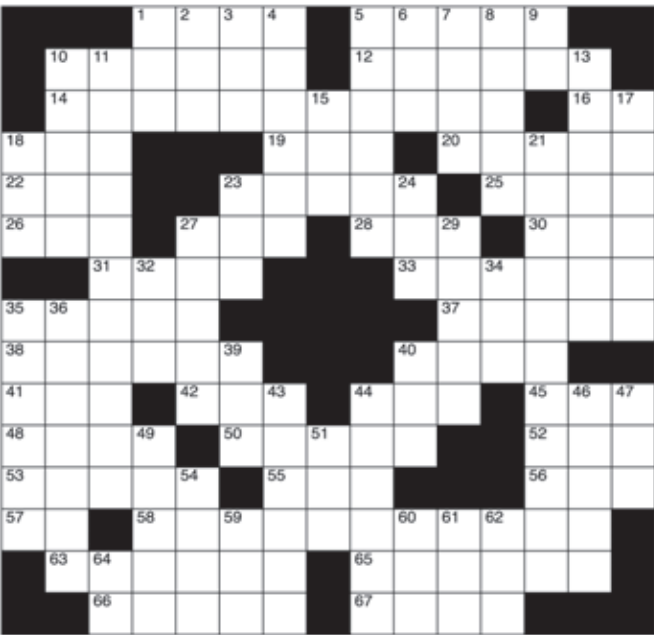
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My Mother Maria
Military Veterans
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I have a few: (from my Mom growing up) (While shaking her finger at me), saying you better behave and remember your manners.
(also from Mom) when you start something you put you’re all into it and finish it. You don’t quit.
(from my EMT Class Instructor) When you get to a stressful scene, take a second, take a deep breath, and remember what we taught you.
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Large jug

5. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

10. Punjab province capital

12. Evoke

14. Data

16. Exists

18. Supervises flying

19. Having eight

20. Right-handed page

22. NHL great Bobby

23. German municipality

25. Negotiate

26. Keyboard key

27. Youngster

28. Medical decision (abbr.)

30. Ribonucleic acid

31. One-time Levi’s chairman Walter

33. Cold region

35. Type of plywood
37. A way to unfreeze

38. Winter melon

40. Dispute

41. An expression of imagination

42. Human gene

44. Touch lightly

45. Computer giant

48. Garlands

50. Franz van __, German diplomat

52. Vineyard

53. Elk or moose

55. Moved quickly

56. Swiss river

57. Rhode Island

58. Fall into disrepair

63. Ancient Roman virtue

65. Removes

66. Slovenly women

67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

1. Extremely high frequency

2. Court

3. Make a mistake

4. Change the appearance of

5. Long-haired dog

6. The Greatest of All Time

7. Designer Christian

8. Blemished

9. Atlanta-based rapper

10. Deceivers

11. One who supports disorder

13. Colossal

15. A team’s best pitcher

17. Comfort in a time of sadness

18. Opponent

21. Professionals might need one

23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)

24. Senior officer

27. Sacred Islamic site
29. Egyptian unit of capacity

32. Comedienne Gasteyer

34. Performer __ Lo Green

35. Having only magnitude, not direction

36. Cleft lip

39. Payroll company

40. Prohibit

43. Stroke

44. Does not acknowledge

46. Hillsides

47. Austrian river

49. Passover feast and ceremony

51. Golf score

54. Hair-like structure

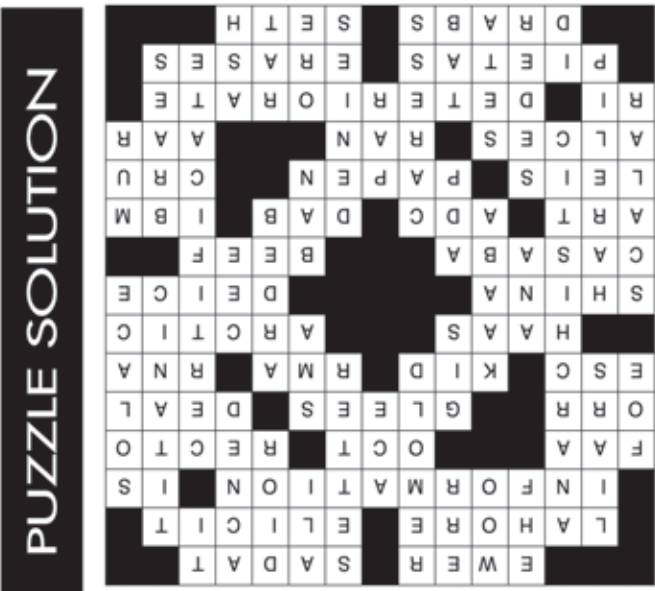
59. Check

60. Extract metal from this

61. Tell on

62. Powdery residue

64. A part of the mind



Courtney urges CHIP reauthorization

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn.-second district) sent a letter to Congressional leadership on Dec. 8, along with 98 other members of the House, urging them to work together to extend funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Roughly 1,700 children across Connecticut receive health insurance through CHIP.

Delivered to House Speaker Paul Ryan (Wisc.-01), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.-12), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (N.Y.), the letter advocates for immediately reauthorizing CHIP while simultaneously protecting the Affordable

Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid and other health programs that Americans rely on to stay healthy, see a doctor and get the care they deserve.

Courtney is also a cosponsor of House Resolution 4541 to reauthorize the CHIP program for five years.

“Millions of working-class families across our country rely on CHIP to provide quality health insurance for their children that they would otherwise not be able to afford,” said Courtney. “Since the CHIP program was first created it has been regularly reauthorized with strong bipartisan support from across the political spectrum. Today, I am joining nearly 100 of my colleagues in pleading with our leadership in

the House and Senate to make this a priority this coverage lapses and parents are left with nowhere to turn.”

Nine million children across the country rely on CHIP, which has played a fundamental role in lowering the uninsured rate among children from 25 percent in 1997 to less than five percent today. CHIP provides comprehensive, low-cost health coverage for services including routine check-ups, immunizations, doctor visits, prescriptions, dental and vision care, and emergency services. Federal funding for CHIP expired over two months ago, and as a result, many states across the country are preparing to terminate children’s health coverage.

TEEG

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is a very “satisfying feeling,” said Miller, and it connects people to the earth and to each other. It increases their health.

“People will hopefully see these raised beds and wonder, ‘What can I do with a container of my own?’” said Miller.

Anyone interested in the raised beds project can visit TEEG to hear more about their uses. TEEG will also help people start a raised bed of their own.

Be on the lookout for raised beds throughout northeastern Connecticut.

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TEEG’s Executive Director Anne Miller said that the raised beds will “bring beauty” to Thompson, and also bring people together and educate them.



Day Kimball launches holiday drive

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare is holding a warmth and wellness holiday drive to collect personal care items as well as new blankets, mittens, hats and more for those in need across Northeast Connecticut. Donations may be dropped off at Day Kimball Hospital’s Main Entrance (Entrance A) or Visitors Entrance (Entrance D) through Jan. 5. Donations will then be distributed through the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Interfaith Human Services’ food pantry, the DKH Family Advocacy Center and the DKH Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic.

The drive is seeking donations of the following items: first aid items; toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash; shampoo and hair brushes; bar soap, body wash, facecloths and hand towels; hand sanitizer and wet wipes; toilet paper and feminine products; hand warmers and foot powder; laundry detergent; new blankets; toilet or sleeping bags; new bed pillows and pillowcases; new socks and pajamas for both children and adults; and new mittens, hats and scarves for both children and adults.

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East Woodstock Congregational Church art & craft show

WOODSTOCK — The East Woodstock Congregational Church was filled with the sounds and sights of the Holidays on Dec. 2. Twenty-four vendors brought their homemade goods to town and the ladies of the church made a nice light lunch and refreshments for all. This was the fifth annual art show, always held on the first Saturday of December. Over \$1,100 was raised to benefit church activities. If interested in participating in next year's show please contact Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com for more information.



Dylan Chamberlain, from Woodstock, sold his hand forged hooks alongside his grandmother Kathy Chamberlin, who brought crocheted hats.





Kathy Carlson, from Woodstock, was a help to Joanne Stransky, from Putnam, when it came to selling Joanne's handmade reversible bags. Jon Baker, background, with honey and candles.



Susan Brunell, from Woodstock, with her spirit dragonfly beads and custom made jewelry.



Kathy Morin, from North Grosvenordale, displayed handmade greeting cards and other hand-sewn items.



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Gingerbread fun at Thompson Public Library

THOMPSON — Over 200 people attended the Thompson Public Library's Gingerbread Family Fun Event on Wednesday, Dec. 6.



"We come every year," said Glen, pictured with children Brady and Maddie Carlson.



Greg, Jasmina and Adriana Panu with their gingerbread creations.

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Lauri dCicco watches daughter Ella put icing on her gingerbread house's roof.



"It's really fun," said Lucas, pictured with his father Bert Hebert. "We're bringing up ideas that we used last year."

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Savannah Jean-Mann building her gingerbread house.



Samantha, Aaliyah and Nathan Aldrich.



At right "We're improvising," said Ashley, Adam and Emmitt Plona.

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Fritzmas Spectacular at de la Terre



PUTNAM — The de la Terre on South Main Street is hosting a one-of-a-k art exhibit, the “Fritzmas Spectacular.” On Friday, Dec. 15, guests will be able to not only view artist Jonathan Fritz’ collection hanging in the cafe, but get a tour of his studio, which features wall-to-wall paintings. From 6-9 PM, de la Terre will also offer complimentary wine and cheese.

At left: The artwork hanging in de la Terre has a very unique style.



Olivia Richman photos

“Piper.”



“Clams Casino.”



No topic is off limits to Jonathan Fritz.



de la Terre owner Ed Coderre and his son Cole are the new owners: “We want to support the local art scene.”



“Perched on a Birch.”



Guests will be able to enjoy some wine and cheese while checking out Jonathan Fritz’ art on Friday night.

At left: Jonathan Fritz’ artwork gives eating at de la Terre a very artsy and fun feeling.

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Holiday thoughts

If your mind is anything like mine, it is whirl this time of year. I can let my thoughts drift to the people who won't be with us to celebrate, even though I once assumed they always would be here. I can't quite imagine that they are gone, but they are. Suddenly I feel a lump in my throat and wish the holidays were over. I try to summon up images of happy times from the past and let them wash over the sadder moments. I'm grateful for what they gave me while they were alive and for the images I have to remember.

Standing in an overheated hall, surrounded by young families, I listen to my grandchildren sing charming, off-key holiday songs. I wish the program could last forever. I try to engrave the memory of their little faces into my brain before someone steps on my foot and distracts me. One holiday recital rolls into another. I feel in my chest the anxiety I felt ages ago when one of my children was cast as Mary in a church pageant and had to sing solo. She did a fine job, surprising me with her confidence and clear voice. I'm grateful for music and the music teachers who help us sing.

A neighbor spends over thirty hours each year stringing thousands of lights on a Christmas tree on the small green near the Vanilla Bean Café. She gives the gift of her time, her skill as a decorator and the cost of the lights that brighten the late afternoon gloom. And she has done it for more than 20 years. She also decorates a Hospice tree. The flags that fly in the spring on the main streets of a number of local towns and the placards of photos of area veterans lining the streets in Putnam are also the work of area volunteers. I'm grateful for their energy, for the distinctive mark they make on the area and for their examples of selflessness.

As I drive around the region, I enjoy the displays of lights and blow-up characters at private homes. Some places are aglow with so many decorations that I slam on the brakes just to take it in. There is something so generous in covering a house with white or colored lights just to share the wattage with passersby. It's a lot of work and expense to decorate, but people do it over and over. The lights and the bouncy holiday figures shine in the darkness. I'm grateful that people invest so much in decorating their property to mark the holiday season for the rest of us.

Area churches hold holiday fairs. Preparations are extensive and members work for weeks baking tasty things and arranging items for sale. In a matter of hours, it is all over and once the proceeds are counted, there is a moment of celebration before checks are cut to distribute the funds to area organizations that serve the needy. I'm grateful for the chance to work at our church fair and have my minor effort be part of a larger one that helps local people.

As I go about the business of life in our region, I am always touched by the conversations I have, often with strangers, about this column. Every week I sit down and write 600 words about whatever I'm thinking, or a snippet of what I am thinking. Sometimes I'm happy with what I have written, sometimes, not, but the glory of a deadline is that I must hit "send" by the end of the day. I'm grateful for this paper and the flow of ideas I am allowed to share. Thank you, dear readers.



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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

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The Joys and financial challenges of parenthood



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Start building a college fund now

According to the College Board, for the 2016/2017 school year, the average cost of one year at a four-year public college is \$24,610 (for in-state students), while the average cost for one year at a four-year private college is \$49,320 (the total cost of attendance includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other miscellaneous costs). Even if those numbers don't go up (and they are expected to continue increasing), that would come to \$98,440 for a four-year degree at a public college, and \$197,280 at a private university. Oh, and don't forget graduate school.

College costs may seem daunting, especially if you're still paying off your own college loans, but you have about 18 years before your newborn will be a college freshman. By starting today, you can help your children become debt-free college grads. The secret is to save a little each month, take advantage of compound interest, and have a sum waiting for you when your

child is ready for college.

If you start saving \$200 per month from the day your child is born until the day they go off to college you will have \$77,471. On the other side, if start saving the same amount but at a later age like 10, you will only have \$24,566. The earlier you save, the better chance you will have of having more money to put towards your child's education.

Keep saving for retirement

Many well-intentioned parents put saving for retirement on hold while they save for their children's college education. But if you do so, you're potentially sacrificing your own financial well-being. If you postpone saving for retirement, you might miss out on years of tax-deferred growth, and it may be hard to catch up later.

Ideally, you'll want to save regularly for both goals, but if you have limited funds, prioritize saving for retirement. Your child may receive financial aid to pay for college, but there's no such option for you.

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All I want for Christmas is...

I've been complaining about this vacuum I purchased for six months now. I spent all this money and



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the stupid thing sucks... not literally though, and that's the problem. I want to punt it into the pond out back. I haven't bought a new one though. I would apparently just complain about how rotten this vacuum is. Sean and I went out for breakfast Sunday at Deb's in Danielson, and we smarmily got into the discussion about that useless piece of machinery and he said he could buy me a new one for Christmas ...and that's how the fight started.

He didn't understand why it's not ok to buy a woman a vacuum cleaner, but women think it's ok to buy a man a saw or a lawnmower. I said, "Because a vacuum signifies cleaning and it's like you're telling me I don't clean enough, but saws and lawnmowers are fun." "Says who?" he asked. I snapped back with "You have four chainsaws! Doesn't sound like you hate them too much."

No, we didn't actually have an argument about whether gifting a vacuum was a good idea (it's not by the way). In fact, we ended up in hysterics talking about the worst Christmas gifts you could give someone. Here is our list of the Christmas gifts that are probably not the best ideas: vacuum cleaner, gym membership, a one-way bus ticket, gift basket of deodorant, fancy toilet seat, bee keeping starter set, diet books, a puppy, kitten., any pet actually. A casket, cemetery plot, Spanx, acne kit, fake lottery tickets. Rachel asked me if Sean would like a nice shaving kit for Christmas... he has a beard so probably not. Toothpaste or cigarettes are probably a no no...unless the recipient is in prison. Nose hair trimmer, socks, coupons for favors (last minute idea because you didn't shop). One year my father wrapped up a massive box of dishwasher detergent for my mother. She shook that thing for days, trying to guess what it was until she opened it on Christmas... and that's how the fight started.

I know, I know, Christmas isn't really about the presents, Santa Claus, the decorations, overeating and time off from work. For many people, Christmas is a time of sadness. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are depressed at Christmastime when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home. It can also be a time of joy. It can be a season of healing and renewed strength as we head into a new year with high hopes of the year to come being better than the last. The history of giving presents traces back to the three magi bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ child. So give with a thoughtful heart, not a fat wallet. It's not a competition as to who gives the most expensive extravagant gift. It's placing a bit of your heart and soul into someone else's where they look at your gift and think "You know me don't you?" Merry Christmas to all!

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STUDENT MURAL AT WOODSTOCK ACADEMY



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The collaborative mural includes themes from the Spanish language, Mexican culture, and indigenous people.

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At right: Woodstock Academy's Spanish VI and Art Remix classes collaborated on a large mural, hanging in the Center for the Arts.

Connecticut’s Civilian Conservation Corps

First, thank you to everyone who stopped in at the Killingly Historical Center during Killingly’s New England Christmas on Sunday, December 10. Despite the snow and cold, Elaine Tenis, the Center’s director, said that at least 100 people stopped to see Mrs. Claus, browsed through the museum, and shared in the spirit of the season. Thank you all and thanks to Mrs. Santa and all the volunteers who helped make the event so successful.

Second, congratulations to the Killingly High School football team, which captured the Class M championship Monday, December 11 with a win over Joel Barlow and remained undefeated for the season.

I’ve not read nor written very much about what was happening in Northeastern Connecticut or Killingly during the Depression years. Recently I borrowed a book by Martin Podskoch from the Putnam Public Library entitled Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps. It’s quite a lengthy book so I’ve been focusing on the general history and the camps in Eastern Connecticut; I’ve learned quite a lot. My late husband Charles (Chuck) Weaver and I loved to take the children hiking on weekends. Little did we realize that we were benefitting from all the hard work of the CCC.

Podskoch comment-

ed, “With over 13 million unemployed FDR promoted many relief programs that created jobs for the unemployed. The Emergency Conservation Work Act, better known as Civilian Conservation Corps, was the first such program passed by Congress in 1933 during Roosevelt’s first ‘One Hundred Days’ and is also considered his most successful program...During its nine years 3 million young men worked conserving our natural resources throughout our country and possessions.” (p.11).

States received quotas based on their populations. Connecticut’s was 3,250 men. “From this number 3,000 were young unmarried men between 18-25 years old and 250 were local experienced men.” (Later the ages were changed from 17-23). When World War I veterans were added, Connecticut’s quota was increased by 500 men. Men could be sent anywhere so not all the men in a camp were from a given state. By June 30, 1935 Connecticut had 21 CCC camps; neighboring Rhode Island had 7. California had the most with 155; my home state of Pennsylvania had the second most with 113.

The CCC camp closest to Killingly, Camp Lonegran, was situated in Pachaug State Forest in Voluntown and was founded June 6, 1933.



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“Enrollees set up their tents on a brush-covered field next to Mt. Misery Brook. It became the home for 250 enrollees. The camp commander was Captain Leslie Cartwright and C. H. Tracy was the superintendent. The enrollees lived in tents until mid-September when they moved into new wooden barracks.” Projects included constructing an entrance road to the park, constructing the No. 1 trail, removal of dead trees, constructing firebreaks along the CT/RI border, constructing water holes, clearing brush along roads and building roads, constructing 33 recreation areas, constructing telephone lines to assist in forest fire prevention, and much more including harvesting the abundant white cedars... After the State purchased a used shingle mill, “the mill was able to produce up to a thousand shingles an hours...(which) were then used for state construction projects.” The men at Camp Lonegren also planted thousands of trees, constructed the dam at Green Falls Pond and worked on picnic and bathing areas at Hopeville Pond. I could go on but my main intent

is to give you an overview of the huge scope of their work. (See Chapter 22).

The men engaged in a variety of recreational activities including softball, tennis, volleyball, and horseshoes. One of their recreational pastimes was football and “in the fall of 1935 the football team won the Eastern Semi-Pro Championship. They played the following teams: Franklyn, Mass., Stafford Springs, State College Freshmen “B” team, Danielson Townie, Norwich Ramblers, and Jewett City.”

I also learned that Natchaug State Forest in Eastford had been the site of another camp, Camp Fernow. This “Company 183 was organized June 5, 1933 at Fort Wright on Fishers Island, NY about six miles off the coast of New London. Capt. Phatt commanded the company...The camp was named after Bernhard Fernow who is considered the father of American forestry... At first enrollees traveled to camp from Rt. 44, then south on Chaplin Rd (Rt. 198), then... on to Pilfershire and Kingsbury Roads. On the later “they passed the Nathaniel Lyon Memorial on the right that contains a large stone fireplace and chimney. These remains were the birthplace and home of General Nathaniel Lyon who was the first Union general killed in the Civil War. In 1861

he died in the battle of Wilson’s Creek where he is credited with saving Missouri for the Union.” Many improvements were made during the years the CCC camp was located there. (See Chapter 9 for additional information). Perhaps you know someone who was an enrollee in one of the camps. Please feel free to share any stories that you have.

When I mentioned the Civilian Conservation Corps to my 97-year old mother Maud Markunas, she said that she knew of two of their projects in my hometown of Dauphin, Pennsylvania (just north of Harrisburg, the state capital). She said the men had constructed the road we lived on (on the side of a mountain) and had erected a retaining wall where a narrow road cut into the side of the mountain.

How nice it has been for the Town to celebrate. In addition to celebrating Killingly’s championship football team, Killingly residents, family and friends recently rejoiced with a young Killingly man of Pratt Road, Daniel Amarante, age 22. Daniel’s Christmas display on over an acre of land including 160,000 lights, 43 inflatable characters, 36 trees, and a special memorial display in memory of his late father Joseph Amarante was one of those featured on December 4 in “The Great Christmas Light Fight” program on ABC. Contestants from around the country were compet-

ing for the \$50,000 prize. I knew in advance that the program was to be on so settled myself into my easy chair to watch--and held my breath in anticipation when the winner was announced. How exciting it was to have Daniel win! He’s already planned to donate a portion of his winnings to charity. The displays of the late Mervin Whipple had been his inspiration. It’s so nice to know that another generation of young and “young at heart” can have a chance to have a special magical holiday experience.

Volunteers wanted: Are you an accurate typist? Would you like to hone some office skills? If so, the Killingly Historical Center could be the perfect fit for you. Any help would be appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250, email Director Elaine Tenis at Elaine@killinglyhistorical.org. or stop in at the Center.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, December, 2017. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.

SCRABBLE

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“Mortified,” Jensen decided to look into playing Scrabble online. She learned by playing with people with a “higher rating” than she did.

And she learned that it was more than just “connecting words.”

Here are some of the competitive strategies you can bring to Scrabble Meet at the Putnam Public Library, as told to me by Jensen:

1) Learn the point values of the letters you’re playing with: “For instance, the Z is 10 points. The J is worth 8 points. The X is 10 points. Depending on where you place those, you

can make a two letter word and get more than 64 points. To play strategically you need to learn the board.”

2) Familiarize yourself with two and three letter words: “There’s a list of two and three letter words that are acceptable in Scrabble. It’s very good for any player who is serious about playing the game to familiarize with those words. It can make or break a game.”

3) Know your opponent: “I like to play one on one with someone, to see what their play style is. I know how many blocks there are of each letter, but some and can use what’s already on the board to know

what letter still available. But some people can go even further and figure out which letter the other person probably has, and determine what words to write from there.”

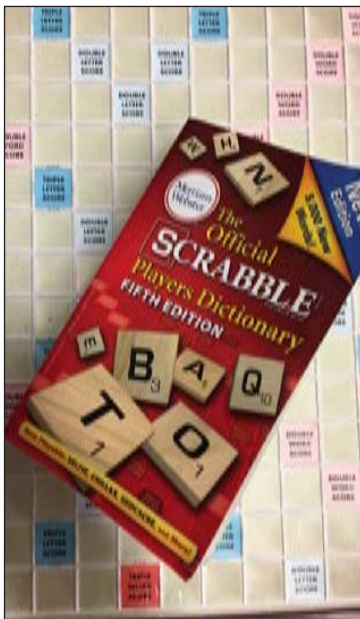
4) Learn the board: “You don’t have to have a great vocabulary to play a good game of Scrabble. If you know the point value of the letter and placing it strategically, you can score high points just by knowing what to do with the letters, instead of just placing it anywhere.”

5) Get rid of high point letters as soon as possible: “You can to get them on the board at the beginning of the game. At

the end of the game, if you’re hanging onto a 10 point letter and your opponent’s score is close to yours, they could end up winning if they run out of letters first and you still have it on your rack. The game ends by someone running out of letters first, and you have to subtract the points value of the letters left on your rack from your score.”

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Join the Putnam Public Library for a competitive and social game of Scrabble every Monday night.



BOWEN

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a person closer to nature, which I feel we personally all need.”

What’s the story behind your wall art with the deer pieces inside of a circle made of sticks?

“I call that ‘Circle of Life.’ Deer, which is what the skull, hooves and antlers are from... Deer energy is really good medicine. It’s about gentle love. It’s about family. The circle of family is really represented in that piece. The skull is from the doe, which is the matriarch. And the antlers are from the buck, the father. The little hoof on the bottom is from a fawn. It really encompasses the whole family and life cycle of the deer.”

How do you choose what the art will look like and what you will do with the animal parts?

“As far as art design, that I try to meditate with the piece, with the item. I want to see if there’s something that comes to me. But each individual animal, when I come across them, it’s almost always road kill. When I stop to pick them up, I sort of ask what should be done. Sometimes it’s just moving it off the road, so they’re in a better resting place. Other times, I feel I have permission to use it. At that point, like the raccoon purse for example, as I’m skinning it I’m open to any-

thing that it might have to say. Sometimes I’ll get a story of that particular raccoon. Other times it’s just a gentle feeling of what it wants used. I try to honor the animal and what I feel they want. I’ve passed up some beautiful items because I didn’t feel permission.”

You’ve said the process of preserving, which you learned on your own, is very difficult. How did you learn to do it?

“It’s one thing watching a video. It’s another getting your hands in it and making it happen. There’s really 50 ways to do it, depending on who you listen to. You have to just experience it. You have to pay attention and learn as you go. I’m still learning. Eight years in, I’m no expert. I can walk someone through skinning something, but perfection takes many hours. And there’s so many variables.”

What were you doing for a living before becoming an artist full time?

“There were a lot of years I didn’t do any art. I just ended an 18-year landscaping career last fall. Prior to that I did many other secular jobs...”

Were you always artistic?

“As a kid I was very artistic. I wasn’t very social. I spent a lot of time with art. But I was a father at 19... Art took a back



“Circle of Life,” by Tom Bowen, tells the life story of deer.

seat. I went to work and did what I could. When this opportunity came to me – to start this art – it was just a personal passion. I found myself more and more immersed in it. With encouragement of others and popularity of items, I figured I’d try it full time.”

How do you feel that you’re able to work on your art full time now?

“It’s a great privilege really.”

Were you always spiritual?

“Absolutely. I think I was probably born with it. As far back as I can remember, much more at home outside and with creatures.”

Olivia Richman may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 112 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com



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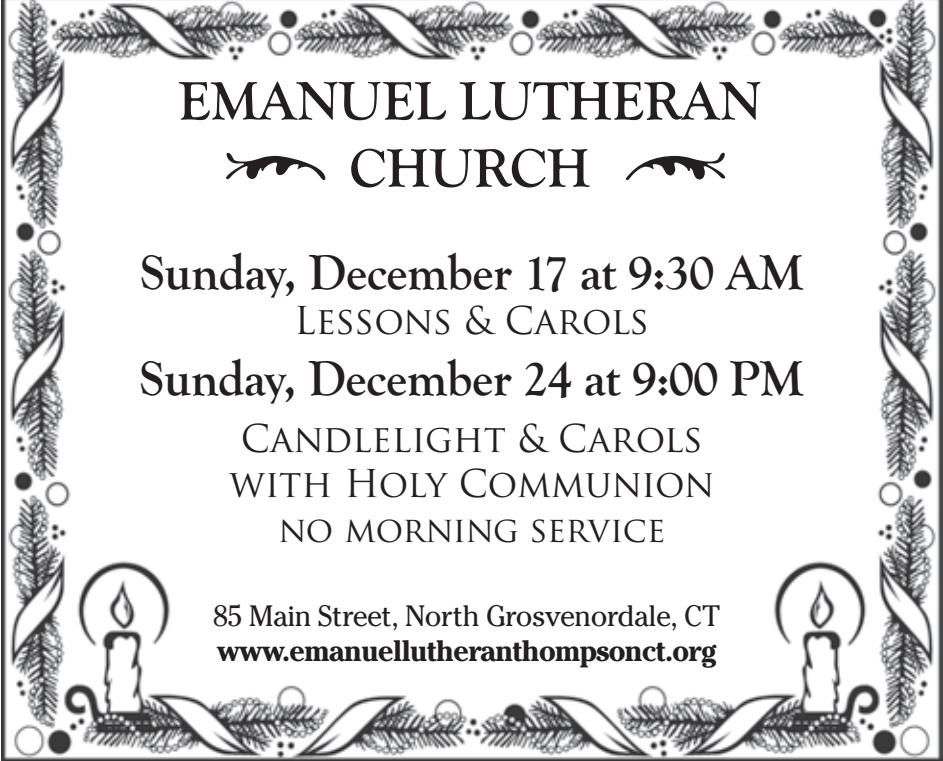
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Holiday Church Guide

Pastor Greg Gray



There is one service that I hate to preach each year more than any other... Christmas! I know this may sound odd to many of you, but just think about it, the stories are incredible: angels singing in the sky to a group of frightened shepherds, a pregnant virgin, an inn with no room so the couple seek shelter in the cattle stalls, swaddling clothes, a baby in a manger, and some churches even add in to the Christmas story magi traveling long distance to give priceless gifts to the child. For many people who know no other stories from the Bible these Christmas stories are still familiar. So, what am I supposed to say regarding a story that is so well known and so emotionally laden for many.

I turn on the news each night when I come home from the church, and every night there is something, if not a whole hour's worth of somethings, that is just bad news: another murder, another bombing, another mass shooting, another person who has been sexually assaulted. Every night we see clearly that we seem further and further apart from our neighbors: politically, socially, economically. We have backed into our corners where we don't even talk to people who think or act differently from us. This sense of us versus them can lead to isolation, our days can seem so short and our nights so long and cold. However, I am reminded of another part of the Christmas story from the gospel of Saint John, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)." We need this hope of Christmas. Hope that says there is a new start coming. Hope that shows us that no matter how long and cold the night that the Light will shine again. The darkness will not overcome the Light.

However, we all know that Christmas comes and goes just like every year. We cannot afford to have the hope we need born into our lives this year and then pass us by. The hope of Christmas shows us that things have to change. Some of you may be familiar with the writings of Howard Thurman, Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University (1953-1965). One of my favorite poems by Thurman tells us what the work of Christmas is really about. He writes:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among [neighbors],
To make music in the heart.

Friends, God has work for us to do. Christmas is just the beginning. The real work starts when we are through singing Silent Night and we have put the decorations back in the basement. Our world needs us to be the hope of Christmas. The hope that says there is a better world on the way for everyone because a baby was born.

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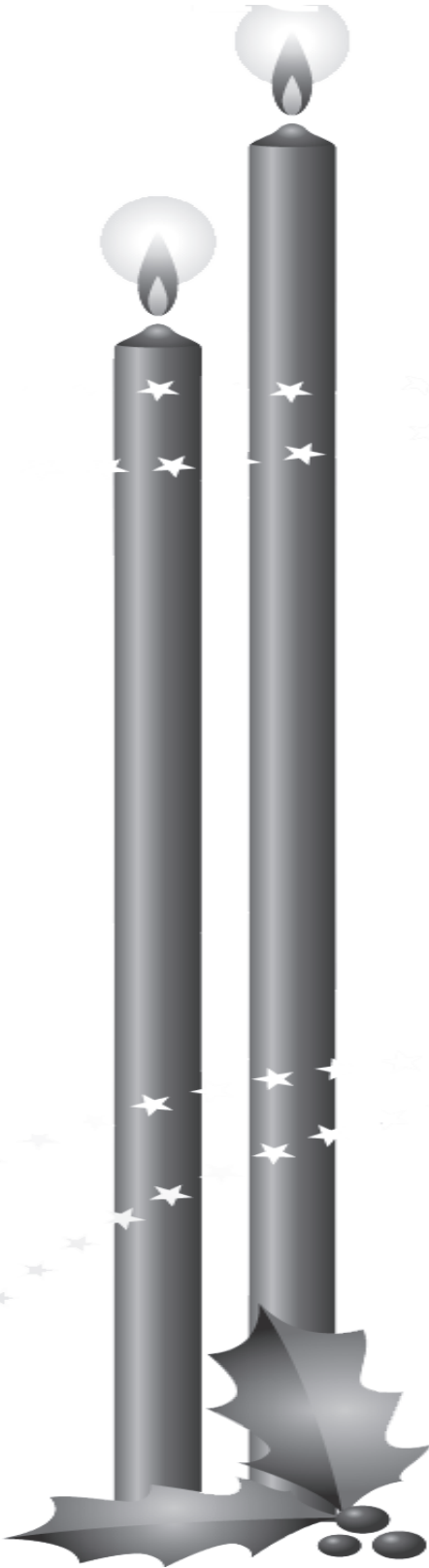
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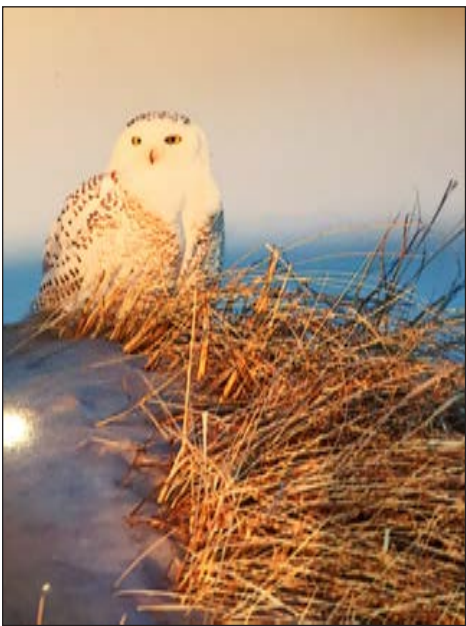
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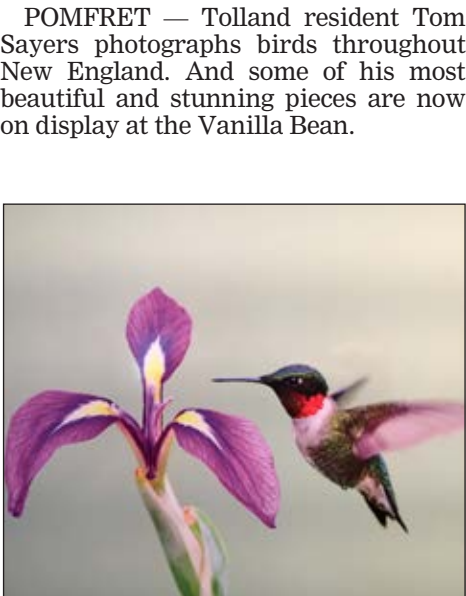
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“Osprey.”

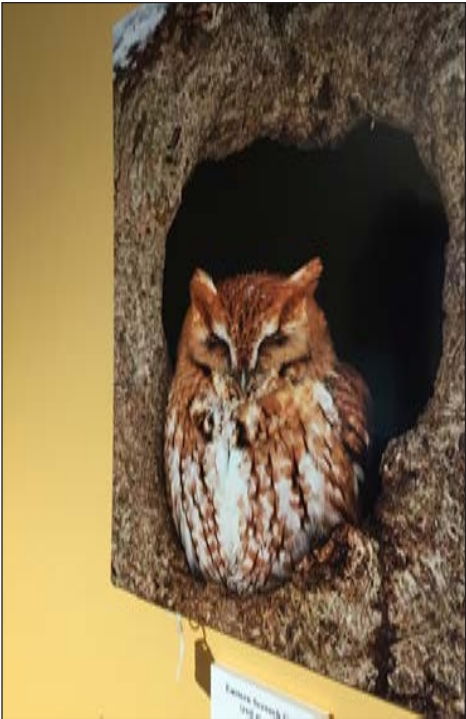


“Ruby throated hummingbird with Iris.”



Olivia Richman photos

“Northern cardinal in the snow.”



“Eastern screech owl.”



“Blue Jay.”



“Eastern bluebird on teasel.”



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“Barred Owl nesting at the nest hole.”



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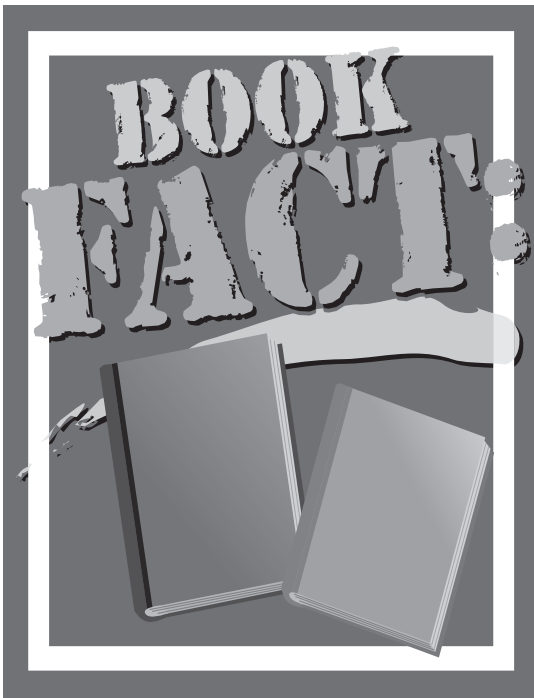


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KILLINGLY
Sunday, Dec. 3
David Davis, 41, of 34 Dog Hill Road, Killingly, was charged with water pollution control (discharge wastes), unauthorized dumping, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief
Tuesday, Dec. 5
Christopher Robert Harding, 21, of 1052 North Road, Dayville, was charged with larceny (second degree – motor vehicle theft), first degree robbery and second degree assault
Thursday, Dec. 7
Sarah M Partridge, 44, of 27B Sayles Avenue, Killingly, was charged with criminal trespassing and sixth degree larceny
DANIELSON
Sunday, Dec. 3
Joseph C Sandman, 38, of 199 Cranberry Bog, Danielson, was charged with water pollution control (discharge wastes), unauthorized dumping, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief
Thursday, Dec. 7
Michael Francisco Fratus, 24, of 15 Carter Street, Danielson, was charged with criminal trespassing and sixth degree larceny
THOMPSON
Sunday, Dec. 3
Joseph Brooks, 59, of 57 Bull Hill Road, N. Grosvernodale, was charged with disorderly conduct (violent threat) and third degree assault
Putnam Police Department
Monday, Dec. 4
Shae Hoxie, 31, of no certain address, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd (three counts), Failure to Appear 1st, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Narcotics outside the Original Container,
Tuesday, Dec. 5
Tyler Lane, 23, of 282 Providence St. Putnam, was charged with Violation of a Protective Order.
Wednesday, Dec. 6
Christopher Harding, 22, of no certain address, was charged with Larceny 2nd, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Robbery 1st, Disorderly Conduct, Breach of Peace, Threatening 2nd.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

POMFRET

Monday, Dec. 18
Selectmen’s Meeting, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Senior Center
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Planning and Zoning, 7 p.m., Old Town House
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

PUTNAM

Monday, Dec. 18
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Dec. 21
Putnam Facilities Study Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Dec. 18
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m, Town Hall
Planning & Zoning planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Dec. 21
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Thompson Public Library
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Louis P. Faucher Committee Center

EASTFORD

Monday, Dec. 18
Clean Energy, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Dec. 18
Agriculture Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall
Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Dec. 21
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Killingly Library seeks volunteers

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The Friends of the Killingly Library are looking for volunteers. Their goal is to bring more people to the library, and provide the community with practical – and fun – things to do and see. They fund craft nights. They host seminars. And they donate museum and state park passes for library patrons to use. They also help out the library by cleaning the shelves and gardening. But the Friends are hoping to do bigger and better things next year. They just need the volunteers to do so. If you’re still not sure volunteering for the Friends is right for you, they will be hosting a social on January 20, to show people what they do and how they can get involved. There will also be a local author speaking at the event, as well as refreshments. This social gathering is what got current Friends treasurer Robin Lofquist involved a year ago. Retired, Lofquist has always had a love of books. She was at the library practically every week. She’d even worked for a book distributor for many years. It seemed like the right fit. “I love to contribute to the library, and interact with people, meeting new friends,” she said. “It’s a great opportunity to work with the community and provide entertainment for families.” She also enjoys the flexibility of being a Friends member. She can set her own hours and pick what she helps out with. People can join even if they only have one hour a month to give. Whether you enjoy gardening or working with kids, there’s something for

everyone. At the moment there are about 40 members, but only about five to ten core people actively participate each month. “We’re really ambitious and want to do so much more,” said Lofquist. “So we’re hoping to have more volunteers so we can do these things for the community.” One thing they want to do is clean up the library’s grounds. They feel the gardening is not up to par and needs some maintenance, including weeding and mulching. They also want to provide more programming and passes next year than ever before. The library is always getting requests for various events and passes, and the Friends want to fulfill those wishes. They just need more people to make it happen. “The library is such a critical part of American cul-

ture,” said Lofquist. “It’s a great place to socialize. It’s the cross-section of a great town. There’s so many people coming in and out. It’s a really friendly village.” She also noted the interesting history of libraries. Once only for the rich, Ben Franklin made the first lending library back in the 1700s in Philadelphia. “There are so many people who still love paper books,” she continued, “but the library has adapted well with computers, photo copiers . . . We help with online research and tax forms . . . The library really has whatever people need.” If you’re interested in joining the Friends of the Killingly Library, contact the library at (860) 779-5383.

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2017 Student Leadership Awards presented



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From left, Crystal Adams, Viktor Toth, Wendy Durand, and George Dimopoulos.

Woodstock playground committee receives donation

WOODSTOCK — Viktor Toth, Woodstock Superintendent, along with Wendy Durand, Woodstock Middle School principal, and Crystal Adams, Woodstock Playground Committee Chair, recently received a check for \$1,000 from Bank Hometown Woodstock Branch Manager George Dimopoulos. With this donation, the Woodstock Playground Committee is now over half of the way to their \$100,000 goal. The playground will be located behind the Woodstock Middle School and is well designed for older children. It will also be available for area families and children to enjoy when classes are not in session. In addition, families at the adjacent sports fields will be able to use the playground during practices and games. “We are very grateful for the support and trust Bank Hometown has shown us,” said Adams. “They have also generously allowed us to use their coin-counting machine during our recent Pennies for Playgrounds fundraiser. We look forward to inviting them to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the playground next year.”



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Front row, from left, Dylan Bryniarski, Lily Peckham. Back row, from left, Katherine Poirier, Rhiannon Martin, Michaela Godzik, and Joseph Bogoslofski

THOMPSON — The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents presented its 2017 Student Leadership Awards to six students from Thompson Public Schools on Dec. 5 at Killingly High School. Two students from each Thompson school received the honors for their roles as peer models and leaders, and their commitment to the community. Principals joined Superintendent Melinda Smith to applaud Dylan Bryniarski and Lily Peckham, grade 4 students at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School, 8th-grade students Rhiannon Martin and Katherine Poirier of Thompson Middle School, and Joseph Bogoslofski and Michaela Godzik, grade 12, of Tourtellotte Memorial High School. “They’re making Thompson proud,” Smith said, congratulating the students on their prestigious awards. “It gives them a chance to shine.” The CAPSS honors were presented by superintendents and school leaders representing 13 districts and academies in the state. Tourtellotte Memorial High School Principal Megan Baker said the ceremony creates a tradition of building bonds in all Thompson Public Schools, from elementary through high school. Mary R. Fisher Elementary School Principal Noveline Beltram agreed, adding that in Thompson, “We have leaders at all three levels.” Christopher Scott, principal of Thompson Middle School, described the students as “dynamite individuals . . . I know they will continue to be successful no matter what they do - it’s just their character.” “The impact they have on our culture and climate is far-reaching,” Baker said.

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, December 18 - Hot Dog/bun,ham/cheese sandwich, yogurt parfait w/ pretzel tater-tots, baked beans garden salad
Tuesday, December 19 - Cheese pizza,sunbutter and jelly sandwich ~ yogurt parfait w/ pretzel,cucumber wheels, garden salad
Wednesday, December 20 - Holiday chicken nuggets w/ mashed potatoes and dinner roll Turkey/Cheese sandwich,yogurt parfait w/ pretzel,celery sticks, garden salad
Thursday, December 21 - Mozzarella cheese sticks w/ dipping sauce,toasted cheese,yogurt parfait w/ pretzel,broccoli crowns, garden salad
Friday, December 22 - EARLY RELEASE DAY: ham/cheese sandwich, baby carrots w/ ranch dip mayo, potato chips, 100% Juice Or yogurt bag lunch: vanilla yogurt, cheese stick, muffin, baby carrots w/dip 100% fruit juice

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, December 18 – Cheesy pizza sticks, served with marinara sauce and Italian green bean salad, breakfast: mini waffles
Tuesday, December 19 - Brunch for lunch, French toast sticks, turkey sausage, tater tots & grape tomatoes, breakfast: breakfast roll
Wednesday, December 20 - Sloppy Joe on WG roll, served with corn and oven baked French fries. Breakfast: mini pancakes
Thursday, December 21 - BBQ roasted chicken, served with seasoned brown rice and three bean salad. Breakfast: breakfast roll
Friday, December 22 - Meatball and cheese wrap sandwich served with baby carrots and cucumber wheels with ranch dip. Breakfast: saus. waffle

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, December 18 – Wolf meal: beef burger w/ cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato seasoned Curly Fries, 100% juice sherbet.



Tuesday, December 19 – Zesty orange popcorn or plain chicken rice bowl, WG chicken bites tossed in an orange glaze served over a bed of brown rice and broccoli
Wednesday, December 20 - Holiday feast: Roast turkey W/ gravy creamy mashed potatoes corn, WG dinner roll WG special cookie
Thursday, December 21 - Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup cheddar goldfish crackers baby carrots w/ hummus
Friday, December 22 – ½ day special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad w/cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, December 18 - Hamburger or cheeseburger (w/ lettuce, tomato, pickle), roasted red potato roasted squash. Alt. main pizza (plain or pepperoni).
Tuesday, December 19 - Shepard's pie, garlic breadstick, baked beans, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, pickles).
Wednesday, December 20 - Mac & cheese, pretzel, carrots, alt. main pizza (plain or pepperoni).
Thursday, December 21 - Meatball grinder, spaghetti sauce, peppers, onions, cheese hearty Vegetable Soup Roasted brussel sprouts, Alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (let, tom, pickles).
Friday, December 22 - EARLY RELEASE - Popcorn chicken, zesty or plain, Asian stir-fried rice, roasted broccoli.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, December 18 – Hot dog/wheat bun, baked beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 19 – Waffle stix, hash browns, breakfast sausage, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 20 – Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, waxed beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 21 – Pasta & meatballs, steamed carrots, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 22 – Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk.



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NEW BRITAIN — Killingly High's players celebrate their 44-14 win over Joel Barlow High in the Class M state championship game on Monday night.

A perfect finish



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Killingly's Zack Burgess is off to the races on a 26-yard touchdown run in the third quarter against Joel Barlow High in the Class M state championship game on Monday night at Veterans Stadium in New Britain. Undefeated Killingly won 41-14 to finish the season with a perfect record of 13-0.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN — In the biggest game of his career Spencer Lockwood limped into halftime of the Class M state championship game with a badly sprained right ankle. So Killingly High would have to hang on against Joel Barlow High with a teammate who had run for over 3,000 yards this season but was now a sitting duck. On Monday night at Veterans Stadium, Lockwood turned out to be the best decoy in the history of Killingly High football.

"They were keying Spencer and he hurt his ankle in the second quarter," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "He was limited so we had to look for other ways to use Spencer as a decoy."

The Redmen pulled together in the second half against Joel Barlow — just like they've done through 13 games this season.

"It's a team effort. The offensive line opens the holes. The receivers block. It's just a team effort," Neal said. "That's what we are, is a team. I know you hear about Spencer Lockwood, but he's the ultimate team player. And this is a team — and this is a team of destiny this year."

One player's injury is another's opportunity — senior fullback Zach Caffrey rushed for a career-best 189 yards to help top-seeded and undefeated Killingly capture the Class M champion-

ship in a 41-14 victory over sixth-seeded Joel Barlow. The win made Lockwood's ankle feel much better.

"It's OK because Zach (Caffrey) played great. He stepped up big-time. Everyone else stepped up big-time," Lockwood said. "I couldn't be more proud of this team. Coach said I was going to be a decoy for the second half and I was perfectly OK with that because I'm just glad that we got that win out here."

The victory completed Killingly's season with a perfect record of 13-0 — with a perfect complement of teammates.

"That's what these guys are, they're the most unselfish group of kids in the world," Neal said. "That's what it's about. They're unselfish. And they want to win and they put the team win before them."

Senior tight end Jake Gauthier said Killingly football is all about picking each other up.

"We preach a lot that if someone goes down you've got to step up, even if it's someone like Spencer, someone's got to fill the role," Gauthier said. "We just preach to step up."

Lockwood rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries in the first half as Killingly built a 27-14 lead at the intermission. But the senior running back twisted his right ankle in the second quarter and with a heavily taped ankle he carried the football just four times for 11 yards in the second

half. Enter Caffrey — the fullback who spends most of his time opening holes for Lockwood. In the second half Caffrey ran for 110 yards and one touchdown on seven carries including an 86-yard touchdown run with 1:20 left in the third quarter that stretched Killingly's lead to 41-14.

Senior receiver Zack Burgess also rose to the occasion. He finished with 59 yards on three carries including a 26-yard touchdown run on a reverse with 5:25 remaining in the third quarter that pushed Killingly's lead to 34-14.

"The offensive line opened some great holes and they got the job done," Neal said. "The team got the job done."

Alex Stillman rushed for 144 yards and one touchdown for Joel Barlow (9-4). Cal Peterson added 111 yards and one touchdown on the ground on 14 carries for the Falcons. Barlow scored both its touchdowns in the first quarter but Killingly shut out the Falcons the rest of the way.

"The defense responded and got the job done," Neal said.

It's time to retire the myth that Killingly football can't compete with the rest of the state.

"It's what they've been through as kids. What they've had to fight, and believing in themselves," Neal said. "That's what this game's about — is perseverance, dedication — but more importantly it's about caring for one

KILLINGLY 41, JOEL BARLOW 14

Joel Barlow	14	0	0	0-14
Killingly	7	20	14	0-41

FIRST QUARTER

K-Spencer Lockwood 63 run
(Luke Desaulnier kick) 10:39
JB-Cal Peterson 43 run
(Mike Puglio kick) 9:21
JB-Alex Stillman 76 run
(Puglio kick) 2:26

SECOND QUARTER

K-Lockwood 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 5:40
K-Desaulnier 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 2:09
K-Vasileios Politis 8 pass from Desaulnier
(kick failed) :06

THIRD QUARTER

K-Zack Burgess 26 run
(Desaulnier kick) 5:25
K-Zach Caffrey 86 run
(Desaulnier kick) 1:20

	Joel Barlow	Killingly
First Downs	10	14
Rushes-yards	42-352	44-375
Passing	0	12
Sacked-yds lost	2-12	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	0-6-0	2-2-0
Punts-Avg.	3-24	3-26
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	2-10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- JB: Trevor Fuller 11-35;
Stillman 10-144, TD; Peterson 14-111, TD;
Will Cusick 6-60; Henry Eubanks 1-2.
K: Desaulnier 5-18, TD;
Lockwood 18-109, 2 TD;
Caffrey 18-189, TD; Burgess 3-59, TD.

PASSING- JB: Fuller 0-6-0.
K: 2-2-0 for 12, TD.

RECEIVING-K: Politis 1-8, TD;
Lockwood 1-4.

another. And these guys care about each other. And when you care about something, you care about somebody else, you're going to do something for them. And that's what those guys did. They cared about each other and they did it for each other."

The Redmen won the Class M state championship in 1996. They also took home the Class M title in 1981. Before Monday night, Killingly last finished with an undefeated record in 1953 — 64 years later there was no way a sprained ankle would deny them another perfect finish.

"I can't say enough about these kids. They wanted it. They knew it," Neal said. "You could see they wouldn't be denied today. And they weren't."

The only imperfection of this perfect season was that it came to an end on Monday night.

"I'm going to miss not being with them tomorrow at practice because it was a special time and it doesn't happen often. And when it does, you enjoy it," Neal said. "This has been a special group. It's something I'll never forget."

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The unsung heroes on Killingly's line

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN — Killingly won the Class M state championship via the ground this season. It all started with the offensive line — the unsung workers in the pit who made the Redmen's running game go. Senior tight end Jake Gauthier didn't catch a pass in Killingly's 41-14 victory over Joel Barlow High in the title game on Monday night at Veterans Stadium — he didn't care. The championship season couldn't have gone better — with his team finishing with a record of 13-0.

"We're undefeated. It's a perfect season, if you will, as far as record-wise," Gauthier said. "I'm blown away."

Senior running back Spencer Lockwood rushed for 3,162 yards and 46 touchdowns on 381 carries this season, averaging 8.3 yards per carry. Senior fullback Zach Caffrey ran for 1,103 yards and 13 touchdowns on 125 carries, averaging 8.8 yards per carry. Lockwood was thankful for the line that helped him achieve his rushing totals and allowed him to win the Gatorade Football Player of the Year award for the state of Connecticut.

"The line has played phenomenal all year. They played great today. No one could stop these kids all year," Lockwood said. "They're the reason that I got Gatorade Player of the Year. I think the award should really go to them."

Junior right guard Matt Phelan rarely gets the spotlight but that doesn't bother him because Lockwood and Caffrey are in his backfield.

"It does feel nice to get recognition but to be honest it doesn't matter to me. If no one



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Ethan Canova, center, and Michael DiRuscio, second from left, were part of the Redmen's dominant offensive line this season.

even knows my name that's fine. First off I've just got to say blocking for those two has been a dream these past two years," Phelan said. "I am honored to be in this position with them. I can't put into words what I feel for this team."

Zach Caffrey's father, Killingly assistant coach Chad Caffrey, has a barn outfitted with weight training equipment. Phelan has been one of the many dedicated adherents to Killingly's strength training

program.

"It started all with those nights in the barn and just lifting and working and grinding," Phelan said. "It's amounted to this and I'm so thankful for everyone on this team."

Senior right tackle Alex Fontaine was happy to see Zach Caffrey eclipse the 1,000-yard barrier. Caffrey ran for 189 yards on 18 carries against Joel Barlow to put him in the 1,000-yard club.

"I'm very proud knowing

that Zach has over 1,000 yards. Spencer has, I think, what? — over 3,000 yards — it's just a lot of pride we have for our running backs to get that many yards. They do a lot of the work. We do a lot of the work," Fontaine said. "It's a give-and-take type of situation. We just love each other and would do anything for each other."

Fontaine didn't get much attention over his career — so what was his motivation? The payoff came as the team hud-

dled with the Class M state title plaque.

"It's not a very glamorous position," Fontaine said. "But we just won the state championship — so who cares?"

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Surviving and thriving after cancer

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DATELINE — One year ago Vasileios Politis watched Killingly High football games from the sideline — wearing a hoodie to shield his hairless head from unwanted attention, a smooth scalp showing the side effects of the chemotherapy treatment he needed in his fight against Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Five years ago Killingly head coach Chad Neal won his own battle with cancer. On Monday night the senior receiver and his coach embraced on the turf of Veterans Stadium following Killingly's 41-14 victory over Joel Barlow in the Class M state championship — a come-back for both cancer survivors.

"Coach is like a father. He's like a father to all of us," Politis said. "It's just a special connection. We both value things in a different perspective. This is all the more surreal for the both of us."

A life lesson that stretched way beyond the end zone.

"It just teaches you about perseverance. If you want something bad enough and you want to work for it, you work for it," said Neal, in his 14th season. "You believe in yourself and you believe in the people around you. That's what it was about. I had the scare with cancer in 2012 and it made me appreciate and kind of change . . . just to lay everything on the line because you never know."

Politis's battle with cancer renewed the urgency of living in the moment.

"With what happened with



Charlie Lentz photo

Vasileios Politis and coach Chad Caffrey celebrate Killingly's win in the state championship game on Monday night.

V.P., it just reinforced that every day is a gift," Neal said.

Politis's perseverance was rewarded in the championship game. With Killingly leading Joel Barlow 21-14 and time running out in the first half, the Redmen reached the Falcons 8-yard line. On second-and-seven from the 8, junior quarterback Luke Desaulnier saw Politis open in the left flat and tossed him the football. Politis snared it and stretched the ball over the goal line with six seconds left in half, giving

Killingly a 27-14 lead at the intermission.

"There's no way I'm not scoring, that's what I was thinking. For my team, for the community, for everybody that came out, I was scoring no matter what," Politis said. "I was going to find a way."

Perhaps the touchdown was just as important to his coach.

"So special to call his number," Neal said. "A year ago the kid was going through chemotherapy, fighting for his life."

Politis was diagnosed in

March of 2016. He battled for nearly one year and was officially declared in remission in February of 2017. Politis isn't a big guy, listed at just 5-foot-7 and 170 pounds, and he's regained the weight and stamina he lost while undergoing treatment.

"I was 40 pounds less than I am right now. And I was walking with two crutches, I had to have help too," Politis said. "It was awful. I was in bed. I was always inside. I couldn't get up on my own."

Killingly senior tight end Jake Gauthier said Neal and Politis have shown that lessons learned on the gridiron can transcend the game.

"I'm so proud of them. It's something that's unbelievably hard to deal with in your life in every which way, in every facet of it. Just for them to pull through and be so strong, I'm just beyond thankful that they made it through and beat it," Gauthier said. "The biggest thing I can take to bring for the rest of my life from football is that no matter what is thrown at you, if you have a family that comes together around you, or a community that comes together around you, like we did when we found out when V.P. got sick, we just rallied around him and we rallied around each other. If you surround yourself with quality people, a family-type atmosphere — no matter where you go — if you find the closest friends, you'll be alright."

Neal and Politis are cancer free. They are state champions. Last Monday night was a good one for a pair of cancer survivors. Considering the alternative — Tuesday morning wasn't so bad either.

"Today's the best day. And tomorrow's going to be the best day. And the day after is going to be the best day," Neal said. "But right now this is the best day — and the best feeling in the world."

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Killingly's QB is a patient passer

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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NEW BRITAIN — Luke Desaulnier didn't throw many passes this season and he's fine with that. The number that was most important to Killingly High's junior quarterback was 13 — the Redmen capped an undefeated season with their 13th victory in a 41-14 victory over Joel Barlow High in the Class M state championship game on Monday night at Veterans Stadium.

Desaulnier had the chance to throw just two passes against Joel Barlow and he completed both of them, including an eight-yard touchdown toss to senior receiver Vasileios Politis with :06 left in the second quarter, giving the Redmen a 27-14 lead at halftime.

Politis sat out last season while battling Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Desaulnier took special pride in being able to connect with him for a touchdown and had a feeling the play would catch Joel Barlow off guard.

"I knew it because everyone's run-heavy on us because we're a great running team," Desaulnier said. "I knew 'V' would be wide open and I was just happy I could give him one last touchdown before the end of his career. I knew he would catch it. In moments like this he never disappoints. You've got to know when 'V' gets the ball and it's about to be in the end zone he's

going to put everything on the line for us to score."

Over 13 games this season Desaulnier completed 29-of-44 passes for 415 yards and 11 touchdowns with two interceptions. He passed sparingly but that didn't matter.

"I'm all about winning. If I didn't get to throw the ball once this year and we still won this championship I would have been perfectly happy," Desaulnier said. "It's great to win."

To put Desaulnier's numbers in perspective versus a team that relies on an aerial attack — in Killingly's 41-32 victory over Capital Prep on Nov. 16 — Capital Prep quarterback Kyle Zajack completed 31-of-53 passes for 462 yards and five touchdowns. In that one game Zajack had more passing attempts, more completions, and threw for more yards than Desaulnier accumulated in all three categories over 13 games.

When your team features a runner with 3,162 rushing yards this season (Spencer Lockwood) and another with 1,103 yards (Zach Caffrey) it's not necessary to throw the football with abandon. Desaulnier threw only two passes in Killingly's state championship victory but coach Chad Neal called for a pass with time running out in the first half — and the touchdown toss to Politis was worth the wait for Killingly's patient quarterback.

"It was really nice," Desaulnier said. "Going into the game I was like 'We're going to run the ball, run the ball, run the ball.' And I'm like thinking to myself 'Maybe we're not going to pass.' And then when (coach Neal) called

that play I was like 'Yeah' — I knew we were going to score on that."

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

December 16, Sat., 7am-11am

Putnam Elks Riders breakfast with Santa. 12 and under \$5, over 12 \$7 Putnam Elks Lodge, 64 Edmond St.

December 16, Sat., 10am

Cookbook club is meeting for a cookie swap (4 dozen) and Yankee swap (\$15). Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

December 17, Sun., 1-2:30pm

The Last Green Valley's free Acorn Adventure, starting at Killingly River Trail's parking area at the commuter lot on Route 12, across from St. James School for this winter stroll, bike or scooter (helmets required) along the Killingly River Trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.putnambank.com for info.

December 17, Sun., 7pm

A service of lessons and carols at the Old Brooklyn Meeting House, The Unitarian Universalist Society in Brooklyn, 7 Hartford Road (Routes 6 & 169). The Rev. John Pastor, guest minister. We advise dressing warmly. For more information: 860-779-2623 or uubrooklyn@mailhaven.com

December 17, Sun., at 2pm

A Christian Healing Service will be held at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise and worship music at a celebration of the Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant Street. For info 860-928-3510.

December 18, Mon., 8:30-9:30am

The Breakfast Club: 3rd Monday of the month Sept. - Dec. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

December 19, Tues., 7pm

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

December 20, Wed., 1:30-2:30 pm

Coloring Club, 3rd Wednesday of the month. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

December 21, Thurs., 3-5pm

Winter Solstice Gathering at Lyon Preserve, Wright's Crossing Road. (just north of the Rte. 101 intersection) Please join members of the Wyndham Land Trust at the Lyon Preserve in Pomfret to watch the sun set on the shortest day of the year. Light refreshments will be served, including marshmallows to roast on the fire!



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Killingly quarterback Luke Desaulnier rushes against Joel Barlow High on Monday night in the Class M state championship game in New Britain.

Day Kimball is holding a Warmth & Wellness Holiday Drive to collect personal care items for those in need across NE Connecticut. Donations may be dropped off at Day Kimball Hospital's Main Entrance (Entrance A) or Visitors Entrance (Entrance D) through January 5. Accepted: First aid items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, hair brushes, bar soap, body wash, facecloths, hand towels; hand sanitizer, wet wipes; toilet paper, feminine products, hand warmers, foot powder, laundry detergent; new blankets, throws or sleeping bags; new bed pillows, pillowcases, new socks, new pajamas for both children and adults, new mittens, hats and scarves.



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Harriet earns his promotion to the varsity

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN — Last year Nsaiah Harriet played on Killingly High's junior varsity, working hard all season in hopes of a promotion. He finally earned a job with the varsity this fall and the junior defensive end rewarded his coach's faith with the biggest defensive play of Killingly's 41-14 victory over Joel Barlow High in the Class M state championship game on Dec. 11 at Veterans Stadium.

Early in the second quarter the Falcons had both the football and a 14-7 lead over Killingly. On third-and-four from Joel Barlow's 27-yard line, Falcons senior quarterback Trevor Furrer dropped back to pass. Harriet said he had missed some assignments early in the game and wanted to atone for those miscues as Furrer backpedaled to throw the ball.

"I was just thinking on some earlier plays I hadn't done what I was supposed to do," Harriet said. "So all I was thinking was I'm going to make it up for my team."

Harriet swooped in from the right end and strip-sacked Furrer — then recovered the football on Joel Barlow's 16-yard line with 7:13 left in the second quarter. Harriet pounced on the football on the 16 but admitted he briefly had visions of scooping it up and racing toward the end zone.

"Honestly, I thought about picking it up and running it but I was like — maybe I should just lay on this," Harriet said. "Maybe I should just hold this right now."

Four plays after Harriet's strip sack and recovery, Spencer Lockwood rushed in from the 1-yard line and Luke Desaulnier's point after tied it at 14-14 with 5:40 left in the second quar-



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Nsaiah Harriet (9) pursues Joel Barlow's Cal Peterson in the Class M title game on Monday night in New Britain.

ter. Harriet's play swung momentum quickly.

"We talked about how this was going to be a game that came down to who'd make the fewest mistakes, who would cause the most turnovers," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "It was just a great play. The kids adjusted. They faced adversity like they always have. They responded. That's what this team's about. They're resilient and they believe in each other."

Killingly senior defensive lineman Jake Gauthier said Harriet's play was huge.

"That was probably the turning point of the game, seriously. Because it was a fumble, we recov-

ered it, we scored quickly after that," Gauthier said. "You could feel the energy shift because it went from 14-7 back to 14-14 — it was zero-zero — it was the turning point in my opinion."

On Barlow's ensuing possession following Lockwood's one-yard touchdown run to tie it at 14-14, Killingly forced the Falcons to punt after a three-and-out — then drove 70 yards for the go-ahead touchdown capped by a three-yard run from Desaulnier with 2:09 left in the second quarter.

"We tie it and then we score right before the half," Neal said.

Killingly's defense forced another three-and-

out after Desaulnier's three-yard touchdown run and got the ball back on its own 45-yard line with 27 seconds remaining in the half — Zack Burgess then rushed 34 yards to Joel Barlow's 21-yard line and was hit late out of bounds — with the late-hit penalty against the Falcons moving the ball to Barlow's 11-yard line. Two plays later Desaulnier found Vasileios Politis on an eight-yard touchdown pass with :06 left in the half and Killingly took a 27-14 lead into the intermission.

"That reverse play with Burgess, and then we score with Luke (Desaulnier) to V.P. — it was just a tremendous,

tremendous play," Neal said.

With the help of Harriet's strip sack and fumble recovery — Killingly turned a 14-7 deficit into a 27-14 lead in the span of five minutes and 36 seconds.

"It was huge. That set us off," Harriet said. "We were like, we're still in this, it's not over for us."

Desaulnier said Harriet's big defensive play was a game changer.

"That was so key. We were down. Without that fumble the momentum wouldn't have changed," said Killingly's junior quarterback. "Great that it happened. Great win."

Last season Harriet was on the junior varsity. On Monday night he made

the key defensive play in the state championship game to help Killingly finish the season with a record of 13 wins and no losses. Perhaps Harriet has earned his promotion to the varsity.

"It's feels great. It feels amazing," he said. "We worked so hard for this. To be 13 and 0 is amazing. Last year I played only jayvee and now I'm starting varsity. I'm glad that I made a difference."

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This fullback got paid back in full



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Killingly's Zach Caffrey rushes against Joel Barlow in the Class M championship game on Monday night. Caffrey ran for a career-high 189 yards.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN — Zach Caffrey saved his best for last. In his final high-school game he rushed for a career-best 189 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries. His effort helped Killingly High defeat Joel Barlow High 41-14 in the Class M state championship game on Monday night at Veterans Stadium.

"Just a bull," said Killingly

coach Chad Neal. "A tough dude."

Caffrey's touchdown against Joel Barlow came on an 86-yard jaunt with 1:20 left in the third quarter. He also raced for a 48-yard pickup during a key 70-yard march that led to Luke Desaulnier's three-yard touchdown with 2:09 left in the first half, giving Killingly the lead for good, 21-14.

Caffrey's performance against the Falcons helped him

eclipse the 1,000-yard rushing barrier. He finished the season with 1,103 yards and 13 touchdowns on 125 carries, averaging 8.8 yards per carry. He spent much of the season blocking for senior Spencer Lockwood, who rushed for 3,162 yards and 46 touchdowns this season.

"Unsung hero, just a tremendous player," Neal said. "These kids have so much heart and they just believe in each other

and believe in what we're doing."

For the first time this season Caffrey was Killingly's leading rusher. Caffrey's effort was necessary after Lockwood (18 carries for 109 yards and one touchdown against Joel Barlow) sprained his ankle in the first half and was limited to just four rushes for 11 yards in the second half. Caffrey picked up the team when Lockwood went down.

"I just knew I would have to step up. (Lockwood) told me 'It's on you, kid.' His ankle was busted," Caffrey said. "I just went out there with all the heart I could, put everything into it, just ran my butt off and just tried to get as many yards as I could on every play."

Lockwood and Caffrey — a pair of running mates who have been at this for a while. "Me and Spencer have been playing together since we were 11 years old," Caffrey said. "Great chemistry, we just keep working every year to get better. All the off-season nights working out, it's just finally paying off."

No one was happier to see Caffrey hurdle the 1,000-yard barrier than Lockwood.

"To see him have the success that he's had this year, it's just amazing because he does a phenomenal job blocking for me," Lockwood said. "On defense he's the captain. To see him have that success on offense, it's awesome."

Running or blocking, Caffrey just does his job.

"I know that I'm just out there blocking for (Lockwood). He's getting all these yards because of us and the line," Caffrey said. "We're just going out there running as hard as we can. Just downhill football. Just playing our best football that we can."

Downhill football for Killingly High's senior fullback — now he'll go down in the record book as a 1,000-yard rusher — in his heart he'll always be a blocking back.

"It's a great feeling but personal goals to me aren't the thing," Caffrey said. "For me it's all about the team — getting the team to the state championship and finally getting the win. We knew we could do it if we set our hearts to it."

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A championship season



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Matt Phelan holds the championship plaque after winning the Class M state title with a 41-14 win over Joel Barlow High on Monday night in New Britain.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW BRITAIN — Killingly High capped an undefeated season with a 41-14 victory over Joel Barlow in the CIAC Class M championship game on Monday night at Veterans Stadium. The Redmen finished the season with a mark of 13-0. Here's a look at each victory on the road to a perfect season.

KILLINGLY 47, EAST LYME 28

DAYVILLE — In the season opener Zack

Burgess jumpstarted the win on Sept. 8 with a 51-yard punt return with 10:28 left in the first quarter. Luke Desaulnier tossed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Vasileios Politis and a 27-yard touchdown strike to Jake Gauthier. Tyler Cournoyer returned a fumble 65 yards for a touchdown. Spencer Lockwood finished with 286 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 22 carries including a 73-yard touchdown run.

KILLINGLY 41,

STONINGTON 0

DAYVILLE — Zach Caffrey had a breakout game on Sept. 15, rushing for 148 yards and three touchdowns including scoring runs of 59, 10, and 51 yards. Spencer Lockwood rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries and caught a 13-yard touchdown pass.

KILLINGLY 49, GRISWOLD 0

DAYVILLE — Spencer Lockwood rushed for 261 yards and four touch-

downs on 30 carries including a 44-yard scoring burst in the victory over Griswold on Sept. 22. Tyler Cournoyer picked up 73 yards on the ground including touchdown runs of 11 and 30 yards.

KILLINGLY 44, WINDHAM 6

WILLIMANTIC — Jake Gauthier caught a 36-yard touchdown pass from Luke Desaulnier to open the scoring in the win at Windham on Sept. 29. Vasileios Politis snared a 25-yard touchdown pass. Spencer Lockwood finished with 202 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries including a 71-yard touchdown run. Tyler Cournoyer rushed for 102 yards on nine carries.

KILLINGLY 35, BACON 0

COLCHESTER — Zach Caffrey opened the scoring with a five-yard scoring run in the first quarter and added a 44-yard touchdown run, finishing with 99 yards on eight carries in the win at Bacon Academy on Oct. 14. Luke Desaulnier threw a 48-yard touchdown to Jake Gauthier and a three-yard TD pass to Zack Burgess. Spencer Lockwood ran for 244 yards and one touchdown on 27 carries.

KILLINGLY 39, NEW LONDON 16

DAYVILLE — Jake Gauthier caught four passes for 55 yards including a 21-yard touchdown reception in the victory over the Whalers on Oct. 20. Zack Burgess opened the scoring with a 77-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first quarter. Luke Desaulnier completed 7-of-8 passes for 98 yards. Spencer Lockwood finished with 218 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries including a 41-yard scoring run. Zach Caffrey rushed for 68 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries.

KILLINGLY 49, TRINITY CATHOLIC 7

DAYVILLE — Trinity quarterback Sam Aldorf tossed a 76-yard touchdown pass to John Petrizzi just 18 seconds into the game but the Redmen roared back with 49 unanswered points in the win on Nov. 4. Spencer Lockwood rushed for 247 yards and five touchdowns on 25 carries. Zach Caffrey picked up 134 yards and one touchdown on 15 carries. Josh Montpelier caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Luke Desaulnier.

KILLINGLY 42, PLAINFIELD 0

CENTRAL VILLAGE — Spencer Lockwood rushed for 299 yards and four touchdowns on 27 carries including a pair of 65-yard touchdown runs in the win at Plainfield on Nov. 10. Zach Caffrey rushed for 104 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries.

KILLINGLY 41, CAPITAL PREP 32

DAYVILLE — The Redmen withstood Capital Prep quarterback Kyle Zajack completing 31-of-53 passes for 462 yards and five touchdowns on Nov. 16. Spencer Lockwood ran for 265 yards and four touchdowns on 38 carries including a 55-yard touchdown run. Zach Caffrey rushed for 87 yards including a 15-yard touchdown run on 15 carries. Luke Desaulnier rushed three times for 21 yards including a two-yard touchdown run.

KILLINGLY 55, WOODSTOCK 6

WOODSTOCK — Just 17 seconds into the Redmen's game at Woodstock Academy on Thanksgiving Day, Quinn Gervasio returned a fumble 10 yards for a touchdown to give Killingly the lead for

good on Nov. 23. Spencer Lockwood finished with 195 yards and four touchdowns on 17 carries. Zach Caffrey added 45 yards rushing including a 17-yard touchdown run on six carries. Tyler Cournoyer rushed seven times for 48 yards including a 12-yard touchdown run.

KILLINGLY 57, JONATHAN LAW 21

DAYVILLE — Spencer Lockwood rushed for 402 yards and seven touchdowns on 26 carries in the win over the Lawmen in the opening round of the Class M playoffs on Nov. 28. Lockwood scored on runs of 30, 12, 13, 49, 2, 25, and 90 yards. Luke Desaulnier tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Zack Burgess.

KILLINGLY 49, BERLIN 7

DAYVILLE — In the semifinals of the Class M playoffs on Dec. 3, Spencer Lockwood rushed for 268 yards and four touchdowns on 38 carries in the victory over the Redcoats, including touchdown runs of 47 and 68 yards. Zach Caffrey ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries including a touchdown run of 34 yards. Zack Burgess made two interceptions and Luke Desaulnier had one interception.

KILLINGLY 41, JOEL BARLOW 14

NEW BRITAIN — Senior fullback Zach Caffrey ran for a career-high 189 yards in the final game of his high school career and senior receiver Vasileios Politis snared an eight-yard touchdown reception in his last game as the Redmen rallied from a 14-7 deficit with 34 unanswered points to claim the Class M state championship at Veterans Stadium on Dec. 11.

Lockwood is Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year

CHICAGO — The Gatorade Company announced on Monday that Killingly High senior running back Spencer Lockwood was named its 2017 Connecticut Football Player of the Year. Lockwood is the first Gatorade Player of the Year to be chosen from Killingly High School.

"It's awesome. Right now I'm just going to focus on this win, soak it all in, tomorrow it's going to be something I'm going to be looking at and enjoying," said Lockwood after Killingly's 41-14 win over Joel Barlow in the Class M state championship game on Monday night. "

The award recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field. It distinguishes Lockwood as Connecticut's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the National Football Player of the Year award to be announced later in December, Lockwood joins an elite group of state award winners in 12 sports, including Mitchell Trubisky (2012-13, Mentor High School, Ohio), Greg Olsen (2002-03, Wayne Hills High School, N.J.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06 Highland Park High School, Texas), Harrison Smith (2006-07 Knoxville Catholic High School, Tenn.), Latavius Murray (2007-08, Onondaga High School, N.Y.), Brock Osweiler (2008-09, Flathead High School, Mont.) and Leonard Fournette (2014-15 & 2012-13, St. Augustine High School, La.).

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound senior running back and line-backer led the Redmen to a 13-0 record. This season Lockwood rushed for 3,162 yards and 46 touchdowns on 381 carries, averaging 8.3 yards per carry. Defensively, at outside line-backer, he recorded 66 tackles and three interceptions entering the state title game. A Class M All-State selection as a



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Killingly's Spencer Lockwood rushes against Joel Barlow in the Class M state championship game on Monday night. Lockwood was named the Gatorade Connecticut Football Player of the Year.

junior, Lockwood entered his final high school game ranked fourth in state history with 7,206 career rushing yards.

Lockwood has volunteered locally as an at-risk mentor for elementary school students and he has donated his time at

a food pantry and as a youth football coach. Lockwood has maintained a weighted 3.41 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He remains undecided

upon a collegiate destination.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Lockwood will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the

Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support.

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Tina Olivo, 106



Artina “Grandma Tina” (Zanni) Olivo, 106, yes, 106, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 7, in the arms of her loving family and through the gentle hands of her exceptional team of caregivers at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville.

She was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 28, 1911, daughter of the late Vincenzo and Caterina (Laurenza) Zanni. She was the wife of the late Anthony Olivo. She was predeceased by her siblings Peter, Angelina, Antoinetta (Sabatini), Guido, and Joseph Zanni; and beloved sons-in-law Ross Rogers and Umberto “Al” Colangelo, who promised to hold the door to Heaven open for her.

She is survived by her daughters, Helen Colangelo Freuden of Putnam; and Edith M. Rogers of Palm Coast, Florida; grandchildren Linda Colangelo and Laura Crosetti; Lisa and Marios Evripidou; Paul Colangelo and Colleen Howell; David and Tracey Colangelo; Ross Rogers; Cheryl and John Blair; Debra and Michael Cataldo; and Mark Rogers. She was beloved Great-Grandma-Tina to Stavros Evripidou; Emily, Noah, and Grace Colangelo; Nicolas Colangelo; Shannon and Nicholas Rogers; John Ross Blair and Jessica Riann Blair. She leaves many nieces and nephews.

Tina worked at Universal Optical in Providence, Rhode Island, for many years before retiring in 1975. She was also a buyer of ladies’ fashions at Pinkerson Dress Company in Providence. In the summers, she worked with her husband at their family-owned Olivo’s Beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island. She lived in North Providence for many years before making her home with her beloved daughter Helen in Putnam,

Connecticut in 2000, where she quickly embraced the spirit of this vibrant community.

She spent an unfathomable 42 years in retirement and literally enjoyed a second lifetime of good health that allowed her to pursue her passions of family, gardening, art, opera, classical music, knitting, crocheting, and traveling. Her cooking was legendary, along with her insistence that family always gather at a table to enjoy her home-cooked meals and each other’s company.

She took great delight in having every birthday since 100 acknowledged by family and friends, and through citations received from the former President of the United States and the Connecticut State Legislature. She was also proud to be a 15-year volunteer with the Northeast District Department of Health, where her health and longevity was featured in numerous public health presentations. Tina was defined by her kindness, care, and grace, and was a remarkable example of a life well-lived and a woman much-loved. She was a true matriarch.

Grandma Tina always said she would live to be 105. Accomplishing this with ease, she took another victory lap. Her astounding run of longevity and good health is credited in large part to the care of her devoted physician, Dr. Joseph Botta, and the outstanding, compassionate team of caregivers at Westview. The family is eternally grateful for their care.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held December 14, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanandValade.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam,

Your legacy of love will be long remembered, Grandma Tina. Semper Famiglia.

Aime J. LaBonte, Jr., 82



BROOKFIELD/STURBRIDGE, MASS. - Aime J. LaBonte, Jr., 82, of Brookfield died on Wednesday, December 6, at Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Ruth E. (Boucher) LaBonte of Brookfield; three sons, Mark W. LaBonte and his wife Denise of Woodstock, Kevin A. LaBonte and his wife Pamela of Sanford, Florida, and Lawrence J. LaBonte and his wife Ann of Brimfield, Massachusetts; two daughters, Nancy Frank and her partner Andrew Caswell of West Brookfield, Massachusetts and Lisa A. Savage and her partner Kevin Brunell of Wales, Massachusetts; three sisters, Rose Perry, Jeannette Love and Linda Erickson; 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cindy Vacha in 1998 who left behind her husband Lubos Vacha of Sweden, as well as his brothers Raymond LaBonte, William Bernard, Lawrence Bernard, and Clark Latour. Aime was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, son of the late Aime J. LaBonte and Beatrice (Bertrand) LaBonte. His father died when he was only 2 years old. Beatrice later married Charles Latour who loved him as his own. Aime and Ruth lived in

Sturbridge, Mass. for 40 years prior to moving to Brookfield last year.

Mr. Labonte was an electrician with the former Massachusetts Electric Company for over 40 years, before retiring in 2007. He also worked as a professional photographer for the former Marvin F. Richmond Photograpy Studio in Worcester.

Aime always kept busy with work, family, and hobbies. He was a former member of the Greendale Men’s Choir in Worcester, and was also an avid billiards player. Not only did he do photography professionally, but it was a passion of his as a hobby too. He almost always had a camera, and “tilt you head” was a common saying at family gatherings. He enjoyed learning, and often took courses or classes in subject areas he found of interest.

While Aime loved his children, he really loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He went out of his way to visit and have quality time with all family members.

A Funeral Mass for Aime was held on December 12, in St. Mary’s Church in Brookfield, Mass. Calling hours were held on December 11, at the Varnum Funeral Home in West Brookfield, Mass. Burial was in Brookfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Center of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 66, Southbridge, MA 01550. varnumfuneralhome.com

Laura T. Martel, 91



DANIELSON – Laura T. Martel, 91, of Danielson, died Sunday, December 10, at Plainfield Emergency Care Center. She was the wife of the late Renald Martel who died in 1984. Laura

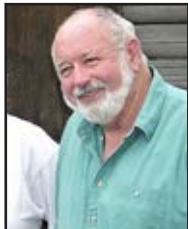
was born October 28, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Louis and Alphonsine (Cyr) Morin. She had been employed at Jacob’s Rubber for many years. Laura was a communicant of St. James Church and loved golfing, fishing, bowling and hunting. She was also an avid sports fan who enjoyed UConn Women’s Basketball, Red Sox and the Patriots.

Laura is survived by her children, Robert Martel and wife Marie of Danielson, Rita Flannery and husband

Douglas Flannery Sr. of Danielson and Barbara Jasmin and husband James of Brooklyn; grandchildren, David Grenier and husband TJ, Scott Martel and wife Amanda, Jennifer Jasmin and Sean Kanarski, Jeffrey Jasmin and wife Jennifer, Tammy Boucher and husband Scott, Angela Jasmin, Nichole Flannery and Terry Basch, Douglas Flannery Jr., ten great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, December 15, from 8:00-10:00 A.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson followed by a memorial mass of Christian burial at 10:30 A.M. at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Laura’s name may be made to St. James School, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT 06239. tillinghastfh.com

John E. Trowbridge, 70



HAMPTON -- John E. Trowbridge, 70, of Hampton, passed away Sunday, November 26, at his home surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford on November 21, 1947, son of the late John

P. and Mary (Ryan) Trowbridge.

He was the beloved husband of 47 years to Marjorie (Morse) Trowbridge, the love of his life, married March 21, 1970. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, David Trowbridge, his wife Julie and their daughter Rachel of Hampton, daughter Rebecca Trowbridge and her children Alex, Katie and Ian of Woodstock, siblings Peg Cutler of Woodstock, Jim Trowbridge and his wife Cathy of Eastford, Tom Trowbridge and his wife Phyllis of Brooklyn, Mary Lu Loving, her husband Jeff of Conifer, Colorado, as well as several nieces and nephews.

John always considered Hampton his home. In 1965, he graduated from Marianapolis Prep School. In 1971, he graduated from UCONN with a degree in Civil Engineering. During the late 1960’s, John spent summers fighting forest fires in Alaska, then in 1971 moved with Marjorie and newborn son, David, to Alaska to work for Alaska Architectural and Engineering in Fairbanks where they lived in the old Eskimo Museum. In 1972, he returned to home in Hampton

and started his logging business. He built his house in 1980, where he and his crews supplied the 50 thousand board feet of locally grown logs. Pikes Sawmill moved their sawmill up to the property and sawed the logs into lumber. It took 1 ton of nails hammered by the hands of family and friends to build the house.

John was the owner of Trowbridge Forest Products, working with his son David. For over 45 years, he led the industry in innovation both in equipment and markets. Being one of the first logging companies to export logs to Canada and overseas. In addition, he supplied wood to Mystic Seaport for the ships “Morgan” and “Amistad” which were used for masts, spores and planking. His business was built on integrity and honesty. Most importantly, John cared. He cared about the men who worked for him, the resource and the landowners who trusted their forestland to him.

John was a loving father, caring husband and proud grandfather. His love for the outdoors was demonstrated in every aspect of his life. His memory will continue in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Memorial service was held on December 9, at the Hampton Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hampton Congregational Church. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

Beth M. (Gould) Macomber, 75



UXBRIDGE, MASS. - Beth M. (Gould) Macomber, 75, of Douglas Street, died Decembert 10, after an illness. Her husband of 32 years Kenneth H. Macomber Jr. died February 11, 1995.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna J. Macomber-Cassidy of Uxbridge, Mass.; three grandchildren, Patrick T. Cassidy, Sean F. Cassidy, and Deanna E.L. Souza; three great-grandchildren, Matthew Cassidy, David Cassidy, and Arthur Souza; five siblings, Bonnie M. Coro of Uxbridge, Mass., Sharon J. Seid of Williamsburg, Virginia, Brian V. Gould of Cumming, Georgia, Sandra A. Zimler of Gainesville, Georgia, and Benson R. Gould of Woodstock; and several nephews and nieces. She was also predeceased by a daughter Deanna J. Macomber who died January 24, 1986, and a sister Sylvia L.

Silva. Born in Milford on July 25, 1942 she was the daughter of Alfred W. and Lillian O. (Shumway) Gould and lived in Uxbridge, Mass. many years.

Mrs. Macomber worked in the Craft Dept. at Walmart in Northbridge, Mass. for many years. Beth loved her family and especially loved being around her grand and great grandchildren. She was an avid antique collector, and loved to find estate sales and look for unique pieces. She also enjoyed playing dice, card, and video games. She was very independent and could be found every morning at the Depot Café in town. She will be sorely missed by her family.

Her funeral home service was held on December 14 in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home in Uxbridge. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. Calling hours at the Funeral Home were held prior to the service. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Jessie V. Auclair



DANIELSON – Jessie V. (Warren) Auclair, 69, of Dyer St., died Tuesday evening, December 5, at Matulaitis Nursing Home after a short illness. She was the loving wife of the late Alpherie Auclair. Born in Killingly, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Viola (Bennett) Warren.

Mrs. Auclair was a homemaker. Mrs. Auclair enjoyed volunteering at the friends of Assisi food pantry and the St. James Church Bazaar.

Jessie is survived by her companion of many years Earl Fournier

of Danielson; her siblings Frank E. Warren of Tarpon Springs, Florida, Ella Rondeau of Dayville, and Betty Heath of Grosvenordale; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister Barbara Cameron.

A Celebration of Jessie’s Life was held on Thursday, December 14, in the American Legion Hall in Grosvenordale. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, 77 Water St., Danielson, CT 06239. Funeral arrangements and cremation service has been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy Cambridge, 80



W E B S T E R , MASSACHUSETTS - Nancy Cambridge, 80, died Tuesday, December 5, at Webster Manor. Nancy was born June 26, 1937 in Webster, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of the late George J. and Marjorie (Martin) Stocklin.

She is survived by one daughter: Kelly Karwowski of Santa Barbara, California; a sister, Betty Hanatow and her husband Michael of Dudley, Massachusetts, a friend, Elaine Jean of Dudley, Massachusetts, niece, Joyce Atchue of North Brookfield, Massachuettis; a nephew, James

Hanatow of Olmstead, New Hampshire; a nephew, Kenneth Penkala of Deep River; a niece, Karen Hodgson of Stow, Massachusetts.

She lived in Danville, California with her husband Robert Sizer from 1970 - 1994. Robert passed away in 1988 and then she married Frank Cambridge in 1994 and moved back to her home town of Webster, Massachusetts. Frank died last year. She was predeceased by her sister, Ruth Penkala.

A graveside service will be held 1:00 pm on Friday, December 15 at Corbin Cemetery, Corbin Road, Dudley, Massachusetts. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Ave is directing arrangements. www.bartelfuneral-home.com

Theodora Lemieux Perrone, 97,

PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA -- Theodora Lemieux Perrone, 97, widow of Joe Perrone who died on February 13, 1985, died Sunday, November 19 at the home of her brother, John Lemieux, after a period of declining health.

She leaves three brothers, Arthur Lemieux of Moosup, John Lemieux of Beaufort, South Carolina, and David Lemieux of Dudley, Massachusetts; two sisters Jackie Wellen of Grosvenordale, and Rose Bernier of Dudley, Massachuettis; lots of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sisters,

Helen Dawcki, Beatrice Seraphow, Theresa Turenne, and Rita Czerwicki, and brothers Joe Lemieux and Robert Lemieux.

She was born in Webster and was one of thirteen children of Phillip and Suzzane St. Cyr Lemieux. She lived most of her life in Putnam County, Florida. She liked being with her bowling friends at the Moose Club in Palatka, Florida for bingo.

The funeral will be private and burial will take place in Beaufort National Cemetery.

She will be missed at Bayview Manor, they all liked her. Copeland Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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OBITUARIES

Edward P. Szlyk, DDS, 79



LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA – Edward P. Szlyk, DDS, age 79, of Lighthouse Point, Florida, died on November 16, after a courageous battle with leukemia. He was born in Worcester, Mass., on October 27, 1938. He is the son of Edward S. and Martha (Piasta) Szlyk. Dr. Szlyk is survived by his wife of 26 years Janice (Lavoie) Szlyk. He leaves one daughter, Margaret (Maggie) and her husband Randy Schelegel of Brooklyn. He leaves two sons, Timothy and his partner Robert DiSanto of Asbury Park, New Jersey, and Michael and his partner Jackie Germaine of Dudley, Mass. He also leaves three grandsons Jacob, Jonathan and Justin and great-grandchildren Lucas, Hunter and Ayla. He was stepfather to Jessica Paire of Barrington, Rhode Island and is predeceased by his stepson John Paire of Charlton, Mass. He also leaves a sister Dorothy and her husband Roland (Joe) Perron of Worcester, Mass. He was a beloved uncle to many. Dr Szlyk graduated from North High

School in Worcester, Mass., class of 1957. He then attended Assumption College and was the first student to be accepted into Dental School after only three years of premed studies. He attended Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1964. He then entered the U.S. Navy where he received training in general anesthesia at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He began his dental practice in Webster, Mass., in 1966 and then moved his practice to Village Street in Dudley. He retired in 1999 and moved to Florida with his wife in 2000. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley Mass. with Pastor John White officiating. The family will be receiving guests at 10:30 with the service immediately following at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The John Paire Student Support Fund, C/O Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, 68 Dudley-Oxford Rd, Dudley, MA 01571.



Fred I. Thompson, 86



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. - Fred I. Thompson, 86, of Main Street, died December 7, after being stricken ill at home. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Lisa A. and Steven Lamica of Woodstock, and their children Derek Lamica of Woodstock, and Marissa Cournoyer and her husband Westley of Sturbridge, Mass. He also considered as his children Michael Lee and his wife Doris of Woodstock, Kenneth Lee and his wife Debra of Brookfield, John “Scott” Lee of Southbridge, William C. Lee and his wife Bonita of North Carolina, Shirley Yanka and her husband Paul of Southbridge, and Rosemary “Debbie” Lee and her fiancé Keith McDonald of Holland, and their children as his grandchildren. He was predeceased by his longtime companion Jackie Lee who died in November 2007, and a son Fred L. Thompson, Jr. Fred was born in Jackman, Maine, December 31, 1930, and has lived in

this area for most of his life. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the US Navy and US Air Force. He worked for T.P. Morin as a painter for many years, and was a former employee of the American Optical Co. After his retirement, he was a school crossing guard for Charlton Street School area for many years.

He enjoyed walking, cooking, and shopping at Big Bunny. He was very fond of his pet bird that he had for many years.

The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 19, at 10AM at St. Mary’s Church 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, Mass. 01550. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Arthur W. Wagher, 78



THOMPSON - Arthur W. Wagher, 78, passed away December 1, in his home. His wife of 31 years. Joanne J. (Janeczek) Wagher died March 23, 1991. He leaves a son, Michael “Chris” Wagher of Thompson, several nieces and nephews and his companion for 25 years, Evelyn Labonte. Arthur was born in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late Frank and Vivian (Rouleau) Wagher and was also predeceased by his sister Jacqueline E. ‘Jackie’ Coyle who died February 23, 2010. He worked for the Town of Thompson, Highway Department for almost 20 years before retiring and prior to that worked for

American Standard Co. in Plainfield. Arthur enjoyed doing projects around his home and properties. He also served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1965.

There are no calling hours. Funeral Services and burial will be at a later date.

The **ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL**, 366 School St., Webster, Massachusetts, is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory of Arthur, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net



Paula A. (Guerin) Perry, 65



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Paula A. (Guerin) Perry, 65, of Riverside Drive, died peacefully at home on December 6. She is survived by three daughters, Patricia M. Beauchesne and her husband Christopher of Oxford, Massachusetts, Jodie A. Prokopowich and her husband David of Leicester, Massachusetts, and Amy M. Perry and her fiancé Shaun Salmon of North Grosvenordale; two brothers, David L. Guerin and his wife Elaine of North Oxford, Mass., and John E. Guerin of Webster, Mass.; a sister, Deborah M. Anderson and her husband Kevin of Oxford, Mass.; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nephews and nieces; and her longtime best friend, Pat Jones of Oxford, Mass. She was predeceased by a son, Stephen J. Perry who died in 1978; a brother, James Guerin who died in 1958; and a granddaughter, Victoria M. Perry who died in 1991. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Laurence F. and

Wenola P. (Nadeau) Guerin, and lived in Oxford, Massachusetts and Leicester before moving to North Grosvenordale 10 years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1970, David Hale Fanning Nursing School in 1972, and became a registered nurse at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester in 1996.

Mrs. Perry was a registered nurse at Worcester State Hospital for 21 years, retiring in 2015. She had a passion for mental health and was an advocate for those suffering from mental illness. She enjoyed arranging silk flowers and most importantly, loved dedicating time to her family and grandchildren.

A funeral was held on December 9, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford, Mass., which was followed by a Mass at St. Ann’s Church in North Oxford, Mass. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford, Mass. Calling hours were held December 8, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. paradisfuneralhome.com

Raymond Navarro, 88



POMFRET – Raymond Navarro, 88, of Freedly Road, died Friday December 8, at Westview Healthcare Center. He was the loving husband of the late Ann (Donlon) Navarro. Born in N. Grosvenordale, he was the son of the late Sabato and Giovanna (Leo) Navarro.

Mr. Navarro was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the United States Army where he received the Good Conduct Medal and Army Occupation of Germany Medal.

Raymond was united in marriage to the former Ann Donlon on October 2, 1954, in Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, she passed away on November 26, 2008.

Mr. Navarro worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator for the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

He was a life member of Putnam Lodge of Elks 574, Pomfret Lions, Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523, Thompson American Legion Post 10088, and the Quinnetis Country Club. Ray was fondly known as the

“mayor” of the Cady Tavern in Chepachet. He enjoyed playing cards, was a life-long golfer achieving nine holes-in-one, listening to live music, and loved to dance.

Ray is survived by three sons Raymond Navarro and his wife Donna, Daniel Navarro and his wife Sandra, and David Navarro and his wife Katrina all of Pomfret; two brothers John Navarro of Dayville and Danny Navarro of Pompano Beach, Florida; and ten grandchildren Nicholas, Patrick, Drew, Alison, David, Elizabeth, Anthony, Dan, Ben, and Elisse; and three great grandchildren Olivia, James, and Kiera. He was predeceased by his daughter Lisa Navarro, a sister, and seven brothers.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, December 14, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Rd., Pomfret. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Richard H. Jaquish, 76



P O M F R E T CENTER - Richard “Dick” H. Jaquish, 76, of Brayman Hollow Rd. died peacefully on Saturday, December 9. He was the loving husband of Julie (Pierce) Jaquish for 47 years. Born in Burlington, Vermont, he was the son of the late Harold and Pearl (Stone) Jaquish Boldosser and stepson to the late John Boldosser.

Dick was a graduate of the University of Montreal and Assumption College. He also attended the University of Louvain, Belgium. He was a guidance counselor for the Putnam Public School District for many years, a grant writer and yearbook advisor at Putnam High School, as well as CCD teacher at Most Holy Trinity. He spearheaded the Career Education movement in Northeast Connecticut and presented at many national conferences. He shared his love of history by working as a docent at Old Sturbridge Village. He was a member of the Foresters, enjoyed gardening, traveling, playing cards, and especially loved playing with his

grandchildren. He was always smiling and had a kind word to share.

Dick is survived by his two daughters, Joanne Dursin and her husband Andre of Wakefield, Rhode Island and Erica Beeman and her husband Brent of Springfield, Illinois; his sister, Cheryl Cyr and her husband Allen of Lakewood, Colorado and his step-sister, Gerilyn “Geri” Pawlaczyk and her husband James of Westland Michigan; two beautiful grandchildren, Abigail Beeman and Theo Dursin; his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Pierce, five brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dick’s family on Friday, December 15, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, in St. Philip the Apostle Church, 64 Pompey Hollow Rd, Ashford. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Weston Priory, 58 Priory Hill Rd, Weston, VT 05161. For Memorial Guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Michael Camielle Masley, Jr. (17-00476)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 4, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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December 15, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mabel Slye Harris (17-00479)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Harold Gray Osborn, AKA Harold G. Osborn, Jr. (17-00456)
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The fiduciaries are:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The fiduciary is:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Agnes M. Masley (17-00475)
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The fiduciary is:
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On December 4, 2017, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency approved the following applications: 1. **04-17-24M** Taylor Brooke Winery LLC, Rt 171 (Map 5783, Block 47, Lot 02A)

modification - location change for farm brewery building;

2. **10-17-39** David Keller, 17 Noren Rd (Map 5122, Block 18, Lot 06) – wetland’s crossings for driveway for future Single family residence; 3. **10-17-38** Quasset Lake District – maintenance of right-of-ways, removal of cat tails; 4. **10-17-41** Michael Deyorio, 14 Loyola Rd Ext. (Map 6393, Block 65, Lot 220) – removal of cat tails. Chair Mark Parker.
December 15, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF James Bump (17-00454)
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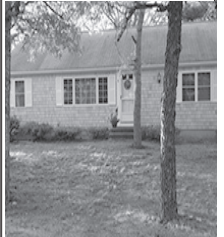
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