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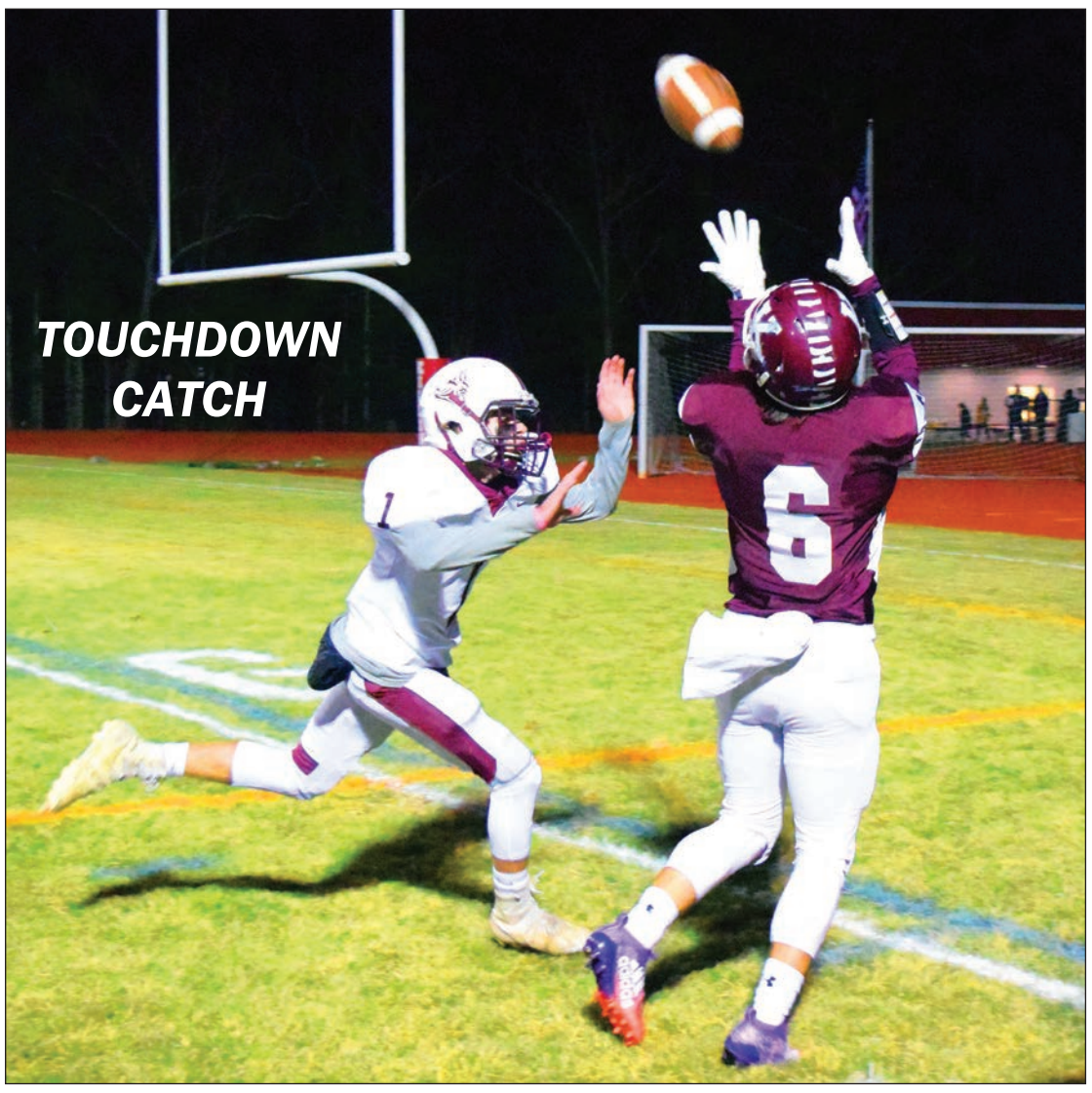

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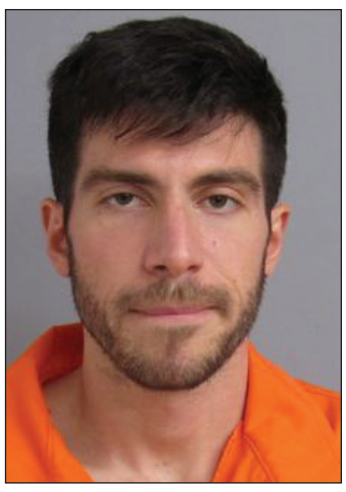
DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Josh Heaney gets set to haul in a 23-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter with East Lyme's Mason Senkow one step too slow last Friday night, Nov. 15, at Killingly High School. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

North Grosvenordale man charged with murder

THOMPSON — Kyle Carpenter, of 464 Fabyan Road in North Grosvenordale, was charged with murder and second-degree assault on Nov. 13. According to state police, Carpenter was charged with stabbing a relative to death early on the morning of Nov. 13.

Police said Quinebaug Valley Emergency Dispatch received a call at approximately 3:04 a.m. on Nov. 13 from a 55-year-old female who reported that a 61-year-old man had been stabbed in the chest by a family member inside their Thompson residence.

State police out of Troop D barracks in Danielson responded to the call and found Carpenter trying to leave the residence. The female who called Quinebaug Valley Emergency Dispatch



Kyle Carpenter

was suffering from a non-life-threatening stab wound and was treated for her injuries. Police said a male victim was found in the home and pronounced dead. The names of the vic-

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Day Kimball ends talks with PMH

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's Board of Directors announced on Nov. 15 that discussions with a potential strategic partner, Prospect Medical Holdings, have closed without an agreement. In August DKH had announced a letter of intent for a strategic partnership with PMH.

"Both Day Kimball Healthcare and Prospect Medical Holdings worked diligently over the last several months to reach an agreement that would meet each party's critical requirements for a potential partnership," said Janice Thurlow, DKH Board of Directors interim chair. "Unfortunately, we were not able to reach an agreement in which both sides could meet their respective needs. It's not unusual for these types of negotiations to conclude without an agreement."

"We are immediately resuming discussions with other potential future partners, many of whom have indicated continued interest in exploring a partnership with Day Kimball Healthcare," added Paul Beaudoin, DKH CFO and interim CEO.

"The board, hospital leadership and staff all remain focused on achieving clinical, operational, organizational and financial goals. Additionally, many new initiatives are currently underway, which will improve and expand clinical services for our community, strengthen our position in the market and improve our financial health and stability," said Joseph Adiletta, DKH interim president.

WWII VET HONORED

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — Adelard "Del" Dubreuil, 99, received a Recognition Certificate and American Flag from Brian Maynard, Commander of the Putnam American Legion Post 13, at Matulaitis Rehab and Skilled Care on Nov. 17. Dubreuil, a Putnam native, served his country during WWII as a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1942 to1945. He landed on Omaha and Utah Beaches in August of 1944 during the Normandy invasion and participated in the Battle of the Bulge under General George S. Patton, Commander U.S. Third Army.

TEEG Celebrity Bartender Night

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

Karen Butera photo

From left, Anne Miller, Executive Director of TEEG with board members Denise Baum and Amy Archambault.

PUTNAM — "It's like a warm hug on a cold evening," said Anne Miller of the Dining For a Cause Celebrity Bartending Night. The event benefitted Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group. Local residents came out to support the worthwhile cause with proceeds going toward TEEG's programs.

"We are proud to provide these services to the local community to extend a hand up and not a handout," said Miller, TEEG's Executive Director.

The event was held at The Crossings Restaurant on Nov. 14. TEEG is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing assistance to communities in the northeastern corner. Some of the services they provide include a food bank, senior services and informative programs. They also offer many other services to income qualified families such as clothing vouchers, a diaper bank, SNAP benefits.

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Sister act at the QVSC Holiday Bazaar

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

BROOKLYN — The Quinebaug Valley Senior Center held its annual Holiday Bazaar in Nov. 16. Most everything that was sold was benefitted the center. Among the crafters was Sister Lesley Despathy of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit religious order — selling jewelry to benefit Danielson's St. James School.

"The center serves 10 of the local towns. This fundraiser helps to pay for the programs offered at the Senior Center. We also have other fundraisers. Our Grandma's Attic is set up all the time and anyone can purchase items or donate items," said Linda Lamoureux, Director of the Senior Center. "We also have dinners. We are privately funded through towns and are run by an army of volunteers."

Sister Despathy said she has basically retired but she never stopped working. She worked as a teacher and principal and then in finance. Now most of her time is spent making jewelry. Her love of making jewelry started four years ago when a local second hand book store, Pourings and Passages opened in Danielson. The book store's main goal was to help St. James School. She really enjoyed visiting the store to see what was available. They had books for all ages.

"People would ask the owner if they were going to carry jewelry. People kept asking so I thought I would give it a try to help the school," said Despathy. "I am still in finance for the Daughters of the Holy Spirit but I also decided to make my own jewelry. Sometimes I get inspired and will just make what I see in my mind."

In the beginning of this journey into jewelry making, one of the sisters received jewelry supplies from a relative. Despathy was the recipient of the items. She started to make pieces with the items that were given to her. The items sold quickly and when they sold she purchased her own supplies.

"I am able to get a grant twice a year from the Daughters of the Holy Spirit for the materials. If I didn't receive the grants, I wouldn't be able to purchase the supplies," she said.

She enjoys making jewelry and all of the proceeds go to the school. She tries to help them out as much as possible with her endeavors. You may have seen her at many of the local fairs and holiday bazaars throughout the year. She plans to be at fairs every other week through the middle of December. With her prices below $5 — her necklaces, bracelets and earrings are a best sellers.

Karen Butera photo

Sister Lesley Despathy, from Dayville, and of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit takes care of customers at the QVSC Holiday Bazaar.

Boxcar museum get improvements

PUTNAM — The Aspinock Historical Society's Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar Children Museum rehabilitation project received a donation from National Seating & Mobility of Pomfret. A handicap accessible ramp was installed to provide accessibility to all visitors.

Fred Hedenberg, AHS Board and Boxcar Museum founder, credited the gift in part to NS & M's and Putnam resident, Robert Baumuller. The Boxcar project, including materials and labor is valued at over $9,000. National Seating & Mobility's mission is to create personalized solutions to individuals with mobility challenges.

The Aspinock Historical Society continues its goal of $15,000 to aid in continued rehab of both historical landmarks in town; the Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar Children Museum and the Cady Copp House. Any amount is appreciated and will be put to good use. Send to AHS, P.O. Box 465, Putnam, Ct. 06260. To learn more about Putnam's Aspinock Historcial Society visit www.putnamaspinockhistsoc.com.

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Boxcar committee members, from left, Patricia Hedenberg, Gerry Tetreault, Sandra Ames, Joy Lizotte enjoying the ramp. Not present, committee members: Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Renee Boutin Tsanjoures, Debra Carabina, Frederick Hedenberg, as well as Robert Baumuller and friends that installed the ramp.

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Samuel Charles saluting the flag at the grave of his great grandfather WWII veteran Roger Logee.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 11: Golden-crowned Kinglet, Bluebird, Great Horned Owl, Brown Creeper, Junco, Carolina Wren, Hermit Thursh, Fox Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Goldfinch, House Finch. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home

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Veterans honored at Matulaitis

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Larry Bellerose receives a Quilt of Valor

Fernanda Clapp is honored.

PUTNAM — Local veterans were honored on Nov. 17 at Matulaitus Rehab and Skilled Care. Matulaitis resident and U.S. Army veteran Larry Bellerose received a "Quilt of Valor" from "Stitch Chicks Crew" members out of Franklin at the annual Veteran Day Celebration on Nov. 17. Fourteen resident veterans, five staff members and one volunteer were honored at the event, Bellerose's grandson, Zachary Willard, was by his side.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, begun in 2003, is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Bellerose served his country from 1959 until 1991 in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserves. He served in along the east coast as well as in Korea, Vietnam and in the Cold War in weapons, tactics and command. He was the liaison officer for West Point Academy.

Adelard "Del" Dubreuil, 99, received his Recognition Certificate and American Flag from Brian Maynard, Commander of the Putnam American Legion Post 13. Dubreuil, a Putnam native, served his country during WWII as a Corporal in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945. He landed on Omaha & Utah Beaches in August of 1944 during the Normandy invasion and participated in the Battle of the Bulge under General George S. Patton, Commander U.S. Third Army.

Fernanda Clapp, a Matulaitis resident and U.S. Navy veteran, was honored with her granddaughters present. Fernanda served her country in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1945 as a WAVE in the Singing Platoon in Washington, D.C.

Those honored and their service dates included: Lawrence J. Bellerose U.S. Army/Reserve 1959-91; Fernanda P. Clapp U.S. Navy 1944-45; Adelard Dubreuil U.S. Army 1942-45; Harold Dumas U.S. Navy and Reserves 1956-58; Donald Holt U.S. Navy 1950-55; Ralph Makoul U.S. Army 1956-58; Richard J. Mandeville U.S. Army 1962-65; Donald J. McGee U.S. Navy 1949-52; Joseph Mercik U.S. Army 1941-45; Lawrence J. Merlo U.S. Army 1956-59; Alan F. Noon U.S. Army/Navy Reserve 1953-61; Martin Renaud U.S. Army 1963-69; Joseph Schimmelpfennig U.S. Air Force'63-'69; Richard L. Turcotte U.S. Navy 1944. Staff: Reneesha Hamilton U.S. Army/National Guard 2013-present; Jim Kiefer U.S. Army 1971-2002; AmyMarie Monahan U.S. Marine 1999-2003; Jeff Porter U.S. Army 1991-99; Cheryl Veilleux U.S. Air force 1977-81. Volunteers: Peter Lombardo U.S. Navy 1987-2007.

Brooklyn revaluation ongoing

BROOKLYN — Residential data collection for the Brooklyn 2020 revaluation continues in the northeast section of town on Nov. 22. Postcards were mailed to those property owners scheduled for inspections by Vision Government Solutions. Not all properties require an inspection. If an interior inspection was done for the 2015 Revaluation, then an inspection is not necessary for the 2020 Revaluation. Diane Casey will be the data collector. She will be driving a red 2017 Ford Focus with Connecticut license plate AP59861. She will also have a photo identification badge and her information is filed with Connecticut State Police Troop D.

Streets in this revaluation include: B&B, Barrett Hill, Brickyard, Bunny, Church, Darby, Day, Fairway, Henry, Hugh, Meadowbrook, Pine Tree, Plaza, Pomfret Landing, River Farm, Ronbin, Spaulding Westview and White Brook. All property owner's cooperation is requested in order to obtain accurate data for a fair and equitable assessment. For more information, contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 779-3411.

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Police Logs

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TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON

Nov. 10

Gary Tutt, 48, of 72B Reynolds Street, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct, assault in the 3rd degree and strangulation and suffocation in the 3rd degree.

Nov. 11

Latsamy Phommachanh, 44, of 50 Ruth Street, Danielson, was charged with larceny in the 3rd degree and violation of home improvement contract.

EASTFORD

Nov. 11

William Ross, 57, of 152 Pomfret Road, Eastford, was charged with disorderly conduct.

KILLINGLY

Nov. 12

Michaels Connolly, 24, of 19 Garrick Road, Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct fight.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Nov. 13

Kyle Carpenter, 28, of 464 Fabian Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with murder and assault in the 2nd degree.

THOMPSON

Nov. 10

Adam Viens, 36, of 18 Wrightson Drive, Thompson, was charged with failure to appear in the 1st and 2nd degree.

WOODSTOCK

Nov. 9

Antonio Alers, 41, of 59 Oak Drive, Woodstock, was charged with violation of probation.

John Lafleche, 28, of 25 Pond Factory Road, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct.

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TEEG also offers a mentoring program —geared for at-risk youth. Mentors are looking to make a difference in the lives of these youth and they are trained to work with the youth on a one-on-one basis.

"We work with DCF, Community Health Resources-CHR, schools and the justice department," said Miller. "One quote that I love is by Frederick Douglass. 'It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.' It is about spending time with them now and helping them to connect to the community."

One of the major fundraisers that TEEG holds every year is their Have a Heart program, which includes a live auction and also a silent auction. That event is held in February. Items are donated by artists and crafters in the community and also by local businesses. Also, every year the Thompson Lions Club sponsors a Steps for Shoes fundraiser. This is a walk which raises money and enables local children an opportunity to return to school in September with a new pair of shoes. The Town of Thompson also gets involved by holding its annual November Turkey Trot Fun Run and Walk. For more information about this organization, or to volunteer to help out, go to teegonline.org.

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MURDER

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tims were not released but a search of public records revealed that Keith A. Carpenter, 61, resided at 464 Fabyan Road and that his son is Kyle Carpenter. No motive for the crime has been released by state police.

The Eastern District Major Crime Squad is overseeing the investigation. Police said the incident appears isolated and there is no danger to the public.

Carpenter, 28, was arraigned on Nov. 13 and is scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 11. Carpenter's only previous convictions were failure to carry insurance on a vehicle in 2010 and illegal operation of a vehicle in 2013. Carpenter is being held on a $1 million bond.

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Veterans Day Celebration at Westview

Courtesy photo

Val Rogers led the Star Spangled Banner at Westview on Nov. 11.

DAYVILLE —A Veterans Day tribute was held at Westview Health Care Center on Nov. 11. Many staff members, volunteers, and relatives of Westview associates received praise for their military service. Therapeutic Recreation Director Louise Taylor along with Assistant Therapeutic Recreation Director Vicki Ericson and their dispatch of volunteers coordinated the event.

The presentation of colors was made by members of the Albert J. Breault Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1523 and members of their Ladies Auxiliary. Post 1523's Chaplain Gerry Salvas offered a prayer to open the ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance is then recited by all.

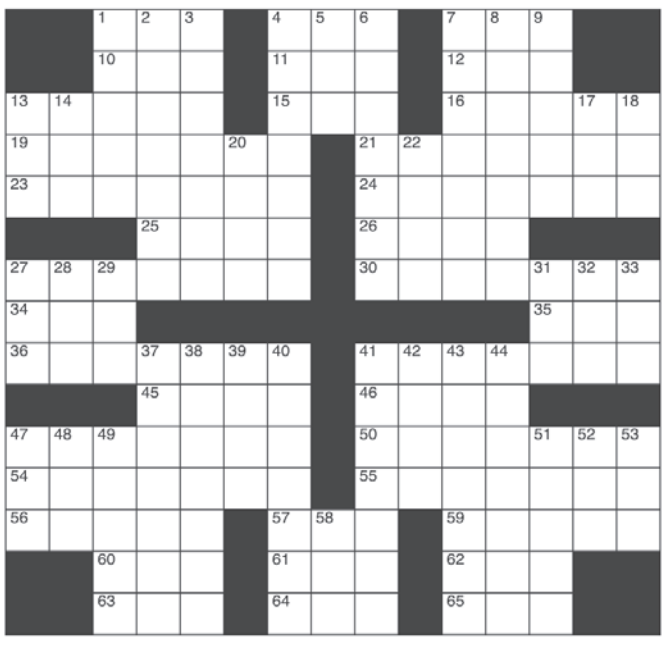
Val Rogers, a former United Service Organization performer, guided those who participated through Star-Spangled Banner. Post 1523 member and former Connecticut State Representative Danny Rovero presented each of Westview's veterans with American flag. Post 1523's color guard consisting of Chaplain Salvas, James Mahoney, and Charles "Chuck" Mahoney, flourishing flags and rifles. The Ladies Auxiliary Unit—comprised of Lisa Salisbury, Jahala Beaupre, Aldea Boucher, Lorraine Lacroix, and Theresa Villareal gave each veteran a poppy flower lapel pin and a handwritten thank you note. Jahala Beaupre read an original poem conveying deep gratitude and respect for those who protect this great nation. Michael Palladino—a member of Westview's dietary staff—played Taps. A benediction was read and the battery of the Putnam VFW Post marched out. Rogers and Bil Groth led a sing-a-long session straight out of the American songbook.

Pomfret Congregational Church installs prayer box

POMFRET —First Congregational Church of Pomfret has installed a "Prayer Mailbox" in front of the church. The mailbox, which is labeled with the words "Your Cares... Our Prayers", is located by the center stairs at the front of the church.

Have a need, a care, a concern, or something you want others to join with you in praying about? Write it on a slip of paper or use one of the blank cards located with the ,ailbox and drop it in the securely locked box. Prayer requests may be submitted anonymously or if you would like someone to be in touch with you about your request, you may include contact information. All prayer concerns placed in the mailbox will be kept in confidence.

"We believe God sees, God knows, and God cares about everything that touches our lives," said Rev. Thomas Crumb, Pastor of First Congregational Church. "Though God's ways are mysterious and God's answers to prayer vary between 'yes', 'no', and 'wait', we firmly believe prayer makes a difference. We look forward to serving our community through prayer. We have been blessed, and we want to extend the benefit of those blessings to embrace the cares and concerns of our neighbors around us."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small viper
4. Some are covert
7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
10. Speak out
11. Retirement plan
12. Small dog
13. City in Iraq
15. Car mechanics group
16. Shrimp-like creature
19. Majestic
21. TV detective
23. Central Canadian province
24. Causing to wind around
25. Wise man
26. Knicks legend Willis
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. John Stockton compiled them
34. South American plant
35. To some extent
36. Where manners are displayed
41. Showy
45. Fall down
46. Shoelaces are often this
47. Disease-causing bacterium
50. Egg-shaped wind instrument
54. Sufferings
55. One who noisily enjoys
56. About blood
57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
59. Related through female family members
60. Low velocity grenade
61. "In Living Color" comedian
62. Veterans battleground
63. Expression of creative skill
64. Midway between northeast and east
65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

1. Something useful
2. It goes great with peppers and onions
3. Orifice
4. Turned into bone
5. The Princess could detect it
6. Bands of colors
7. Makes use of
8. Central African country
9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
13. He was a "Chairman"
14. Legally possess
17. One point north of due west
18. Small peg of wood
20. Stretch of swampy ground
22. Is indebted to
27. Where you were born (abbr.)
28. A team's best pitcher
29. Cool!
31. Female sibling
32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
33. Reserved
37. More prickled
38. Forbidden by law
39. One-time presidential candidate
40. A TV show has more than one
41. A place to stash things
42. Defunct currency in India
43. Causes to ferment
44. A type of gland
47. __ Humbug!
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58. Local area network

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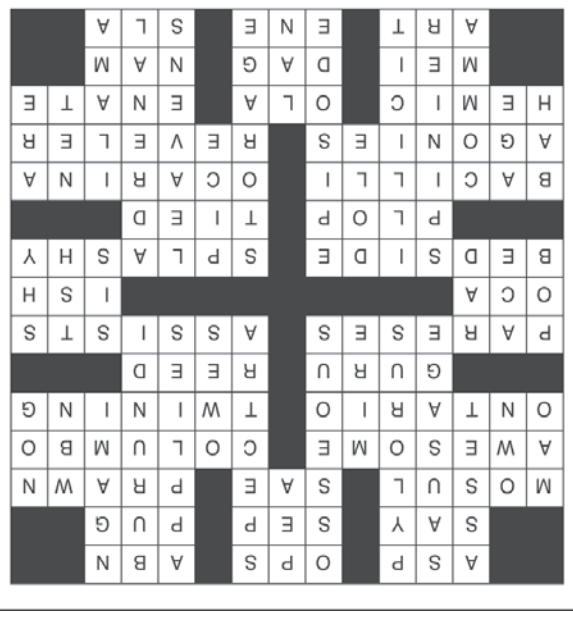

THOMPSON LEGION HONORS BROTHERS

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THOMPSON — Two brothers who served in World War II, Constantino Lippiello (second from left) 93 years old, and Victor Lippiello, 99, received the Connecticut Veterans Service Medal in a ceremony conducted at American Legion Post 67 in Thompson on Nov. 7. Pictured with the Lippiello brothers are State Senator Mae Flexer and Ryan McKenna

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ROBINSON HONORS GRANDFATHER

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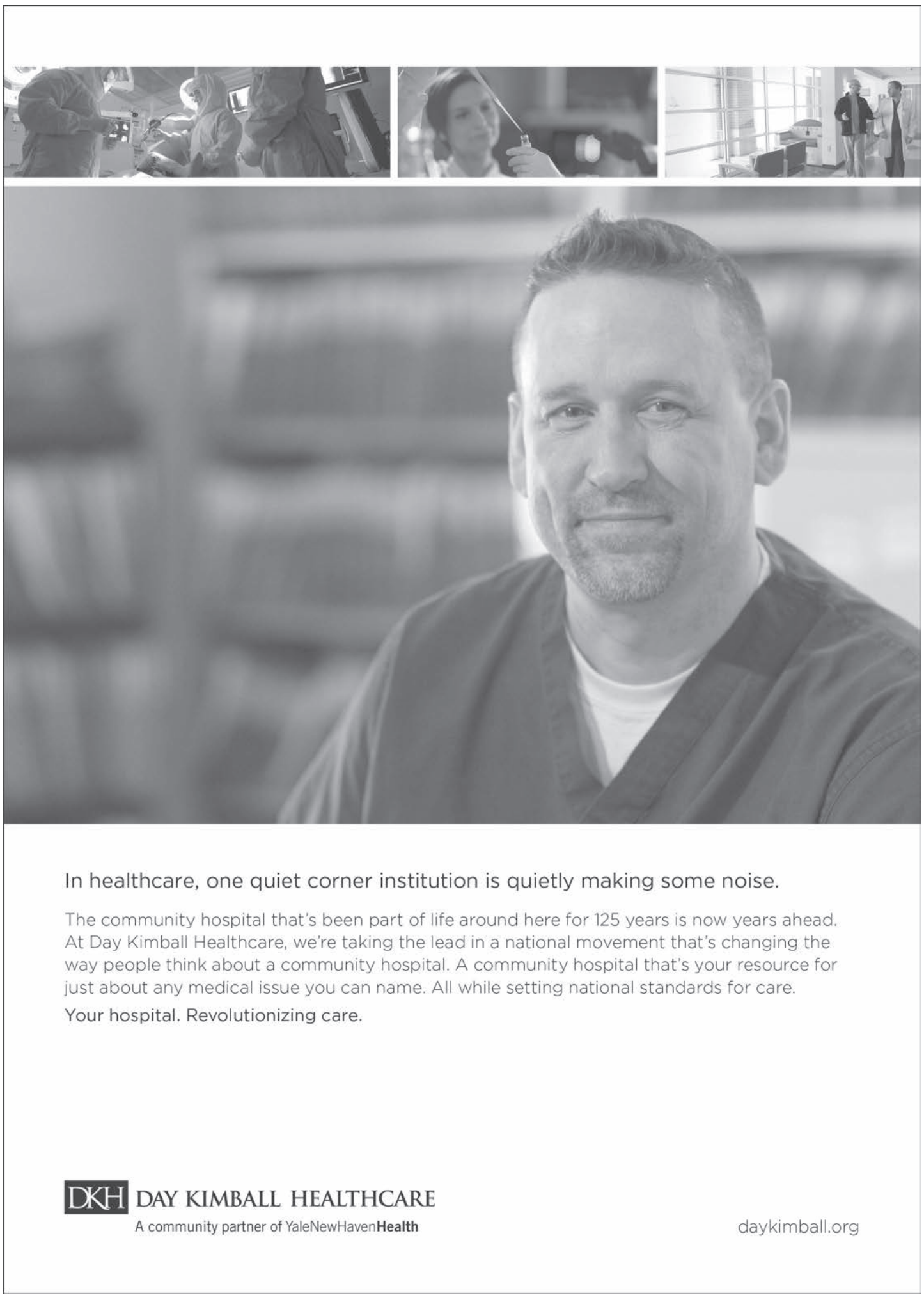
DANIELSON — Samantha Robinson, from Brooklyn, honors her grandfather, Nicholas Katsapis, with a flag in his name at Davis Park on Veterans Day. Katsapis was Past Commander of Post 2650.

Veterans Day Ceremony in Thompson

Courtesy photos

THOMPSON — On Nov. 11 a Veterans Day Ceremony was held I Thompson. This is an annual event put on by the VFW Post 10088, the Town of Thompson and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.



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Garza is in Tourtellotte spotlight

Mariana Garza

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte Memorial High School Spotlight Student is Mariana Garza, Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spirit Association recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. Garza was nominated by her fellow classmates: Alexis Elkinson, Lindsey Worster, Kaylee Tackson, and Gracen vander Swaagh.

In Garza's nominations, she is described as "the sweetest, most kind girl I have ever met." Her nominators also describe her as the "most friendly" and "overall an amazing person." Garza is also said to put a smile on everyone's face. One nominator described Garza as being, "the most friendly, most fun student around."

"Knowing that there are people supporting me every day of my life and knowing that they believe in me and my dreams, this makes me give my best in everything I do, to make them proud and also so that I can feel satisfied and happy with what I've done and so that every day I can be one step closer to achieving my goals," Garza said.

Garza is an exchange student from Mexico who decided to come to Tourtellotte for her junior year. She traveled to Thompson for the opportunity to have a memorable school year, meeting new people and learning about a different culture. At Tourtellotte, Garza is involved in the Junior Achievement program.

She describes Junior Achievement as "helping kids learn things about entrepreneurship, helping them to prepare for the real world in a fun way." Garza was also part of Tourtellotte's soccer team.

"The soccer team was the best decision I could have made at the beginning of the year," Garza said.

Garza also helps coach kids soccer. After this school year, she plans to go back to Mexico where she hopes to attend college and start her own small business with the help of her father. Once she finishes college, Garza hopes to grow her business by "spreading environmental awareness and making people more conscious about the products they buy." Garza's accomplishments include winning two ballet scholarships to Point Park University. She also won the Integra Mullier award which is given to one student in each graduating class in several high schools in Mexico, recognizing effort in academic and personal development.

"I feel very grateful for having the opportunity to share this year with all of them. Everyone is so special to me, and I appreciate how kind everyone is with me and that I feel so welcome, thanks to them. I want to thank them so much for giving me the opportunity to feel part of this awesome school community," Garza said.

St. Joseph School participates in Catholic School Week

Courtesy photos

St. Joseph School students participated in Catholic School Week Nov. 3 through Nov. 8.

THOMPSON —St. Joseph School marked a variety of events during the week of November 3 in celebration of Catholic Schools Week throughout all diocesan schools in New England. Each day during the week had its own unique theme along with special events that were celebrated by the entire SJS community.

On Monday, Nov. 4, students and teachers dressed in 1980s attire and danced the afternoon away to songs from the decade. Tuesday, Nov. 5, gave the community the opportunity to don their favorite pajamas while students worked collectively on a scavenger hunt as well as enjoying each other's company during an afternoon Ice Cream Social. Wednesday, Nov. 6, was dedicated in honor of America as all wore red, white, and blue colors for the day. The older students partnered up with their younger counterparts as we visited the adjacent cemetery to locate names of past veterans. The names of those who served our nation were honored during an afternoon prayer service led by the SJS school choir.

November 7 was Vocation Day, so students dressed in a fashion style on what they want to be when they grow up. Dave Marchetti visited in the morning, bringing some of his special pet friends such as turtles, reptiles, as well as "Eve the Hedge Hog." Students were also treated to an afternoon presentation by two parents who talked about their careers as a photographer and a surgical nurse respectively. David Sizemore, Principal of SJS, put on his wife's judicial robe and discussed her career as a Superior Court Judge. Finally, the week concluded on Friday, Nov. 8, with students and teachers wearing their favorite sports team clothing with the faculty and staff being treated to a special luncheon of appreciation.

"Catholic Schools Week is always a special time for SJS," said Sizemore. "To mark one week of the year to celebrate what makes us who we are as a community is important and something all members of the SJS community annually look forward to."

Sizemore thanked members of the faculty and staff who served on the Catholic Schools Week committee for organizing such a great multitude of activities. Special recognition goes out to Nicole Ruoppo, SJS middle school teacher, who created the song list for the 80s dance, the eighth graders, who scooped ice cream at the Ice Cream Social, Rick Lepore, SJS Choir Director, who led the choir during the special prayer service for veterans, Kate Guertin and Summer Slanda, SJS parents, who volunteered their time and talents to share their career experiences, as well as to a myriad of parents and grandparents who served as proctors for lunch and recess. Upcoming events include "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Quinebaug Middle College hosts open house

DANIELSON — Prospective high school students and their families are invited to attend Quinebaug Middle College's open house on Wed., Dec. 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., in Quinebaug Valley Community College's main auditorium, 742 Upper Maple St., Danielson. A second open house is scheduled for Jan. 15.

QMC's open house will start promptly at 5:30 p.m., when dinner will be served in the QVCC cafeteria. After dinner, open house activities will move to QVCC's auditorium, where QMC's principal, staff and current students will offer an information session, followed by a Q&A. Student-led tours of the building will also be offered. QMC is located on the campus of QVCC. Reservations are not required; all are welcome.

QMC, a regional, public magnet high school for grades 9-12, is seeking student applicants for 2020-2021. Students looking for a more independent learning environment, tailored to their academic and career goals, are welcome to apply. Applications are due by Fri., Feb. 28, 2020.

QMC offers high school students a high school degree, while also earning college credits from QVCC at no additional cost. Once enrolled at QMC, students will have access to high-tech laboratories, career and vocational resources, and other college amenities. Areas of study at QMC include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), liberal arts, the humanities, allied health or advanced manufacturing. Currently, QMC enrolls approximately 180 students, from 22 towns across northeastern Connecticut.

Students who are interested in enrolling in QMC may visitwww.eastconn.org/admissions-2/apply-now-2 to download an application. To learn more, call QMC Principal Mary Kay Tshonas at 860-932-4137, or reach her at mtshonas@eastconn.org

QMC is operated by EASTCONN as part of a partnership that includes QVCC, Brooklyn, Franklin, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Thompson, Voluntown, Windham and Woodstock. Enrollment is not limited to students who live in partner towns; students from across the region are welcome to apply. EASTCONN is a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut's schools and communities since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org.

Bartender night raises funds for TEEG

PUTNAM — Dining For a Cause Celebrity Bartending to Benefit Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group was held on Nov. 14 at the Crossings restaurant in Putnam. The profits from the event to go to help pay for the many programs that TEEG puts on in the Quiet Corner.

Stephanie Booker and son Kaiden

From left, Kyle Livernochi, Kimberly Wolchesky, Ken Blackmer and wife Darcee.

From left, Paige Ross and Samantha Menghi

From left, Lynne Contois, Donna and husband Roger Mercier

From left, Erica Groh, TEEG Board Member, Kathy Claprood, Hannah Prepple and Barbi Burdick, and Larry Groh

From left, Kristin Duethorn, Tami Hopkins, Mark Duethorn and Leslie Borges

From left, Craig Coutant, Rich Miller and Shawn Young

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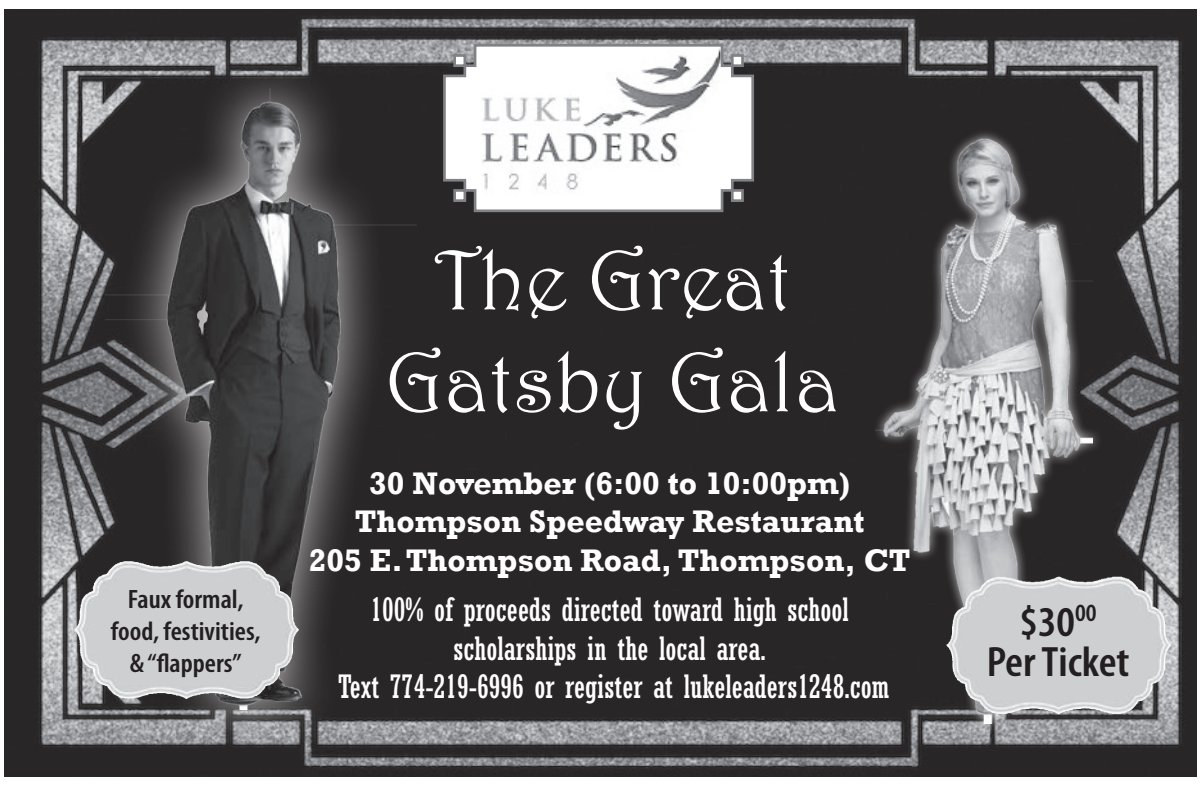

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

The sounds of silence

In a whisper, I asked for the menu. In a whisper I urged my grandson to get in his car seat. In a whisper I queried friends, who came for an overnight visit, how they like their coffee. With a bad case of laryngitis, I've been moving through the world with a small, raspy voice that annoys, alarms and occasionally softens how people regard me. It also has turned me into a listener rather than a talker, with some interesting results.

Much of how we are perceived is based on physical attributes. As a woman, I know how it feels to be noticed even evaluated by men. At one point in life it can be interesting. At another, not much. By aging, we take on a veil of invisibility that a superhero would admire. Not speaking loudly enough to be easily heard, became a disability that kept me at home one day when I needed something because I didn't want to go to the supermarket and croak like a frog.

NANCY WEISS

Parents and teachers know that whispering is often a fine way to get children's attention or defuse a disagreement. My whispers led people to whisper in response, which occasionally created an odd intimacy between myself and strangers. Quiet responses lead more often to agreement than argument, although I have to be in close range to be heard. When people called out to me, I answered them, but they didn't hear me and they were mildly annoyed. I wasn't ignoring them; I just wasn't loud enough.

When we toured Sicily, our guide told us that it is deemed rude to speak at the dining table when food is on the table. One can chat between courses, which can take time as dishes are prepared on the spot, but there is no conversation while one is actually eating. He believed the practice developed because Sicilians lived with great privation and they honored the food they had by focusing on it.

In contrast, conversation was the core part of dinner when I was growing up and we continued the practice with our own children. Everyone was expected to have something to contribute. I know one family where the children were required to recite poetry before they were given dessert. Sounds a bit harsh to me, but my parents argued about politics at dinner so vigorously that my friends thought they didn't like each other.

By not talking as much, I heard people exclaim about the brilliant sunsets we've been seeing and complain about the early darkness that makes us want to be at home wearing our slippers. I've overhead concerns about politics and the environment as well as comments about Tom Brady and football in general. We like to talk about real estate, various restaurants and who is sick or getting better. I listened to a bagger at the supermarket flirt with a cute cashier. I heard a sharp exchange between a long-married couple and a fair amount of gossip.

About half the people I encountered recoiled when they heard my raspy voice. The other portion expressed concern. My image of myself changed as being unable to talk, I felt less confident and more of an introvert. I think my hearing improved as I listened better in the stillness. I couldn't sing hymns at church, but I could hear the fine voices of others, whom I had never noticed before.

I don't recommend a bout of laryngitis as a way to change perspective, but it is refreshing to stop once in a while and listen rather than talk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who voted in Woodstock

Last week on Election Day, I volunteered for a shift waving to folks as they arrived and then left the polls. The inconsistent drizzle was predicted, but the occasional sun was welcomed. Thanks to those who waved back, gave a thumbs up, or paused for some brief moments of conversation.

Kudos to all who participated in Woodstock's election – all 1,843! You were 34 percent of all registered voters in town who found the time to get to the town hall in the 14 hours it was open for voting. Thank you for participating in our electoral process.

It is no small matter to offer up one's time to help our town government - especially with everyone's lives stuck in high gear. It is even more significant to offer our neighbors a choice on the ballot and keep the two-party system energized. Thank you to all who ran for office. And thank you to all who serve on the various municipal boards, committees and commissions, elected or appointed.

As we dashed in and out of the town hall on November 5th to cast our votes, there were eight poll workers preparing the voting place, maintaining organization and accuracy, and reporting the outcome. Some of those folks arrived at 5 a.m. and remained until after 10 p.m. They deserve not only our thanks but also a very loud and enthusiastic "Well done!"

CHARLENE PERKINS CUTLER
WOODSTOCK

No fan of Trump

I have not spoken out directly about the impeachment proceedings. Do I want to see Trump impeached? No – I'd rather see him removed by an election. Having said that, do I believe he has committed impeachable crimes? Certainly. The Ukraine issue of bribery is being proven by many, highly credible witnesses. He has clearly been violating the emoluments clause by earning millions from businesses he still owns and directs. Whether he is intimidating witnesses is arguable according to a number of constitutional lawyers, but I think he is doing just that in the impeachment proceedings.

There is another issue of bribery that attorney Richard Painter, who served as the chief White House ethics lawyer in the George W. Bush administration has put forth. Trump has directed throwing buckets of money to 3 or 4 Senators who are having trouble raising money for their re-election. This is felony bribery because they will be jurors in any impeachment trial in the Senate.

And just how honorable is Trump? I hate clichés, but "birds of a feather flock together." Look just how many of Trump's associates and appointees are involved in scandals, indictments and convictions. No other President in my life-time has incurred so much filth onto his administration or legacy. Oh yes, he has admitted to fraud twice with the Trump University and the Trump Foundation.

And let's look at Trump's religious values that so many evangelicals claim match theirs. Is he really a serious Christian? He does not and has not been a church-goer. Unless you define the Unholy Church of Golf as being a regular religious experience. And look who he has selected as the head of the Faith and Opportunity Initiative – Paula White. She heads one of these mega-churches that preaches that if you believe in Jesus you will get rich. This is the antithesis of what Jesus taught. The Bible says twice, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." How appropriate that Trump is enamored of the leader a cult that says that greed and the love of money are good.

And don't tell me that Trump is responsible for the current economic situation. Look at the data. He inherited a six-year, straight-line economic upswing brought about by what Obama instituted. Obama inherited a Republican-created recession and turned it around. Trump is merely enjoying the momentum of Obama's efforts.

And don't tell me that Trump's tax cut has helped the economy. It only helped the super-rich and large corporations. Trickle-down has not and does not work. The rich keep their money and do not invest it in areas which help the average person. The corporations did not invest in productivity but bought back shares and gave dividends. None of which helped the economy.

And to what outcome? A trillion dollars in debt this year. The same amount the tax cut gave away. So much for the party of fiscal responsibility. So whose side is Trump on? Not the average person's.

And let's look at how Trump views his job. Several weeks ago he said, "I am in the entertainment business." Direct quote. Great – he has admitted that his job as the President is just a show. He has admitted that the Presidency is not his main job but a sideline to his continuing the running of his other businesses - that it is just another reality show.

And for those who say it doesn't matter that Trump mumbles, slurs his words, utters incoherent sentences, drifts off point and constantly falls back on the same mantra of fake news, I feel it is critically important. We need and deserve our President to be articulate, to display clear-headedness and to show he understands the complexities of a modern world.

And to those who voted for Trump because he was a Washington outsider. Let's face it. He came into office with no knowledge how government works, how complicated foreign policies are and how the economy works. He is showing his abysmal ignorance with a ruinous trade war, his obsession with short-term gains, his vilification of the free press, his insulting our allies, his intimidating anyone who disagrees with him and his refusal to listen to advice from experienced and honest people. It has been like hiring a six-year old to drive you into Boston during rush hour.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Why close the Day Camp at Crystal Pond?

GUEST COMMENTARY

MARY ELLEN ELLSWORTH

The taxpayers of Eastford and Woodstock voted to buy 134 acres on Crystal Pond, offering swimming and boating access, and forest trails, to the citizens of both towns — 17 years ago. The Nahaco Park Commission (renamed the Crystal Pond Park Commission in the last few years) was charged with running the park. The Commission is independent from both towns. For 16 years, from 2003 until 20019 — the park has hosted the Day Camp at Crystal Pond, providing an old-fashioned Day Camp with swimming, team games, arts and crafts, and special occasions, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for five weeks during the summer — for Eastford and Woodstock kids, primarily, and their classmates. The counselors in training, and the counselors and swim instructors, were usually town teenagers or young adults, too.

Recently, The Crystal Pond Park Commission decided to "suspend indefinitely" the Day Camp. Why? The Day Camp is the best thing the Commission has ever done. The Chairman of the Commission, Chris Mayhew, mentioned "liability" — that day-to-day operations and "other variables" created situations "that put our campers at risk." What? As someone who has been involved with the Day Camp from the first wonderful year — and all the years following, I am wondering what happened all of a sudden, between years 15 and 16? I had four grandchildren at the Day Camp in 2019. They, and their parents, were not aware of any greater, exponential risk. What is Mr. Mayhew referring to? "Decreased enrollment" was another issue, according to Mr. Mayhew. Yes, I suspect Day Camp enrollments have been going down over recent years. In our area, the Day Camp scene has grown, with Audubon, The two YMCA opportunities (Woodstock and Putnam), 4H in Pomfret. As wonderful as all of these other programs are, none offers the town-oriented, old-fashioned day camp that the Day Camp at Crystal Pond offered — swimming, team sports, arts and crafts — just old-fashioned fun! I believe the numbers this year were at about 40 campers per week. Wow — 40 campers per week, local youngsters playing, sharing, laughing together! Who would want to lose that? "Financial stress," alleges Mr. Mayhew. From what I understand, the camp lost a small amount of money in 2019 — much less than in some other seasons. In the past, the Park Commission and the Day Camp worked together: if the Day Camp made money, that money went into materials and supplies that benefited the Camp — docks, kayaks, canoes — whatever the Day Camp needed; if there were a loss, the Commission fronted it, feeling that the recreation and education offered to local youngsters were worth the cost.

I know how much work it is to be a Commission member for Nahaco, or as it is now called, Cyrstal Pond Park. I did it for more than a dozen years. It will be much

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Retirement plan limits for 2020

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As we continue to discuss important changes that might affect your unique planning strategy, this week we will focus on recent changes released by the Internal Revenue Service. On November 6, 2019, the IRS announced cost-of-living adjustments that affect contribution limits for retirement plans and retirement accounts in 2020. It's important to know any changes that might affect you, so that you can work with your financial advisor to realign your strategic financial plan if necessary. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we know how important it is to stay on top of all the latest changes so that we can help our clients work toward achieving their long-term financial life goals.

IRA contribution limits: The maximum amount you can contribute to a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA in 2020 is $6,000 (or 100% of your earned income, if less), unchanged from 2019. The maximum catch-up contribution for those age 50 or older remains at $1,000. You can contribute to both a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA in 2020, but your total contributions can't exceed these annual limits.

Traditional IRA income limits: If you are not covered by an employer retirement plan, your contributions to a traditional IRA are generally fully tax deductible. For those who are covered by an employer plan, the income limits for determining the deductibility of traditional IRA contributions in 2020 have increased. If your filing status is single or head of household, you can fully deduct your IRA contribution up to $6,000 ($7,000 if you are age 50 or older) in 2020 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is $65,000 or less (up from $64,000 in 2019). If you're married and filing a joint return, you can fully deduct up to $6,000 ($7,000 if you are age 50 or older) in 2020 if your MAGI is $104,000 or less (up from $103,000 in 2019).

If you're not covered by an employer plan but your spouse is, and you file a joint return, your deduction is limited if your MAGI is $196,000 to $206,000 (up from $193,000 to $203,000 in 2019), and eliminated if your MAGI exceeds $206,000 (up from $203,000 in 2019).

Roth IRA income limits: The income limits for determining how much you can contribute to a Roth IRA have also increased for 2020. If your filing status is single or head of household, you can contribute the full $6,000 ($7,000 if you are age 50 or older) to a Roth IRA if your MAGI is $124,000 or less (up from $122,000 in 2019). And if you're married and filing a joint return, you can make a full contribution if your MAGI is $196,000 or less (up from $193,000 in 2019). (Again, contributions can't exceed 100% of your earned income.)

Employer retirement plans: Most of the significant employer retirement plan limits for 2020 have also increased. The maximum amount you can contribute (your "elective deferrals") to a 401(k) plan is $19,500 in 2020 (up from $19,000 in 2019). This limit also applies to 403(b) and 457(b) plans, as well as the Federal Thrift Plan. If you're age 50 or older, you can also make catch-up contributions of up to $6,500 to these plans in 2020 (up from $6,000 in 2019). (Special catch-up limits apply to certain participants in 403(b) and 457(b) plans.)

If you participate in more than one retirement plan, your total elective deferrals can't exceed the annual limit ($19,500 in 2020 plus any applicable catch-up con-

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Fence viewers were elected during Colonial era

Killingly at 300

MARGARET WEAVER

Since we had elections for town officials this month, I thought that I'd say a little about a few different ones that were elected in Connecticut towns during the colonial period. For example, there was the tithingman. According to the Merrimam-Webster online dictionary he was "a: an elected local official having the functions of a peace officer in various American colonies (as Maryland and in New England). b : an annually elected official chosen in New England towns until well into the 19th century and charged primarily with preserving order in church during divine service and enforcing the observance of the Sabbath." I have visions of him going around the meetinghouse giving whispering worshipers cold stares and admonishing unruly children. Of course, that's only my own vision, which may or may not be quite accurate. Another definition lists the individual as collecting the tithes to the church, which every individual was required to pay for the support of the minister and the meetinghouse.

Another early elected official in Killingly was the fence viewer. According to Wikipedia "A Fence Viewer is a town or city official who administers fence laws by inspecting new fences and settles disputes arising from trespass by livestock that have escaped enclosure. The office of Fence Viewer is one of the oldest appointments in New England. The office emigrated along with New England pioneers to the Midwest as well, where the office still exists."

Each year several men in various parts of town were elected to the position of brander, which is fairly self-explanatory. I have not formally checked the all the land records to confirm occupations, but most men seemed to be the local blacksmiths. Killingly's brand was a reverse K, but then each man had his own brand.

This time of year I would be remiss if I did not speak about the Mayflower and the founding of the Plymouth Colony in 1620. How many of you learned about The Mayflower Compact in school? I did, but went to several sources to refresh my memory. This "Compact" or contract was signed by 41 of the 101 passengers aboard the ship. All the signees were male, but the list did include both masters and servants. Keep in mind that not all the passengers were seeking religious freedom. Indeed, that group had spent a number of years in Leiden, Holland, which, in matters of religion, was more liberal than England. However, changing circumstances were causing them to leave. Some of the passengers were Adventurers/Strangers working for investors in England; others were tradesmen; some were even servants. In his work Mayflower Nathaniel Philbrick stated that even though the groups were not getting along well on board the ship, the "Strangers recognized that the only way for the settlement to succeed financially was if everyone worked together…Before they landed, it was essential that they all sign a formal and binding agreement of some sort" (p. 40).

Philbrick then referred to the Mayflower Compact as "the document many consider to mark the beginning of what would one day be called the United States." In a letter to Pilgrim members of his congregation who were leaving Leiden, Philbrick noted that Pastor John Robinson reminded them that with so many who were not of their faith among the future settlers, they would "need to create a government based on civil consent rather than divine decree" (p. 41). For the greater good of the endeavor, passengers would not leave the Mayflower until such an agreement had been signed. Low on food and water, their very lives would be at stake.

Anchored in the sheltered harbor at present-day Provincetown, the Mayflower passengers were greatly relieved to finally see land after an arduous Atlantic crossing that had occurred much later in the season and had lasted much longer than anticipated. Thus on November 11, 1620 (old Julian calendar date) those males who were physically able signed the Mayflower Compact. Philbrick noted, "Only nine adult males did not sign the contract--some had been hired as seamen for only a year, while others were probably too sick to put pen to paper" (p. 43). Following is the Mayflower Compact:

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.:

Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience." (www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/mayflower-compact)

One additional detail needed to be attended to before they disembarked. Who would be their governor? The men voted for John Carver, who "had played a central role in organizing the voyage…Carver was, according to one account, 'a gentleman of singular piety, rare humility,…' He was also wealthy and had contributed much of his personal estate to the congregation in Leiden and to this voyage. He and his wife Katherine, who had buried two children in Leiden, had brought five servants on the Mayflower, one of whom was the death-defying John Howland" (p.42). I'll write more about John Carver, John Howland, and other Mayflower passengers in next week's column.

Do you have Mayflower ancestors? If so, feel free to contact me so I can mention them in the November 29th column.

Historical Society Trip: Have you ever seen the Mayflower? Next year, 2020, is the 400th anniversary of its landing at Plymouth. The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19, 2020 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. Tickets are $75 for adults and $60 for children under 12. The bus will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Free parking. For additional information contact (860) 779-7250 or director@killinglyhistorical.org for tickets by May 1, 2020. Surprise a loved one with a trip for a Christmas present.

Putnam Library Author Talk and Book Signing by local author: Putnam-born author Bill Lychack is back again with his latest book Cargill Falls, which is the story of two boys and the men they will become. This book will be published in January 2020, but the author will be bringing pre-pub copies. Please call the Putnam Library to register for this program at 860-963-6826.

Note: The Killingly Historical Center will be CLOSED on Wednesday, November 27 (the day before Thanksgiving) but will be OPEN on Saturday, November 30.

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My addiction is out of control

Positively Speaking

GARY W. MOORE

I'll confess here and now. I have an addiction. It has come and gone through the years. It began at a shockingly young and innocent age, fed by a pusher named Carlos. I was too young.

I've moved from periods of control into others of rampant need and reckless desire. Lately, it has almost taken over my life. This addiction has been compounded through the years by access to pictures I see but know I should avoid. Yet, when they appear on my phone, I'm unable to turn away.

My wife is aware and worried. Even though she knows, I still find myself hiding, then when I'm sure she's not watching, I pull out my phone, go to a certain page and pull up the pictures that send me into uncontrollable urges.

Yes, it's embarrassing. She doesn't approve but she's learned that trying to force me to stop only intensifies my desire for more. The harder I try to end this nightmare, the more my addiction seems to dig its vicious claws into my soul.

I've successfully hidden this from my kids, but to finally come clean and get my life back in control, I'm afraid my darkest secret must be told.

I'm addicted to BPTS. It isn't listed as a narcotic nor controlled substance but should be. There are no support groups that I can find that will help me throw this vicious monkey from my back. I'm exploring how to adopt and use the traditional "twelve-step" programs to save myself before irreversible damage finally ruins my life. It begins with admitting who I am and what demon has seized control over me. So please don't think less of me ... don't judge me ... but ...

My name is Gary. I'm addicted to BPTS ... Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches.

There. I said it and I can't take it back. My addiction was originally fed by a man named Carlos, masquerading as a restauranteur, but has boiled over, largely due to a Facebook page titled "Pursuing Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches." It has taken over my life. The salacious and revealing pictures of the bare, golden brown breading, wrapped around a large and expansive but tender and succulent piece of pork, seductively laid out on the soft bottom of a bun with the top shamelessly removed. Often the only thing covering this salacious piece of flesh is a single dill pickle slice, perfectly placed to only tantalize your taste buds and drive your addiction into near animalistic desires. No, this page isn't a support group but a meeting point where others who share my addiction gather to share pictures, talk about the places they go to feed their desires and feed the monster that has taken over their life. We, are all who gather there, addicted to BPTS.

It's not her fault, but it didn't help that I married an Iowa girl. The Hawk Eye state takes their pork production seriously and they've adopted the unofficial slogan, "We sell no swine before it's time." Yes, Iowa is the Epicenter and pork pusher to the world.

As I scan this Facebook page, I learn that this deadly addiction is spreading worldwide but most of the pusher sites, masquerading as restaurants are in the Midwest. My wife, Arlene is from Waterloo, Iowa. When we plan our trips back to her hometown it always includes a trip to Newton's, a former Jewelry store, turned pusher of my addiction. Apparently, the profits of pushing pork eclipse the money to be made selling diamonds and gold. But not just there ... wherever you are, from this Facebook offering, you'll find someone, somewhere, in someplace, willing to service your needs.

I'm reaching out for help. I've tried blocking the page from my phone, but to do so, it takes a real desire to stop. I know I should. My brain says, "Stop," but my body trembles and I break out in perspiration at the thought of never tasting a BPTS again. I know I'm not alone, but that realization only tries to tell me, "It's okay. Keep looking at these pictures. Keep eating. Others are doing it. Why not me?"

Please stop me before I eat again.

My name is Gary. I'm addicted to BPTS.

Gary W. Moore is at www.garywmoore.com

DAY CAMP

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easier, of course, if the Commission is responsible only for the buildings on site. But what a loss it is not to have the Day Camp! I have had grand kids involved for years, and six of them were looking forward to going in 2020!

Mr. Mayhew says "swimming" and "Disc Golf' may be enjoyed by all, every day in the summer, now that there will be no Day Camp. Wait — how does CPP fund itself? It will have to rent out for weekends, maybe some weekdays, for weddings family reunions, and other groups. Local folks will not be able to use the park then. Disc golf — well — some people really enjoy it, I have been told. I guess that some local folks go to play, but I bet most players are from out of town. Certainly the advertising has gone out to wider audiences. That's fine but it is not a benefit to local children and families. Churches and businesses — as Mr. Mayhew urges, may rent for a "day out," but on those occasions, other local folks probably will not be welcomed to the park either.

Mr. Mayhew also mentions renting the cabin by the lake, which the Commission has renovated recently. But — if someone rents that — will they want all of the rest of us on the beach swimming, or at the lagoon fishing while they are "vacationing"?

Crystal Pond Park was purchased by the citizens of Eastford and Woodstock. It is managed by an independent board with representatives from both of our towns. Members of that Commission may find that procedures at the park need to be modified from time to time. However those Commission members owe complete reports to their townspeople — not the generalities that Mr. Mayhew offered recently. Folks who are interested should be able to read the "End of Year" report from the Day Camp, and see the financials from the commission illustrating the "financial stress" alluded to. The work of the commission can be demanding; public service is demanding. However the townspeople and taxpayers of Eastford and Woodstock should have more transparency than the CPPC has so far offered. I urge the commission to hold an open meeting for townspeople, where commission members explain their choices and townspeople explain their best hopes for Crystal Pond Park. If that happens, we will all win!

Mary Ellen Ellsworth lives in Eastford.

ZAHANSKY

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tributions). Deferrals to 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, and SIMPLE plans are included in this aggregate limit, but deferrals to Section 457(b) plans are not. For example, if you participate in both a 403(b) plan and a 457(b) plan, you can defer the full dollar limit to each plan — a total of $39,000 in 2020 (plus any catch-up contributions).

The amount you can contribute to a SIMPLE IRA or SIMPLE 401(k) is $13,500 in 2020 (up from $13,000 in 2019), and the catch-up limit for those age 50 or older remains at $3,000.

Note: Contributions can't exceed 100% of your income. The maximum amount that can be allocated to your account in a defined contribution plan (for example, a 401(k) plan or profit-sharing plan) in 2020 is $57,000 (up from $56,000 in 2019) plus age 50 catch-up contributions. (This includes both your contributions and your employer's contributions. Special rules apply if your employer sponsors more than one retirement plan.)

Finally, the maximum amount of compensation that can be taken into account in determining benefits for most plans in 2020 is $285,000 (up from $280,000 in 2019), and the dollar threshold for determining highly compensated employees (when 2020 is the look-back year) is $130,000 (up from $125,000 when 2019 is the look-back year).

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Quinebaug Valley Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

BROOKLYN — The Quinebaug Valley Senior Center held its annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 16. The annual event raises money for the organization and programs that they provide for the seniors at the center.

Karen Butera photos

From left, Maggee Grenier, Wanda Ben helps Ed Langlois and his wife Carol tally up their purchases.

From left, Claudia Corbin and Thelma O'Donnell purchase jewelry from Sister Claudette Huot and Sister Lesley Despathy of the Daughter's of the Holy Spirit

Ron Adams waits on Tammy Harris

Waiting in line at the bazaar

From left, Terry Mathurin and Michelle Julian

From left, Loretta Daigneault, Lettie Schultz and Joann Caulder

From left, Louis Beauvais, Joanne Lantry, Marge Harrison and Phyllis Page

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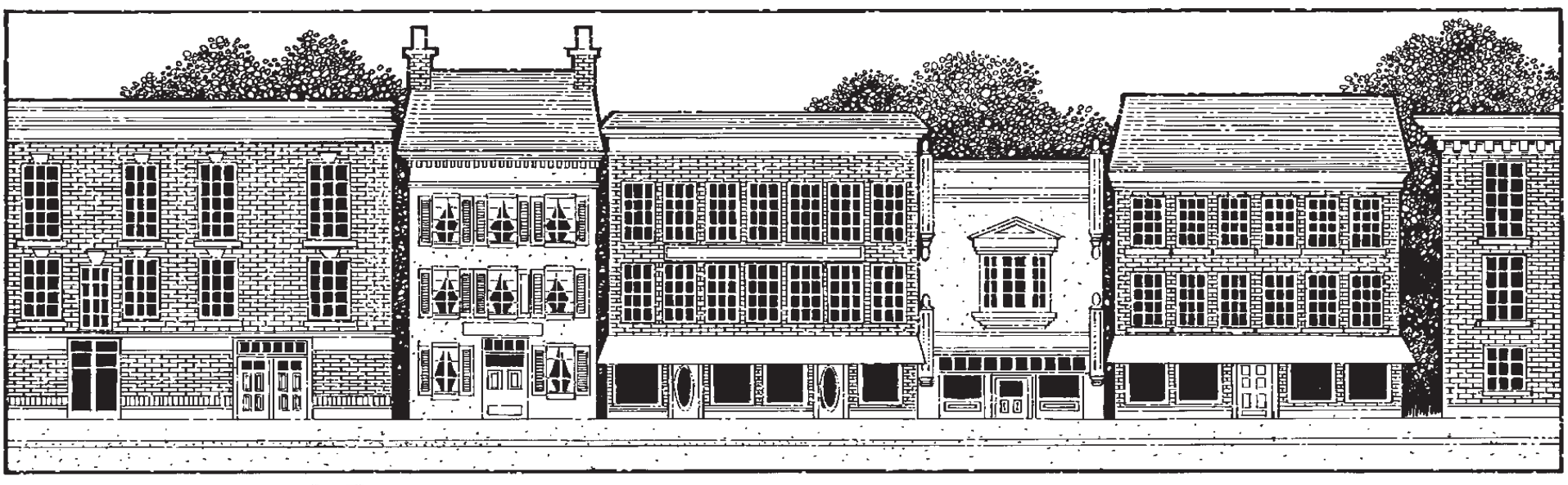

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Flexer cited by conservation league

PUTNAM — State Senator Mae Flexer (D – 29th District: Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson) scored a 100 on the 2019 Connecticut League of Conservation Voters annual Environmental Scorecard, reflecting the senator's effectiveness in leading passage of, and voting for, pro-environment legislation affecting Connecticut and its 3.5 million citizens. Sen. Flexer was additionally named one of the CTLCV's "Environmental Champions."

"To receive this score and to be named for an 'Environmental Champion' for the fourth time is a true honor," said Flexer. "I'm thankful to the CTLCV for the close attention it pays toward major environmental issues in our state. I appreciate being recognized for my work opposing the proposed gas power plant in Killingly, and fighting against undermining of the Environmental Protection Act. This recognition only gives me further courage and inspiration to continue fighting for clean air, water and environments for everyone living in Connecticut."

The CTLCV notes in the introduction to its report that democratic majorities in the House and Senate had a major impact on passing pro-environment legislation and on killing anti-environmental bills.

"The 2019 Legislative Session delivered many wins for the environment, including significant investment in offshore wind, the electrification of the state fleet, the passage of the State Water Plan, and much more," the report says. "Because of our work during the last elections, we broke the split in the State Senate and sent a new pro-environment majority into Hartford. These new and returning champions were largely able to kill bad environmental bills like rollbacks to the Environmental Protection Act, automatic permits from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) after 90 days, and the revocation of DEEP's enforcement tools. Many of these anti-environment proposals never even saw a vote. As a result, the vast majority of bills we scored were pro-environment proposals. This led to higher scores overall, evidence for the strong support for the environment within our legislature."

The CTLCV grading scale ranges from 0-to-100 percent, and is based on how legislators vote on key environmental bills during the committee period of session and on the House and Senate floor.

The final score is an average of their votes on specific pro-environment bills the CTLCV has picked. Absences and abstentions are not factored into the CTLCV's grading system.

The legislative priorities included in CTLCV's scorecard covers a wide, diverse range of environmental concerns. The CTLCV seeks the counsel of other environmental groups, advocates and stakeholders to determine their priorities. CTLCV's legislative victories this session includes: Offshore Wind legislation; Plastic Bag Ban; State Water Plan; Fracking Waste Ban; Solar Net-Metering.

Clancy is Day Kimball employee of the month

Courtesy photo

From left, Janice Thurlow, Allison Clancy, and Joseph Adiletta.

PUTNAM — Allison Clancy, registered nurse for Day Kimball Hospital's inpatient behavioral health unit, was named employee of the month for October by Day Kimball Healthcare. Clancy began working for DKH in November 2017. In her role, she is responsible for assisting in the treatment of and providing therapeutic support to patients in acute mental health crisis.

"Allison is very deserving of this recognition and I am proud of her and the department. She goes above and beyond when caring for patients and assisting her colleagues and is a pleasure to work with. Allison is kind and courteous to our patients and is a great role model in the behavioral health department," said Clancy's supervisor, Peter Neal, Ph.D., LPC, director of behavioral health, Day Kimball Healthcare,

"I feel humbled. I work with such an amazing group of individuals that are always inspiring me to strive to become a better nurse," Clancy said. "I enjoy being a small part of trying to end the stigma surrounding mental illness. It's rewarding to make a positive impact on people and help them get their lives back on track. I like to help them feel human and not broken by showing them they have the potential to do wonderful things with their lives, even when they can't see it for themselves yet."

Clancy earned her associate's degree in nursing from the Community College of Rhode Island. In her spare time, she works as a veterinary technician at a local clinic and when the opportunity arises, Clancy enjoys caring for orphaned newborn puppies.

Clancy was born at Day Kimball Hospital and has resided in Northeast Connecticut her entire life. She currently lives with her boyfriend and their three dogs, three cats, and three bunnies.

Free concerts offered at ECSU

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University will present a number of free musical events in December, ranging from jazz performances to holiday productions. All events will be held in the Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC). Admission is free and open to the public.

On Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., the jazz combo "3 O'Clock Band" and Jazz Ensemble will play two sets of jazz songs. The Jazz Ensemble will be conducted by U.S. Coast Guard member Bryce Hall. The 3 O'Clock Band will be led by senior Michael G. Lauretti Jr., who plays piano and trombone, and assisted by junior Hannah Avena, who plays trombone.

On Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m., the Eastern Concert Band will perform holiday-themed music.

On Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Eastern's student chamber ensembles will perform a series of pieces ranging from the Baroque period to the present.

On Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m., the music program's faculty, alumni and current students will come together, fully staged and costumed, to present the holiday classic "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The 50-minute opera is a great event for children and families.

Buttermore to speak at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The guest speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Nov. 26 will be Lita Buttermore from the Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc. Buttermore is an eight-year U.S. Marine veteran.

Due to the identified lack of transportation coordination, and understanding of transportation services, here in Eastern Connecticut, the ECTC receives funds from the Federal Transit Administration to help address these issues — helping senior citizens and people with disabilities navigate transportation options to stay connected to their community whether it be attending a family function, shopping, getting to a medical appointment or work. Transportation is the link to these services which allows a person to remain independent. ECTC's mobility program works toward maximizing resources of services such as public transit, senior transportation, volunteers, non-profits and taxi services.and offers free vouchers for travel.

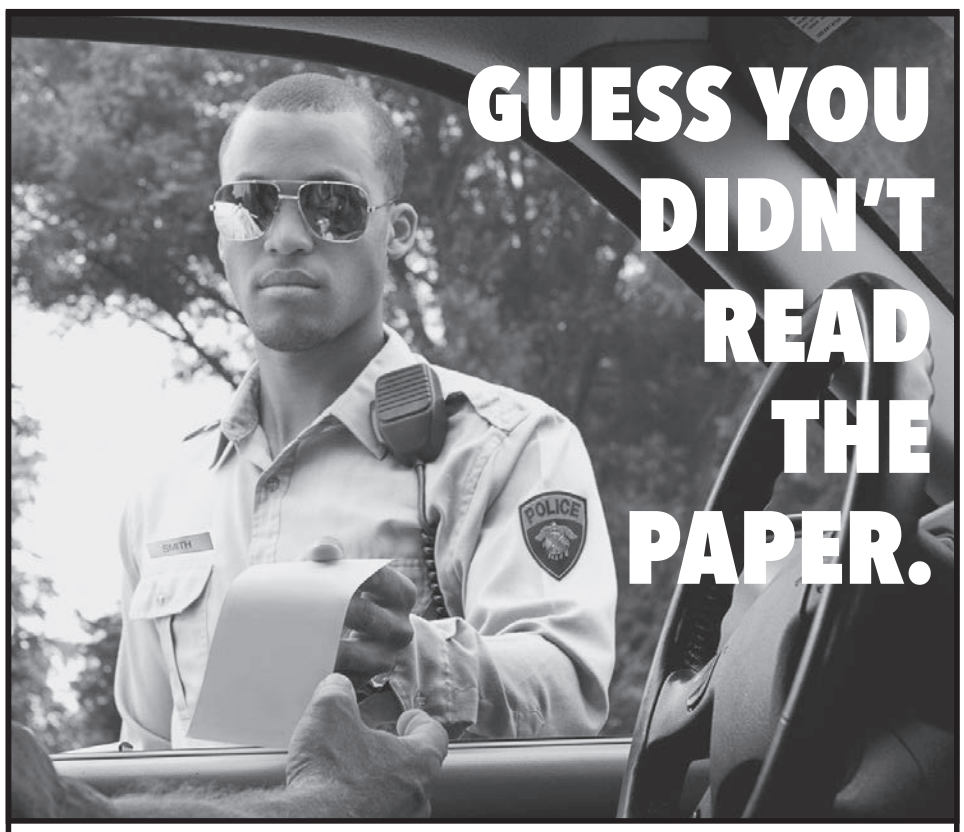
The Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium is a private non-profit 501(c)3 agency incorporated in 1992. It was formed through a partnership between the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, Frank Loomis Palmer Fund and Bodenwein Public Benevolent Foundation.

The purpose of ECTC is to promote the coordination and consolidation of paratransit services for persons of low income, elderly, physically and mentally disabled individuals in Southeastern Connecticut.

ECTC utilizes a diverse means of coordination to meet the needs of human service agencies. Attempts are made to group an agency's needs with other agencies that may provide transportation in the same general vicinity or to the same client group. This enables agencies to offer additional services to clients without greatly affecting their current transportation services.

ECTC also makes its vehicles and drivers available for contracting to human service agencies. This may help agencies that only need use of a vehicle on a part-time basis by reducing the costs through the sharing of operating expenses with other agencies. This coordination process helps to achieve higher levels of efficiency in the use of public and private funds.

The coffeehouse is open to veterans only and is held every week at the Killingly Community Center, 185 Broad St., Danielson at 9 a.m.



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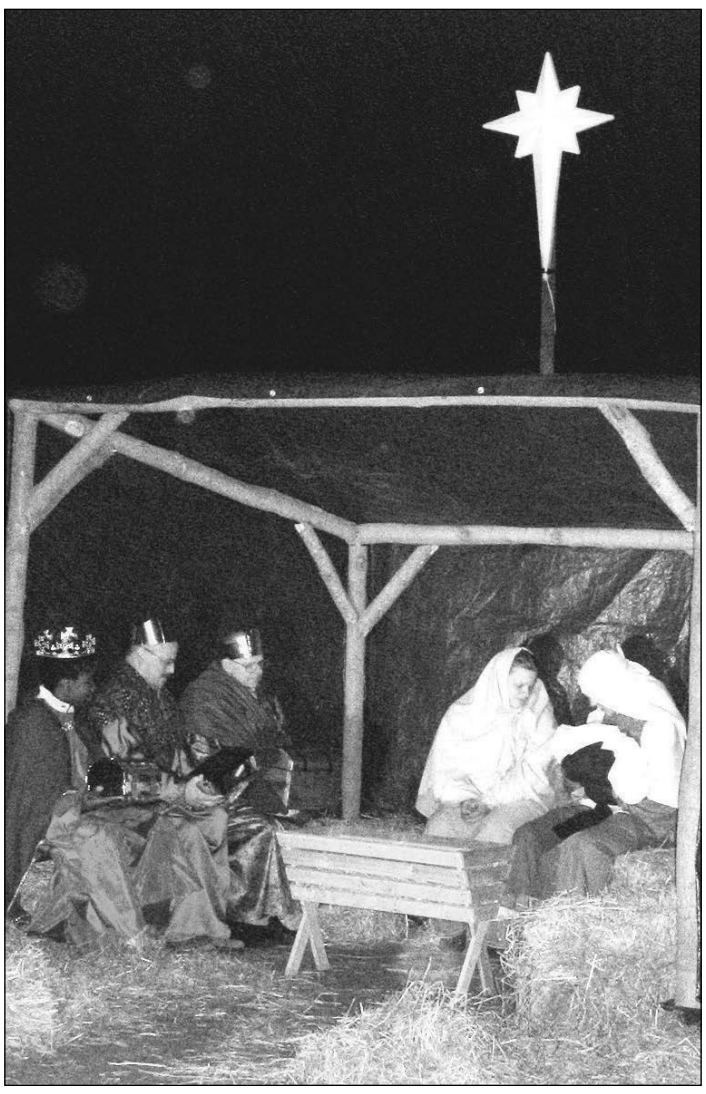

"Live Nativity" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

Carol Davidge photos

Families are invited to enjoy "Cookies & Cocoa with Santa" on Saturday, Dec., 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — Folks from throughout northeastern Connecticut are invited to the town of Eastford for two very special holiday opportunities including "Cookies & Cocoa with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Congregational Church's Community Room and "Live Nativity" on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Elementary School Parking Lot (12 Westford Road, snowdate December 21).

During "Cookies & Cocoa," families will visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause, decorate cookies, play games, and hear lively holiday music performed by the Ashford Babcock Band, the oldest continuously performing band in the United States. During Eastford's "Live Nativity," performers of all ages from babes in arms create images of the manger scene with angels, wise men, shepherds herding live animals, and live music. It is an annual tradition of the Eastford Baptist Church and the Congregational Church. For more information, call (860) 974-0294.

Woodstock recreation winter festival on tap

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Recreation Department is hosting a Winter Festival on Sunday, Dec.15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free event is open to everyone to enjoy a variety of activities and promotions throughout the Town of Woodstock at participating businesses as well as organizations. Those organizations and businesses will be placed on a festival map, found throughout the town. A passport program will be stamped at each location for a drawing to win prizes from local businesses. Roseland Park will be featuring activities from participants, food, and music, concluding with a tree lighting ceremony presented by the Woodstock American Legion Benson-Flugel Post 111. Weather dependent, a bonfire will be held by the lake. For more information on this event please contact the Woodstock Recreation Department at (860) 928-5935 Ext. 333 or recreationdirector@woodstockCT.gov.

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Tuesday, Nov. 26
BOE, 7 p.m., Central Administration Community Room
Wednesday, Nov. 27
WPCA Meetings, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Monday, Nov. 25
American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Transfer Station Committee, 1 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building
Saturday, Nov. 30
AA, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

KILLINGLY

Monday, Nov. 25
Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Room 102
Board of Recreation, 6 p.m. Community Center, 85 Broad St
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Veteran's Coffee House, 9 a.m., Community Center, 85 Broad St
Friday, Nov. 29
NECT Council of Governments, 8:30 a.m.

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Killingly one step closer to Class M playoffs

Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Jack Sharpe grinds near the goal line with East Lyme's Cameron Hart trying to wrestle him down from above and Matthew Orefice attempting to stop him from below last Friday, Nov. 15.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Home is where the heart is — it's also where the wins are for Killingly High. The last time Killingly lost a football game at home was on Dec. 7, 2015 in the Class M state semifinals — Killingly has won 25 straight home games since that loss to Brookfield High four years ago. The Red Hawks likely gained a berth in the upcoming Class M playoffs with a 48-7 win over East Lyme last Friday night.

"I don't know if this clinches anything but it puts us a step closer. I'm not positive. There's still a lot of things that could play out but this helps us quite a bit," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "This puts us in a lot better position than if we had lost it."

Now Killingly will focus on trying to knock off New London in the final game of its regular season and hope for some help on Thanksgiving Day so it can attain a top-two seeding in the state playoffs — ensuring two home games in the postseason, assuming the Red Hawks can win in the opening round.

Coach Neal is well aware of the value of playing at home. Killingly has played in the state semifinals the past four seasons — staying at home in 2015 (Brookfield), going on the road in 2016 (a loss at Hillhouse High of New Haven), staying home in 2017 (defeating Berlin en route to a state championship), and going on the road last season (a loss at St. Joseph of Trumbull).

"A home field advantage is key in the playoffs. In the past four years when we've been in the playoffs — two of the years in the semifinals we've been on the road. The first year was new to us, against Brookfield, so that was an experience because that was new. But we knew what it was like going to Hillhouse and know what it was like going to St. Joe's — compared to having that home game against Berlin. To our advantage, playing on the natural grass, it's helpful," Neal said. "We have a great following here and the atmosphere's tremendous. (Athletic director) Kevin Marcoux does a tremendous job with the whole atmosphere — kids like that. They buy into that and they play hard."

Killingly was ranked No. 3 in Class M following last weekend's games. A win over New London this Friday night might help push the Red Hawks (8-1) into a top-two seeding. Rockville (8-0) is currently ranked No. 1 in Class M and Waterford (8-1) sits at No. 2. Waterford travels to East Lyme on Thanksgiving Day and a Waterford loss to the Vikings would certainly help Killingly's chances.

Killingly manhandled East Lyme last Friday — racing to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter on a 23-yard touchdown toss from senior quarterback Jacob Nurse to senior Josh Heaney and a pair of touchdown runs from senior Jackson Lopes.

Lopes carried the ball just six times but finished with four touchdown runs (a pair of one-yard touchdowns runs along with scoring totes of 11 and 16 yards). Lopes knows how important it is to finish out the regular season with a win over New London so the Red Hawks can hopefully have a chance to stay at home for the first two rounds of the state tourney.

"We understand that's it a big game. We need to have this one in order to get two home games. It's a big advantage to us. We've got a great fan base, they really come out with a big crowd," Lopes said. "When you play at home you just get comfortable because it's your environment. You have your routine. You have your rituals that you have before the game. It's just easier to play."

Nurse was efficient against East Lyme, completing 4-of-5 passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns. Like Lopes, Nurse is well aware of the importance of beating New London this Friday night and then hopefully staying at home for the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"It's very important. And it'll be extra special, it's Senior Night. We'd really love to win this one," Nurse said. "We've got to clean up the mistakes and we've just got to play our best football. I feel really confident with the guys we have around us and what we can do as a team."

Sophomore tailback Jack Sharpe finished with 146 yards on 20 carries against East Lyme. Sharpe fumbled with 2:12 left in the second quarter — setting up the Vikings on a short field on Killingly's 35-yard line and leading to East Lyme's only touchdown — a 24-yard scoring reception by Owen Robbins. Sharpe knows the Red Hawks must minimize mistakes from here on out.

"We turned the ball over a little bit too much and we're working on it," Sharpe said. "Ball security's everything. I've just got to make sure going through the hole I keep two hands on it and I'll be fine."

Senior Kameron Crowe scored on a 63-yard reception and also returned an interception 78 yards for a touchdown against the Vikings. Senior defensive tackle Connor Leduc intercepted East Lyme quarterback Noah Perry at the Vikings 27-yard line late in the first quarter and returned it 26 yards to the 1-yard line — setting up a one-yard touchdown run from Lopes with 2:10 left in the first quarter that helped push Killingly's lead to 20-0 over East Lyme (5-4).

Killingly can take nothing for granted this Friday night at home against New London (4-4). Last season New London edged Killingly 25-24 on Owen George's 45-yard touchdown pass to Francisco Pratts with just 23 seconds left in the game. It was Killingly's only loss in the regular season.

"I'll tell you what, New London hits. They hit. They're physical and they've got a lot of speed," Neal said. "They're a tough team. Our kids are going to be ready. We remember last year. It's going to be Senior Night. We've just got to come to play. If we come to play for 48 minutes I think we can do some good things."

Killingly is scheduled to play host to the Whalers this Friday, Nov. 22, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. The Red Hawks will try to push their winning streak at Killingly High School to 26 games — and then hope for two more at home this December.

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KILLINGLY 48, EAST LYME 7

East Lyme	0	7	0	0-7
Killingly	20	7	14	7-48

FIRST QUARTER
K- Josh Heaney 23 pass from Jacob Nurse (Chris Jax kick) 5:56
K- Jackson Lopes 11 run (kick failed) 3:53
K- Lopes 1 run (Jax kick) 2:10

SECOND QUARTER
K- Kameron Crowe 63 pass from Nurse (Jax kick) 4:40
EL- Owen Robbins 24 pass from Noah Perry (William Anglin kick) :44

THIRD QUARTER
K- Lopes 1 run (Jax kick) 7:42
K- Crowe 78 interception return (Jax kick) 2:08

FOURTH QUARTER
K- Lopes 16 run (Jax kick) 8:22

	East Lyme	Killingly
First Downs	11	14
Rushes-yards	22-69	31-186
Passing	104	90
Sacked-yds lost	6-33	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-29-2	4-5-0
Punts-Avg.	6-28	1-43
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-30	5-35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- EL: Perry 7-33; Robbins 3-4; Blane Hart 12-32. K: Jack Sharpe 20-146; Nurse 2-4; Lopes 6-41, 4 TDs; Kylian Armand 3-(-5).

PASSING- EL: Perry 16-29-2 for 104 yards, TD.K: Nurse 4-5-0 for 90 yards, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING- EL:Cameron Hart 3-34; Robbins 5-41, TD;Hunter Lizza 2-(-2); Anglin 3-7; Blane Hart 3-24.

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Woodstock advances to state semifinals

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Woodstock Academy's Marissa Mayhew stretches for a dig against Joel Barlow, flanked by teammates, from left: Amelia Large, Paige Audet, and Paula Hernandez.

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Woodstock's Lizzy Lovrien makes a dig against Joel Barlow on Nov. 14.

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Woodstock's Katie Papp makes a play at the net against Joel Barlow's Grace Gilmore.

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Woodstock's Sierra Bedard, left, and Amelia Large, try to block a shot from Joel Barlow's Isabel Llach.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's volleyball players can be a superstitious bunch. Perhaps they knew good fortune was sitting on top of the net in a tight fourth set against Joel Barlow in the second round of the Class L state volleyball tournament. Diana Gonzalez slapped a serve that hit the top of the mesh — paused for a moment — then crawled over for an ace. It was her signature serve in eighth-seeded Woodstock's 3-1 win over ninth-seeded Joel Barlow on Nov. 14 at Alumni Fieldhouse.

The Centaurs followed their win over Joel Barlow by knocking off top-seeded and previously unbeaten Bristol Eastern 3-2 in the quarterfinals on Nov. 16 — propelling Woodstock to the state semifinals against fifth-seeded Guilford.

Gonzalez kept the momentum in the Centaurs favor with her killer serve against Joel Barlow.

"It did not feel good when it left my hand," Gonzalez said. "I expected that it wouldn't go over."

She was wrong — Gonzalez's net-crawler came at an opportune time for the Centaurs — in the midst of five straight points on serve for Gonzalez — transforming an 18-17 deficit into a 22-18 lead en route to a 25-23 win in the decisive fourth set — locking up the match for the Centaurs. Set scores were 25-19, 16-25, 28-26, 25-23.

Gonzalez got the serve in the fourth set with the Centaurs trailing 18-17. She proceeded to help the Centaurs turn a one-point deficit into a 22-18 lead.

"I was really stressed out. I was trying to calm myself down, taking deep breaths, if I mess up it would give (Joel Barlow) more confidence and hope," said Gonzalez, a senior, who finished with six points on serve including four aces.

Senior outside hitter Paula Hernandez watched with a smile as Gonzalez's serve slunk over the net to give Woodstock a 21-18 lead in the fourth set.

"We're very superstitious and after that it was like 'Man, we have it. We have it in the bag,'" said Hernandez with a grin.

Gonzalez and coach Adam Bottone exchanged smiles after her killer serve.

"We refer to that as the best serve in volleyball. Back in the day you used to not be able to hit the net at all," Bottone said. "Now it can hit the net and drop over. Sometimes you're lucky. It's good to have the luck on your side for once, definitely a good omen. Barlow made a push to come back. They pressured us. We came through when it mattered."

Bottone said Gonzalez stayed in the moment and delivered — with Woodstock notching five-straight points on her serve in the fourth set.

"That's huge. You're talking about a person who comes in whose only job is to serve — a really pressure situation," Bottone said. "Every time she went back to serve she took a deep breath, she just made solid contact where she needed to and the ball went over. It was a beautiful thing to see, seeing a senior who doesn't get to play a lot step back there and throw in some nice float serves and get us where we needed to be."

The game against the Falcons on Nov. 14 was a rematch of last season's Class L state championship match — won by Joel Barlow in five sets. Bottone said the win was important because it advanced the Centaurs in this season's state tourney — trumping any satisfaction with avenging last season's loss in the title game.

"We talked about it before the game — let's not dwell on last year. We're a completely different team than we were last year, different pieces to the puzzle — so as long we just are intentional about the things that we need to do then we'll be OK," Bottone said. "I'm always happy to see them win and it seems to be a battle with us and Barlow now. It's definitely sweet when you can avenge that loss for sure."

In last season's championship match against Joel Barlow the Centaurs led two sets to none before fading and dropping the last three sets. In the rematch on Nov. 14 with the sets tied at one apiece, Woodstock and Joel Barlow were locked in a tight battle in the pivotal third set — with the score tied at 22-22, 23-23, 24-24, 25-25, and 26-26. Woodstock didn't fade this time, winning the third set 28-26.

"I feel like that would have decided our emotions if we would have lost (the third set) and that's a really bad thing," Hernandez said. "Winning that third set — they say in Puerto Rico whomever wins that set wins the last one. We've been working so much to get here. It's a lot of mental work. I feel like we deserved to win."

Coach Bottone said his Centaurs have been focusing on the mental side and it showed when they hung tough in the third set.

"We talk a lot about the mental aspect of the game, the mental toughness," Bottone said. "I got to thinking as a coach I talk a lot about the aspect, the mental part of the game, but I really don't help them with how to practice it. We talked about it the past couple of days and we started doing visualization before games and practices. We talk about just controlling our breath and just staying at a level plane with intensity."

Hernandez said the Centaurs took positive thoughts onto the volleyball court.

"We came with a mindset of winning, but you never know how you're going to feel to be honest," Hernandez said. "

Hernandez finished with 17 kills and 33 digs. Sophomore Aurissa Boardman notched 10 kills. The loss ended Joel Barlow's season at 16-5.

Give her 1,000 tries and Gonzalez would likely have a hard time duplicating her signature serve against Joel Barlow. Sometimes good fortune sits on top of the net — giving momentum a shove in the right direction.

"I was so relieved," Gonzalez said. "When it went over it just felt awesome."

WOODSTOCK 3, BRISTOL EASTERN 2

BRISTOL—Paula Hernandez had 19 kills and made 43 digs to lead the eighth-seeded Centaurs past No. 1 seed Bristol Eastern in the Class L semifinals at Bristol Eastern High on Nov. 16. Set scores were 25-19, 23-25, 25-23, 26-28, 15-13. Woodstock's Paige Audet notched 26 assists and made 15 digs. Aurissa Boardman made nine kills and Marissa Mayhew had 17 points on serve for Woodstock (19-5). The loss ended Bristol Eastern's season at 21-1. Woodstock was scheduled to face fifth-seeded Guilford (19-3) in the state semifinals on Nov. 20. The winner of the match between Woodstock and Guilford will face the winner of the match between second-seeded Avon (19-1) and No. 3 RHAM (18-1). The Class L state championship match is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, at East Haven High School.

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High school roundup

SHEEHAN 1, KILLINGLY 0

WALLINGFORD — Marley Esch scored off a corner kick midway through the first half for the match's lone goal to help eighth-seeded Sheehan top ninth-seeded Killingly High in the second round of the Class L girls soccer tournament on Nov. 14. Sheehan outshot Killingly 16-6. Killingly goalkeeper Taylyn Lemoine made 12 saves. Sheehan keeper Elizabeth Arnold made four saves. The loss ended Killingly's season at 12-5-3. Sheehan (13-3-3) advanced to the quarterfinals, where it defeated top-seeded RHAM 1-0. Sheehan then advanced to the Class L semifinals, where it faced 13th-seeded East Lyme (12-4-3) on Nov. 19.

MERCY 1, WOODSTOCK 0

MIDDLETOWN — Emma McMurray scored with 11 minutes left in the match with an assist from Katie Menard to lift fifth-seeded Mercy to the win over 12th-seeded Woodstock Academy in the second round of the Class L girls soccer tournament on Nov. 14. The loss ended Woodstock's season at 11-7-1. Mercy advanced to the quarterfinals, where it was eliminated by 13th-seeded East Lyme 1-0 (3-2 penalty-kick shootout). Mercy's season ended with a record of 11-4-3.

Waterford defeats Woodstock Academy

Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Nick Bedard tries to get around the right corner against Waterford last Saturday, Nov. 16.

WATERFORD 26, WOODSTOCK 15

Waterford	0	12	7	7-26
Woodstock	3	0	0	12-15

FIRST QUARTER
Wood- Aidan Morin 27 field goal 4:14

SECOND QUARTER
Water- Trey Brennan 4 run (kick failed) 11:20
Water- Mike Vincent 8 pass from Ryan Bakken (kick failed) 7:43

THIRD QUARTER
Water- Vincent 25 pass from Bakken (Sam Menders kick) 7:02

FOURTH QUARTER
Wood- Ian Welz 3 run (pass failed) 11:29
Water- Jackson Harshburger 9 run (Menders kick) 7:56 Wood- Nick Bedard 2 run (pass failed) 1:09

	Waterford	Woodstock
First Downs	14	16
Rushes-yards	36-143	29-98
Passing	105	193
Sacked-yds lost	2-10	4-21
Comp-Att-Int	10-22-0	20-37-2
Punts-Avg.	4-33	5-39
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-68	8-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- Water: Bakken 4-22; Brennan 7-24, TD;Harshburger 15-64, TD; Liam Pickett 2-8; Christian Hightower 8-31. Wood: Ethan Davis 10-83; Welz 13-21, TD; Bedard 3-(-2) TD; Gavin Savoie 3-4.

PASSING- Water: Bakken 10-22-0 for 105 yards, 2 TD.Wood: Davis 20-37-2 for 193 yards.

RECEIVING- Water: Hightower 4-17; Menders 1-38;Vincent 4-44, TD; Brennan 1-6. Wood: Bedard 7-77; Welz 3-36; Morin 4-3; Luis Miranda 5-54; Travis White 1-23.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy could not finish enough drives against Waterford High last Saturday and that helped finish off the Centaurs 26-15 at Bentley Athletic Complex. The Lancers negated Woodstock's running game — allowing quarterback Ethan Davis to scramble for 83 yards — but giving up just 15 total rushing yards to the rest of Woodstock's ball carriers.

"They're tough defensively. They take away certain things," said Woodstock coach Sean Saucier. "Just trying to play the chess match of figuring out what's there and what to try to take advantage of."

While Davis ran for 83 yards on 10 carries — much of that yardage came as he scrambled under pressure. The Lancers sacked Davis four times and harassed him most of the afternoon. Davis completed 20-of-37 passes for 193 yards and was intercepted twice.

"They had pressure on the quarterback so I think that made things difficult for Ethan," Saucier said. "That was the difference."

The Centaurs inability to find the end zone started early on when Waterford inexplicably did not punt on fourth-and-one from its own 10-yard line with 4:57 left in the first quarter. The Lancers attempted a pass, which fell incomplete, giving Woodstock the football on Waterford's 10-yard line. From the 10, the Centaurs gained zero yardage on a run and two incomplete passes and settled for a 27-yard field goal from Aidan Morin.

The Lancers took the lead for good on a six-play 61-yard drive, capped by Trey Brennan's four-yard touchdown run with 11:20 left in the second quarter. Waterford pushed its lead to 12-3 after Jackson Harshberger intercepted Davis at the Centaurs 37-yard line and returned it to the 22. Three plays later Waterford quarterback Ryan Bakken connected with Mike Vincent on an eight-yard touchdown pass to push the Lancers lead to 12-3 with 7:43 left in the second quarter.

On its ensuing possession following Vincent's eight-yard touchdown, Woodstock drove 62 yards in 12 plays to Waterford's 13-yard line — but the march was thwarted when Davis was intercepted in the end zone by Waterford's Christian Hightower with 2:06 remaining in the first half. The Lancers took a 12-3 lead into halftime.

To open the second half Waterford drove 56 yards in 14 plays to push its lead to 16 points. Vincent capped the march with 25-yard touchdown reception and Sam Menders booted the point after for a 19-3 lead with 7:02 left in the third quarter.

Woodstock drove for its first touchdown early in the fourth quarter — moving 51 yards in 10 plays. Senior running back Ian Welz capped the drive with a three-yard run and the Centaurs trailed 19-9 with 11:29 left in the fourth quarter.

Following Welz's score Waterford drove 51 yards in 10 plays — with Harshberger rushing in from the 9-yard line and Menders kicking the extra point to push the Lancers margin to 26-9 with 7:56 left in the fourth quarter. Woodstock's Nick Bedard scored on a five-yard run with 1:09 remaining — capping a 10-play 70-yard march — pulling the Centaurs within 26-15 and completing the scoring.

East Lyme did not dominate Woodstock — the Centaurs amassed 16 first downs to 14 for Waterford and threw for 193 yards to just 105 yards for the Lancers. But Woodstock's inability to finish drives and the lack of a running game was too much to overcome.

"I expected a good game. I'm just a little disappointed with certain things we couldn't execute,": Saucier said. "We played tough. We played to the end."

The win lifted Waterford's record to 8-1. The Lancers complete their regular season at East Lyme on Thanksgiving day. Woodstock's record fell to 6-3. The Centaurs final game of the season is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, at CREC co-op (6-3) in Enfield.

"We want to get that seventh win. We definitely want to go to CREC and end the season on a high note," Saucier said. "We'll regroup. Meet on Monday and make the last week a good one. Fight to the last day and end on a great note."

Last Saturday's game against Waterford marked the last home game for Woodstock's seniors — Welz, Bedard, Travis White, Luis Miranda, Aidan Morin, Daniel Suitum, Nick Bessette, J.J. Bain, Seth Libby, and Zachary Bertram. They are all part of team that this season posted Woodstock Academy's first winning season since the school reinstituted football in 2006.

"We've been together the whole time, as long as I've been here they've been here," Saucier said. "They're awesome kids to be around every day. They work hard. They're humble. They're just great kids to coach."

Bedard finished with seven catches for 77 yards against Waterford. A win against CREC on Saturday would lift the Centaurs record to 7-3, which sounds a lot better to Bedard than a 6-4 mark.

"Next week we go into CREC and finish off the season 7-3. For us seniors that'll be huge for us," Bedard said. "To have a winning season — my last year playing here — that's pretty big."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ian Welz makes a fingertip catch against Waterford.

Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ethan Davis runs with Waterford's Christian Hightower closing in last Saturday.

Quinebaug Valley Pride top Cheney Tech

File photo

Lee Schiavetti ran for 168 yards and three touchdowns against Cheney Tech.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

MANCHESTER — Sophomore running back Lee Schiavetti rushed for 168 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries to lead the Quinebaug Valley Pride past Cheney Tech on Friday, Nov. 15. The Pride led 26-8 at halftime. Pride sophomore quarterback Mike Merrill completed 6-of-9 passes for 111 yards and one touchdown with one interception. Anthony Navedo made two catches for 50 yards and one touchdown. D'Andre Therecka caught two passes for 23 yards. Schiavetti made two receptions for 38 yards. Sophomore Sam Rebello booted field goals of 27 and 28 yards and was 3-for-4 on extra points.

The loss dropped Cheney Tech's record to 5-4. The win lifted Quinebaug Valley's record to 6-3. The Pride is next scheduled to face Thames River (7-1) on Wednesday, Nov. 27, with kickoff scheduled for 5 p.m. at Norwich' Tech's athletic complex.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT
"Shining a light on community events"

November 22, Fri., 5-7pm
Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips ($11); baked haddock ($12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp ($13); fried clams ($16); seafood platter ($18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November 22, Fri., 6pm
Christmas Auction Preview 5pm.You don't won't to miss this one. Everyone is welcome don't pay store prices! Come make your own prices! Raffles, Door Prize, 50/50 Raffle. All your Christmas needs under one roof! Toys, Clothing, Gloves, Hats, Small Appliances, Candy, Candy Canes, Decorations, Wrapping Paper… The list goes on. American Legion at 66 Prospect St. Moosup CT. Exit 32 off Route 395 The American Legion will be selling food.

November 23, Sat., 1pm
Everyone is invited to view "The Hurricane", a drama based on Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's incredible true story (R). The event is hosted by the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main St, Danielson. A Community Conversation on Race facilitated by the Windham/Willimantic NAACP Chapter will follow. The movies are free and so is the popcorn. Please join us in this opportunity for people of good will to have an open, honest conversation about civil rights and social justice. For more information, please contact Lyn Tolar at 860-455-8144 or tolar@infoResolution.com.

November 23, Sat., 10-5
Friends of Assisi Food Pantry Food Drive weekend at 77 Water Street, At Friends of Assisi we are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Distribution. WISH LIST: Apples, broth, quick breads, cake mixes, nuts, pie filling, rolls, olives and pickles, canned yams and monetary donations and grocery store cards.860-774-2310

November 23, Sat., 9am-2pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main Street, North Grosvenordale will hold its Holiday Craft Fair and bake sale. Shop local artisans and vendors, purchase from our mouthwatering home baked goods table, take a chance on our beautiful themed baskets and check out the Rada cutlery and our Treasures from the Attic table.

November 23, Sat., 5:30pm
This is our 20th year providing dinner and bluegrass at the killingly grange. this month we will serve a chili and cornbread dinner, with salad and dessert for $10.00, followed by the wonderful SHADY CREEK bluegrass band and a group new to us, MOONSHINE FALLS, from western Connecticut, starting at 7.00 pm, for a donation of $12.00. This is the longest continuous running bluegrass venue in Connecticut. We are at 801 Hartford Pike, in Dayville. Bruce Kohl 203-731-1750

November 23, Sat., 10am-2pm
Christmas on the Hill Holiday Fair The First Congregational Church of Woodstock will host its annual holiday fair Christmas on the Hill features a Silent Auction, music by the handbell choir, and a delicious chicken pot pie luncheon. There are wonderful gifts in all price ranges: handcrafted and fair trade items, jewelry, gently used toys, delicious baked goods, fragrant wreaths and greens arrangements, and holiday decorations. You will also find Crabtree close-outs and Cabot Cheese from Fairview Farms. Admission is Free! The church is at 543 Route 169 in Woodstock. For more information, call the church office at 860-928-7405 or visit first-churchwoodstock.org

November 24, Sun., Noon-4pm
Friends of Assisi Food Pantry Food Drive weekend at 77 Water Street, At Friends of Assisi we are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Distribution. WISH LIST: Apples, broth, quick breads, cake mixes, nuts, pie filling, rolls, olives and pickles, canned yams and monetary donations and grocery store cards.860-774-2310

November 24, Mon., 3-6:30
Friends of Assisi Food Pantry at St. James gym. Food Drive weekend at Friends of Assisi we are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Distribution. WISH LIST: Apples, broth, quick breads, cake mixes, nuts, pie filling, rolls, olives and pickles, canned yams and monetary donations and grocery store cards.860-774-2310

November 24, Sun., 2-6pm
Club 2087's annual Ham and Turkey Shoot at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Twenty turkeys and 20 hams will be raffled, along with a gift basket with all the fixings. 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com

November 26, Tues., 7pm
The Greater Putnam Interfaith will be holding its Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at B'nai Shalom Synagogue, 125 Church Street, Putnam, CT. The service will consist of prayers from every faith group present, musical selections, an opportunity for comments from the guests present, and a Thanksgiving Address by WINY's own Gary O. Following the service, there will be an opportunity for fellowship & refreshments.Monetary & non-perishable food donations for Daily Bread will gratefully be accepted. The service is open to the public. Please come. For questions, contact Pam 860-928 7595.

December 3, Tues., 6pm
Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St., Putnam.

December 5, Thurs., 4-5pm
Tween & Teen Happenings Ages 9-17 welcome-Candy games. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Rd., Killingly, CT 06239 (860) 779-5383

December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm
The East Woodstock Congregational Church 6th Annual Holiday Art Show will be held at the church located at 220 Woodstock Rd., East Woodstock, CT. 24 vendors will be set up in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. Parking and admission are free. Please email Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com if you have any questions.

December 7, Sat.,9-10:30am
Character Breakfast, $10.00 per person. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, mini pancakes, home fries, bacon or sausage, coffee, juice, and pastries. Tickets can be purchased at the church office on Tuesday at 11:30-5:00 pm or at WINY radio. 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm
The 7th Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be held at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. The hall will be filled with over 20 vendors, just in time for the Christmas season. Take a chance on one of our donations, as each crafter has donated an item to the church. Pick up door swags for your home or light post. A luncheon can be had and a full room of Christmas Treasures will be for sale. See you there. Email kmcf3470@gmail.com for more information.

December 7, Sat., 8am -1pm
Sugar Plum Fair - Federated Church of Christ-Route 6 - Brooklyn, CT. Boxwood Trees- Rada Knives- -Finnish Coffee Bread -Cookies by the Pound-Grandma's Jewelry Box -Quilted Items -Handmade Christmas Crafts-Gift Baskets- Hot Donuts-Gently Used Christmas Table- Soup and Bread Lunch. 50% off at the Thrift Shop. Miracle of Jesus --a multisensory Christmas display for children

December 8, Sat., 5pm
30th Annual Tree of Life Ceremonies to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut at Simultaneous Tree Lighting Ceremony in 11 Northeast Connecticut Towns

December 8, Sat., 11am-2pm
Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse on Sunday, 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Admission is free. New and old campers, families and friends are welcome to stop by the lodge for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour the facilities. Great chance to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer. From 11:30 – 1:30, enjoy Lunch with Santa upstairs in the lodge or just come for a photo with Santa. Made to order Pasta Bar (gluten free pasta available). Tickets available ahead of time by calling 974-3379 or at the door, $6.00 for children up to age 8, $10.00 for those 9 and older for lunch, 5 x 7 Photo with Santa $8.00. Raffle baskets too!

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Submissions are limited to *50 words or less* and are *FREE* to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.
To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news
Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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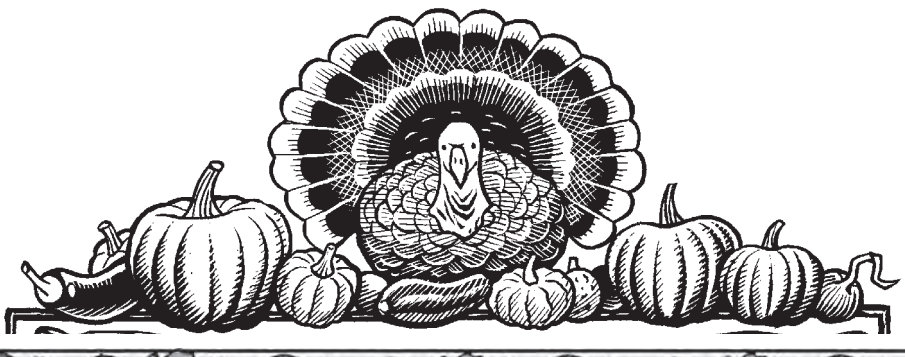

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OBITUARIES

Albert R. Auger, 86

THOMPSON– Albert R. Auger, 86, of Thompson Rd., passed away on Monday, November 18, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of sixty years to Jean G. (Szpyrka) Auger. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Roland E. and Gabrielle (Despelteau) Auger.

Mr. Auger was a Veteran of the Korean War having served with the United States Navy. He was an inspector for Kaman Aerospace in Moosup. He was a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Mumford Council 365 in Whitinsville, MA and the Thompson Senior Citizens. Al enjoyed following his beloved football team the New England Patriots.

In addition to his wife, Albert is survived by his sons, Mark Auger of Putnam, and Kevin Auger of Edgewater, FL; daughters, Debra Barbour of N. Grosvenordale, and Kelley Genest and her husband Lenny of Putnam; brothers, Bernard Auger and his wife Ann of Glastonbury and George Auger and his wife Bernice of Tampa FL; sisters, Jeanne Santiago and her husband Albert of East Falmouth, MA, and C. Louise Gates of Putnam; ten grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Roland Auger, a sister, Theresa Santerre, and a daughter in law Charlotte (Jones) Auger.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Albert's family from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2019, in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30a.m. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John O. Newell, Jr.

John O. Newell, Jr. died on November 10, 2019. He was the son of John O. Newell and Mary Emerson Keith Newell and was born on December 26, 1931 in Glen Ridge, NJ. He grew up in Upper Montclair, NJ and New York City and spent summers at the family's house in Colebrook, CT. He was educated at the Buckley School, Phillips Academy, Columbia College and Cornell University.

While at Columbia College, he met his future wife, Barbara Hoblitzelle, who was a student at Barnard College. They were married in July of 1955. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1954, where he served in the field artillery and was stationed in Geissen, Germany following training at Fort Dix and Fort Sill. After his discharge from the Army in 1957, he completed his undergraduate studies and graduated from Columbia College in 1958. He then earned an M.B.A. in Finance, Accounting and Administration from Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management in 1960. In 1970 he completed the post graduate program conducted by the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

He joined Hartford National Bank and Trust Company in 1960, which was the fourth oldest bank in the country, where he served in a variety of executive positions. During his career, he was involved in the building of Hartford National's new head office in 1963, the designing of Hartford National's first computerized commercial loan system, and the creation of Hartford National's debit card.

He and his late wife shared a love of collecting and building 1 inch to 1 foot miniatures to furnish the rooms John built for their collection. They also had an intense interest in family genealogy, and were members of many genealogical societies and enjoyed doing research in places ranging from Charleston, SC to Boston, MA.

He lived with his family in West Hartford, CT from 1960 until 2016, when he moved to Brooklyn, CT. His wife Barbara died in 2013. He is survived by their two children, John O. Newell IV (married to Cornelia S.W. Newell) of Weston, MA, and Pamela N. Gaumond (married to Robert L. Gaumond) of Pomfret Center, CT. He is also survived by four grandchildren, William C. Newell (married to Angela Chang Newell), Alex B. Newell (engaged to Audrey H. Shaughnessey), Benjamin S. Zern (married to Nicole A. Zern), and Jennifer B. Zern (married to Seavor Skinner) and four great grandchildren, Jackson B. Zern, Noah S. Zern, Emmit W. Skinner and Selena B. Skinner.

Memorial services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

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John T. Stefanik, 95

WEBSTER - John Thomas Stefanik, 95, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2019 after a period of declining health.

John was born in Webster on February 9, 1924, the only son of Andrew and Angela (Gajewski) Stefanik. He is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Barbara (Madura), and by his infant son Matthew.

He is survived by his loving family including sons Gregory of Webster, Mark and his wife Anna-Lee of Dudley, Jeffrey and his wife Donna of Woodstock, CT, Christopher and his companion Lori Johnson of Webster, and daughter Angela and her fiancé Robert Alves of Putnam, CT. He is also survived by his adored grandchildren: Jessica-Lee of Dudley, Samuel of Newport, RI, Alison of Philadelphia, PA, Adam of Emigrant, MT, Katherine of Auburn, Andrew of Dudley, Matthew and Stefanie of Putnam, CT, Nicholas of Providence, RI, Abigail of Bristol, CT and by his great-granddaughter, Anna Dorothea of Dudley as well as many nephews and nieces.

John graduated from Bartlett High School in 1941 where he was a three-letter athlete. He enlisted in the Marine Corps that summer and was in boot camp when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He saw action in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, including Guadalcanal and New Hebrides. The Japanese evacuated Guadalcanal on his nineteenth birthday, a memorable birthday present. John was proud of his service in the Marine Corps.

After the war he attended Nichols College where he played basketball and baseball. He played professional baseball from 1948 to 1951 in several leagues on the East Coast. He returned to Webster and married Barbara on April 25, 1953 and together they eventually owned and operated the popular Andy's Restaurant until 1981, famous for its Rose Room. He then worked for the Town of Webster until retirement.

He was a two-time inductee of the Bartlett Athletic Hall of Fame and former President of the Webster Exchange Club. He was a passionate Red Sox and Patriots fan and loved to watch UConn girls' basketball games. He enjoyed all sports particularly baseball and golf. He liked to socialize and to travel. In his later years he was a familiar figure about town, out with his friends taking their daily morning walks. John's Slovak heritage meant a lot to him.

His funeral was held Wednesday, November 20, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council providing the military honors. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 AM Wednesday in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to Day Kimball Hospice, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260.

www.scanlonfs.com

Anthony M. Sobieski, 96

Anthony M. Sobieski, a longtime resident of Mahopac, NY passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 3, 2019. He was 86. Anthony was born in Webster, Massachusetts, the fifth of 13 children, on August 13, 1933, the son of John and Eva (Talbot) Sobieski. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and worked as an executive for RH Macy's and A&P for more than 40years combined. On February 12, 1956 he married Gloria A. Marinaccio at St. Phillip and James Roman Catholic Church in Bronx, NY. In addition to his wife of Mahopac he is survived by his daughter Judy and her husband James Othmer of Mahopac, his son Anthony and his wife Kristen of Brick, New Jersey and his son Christopher and his wife Kelly of Mahopac, and eight grandchildren: Michael, John, Kelsey and Brooke Sobieski (Anthony); Isabel and James Othmer (Judy); and Maxwell and Bryce Sobieski (Christopher). He is also survived by his brothers and sisters William Sobieski (Betty), Rita Cardenale, Joseph Sobieski, Peter Sobieski, Pauline Sobieski and Mary Jane Sobieski.

Visiting hours were held on Thursday, October 10 from 2-4 & 7-9 pm at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, October 11 at 11 :30 am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions in his name to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, www.guidingeyes.org or Help Our Military Hero's.

www.HelpOurMilitaryHeroes.org.

Frank E. Bergman, 66

Frank E. Bergman, 66, of Dayville died November 10, 2019 at his home in

Dayville. He was born February 2, 1953 in Canterbury, son of the late

Edward and Eleanora (Liepis) Bergman. He worked as a self-employed

contractor, and was an Army Military Police veteran serving in Heidelberg

Germany from 1973 — 1976. His kind heart and sense of humor will surely be

missed by all that knew him.

He leaves his longtime companion Gisele Guidry of Moosup, son Justin

Bergman and his significant other Heidi Arrington of Dayville, daughter

Becky Bergman of CT, step-children Jennifer Baron and husband Ron of

Canterbury and Will Guidry and wife Abbie of Lisbon, siblings Edward

Bergman and his wife Dianne of Groton, Barbara Collelo of Rhome, TX, Nancy

Kettle and her husband Harold of Moosup, Marsha Waterman and her husband

Dave of Norwich, Paula Mineau of Dayville, three grandchildren Brandon,

Logan and Madeleine Baron, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at St Augustine Church, 144 Westminster Rd (Rte.14),

Canterbury, Saturday, November 30 at 11:00.

D. Andrew Leach, 32

BROOKLYN- D. Andrew Leach, 32, passed away suddenly on Sunday November 10, 2019.

David is survived by two daughters: Elizabeth and Jessica Leach, both of Woodstock; his father Brian White of Killingly; his mother Wendy C. Leach of Brooklyn; his maternal grandparents Robert Leach of Brooklyn and grandmother Cassandra L. (Rundell) Leach of Brooklyn ; Paternal grandparents, Fred and Barbara White, of Brooklyn, CT his step-father Robert Langlois of Baltimore, MD; three brothers: Robert, Benjamin, and Branden Langlois, all of Brooklyn.

David was born in Putnam, CT on August 6, 1987, living in Brooklyn for most of his life; he worked for the RCW Contracting Company and was a car enthusiast.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. David's family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Connecticut Humane Society and Mortlake fire. Dept., Brooklyn, CT.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond L. Plassmann

MOOSUP - Raymond leaves a daughter, Ellen (Paul) Durand, a son, Carl (Cheryl) Plassmann, grandsons Booth O'Connell and David Plassmann, step-grandchildren Jennifer Leonard, Jessica Pegurri and Brad Favreau and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Janette, their son Thomas, also two brothers, Ernest and Harold Plassmann.

Raymond served in WWII in the Army Air Corps navigating a B17 bomber as it flew 30 missions over enemy territory. After earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, 1st Lieutenant Plassmann was honorably discharged in October of 1945. His marriage to Janette Wibberley followed and as he pursued his degree at Willimantic Teacher's College, daughter Ellen was born. Raymond taught elementary school for many years, earning his Masters' Degree in 1962 and becoming principal of Moosup Elementary shortly after. He held various part-time jobs during summer break and on evenings and weekends to support his growing family. In addition to his military service and his service educating the children of the community, he also volunteered as a Sunday School superintendent, a 4H leader, in the Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer at Pierce Baptist Home and Village Manor (currently Colonial Rehab) driving patients to appointments and presenting travelogues and slide shows for the patients' entertainment. He volunteered at Aldrich Free Library, was a member of the Plainfield Historical Society and donated 16 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross over many years.

Raymond enjoyed a long retirement and had many hobbies and interests, including riding his BMW motorcycle. He was a lifetime member of the Central Cycle Club. He enjoyed playing ping pong and worked preparing breakfasts at the club, even after his riding days were over. He was a lover of classical music, a photographer including a full dark room and a gardener. He mastered many crafts, including stained glass, basket making, chair caning and blacksmithing.

Raymond lived his life with quiet dignity and competence. Whatever challenge life sent him, he did his best, always doing a good job and rarely complained. Raymond always tried to follow the philosophy of his father, Ernest, who said "If you can't say something good about someone don't say anything"

Relatives and friends are invited to Tullis Tap House, 259 Preston, Road, Griswold on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. for a calling hour and a Celebration of Life at 11:00 A.M. followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to The Arc of Quinebaug Valley, a nonprofit human service agency that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at 687 Cook Hill Rd., Danielson, CT 06239 or to the CT Audubon Center at 218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259. tillinghastfh.com

Joseph "Pollock" Ziemba

Joseph "Pollock" Ziemba was born on March 9, 1945 in Southbridge, Massachusetts to Josephine Veronica (Kupic) Ziemba and Joseph Ziemba and passed away on November 2, 2019 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He was married to Julie Carolyn Parsons Ziemba on April 8, 1968 in Blythe, California. He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War and an inspector for the Federal Courthouse in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Survivors are: wife: Julie of the home

1 daughter: Patricia Ann Setser and companion, Rick Whitworth of Sallisaw, OK; 1 son: Joe and Shey Ziemba of Sallisaw, OK; 7 grandchildren: Stephen Branham, Ethan Branham, Keegan Setser, Lilliana Setser, Brianna Ziemba, Alayna Ziemba and Emma Lessley-Ziemba numerous great grandchildren 4 sisters: Joan Rousseau and Walter of Dudley, MA,

Judy Benoit of Southbridge, MA, Darlene Renaud and Edward of Southbridge, MA and Joy Harmon of North Grosvenordale, CT 1 brother: Albert Ziemba and Patricia of Southbridge, MA

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Robert Ziemba and sister, Sandra Marcustre.

Crystal Ann Dauphinais, 62

Crystal Ann Dauphinais (Mayhew), 62, of Danielson, CT peacefully passed away after a courageous two year battle with cancer on November 13, 2019 at Backus Hospital in Norwich, CT.

Crystal was born on March 22, 1957 in Putnam, CT, daughter to the late Alphonse and Barbara Mayhew (Henriksen). She resided in her family home for her entire life of which was also a place to call home for anyone who needed it, her door was always open.

Crystal is survived by her daughters, Betty Jo Blair and son-in-law Delroy Blair of Danielson, CT, Michelle Dauphinais of Virginia Beach, VA and Kelly Devilme and son-in-law Emmanuel Devilme of Oxford, MA., sister Patricia Dolloff and brother-in-law John Dolloff of Danielson, CT, beloved granddaughters Alysia Stiggle, Brittany Dauphinais, Kendra Goode, Jaliyah Blair and Kayleigh Devilme, adored great-grandchildren Amiyah and Alyvia, nieces, nephews and many special friends. She is preceded in death by her great-grandson, Kobe.

Crystal had a free spirit, quick wit, an infectious smile and a passion for the outdoors. She loved to camp and sight see, enjoyed gardening and had a tremendous love for life, music and dance. She always looked forward to her vacations in Virginia and other outings with special family and friends. Crystal made friends everywhere she went. Crystal had a very special place in her heart for all of her animals, especially her beloved pup Nayla of 18 years. Crystal especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time; family and friends will be notified. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in Crystal's honor. A heartfelt thank you to all those who loved and supported Crystal through her journey.

Joseph J. Cournoyer, 39

DANSILESON- Joseph J. Cournoyer, 39, of 18 Cranberry Bog Rd., died Thursday November 14, 2019, in Hartford Hospital. He was the loving and devoted Fiancé of Stephanie (Henry) Antobenedetto. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, he was the son of the Dwight Cournoyer of Webster and Deborah (Raymond) Frazer of North Grosvenordale.

Joe was a self employed as a flooring contractor for many years and also worked alongside his dad. He enjoyed fishing with his best friend Jamie and loved to bring Jason along as well. Joey and Jason called it their man time. He enjoyed playing the guitar and definitely loved playing Xbox! He and Steph grew a huge family with Herbalife and had a blast hanging out with all of them. Joey was an amazing cook and loved to make dinner for his family and usually took over the grill at every BBQ. He looked forward to movie nights with Ellsie & Jason and loved to make them laugh! He especially enjoyed playing with his granddaughter and the highlight of his busy work week was Friday night dinner dates with his love, Steph..

In addition to his Fiancé and parents, Joseph is survived by his daughter, Marissa Cournoyer of Webster, MA; his stepdaughter, Ellsie Antobenedetto of Danielson, CT; his stepson, Jason Antobenedetto of Danielson; his three brothers, Johnathan Hryzan of North Grosvenordale, Garrett Hryzan of Worcester, MA, and Christopher Cournoyer of Pomfret; his sister, Samantha Frazer of North Grosvenordale; and his granddaughter, Chloe Audette of Webster, MA; his grandmother Frances Bourbesau and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church Street, Putnam, CT with a funeral service in the funeral home at 6:30pm. Memorial donations may be made to https://www.gofundme.com/f/1r3ua7q7uo . For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Arthur P. Johnston, 70

WOODSTOCK VALLEY– Arthur Johnston, 70, of Laurel Hill Dr., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Hartford Hospital surrounded by family. He was the loving husband of Cynthia (Chmielnik) Johnston. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Robert and Loretta (St. Onge) Johnston.

Arthur was a Connecticut State Marshal for 22 years and worked throughout Windham County. Everyone that worked with him had only the nicest things to say about Art. He was an avid sports fan and loved his local teams, Patriots, UConn Huskies, Celtics and especially the New York Yankees. Art's true love though was his wife Cindy and his family. He especially loved his grandchildren who brought so much joy into his life, they were truly his heart. Art always looked forward to family outings and family vacations. All his family and friends loved him dearly and will miss his kindness, gentleness, and generosity.

Arthur is survived by his step-son, Matthew Cassell of Danielson; four brothers, Kevin and wife Marge Johnston of Pomfret, Mark and wife Susan Johnston of Dayville, Peter Johnston and husband Tor of Mass, Shawn and wife Rachael Johnston of Dayville; three sisters Roberta and late husband David Hayes of Dayville, Rosemary and husband Len Syrdyka of Mass, Christine and husband Glen Lessig of Woodstock; three grandchildren, Aidan Bain, Alyx Cassell and Ashlynn Cassell and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Johnston.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Arthur's family from 1:00pm to 3:30pm on Sunday, November 17, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. A Funeral Home service took place at 3:30pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit https://www.gilmanandvalade.com/

Deborah Beckwith, 65

WEBSTER - Deborah (Freeman) Beckwith, 65, passed away at home on Sunday November 17, 2019 while surrounded by her loving family.

Deborah is survived by her husband of thirty years Richard A. Beckwith; her son Stefan Brytowski of Worcester; two daughters: Regina Brytowski of Putnam, CT and Sonja Brytowski of Worcester; her brother David Freeman of New Jersey; her sister Barbara Choiniere of Webster. Deborah also leaves seven grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; besides her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers: Wayne Freeman of Vermont and Donald Freeman of North Adams, MA, and her sister Dianna of Stratford, CT.'

Deborah was born in Holden, MA on June 14, 1954, daughter of the late Donald J. and Vivian (Charbonneau) Freeman. Debbie worked for Gentex for many years; she thoroughly enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and taking trips to enjoy the beauty and splendor of New England's fall foliage as well as taking trips to the ocean.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle of remembrance.

Dabbie's family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Hillcrest Church, 155 Leicester Street North Oxford, MA 01537

Gary A. Genereux, 65

Gary A. Genereux, 65, of Thompson died Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in Rochdale, MA surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Joanne (Gendreau) Genereux. He was born November 22, 1953 in Putnam, son of the late Chester and Agnes (Demers) Genereux.

Gary was a lifelong resident of Thompson, a communicant of St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. He adored his grandchildren very much and enjoyed playing poker with his friends.

He leaves his wife of 38 years Joanne of Thompson, daughter Vicky Mayo of Thompson, grandchildren Gavin, Natallie and Summer Mayo.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. A graveside service Friday at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cemetery, 12 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Jessica Elizabeth Gilbert

Jessica Elizabeth Gilbert, born July 27, 1981, passed away on Sunday

November 17, 2019 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown CT, from issues

related to her long battle with Crohn's Disease.

Jessica grew up in Woodstock, CT. and graduated The Woodstock Academy in

2000. After high school, Jessica pursued a career in the health care

industry in Rhode Island for many years. Her position as Activities

Director gave her a great deal of joy and gratification as she was able to

enhance the lives of her many clients.

Jessica was a self-taught artist who displayed a remarkable talent in a

variety of mediums including pen & in, acrylics, and charcoal drawings.

She loved to share her art with her friends and family and gave away

countless personalized pieces to others.

Jessica was first diagnosed with Crohn's Disease when in her mid-twenties

and she became a tireless advocate and supporter for others who suffered

from the disease as well. She was very active on Crohn's support networks

and was a very sympathetic friend for many fellow sufferers.

Jessica leaves behind her mother and stepfather Rose and Mike Chattelle of

Woodstock, father Doug Gilbert of Norwich, brother Mark Albee and

sister-in-law Brandy, and their children Tyler, Cheyenne, Justus Rose, and

Levi, and many cousins and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) or to the South Woodstock Baptist Church in Jessica's memory.

A celebration of Jessica's life will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at

3:00 p.m. at the South Woodstock Baptist Church.

Gloria L. Chenail, 95

DANIELSON – Gloria L. (Ploude) Chenail, 95, of North St., died Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late Adolph Suhocke and the late Normand Chenail, Sr. Born in Lowell, MA, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Bertha (Plante) Plourde.

Mrs. Chenail worked until the age of 87 for the Pomfret Community School as a cafeteria worker and custodian. She had also owned and operated Suhocke's Package Store and worked for American Optical. She enjoyed reading and watching television.

Gloria is survived by her two sons, Normand Chenail, Jr. of Danielson and Peter Suhocke and his wife Martha of Springfield, MO; her sister Dolores Kingsbury of Thompson; her three grandchildren, Paul Suhocke, David Suhocke, and Kelly Suhocke and her great grandchildren Dorian Suhocke and Adrian Suhocke. She was the sister of the late Jeanne Armstrong and Anita Levine.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a graveside service for Gloria on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

OBITUARIES

Raymond B. Jablonski, 59

THOMPSON– Raymond B. Jablonski, 59, of Thompson Rd., died at home on Thursday, November 14, 2019. He was the loving husband of Charlotte (Cotnoir) Jablonski, with whom he has spent the last 40 years together. Born in Marlborough, MA., he was the son of the late Edward II and Doris (Romanek) Jablonski. He was predeceased by his best friend and brother, Edward "Butch" Jablonski III.

Raymond had various jobs over the years. His fondest memories were at Beldings, Thompson Raceway Golf Club, and Castion, where he made many lifetime friends.

He was a proud, hardworking, strong, loving, generous, affectionate, caring, and self-sacrificing family man. His sense of humor was second to none, filling the room with laughter and warmth when he entered. He was an excellent role model, whose morals and ethics were admired and strived for. He had a big heart and especially loved entertaining and playing games with the kids at family parties.

He enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing at his uncle's pond, hunting, camping, and gardening. He enjoyed telling stories, especially ghost stories, around the campfire. He had a great love of music and enjoyed listening to his uncle's band play in his younger years. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed Wednesday night family dinners when he would try new recipes and play card games. Most of all, he enjoyed time with friends and family. He will be missed dearly and be forever in our hearts and souls. We will still go to him for advice, a laugh, a smile, and a hug.

Raymond is survived by his loving wife Charlotte; beloved son Jason, wife Kristin, and granddaughter Josephine of Dudley, MA; sister-in-law Melinda Jablonski of FL; nieces Amy Jablonski Morgan of VA, Rebecca Jablonski Tetreault of AL, and Victoria Jablonski Bolger of FL and their children; Auntie Jayne Romanek of Dayville; Aunt Ester and Uncle Paul Coderre of NH; cousin and dear friend Brenda; and mother-in-law Mary Cotnoir of Thompson. He also leaves sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. 06260. A Celebration of Raymond's Life will be announced at a later date. In his honor, memorial donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105 or the Wounded Warriors Project P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66678. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Laura Parziale 90

God called his faithful servant Laura (Niles) Parziale 90, home on November 15th. Born on December 30th 1928 in Putnam, she was the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Dufault) Niles. Laura was predeceased by her husband Jim, brother Arthur and sister Rita. She is survived by her sister Irene Crabtree.

She leaves her four children, Thomas Parziale and his wife Ann of Rye N.H., Denise Gantick and her husband Ron of Willington, CT, Linda Sinha of Putnam, Daniel "Duke" Parziale and his wife Barbara of Putnam. Gram, Great Gram, Great Great Gram was loved by her 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. She left each with many cherished memories. In addition she leaves many nephews and nieces and dear friends. Laura was loved by all.

Laura was a great sports enthusiast loving her New England sports teams. She belonged to golf and bowling leagues with many trophies to show for her efforts. She passed down her love for sports to her family and loved to coach from the sidelines. Laura worked in retail, banking and real estate. In her later years she enjoyed being a caregiver. A Life Celebration will be Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. Followed by A Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to Living with Autism, Inc. 102 Solitude Way, Cary, NC 27518 or High Pointe Church 1208 Thompson Road, Thompson, CT 06277.

Keith A. Carpenter, Sr., 61

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Keith A. Carpenter, Sr., 61, of Fabyan Road, died suddenly on November 13, 2019. He is survived by his life partner, Debra M. Tetreault of North Grosvenordale; four children, Keith Carpenter Jr. of Webster, Kenneth Carpenter of North Grosvenordale, Christopher Carpenter of Boston, and Kyle Carpenter of Webster; his mother, Lucille R. Carpenter of Worcester; his sister, Rhonda Belhumeur and her husband Michael of Auburn; his brother, Neal Carpenter of Oxford; four grandsons, one granddaughter, and three nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Ralph S. Carpenter Jr., and lived in Oxford before moving to North Grosvenordale over 30 years ago. He attended Bay Path R.V.T. High School in Charlton, where he studied autobody.

Mr. Carpenter was an auto body mechanic at Lundgren Honda in Auburn for over 17 years. In his youth, he worked in his grandfather's auto body shop. He was a licensed auto body appraiser. He enjoyed playing guitar, was an avid golfer, and took great pride in caring for his yard and home.

A funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn. Calling hours were Wednesday, November 20, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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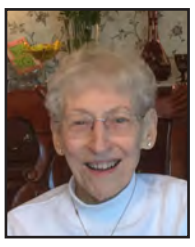
Lorraine M. Beausoleil, 84



NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Lorraine M. (Mandeville) Beausoleil, 84, died peacefully Thursday, November 14, 2019 at her home. She was the beloved wife of Romeo J. Beausoleil, Jr. for 65 years. Born in North Grosvenordale, Lorraine was the daughter of the late Narcisse and Yvonne (Beaulac) Mandeville.

Lorraine was a lifelong resident of North Grosvenordale, born in her family home on May 29, 1935. She attended grammar and high school at St. Joseph's School. She began her working career at American Optical as a key puncher, followed by many years as a bookkeeper for Colt's Plastics. Lorraine was a devoted communicant of St. Joseph's Church and a member of the Columbiettes. She loved spending time with her family. Lorraine enjoyed knitting, gardening, puzzle books, and playing cards. She treasured Christmas Eve celebrations with her family. Lorraine had a ready smile for everyone she encountered.

In addition to her husband Romeo, Lorraine is survived by her five children, Kenneth Beausoleil and his wife Gail of Quinebaug, Gary Beausoleil and his wife Amanda of East Putnam, Gail Beausoleil of Putnam, Karen Munroe and her husband Edward of Woodstock, and John Beausoleil and his wife Melissa of Kennesaw, GA; her siblings, Julienne Provost of Wilsonville, Henriette Cartier of Lakeside, CA, and Norman Mandeville of Hendersonville, NC; Nine grandchildren, Kenneth Beausoleil, Kristopher Beausoleil, Nicholas Lawrence, Emma Beausoleil, Renee Hill, Heather Vallis, Galen Munroe, Michael Beausoleil, and Shauna Christensen; seven great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two grandchildren, Eric Beausoleil and Michele Beausoleil, and by her sisters, Jeanne Semensky and Theresa Richer.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Lorraine's family on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., North Grosvenordale, CT with a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box 897, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Rosanne Gonyer, 74

BROOKLYN- Rosanne Gonyer, 74, passed away at the W.W. Backus Hospital on Nov 17, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Holden, MA on March 30, 1944, daughter of the late Flora (Columb) and Matti Jameson. She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Ronald J. Gonyer who passed in June of 2017.

Rosanne was a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed being a volunteer at the Day Kimball Hospital. She was a proud and longtime member of the Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy Rainville of Brooklyn,CT, son Timothy Gonyer of FL; brother Jack Jameson and wife Sally of Oakham, MA; grandchildren Emily and Megan Rainville, Grace Jones, Levi and Caleb Gonyer.

Rosanne was predeceased by her brothers Matti, Eddie and Paul Jameson.

There will be a Memorial Mass held at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn, CT at a later date and time. Arrangements are being made and the service will be held after the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no calling hours.

For online condolences http://www.doughertybrosfuneralhome.com.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals, at its November 13, 2019 Meeting, rendered the following decisions:

ZBA #19-06: Hann Youssef, applicant & owner, 64 Messier Rd, 48/104/50A, Z-R80, requesting 145-foot 'lot frontage on a public street' variance to build a second dwelling for parents. **Denied**

ZBA #19-07: Raymond Gould, applicant & owner, 26 Buckley Hill Rd, 61/59/2 Z-R40, requesting variance for 8-foot front-yard setback. **Approved**

ZBA #19-08: Paul Carter, applicant & owner, 4 Linehouse Rd, 38/71B/1, Z-R80, requesting variance for 30-foot front-yard setback. **Approved**

ZBA #19-09: Dennis & Debra Lamarche, applicant & owner, 0 Becola Rd, 116/24/45, Z-R40, requesting variance to build a 24'x 24' garage on vacant lot to store handicap vehicle. **Approved**

November 22, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

PZC Application #19-26: Applicant Joel Rines; Owner 915 Riverside Dr. LLC., 915 Riverside Drive, 167/60A/1 Z-IND, Special Permit for light manufacturing of CBD products for wholesale

PZC Application #19- 27: Applicant & Owners Joseph & Wanda Kelley, 0 Lowell Davis Rd, 101/412/9A, Z-IND; and 87 Lowell Davis Rd, 120/30/3A, Z-IND, requesting a zone change from IND to R80 to build a house on 0 Lowell Davis Rd

Interested persons may attend and be heard, and written communications may be received at or prior to the hearing. File may be reviewed in the Town Clerk and Zoning Offices during normal business hours.

Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission
Friday, November 15, 2019
Friday, November 22, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary L Conover
(19-00421)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated November 18, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Charlotte A Lasek
c/o EVELINA MONIKA RUSZKOWSKI,
THE PRUE LAW GROUP, P.C.
720 MAIN ST., 4TH FL.
WILLIMANTIC, CT 06226
November 22, 2019

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COURT OF PROBATE
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHILDREN'S PROBATE COURT
NOTICE TO
Marrissa Malone
whose last known address is unknown to the court

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on November 25, 2019 at 2:00 PM, on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on August 3, 2008. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By Order of the Court
Mona Fournier, Clerk
November 21, 2019

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Notice of Application

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DAMIEN GOUDREAU
November 15, 2019
November 22, 2019

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ORDER OF NOTICE
SUPERIOR COURT
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF WINDHAM AT PUTNAM

PLAINTIFF'S NAME: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
DEFENDANT'S NAME: Darlene F. Pendleton's Heirs, Devisees and Widower, et al

NOTICE TO Darlene F. Pendleton's Heirs, Devisees and Widower, and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title, interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse to the plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent.

The Court has reviewed the Order of Notice To Darlene F. Pendleton's Heirs, Devisees and Widower, and all unknown persons, claiming or who may claim, any rights, title interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse to the plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent.

THE COURT ORDERS that notice be given to the parties to be notified by placing a legal notice in the Killingly Villager, a newspaper circulating in Dayville, CT containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and, if accompanying Notice To Darlene F. Pendleton's Heirs, Devisees and Widower, and all unknown persons claiming or who may claim, any rights, title interest or estate in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, adverse to the plaintiff, whether such claim or possible claim can be vested or contingent, have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/Application on file with the Court.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Keith D. Niziankiewicz
CT State Marshal
November 22, 2019
November 29, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ryamond A. Warren
(19-00417)

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

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Edmond A. Warren, Jr.
c/o WILLIAM J MONTY (attorney for the Edcmond A. Warren, Jr.),
LAW OFFICE OF W MONTY,
930 ROUTE 169, PO BOX 266,
WOODSTOCK, CT 06281,
(860)928-0506
November 29, 2019
December 6, 2019

OBITUARIES

Heather A. Mongeau, 41

PRESTON- Heather Anne Mongeau, 41, of Preston passed away November 13, 2019 at Backus Hospital in Norwich. She was born to Frederick Mongeau and Marion (Colvin) Morissette on July 5, 1978. She left this earth after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She lived to line-dance, where she met the love of her life, Kurt. She also loved to crochet and there still has not been a puzzle made that could stump her. She often used her love of crafting to make heart-felt gifts for those she loved. There was nothing more important to Heather than spending time with her family.

Heather is survived by her fiancé, Kurt Terpe, her mother, Marion Morissette, her father and step mother, Frederick Mongeau and Gail Bunnell, her brothers, Christopher Mongeau and his wife Jessica, Justin Morissette, and Seth Morissette and his wife Erin, her sister Megan Morissette, and her step brother Kyle Herindeen and his wife Bonnie. She will also be truly missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The family would like to send their many thanks to the amazing staff at Backus Hospital who lovingly cared for Heather in her final days.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 6 to 8PM for calling hours at Cummings Gagne Funeral Home, 82 Cliff Street in Norwich. A service will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10AM at St. James Episcopal Church, 95 Route 2A in Preston. A reception will follow at the Poquetanuck Fire Dept., 87 Route 2A in Preston, where she was a Social Member. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a remarkable place where Heather was able to "raise a little hell" and make life-long memories as a child.

Kathleen A. Gaboury, 68

STURBRIDGE- Kathleen A. (Arsenault) Gaboury, 68, of Shepard Rd., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16th, in her home after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 50 years, Robert L. Gaboury; her son, Leo D. Gaboury and his wife Annette of Southbridge; her daughter, Amy Jordan and her companion Brian Malz of Ludlow; her three brothers, Daniel Arsenault of Maine, Kenneth Arsenault of Southbridge and John Baylies of Charlton; her two sisters, Marie Jaccheo of Danielson, CT and Bernadette Coughlin of Danielson, CT; her three grandchildren, Leo Gaboury Jr., Alexander Gaboury and Bryce Gaboury; and nieces and nephews. Kathleen also leaves her grand-dogs, Skylar, Zander, Nala, Bronco and Brutus. She was predeceased by her brother David Arsenault. Kathleen was born in Webster the daughter of the late Leo and Helen (Donnellan) Gaboury.

Kathleen was an avid cook and especially loved to bake. She loved going to the casino and loved to shop. One of her favorite places to visit was Old Orchard Beach, ME. She also enjoyed traveling to Orlando, Fl and Disney World with her family. She loved the holidays and most of all Christmas. Kathleen's greatest joy and purpose was taking care of her grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass for Kathleen was be held on Thursday, Nov. 21st, at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923 or online at www.vnacare.org/donors.

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

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OBITUARIES

Yvette R. LeBlanc, 88

SOUTHBRIDGE- Yvette R. (Boudreau) LeBlanc, 88, of Charlton St., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Heaven gained another angel after a long and wonderful life.

Her husband, Roger V. "Slim" LeBlanc, passed away in 2003. She leaves her daughter, Judy A. Laroche of Dudley; her three sons, Russell LeBlanc and his wife Wendie of Sturbridge, John D. LeBlanc and his wife Kathy of Woodstock and James G. LeBlanc and his wife Melissa of Southbridge; her two sisters and her best friends, Doris Conti of Webster and Jeannette Pikul of Dudley; her seven grandchildren Michael Caouette, Timothy Caouette, Jamie Cornell, Ryan LeBlanc, Stephanie Laroche, Daniel Laroche and Casey LeBlanc; 8 great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Aldei and Emma (Laroche) Boudreau.

Yvette worked as the office manager for Rom's Restaurant in Sturbridge for 30 years and also worked as the office manager for her husband's business, Slim's Sewer Service in Southbridge for over 40 years. In recent years she was the office manager for her son John's business, JD LeBlanc Electric in Sturbridge, retiring recently due to illness. Yvette was a member of St. John Paul II Parish and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality and formerly a member of Sacred Heart Parish and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. She was a longtime faithful member of Al-Anon.

In their younger years Yvette and Slim were accomplished Ballroom dancers. She enjoyed going to the casino with her two sisters and also enjoyed wintering in Florida with her sisters. Her greatest joy in life was her family. Yvette was the rock of her family and she will be missed beyond words.

Her funeral was held on Friday, Nov. 15th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Worcester County Food Bank, 474 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

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Reverend Ronald James Wirth

DANIELSON. Rev. Ronald James Wirth passed away peacefully with his family at his side on October 29, 2019 in Virginia Beach, VA. Ronald was born in Kingston, NY to Edna and Oliver Wirth. Ronald graduated from Eastern Nazarene College and became a minister. Ronald pastored churches in Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont. He pastored the Danielson, CT Church of the Nazarene for 25 years and led this church in their move from Academy Street to their new facility on Westcott Road. An education wing was later constructed and dedicated in his name.

After his retirement from ministry, Rev. Wirth moved to Virginia Beach, VA to be near his son and daughter in law. He remained involved in church and would fill in for local pastors when needed. He loved the Lord and loved people. Ronald is preceded in death by his mother Edna Wirth, father Oliver Wirth, step mother Alice Wirth, sister Marilyn Forman, sons David and Stephen Wirth. Ronald is survived by his wife Audrey Wirth, son and daughter-in-law Kevin and Paula Wirth. He is also survived by his family of friends that he loved as brothers, sisters, daughters and sons. A Celebration of Life will be held on November 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Danielson Church of the Nazarene, 440 Westcott Road, Danielson, CT 06239.

Marie A. Albee, 75

DANIELSON- Marie A. Albee, 75, of North Main Street, died Saturday, November 16, 2019, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of Ronald A. Albee, Sr. for 58 Years. Born in Athol, MA, she was the daughter of the late Milton and Gabrielle (Perron) Card.

Marie was a homemaker. She enjoyed fishing at the Thompson Dam.

In addition to her husband, Marie is survived by her sons, Ronald A. Albee, Jr. and his wife Lori of Putnam, and Chris Albee and his wife Cheryl of Danielson; and her grandchildren, Sean Albee and his wife Chelsea, Bryan Albee and Stephanie Albee.

Private burial took place in Westfield Cemetery in Danielson. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory was entrusted with her arrangements. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Lori A. Deveau, 56

DANIELSON, CT - Lori A. Deveau, 56, passed away at home while surrounded by her loving family on Monday November 11, 2019.

Lori is survived by her longtime companion Danny R. Hart; three sons: Nickolas Briere and his wife Jenny of Danielson, Ryan Briere and his fiancee Mandy Jarvis of E. Killingly, and Danny R. Hart Jr and his wife Jaime of Sterling, CT; two daughters: Emily Briere and her companion Reinaldo Figueroa and Christine Hart of Danielson; two brothers: Robert Deveau of Bridgeport, CT and Kris Carrano of CT; she also leaves fifteen grandchildren as well as many relatives and friends; she was predeceased by two sisters: Janice and Lyn.

Lori was born in Bridgeport, CT on June 19, 1963 daughter of the late Robert and Jean (Golas) Deveau, but lived in Danielson for most of her life. Nothing gave Lori greater joy than spending quality time with her grandchildren whom she loved and adored.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik where you may post a condolence of light a candle of remembrance.

Theresa M. Emond, 92

PUTNAM– Theresa M. Emond, 92, passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at Westview Healthcare in Dayville. She was the loving wife of the late Albert J. Emond. Theresa was raised together with her cousins Stuart and Duarte Cabral.

Mrs. Emond began her working career as a cashier at A & P in Putnam, after which she went to work for the Connecticut Department of Transportation as a toll collector. Once she retired from there, she went to work at Godley's Liquor Store.

Theresa is survived by several nieces and nephews and her devoted son that she was never able to have, Glenn Godley. She also leaves her best friend, Arlene Altmeier. Theresa was the last of her immediate family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside service for Theresa in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT, on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06262. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Photos are welcome in JPEG format.

Prepare a delicious turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner table

While there are no laws governing which dishes must appear on Thanksgiving dinner tables, for many the fourth Thursday of November simply would not be complete without turkey. Turkey can be cooked in various ways, but roasting might be the most popular method used by Thanksgiving celebrants.

This recipe for "Herb-Roasted Turkey" from Yolanda Banks' "Cooking for Your Man" (Broadway Books) produces a mouth-watering bird that's sure to make a lasting impression this Thanksgiving.

HERB-ROASTED TURKEY

SERVES 10

12 tablespoons (1½ sticks) unsalted butter, softened
¼ cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, chopped, plus 4 whole sprigs
1 large sprig fresh rosemary, leaves chopped, plus 2 whole sprigs
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, plus 4 whole sprigs
15 leaves fresh sage, chopped, plus 3 whole leaves
¾ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for the turkey
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for the turkey
1 15-pound turkey
1 lemon, quartered
8 shallots, peeled and halved
1 head garlic, cloves separated and peeled
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth or stock
⅔ cup dry white wine
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1. In a small bowl, combine the butter, chopped parsley, chopped rosemary, chopped thyme, chopped sage, salt, and pepper, and mix well.

2. Position a rack in the bottom third of the oven and preheat the oven to 450 F. Sprinkle the main cavity of the turkey with salt and pepper. Place the whole sprigs of parsley, rosemary and thyme and the sage leaves into the cavity. Add the lemon, 4 shallot halves and half of the garlic cloves.

3. Starting at the neck end, carefully slide a hand between the skin and the breast meat to loosen the skin. Spread 3 tablespoons of the herb butter over the breast meat under the skin. Tuck the wing tips under the skin, and tie the legs together to hold the shape. Season the turkey generously all over with salt and pepper.

4. Place the turkey on a wire rack set in a large roasting pan. Rub 4 tablespoons of the herb butter over the turkey. Roast about 30 minutes, until golden brown, and reduce the heat to 350 F. Baste the turkey with ½ cup of the broth. Cover only the breast area with a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Scatter the remaining shallots and garlic cloves in the pan around the turkey.

5. Continue to roast the turkey for about 1½ hours, basting with ½ cup of broth every 30 minutes. Remove the foil from the turkey breast. Continue to roast the turkey, basting with pan juices every 20 minutes, about 1 hour longer, until it's golden brown and a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh registers 165 F. Transfer the turkey to a platter and brush with 1 tablespoon of the herb butter. Tent it loosely with foil and let it rest for 20 minutes before carving.

6. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the shallots and garlic from the roasting pan to a plate. Transfer the pan juices to a medium bowl, then skim off and discard the fat. Set the pan over two burners on medium-high heat. Deglaze the pan with the wine and 1 cup of chicken broth, scraping up any browned bits. Bring the sauce to a boil, reduce the heat to medium, and cook until it's reduced by half, about 4 minutes. Pour the sauce into a large measuring glass. Add the degreased pan juices, and broth, if necessary, to equal 3 cups of liquid.

7. Blend the flour into the remaining herb butter until combined. Pour the broth mixture into a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Gradually whisk in the herb-butter mixture. Add any accumulated juices from the turkey platter and boil until the gravy thickens enough to coat a spoon, whisking occasionally, about 6 minutes. Add the remaining shallots and garlic to the gravy and simmer for 1 minute. Taste and adjust the seasonings, if necessary. Serve the turkey with the gravy.

What to do with Thanksgiving leftovers

Holiday hosts toil for hours to create lavish meals everyone will enjoy. It's not uncommon for Thanksgiving tables to be covered with more food than guests can conceivably (and comfortably) consume. Leftovers are the norm, but without a plan for what to do with leftovers, food can spoil or end up in the trash.

Here are some delicious and waste-conscious ways to put Thanksgiving or other holiday meal leftovers to use.

WRAP IT UP PROMPTLY

Even though you may want to sit around and chat with guests when the meal is finished, leaving food out at room temperature for too long can create a breeding ground for microbes that may lead to food spoilage and sickness. With a few helping hands, all foods can be packaged away in no time, ensuring that drumsticks or stuffing can safely be served another day.

COLLECT CONTAINERS

Be sure to have reusable food storage containers, zip-top bags, foil, and plastic wrap at the ready. Before all of the food is put away, encourage guests to make their own doggie bags.

PLAN WITH OTHER MEALS IN MIND

Shop for and prepare holiday fare with a nod toward what can be used in subsequent meals. Turkey is a versatile ingredient that can be made into everything from breakfast burritos to casseroles. Turn potatoes and sausage stuffing into latke patties that can be whipped up for breakfast or lunch. Sweet potatoes, squash and pumpkin can be mashed and reworked into batters for quick breads, pancakes and even doughnuts. Spoon leftover cranberry sauce over hot oatmeal in the morning or use it as a substitute for grape jelly in PB&J sandwiches. Try grinding up stale biscuits to make a breading for turkey slices and turn them into fried cutlets.

TAKE CARE OF THE NEEDY

Find out which organizations accept food donations. Even if you cannot donate previously prepared foods, if you have surplus packaged, boxed or canned items, you can bring them to food pantries and soup kitchens to help others.

ORGANIZE A POST-HOLIDAY POT LUCK

Turn leftovers into an opportunity to fraternize with friends or relatives who couldn't make it to Thanksgiving dinner. Pool your leftover resources and enjoy the fruits of everyone's labor. A pot luck can be a great place to gather after shopping Plaid Friday sales in the community.

Thanksgiving leftovers can provide a few extra delicious meals when hosts plan ahead.

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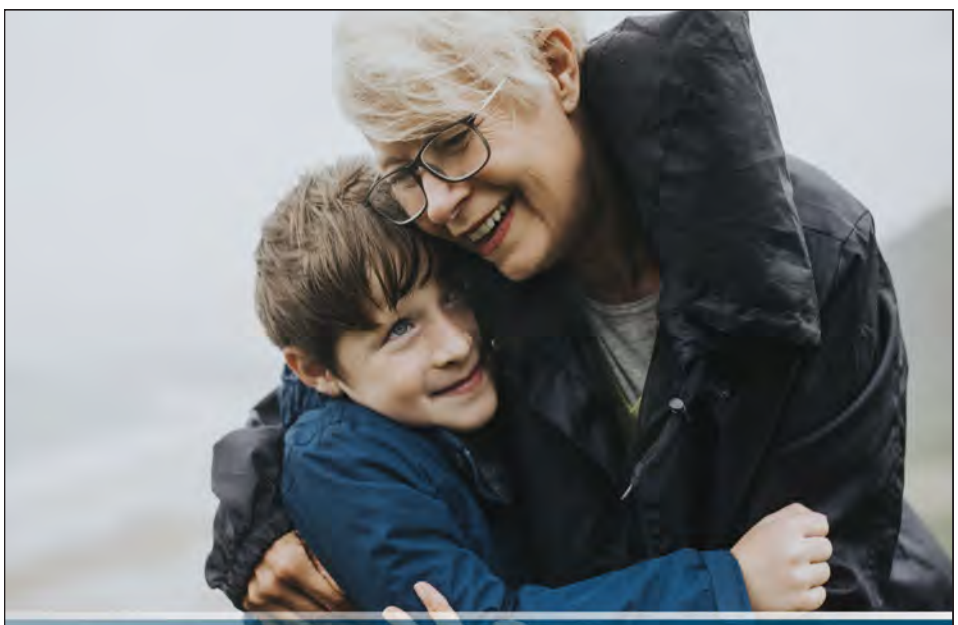

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