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The final cut

My hair is just a little bit out of control at the moment. It's at that awkward point where you know it's time for a haircut, but it's still short enough to make you procrastinate, long enough so that even a good towel rub after a shower won't completely dry your head, but short enough so that you don't need a hairdryer.

But all of this is nothing compared to the style I sported 10 years ago.

It was early 2005 when I realized that my haircuts have always been the same — a buzz cut, done by mother — save for a random bowl cut when I was 8 or that buzz cut with the three lines trimmed into each temple. It was 1990's ... don't judge me.

Back to 2005: It was winter, and I didn't want to shave my head. I remember it being a cold one that year. So I waited it out. Winter became spring, and my hair continued to grow. Eventually, it got to a point where it curled in the back, and I liked the look. It was different. I never had long hair before, so I decided to keep it going. I thought to myself: "Self, you are 22 years old. You've never grown out your hair before. Why not give it a try?"

So I did, and I'll tell you, it got interesting. Next thing I knew, it was 18 months later and my hair was down to my shoulders. It was too the point where I could pull it back into a small ponytail. I never did the ponytail, though. It looked wrong.

I'm not going to lie, the hair got mixed reactions at best. I told people that I was just curious about what it would be like, so I continued to let it go. Eventually, it got annoying. It took forever for my hair to dry after a shower. I couldn't drive with the window open because the hair got in my eyes. Even in the summertime, I had to wear a beanie (I called it my "driving hat") just to keep it out of my eyes and stay on the road.

I remember a couple co-workers had some funny nicknames for me, which I'll keep to myself. I had just started as a reporter, and the long hair became an identifier for me. I set up an interview at an event one time and told my source over the phone, "Look for the big guy in a blue polo with the long hair."

In late 2006, nearly 10 years ago, I realized that enough was enough. The experiment was over. It was time. Luckily, my friends and I were filming a goofy video and we were able to film one of those "main character in crisis cuts his hair into the bathroom sink montage." So, the most dramatic haircut of my life lives on in the magic of video. My life is weird...

Since then, I've been pretty adamant about keeping the hair short. I gained an appreciation for what many women have to go through with their hair. It may seem like a small thing, but it gave me some perspective.

Today, 10 years after the final cut, I am running my hand through my hair wondering if I should cut it, or let it go and see what happens.

Don't let my wife read this ... she might sneak attack me with the hair buzzer.

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THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

BRING ON THE HARVEST



Jason Bleau photo

EASTFORD — Buell's Orchard hosted its 36th Annual Harvest Festival over a beautiful fall weekend from Oct. 8 through Columbus Day Oct. 10. Families took the time to pick apples fresh from the orchard, pick out the perfect pumpkin, enjoy apple-based treats or a chicken barbeque and listen to some great fiddle music or take a ride on one of many hayrides running throughout the grounds. Pictured, Kate Corner and Skyler Dubois pose for a photo after taking a ride on the hayride. For more photos, turn to page A4!

Three-way battle for 50th District seat heats up

BOYD, VALENTINE, PERRY FEATURED IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS



Nora Valentine



Pat Boyd



Ty Perry

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Villager continues its 2016 Q&A debate series for the state election on Nov. 8 with a focus on one of the most talked about races in the area, as three candidates are making a push to succeed 50th District Republican State Rep. Mike Alberts, who will retire at the end of the current term after years of serving

in Hartford.

Democratic Pomfret School educator and Pomfret firefighter Pat Boyd; Republican businesswoman and former Woodstock Economic Development Commission Chairman Nora Valentine (who has been endorsed by Alberts); and Libertarian attorney and Woodstock athletic volunteer Ty Perry

will all be seeking election.

While Perry will not be featured on the ballot itself, he is still a registered write-in candidate and qualifies for inclusion in our election coverage. These three candidates are hoping for success in a very competitive race to decide who will represent Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret,

Please Read **ELECTION**, page A18

Woodstock Academy to purchase Hyde School

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy started off its Homecoming Weekend with a major announcement on Oct. 7, shocking the region in announcing that the high school has decided to purchase another local educational institution, Hyde School, to transform the campus into an extension of Woodstock Academy. The announcement was made by both Hyde School and Woodstock Academy in separate statements, with officials

from Hyde sending a letter from the school's main campus in Bath, Maine. The letter stated that the Board of Governors had decided to accept an offer from Woodstock Academy on Oct. 6 with the school moving ahead with plans to consoli-

date its two campuses into one, moving willing students and staff to the school's Maine campus. "The current school year will continue uninterrupted at Bath and Woodstock until graduation," the letter stated. "At the conclusion of the current

school year, all Hyde-Woodstock students are both invited and encouraged to continue their Hyde enrollment in Bath. We will, at both Fall Family Weekends, host meetings to address the questions and concerns of current par-

ents. Please Read **WA HYDE**, page A19



The Complex Performing Arts Center created quite the scene on Main Street. Its students were all done up as zombies and they took to the streets performing the famed "Thriller" dance made popular by the great Michael Jackson.

THE BIG EASY COMES TO PUTNAM

Jason Bleau photos

PUTNAM — The final First Friday of 2016 celebrated both the city of New Orleans and the Halloween holiday on Friday, Oct. 7, bringing the year's theme of celebrating some of America's biggest and best cities full circle. For more photos, turn to page A7!



Hunter and Chase Adams, of Webster, Mass., a pair of "football zombies," embraced their inner monsters to add to the Halloween vibe.

Doug Cutler, remembered

COLLEAGUES REFLECT ON LIFE OF 'A WONDERFUL GUY'

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Town of Putnam and the entire north-eastern Connecticut region suffered a heartbreaking loss on Monday, Oct. 3, as it was announced that Putnam Town Administrator Doug Cutler, a lifelong public servant who would have celebrated his 17th year with Putnam on Oct. 4, passed away at 64 years of age after health complications struck him days earlier on Sept. 30.

The loss has sent a ripple of emotion throughout the region over the last two weeks, as many have taken to social media to share their thoughts on the man Cutler was behind his desk and in the community, and the legacy he left behind that many feel will never be matched. More than 200



Courtesy photo

Town Administrator Doug Cutler passed away Monday, Oct. 3, at the age of 64, just one day before he would have celebrated his 17th year working for the Town of Putnam.

guests arrived to pay tribute to Cutler at the Woodstock Congregational Church on Oct. 8, a gathering The Villager regretfully could not attend. Prior to the ceremony however, The Villager did talk with a few individuals

Please Read **DOUG**, page A12

The life of Thomas Jones Thurber

In a recent column, I wrote about several of the early families who were buried in the Putnam Heights Cemetery. Another interesting indi-

vidual was artist Thomas Jones Thurber, who retired to Putnam Heights in the 1870's. "The Illustrated Popular Biography of Connecticut"

(probably 1891) noted that he had served as a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1882. In later years he was a justice of the peace for Putnam, an agent of the Connecticut Humane Society, and treasurer of the First Congregational Church of Putnam (Putnam Heights). As a young man he had served as the New England agent of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company then later represented a Woonsocket woolen manufacturer in New York City.

While discussing Thurber at the Oct. 2 Walktober walk, Linden Whipple, a Putnam Heights resident and member of the Killingly Historical Society board of directors, commented that Thurber was the original painter of "Frog Rock" in Eastford. Thurber passed that way when going to serve in the Connecticut Legislature and was inspired to paint the rock. He also did paintings of Cargill Falls in Putnam and the Wolf Den in Putnam, one of which was hanging in the capitol in Hartford according to the Illustrated Popular Biography of Connecticut.

As one walks through the Killingly Hill/Putnam Heights Cemetery (and most other cemeteries), the clustering of members of the same family quickly becomes apparent. What is not so discernable, especially if one is not familiar with the particular family, is the mixture of different surnames in the same area, or

same plot. In many cases these are members of the extended family, for example married daughters and their spouses, grandchildren, etc. Such is the case with burials for early Killingly mill owner Jabez Amsbury and his extended family. During the early days of Killingly's industrialization from the 1820's to 1850's, he, his son Mowry, and his sons-in-law George Weatherhead, Abel Williams, and Leonard Ballou operated at least three mills along the Five Mile River from present-day Pineville (think Whipple's Chapel), to Ballouville, to Attawaugan. Ballou moved to Norwich, Connecticut in the 1840's and became a prominent resident of that town. However, Jabez and the others are interred in the Putnam Heights Cemetery with their wives. The women's markers actually note "daughter of Jabez and Nancy Amsbury" which is quite unusual. Both daughters died fairly young — perhaps of complications due to childbirth, which was always a dangerous time.

Now, this comment about family connections has relevance for those seeking ancestors especially if you are "stuck." While online cemetery collections may help you locate where an ancestor is buried, they tend to be alphabetized. However, most of the printed copies of the Connecticut Hale Cemetery collection, done during the 1930's, list the individuals in order of burial with adjacent markers next to each other. If you are having difficulties doing genealogical research, try to find such a list. (The Killingly Historical Center has many for this area.) You may find possible leads to distant relatives. Always keep in mind that if you are having troubles with someone who is a direct ancestor, that you should do a little sleuthing on siblings, aunts and uncles, etc. Something of value may show up in one of their records. If you learn only one new thing, you are that much farther ahead.

The most noted individual to be interred in the Putnam Heights Cemetery was William Torrey Harris, U.S. Commissioner of Education from 1889-1906. Several generations of his extended family are buried near him.



KILLINGLY AT 300
MARGARET WEAVER

William's monument is easy to locate, situated near the southerly end of the cemetery adjacent to a spreading tree. It almost resembles the façade of an ancient temple. The oldest of nine children, William T. Harris was born on a farm in what was then North Killingly (now Putnam) on September 10, 1835 and died in Providence, R.I., on Nov. 5, 1909. His father, William Harris, had come from Scituate, RI and had apparently worked as a woolen manufacturer for a while. William's mother, Zilpah Torrey, was the daughter of Capt. William & Catherine Torrey. Her sister Catherine, who later married Dr. Fenner Peckham, was William's first schoolteacher. Mother Zilpah was quite a reader and that love of learning was passed on to William at a young age. After being educated in Killingly schools for a few years, the Harris family moved to Providence, probably about 1844. There education was much more formalized and "by the clock, something William could not immediately get used to" (Leidecker, Kurt F., Yankee Teacher, p.36ff). The family did return to Killingly. It was the custom of the time for young men to attend various academies, and beginning in 1848 William attended five in five years. Included were Woodstock Academy, Worcester Academy, and Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass. Even in these formative years, Harris was reading philosophy in his "spare" time. This interest lasted his entire life and he became friends with Louisa May Alcott's father Bronson Alcott and Emerson and in later life was connected with the Concord School of Philosophy, and eventually became the founder and editor of the Journal of Speculative Philosophy (as noted on his tombstone).

From his teen years on William T. Harris wore glasses. According to Leidecker few knew that he wore them

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

“He was just a wonderful guy. I think of how much of his life he gave to this town, and how much he gave to the people who live here and his community. He never stopped. He always had another project on the board. I’ll treasure the memories of Doug and I going to Hartford together. We discussed so many things about what was going on in Putnam and came up with more ideas on the road. It was remarkable. He loved baseball, loved his children, loved his wife, and if I were to sum up Doug in any way I’d say he was a great man who lived a great life. He will be sorely missed. Putnam will never replace him. We’ll hire someone new to take the job, but there will never be another who comes to Putnam and does what Doug did here. For that I will be forever thankful. Doug, I’ll miss you.”

- Former Putnam Mayor Peter Place, commenting on the late Doug Cutler.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Oct. 3: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Pine Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Wood Duck, Lincoln’s Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Junco, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Blue-headed Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, Great-blue Heron, Killdeer. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

TLGV announces “Best of Tastes of the Valley” winners



Courtesy photo
James Martin, Allen Granberg, and Glen and Michele Lundstrom celebrate their success at the 2016 Tastes of the Valley.

WOODSTOCK — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) held its 11th Annual Tastes of the Valley feast and fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 18, at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

The event celebrates locally grown foods while raising funds for the National Heritage Corridor. Each year, local

restaurants prepare tasting portions of delicious menu items using food and beverages grown and produced in The Last Green Valley.

For the fourth year in a row, participants voted for Bella’s Bistro from Putnam, as the “Best Cuisine of the 2016 Tastes of the Valley,” for its Rustic Italian Meatball made using

products from 18th-Century Purity Farm, Bigelow Brook Farm, Chase Road Growers, Couet Farm & Fromagerie, Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, Good Bug Gardens, Hart’s Greenhouse & Florist, Lapsley Orchard, New Boston Beef, Taylor Brooke Winery, Turtle Ledge Farm, and UConn Spring Valley Student Farm.

The “Best Beverage” competition was won by Ben’s Beans of Putnam. Ben’s Beans served Sumatra Dark Roast, Guatemala Light Roast, and Peru Decaf and used products from the Farmer’s Cow.

New this year, Chefs Allen and Carolyn Granberg of Bella’s Bistro were given the honor of choosing a “Chef’s Choice” winner and picked 85 Main from Putnam, for its Ginger Five-Spiced Beef with Steamed Buns, Bok Choy Slaw, and Apple & Currant Hoisin. 85 Main incorporated products from Devon Point Farm, Lapsley Orchard, and Maple Lane Farm.

Thank you to all of the other fine restaurants, beverage providers, and farms that contributed to this event, including:

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THOMPSON

Monday, Oct. 17
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

Thursday, Oct. 20

Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library/Community Center
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library/Community Center

PUTNAM

Monday, Oct. 17
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Putnam Town Hall Daniel S. Rovero Selectmen Chambers

KILLINGLY

Monday, Oct. 17
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Firehouse Meeting, 7 p.m., Attawaugan Fire Department

Wednesday, Oct. 19

WPCA, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20
Historic District Commission, 7 p.m., Room 102

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Thursday, Oct. 20
Emergency Management/Homeland Security, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Oct. 17
Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Room A
Recreation Committee, 7 p.m., Room C

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Room A
Wednesday, Oct. 19

Housing, 1 p.m., NRV
Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Room B
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Oct. 20
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room A
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

POMFRET

Monday, Oct. 17
Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Community/Senior Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Senior Advocate Commission, 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House
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Thursday, Oct. 20
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Community/Senior Center

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Buell's Orchard rings in fall with Harvest Festival

Jason Bleau photos

EASTFORD – October has begun and fall is officially underway! Nowhere was that more clear in Northeastern Connecticut than in Eastford where Buell's Orchard held its 36th annual Harvest Festival over a beautiful fall weekend from October 8th through Columbus Day, October 10th. Families took the time to pick apples fresh from the orchard, pick out the perfect pumpkin, enjoy apple-based treats or a chicken barbecue and listen to some great fiddle music or take a ride on one of many hayrides running throughout the grounds. Needless to say there was quite a lot for anyone to enjoy over the weekend as countless guests celebrated the dawn of New England's most beautiful season and the harvest that comes with it each year.



No less than three different hayrides were running at any given time throughout the grounds of Buell's Orchard during the Harvest Festival. Each one proved to be more popular and crowded than the next as the day progressed.



For those with a bit of a different craving in mind from the fruits and vegetables available for purchase, the chicken barbecue offered plenty of eats for those who stuck around throughout the day.



Young Macy cracks a smile in a tractor-themed cutout for a quick photo op.



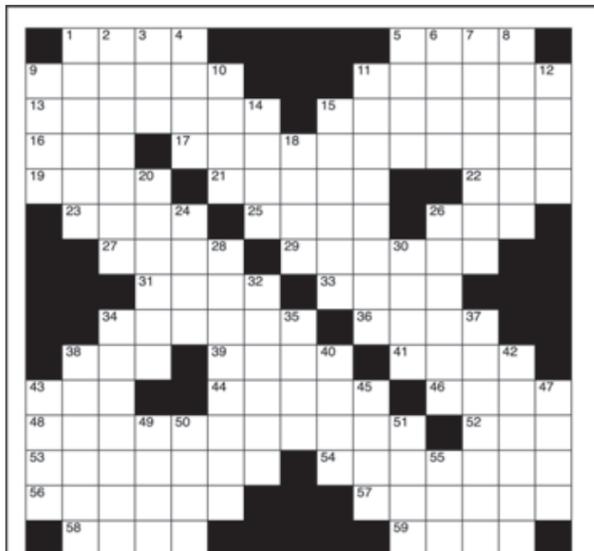
From gourds to apples and pumpkins, one of the highlight activities at the Harvest Festival allowed families to pick out their own living fall-themed decorations picked straight from the patch. For some it was an easy choice, others had a specific strategy to finding that perfect selection.



The Taylor family poses for a candid photo as they complete their day at the Buell's Orchard Harvest Festival on October 8th.



Nothing like a little apple cider to top off a perfect fall day in Eastford.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nonsense (slang)
- 5. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Removes
- 11. Streamed
- 13. Inner ear cavity
- 15. Where to go after high school
- 16. Olympics host
- 17. A day to remember fallen soldiers
- 19. Forearm bone
- 21. Bypass surgery pioneer F. Mason ___
- 22. Judo garments
- 23. Gentlemen
- 25. Large wrestler
- 26. Large integer
- 27. Makes a soft sound
- 29. Some claim to have six
- 31. Sunfish
- 33. Clan
- 34. A form of comedy
- 36. Defy
- 38. More (Spanish)
- 39. Sixteen ounces
- 41. Adventure story
- 43. Liquid distilled from wood or coal
- 44. Michigan ghost town
- 46. Fond of
- 48. Pearl Jam frontman
- 52. Clothes
- 53. Finches
- 54. Giving the axe
- 56. Where planes are kept
- 57. Intervals
- 58. Plant's unit of reproduction
- 59. Equips

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks by exposure to direct heat
- 2. Using few words
- 3. Wood
- 4. Steer
- 5. Soft drink
- 6. Consider
- 7. Clears from a river
- 8. Claim again
- 9. Beige
- 10. Witnesses
- 11. Spiked
- 12. Partidge actor Susan and Marmaduke director Tom ___ and Andy, TV show
- 15. Fraiche and de Menthe are two
- 18. Burden
- 20. Olfactory properties
- 24. Carbon particles
- 26. Set of four
- 28. A sweater pulled over the head
- 30. Relaxing places
- 32. Gets up
- 34. Canned fish
- 35. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 37. A conceited and self-centered person
- 38. Fine-textured cotton fabric
- 40. Turner and Kennedy
- 42. Repents
- 43. Smartphones, tablets, etc.
- 45. A way to garner
- 47. Eat them for breakfast
- 49. Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
- 50. Oh, God!
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. One legged Chinese mythological demon



Many made the event a family affair, coming together as family and friends to enjoy the great fall weather and some delicious freshly picked apples from the orchard.



A line of customers waits to check out in what was likely one of the busiest days of the year for the staff at Buell's Orchard in Eastford on the first day of the orchard's Harvest Festival on October 8th.



The Reiner family Band of musicians brought some great fiddle music to the Harvest Festival on October 8th. A sound system was set up so the music was audible throughout Buell's Orchard.

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NDDH hosts drive through flu shot clinic in Putnam

Charlie Lentz photos



From left, volunteers Sue Dubb, Debbie Colletti, and Ginger McGrath.

PUTNAM — The Northeast District Department of Health dispensed free flu shots at a mass dispensing exercise on Oct. 2 in the parking lot at Putnam Middle School at 35 Wicker Street. The exercise also served as a public health drill, in the event of a medical emergency necessitating the distribution of antibiotics or antivirals, the NDDH would designate a point of distribution such as Putnam Middle School. Local volunteers manned the mass dispensing exercise on Oct. 2. The drill was overseen by NDDH Coordinator Derek May and NDDH Director of Health Sue Starkey. The NDDH is seeking additional medical reserve corps volunteers, those interested in volunteering should e-mail May at dmay@nddh.org or call him at (860) 774-7350, ext. 25.



Randall Law gets a flu shot from Julie Hewey.



From left, volunteers Tara Beatty, Lynette Swanson, and Nancy Beaudry.



NDDH Coordinator Derek May and NDDH Director of Health Sue Starkey.



Volunteers Darleen and Robert Bilodeau.



Volunteers Larry Ducat and Brianna Ford.



Volunteers Deb Richards and Robert Andrews.

NEWS BRIEF

TLGV awards grants

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley Inc. (TLGV) is pleased to announce that it has awarded small grants to five organizations for the marketing and interpretation of historic and cultural resources in the National Heritage Corridor. The grant program encourages projects that use digital technology and other creative and innovative methods to tell stories from the past that matter.

The Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society will receive a \$1,950 grant to purchase a scanner and a VHS to DVD recorder for digitizing books and tapes to preserve the information they contain for future generations.

The Town of Coventry will receive a grant of \$956 for printing and sharing a collection of historic photos given to the Town. A campaign to assist in identifying some of the photos as well as the creation of digital and hard copy photo books and poster boards is also part of the project.

The Finnish American Heritage Society was awarded a \$2,500 grant for the design and replacement of their Heritage Society sign and for adding professional labels to the museum and archival items. This will give the Finnish American Heritage Society greater visibility to the public.

The Norwich Historical Society will receive a grant of \$2,500 to complete the Norwich Freedom Trail and the Millionaires' Triangle, both

key elements of Walk Norwich, a historic and cultural walking tour of Norwich. This project will use digital technology to bring the stories of Norwich's rich heritage and cultural sites to life by bringing awareness and appreciation of the community to visitors.

The Governor Samuel Huntington Trust will receive a \$760 grant to create a period-correct sign to display outside of the Huntington Homestead. The sign will also assist visitors by displaying the Homestead's hours of operation.

The grant program requires that recipients provide a 1:1 match to the award with in-kind services or dollars, and all projects must be completed within a year.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Goodwin College

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin College announces that 777 students achieved Dean's List status for the Summer 2016 session.

Kaitlyn St. Germain, of Brooklyn
Rachael Houle, of Danielson
Chelsea Johnson, of Danielson
Melinda Malboeuf, of Danielson
Jason Songdahl, of Danielson
Douglas Rosen, of Woodstock

EAST HARTFORD — Danielson resident Jason Songdahl has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Goodwin College for the Summer 2016 session, earning a spot on the elite President's List.

Killingly Public Library

KILLINGLY — Killingly Public Library is hosting the program "Horror Movie Rewind" taking place on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m. This is a free program. There is no preregistration required. Professor Beth Alves, who teaches the QVCC course "The Movies," will be presenting a short film study of the 1920s silent horror film "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari." With a Tomatometer score of 100 percent on the film reviewing website RottenTomatoes.com, the film is highly regarded as one of the first and most influential horror films in the genre. Rewind to earlier times with this unique look at one of the films that started it all this spooky season! A full calendar of events and program details are available at www.killinglypl.org and at Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road, Killingly, CT 06239. Follow @KillinglyPL on Facebook

and Twitter for more library fun!

Quinebaug Valley Community College

DANIELSON — Sarah White, nursing admissions specialist for the Connecticut Community Colleges, will host two information sessions in October at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

The session at the Danielson campus will be Monday, Oct. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

The sessions, designed for students interested in transferring into a nursing program within the Community College system, will cover preparing for a nursing program, overview of the nursing curriculum, as well as the admissions process. Nursing programs are offered at six of the Connecticut Community Colleges, including Capital

Community College in Hartford; Gateway Community College in New Haven; Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury; Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted; Norwalk Community College in Norwalk; and Three Rivers Community College in Norwich.

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 26 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur primarily because of technological advancements, an increased emphasis on preventative care, and the large, aging baby-boomer population who will demand more healthcare services as they live longer and more active lives.

These free information sessions will be held in room 6 at the Willimantic Center and room W100 at the Danielson campus. For more information, please contact Randy Sanders at 860-336-0907.



WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, Oct. 17: Hamburger on bun with lettuce and tomato, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Chicken Caesar salad, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct. 20: Turkey and gravy, butternut squash, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct. 21: Pizza, zucchini, fruit, milk

THOMPSON

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 17: Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, and onion, tater tots, baked beans, Alternate main items: Pizza

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Macaroni and cheese, oven baked pretzel, cauliflower, Alt: Pizza

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, roasted squash, Alt: Pizza

Thursday, Oct. 20: Baked potato bar with chili, cheese sauce, chives, Breadstick, Banana muffin, steamed carrots, Alt: Pizza

Friday, Oct. 21: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, dinner roll, steamed broccoli, Alt: Zesty orange popcorn chicken

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 17: Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, and onion, tater tots, baked beans, Alternate main items: Pizza

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Macaroni and cheese, oven baked pretzel, cauliflower, Alt: Pizza

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, roasted squash, Alt: Pizza

Thursday, Oct. 20: Baked potato bar with chili, cheese sauce, chives, Breadstick, Banana muffin, steamed carrots, Alt: Pizza

Friday, Oct. 21: Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, dinner roll, steamed broccoli, Alt: Zesty orange popcorn chicken

MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 17: Spaghetti & meatballs, dinner roll, veggie boat, orange juice, fruit choice, milk choice

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce: tomato: pickles, tater tots, ketchup, orange juice, fruit choice, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni), veggie boat, apple juice, fruit choice, milk choice

Thursday, Oct. 20: Chicken nuggets, ketchup, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, niblet corn, orange juice, fruit choice, milk choice

Friday, Oct. 21: Whole grain Cocoa Puffs, strawberry banana yogurt, Goldfish graham, veggie boat, fresh apple, milk choice

TMHS announces 'Student Spotlight' for October



Courtesy photo

October Student Spotlight honoree, junior Jordon Sroczenski.

THOMPSON — This year, Tourtelotte Memorial High School has begun a new recognition program called the TMHS Student Spotlight of the month.

Each month, a TMHS student will be recognized for outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community.

This month's Student Spotlight honoree is junior Jordon Sroczenski. Jordon participates in many school activities, including athletics, National Honor Society, and the Student Leadership Team. Jordon has also won a number of academic awards and was elected to attend HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar, which she calls "one of the most enlightening events that I've ever attended." Jordon also contributes to the greater community by frequently volunteering with her grandparents at Feed the Need, a soup kitchen in Danielson.

Jordon was nominated for the Student Spotlight recognition by junior Hayley Dauphinais who noted that Jordon is "a team leader. She knows what needs to be done and gets it done. She is someone everyone knows they can go to."

Regarding her accomplishments, Jordon says, "Working hard is how I personally get the most out of my high school experience. Hard work has a payoff that may not immediately present itself, but I know that it's there, so I strive for that."

Jordon plans to attend college and is still in the process of determining her path of study; areas of interest include criminal psychology, forensic sciences, writing, and graphics design. Jordon's message to her school community is that "no matter where you are, you get exactly what you put into any experience. I myself am extremely proud to be a Tiger."

Woodstock Academy inducts newest NHS members

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy is proud to announce the newest members of the Constance Hale Chapter of the National Honor Society, an organization whose members are selected on the basis of the commitment they have exhibited to scholarship, leadership, service and character. Juniors and seniors are invited to submit credentials if their GPA is 3.65 or above.

The new inductees were honored at a ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in The Woodstock Academy's Bates Auditorium. Students honored include:

- Simon Becher, Grade 11, Brooklyn
- Ryan Black, Grade 12, Pomfret
- Caitlin Cannon, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Gabrielle Cavagnet, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Brendan Chapuis, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Christopher Claprod, Grade 12, Woodstock

- Abigail Dustin, Grade 11, Thompson
- Griffin Edwards, Grade 11, Eastford
- Nora Guskowski, Grade 11, Pomfret
- Mia Herrera, Grade 12, Pomfret
- Allen Horn, Grade 12, Pomfret
- Patrick Houlihan, Grade 12, Woodstock
- William Lipscomb, Grade 12, Woodstock
- Ciri Miller, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Kiara Monahan, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Zhibo Peng, Grade 12, China
- Charlotte Powell, Grade 11, Pomfret
- Ashley Roy, Grade 11, Pomfret
- Stephanie Roy, Grade 11, Pomfret
- William Schad, Grade 11, Pomfret
- Jessica Semancik, Grade 12, Pomfret
- Ian Sohan, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Hannah Walley, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Ethan Werstler, Grade 11, Woodstock
- Jamie Woods, Grade 11, Charlton, Mass.

Pomfret School donates furniture to TEEG



Courtesy photos

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — TEEG receives generous donation of furniture from the Pomfret School for the Adolescent Mentoring Program.

Aidan McGloine and Paul Proulx, representing Pomfret School, stopped by TEEG on Friday with a generous donation. They brought a large sectional couch and three tables to be used in our clubhouse, which serves as a recreational space for youth in our Adolescent Mentoring Program. TEEG's Adolescent Mentoring Program matches emotionally and behaviorally challenged youth ages 6-18 with caring adults who possess the necessary skills to promote positive change. It is therapeutic in nature and is designed to enhance the roles of parents, social workers, foster parents, therapists and teachers. TEEG has a clubhouse in Thompson which

includes a full kitchen, recreational equipment, arts and crafts materials, games, books and more. This space is designed to provide a safe, comfortable home-like atmosphere where youth can work on social and life skills. These couches and tables from the Pomfret School will be a wonderful addition to the atmosphere of the room, and will assist in our mission of making it a safe and comfortable space for our youth.

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Bids Due: November 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM at which time they will be opened and publicly read.

RFP and related Documents: <http://www.eastfordct.org/EnergyRFP>

Mandatory Pre-Bid Inspection and Walkthrough: Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 3:00 PM—meet in the main office of the school. Notify superintendent by October 26 of your intention to participate: lloretz@eastfordct.org

Contact and Submit Bids to:

Linda Loretz, Superintendent, Eastford Elementary School, PO Box 158, 12 Westford Rd, Eastford, CT 06242 or 860-974-0837 (fax) or lloretz@eastfordct.org

First Friday celebrates New Orleans in Halloween-themed finale

Jason Bleau photos

PUTNAM — The final First Friday of 2016 celebrated both the city of New Orleans and the Halloween holiday, bringing the year's theme of celebrating some of America's biggest and best cities full circle. While the sounds and sights of New Orleans could be enjoyed throughout the evening on Oct. 7, the spirit of Halloween was also very much embraced as many zombies made their way to Main Street for the annual Zombie Fashion Show and others wore less scary costumes to celebrate the scariest month of the year. The event capped off a highly successful 2016 campaign for First Friday, with beautiful weather accompanying the festivities and a great crowd on hand throughout the evening.



A fun and unique feature at the final First Friday of 2016, the Tap Snap activity allowed guests to take their picture and add fun and silly features for a unique keepsake to hold on to.



A student of Quest Martial Arts shows her skills with the "fan blades" during a demonstration on Main Street in Putnam during the Oct. 7 First Friday event.



Artist Tom Krivacs, a yearly staple at Arts and Framing's First Friday displays, shows off one of his unique glow-in-the-dark paintings. This work, "Night Sky Series," was painted mostly with regular paint, but a glow-in-the-dark paint was used that shows off a very different side of the picture when under a black light.



Still looking for that perfect costume? Well the First Congregational Church of Putnam had you covered if you attended First Friday. The church held a sale featuring gently used masks and accessories to help inspire those who had yet to find their inner Halloween monster for 2016.



While Halloween was certainly an underlying theme of the final First Friday of 2016 in Putnam, the night's main theme continued the examination of the culture of some of America's greatest cities. For October that city was New Orleans and to help embrace the music of the city Zydeco Connection made the trip to Putnam and helped Main Street come alive.

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- Ryan, Grade 10



A pair of creepy zombies pose for a photo on Main Street in Putnam. These were only a few of many zombies that invaded First Friday on Oct. 7.



Zombies weren't the only ones to show up on Main Street. Here, young Putnamian Seth shows off his inner wizard, pulling off his best Harry Potter impression.



A young guest to First Friday takes part in the final community art project of the year. All year these projects have played off of the theme of each First Friday event, but for the final First Friday of 2016 guests were challenged to write a message of what they wanted to do before they die.



An artist from Artique puts the finishing touches on the final art project of many that were painted on Main Street over the course of the 2016 First Friday events in Putnam. Each painting fit the theme of the city that inspired each First Friday with October's event being based on New Orleans, this the Mardi Gras style of this particular work.



Putnam's zombie invasion featured some very familiar faces. Can you guess the identities of these two creepy walkers who made their mark on the competition during Putnam's Zombie Fashion show?



A young visitor to Putnam's Main Street examines some fun pumpkin-themed decorations outside of Victoria Station with an appropriate jack-o-lantern themed shirt to show her Halloween pride.



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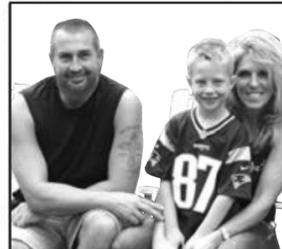
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Bulbs and hope

The box arrived while we were away. When I saw it, I felt satisfied that I'd placed an order that promises to bring me both a fair amount of work and years of pleasure.

The crate contains hundreds of bulbs, wrapped carefully by type and nestled in sheets of Dutch newspaper. In mid-summer I'd fallen hard for the photos of colorful blooms. Now I need to take a spade, dig holes in the rocky soil and imagine what it will look like in the spring.

Fall is all about storing things up to use throughout the winter, but planting bulbs focuses on the future. The work holds the promise that once the cold has passed, one day there will be the almost forgotten presence of bright daffodils, tiny crocus, snowdrops, tulips and alliums. The display unfolds over a period of several weeks, popping up in various places around our home and drawing us into corners and edges we generally ignore.

We've lived a year at our place and planting the bulbs draws me into a more intimate knowledge of the property. Planning where to place a swath of multi-colored tulips, charmingly named "French Blend", or digging through the gravel at the end of the driveway to stick in a few more Avalon daffodils helps me appreciate the roll of the lawn and spot the rock outcroppings. The land was in pasture

until our house was built in the late 1980's. Previous owners left their marks on the landscape and now I am making mine in a much smaller way.

Part of the appeal of planting bulbs, particularly daffodils, is that they last. Although nothing beats the deep pleasure of planting a tree, spring bulbs offer the possibility that year after year one's effort will be rewarded again with blooms.

To celebrate the 300th anniversary of our small town, residents were urged to plant daffodils on the roadside. Some did and every year they remind me of the long history of the community. The yellow flowers bob in the spring breezes in a friendly, open hearted gesture, just the way we'd like our town to be.

Our library friends' organization invited the 3 Foragers to speak at the annual meeting. The foragers are a family who know edible plants the way some people know baseball statistics. I bought Karen Monger's book, *Adventures in Edible Plant Foraging*. I love reading about how to make flour from acorns or ketchup from Autumn Olive, although I will never get around to doing it. As I plant my precious bulbs, I'll be thinking about the burrowing creatures that want to eat them, but at least they aren't edible to humans. They can safely rest underground.

May Sarton, a writer, thought about plants. She said: "Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circle of nature is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace."

If I handle this box of bulbs as I have others, I'll drag out the planting until one cold afternoon, I'll have no choice but to finish. All the good thoughts I have about the process will disappear when the ground feels chilly beneath my knees, my hands are chapped and its getting dark. I'll get a little sloppy about the depth of the hole or the beneficial sprinkle of bone meal. Enough, I'll think to myself as I hastily cover the last of the bulbs. Regardless of my inconsistencies, the effort of an October afternoon will lead to a glorious burst of yellow grace one spring morning.

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Permaculture: Gardens for life

Sometimes we just want to see a "world" where every aspect works together, instead of against each other. Well, luck may have it — there is an eco-world that does work just like this; it's permaculture, a form of gardening.

Permaculture was co-founded in 1968 by Bill Mollison (1928-2016) and David Holmgren (b. 1955). Permaculture is a design system for ecological and sustainable living, integrating plants, animals, buildings, people, and communities.

Permaculture has three core values — care for the planet, care for people, and return the surplus. There are also 13 permaculture principles, such as mimicking nature, designing for resilience, and seeking species diversity. Practical Permaculture by Jessi Bloom and Dave Boehnlein is an easy-to-use eco-guide, and breaks down these principles in a very accessible manner. The book will also help you see permaculture as a "can do" opportunity instead of an overwhelming "job."

Mollison once revealed to his top student Toby Hemenway where he got the original concept for permaculture in 1959. In the Tasmanian rainforest, Mollison spent time watching the behavior of marsupials, and noticed how interwoven the ecosystem was. It has been reported that Mollison penned in his diary the following statement: "I believe that we could build systems that would function as well as this one does." (Wikipedia)

In 1974 Holmgren really began his co-work with Mollison. Mollison is the one who is considered the "father" of permaculture, and Holmgren helped coin the term, and got the idea out to the world. The two wrote their first book on permaculture in 1978; the book was entitled *Permaculture One* (Wikipedia). Mollison later established The Permaculture Institute in Tasmania (www.permaculturenews.org).

Hemenway is now a top expert on permaculture, and has authored two excellent guides on this garden phenomenon. The first focus-guide on permaculture was *Gaia's Garden*. In his second book *The Permaculture City*, Hemenway took the resilient country-garden idea and brought it to the next level, our cities.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Quiet Corner Garden Club earlier this month (www.quietcorner-gardenclub.org). While discussing permaculture, I learned from the group about Hugelkulturs. Permaculture Magazine defines these as "no-dig raised beds with a difference. They hold moisture, build fertility, maximize surface volume and are great spaces for growing fruit, vegetables and herbs."

In a sense, it's a backwards approach to cleaning up your yard. Instead of taking plant debris, like sticks, leaves, branches, and grass clippings out of your yard, you actually keep this material in your gardening area. This form of gardening encourages you to pile up the plant debris, along with manure and compost, into a hugel or planting bed. It's certainly a no-till form of growing flora, and an essential part of the whole-system approach of permaculture.

What can permaculture teach us about our future? Coming out at the end of November is Jono Neiger's book, "The Permaculture Promise." Neiger looks at the core values of permaculture, and seeks to utilize these ideals, like its long-range focus, to discover



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ROTARY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club recently welcomed three new members. From left: Michael LaPorte, Rhonda Wishart, Putnam Rotary President Marc Archambault and new member Kristen Willis.

Election Letters Policy

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

Election season is coming to a close!

Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 8, and just as they are hoping for a good voter turnout, Villager Newspapers wants to hear from you. Who do you support in your town's upcoming election? Why? What issue is most important to you?

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows:

Absolutely no anonymous Sound Offs may be submitted in endorsement of any candidate for political office. Any mention of a political candidate and/or issues he or she has addressed, and any election-related matter, must be done in a signed Letter to the Editor.

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

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 4 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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

All letters must be free of personal attacks and libelous remarks. Letter writers are encouraged to remain focused on endorsing a candidate, and to refrain from commenting

negatively about opponents. Failure to follow that guideline could result in rejection of a letter to the editor.

Letters should not be written as though to a particular individual (for example: "Your decision was wrong. You should not act in that way."). Refer to individuals by name, and then by "he" or "she" or "they" in subsequent references.

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

Any candidates for office will be allowed one letter to introduce themselves and their candidacy. Candidates will not be allowed to submit any other election-related letters.

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

No "Your Turn" columns will be accepted as candidate endorsements.

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

There are a lot of important issues facing every town this year and you deserve a say in them. You'll get one chance at the polls on Election Day. You have another chance on our Op/Ed pages.

So what are you waiting for?

E-mail Editor Adam Minor at adam@villagernewspapers.com, fax us at (860) 928-5946, snail mail us at P.O. Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, or come drop it off in person at 283 Route 169, Unit #2, Woodstock, CT 06281. Letters will not be accepted by phone or by voicemail. E-mail is preferred.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Endorsing Mae Flexer

To the Editor:

Once again the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut endorses Mae Flexer for the 29th District Senatorial seat. As co-chairs of the Legislative committee of this Association and residents of the Quiet Corner, we heartily support Mae. We have seen her in action.

Senator Flexer understands and supports maintaining the teachers' retirement system as promised by the State. Retired teachers are not part of the contracted State Employees Retirement System. Active teachers pay into their pension and health care fund. As retirees, they are dependent on legislators to protect and maintain both. Mae does that. Moreover, as Senate Chair of the Aging Committee, Mae not only protects retired teachers, she works tirelessly to pass legislation to protect all seniors, earning high praise

from AARP as well.

Because she values education, Mae fights cuts to public schools, despite a deficit budget. She even secured a grant to purchase generators for the Brooklyn Elementary School. She has been a champion of access to quality education from kindergarten to college and is Senate Vice-Chair of Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

We need Mae in the Senate to continue to protect state aid for our schools, to champion quality education at all levels, to protect senior citizens and to work hard for our communities. Vote for Mae Flexer on Nov. 8.

CATHY D'AGOSTINO
 BROOKLYN

SANDRA BOVE
 DAYVILLE

'Random thoughts' after watching first debate

To the Editor:

Hillary has messed around Washington for almost 30 years. It is difficult for me to discern what, if anything, she has achieved to improve the human condition of her fellow Americans.

Yes, as Secretary she has flown 1 million miles in a kerosene burning behemoth for the good of her fellow Americans. And just like Gore, she talks about "clean air." Talk about footprints.

Hillary "misspeaks," she concedes, on occasion. She never lies. She has, by general consensus, jeopardized our national security by reckless disregard for the rules. She has enriched her "charitable foundation" with the influence of her exalted office, as Secretary of State, she has enriched her private exchequer by giving speeches to and for the tycoons of Wall Street. With legal acumen and Clintonian bluster, she has avoided any sanctions for this behavior, or at least the appearance of misbehavior. Truly remarkable.

And then, Donald. Mr. "law and order."

Just a euphemism for giving the police powers that exceed limitations as well defined by the law, and maybe worse.

Yet to be debated: We were blessed with the demise of Justice Scalia earlier this year. I say this for many reasons. One: Under the guise of "originalist," he interpreted the words of our 2nd Amendment to say, what no Supreme Court Justice has ever said, in well over 100 years, that the right to "keep and bear arms" confers on each and every one of us the right to keep and bear firearms of all kinds at any time and anyplace. Period. A plain simple originalist. He ignored the modifying clause "a well regulated militia being necessary..." which clearly explains this qualified right to keep and bear arms.

Three vacancies on the Court are highly likely during the next Presidential term. Donald would clearly replace Scalia with his clone. Hillary would not.

So, I guess its Hillary by default.

DAVID B. BOYD
 WOODSTOCK

Deleting sensitive information? Don't rely on your recycle bin

Computer forensic experts are a lot like paleontologists — the scientists who study the life of past geological periods. Paleontologists have never unearthed a full dinosaur skeleton. But, by examining just a small sample of scattered bones, they've been able to figure out the skeletal structure of hundreds of dinosaur species.

Likewise, when we delete our computer data by conventional means (i.e., moving a file to the Recycle Bin and emptying that bin), we leave "fossils" or remnants behind. And the paleontologists of the digital world — namely, computer forensics experts and savvy cybercriminals — can use those remnants to put together a full picture of the data we'd tried to delete.

So what can you do when you want to remove information from your hard drive? Let's take a look at what really happens when you delete files, as well as how to erase data so that no one can reconstruct its "skeleton."

WHY EMPTYING THE RECYCLE BIN JUST WON'T CUT IT

To best understand how your Recycle Bin treats your data, think about what you do when you repaint a wall in your house. Do you first take the old paint off? Of course not. You paint over the old coat, either with a primer or the new color.

Similarly, when you empty your Recycle Bin, you aren't removing that data. You're only marking it for overwriting. If you can think of your unwanted data as that old coat of paint, all you're doing is hanging a sign on the wall that says, "TO BE REPAINTED." The data is only gone



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JIM ZAHANSKY
INVESTMENT ADVISER

when you add new data to that location — overwriting it.

Here's the problem: you can never be sure where the data that needs to be overwritten is located, so you never know which remnants are still around and which aren't. Someone well-versed in data recovery can take those remnants and figure out the rest. The Recycle Bin just doesn't do the trick.

DON'T RELY ON ENCRYPTION EITHER

Put simply, encryption is a way of scrambling data so that unauthorized users can't read it. It's the most secure means of keeping your data private when it's actively in use.

But if you were to toss your encrypted drive in the trash, you never know if it will fall into the wrong hands. At that point, it isn't impossible to recover the decryption key and access the data — especially for those who make a living off of harvesting and exploiting sensitive information. In the trash, your encrypted hard drive is at much greater risk than when it was sitting in your locked home or office.

RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS

Your Recycle Bin will suffice for getting rid of unimportant files, but for a hard drive full of sensitive information, you'll want to try one of the following methods:

Physical destruction. Shredding. Burning.

Hammering. Physical destruction is the easiest, cheapest way to get rid of data. But its effectiveness is hard to quantify. What if an attacker puts the hard drive back together — and it works? Instead of placing the hard drive under your tire to crush it, consider having it professionally destroyed by an electronics recycling service. (You can find these services online or at your local tech or electronics store.)

Full-disk overwriting software. As mentioned, your data is still alive on your computer as long as it hasn't been overwritten by new data. Certain programs can overwrite an entire drive with multiple layers of random data (like multiple coats of paint), making it significantly more difficult to uncover the original data.

Degaussing. A degausser is a device that erases all magnetic data on a hard disk and renders the disk unusable. Today, this is one of the most effective data-destruction methods, but it's typically too expensive for personal use. As with physical destruction, you may want to reach out to a professional electronics recycling service.

KEEPING THE FOSSILS BURIED

In a world where technology is becoming exponentially more convenient, it's still surprisingly difficult to completely delete files. We hope you find these tips useful in keeping your data dinosaurs safely buried.

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WHAT IS IT?



CONTEST ENTRY FORM Friday, Oct. 14, 2016
Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016

My guess is: _____

Last week's answer: The front door latch on the Abington Congregational Church

Who wants \$25 cash in their pocket? Anyone?
The Villager has it to give.
Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

Name _____
Address _____
State _____ Zip _____ Telephone# _____

Please mail your entry form to the Villager Newspapers, PO Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, attn: Editor, or drop off to the office at Faire Place at 283 Route 169/171 in Woodstock, in front of the Woodstock Fairgrounds. You may also fax your entry to (860) 928-5946. All photos are of sights seen in and around Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock, Pomfret and Eastford. Responses must identify the subject and where it can be seen. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$25! One entry per person, please. Good luck!

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gardening techniques for solutions to climate change, for re-energizing our eco-actions, and for creating more resilient communities.

Permaculture certainly holds important ideas for our everyday lives. Enjoy developing, arranging, and planting your new sustainable gardens! Remember these words: "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect." -Chief Seattle

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Worthy winterberries



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Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red.'

When one examines the winterberries, *Ilex verticillata*, the subject becomes broad and complicated. For purposes of simplicity we are going to visit four female selections and an appropriate male pollinator. But even that discussion is fraught as *Ilex* pollination may not be as cut and dry as many believe.

The native range for Winterberry is generally in the eastern half of the United States. Spottier down south their numbers grow in preponderance in all states north. They occur in every county from the eastern seaboard states of New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. It can be found in any of the wild spaces remaining on Long Island. Extending its northern range excepting Newfoundland and Labrador in Canada Winterberry is broadly found in Ontario and all provinces east to the Atlantic Ocean.

For those of us who live in the northeast and especially those of us living in states with Atlantic coastline (except some areas in inland New York State), male pollinators may be unnecessary as wild plants are prevalent. Certainly, at Quackin' Grass all of our female selections fruit prolifically each and every year when we have had no named male cultivar selections on site. Though we have had no verification nor do we know if studies have even been performed we believe that unless some male sexual parts occur on female clones it just may be possible that some cross-species male to female pollination is transpiring. We discuss this occurrence in an unedited article found on our website. The specific article can be

The importance of philanthropy

Day Kimball Healthcare is most fortunate to be part of a vibrant, caring community that exudes philanthropic spirit through participation in countless acts of volunteerism, advocacy and financial support. That philanthropic spirit is so critical to not only Day Kimball, but all of our nonprofits who share the common bond of commitment for the betterment of the community in which we work, play, and live.

Our community is living proof that philanthropy is more than a simple transaction or exchange between the individual and organization — it is meant to be transformational, impacting and meeting the intended goals of both the giver and receiver. At Day Kimball, the evidence of this is clear. Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed the transformation of our physical plant with the addition of the Hale Medical Pavilion and the Burdick Family Birthing Center, the expansion of our Oncology Department and surgical suites, and most recently, the addition of the Townsend Emergency Medical Center to name a few. The hospital benefits from the contributions of over 200 volunteers in any given year who serve in a variety of roles to assist staff and enhance the experience of our patients and visitors. There are hundreds more who serve on our leadership and advisory boards, fundraising and event committees, and our auxiliary Women's Board. Individual and business community partners help to organize, contribute to, and participate in fundraising events that provide funds in support of a variety of services that would otherwise not be afforded to patients and their families including cancer care, hospice, family and child advocacy programs, spiritual care, education and wellness programs, and much more. Most telling, has been the impassioned, grass roots effort that has taken place over the past few years to bring renewed attention to protecting one of our most vital assets in Northeastern Connecticut. There is no doubt that the Day Kimball of today is stronger for it.

Our Development Office is much more than a receiver of charitable donations — we not only honor and value your gifts, but your presence. In my development career, there has been no role more enjoyable than



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KRISTEN WILLIS
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT,
DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

that as "friend raiser" or more rewarding than that of "philanthropic facilitator" where institutional mission and philanthropic vision come together for the greater good. As a native and life-long resident of Northeastern Connecticut, the lifesaving mission of Day Kimball is one that I care deeply about: meeting the health needs of our community through our core values of clinical quality, customer service, fiscal responsibility, and local control. The mission of the Development office is to support Day Kimball Healthcare in meeting those needs by securing philanthropic gifts, creating awareness of our network of services, and building relationships through special events, outreach activities and donor cultivation. Our role is overarching in terms of community outreach and engagement, raising funds and awareness for all of our service divisions and associated programs including Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball HomeCare, Day Kimball HomeMakers, Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, and the Day Kimball Chaplaincy Program.

Our mission is about philanthropy — in an altruistic sense, a selfless concern for the well-being of others. It's about an exchange of values and a relationship that provides a means by which both parties are able to realize a shared vision or ideal. This exchange, along with the volunteer spirit on which American philanthropy has been built, is what allows us to make positive change in the world. In the few short months that I have been at DKH, I see the spirit of giving in this community each and every day. Each time you volunteer, advocate, participate in an event, or contribute to DKH, you improve the quality of life in Northeastern Connecticut. Philanthropy touches every aspect of Day Kimball Healthcare and in turn, positively impacts the health and well-being of you, your family, your neighbors and friends.

Philanthropy is also about stewardship: good works and

deeds deserve gratitude, accountability, and affirmation. Nothing is more exciting or rewarding than to see the impact that our efforts have on others and to know that our best intentions were respected and preserved. Development is about much more than raising money.

It is about generosity and a donor's decision to bestow that generosity, in whatever form, upon a cause that they believe in and to be on the receiving end of that generosity is a privilege. There is no refuting the tenants of good stewardship and the duty of care it implies. Philanthropy is what defines Day Kimball as a nonprofit and stands behind the very core of its existence. Our role in fund development is to provide a means by which to achieve it ethically, responsibly, and unselfishly.

It is with excitement and great enthusiasm that I have joined the staff at Day Kimball Healthcare as Director of Development. In my new role, I hope to further the mission of Day Kimball by being an agent of positive and effective change, to develop stronger relationships with our constituents and community partners, to support our affiliates, and to continue to grow this organization that is so critical to the health and welfare of our community. Having made a career in fundraising and development, I've a true appreciation for philanthropy as a means to achieve a public good and admiration for those individuals and organizations that put philanthropy into action through volunteerism, public service, or financial support. Ultimately, it is about people helping people — our success is your success. Through this column, I intend to keep you informed about how we are moving forward with your help, and invite you to share your experiences, thoughts, ideas, and perspectives on how we can best serve the health needs of our community together. I hope that you'll find the dialogue helpful as you consider how you might put your own philanthropic priorities into action.

Do you have questions, concerns, stories to share, or topics related to philanthropy and Day Kimball Healthcare that you'd like to learn more about? Please feel free to reach out to Kristen at 860-928-7141 or e-mail kewillis@daykimball.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gordon: "I support Nora Valentine"

To the Editor:
As Chair of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission, I understand what it takes to do public service, promote good public policies, and roll up one's sleeves to get things done, regardless of politics.

It takes knowledge, experience, skill, and common sense. It requires lots of time understanding issues and knowing one's community. It takes learning from people and giving opportunities for people to be heard. It means balancing many interests. It calls for having proper ethics and always being fair. It requires looking to make things better within the reasonable reality limits.

A state representative must know these things as well.

For the past 10 years, Mike Alberts has been doing a wonderful job. Thank you, Mike. Nora Valentine will continue not just the work that Mike has been doing, but how Mike has been doing it.

I support Nora Valentine for state rep for the 50th District.

She understands you cannot tax your way out of financial problems. If doing so were the solution, then why did Connecticut end its last fiscal year with a \$170 million deficit, despite two prior, huge tax increases totaling over \$4.3 billion? Why are the state's future budget deficits growing larger and the rainy day fund rapidly being depleted to cover the gaps? Nora seeks to do things different and better.

She knows we are all part of a community. Some regional efforts are cost-effective and good to do. She also understands that people living in the 50th District (Brooklyn, Eastford,

Pomfret, Union, and Woodstock) know best about their own communities, not someone far away who does not know who they are, telling them what to do.

She appreciates that appropriate economic growth and support of local businesses helps our towns' tax bases and provides good jobs.

She supports our agricultural community and conservation efforts.

She understands that there is a difference between what municipal services we need and what we may want to have. Not everything can be done. We must focus on what we need to provide, otherwise we shortchange our core efforts by trying to do too many things at once that cannot all be afforded.

She knows what it means to raise a family and to teach our children. I am a strong supporter of education, so I appreciate that.

Our state is at an inflection point. Who we elect to represent us will have long-lasting effects on us. We need to think carefully of our choices. We cannot afford, literally, to have another person join the majority party in the State House and continue the bad fiscal decisions being made.

On Nov. 8, join me in voting for Nora Valentine for state rep in the 50th District.

My opinions are my own and do not reflect any official position of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission or any other organization of which I am a member.

JEFFREY A. GORDON, M.D.
WOODSTOCK

Support Boyd for state rep of the 50th District

To the Editor:
Please join me in voting for Pat Boyd for state representative of Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Woodstock and Union. We are fortunate that someone of Pat's character is willing to step forth to run for office and he will represent our northeast community with class and distinction.

For years, I have worked alongside Pat in multiple roles and have been consistently impressed at his level-headed approach and his ability to get things done. During my time as fire chief of the Pomfret Fire Department and as Pomfret's Emergency Manager, Pat is someone I always relied upon for a thoughtful exchange of ideas to move important issues forward. As Pomfret's Deputy Emergency Management Director he helped make great advances in coordination, communication, and cooperation between our public and private schools and with the town administration. He is one of Pomfret's most active emergency responders and I have watched him skillfully act

and direct actions on medical, trauma, and fire scenes. In his roles as EMS lieutenant, fire company president, and member of the fire district, I have repeatedly watched him help find solutions by bringing people together, sometimes even those who can initially not even find common ground for conversation. He believes in inclusion and does not dismiss anyone's ideas out of hand. Skilled yet humble, he is a gentleman and treats all with respect.

In these contentious political times Pat is exactly who we need as our state representative. Pat is someone who can reach across the aisle to find common solutions to common problems. He can bring people of differing opinions to consensus in order to keep the focus on getting things done. He has the skills and leadership to ensure that the unique voice and needs of the Quiet Corner are heard and understood.

DEREK MAY
POMFRET

Lamoureux-Kane: Clinton for president

To the Editor:
Voters on Nov. 8 will have a historic opportunity to elect the first woman president of the United States. Hillary Clinton is not only the first female nominated as a major party's candidate for president, she is the most qualified nominee in history. Voters should be reassured by her tenacity, resilience, studiousness, diplomacy and steadiness.

Central Massachusetts holds a significant and celebrated place in the history of women's rights, as the birthplace of pioneering suffragette and abolitionist Lucy Stone and as the site of the first National Women's Rights Convention in 1850. It's been a long fight for equality. While the Constitution guaranteed women's right to vote 96 years ago, today women hold only 19 percent of the seats in Congress and only six governorships across the United States. The deficit of elected women leaders

means the priorities of 51 percent of the U.S. population are greatly under-represented.

Hillary Clinton has not only been a champion of women's rights as First Lady, Senator and Secretary of State, her influence caused a global surge in the number of female ambassadors. With Hillary Clinton in the Office of President, she may inspire more women to run for elected office and more constituents to feel comfortable voting for them. Stronger together, we can appropriately address equal pay, minimum wage, violence against women, paid family leave, affordable childcare, and more.

Central Massachusetts can once again find its place at the forefront of women's rights by soundly supporting Hillary Clinton for president.

DANIELLE LAMOUREUX-KANE
BROOKFIELD

Perry's 'passion for this cause is true and real'

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, Ty Perry, who is running for state representative for the 50th District as a Libertarian.

I have known Ty for nearly 30 years now and we have been married for 26 years. We have two wonderful, beautiful daughters together. Life has not always been easy but that is true for most/all families. That said, Ty is a wonderful father and a loving and supportive husband. He loves his family dearly and is deeply committed to us. Ty works hard to support his family and gives back to his community. His passion for this cause is true and real. He/we strongly believe a change is

needed and the only way that is going to happen is having the right people in place to implement those changes. Ty's passion for change to our current 'two party system' runs deep. When he takes on a challenge, he does not let go. Like his commitment to his family, he fully understands it takes hard work, time, love and commitment to make changes and to be successful.

Please consider the need for change and cast a write-in vote for Ty Perry on the 50th District state representative line.

CHARLENE PERRY
WOODSTOCK

Sweetnam: Trudeau resorts to 'inventing facts'

To the Editor:
I do hope that Dick Trudeau's letter last week attacking Hillary isn't an example of the kind of writing that passes the election letters policy: "... free of personal attacks or libelous remarks...focused on endorsing a candidate and refrain from commenting negatively about opponents."

It was nothing but those. At the very least, how about some editorial fact-checking?

President Hillary eliminating the 2nd Amendment and confiscating all privately owned guns? Like 90 percent of Americans, she believes in universal background checks and closing the anybody-can-buy gun show loopholes. (The ACLU and I do agree with Dick that being on the No-Fly List, alone shouldn't bar ownership). For the rest, Mr. Trudeau is simply inventing facts and the editor should have refused to print them.

It is amazing how far apart we gun-owning Christians can be. Hillary's statement, "Deep seated reli-

gious beliefs have to be changed," is no threat to the 1st Amendment or free individual exercise of one's beliefs. Perhaps Mr. Trudeau imagines that the National Guard that comes to confiscate his Rugers will take him away for re-indoctrination if he still believes gays should be stoned. Hillary's a good Methodist who is pointing out that Paul's 1st century beliefs about homosexuality and his admonition to women to sit down, shut up and obey their men should go the way of his charge to slaves to obey their masters.

Dick says he believes we use our conscience to make sound moral judgments. Amen, brother, that's why God gave us a conscience. That's how those deep-seated religious beliefs get changed.

I funded and supported Bernie's campaign. I still trust him, and he's voting for Hillary. So will I.

G.L. SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

October is ANTI Bully Month

Master Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn will host a month long program on ANTI bullying

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NOW Programming Coordinator

Description: Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides opportunities in sports, fitness, and nutrition for children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities, is seeking a part-time Programming Coordinator to manage NOW's Fitness & Nutrition programs, education and community outreach.

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with Russell Stafford of Odyssey Bulbs when we happened upon a planting. The opulent berries were as fresh, deep red and captivating as they had been no doubt on Dec. 10. It was a surprise that the birds had not discovered them. Stems are dark purple-brown.

Ilex verticillata 'Sunsplash' Discovered at Broken Arrow Nursery this female form of Winterberry has all foliage splashed, spotted and streaked in bright yellow. Fruits are small and scarlet... there are better berrying forms but none sport showy, variegated leaves. This selection has not only been slower growing but has also remained shorter in the gardens at Quackin' Grass having achieved about 4 to 5 feet with a tendency towards slow colonization, this trait occurring after about 10 years in the ground.

'Jim Dandy' is an appropriate male pollinator for us in the north. 'Jim Dandy' has been sold under two other names, "Dwarf Male" and "Early Male". It is a heavy producer of pollen, slow growing and may grow 5 feet tall, perhaps a bit taller over time but tends to remain shorter and denser than other males.

Growing typically from 6 to 8 feet tall, excepting 'Sunsplash,' once a shrub settles in and makes good growth an *Ilex verticillata* can achieve equal breadth. In Connecticut they can often be seen roadside growing in drainage ditches also in open, sunny swampy areas. That's a clue to winterberry's cultural requirements. Site *Ilex verticillata* in full to nearly full sun exposure planted in fertile moisture-retentive soil. An average soil is adequate but they do relish a good, deep moist loam. Winterberry is hardy from USDA zone 3 through 9. All winterberries are good wildlife plants as many birds love the fruit. Unfortunately, so do the deer. But back to the birds: during Christmas week in 2009, after a blizzard dropped a blanket of snow approximately 17" deep, a small flock of robins visited 'Winter Gold' daily until they eventually picked off every last fruit. They gobbled with gusto. The plethora of berries was reduced to zero very quickly!

Consider worthy Winterberries. Dig in. Have fun.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock: Huge budget surpluses ... again

To the Editor:

A year ago, the big issue facing Woodstock residents was the attempt to repeal Proposition 46.

The “repealers” insisted that despite more than \$600,000 in surpluses the previous year the town was being starved by Proposition 46; town infrastructure and schools failing – horrible, just horrible. Well the numbers are in for FY 2016, which is just closing. Guess what? How about another big surplus? Well over \$640,000 — almost 1 mil on your tax rate.

On the town side, the surplus was \$225,601, as noted in the minutes of the BOS meeting dated Sept. 1, \$29,215 more than the previous year, but there was no money available for lifeguards at the town beach or the swim program that taxpayers had asked for; however there was plenty of money for the stipend program for seven out of 15 town hall employees who collected nearly \$14,000 each for waiving health insurance coverage, almost \$100,000 – including three elected officials!

On the Board of Ed side, the surplus was \$418,218. This one you’ll have a tougher time finding. While the non-lapsing account shows a contribution of only \$26,968 there was another \$81,250 transferred to the 2017 maintenance account on June 23 – see the BOE minutes, those minutes mentioned the transfer but not the amount, that you have to ask for. In addition to these funds, \$310,000 was transferred to the Healthcare Internal Service account, actually an escrow account held by a third party, unplanned surplus. For the average taxpayer, finding this is almost impossible, which makes it a good place to tuck away surpluses. That Internal Service account, as of June 30, had \$775,000 set aside – that is roughly \$250,000 more than the three year target amount set just a few months ago. Over the last two years that fund has increased \$625,000 thanks to surpluses. Is it a good thing to have money set aside to protect the town in case of two, three or four really bad experience years in the self-funded health insurance program for BOE employees? Yes. Is it excessive? Yes. Of course a couple hundred thousand of this could have simply been returned to the town to be put into a capital account to cover

future school facilities needs but then the surplus would have been obvious and this account still would have been at the target funding level which is more than sufficient to cover any reasonable needs. Any increases in this account in the future should raise serious questions as this money is effectively locked up earning nothing. Yet with all these surpluses parents had to “pay to play” for their kids to participate in sports! Lack of money or the need to create the perception of a lack of money?

So what does all this mean for this year? Well, on the town side, thanks to an increase in the town budget, and your taxes, and a decrease in debt service, town government will have an additional \$316,505 to spend for operations, a 6.8-percent increase and more than three times the total actual increase in spending for the last two years – combined. And yet, there is still is no money for lifeguards or the swim program, but don’t worry the stipends program for town hall employees and elected officials remains fully funded to the tune of \$13,956 for each participant, and we still have a full-time town planner, a full-time building inspector and assistant building inspector – I think Putnam and Brooklyn are becoming jealous. As for the WPS school system, even though enrollment continues to drop, and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future, after taking into account all high school costs, the budget shows an additional \$578,393 increase in available funding over last year’s actual spending.

Bottom line to all this: \$578,393 for WPS and \$316,505 for town government and \$120,547 of increased cost at the High School level, all done under Proposition 46 limits including increases to your taxes. If you think all it takes is Prop 46 to keep spending under control, read this again.

All the information here is available and can be verified through public documents and records. Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the full Board of Finance.

DAVE RICHARDSON
ALTERNATE MEMBER, WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF FINANCE

Smith: Dauphanais is a leader

To the Editor:

We know things are not right. We understand that the state can’t continue on its current path, i.e. reckless spending, tax increases, people leaving, debt growing...

Where are the leaders? Not many step up, and sometimes we wish that those who do ... don’t.

The 44th District (Killingly/Plainfield) is fortunate to have Anne Dubay Dauphanais as a choice for that House seat. We have seen her leadership play out locally...and now the entire state can benefit from her skills and determination.

While I can’t vote for Anne because I live in Canterbury, I do support her because of what she stands for. I wish

there were more like her. Anne is my sister-in-law; I’ve known her for 30 years. She is hardworking, knowledgeable, approachable, generous and thankful. She’s the “real deal,” the kind of person you hope steps forward as a leader. She’s well versed in the issues facing the district and state, yet humble enough to seek wise counsel on things unfamiliar to her.

I’m confident Anne will make a great representative and would work tirelessly for the 44th district. I urge you to support Anne Dubay Dauphanais on Nov. 8.

KIM SMITH
CANTERBURY

Turpin: Randall has my support

To the Editor:

As the owner of the Steampunk Café in Danielson, I get to meet a lot of people. It’s a perk, to say the least. Actually, it’s the best part. I love to talk.

As far as politics go, I find my opinions of candidates shaped most through interacting with them. Christine Rosati Randall took initiative in that regard, stopping in for lunch to get to know me and my business. When it comes to supporting local small business, Christine has been there for us. She worked to secure a \$1 million grant for downtown Danielson.

These funds can be used to renovate some of Danielson’s dilapidated Main

Street facades. Specifically, a handful of buildings have canopies deteriorated beyond use. Mine, in particular, is tattered to shreds if I extend it. Christine understands our needs and did something about it by obtaining a grant. A beautiful Main Street benefits everyone – rising tides lift all boats.

It is reassuring that Christine takes the time to check in and meet with local businesses. It was sincerely appreciated and she has my support because I know she will be there for us.

MATT TURPIN
DANIELSON

The reason behind mileage tax discussion

To the Editor:

I felt compelled to respond to Brian Gosper’s letter to the editor in the Oct. 7 Woodstock Villager.

Mr. Gosper failed to include in the reason why states are researching taxing vehicles by the mile. CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) legislation is driving automobile manufacturers to produce fleets of vehicles that have continuously improving average MPG until leveling out in 2025. Tax income levied on fuel taxes drops as cars and trucks get better gas mileage. If you drive an electric car you currently get to use our roads gasoline tax-free. Funding for road maintenance is dropping.

Currently hybrid and electric cars make up a small part of the total cars

sold in the world. However, improvements in battery technology or cars like Tesla’s upcoming model “C” may make electric cars more appealing to consumers. Technological changes such as the Internet and the iPhone show that when the right product arrives at the right time behaviors can change quickly.

Unless future gasoline fueled drivers are willing to subsidize their electric powered neighbors, a change in how our roads are funded may be order. The argument that states should be prudent and prepared for the future is another discussion all together — a discussion that one party seems to be greatly more willing to engage in than the other.

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Region reeling after death of Putnam town administrator

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who had the pleasure and the honor of working with Cutler during his time in Putnam.

To say Cutler was well respected is the understatement of the century. Just ask Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano, who worked with Cutler for 15 years as a Board of Finance member and several years as mayor. Noting Cutler was an expert in the workings of municipal planning and finance, as well as a professional in similar subjects on the state and federal level, the mayor called Cutler a friend and a partner in the Town Hall that will never be forgotten.

"He always had the town of Putnam on his mind, first and foremost, with everything he did," said Falzarano. "He didn't just mentor me as a mayor, but he was a good friend of mine. No one busted on him more than I did. He had the nickname 'Larry Liberal' because he was a big Obama fan and a Hillary supporter, and I always took the other end of the argument. I loved to see that vein in his neck pop out when we started arguing over who was right. We always had a lot of good barbs going between us. We had a good friendship."

Falzarano said the news was a shock, and while he worked quickly to make sure Cutler's responsibilities were managed between the rest of the town's employees for the time being, the thought of not having Cutler in the office helping lead the town forward was both saddening and surreal.

"As a person the guy

would do anything for you. Even when he had his busted up leg, when we went to the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, he wouldn't let me drive. He would drive. He did a lot for his friends," Falzarano said. "He was just a good guy. He was genuine. There was nothing phony about Doug. That's what I liked about him."

Before Falzarano took the helm as mayor, there was Peter Place, a longtime selectman and single-term mayor who was also very close with Cutler during his time as a town official. Place told The Villager that Cutler was an invaluable asset to not only Putnam, but the region as a whole, and that everywhere they went someone knew him.

"He was just a wonderful guy," Place said. "I think of how much of his life he gave to this town, and how much he gave to the people who live here and his community. He never stopped. He always had another project on the board. I'll treasure the memories of Doug and I going to Hartford together. We discussed so many things about what was going on in Putnam and came up with more ideas on the road. It was remarkable. He loved baseball, loved his children, loved his wife, and if I were to sum up Doug in any way I'd say he was a great man who lived a great life. He will be sorely missed. Putnam will never replace him. We'll hire someone new to take the job, but there will never be another who comes to Putnam and does what Doug did here. For that I will be forever thankful. Doug, I'll miss you."

Putnam Deputy Chief Lee Konicki was the one who made the sad announcement that Cutler had passed away on Oct. 3. Konicki worked close with Cutler on the Putnam PRIDE initiative and said that he was a devoted and dedicated individual at whatever he put his mind to.

"I've had the privilege of being on the PRIDE Executive Committee with Doug for five years. During that time, I had the opportunity to travel to D.C. with him on three occasions and enjoyed his company immensely," Konicki said. "Everyone is aware what an asset Doug was to our community. Unfortunately, I think that his absence will bring to light exactly how much he did, and it will be an enormous void to fill. Even with as much as he meant for Putnam, it pales in comparison to what he meant to his family and friends. He'll be missed greatly."

Cutler's impact on the Putnam community was felt well beyond the town's borders. The Villager spoke with Killingly Town Manager Sean Hendricks, who worked with Cutler from time to time, to get some perspective from outside of the Putnam community of just how much influence Cutler had in the region.

"It was a big shock to hear about the passing of Doug Cutler. I've been in the area a fairly short time and had some limited dealings with Doug. As a member of the Board of Advisors for the YMCA, I saw Doug on a monthly basis. Here's a guy who clearly loved his town and had the best interest of Putnam in

heart," Hendricks said. "It's a testament to his involvement in his job that he was always busy working for Putnam. From what I knew and heard about Doug, the town clearly lost a great man and a great public servant, so I think he'll be big shoes to fill in not only Putnam, but the region as well."

In seeking out interviews for this story, there was one man who took several days to properly lay out what he wished to say about a man he worked with for many years in Putnam. Former Putnam mayor and current State Rep. Danny Rovero submitted a lengthy statement to The Villager, calling Cutler a smart, intelligent, and ambitious man who served many important roles during his career in Washington, D.C., Hartford and, of course, Putnam.

"He was a clearheaded professional who dove into the nitty-gritty and difficult-to-understand details when it came to policy and/or the project at hand. And he never got in over his head, or if he did we will never know because if he didn't know the answer to a question or the solution to a problem immediately, he went and researched it and came back with the information faster than you could possibly imagine," Rovero said. "For Doug, I think it was about making sure that government worked to benefit every person, no matter their situation or standing. But even more important, as a person who has lived here and worked with him in local and state government, and knows him personally, Doug was somebody who,

as young man, left his hometown to do good work on behalf of our state and the nation, and then brought his experience and commitment back to the community he was raised in."

A Woodstock Academy graduate and a resident of Woodstock until his death, Cutler was a well-known figure in his own community as well as the town of Putnam. Rovero commended Cutler for keeping his roots in northeastern Connecticut and helping better his own community, and for giving so much as a public servant to the region.

"He truly cared about the people, and put them first. Everything he did, he did for others. He was selfless, hardworking, and kind. In this day and age, I think those qualities matter more and more," Rovero said. "What I think is really remarkable is that a lot of the people whose lives Doug touched don't even know how he was registered to vote, or what political party he identified with, because it wasn't about partisan politics for Doug. It was about dedicating his efforts to making our lives better for the entire community. Doug was, after all, a former first selectman and served on many boards and committees. If we're talking about his role as town administrator in Putnam, you'd be hard pressed to find a public servant who has ever been more dedicated to advancing the causes that our community has asked for. And I don't think that anyone can fully understand the integral role he played in making the goals our community has set into actual, tangible reality," Rovero boldly stated

that of all the leaders that have graced the Town of Putnam in the last 17 years that he sees Cutler as the one who helped build Putnam to what it is today. He called Cutler a true family man and someone who did everything he needed to do, leaving behind a legacy that he himself would probably downplay in his own way.

"I think it would really mean something to Doug that the people who have benefited from his work might never even know that he's one of the people who made it possible," Rovero said. "He touched every life, even those who didn't know his name, but for those of us who do know, this is a terrible loss, and our hearts will be forever filled with love for this wonderful man."

As a man who many feel can never be replaced, Doug Cutler's legacy certainly will live on well beyond in unfortunate passing. While his death saddens the entire region, what he accomplished and the many projects and initiatives he helped lead and the lives he impacted will clearly keep his memory alive for years to come. We here at The Villager would like to thank Doug Cutler for his loyal dedication to his town and his undying dedication to working with us to keep the people of Putnam informed over the years. Our thoughts are with his family and his staff in this difficult time.

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Another round of reader tips and tricks

Fall is officially here and as we prepare to baton down the hatches for the cold weather season ahead, it's more important than ever to take advantage of tips and tricks that save time and effort. From creative ideas to culinary tips, the following hints from area readers are sure to make life a little easier this season.

This reader's "middle maneuver" keeps the conversation going while on the road:

When there are three of you going for a car ride I find that it is much easier to speak with the person in the back seat simply by using the "middle" seat belt. No more trying to turn around to carry on a conversation. It works!

Lucille Barry
Whitinsville, Mass.

Tips to save time and money from a Spencer reader:

1. To make whole grain oatmeal for breakfast, soak it overnight to reduce the very long cooking time.

2. Metal coffee cans with plastic tops and foil seals make great paint cans. The inner metal rim keeps the paint from running over the edge when you draw your brush against it.

Mitch Ryerson
Spencer, Mass.

From decorating to recycling, this reader shares four of her fantastic finds!

For a new decorative flair, try using some of the newer styles of pipe cleaners as curtain tiebacks. There are many colors and textures available to choose from.

I use decorative gift bags hung on the inside doorknobs for trash. This is especially helpful for households with pets who may scatter trash left in conventional containers on the floor.

Try adding lightweight dimensional items to a framed print, photograph or calligraphy. There are many options, such as plastic butterflies, pieces of jewelry, buttons, personal memorabilia or small felted items that may be fixed to the glass or frame that will add intrigue.

If you are a firm and devoted recycler, you may want to leave that messy jar with remnants of peanut butter outside for the ants to nibble on, then wipe

clean and toss into your bin. It is surprising how quickly they will do this, and it saves water too!

Annie Wuelfing
East Brookfield, Mass.

Fish tale? How about a fish tip from a fellow reader!

As a lover of fish, I offer this helpful hint. For thawing out the frozen taste and providing a fresh caught flavor, try thawing the fish in milk or soaking it in vinegar and water before cooking.

Mike Sterczala
Dudley, Mass.

A dollop of Dijon is this salad's secret:

I love to cook and occasionally will try something different. I have found that when making potato salad that if I mixed (perhaps) 1/2 cup of Dijon mustard with a cup or more of mayonnaise and mixed it into the rest of the ingredients, it gave a kick to the flavor and was well received. It tasted great.

Terry Lackanbauer
Putnam, Conn.

Take a power strip on a trip! When going on vacation, bring a power strip (or two) for your cell phone, iPod, iPad lap tops, digital cameras, etc. that way

you can set up one charging area for all your electronics. Also, Mass.ke sure those strips have surge protection.

Tom Griffin
Whitinsville, Mass.

A bit of genealogy "history" merges with a creative calendar idea:

I went to put a 2017 appointment on my new wall calendar and resting behind the 2016 calendar and on the page for January 1st, I noted wedding anniversaries, birthdays etc. of grandparents and great grandparents for that month. I added where/date of birth and wedding dates/location. I can pass this calendar on to a niece or nephew, but I have also passed on the genealogy by giving them coins (pennies) in their own coin book from their grandfather with birth dates written above that coin's year etc. Great keepsake, maybe they will pass it on to their own children and the coins came from my dad, their grandfather, which they got to know for about five years before he passed away.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, Mass.

Prize Winner — Congratulations to Mitch

Ryerson, of Spencer, who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. He submitted the time and money saving tips above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or e-mail kdr@aol.com.

Selling albums: Part V

Let's take a look at selling Walking Liberty ("Walkers"), minted from 1916 to 1947. All Walkers are 90 percent silver, so no matter how common the date and how bad the condition, you should be aware that they are worth their bullion content value. Throughout their mintage, Walkers were produced at all three operating mints (Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco).



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His initials (AW) can be found on each coin. The obverse and reverse designs of the WL halves did not change for the entire mintage series. The obverse shows Lady Liberty striding confidently toward you and the reverse depicts a well-executed Bald Eagle standing a rock outcropping. One of the mint's most beloved designs, the Walkers

inspired today's silver Eagle bullion coins. That "updated" design began with the first bullion coin in 1986 and continues today.

Most early Walkers (1916-1921) are found in

heavily circulated condition (About Good-3 to Good 4) and carry a premium above melt...some slight; others significant. With two exceptions (1938D and 1946 double die reverse), Walkers after 1923 are pretty common. No WL halves were minted in 1922.

In the first year of issue (1916) only Philadelphia minted Walkers, and around 600,000 were made. In G-4 they're worth about \$40; in EF (Extra Fine) about \$180; and in MS 60 (uncirculated) about \$325. Compare these values with the common years of 1923-1947 values of melt, \$14 and \$38.

The 1916-S values for the same grades are \$65, \$465, and \$1,300. Some 1917D and S Walkers had the mintmark on the obverse, below the date, while others had the mintmark on

the reverse near the rim at 8 o'clock on the dial. More coins had the mintmark on the reverse than the obverse, so those values are slightly higher. Those values for the three grades are \$19-\$21, \$175-\$515, and \$500-\$2,750.

The 1921 had extremely low mintages in both Philadelphia and Denver and are the most prized Walkers in all grades. Their values reflect current supply and demand dynamics...in G-4 they're worth approximately \$120-\$190 respectively; in EF they're \$1,700 and \$2,250. In ultra rare Uncirculated condition their values jump to \$5,250 and \$7,500. Needless to say, we don't see very many of them.



The obverse of both an original Walker and a silver Eagle.

For the other early years values are generally consistent as follows: G-4 (\$14-\$15); in EF (\$48-\$60); and in MS 60 (\$100-\$500). However Uncirculated coins in the early years are rare with the following values: 1918 and 1918-S (\$450), 1918D (\$1,000), 1919) \$2,000), 1919D and S (\$3,250), 1920D (\$2,000) and finally the 1920 S (\$850).

The 1938D had a low mintage of less than half a million coins and while valuable in all grades, is

more common than other rarities in higher grades. Its values are: \$42, \$135, and \$385. The last rarity, the 1946 DDR Walker is worth \$30 in its lowest common tradable grade of Fine 12, \$60 in EF, and \$300 in Uncirculated condition.

In our next column we'll take a look at some of our shortest lived coin series. In the meantime, keep those questions coming. Go well and be well.

Contact us! Paul, CAI, GPPA: Grey Ghost Auctions & Appraisals, 508-943-6570, pwogie@charter.net; www.greyghostcorp.com; The author conducts certified coin and antique/collectible appraisals, on site estate sales, auctions, and cleanouts.

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"to conceal an artificial eye. It all happened on July 4, 1851, when he tried to pound the percussion cap of a fire-cracker with an axe on the doorstep of their farmhouse." (Leidecker, p. 40)

During the winter of 1853-54 he taught school in Thompson (p. 45). Afterwards he reviewed numerous subjects and prepared himself for Yale, which he entered in the fall of 1854. During his junior year, Harris decided that he had had enough of the classics so he left Yale. What to do next was the question?

At this point in time William's father was travelling in the West, trying to locate a farm that the family might move to (Illinois, Missouri); they never did. Some of this desire to travel per-

haps passed to William T. and he soon moved to the St. Louis area. The nation had recently experienced the financial panic of 1857 so finding work was extremely difficult. At first he and a friend tried making a living teaching shorthand, which was then called "phonography" (Leidecker 92ff). They were barely able to survive. He decided that the best way to have a steady income was to become a teacher. Little did he know that it would lead to the highest educational office in the land.

He began teaching at the largest school in St. Louis, Franklin Grammar School on April 22, 1858. He was so well thought of that in 1859 he was transferred to a new building, the Clay School, where he became principal. He rapidly progressed through the educational ranks becoming assis-

tant superintendent of the St. Louis schools in 1867. At the age of 32, in May 1868, William Torrey Harris was made that city's Superintendent of Schools (Leidecker, 153, 176f, 184, 245). He was appointed United States Commissioner of Education by President Harrison, assumed the office Sept. 12, 1889, and remained in that position until 1906.

When Harris left Northeastern Connecticut for St. Louis, he left behind his "sweetheart" Sarah Tully Bugbee, sister of Edwin Holmes Bugbee whose sizeable monetary donation led to the construction of the Bugbee Library in Danielson (now the Killingly Historical Center). After beginning his teaching career, Harris returned East late in 1858, and they were finally wed on Dec. 27, 1858 in Providence (Leidecker, 184). William Torrey Harris died in Providence Nov. 5, 1909. His wife Sarah died in that city on Sept. 21, 1920. Both were interred in the

Putnam Heights Cemetery.

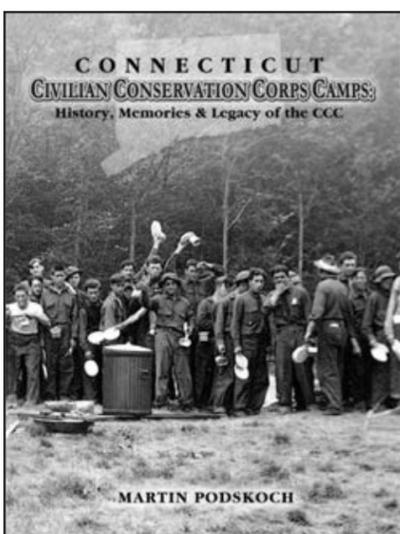
Killingly and Putnam can be proud to claim Harris as a Native Son.

Did you know that Killingly had a second man who became U.S. Commissioner of Education? How many of you can name him? (Answer next week).

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment), visit www.killinglyhistory.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com. Note: Neither the Killingly Historical Center nor I have Caller ID. Please leave your name and phone number when calling. Thank you. Note the new post office box number for the historical center.

Guest Speaker at Bracken Memorial Library Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Marty Podskoch, a retired teacher and writer, will be at Bracken Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 to talk about his newest book, **Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories, and Legacy** which focuses on 21 CCC camps in Connecticut, including Eastford and Union. This is Martin's 7th book.



About the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC): The CCC was a public works program that operated from 1933 to 1942, as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. It targeted young men and veterans in relief families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression, providing unskilled manual labor related to environmental conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands. Volunteers planted nearly 3 billion trees to help reforest America, constructed more than 800 parks nationwide, updated forest fire fighting methods, and built a network of service buildings and public roadways. In nine years, 2.5 million young men participated in restoring morale and public appreciation of the outdoors.

This event is free and open to the public.

If you have any questions, please email the library at brackenlib@gmail.com, or give us a call at 860-928-0046.

NEWS BRIEF

Credit Union donates \$3K to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

DANIELSON — The Arc Quinebaug Valley is pleased to announce that Charter Oak Federal Credit Union has provided a grant donation in the amount of \$3,000 to help purchase two new Project Redemption bins for The Arc's Project Redemption business.

The Arc's Redemption Center, currently based at 96 Front St. in Putnam, is licensed through the CT Department of Environmental Protection and offers the community a location to redeem or donate their bottles and cans that carry the CT 5-cent deposit mark. Project Redemption bins have also been placed in surrounding communities, as well as in Putnam, which provides the public with various convenient locations when donating their bottles and cans to The Arc.

The mission of the Project Redemption business is to provide individuals with life-affecting disabilities a meaningful "real work for real pay" opportunity and a chance to increase their skills toward greater independence. "Proceeds from these bottle and can donations help to cover the operating costs of the business including the salary of the workers," said Executive Director Susan Desrosiers. "Words cannot begin to express how thankful we are to Charter Oak Federal Credit Union for believing in this mission and providing our agency with such a generous gift."

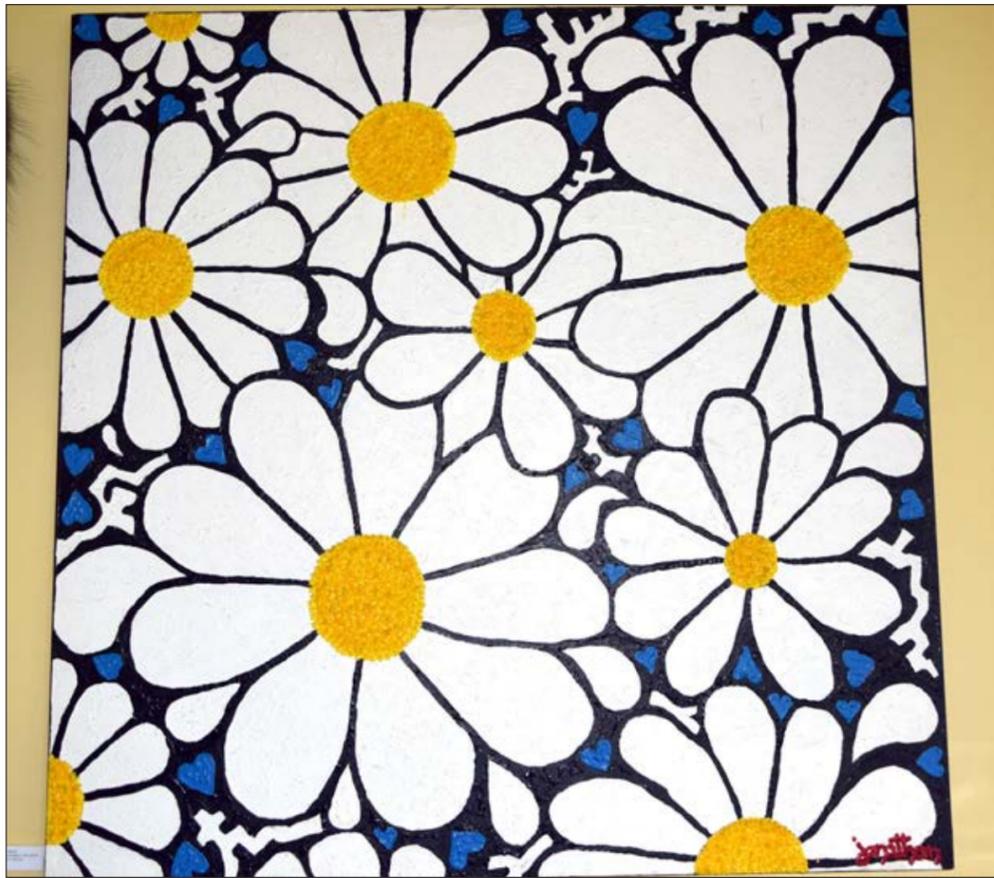
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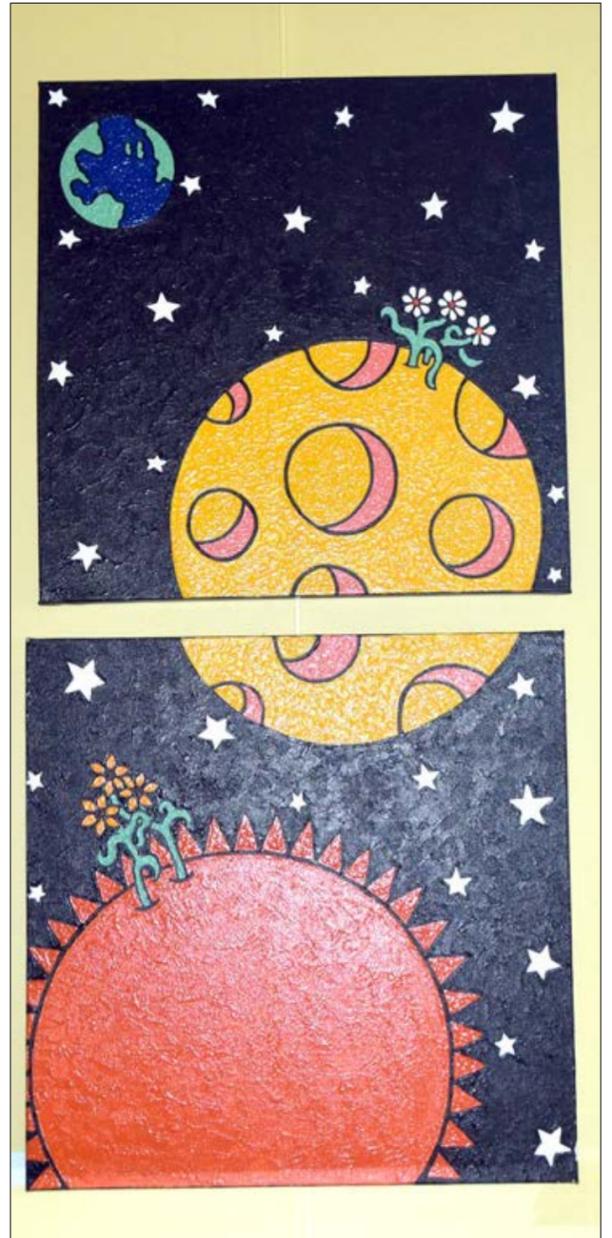
Art show impresses at Pomfret Audubon Center

Charlie Lentz photos

POMFRET CENTER — The Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret is currently showing a new art exhibit by Jonathan Fritz entitled "Love, Flowers And A Gentle Breeze". The center held an opening reception for Fritz last Sunday, Oct. 9, with complimentary wine and appetizers provided by The Crossings Restaurant and Brew Pub. The show runs through the end of the month.



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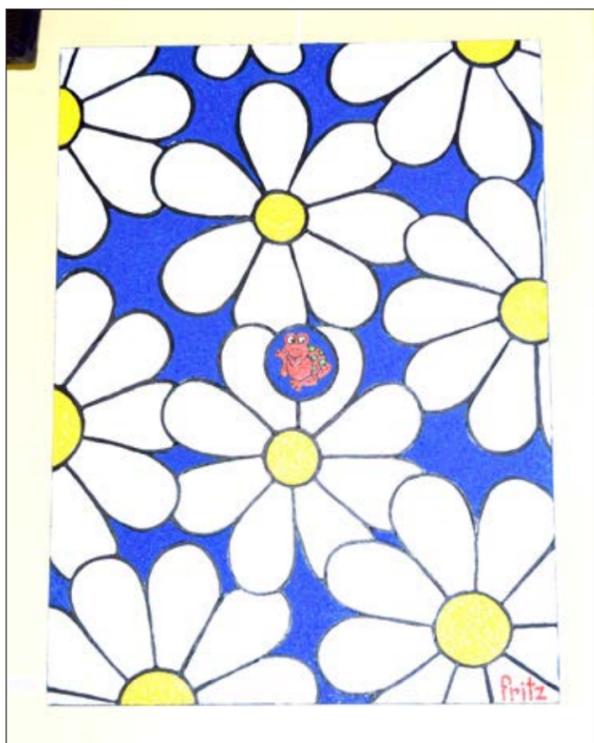
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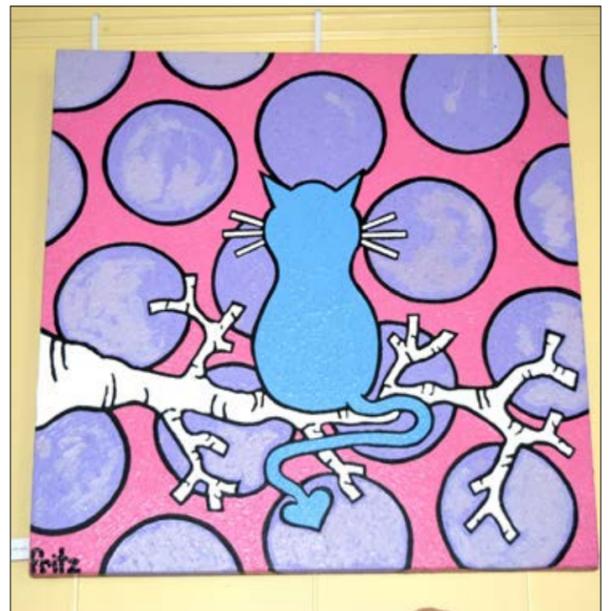
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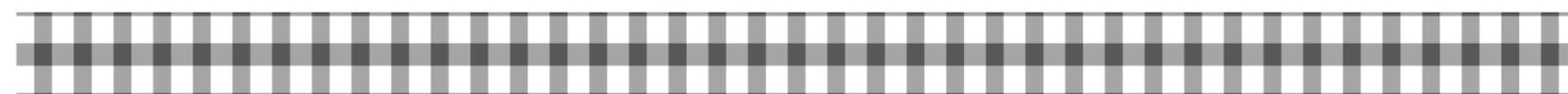
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Walktober events still going strong

Walktober is still going strong with another week full of choices to whet your appetite for fun and activity in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. If you have enjoyed the annual program offered by The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) in its first few weeks, don't stop now. "Tackle the Trail" returns as a unique opportunity to run along the Air Line Trail on Saturday, October 15th, to benefit the Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation. Individual runners or

relay teams will challenge themselves as they tackle 20 miles in the fresh air from Pomfret to Willimantic. Norwich's Walktober Team continues to roll out a terrific variety of choices this year. Stroll through the Chelsea Parade Historic District (listing #134), tour City Hall, an architectural gem (listing #135), paddle in Norwich Harbor (listing #153), celebrate African American history (listing #157), sip cocoa with scarecrows at Leffingwell (listing #158), listen to Commodore

Lanman speak of maritime history (listing #160), tune your pipes with a pipe organ (listing #64), and join in as Two Bells Beckon you to Ponemah Mills (listing #179). Forests and woods, a major part of The Last Green Valley, are featured this week at the Chase Kimball Forest (listing #139), Experience Blue Flag Meadow (listing #140), Chenes Roches Preserve (listing #149), Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation Reservation Forestry Tour (listing #151), The Stillness of the

Still River (listing #154), Valley Falls Foliage Hike (listing #168), a Hidden Gem in Woodstock's Woods (listing #171), McKinstry Brook North Post Tornado Hike (listing #172), Why is the Cat Hollow (listing #180), Golden Oaks (listing #181), and the Goodwin Forest Photowalk (listing #182.) Other teasers for this week: from pulpit to tomb (listing #141), kids' nature scavenger hunts & letterboxing (listings #142, #175, #176), an Organization Expo (listing #143), PUP crawl

(listing #144), fine arts festival (listing #145), harvest fests (listing #146 & 147), architecture (listing #148), farm visits (listings #150, 152, 159), tours (listings #155, 156), YMCA Camp family event (listing #162), mills-river-rails (listing #163), museums & book signings (listing #164), full moon events (listing #165, 166), fly high (listing #167), bike trail ride (listing #169), water life (listing #173), Discover Newent (listing #174), graveyards (listing #177), and entertainment (listings #184, 185, 186.)

Don't worry! You can rest after Walktober, and you can still get the Walktober brochure: email mail@tlgv.org; call 860-774-3300; download a PDF from the website www.thelastgreenvalley.org; or pick one up at any town hall, library or information kiosk within the region. All updates, additions and cancellations will be posted on the Walktober page on TLGV's website and Facebook page, so please check them often.

USI marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month with outreach

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an issue that remains prevalent in northeast Connecticut communities; yet is often ignored and many times misunderstood due to its complexities. This year alone, there have been nine intimate partner homicides in Connecticut, while Domestic Violence emergency shelter beds remain full throughout the state. Last year in Northeast Connecticut United Services' Domestic Violence Program (DVP) served 858 adults and 111 children with life-saving services

including emergency shelter, hotline crisis calls, risk assessment, safety planning, advocacy, counseling and information and referral. "Domestic violence is a global issue but we can make a difference right in our own communities," said Julie Hoagland, Domestic Violence Program manager for United Services. "Throughout the month we are organizing various community education projects designed to remember victims, survivors and fatalities of domestic violence, develop community awareness to address these

issue as well as partner with those professionals who work closely with domestic violence cases. Our goal is to ensure everyone knows help is available and how to reach a trained domestic violence advocate which is crucial when addressing intimate partner violence." Residents of Northeast Connecticut can always speak to a trained advocate by calling 860-456-9476 or 860-774-8648. United Services Domestic Violence Program encourages local residents to draw attention to the issue of Domestic Violence this month in differ-

ent ways:
 • Speak Out – Tell a friend, family member, colleague or neighbor about domestic violence. Talking about domestic violence helps to erase stigma and shows survivors that they will be supported.
 • Wear Purple DV ribbons & wear purple each Tuesday in support of ending domestic violence in our communities. Let it be a conversation starter – tell others why ending domestic violence is important to you. (Additional ribbons available by calling United Services at 860-774-8648

• Donate – Make a donation to United Services' Domestic Violence Program at www.UnitedServicesCT.org in honor of the people who have been impacted by domestic violence.
 • Visit United Services' "Clothesline Project" at the Easter Connecticut State University J. Eugene Smith Library during the month of October. The Clothesline Project is a powerful visual display of T-shirts that have been created by local survivors of domestic violence.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans available in Connecticut

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations located in Connecticut as a result of the frost and freeze that occurred on Feb. 12-15. This disaster declaration includes the

following counties: Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland and Windham in Connecticut. "When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affected by the same

disaster," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers. The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 4 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster

not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomer-service@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than May 22, 2017. For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.



Friday's Child





Julian is a friendly and loving 8-year-old boy of Hispanic descent who enjoys the attention and closeness of his caretakers. He is in the 3rd grade and with the help of his Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) he continues to develop his academic and social skills. Julian is active and enjoys playing with his toys and going to the playground. Julian is a unique child and has been described as being "in his own world." With the support of his therapist and school counselor, Julian is developing his social skills and learning to communicate his feelings. Julian benefits from clear structure and boundaries. He needs consistent reminders about "personal space."

Julian would do well with a family with older or no other children. Julian needs a family that is able to provide him with the attention and support he desires. Julian is part of a sibling group of three and shares a relationship with his siblings. An appropriate family would need to be willing to maintain contact including visitation with the family that adopt his siblings. Julian would bring a lot of joy and laughter to the right family!

How do I adopt a child from foster care?

To adopt a child from foster care, you must go through a training, interview and matching process. To begin, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE), for referrals to agencies in your area. After submitting an initial application, a social worker will meet with you, then refer you for the Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) training. After completing the MAPP course, you'll have meetings with a social worker who will conduct your "homestudy" to explore adoption possibilities with you and begin to match you with a waiting child. It's important to balance patience with persistence to make a match that will build a lifelong family.

To learn more about Julian, and about adoption from foster care, call the MARE at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."





To sponsor Friday's Child call Sandy at 508-909-4110 or email sandy@stonebridgepress.com

Farm Credit East donates to Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp



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 Front row, from left, Foundation Board members Jane Rider, Sandra Ahola, Beverly Champany, Mary Seguire, Marlies Thomen and Lynn Weaver from Farm Credit, flanked by other 4-H Foundation members and Farm Credit East staff.

POMFRET — Staff members from Farm Credit East and Windham County 4-H Foundation board members celebrated this gift together on the steps of the lodge in Pomfret on Wednesday night, Oct. 5. Vice President Lynn Weaver said the money was raised from the proceeds of a silent auction celebrating Farm Credit's 100th anniversary earlier this summer. Leadership at the bank decided to donate those funds to one of their credit union's not for profit members and chose the 4-H camp as the recipient. The formal donation was made during a Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce sponsored business showcase event at the 4-H Camp lodge featuring 19 local businesses. Each business attending had a display table and an opportunity to connect

with chamber members informally and during a brief presentation of what they had to offer during the formal program. The renovated lodge was decked out in an autumn theme and those present enjoyed seeing it and checking out the view of the pond from the front porch. In her remarks, Foundation President Jane Rider directed those present to the Giving Tree Wall as many individuals and businesses among those attending helped to make the lodge renovation possible with their donations. The evening ended with a campfire by the lake and an opportunity to make s'mores, taking those in attendance back to their own childhood camping experiences. As one participant posted on Facebook, it was a fantastic event and such a dynamic showcase of local businesses!

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50th District seat hopefuls square off in debate series

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Union and Woodstock for the next two years in Hartford.

Continuing the pre-election Q&A format, Villager Staff Writer Jason Bleau spoke with all three candidates separately, asking them the same exact questions pertaining to issues relevant to both their district towns and the state as a whole to get a better idea of where these candidates stand on the issues of today. Candidates were interviewed separately in an attempt to gain a more intimate and real perspective of where they stand as individuals on issues without outside influence from the other candidates in the race. Please note that these Q&A's are more about the personal responses of each candidate separately more than anything else, and that their answers or information provided are meant to be presented for the interpretation and consideration by the voters. Some of these answers may have been slightly edited for space — however, they were not changed in any ways that would significantly alter the tone or content of each response. Responses were ordered at random.

Thank you all for taking the time to be a part of this Q&A debate series. Before we start, I want to give each of you the opportunity to share a little bit about yourselves and why you decided to jump into the race for the 50th District.

Nora Valentine: “I was asked to run by Mike Alberts, and by the Republican Town Committee. I’m heavily endorsed by the RTCs across the district. Tony Guglielmo has endorsed me. I was recognized for my business acumen and my community service and service to my party, and I’m also a delegate for the state. That’s why I believe they put their faith in me to run. I chose Woodstock because of [Woodstock Academy]. I like the spirit of the school. My children are both in the public school system and I’ve been here in Woodstock since 2005, and I’ve always been active here. I was always an information gatherer on all parties. I declared my republicanism after the Internet became a way to explore all angles of information to make a true informed decision. At the beginning of my political career, I was asked to be a voice of a large issue in town, moving the ninth grade to the middle school, and I had a hard time understanding that fiscal arrangement and how it would benefit the students so I began to speak out. Eventually, I was elected chairman of the Economic Development Commission and became a Woodstock delegate for the state and now I’m hoping to represent the 50th District.”

Pat Boyd: “Thank you for this opportunity. I’m the president of the Pomfret Volunteer Fire Department, the Town of Pomfret’s Deputy Emergency Management director; I’m an educator, teacher and school administrator, and coach. I’ve been in Pomfret for the last 14 years, but I grew up in the northeast in Plainfield, so the Quiet Corner is certainly a huge part of who I am. I threw my hat in the ring when the position became an open seat about a year and a half ago. I’ve always been very civic minded. I try to serve on commissions and work with non-profits to give back to the community. This seemed like the logical next step to try and give back to my neighbors in Hartford. I feel strongly that this part of Connecticut doesn’t get its voice heard as strongly as it should.”

Ty Perry: “I’m a 20-year resident of Connecticut, an 18-year resident of Woodstock. I put two kids through the school system. I’m a married man. I’ve been married one time to the same woman for nearly 30 years. I’m an attorney, Massachusetts admitted, in good standing and I’m also a businessman. I’ve worked for the same company in middle management for nearly 20 years. Prior to that I was a restaurant manager of freestanding restaurants so I

have a good experience in the business world. I got into this because it just seems like we as a country are being completely divided by the two-party system, and to some degree, the press that seems to put their own agenda forward. I just can’t see us going any further down the rabbit hole. The country is in its own state of uproar and on the brink of igniting if nothing else, and not for the better. The state is going in that same direction. When I first came to Connecticut we were doing alright, but that’s not happening anymore. Now is the time to get involved, and to give back to my community in a big way. As a Libertarian, I believe in individual rights and your ability to determine what’s best for you more than anyone in Hartford.”

One of the most requested questions we’ve heard from our readers for this particular race is about economic development. To some in the region, your towns seem to serve as outside communities to larger economic centers in the region like Killingly and Putnam, but Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret and Woodstock have proven to have a lot of potential when it comes to economic growth in their own right. As potential lawmakers, how do you plan to help your communities bring in businesses and help them thrive?

Pat Boyd: “That’s a good question. This district has a lot of unique rural towns, unlike Putnam, or even Plainfield. We have the highest grouping of active and productive farms in the district, which are businesses and we would like to see them grow. We’re not necessarily the type of district that suddenly wants huge industry to move in. We’re talking small businesses and agriculture, businesses that fit the surroundings. People move here because they like the country setting, but in many ways the climate isn’t great. Having done some research, there are ways that the state can help these small businesses grow. There’s a fee attached to a business before they even have one profit to them that they have to pay the state. Making it so smaller businesses that fit our district can succeed here would certainly be a priority and to help support the ones that do exist.”

Ty Perry: “It’s really simple. Stop over-regulating and stop overtaxing them. You don’t have to go out and find businesses to come into the community. All you have to do is create an environment where they can come in and be successful on their own. They will come. What you’ll probably hear from both parties is that they’ll pass ‘this law’ or ‘that law,’ or struggle to get ‘this’ passed. I say, I’m going to try my darndest to get laws off the books. If you’re good at cutting hair, for example, you shouldn’t have to go get the permission of the government to do it. That’s what Libertarians are for, free market and capitalism. Those are the only things that will get us out of these problems. Everyone in Hartford has different plans to pass new laws to make it happen. Maybe 20 or 30 years of laws we have passed are the problem. I would veto a lot of laws and say no to a lot of things. I’ve placed my agenda in writing. It’s a simple philosophy. If you want me to go to Hartford to promote your business at the expense of someone else, I’m probably not the guy for you — but if you want me to go there and say ‘no’ to a lot of laws that will restrict your ability to do business, I’m your man.”

Nora Valentine: “One of the things I’m very interested in is the light manufacturing and helping the major manufacturers in the state of Connecticut. I’d look to encourage light manufacturing and agricultural opportunities in the region. The district is so rich with land. We have people who really enjoy farming and they’re feeling the pinches of the economy. I’d look into that and into helping small businesses and what their needs are. A lot of companies in the area real-

ly don’t understand how they can grow beyond their few blocks. As a growth strategist that’s one of my fortes, so I’d really look to encourage agricultural growth and even agricultural technology in this area. There’s a lot of potential here.”

On the state level, the budget crisis has been a major topic of debate. We’ve seen cuts impact hospitals, programs and more throughout Connecticut over the past few years and some feel that there are many ways to help solve the budget issue from prioritizing cuts to eliminating many programs across the board. Should you be elected to represent the 50th District in Hartford, how do you plan to help prioritize those cuts and help bring some balance to the state budget?

Ty Perry: “First of all, the problem is that the government has made a lot of promises that it can’t keep. It’s been doing that for maybe 20 or 30 years to buy votes. We have to stop doing that. We need to bring the current unions to the table and say, ‘Listen, we know what the problems are here. You have to make some concessions if you want us to continue to have jobs for your employees.’ Unless they’re willing to do that, we need to stop hiring. We really do. Creating a government job doesn’t create a job. It just creates a hidden tax burden on people. I’ll probably vote no on just about any budget that doesn’t massively cut expenses, and I don’t mean just switching it from one category to the next. I saw a proposed budget that the governor put out and all it really did in cutting the budget is moved expenditures from one place to another. That can’t happen. There’s a lot going on behind the scenes that people don’t know about. You have a lot of people in committees fighting over adding things to their own district. I don’t think the 50th District needs that. We do well on our own. What we need to do is highlight the problems that exist. Budget time is called a rat race. I’ll vote for an appropriate budget. It’s something that needs to happen.”

Nora Valentine: “The unfunded mandates, mandates that are no longer essential to our society, these are the things we need to look into. There’s money going to programs that are no longer beneficial and that are outdated. We need to look at those. The money that’s going towards programs that are no longer beneficial or are beneficial to such a few among of people need to be the focus of cuts, not caregivers, not senior services, not education. There are many communities that are now picking up the slack on their own, which is fabulous. We need to incentivize communities and the people who are helping those sectors that have been cut. Other things we can look at is incentivizing certain programs. When you cut taxes and offer those incentives, that’s when people really start to respond. You have to keep your word too. We have lacked trust in the government for many years now, and without that you have nothing. We need to stop revocations, see what programs have been relocated and open those back up and reinstate what we can by reshuffling some of the money that is being misallocated as well. We don’t need to spend \$500,000 for statues. We have bigger priorities. There are also certain employment insurances and things the state wants to raise, that can’t happen. Anything on the backs of the people and burdens the businesses can’t happen.”

Pat Boyd: “The economy probably is the number-one issue the state is facing. We do have to cut the deficit. Until we do that, it’s going to be hard to get the rest of the fiscal house in order. As we look through the proposed budgets we need to look for areas of duplication and try to be efficient and look at what our priorities are. Aiding our small towns is huge. If our education cost sharing or our pilot money disappears the ways towns build their bud-

gets would be very different. Town aid has to be a priority, public safety has to be a priority, community health, including Day Kimball, would have to be a priority, and then if there are things the state has responsibility for that can be done more effectively in another way, taking a look at that. Until we get the deficit under control and we stop spending more money than we bring in we’re never going to get the rest of the fiscal house in order. The state will often bond things and approve so much for projects that, in some cases, do have merit. We need to scale back our bonding and only bond things that we do have to do like health and safety or things that would cost us more down the road if we didn’t do it now. I think we need to be more efficient with our assets as well. Like a household, when things are tight you need to be more efficient with what you have. We need to only bond things that have to happen, not what we want to happen right now.”

Let’s bring in a more local issue, which I know for a fact is something you’ve heard a lot about over the past few months. In Pomfret, the use of a coal, tar-based sealant on Longmeadow Drive has caused a stir due to evidence that similar materials have proven to be toxic to humans and wildlife alike. I know I’m not the first to ask this question, but I think our readers would like to know your thoughts as lawmakers on whether or not Connecticut as a state should regulate the use of these products, or if it should remain a decision determined on the local level by town leaders.

Nora Valentine: “I have not read that, in fact, these materials and products are completely toxic. I’ve read there’s a possibility, so I can only speak to that. That process relies on the companies bidding for the project. You hope everyone knows their products, but this is how we learn. We learn by people in the community coming forward and saying they are afraid this may be wrong. Pomfret put the material down because it’s very lightweight. They did it for all the right reasons. If they didn’t have all the information in front of them, but did their due diligence trying to get that information, then that’s fantastic. Should it go to the state level? Absolutely! When you find information that is harmful to a community then it is indeed harmful to all. This is how process begins. Once we know something is bad and truly toxic then the state does need to know, and we as legislators can look into it further, maybe do something about it and make sure communities are aware of it. Eastford is getting ready to do it’s own paving, so this is an important discussion for the district. This is all part of the process. I think what ends up happening is the state ends up regulating these things for the safety of the state, not just because the state is trying to stick its nose in people’s business.”

Pat Boyd: “The state has a responsibility to make sure that the environment we’re entrusted with is safe and maintained. I think public safety and health is a huge responsibility. There are a lot of areas that the state regulates that says, ‘You can’t use this,’ because of its harmful effects. I think one of the things that’s come up with the whole Longmeadow Drive issue is that this type of substance is banned in other places. I think the Connecticut Legislature needs to take a hard look at it and consider banning it here. I think the Board of Selectmen [in Pomfret] also needs to do what’s in the best interest of the environment and the health of the resident there. I know there are a number of committees that are looking at it. They’ve halted further use of it in town until that’s settled. It’s raised enough of a question in my mind that with a little bit of further research the state is probably much better off without that material on our roads and we should follow the example of

other states to put it on a ‘do not use’ list.”

Ty Perry: “Well, I’m not going to claim to be an expert on coal tar, but I can tell you this — I have been up there and spoken to a few people, and while people are genuinely concerned, I don’t know if anyone has really put a test forward that said this really is causing harm up here. That being said, whether or not something should be looked at on the state level, if the state determines it is a poisonous material, that would be one thing I would allow the state to do. I wouldn’t be against reasonable environmental laws. I don’t think anyone around here knows enough about the topic to say there needs to be a law, but that being said maybe if those who approved this had done some homework beforehand maybe they would have found out the concerns. I won’t jump on the first selectman’s back because there are plenty of people doing that, but if he made a mistake we need to help him to fix it, not keep going after him. Now that the initial stir has died down, I don’t know if anyone in Pomfret has really recognized any problem. I was there maybe two weeks ago talking to a voter, putting a sign out, and it looks pretty good. I’ll let the people of Pomfret decide what’s best for them if they want to ban this in the future. That’s where government belongs at best is on the local level.”

Let’s talk education. Your district has some very respected schools, including Pomfret School and Woodstock Academy, within its borders. In recent months we’ve seen the Superior Court focus on the state level shift to the need for more attention to children of low-income families and proposed a new funding format for education in the state. As potential lawmakers what is your response to this and how do you feel Connecticut can better meet the needs of children from poorer families without negatively impacting other educational institutions throughout the state and your district?

Pat Boyd: “The Superior Court Ruling, which is being appealed by the Attorney General, has a huge potential implication for us out here. I’ve attended public schools and I’m a public school graduate and understand the importance that our schools have. My fear is the state has identified the issue being that we are not having the quality of education across Connecticut, and since the state is charged with implementing education, there needs to be an inherent quality no matter where you live. That’s a real problem, but I fear what will happen is it’s going to be a fight for dollars. If the education cost sharing for our five towns is cut that would mean that the local education boards will have to make up that money elsewhere, and I would hate for that to become a tax increase or more fees. I think the representative for the 50th District is going to have to be a strong advocate for the state continuing its responsibilities to our school districts and not take from one to pay the other. Hopefully that would lead to a stronger discussion about property tax and how education is funded across the board. I think it will be a large discussion, but if I’m given the privilege of going to Hartford, I’d certainly advocate that our school districts need those education cost sharing dollars to maintain and grow the quality of education in our district. We need to be equal across the state, but not at the expense of our own schools.”

Ty Perry: “If anyone wants to read the lines about what new funding rules means, it means they’ll take more from us in the northeast corner and give it to people in Hartford and Bridgeport and New Haven. With all the taxes the government already takes from us they give us back, with great fan fare, \$7 million. That’s for all of our towns in the district. Hartford gets to keep \$198 million. You

POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Saturday, Oct. 1.

Joseph Fortin, 48, of 46 Beaver Dam

Road, Woodstock Valley, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; making an improper turn.

DAYVILLE

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Jeffrey Provost, 38, of 175 Ballouville Road, Dayville, was charged with disorderly conduct: no fight/no threatening/no obstructing.

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Ryan W. Shannon, 29, of 379 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, was charged with sixth degree larceny; conspiracy misdemeanor C.

DANIELSON

Thursday, Oct. 6

Joshua Larkin, 33, of 163A Main St., Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct: no fight/no threatening/no obstructing.

THOMPSON

Steven A. Gardner, 31, of 417 East Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with six degree larceny.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Putnam Police Department Arrest Log Report

Thursday, Oct. 6

Megan Rivers, 36, of 77b Van Den Noort St., Putnam, was charged with interfering with police, operating under suspension, operating unregistered motor vehicle, failure to maintain proper lane, unsafe backing, evading responsibility

Friday, Oct. 7

Jessica Polaino, 30, of 30 Belair Dr., Moosup, was charged with traveling fast, operating unregistered motor vehicle, operating with an out-of-state-license

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Donald Leighton, 48, of 77B Van Den Noort St., Putnam, was charged with sixth-degree larceny

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tell me how that's fair. Sure, they have more students, but shouldn't it be based on a student-per-student level? I've been an adult for much longer than I want to admit, and since I was in school, it seems like every year we're reforming education. If we haven't gotten it right since I was a student, maybe we need to go back to the drawing board and maybe support charter schools more or other priorities. We have good schools up here in the district, but that doesn't mean we can't do better. Maybe a charter school would be a good thing. Plus, not everyone learns the way the current educational system deems they should learn. Some very bright people are poor test takers. As a parent you could use a voucher and take it to a school that best suits your child to give them the best education you can.

That's what I'd foster as a Libertarian."

Nora Valentine: "Everyone is entitled to a good public education. It shouldn't matter where you live. It shouldn't matter what your parents do for a living. We're all entitled to it. We may all start off in a different socioeconomic level, but ultimately it's up to our educators to do their best at their job. Those students are our future. We need to same type of education in each community. What ends up differing is the education boards in those communities and who they hire and if those teachers are enthusiastic, welcoming experts in their field. That is really where the difference is in education. You do absolutely need to start off with a fair playing field. I can't comment on the disparity of funding without all the details. I'd like to have all the information on that before I make a decision there."

Thank you all for taking

the time to answer these questions. Good luck to all of you in the upcoming election. Before we close out, I want to give each candidate a chance to present a closing statement.

Ty Perry: "The northeast corner and the 50th District has a rather unique opportunity. On Nov. 8 you can turn on your radio or open up the paper and hear or read that one of the major party candidates has won again, or you can really go out and do something different this political cycle and, as a district, decide on freedom and liberty to see how that works for a change. Can it get any worse than it is in Hartford? Let's take a chance. Imagine what headlines and the difference we can make if we stand up and say that the two-party system is failing us and we want a guy who just wants government out of our back pockets and wants government to stop passing laws that restrict our freedom. That's what I want to

promote. Let's do something different. I get it if there's some fear involved, but where's the harm in trying something different? Whatever you think is important to you as an individual, I've got that and I'll work with you."

Nora Valentine: "I come to the table with a very different skill set. I'm a homeowner, a mother, a businesswoman, and a leader who understands daily plights. I chop wood, I know what it's like to live in a rural area. I don't have things set before me. I'm a host mom, so I've welcomed international students into my home to show them the American lifestyle. I come to the table with a national and international business skill set, which is unique, and in our state business makes the money and the economy flow. Without a keen understanding and actual understanding in business and economy we would just be getting more of the same. I don't want more of the same. I don't want businesses leav-

ing Connecticut. I don't want our large businesses to leave and have low-level businesses taking their place. I want to push for education, for business, economic development and I'm a strong advocate and leader."

Pat Boyd: "My hope is to go to Hartford, if given that privilege, with an open mind and a sense of independence. I don't want to be someone who follows blindly with a party. I think people are tired of that, I know I'm tired of it. If it's good for our district it's something I want to advocate for. I'm not interested in getting involved in the politics side of it. I want to do what's right for my district and I'd work hard to do that. I want to do the best to articulate the needs of our area."

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WA announces plans to buy Hyde School campus

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ents and students. As we prepare our consolidation plan, know that our decisions will be guided by a clear mission — to provide the best version of Hyde ever offered to all of our students and families, regardless of which campus they currently attend."

The announcement came as quite the surprise to many in the region, and even Woodstock Academy Headmaster Christopher Sandford admitted that Hyde had not expressed interest in selling the property to the Academy, but rather it was the Academy that approached Hyde earlier this year. This inquiry about a possible sale was sparked from discussion during a retreat of the Board of Trustees where Sandford said board members decided it was imperative to tackle a major need for the Academy with its ever-growing enrollment of international students.

"There was great discussion about building a dorm," Sandford told

The Villager. "At the meeting a board member said we probably should have bought Hyde School when it was available 20 years ago. It was an off-the-cuff comment because we didn't have any boarding students 20 years ago, so back then, we wouldn't have had a reason to buy the place. After the meeting I talked with Associate Headmaster Holly Singleton and Director of Development John Sturdevant, and I decided to call. Boarding schools in general are in trouble across the country. So I inquired about what Hyde School's reaction would be if we were interested in purchasing the campus. They said they would listen. We developed our case for why we needed a campus like Hyde."

Numbers for the sale were not disclosed during Sandford's interview with The Villager, however the headmaster did say the purchase would be completed using leftover money from the USDA which was awarded to the Academy for improvements to the

school's sewer lines and to Bentley Field. On Hyde's end, their letter to students and parents said the decision to sell was not an easy one, but was driven by a plan for financial stability in the long term.

"We recognize the uncertainty and anxiety a significant change like this can have on everybody," officials stated in the letter. "Know that we are devoted to doing everything possible to ensure a seamless and productive transition for our students, parents, employees, alumni, and friends. Also know that our steadfast intent is to offer 'The Best Possible Hyde' to each and (everyone)."

With the sale now being finalized, some may question exactly why Woodstock Academy felt absorbing the Hyde Campus would be a beneficial move outside of the need for dorm space. According to Sandford, the campus offers much more than just living spaces. The school comes with additional gym and sports field space, a much larger theater than the current Academy cam-

pus and other added amenities that will allow for some classes to be moved to the Hyde campus, which will be rebranded to the "Woodstock Academy South Campus" once the purchase is finalized and the current school year ends.

The Villager did field calls from local parents with concerns as to why the decision to purchase the Hyde School was made without parent involvement. Sandford said that Woodstock Academy is not like other public schools, and being a private school, it follows a very different set of rules in making such decisions.

"It's a tough one because we are a private school with a public purpose," said Sandford. "As a private school we follow state rules, which allow us to take local tuition kids and we're only one of their options. You always walk that fine line of what role does a parent that accesses our services play in the decision-making. We had that conversation internally. We signed an agreement with Hyde, like any sale in real

estate, to not publicize it in the newspaper. It's an executive session discussion. The other piece is the Board of Trustees, which is made up of 30 people, including members of almost every community we serve, so they play into the decision."

Another concern brought forward was whether or not the purchase would compromise Woodstock Academy's identity, with some concerned the school is moving more towards a private school image rather than keeping a fine blend of private and public school in its culture. Sandford said this turned out to be one of the biggest talking points in meetings leading up the purchase announcement.

"When we showed the data, costs and what we were getting and the impact that it would have on our strategic plan, there was no question about making the purchase. The next question was, how it impacts us as a school, our culture and how people see us," Sandford said. "Keep in mind, we have 92

international students now, plus 22 students that are day students, so that's 10 percent of our population that are not local kids. The maximum [the Hyde School campus] can hold is 250 students long-term. The short-term we're talking 75 students. So it's not like we're going to bring in 400 or 500 kids and change the whole culture. I think it will enhance our culture."

Sandford said that students who choose not to make the move to the Hyde School campus in Maine will be able to apply to Woodstock Academy, however their enrollment won't be guaranteed. In addition, Woodstock Academy is also very open to hiring personnel from the Hyde School campus to continue their work there under the Woodstock Academy banner, should they choose not to take advantage of Hyde School's offer to bring them on in a new position in Maine.

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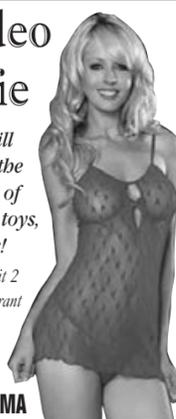
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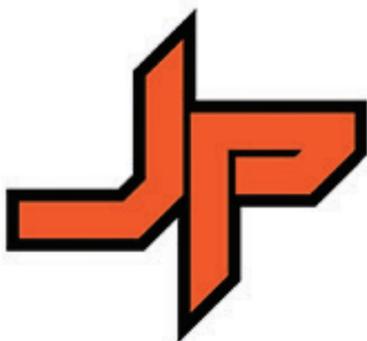


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Killingly netters digging this season



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Ally Conde goes up for a block against East Lyme at Killingly High on Oct. 5.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — In a season of firsts for Killingly High's volleyball program, the Redgals hope it leads to a second — as in a second-round home game in the Class M State Tournament. After 14 games Killingly's record was 11-3. Among the firsts this fall? — the team had never beaten Fitch, Woodstock Academy, or East Lyme — but the Redgals have vanquished all three Eastern Connecticut Conference foes for the first time in program history. It's been a long time coming — Killingly inaugurated its var-

sity program in 2005 and is in its 12th season.

"We had never taken a set from East Lyme or Fitch and now we've beat them both this year," said Killingly coach Dan Vogt. "It's impressive from our team, what they're doing, but we want to keep it up."

Killingly senior hitter Abby Laseter expected a breakout season and also expects to earn a high seed in the state tourney — that lofty seeding would give the Redgals a home playoff game in the opening round and should they win they could also play host to a second-round game.

"That's exactly what we're aiming for — and hopefully maybe even a second game," Laseter said. "That's a huge goal."

Killingly knocked off East Lyme 3-1 (25-21, 25-22, 21-25, 25-10) on Oct. 5 at Killingly High. Laseter had 17 digs and notched 14 service points including four aces against the Vikings (4-5). Junior Reilly Allen made 12 kills, had 17 digs and nine service points. Junior setter Meredith Zamperini had 29 assists. Laseter said the Redgals have each other's backs and that's led to success.

"It's the team chemistry. We lost all our seniors but we had a great jayvee team coming in this year," Laseter said. "I thought we would be great. I thought we'd have to adjust a little bit but we

came out firing and that was awesome, not much adjustment had to be done."

Coach Vogt said they built a strong bond playing volleyball together over the summer.

"I think one of the big things is our team chemistry. We're a very right group," Vogt said. "A lot of them played in the off-season this year. They made a commitment in the off-season, not just with playing but with conditioning and everything else. Most of them played together in a summer league team and I just think that they're a really tight group that has great team chemistry and that's certainly helped us quite a bit."

Vogt said Laseter has been one of the team leaders who have facilitated the strong bond.

"She's been wonderful from her sophomore, junior, and senior year of always paying attention to every player on

the team, especially the younger ones, and that means a ton to them," Vogt said. "I talked about the team chemistry, it's not just with the varsity it's with the entire team, and that's what you need. You hear our freshmen cheering up in the stands during games and our bench cheering it up. We're just tight as a group in general and that's partly due to Abby."

Junior middle hitter Ally Conde had 21 kills, 11 digs, and two blocks in the win over East Lyme and has been stellar throughout Killingly's strong run.

"(Conde's) been huge and her back has actually been bothering her a little bit. I know she had a few more hitting errors today than needed," said Vogt after the win over East Lyme. "But I was telling her today was a situation where we didn't have to have her carry the team. Reilly Allen had a great game and Reagan Morin had some key put-aways. It was really more of a team effort. It was nice to see that we don't need to have (Conde) have a great game every single game for us to win. But she's been huge for us all season."

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Montville High on Friday, Oct. 14. In a season of firsts — coach Vogt is hoping for one second — and he would be the first to say the Redgals are capable of reaching that goal.

"We had high goals coming into the season and they're still high. We've been knocking a lot of them off and it's to the point where our goals are reaching even higher now," Vogt said. "One of our goals was to get a home state game but if we can get enough wins there's a good chance that we could get two home state games — obviously we'd have to win the first one — but we're putting ourselves in pretty good position."

KILLINGLY 3, WINDHAM TECH 0

DAYVILLE — The Redgals swept Windham Tech — 25-11, 25-8, 25-7 — on Tuesday. For Killingly: Ally Conde had 13 kills and six aces, Reilly Allen had four kills, five digs, and five aces, and Abby Laseter had 17 service points including seven aces. Killingly lifted its record to 11-3 overall. Windham Tech's record fell to 4-9.

GRISWOLD 3, KILLINGLY 1

GRISWOLD — The Redgals fell to host Griswold in an ECC crossover match on Oct. 7. Game scores were 11-25, 25-19, 30-28, 25-21. Conde had 30 kills, nine digs, and three aces. Laseter had 15 digs, 22 service points including five aces and Meredith Zamperini and 30 assists and 19 digs for the Redgals. Griswold was 7-3 through 10 games.

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Woodstock volleyball hits stretch drive

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy volleyball coach Adam Bottone has a roster filled with underclassmen so occasionally he has to reinforce the basics. Bottone found just such a teachable moment just three minutes into the match when he called timeout after the Centaurs dropped the first four points of their opening set against Ledyard High last Friday at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"I told them that they're weren't blocking, because they weren't. So we needed to be smart about our hits. Line was open, we couldn't tip. I said, 'Just clean up our passes. Let's work hard and do it,'" said Bottone, in his 15th season overall, 13th year as head coach. "And they responded."

Senior Coleen Solitro got the message. "We just need to concentrate. Our receiving wasn't that great," Solitro said. "We just needed to believe in ourselves at that point and get it back."

After the timeout Solitro made a kill for Woodstock's first point, then she served seven straight service points to give the Centaurs an 8-4 lead and they never looked back — winning the first set 25-13 and sweeping the next two (25-16, 25-16) en route to a 3-0 victory over the Colonels.

Bottone said Solitro simply did her job.

"I have (Solitro) serve first because she does it probably as well as anybody on the team," he said.

The win lifted Woodstock's record to 6-6. The Centaurs had eight regular-season matches remaining following the Ledyard game and needed to win at least two to gain the

required eight victories necessary to reach the state tourney.

"Two more will qualify us for the state tournament. Hopefully we can get that next week, but then not let up," Bottone said. "Every win you get helps your seeding and the higher we are the better we are."

Among the underclassmen who start for the Centaurs are sophomore outside hitter Natalie Low, sophomore setter Sammi Orloski, and sophomore libero Madeline Gronski. Key contributors include junior outside hitter Caroline Eaton, Solitro, senior Shaylor Scranton, senior Clara Sarantopolous, and junior Maeve Stevenson.

"We have only one girl (Eaton) that was returning with a lot of varsity experience," Bottone said.

Solitro finished with nine service points including five aces against the Colonels. Eaton made eight kills. Madeline Gronski had 18 digs against Ledyard (5-7).

Woodstock lost six of its first eight matches but the win over Ledyard was the Centaurs fourth in a row. Bottone said they are a different team than the one that started the season.

"At the beginning of the season it took us a long time to figure out who we needed to put where, to be the most effective," Bottone said. "I'm a firm believer in getting the right people on the bus but putting them in the right positions, in the right seats, is what makes a big difference. So it took us a while to get there. They started to gel. It's been great ever since. It was a rocky start. We were in most of our games but we couldn't put teams away. Now we're able to put teams away. That's the biggest difference."

Solitro said the Centaurs have greatly improved since a 3-0 loss to East Lyme in the season opener on Sept. 9.

"I'm so proud of these girls and how far they've come," Solitro said. "At the beginning of the season we definitely weren't a team and you could tell. Everyone had chemistry outside of the court but on the court it wasn't that great. But now we are completely one."

Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Newtown High this Saturday, Oct. 15, with the first serve scheduled for 2 p.m. Bottone expects more teachable moments this season — but he said his Centaurs have been listening.

"This thing about this team is they all truly love each other. So that makes things a lot easier," Bottone said. "They're not afraid to lean on each other. A team that's not as good skill-wise can be a better skilled team with hard work every time. That's kind of our mentality."

ELLIS TECH 3, WOLCOTT 0
DANIELSON — Sydney Tetrault notched 14 kills and had two blocks to help host Ellis Tech sweep Wolcott Tech on Oct. 7. Set scores were 25-10, 25-17, 25-17. Sarah Tellier had eight assists and 18 service points and Alyssa Pignataro had 14 service points for Ellis Tech. Wolcott Tech's record fell to 2-9. Ellis Tech lifted its record to 7-5. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Windham Tech on Friday, Oct. 14.

ELLIS TECH 3, WHEELER 2
DANIELSON — Kirstin Light notched eight kills, four assists and two blocks to help



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Woodstock's Caroline Eaton elevates for a kill last Friday against Ledyard.

the Golden Eagles defeat the Lions on Oct. 6 at Ellis Tech. Set scores were 25-19, 21-25, 23-25, 26-24, 15-12. Sydney Tetrault had two blocks and 25 service points and Sarah Tellier had assists and 18 service points for

Ellis Tech.
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Scoring slump hampers Killingly girls soccer



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Natalie Hawes controls the ball as Putnam's Haily Bocash defends on Oct. 5 at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The goal gets smaller when the gap between goals gets bigger. Killingly High endured its fourth-straight shutout in a 1-0 loss to Putnam High on Oct. 6 — and the soccer goal seemed like the eye of a needle against the Clippers.

"I think it's the mindset. We work so hard. We're hustling. It's there. We've just got to put it in the back of the net," said Killingly senior striker Payton Fitzgerald. "I don't know whether it's

just miscommunication or it's just mental — I think it's mental."

The loss to Putnam dropped Killingly's record to 2-6 and followed shutout losses to Waterford, Plainfield, and Montville. Killingly coach James Lackner said the Redgals have been struggling offensively all season and the performance against Putnam represented his season in microcosm. Killingly outshot Putnam 12-4 but could not seem to generate quality chances.

"That is our season in a nutshell right there. We've got girls coming

down just wanting to blast the ball every time. We had a couple opportunities there in the first half to put one in," Lackner said. "For some reason there's a wall in the net and we just can't put it in."

Fitzgerald is the Redgals leading scoring since her freshman season. Lackner said perhaps the pressure to score hindering her performance.

"She's her toughest critic. She beats herself

up," Lackner said. The coach said the whole team needs to take a step back and relax.

"It's all mental for us right now," Lackner said. "Now it's four-straight games without any goals. All mental for us right now, girls are pressing. That's all it is right now."

And one defensive lapse cost Killingly against Putnam on Oct. 5. Clippers junior striker Morgan Foucault broke free at 24:13 of the second half and scored the game's lone goal.

"One defensive breakdown," Lackner said. "Good teams don't allow that to happen. Good teams find a way to put the ball in the back of the net."

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Montville at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. Lackner said the Redgals will keep shooting regardless of the incredibly shrinking goal. They just need to put the ball in the back of the net — and then the goal will likely grow bigger.

"I told the girls 'We're 2-6. It's not over.' If they want to quit, we don't have a choice. We're scheduled for eight more games. We haven't given up," Lackner said. "A lot of teams that we are play-

ing again, we hung with them, outplayed them in some of the games. We just didn't put the ball in the net."

Fitzgerald and the Redgals need to start threading that needle.

"We're not giving up. We've just got to clear our head and think forward," Fitzgerald said. "We can't let each other get down or anything. We have to lift each other up, that's a big part of it. We're looking to come back."

KILLINGLY 5, FITCH 0

GROTON — Fitzgerald scored two goals and Morgan Harriott, Taylor Jax, and Emily Watling each scored one goal as the Redgals offense woke up in the win on Oct. 7 at Fitch High School. Watling notched two assists and Hanna Russo and Brittany Reine each had one assist.

Killingly led 16-2 in shots. Killingly lifted its record to 3-6. Fitch fell to 1-8.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY FOOTBALL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Devin LeRoy breaks free against Woonsocket, R.I., last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex. Woonsocket defeated Woodstock 43-36. The Centaurs have a bye this weekend and return to action at home on Saturday, Oct. 22, playing host to Vinal Tech at 1 p.m.



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Putnam rising toward postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High's boys soccer team has been an ongoing work in progress — welcoming newcomers, letting injured players heal, waiting for a transfer student to become eligible. The finished product is finally rolling down the assembly line as the Clippers put together a playoff run toward a Class S Tournament berth.

"You see it every game. The passes get a little better. The confidence just jumps every game for them," said Putnam coach Jon Miller.

Putnam defeated Ellis Tech 5-1 on Oct. 6 at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. The win lifted the Clippers record to 5-4-1. Seven victories are required to guarantee a berth in the Class S Tournament and the Clippers were in good position

with six games left in the regular season.

"I would say if we can carry our momentum, I would hope a 3-3 record or better for the next six games. Every coach wants 6-0, being realistic 5-0 or 4-2 would be great for going into the CSC (Constitution State Conference) and state tournament," Miller said. "We have big goals at this point."

The team has quickly evolved with a cast of new characters. Senior Lucas Basilio is one of the newcomers to the team, he moved to Putnam from Brazil last March. Basilio scored four goals in the win over Ellis Tech. Sophomore Hunter Touchette added one goal and notched an assist in the victory. Touchette missed the first half of the season while rehabbing a torn meniscus in his left knee and returned for his first game back against Ellis Tech.

"It feels really good to be back, a little rusty though, but I'll get back into it," Touchette said.

Junior Aiden Ciquera transferred back to Putnam High at the beginning of the school year but had to sit out the first eight games before becoming eligible, the game against Ellis Tech was Ciquera's second game back in the fold. Sophomore Mohammed Sano and freshman Ahmed Sano, brothers, are also newcomers to the team who have moved into the starting lineup. Senior Zack Cutler is in his first season keeping goal and learning the ropes between the posts.

Touchette said the Clippers are a very different team from the one that started the season with a 7-0 loss to North Haven on Sept. 10.

"We came together. We're a good team now. We have good

connections. It's going to be a good year," Touchette said. "I think we're going to go super far in the tournament."

Coach Miller said the Clippers lineup stabilized for the first time this season against Ellis Tech.

"We finally have everybody back. It's the first time all season that we've had everybody. So the key players on the team are all on the field together," Miller said. "I think they're getting much more comfortable. There's a whole group of players that have come back in the last two days. It changes everything. It just adds — finally having a full set of subs on the bench — understanding as a team that we're going to put the best 11 on the field but we also have those key support guys that are coming in — five, 10 minutes here and there."

The Clippers are next

scheduled to face backyard rival Tourtellotte at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Putnam finished with a record of 2-12-2 last season but that's history. The Clippers were a work in progress when the season started but they're turning into a finished product.

"We're way ahead of where we were last year," Miller said. "Way ahead of where we were three, four weeks ago. I was telling everyone at the beginning of the year we have to finish 8-8 for me to be happy. At this point I'm hoping we're well past that. It should be a good exciting rest of the way."

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Putnam High's Scott Davagian, right, goes after a 50-50 ball with Ellis Tech's Chad Cramer on Oct. 6 in Putnam.



Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam High's Hunter Touchette, right, and Ellis Tech's Daniel Savino move upfield on Oct. 6 in Putnam.

Putnam booters shut out Killingly girls

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Morgan Foucault and her Putnam High teammates had never beaten Killingly during their high school careers, never left the soccer field with bragging rights — always having to wait another year for that elusive victory.

"We've actually lost every time," Foucault said.

Foucault changed all that at 24:13 of the second half at Killingly High School on Oct 5 — Putnam's junior striker tallied the game's lone goal in the Clippers 1-0 win over the Redgals.

"This was just an extreme boost of confidence," Foucault said. "I think this was just the revenge."

Putnam's record was 7-3-2 through 12 games. When the Class S State Tournament arrives Foucault said the Clippers need to remember the intensity they showed against the Redgals.

"We need to take this into states and if we don't we can't expect to come out with a win," Foucault said. "I think we need to look at back at this game when we're in states and say 'This is how we need to play.'"

The win over Killingly was a breakthrough.

"This was not only a season-changer it was a program-changer for us," said Putnam coach Molly Panteleakos. "This is one of the most solid wins against a very good quality team."

The Clippers did not



Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam's Aly Morris moves upfield as Killingly's Taylor Jax pursues on Oct. 5 at Killingly High School.

play Killingly in 2010 but have now played them for six-straight seasons. Over the previous five seasons, Putnam had gone 0-6 against Killingly — losing 5-1 and 2-1 last season, falling 7-1 in 2014, getting shut out 5-0 in both the 2013 and 2012 seasons, and losing 3-0 in 2011 — getting outscored 27-3 collectively over that span. Panteleakos was understandably encouraged by the win on Oct. 6.

"To play (Killingly) on

their home field, under the lights — I'll tell you what — they stood up to the challenge," Panteleakos said. "This is a big win. To have them come and play against a medium size school in the (Eastern Connecticut Conference) — it just speaks volume for them and their teamwork and how they support each other out there. And how they step up when they need to step up and play smart. They did everything they needed to do

to get a 'W' today."

Killingly outshot Putnam 12-4. Putnam sophomore goalkeeper Megan Sessums made five saves en route to the shutout.

"That's a credit to our defense and Megan Sessums in the back," Panteleakos said. "They don't get a lot of attention. They're not on the stat sheet a lot but everything they do back there, working together and supporting and stepping to the ball and marking

... that just speaks volumes for our defensive back four and our goalkeeper today."

The coach said the Clippers need to have the same kind of effort in the Class S State Tournament.

"For us to get this win right now, and to play as good as they played out there, this is the type of team that we're going to face coming down to the state tournament," Panteleakos said. "It gets that confidence under

them to know that they can compete at this level. When that time comes in the conference and the state tournament, they're going to be ready for the competition. They're going to be able to step up to the plate."

Putnam is next scheduled to play at Grasso Tech on Friday, Oct. 14. The Clippers won't meet Killingly again until 2017 — Putnam owns bragging rights for now — for a change it's the Redgals who will have to wait 'til next year.

"We've played against Killingly for many years now, in middle school too, so we know each other, the players know each other — especially on social media we know each other," Foucault said. "So just to be able to say we beat them once in our high school careers, it's a great feeling."

PUTNAM 6, WINDHAM TECH 1

PUTNAM — Aly Morris scored three goals to help the Clippers defeat Windham Tech on Oct. 7. Maria Fredette, Jaidyn Gillette, and Morgan Foucault each scored one goal for Putnam. Gillette had two assists and Foucault and Saige Morin each had one assist for Putnam (7-3-2). Alexis Conely scored for Windham Tech (2-9).

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Youthful Ellis Tech soccer squad rebuilds



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Harrison Basley clears the ball against Putnam High on Oct. 6.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DANIELSON — With seven freshmen and six sophomores on the roster, Ellis Tech's soccer team was bound to experience a learning curve this season. Harrison Basley is the lone senior on the Golden Eagles and he scored the team's lone goal in 5-1 loss to Putnam High on Oct. 6 at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. Ellis Tech co-coach Drew Mizak knew this would likely be a rebuilding season.

"We've got a real young team. Out of our starters seven or eight of them are freshmen," Mizak said. "And I told the kids we're going to have growing pains."

The loss to Putnam dropped Ellis Tech's record to 1-8. Mizak said it's important for the Golden Eagles to work hard regardless of their record.

"A young team will have growing pains but I want our players to buy into the process, realize that we can have a good thing going in a year, two, three years from now," Mizak said. "It's difficult to not get frustrated though when you're losing games."

Ellis Tech trailed Putnam 5-0 before Basley broke up the shut-out with a goal at 24:10 of the second half.

"We're in a tough spot right now, going up against some solid opposition. Credit to Putnam, they played a solid game," Mizak said.

Mizak was pleased his team did not give up despite trailing

by five goals late in the second half. And after Basley's goal, the Golden Eagles narrowly missed scoring again with five minutes left in the game.

"We almost got another one in there too, off the post at the end. They had opportunities," Mizak said. "You saw that heart and that pace and that tempo come back in there at the end. But it's almost like we have to get to 5-0 result for us to get angry enough to get going. But there's no quit in these guys, which is good."

Basley has some company in the ranks of upperclassmen, Ellis Tech's roster also includes three juniors: Trevor Bassett, Zack Lavoie, and Liam Morin.

"I know it's tough, especially for upperclassmen, to go through the growing pains with us, but the future is bright," Mizak said.

The sophomores on the team include Travis Jacobson, Logan LeBlanc, Andrew Mazuraitis, Jared Oenning, Grace Tiemann, and Daniel Savino. Savino notched an assist on Basley's goal against Putnam on Oct. 6.

"I think there's a lot of good things coming for this team," Mizak said. "As long as we continue to buy in, to work hard, and stick with the process — we'll do fine."

The freshmen on the squad include Matthew Bellavance, Chad Cramer, Austin Derosiers, Collin Lavoie, Kyle O'Connor, Thomas Sherman, and Gaevin Vegiard. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Norwich Tech on

Tuesday, Oct. 18.

KILLINGLY 3, PLAINFIELD 0

PLAINFIELD — Killingly's Armando Farraj, Shawn Grayson, and Jarod Gosper each scored one goal to help the Redmen defeat host Plainfield on Oct. 10. Farraj had one assist. Killingly led 30-3 in shots. Bryan Barrow made one save for Killingly (3-8). Keaton Barry made 19 saves for Plainfield (3-6). Killingly is next scheduled to play at Montville at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

KILLINGLY 3, NEW LONDON 1

DANIELSON — Sam Burdick scored two goals and Alex LeBlanc added one goal to help Killingly defeat New London in boys soccer on Oct. 5. Gavin Turner notched an assist for Killingly. Precious Ehwarie scored for New London. Killingly led 17-5 in shots. Redmen goal-

keeper Brian Barrow made seven saves for the Whalers (2-7).

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Bertha Smith Basinet Rydzewski, 99



PUTNAM — Bertha Delia (Smith) Basinet Rydzewski, 99, of Putnam died, October 3, at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, Massachusetts. Born May 18, 1917 in Putnam, daughter of the late Herbert Newton and Delia Marie (Lacas) Smith. Paternal Granddaughter to Lyman Spooner Smith and Josephine Ella (Pratt) Smith Bigwood of Northfield and Orange Massachusetts. Maternal Granddaughter to Sophranie Gauthier and Jean Baptiste Lacas both of Quebec, Canada & Connecticut.

She was married in Webster, Massachusetts to Eugene A. Basinet in May of 1936, he died in 1962. Bertha then remarried Anthony Rydzewski in Webster, Massachusetts in May of 1973.

She attended Putnam Schools. In the 1960s, she worked at Beldings and a shoe shop in Webster, Massachusetts. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and housewife. She lived her entire life in Putnam and Thompson until she moved to Lanessa a few years ago.

She leaves her children Patricia A. Pelkey of Putnam, wife of the late Robert Pelkey and Carolyn J. Rogers of Thompson, wife of the late Donald R. Rogers. Her 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandsons and a great great granddaughter, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Bertha was predeceased by her siblings Raymond C. Smith, Dorothy (Harry) Bernabucci, Helen (David) Parent and Robert D. Smith. Aunts and Uncles, including her father's older sister whom she was named after, Fanny Bertha Smith Stevens. Bertha was in her 90's when she learned the origin of her name, giving it a new, special meaning.

Bertha was the heart of her family. Always hosting holiday dinners and family get togethers. She had a love

for the outdoors, her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. She loved working in her yard and maintaining her home. Her joy was spending time with her children, sons in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of her extended family. She was an animal lover, always having a companion dog or cat by her side. She enjoyed nature, walking in the woods, or speed walking on her treadmill at home. She wasn't afraid to try new things, going on Ocean fishing charter boats, riding amusement park rides, repairing her own roof when she was in her 90's, chopping cords of wood, raising chickens, going to the ocean, playing baseball or purchasing her own moped to ride all over, when she was in her late 70s. She spent time listening to music, reading and watching classic tv. Bertha had a fun, witty sense of humor and an infectious laugh. Later in life, she enjoyed Genealogy and learning her family history. Tracing directly back to the Mayflower and to many very prominent founding families of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Her family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, Massachusetts for all of the care and loving treatment that she received over the years that she resided there. Especially close to her were, Karin, Sue, Becky, Maryellen and Mary who treated her like a member of their own family. Thank you to her wonderful Hospice team from Hospice of Western & Central Massachusetts and her caring Hospice Nurse, Sharon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bertha's name to P.A.W.S cat and kitten rescue in Woodstock at <http://www.woodstockcats.org/Donate.html> A funeral service was held on October 8 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, burial followed in Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Kathleen M. McClure, 54



PLAINFIELD — Kathleen M. McClure, 54, of Plainfield died Tuesday, October 4, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Beloved wife of Donald McClure. She was born August 2, 1962 in Wytheville, Virginia, daughter of Barbara (Skaradowski)

and the late Arthur Salony. Kathy grew up in Brooklyn. She was the hub of her family, loved cooking for the family during the holidays and special occasions. Kathy loved children and started a home daycare, she also drove a school bus for the town of Brooklyn up until her recent illness. She was always there to help those in need. Kathy loved the outdoors camping, hiking the White Mountains in New Hampshire and she loved animals.

She leaves in addition to her husband Donald, her mother Barbara Salony of Brooklyn, children: Vanessa, Sonya and Owen McClure of Plainfield; siblings, Karen Latterell and her husband Earl of Brooklyn; Gail Mancini and her husband Steve of Lebanon; Peter Salony and significant other Jill of Thompson; sister-in-law Eileen Salony of Danielson; a grandson, Harlyn and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother Aaro Salony.

Calling hours were held on October 9, and was followed by a service at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 3 L a n d m a r k Square Suite 330, Stamford, CT 06901. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Barbara Buckheit, 64



BROOKLYN — Barbara Buckheit, 64, of Brooklyn, passed away on October 3 in her home on Proulx Street in Brooklyn. She was the beloved mother of and is survived by Melissa J. Buckheit of Tucson, Arizona and Boston, Massachusetts. Barbara was born in Hicksville, New York on April 25, 1952; daughter of Frank J. Kinney and the late Josephine Kinney, also of Hicksville, New York. Sister of Sandra Guzman and aunt of Paul Helck of Wilmington, Delaware. During her life, she did childcare and was a Ticketmaster agent, among other work. She loved to cook and enjoy

good food and friends at restaurants. Barbara was a long-term resident and lover of Connecticut and the Quiet Corner, an avid birder, a reader of books, a lover of animals, old films and all types of music, and a deeply kind, thoughtful, intelligent, ethical, loving and generous mother, friend, caregiver and spiritual human being. She felt most at home in her own home, outside in nature, with her bird, Yada Yada, and with those who loved her most. She will be dearly missed by in this life. A semi-private memorial service was held on October 8, at Heritage Acre Farms in Putnam, and a private Irish wake and meal at Hank's Restaurant in Brooklyn, in the evening. Tillinghast Funeral Homes handled the preparations and cremation.

Diana Louise Nielsen, 62



BROOKLYN — Diana Louise Nielsen (née Babine), 62, of Brooklyn, passed away on October 6 at Masonicare Hospital in Wallingford after a long battle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Private services will be held. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson.

Diana was born in rural Aurora, Colorado on October 31, 1953. She received her Associates degree in Paralegal Studies from Orlando College in Orlando, Florida.

Diana was married to Boyd Nielsen on April 18, 1984; they were married

32 years.

Diana worked as a certified nursing assistant for the State of Maine, State of Connecticut and Medical Personnel Pool in Minnesota. She later worked as a paralegal. But her most rewarding job was being a homemaker for her husband and stepson. She enjoyed reading and doing research.

Diana is survived by her husband, Boyd Nielsen; stepson, Jonathan Nielsen; and other family and friends.

Diana is preceded in death by her mother, Doris Marie Parker (née Vynckier); father, John Francis Babine; and stepmother Lucille Jean Babine (née Dyer).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the American Lung Association, www.lung.org, 1-800-LUNGUSA.

Anthony A. Casenelli, 63



DANIELSON — Tony Casenelli died suddenly October 4. He was born on January 12, 1953 in Massachusetts. Tony attended the U.S. Naval Academy studying weapons engineering for 3 years before enlisting as a Navy Seal. He served two tours of duty in the Vietnam war and received, among other medals, a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with Valor.

After leaving the Navy, he served in the U.S. Army National Guard for many years.

Tony is survived by his wife of 37 years Joan, their children Jill Havunen and John Casenelli. Also surviving him are his son-in-law Dale Havunen and two beloved granddaughters, Serena and Kaitlin. Three siblings: Mark Casenelli, Chris Casenelli, and

Avis Vandegrift-Fisher also survive him. He was predeceased by a brother, Leo Casnellie.

Tony worked at Pratt & Whitney for 33 years and most recently, at GE Alstom in S. Windsor. He was known for his quirky sense of humor and knowledge of obscure facts.

A service to celebrate Tony's life will be held on October 29, at 3pm at the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main St, Danielson. The reception will be held immediately following at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Wounded Warriors Project Inc www.woundedwarriorproject.org or American Diabetes Assoc. www.diabetes.org. To leave an online condolence visit tillinghastfh.com

Richard K. Martin, 73

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, Conn. — Richard K. Martin, 73, passed away Friday, Sept. 30, in his home with his family at his bedside.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Dolores M. (Bartkiewicz) Martin, a son, Chris A. Martin and his wife Michelle of Webster, a daughter, Amanda, wife of John Esker of Silver Springs, Maryland, two sisters, Helen Bejune and Beverly Pacher, of Webster, also a brother, William Martin of Webster.

He was predeceased by a sister, Norma Durand.

He was born in Webster, son of the late William and Stella (Krevosky) Martin and lived in Webster and North Grosvenordale all his life.

He served in the United States Army

during the Vietnam War.

Richard worked as an auto body instructor at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton for 29 years, before retiring.

There are no calling hours. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Kindly omit flowers.

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel, 366 School St., Webster is directing arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Ruth J. Tagg, 79



OXFORD — Ruth J. (Clunan) Tagg, 79, of Gannett Street, died Sunday, Oct. 2, in her home.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, John J. Tagg of Oxford; two children, Thomas M. Tagg and his wife Linda of Thompson, Conn., and Sharon R. Talman and her husband Michael of Oxford; four grandchildren, Brian Tagg and his wife Kate, Taylor Nicole Tagg, Matthew Talman, and Troy Talman, all of Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. She was born in Leominster, daughter of the late Thomas L. and Lillian M. (Cochran) Clunan, and lived in Lunenburg and Fitchburg before moving to Oxford in 1960. She graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1954 and Stevens Business College in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Tagg was a homemaker throughout her life, and loved caring for her children and grandchildren and attending all of their events. She was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford, and was a C.C.D. teacher for disabled children at the church. She

enjoyed car racing with her family. She raced in the Powder Puff Derby when she was younger and supported her family throughout many years of racing. She was the original leader of the "Taggettes" while her son was racing.

Mrs. Tagg was a roller skating champion and enjoyed skating in the Whalom Roller Skating Club. She enjoyed Florida winter vacations for many years in Daytona. She was a true New England Sports Fan, always supporting the local teams, especially the Patriots and Bruins. She loved shopping, going out to eat, spending time at her pool, and will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother who always kept her family in line.

A funeral was held on Thursday, Oct. 6, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Roch's Church, 334 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540.

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Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Simmons, age 74



DAYVILLE – Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Simmons, age 74, of Pineville Road, Dayville, passed away peacefully on October 2, after a courageous battle with cancer. Betsy was the beloved companion of William "Bill" O'Brien for 23 years. She was the second eldest of seven children born to Aloysius and Anna (Witkowski) Cierpich, both of whom predeceased her. Betsy was predeceased by her son, William A. "Billy" Simmons. Betsy is survived by two sons, Roy J. Simmons of Putnam, and his wife Kimberley and Robert J. Simmons of Roanoke, Texas, and his wife Patricia. Betsy also leaves five grandchildren, Nicole (Simmons) Olson, Joelle Simmons, Geena Simmons, William "Will" Simmons, and Andrew Simmons; six siblings, Robert Cierpich, Maryann (Cierpich) Duncan, Anna (Cierpich) Bembenek, Sharon (Cierpich) Marchan, and Frederick Cierpich; many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

Betsy was born in Webster, Massachusetts on September 18, 1942 and resided in Putnam, for the majority of her life. She was a graduate of Bartlett High School, Webster, Massachusetts in June 1960. Betsy had several occupations throughout her life, her most rewarding as a secretary for many years at Commerce Insurance prior to her retirement. Betsy loved to travel and did so often and was an avid supporter of many charitable endeavors. She loved the arts and was particularly fond of attending plays and concerts with her family. She was also a proactive parishioner of Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn.

Per Betsy's wishes there will be a Mass at Our Lady of LaSalette Church within the next few weeks. Sons Roy and Robert will provide family, friends, and loved ones of the date once it is finalized. Additionally, a celebration of Betsy's life will occur in late spring, 2017. Again Roy and Robert will provide specifics once their finalized. In lieu of flowers, Betsy wished that family, friends, and loved ones make donations to their favorite charitable organizations. Share a memory with Betsy's family at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

David W. Berube



DANIELSON – David W. Berube of 29c Carter Street, Danielson, passed away after a long illness at Day Kimball Hospital on October 4.

David worked in Healthcare Services prior to being disabled. He was a wonderful man and helped many people.

David had a green thumb and could make anything grow. Besides his love of people, he liked gardening, the beach, music, crafts, and drawing.

David was a man of many talents.

David was born in Ballouville to the late Joseph E. Berube and Doris (Cook) Berube he was predeceased by two half brothers Robert Berube and George Berube both of Connecticut, and a brother Richard Berube of Texas. He is survived by one sister, Jo-Ann Nealley of Webster, Massachusetts and many nieces and nephews, as well as many friends.

David will be sadly missed by many. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a cancer charity of your choice. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Anita N. Reed, 29

PUTNAM – Anita N. Reed, 29 died Sunday, October 9 in Worcester. She leaves her fiancée Ernest L. Sargent and their son Aiden Sargent both of Putnam.

She was born in Worcester, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Reed. There are no calling hours, services

and burial are private. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com

where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.

Joanne E. (Daigle) Benoit, 67

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Joanne E. (Daigle) Benoit, 67 died October 9 at Davis Place in Killingly. She was the wife of the late Ronald R. Benoit who died January 15, 2016.

She leaves two sisters and several nieces and nephews. She was born in Putnam daughter of the late Armand and Elizabeth (Maloney) Daigle and lived in the area all her life. She was

formerly employed at the American Optical.

There are no calling hours and all services and burial are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster had been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Gay Eleanor Keeling, 50



HAMP TON, VIRGINIA – Gay Eleanor Keeling, 50, died October 1 at Sentara CarePlex Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, she was the daughter of George Keeling, Jr. and the late Eleanor May (Gomes) Keeling. She lived in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Alaska, and Virginia. She attended Putnam High School. Gay's passion in life was cooking. She worked in many different culinary venues. She is survived by her father, George and stepmother,

Kathy of Rhode Island, fraternal twin brother: George III of Connecticut, three sisters: Rose of Rhode Island, Joanne of Rhode Island, and Lisa of Connecticut, half brother: Joshua, of Massachusetts and half sister: Sarah of Pennsylvania as well as several nieces and nephews. Services are private. A Catholic mass of remembrance will be held on October 30 at St. Joseph's Church on Sayles Avenue in Pascoag, Rhode Island. Memorial donations in Gay's name can be made to: The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund, 555 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511 <http://www.holeinthewallgang.org/get-involved/#donate>

Randy Mayo Jr., 36



MOOSUP – Randy Mayo Jr., 36, of Moosup died unexpectedly October 2, in Brooklyn. He was born in Putnam May 18, 1980. He was the husband of Rachel (Carpentier) Mayo. Randy worked as a home health aide and also did auto body work. Besides his wife he is survived by his parents, father Randy Mayo Sr. and partner Brenda Rupp and mother Chris Vargas and partner Steven Goozey; children, Gavin

Mayo, Natallie Mayo, Summer Mayo and Avery Mayo; stepchildren, Alexia Girard and Kailie Carpentier; grandmother Erma Wolk, stepfather Anthony Vargas; stepmother Denise Lyons; sister Kayla Vargas, stepbrothers Brad Vargas, Russell Lyons, Dustin Lyons and stepsister Jennifer Vargas. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 14 at 6pm at The Federated Church of Christ, Brooklyn. Burial will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard A. LaPointe, 73,



Richard A. LaPointe, 73, died Oct. 8, 2016 at Bayberry Commons, Pascoag, RI. Born in 1943 in Putnam, he was the son of the late Henry and Cecile (Alarie) LaPointe.

He graduated from Putnam High School and Eastern Connecticut State College, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. As a draftsman for Fenton Keyes at Providence, RI, he made a career change going to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, where he started as an orderly and advanced to the position of desk clerk, retiring after 34 years. A kind and

compassionate person, he was always caring for others. He loved traveling, and his artistic hobbies included sculpture, painting and etching.

He is survived a brother, Gerald A LaPointe (Roberta) of Putnam, nephews Stephen LaPointe (Donna) of Pomfret, and John LaPointe of Putnam. He was predeceased by his nephew Michael LaPointe.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday October 12, 2016 at 1:00pm in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St. Putnam, CT followed burial in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

NEWS BRIEF

USI to hold "Super Hero Fun Day" at Wauregan clinic

WAUREGAN — United Services will hold its first-ever "Super Hero Fun Day" on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Wauregan offices at 303 Putnam Road, Wauregan.

The free event is an opportunity for children to meet and learn more about the roles of first responders and other service providers in their community.

"At United Services we know that children sometimes have anxiety about seeing doctors, riding in an ambulance, or might even hesitate to seek out police officers when they're in need of help," said Diane Manning, president/CEO of United Services, Inc. "A free, family friendly event like this can be great way to help children get to better know those in their community who are there to help them, as well honor as the 'hero's' in

their own lives."

The free event will feature games, food, and an opportunity for kids to enjoy various activity such as:

- Make a Super Hero Cape and Mask at the Art Center
- Have a Super Hero Photo Opportunity
- Try the Super Hero Obstacle Course at the Super Hero Training Center
- Try their hand at Super Hero games at the Villain Defeater Arcade
- Re-energize at the Super Hero Refueling Hub (food provided by the Danielson Lions Club, courtesy of United Services)

At a time when children may be aware of escalating tensions between law enforcement and their community, this event provides a safe and fun opportunity for children to recognize the heroes in their every day lives – from parents to grandparents and those in personal or professional support roles, to the first responders, police, and firemen who are there when we need help the most.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, on the following application: 1. ZBA16-001 Clifton H. McCollum, Jr., 589 Wauregan Road, Map 30, Lot 70, R-30 Zone, 1.2 acres – Appeal ruling of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and request variance of Zoning Regulations Sections 3.4.3.2 and/or Section 2.1 to allow the expansion of living space of an existing accessory apartment in a free standing building. Interested persons may appear and be heard. Written communications will be accepted. The files are available for review in the Land Use Office, 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn. Dated this 3rd day of October 2016
Dan Ross
Chairman
October 7, 2016
October 14, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Anne G Johnson (16-00286)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 3, 2016, 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:
Patricia C Johnson
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
October 14, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Normand Albert Auger, Jr. (16-00292)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 13, 2016, 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:
Jo-Ann Dumas, 72 Perry Street,
Unit 151, Putnam, CT 06260
October 14, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAYMOND N. MAGNAN (16-00304)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 4, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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October 3-28

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October 14-16, Fri.-Sun.

Babcock Memorial Library, 25 Pompey Hollow Road in Ashford is having their big Fall Book Sale! Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, and Sunday 9am-2pm. There is also a bake sale on Saturday.

October 15-16, 10 am-4pm

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Show at the First Congregational Church in Woodstock. Over 30 artists and crafters have registered to date. A luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday. Be sure to come out and support the vendors! Proceeds help support the church. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to participate please contact Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com.

October 15, Sat., 12noon

Please join us in praying for our nation ... Public Square Rosary Rally on the grass next to St. Joseph's church parking lot, Rt. 101, Dayville. For more info call Marilyn & Wilfred at 860-774-0880. Let's keep our Lady of Fatima's message alive! Pray the Rosary.

October 15, Sat., 11:30am

Cookbook club at Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 15, Sat., 2-3pm

Pet Pals Northeast is holding a low cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$12 cash per animal. All animals must be on a leash or in a secured carrier. If available, bring prior proof of rabies vaccination. For info 860-317-1720.

October 15, Sat., 4:30-7pm

Westfield Church, 2016 Third Saturday Suppers presents Roast Pork Supper, 210 Main Street, Danielson, roast pork, homemade applesauce, delicious sides, and our famous homemade dessert room. \$12 adults/\$8 child (ages 10 and under)

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October 15, Sat., 11:30am

Cookbook Club—Lidia's Commonsense Italian Cooking Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

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Roseland Cottage's 34th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival. 180 juried artisans, live music, children's entertainment, food, and museum tours. \$5, free for Historic New England members, 556 Route 169 Woodstock. (860) 928-4074 for more information.

October 16, Sun., 1pm

For Kids/By Kids Walktober Scavenger Hunt on the Lyon Preserve. Easy, one-mile, one-hour event, consisting of flat trails, a small pond and fields along Mashamoquet Brook. Wrights Crossing Rd. Off Rte. 101, cross bridge over Mashamoquet Brook, take immediate right into the preserve at the dirt driveway. Park in field across from red barn.

October 16, Sun., 11am-2pm

Wright's Farm-style Dinner at St. Joseph School, 26 Main Street, No. Grosvenordale. Menu includes: Roasted chicken, Potatoes, Shells & Sauce, Salad, Rolls & butter, coffee, drinks & desserts. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Children \$7. Take-out available. Always sells out!

October 16, Sun., 1pm

Cat Hollow Park Walktober Event - View the 35 ft dam, mill pond, and location of proposed bridge. Learn about mill history. Total round trip walk is about one mile along the paved road. Directions: In Killingly's Dayville area from Rt. 12 or Rt. 101 follow #180 LGV signs to Cat Hollow Park on Dog Hill Road.

October 16, Sun., 9am

Third Annual Strides for Scholars - 5K run / 2K walk, Bigelow Hollow State Park \$25. in advance / \$30. race day \$5 discount for Run 169 Towns Society, Benefits Union students furthering their education, www.firstmile-fitness.com

October 17, Mon., 7:00 pm

Emeritus Connecticut State Archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni presents Vampire Folk Belief in Historic New England: The Archaeological Evidence, at Pomfret Historical Society's Old Towne House, at 11 Town

House Drive in Pomfret. For more info contact Pomfret Library, or visit pomfretlibrary.org.

October 17, Mon., 8:30-9:30am

The Breakfast Club: We'll be discussing our favorite must read books as well as our "not so favorites" while enjoying a continental breakfast. Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road. Call the Killingly Public Library at 860-779-5383 for information or website at www.killinglypl.org

October 18, Tues., 10am

The Community Cultural Committee Inc. d/b/a The Three C's presents Bubbleology at Hyde Cultural Center in Woodstock. Tickets are \$4 for groups of ten or more and may be obtained by contacting www.thethreecs.org <http://www.thethreecs.org>. Advance reservations requested.

October 18, Tues., 9:00-10:30am

Writer's Express: Join us for this special writers group where we can inspire, share our work and encourage creativity. This is also being offered on October 27, 6-7:30 p.m. and October 29, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road. Call 860-779-5383 for information or visit our website at www.killinglypl.org

October 18, Tues., 10:30am-11:15am

The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, however donations are welcome. 860-928-7459

October 18, Tues., 10am-3pm

The Putnam Commission on Aging's Senior Fair in St. Mary Church hall which is handicap accessible. More than 25 businesses and services will be in attendance. Information available will include those in the following areas; medical, medicare, housing, insurance, nutrition and much more.

October 19, Wed., 10:15am

Walking Club. Join the walking club on Wednesdays as they enjoy the beautiful scenery as they stroll the Airline Trail. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459

October 19, Wed., 10:30am

Guided Meditation- Join Barbara Marston, MDiv for a session of relaxation and focus using guided meditation and breathing techniques. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459

October 19, Wed., 1:30-2:30pm

Color Me Calm: Color away your stress! Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road. Call 860-779-5383 for further information or visit our website at www.killinglypl.org

October 19, Wed., 10am-12pm

Mom to Mom at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church - young moms meet together for quality Biblical instruction in parenting, small group discussion and interaction with mentor moms. Community moms welcome! Free childcare is available through age 5. 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock. Register at woodstockcovenant.org. Any questions, call 860-928-0486.

October 19, Wed., 7pm

Guest Author, Marty Podskoch will be talking about his newest book Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories, and Legacy. Free and open to the public. Please join us and bring a friend! Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 20, Thurs., 12:30pm

Medicare Discussion. Do you have questions about Medicare? Then join us for the opportunity to talk with two individuals who can answer your questions, and any changes to these entitlements. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459

October 20, Thurs., 1pm

Yoga at the Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 20, 7-9pm

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force, in collaboration with the Ashford Business Association, the Ashford Agricultural Commission, and the Babcock Library is offering a Regional Farm and Business Energy Savings Expo at the Ashford Senior Center, 25 Tremok Lane, Ashford Ct 06278.

October 21, 6pm

Breastfeeding Support Group at Strong Body/Strong Mind Yoga Studio, 112 Main Street, Putnam, CT 860-634-0099. Third Friday of each month at 6pm. Meet other new moms, ask questions, learn tips and tricks!

October 21, Fri., noon-8pm

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

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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

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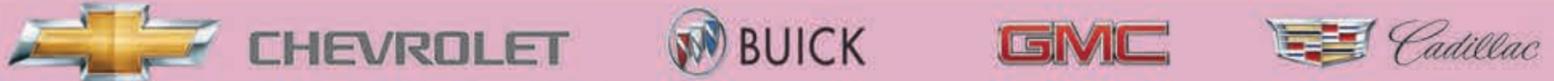
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