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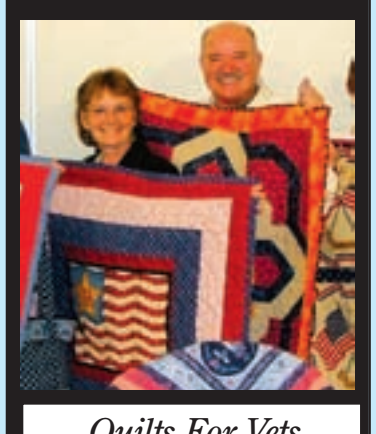
This week's Quote

'The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.'

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Village Trivia

How old was Clark Kent when he landed his job at the Daily Planet on the Superman TV series starring George Reeves?

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Hyde student still missing

Eveland listed as runaway



Courtesy photo

Zachary W. Eveland was last seen on Hyde School campus in Woodstock Saturday, Oct. 10. This photo are from the National Center for Missing and & Exploited Children.

BY MATT SANDERSON
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — A boy from Chicago who only attended Hyde School in Woodstock for less than two weeks has been missing for more than a month.

Zachary W. Eveland, 17, was reported last seen on the Hyde School campus Saturday, Oct. 10. Details of his whereabouts remain scarce. He was a junior at the school.

According to John Rigney, assistant head of school at Hyde, Zachary was reported missing to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by his mother, Pam Eveland. She also filed a report with Troop D in Danielson and has requested to withdraw him from the school.

"There's not really much information I can give," said Rigney. "He was transferred in. He was here for 10 days. We've been working with his mom to figure out his whereabouts. We've worked with authorities to help them out. We made a police report the night that he left."

Pam Eveland, who has been anxiously waiting at her home in Chicago to hear from her son, said she was distraught over not receiving any updates to the case until Tuesday, Nov. 10, when two breakthroughs were made.

When Hyde School shipped home Zachary's belongings, including his notebooks, Eveland said she found a notebook containing information about plans of running away. He allegedly does not have a cell phone or personal laptop in his posses-

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Stephanie Jarvis photo

Paul Paquin, of Putnam, is a member of a speech therapy group at the University of Connecticut's Speech & Hearing Clinic. He has struggled with a lifelong speech impediment, but has benefited tremendously from the group, he says.

Paquin talks up speech group

BY STEPHANIE JARVIS
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Paul Paquin held a copy of the newspaper in his hands and read a short paragraph aloud. For many, this would be a simple task quickly accomplished. But for the Putnam resident, who has struggled with a speech impediment most of his life, that same paragraph once would have taken him five minutes to read.

Today, it doesn't take him quite as much time to read a paragraph, thanks to a support group through the University of Connecticut. Through the group's weekly meetings, he has found it easier and less inhibiting to communicate with others.

He even sings karaoke from time to time.

"I've come a long way," Paquin said.

But it wasn't always that way — at one point, just talking on the phone was a tremendous effort. The program has helped him a great deal, though, Paquin said, and he hopes that other local residents who have similar speech impediments or struggle with stuttering will take advantage of the group's services.

"When I was in grade school and high school, I had a very hard time to communicate," Paquin recalled. "I could not participate in class. As the years went on, it didn't get any better."

One day, his English teacher

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TEEG plants seeds in people's lives

Ground broken for first phase of building project

BY MATT SANDERSON
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The temperature dropped several degrees and rain clouds hovered nearby, but that was what forebode the groundbreaking of the town's new social services building last Thursday afternoon, Nov. 5: One does not consider what is important until the storms of life come.

According to Kevin Kennedy, Thompson town planner, it has been a long way leading up to the preliminary work to relocate TEEG from its aged, dilapidated facility on Main Street, to a new site on Thatcher Road next to the public schools and playing fields. The 6,000-square-foot facility, slated to be com-

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Matt Sanderson photo

Thompson held the groundbreaking last Thursday, Nov. 5, of its new social services building on Thatcher Road, which will house TEEG, as well as serve as an annex office for the Parks and Recreation Department. Local and state officials stand on the site last week ringing bells to signify the ground breaking, while an excavator scooped up a mound of earth.

Phillips shares story of TEEG's help

BY STEPHANIE JARVIS
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Treavor Phillips' story began long before TEEG came into his life, but for this 19-year-old, one who was shuffled through a system of foster and group homes, it is perhaps the most important chapter to date. When it seemed that the system was ready to give up on him — even Phillips himself — TEEG stood strong, and stood up for an individual they believed had worth, promise and a future.

Today, Phillips is a college freshman studying computer networking at the New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, R.I. He lives in an

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Courtesy photo

Treavor Phillips proudly shows off his driver's license, one of the things he was able to accomplish with the help of his TEEG mentors through the organization's Intensive Adolescent Mentoring (IAM) program.



VA veterans get 48 handmade quilts

BY MATT SANDERSON
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

ROCKY HILL — The recently formed quilting group, "Pieceful Quilters Alias Kut-Up's," delivered 48 handmade quilts to veterans staying at the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs in Rocky Hill on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The project, which only originated three weeks ago, has been nearly an annual event in some way, shape or form with Killingly resident Cheryl West, who has been making quilts for returning military personnel around Veterans Day. Last year, she did work for Quilts of Valor.

Many of the quilters hold their group meetings at the Quinebaug Valley Senior Center in Brooklyn once a month.

"We enjoy doing things for people," West said about the quilting group. "I find it very rewarding. A lot of the costs for materials for this are donated."

Pieceful Quilters Alias Kut-Up's made quilts for mostly wheelchair veterans who were injured in the line of duty. The quilts vary in shape and size, some with patriotic patterns, others with patterns of animals, flowers or something abstract.

Cathy Cook, director of community affairs at the state Department of Veterans' Affairs, said they were delighted by the volume of quilts that were given.

"The work in the quilts is just beautiful," she said, "all hand-stitched and hand-worked. It's really a touch of home for veterans living here."

She said the department houses about 500 veterans, with some living in the skilled nursing home and others in the special care unit for those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

"The [quilt] patterns help veterans with dementia," said Cook. "It helps them identify their bed. It brings [them] back memories."

Cook added that they will be using the donated quilts for veterans housed in their "end of life" wing.

"When they pass, we will embroider the quilt with their name and give it to their family," said Cook.

Thompson resident Carole Elliot, of Pieceful Quilters, and West said the quilt donation was a great time.

"We're going to stay as this group," Elliot said about Pieceful Quilters. "It's growing. Next year should be bigger."



Courtesy photo

From the left are Cheryl West, Carole Elliot, Bob Duncan, Judy Moffitt, Nancy McCombs and Annie Hess of the local Pieceful Quilters Alias Kut-Up's at the state Department of Veteran's Affairs on Tuesday, Nov. 10, to donate 48 handmade quilts to veterans in need.



Members of the local Pieceful Quilters Alias Kut-Up's went to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs in Rocky Hill Tuesday, Nov. 10, to donate 48 handmade quilts to veterans in need. From the left are area quilters Carole Elliot, Judy Moffitt, Annie Hess, Bob Duncan, Nancy McCombs, Cheryl West and Gary, a U.S. veteran, in the front.

West added that the group also donated about 25 spiral notebooks, pens, crayons and colored pencils to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Bob Duncan, of Killingly and one of the quilting group's founding members, said the quilt drop-off was a touching event.

"We were received very well," he said. "Everyone was appreciative and got to choose their own quilt. Cathy told us about the 'end of life' quilt, when they pass away, their family will get the quilt. They were just a great bunch of people."

Duncan said the group started with just three quilters and now has 11.

"It's pretty steady," he said. "We have a blast. Those ladies show me no mercy. I love them."

The group meets at QVSC every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call QVSC at 774-1243.

The remaining members of Pieceful Quilters Alias Kut-Up's that made the veterans quilt donation possible are Judy Moffitt, Lynn Migneault, Shirley Hampton, Nancy McCombs, Annie Hess, Barbara McGannon, Fran Sisson and Barbara Cormier.

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— QUOTATION OF THE WEEK —

"Right now, in my normal lifestyle, I feel calm and confident. I know I am never going to be 100 percent, but if I can strive for 90 or 95 percent, I'll be happy. Some days I talk to people and they don't even know I stutter. ... Once in a while, you get an off day, but I really enjoy talking to people, which I never used to do before. I always used to be quiet. There's no such thing as 'it can't be done.' I feel great — great and happy."

— Paul Paquin, of Putnam, talking about the strides he has made over the years to correct his speech impediment, with the help of a support group the University of Connecticut

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AT THE AUDUBON

Week of Nov. 2:
Bird sightings this week at Connecticut Audubon and Wyndham Land Trust properties in the northeast corner of Connecticut: Black Vultures, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Bluebirds, Hermit Thrush, Robins, Cowbirds, Northern Harrier, Goldfinch, Purple Finch and Juncos.

— TOP 10 HARDCOVER FICTION —

1. ***The Lost Symbol***, Dan Brown
2. ***The Help,*** Kathryn Stockett, Amy Einhorn
3. ***Last Night in Twisted River***, John Irving
4. ***Wolf Hall***, Hilary Mantel
5. ***The Gathering Storm***, Robert Jordan, Brandon Sanderson
6. ***Half Broke Horses***, Jeannette Walls
7. ***Her Fearful Symmetry***, Audrey Niffenegger
8. ***The Girl Who Played With Fire***, Stieg Larsson
9. ***The Children's Book***, A.S. Byatt
10. ***The Museum of Innocence***, Orhan Pamuk

The New England Independent Bestseller List, provided by Wonderland Books, Putnam, for the week ending Nov. 1

QUOTE & TRIVIA

FRONT-PAGE QUOTE: Ross Perot

TRIVIA Answer: He was 25.

FIVE QUESTIONS

1. This U.S. president was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz. Who was he?
2. Into what ocean does the Ganges River run?
3. Thabo Mbeki was president of what African country?
4. What is the northernmost of the Great Lakes?
5. Who was President Lincoln's only surviving son?

Please see answers on page 3

WEEKEND WEATHER



Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

provided by the NOAA Weather Service

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Town of Woodstock
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When ?
Saturday, November 21, 2009
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where ?
At the Woodstock Town Hall on Route 169

Who Can Come ?
This HHW collection and is limited to Woodstock Households. Please note, this hazardous waste collection is not for Commercial or Industrial Generators of hazardous waste. Households with large quantities - more than 20 gallons or 20 lbs are urged to call the Woodstock Town Hall. Be sure to bring a driver's license or other proof of residency.

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FROM THE GARDEN: Insecticides, Pool Chemicals, Herbicides, Rat Poison, Moth Balls, Fungicides

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- Ammunition or Gunpowder
- Automobile Batteries
- Propane Tanks
- Smoke Detectors

QUESTIONS ?
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Cook is new minister of historic Thompson church

BY STEPHANIE JARVIS
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

QUIET CORNER CHRONICLES

THE REV. DR. JENNIFER COOK

THOMPSON — As the 29th minister of the Thompson Congregational Church, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Cook hopes to lead its people for quite some time.

The newly elected pastor, Cook conducted her first service at the church Nov. 1. "It's great," she said of her time in the community so far. "People are really welcoming. I'm looking forward to a bright future here."

Although she has been involved in different areas of ministry, either formally or informally, throughout her life, Cook has worked in jobs outside of the church setting as well. Once a columnist, she also worked in the development department of a natural history museum in Cleveland, Ohio, "but was always called back to the church," she said.

Cook was ordained at the Ashland Theological Seminary, in Ashland, Ohio, through the United Church of Christ. She conducted her clinical pastoral education in Cleveland and later served as an interim minister in Barrington, R.I. She then returned to the Ashland Theological Seminary to receive a doctorate in spiritual formation.

Cook grew up in the Cleveland area, in the state's Western Reserve section, which, incidentally, was settled by people of Connecticut. She moved to Rhode Island seven years ago with her husband when his work as an attorney for FM Global transferred him to its Johnston office. They have two sons, Oliver, who now lives in Boston, and Weston, who is an electrical environmental engineering student.

Now, Cook finds herself at the Thompson Congregational Church, after applying for the position, being interviewed and selected by a committee, undergoing a "Candidate Sunday" and then being elected by the congregation members.

"It's a great place," she said of the church. "I think it's a place where we have a family atmosphere, where people can find a home, belong, participate. It's a place where we can celebrate God together."

It is that atmosphere — where the congregation gathers — that she most enjoys. "I'm a relational pastor. That's what I like about ministry — being there for the people in their greatest times of need. It's an honor to be there for them. And in their joys, too."

In addition to her pastoral work, Cook develops curriculums for seminaries and is a director for doctoral students enrolled in the doctor of ministry program at Ashland. She also leads a support group, particularly for bereaved parents but for anyone who has experienced loss. Five and a half years ago, her daughter Margaret died in a car accident on her way to school, and that loss led Cook to form the group. She is also president of the resulting Margaret Sterling Cook Foundation, based in Rhode Island.



Stephanie Jarvis photo

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Cook

Locally, at the Congregational Church, Cook is looking at new ways of conducting worship and hopes to introduce new programs. "There are a lot of resources here," she said. " … I want to tap into those resources and get some programs going. Everyone seems excited and ready to move forward.

"… It's a joy and an honor to be here," she added. "The people are terrific."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Putnam

MONDAY, NOV. 16

- **Board of Selectmen** — 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers
- **Putnam Youth Advisory Board** — 5 p.m., Housing Authority Community Room

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

- **Board of Education** — 7 p.m., Middle School media Center
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** — 7 p.m., Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

- **Water Pollution Control Authority** — 7 p.m., Town Hall
- **Zoning Commission** — 7 p.m., Town Hall

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

- **PRIDE** — 8 a.m., Selectmen's Chambers

MONDAY, NOV. 23

- **Board of Finance** — 7:30 p.m., Selectmen's chambers
- **Library Board** — 7 p.m., Library Conference Room
- Planning Commission — 7 p.m., Town Hall

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

- **Housing Authority** — 6 p.m., Housing Authority Office
- **Recreation Commission** — times vary, selectmen's chambers

FIVE ANSWERS

1. William McKinley
2. The Indian Ocean
3. South Africa
4. Lake Superior
5. Robert Lincoln

Putnam Police gets $30k JAG grant

WILL HELP FUND EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER UPGRADES

BY MATT SANDERSON
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department has been awarded more stimulus money through federal Justice Assistance Grants, via the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

In an announcement late last month by Gov. M. Jodi Rell's office, Putnam is receiving $30,000 to purchase communications equipment to update and enhance the Putnam Emergency Dispatch Center, which is located in the Putnam Fire Department on Church Street.

JAG grants, both large and small, totaling $640,000, were awarded to 28 Connecticut communities for public safety and crime prevention, said Rell.

To date, 150 Connecticut cities and towns have received nearly $4 million in six rounds of grant awards.

"Police departments across the state are putting these stimulus dollars to good use," Rell said in a statement. "Whether it is the purchase of new safety equipment, patrol cars or money for overtime, departments have identified their specific needs and are getting the funds they need to protect their citizens."

A call to Putnam Police Chief Rick Hayes seeking comment on the details of this new communications equipment was not returned in time of the Villager deadline Wednesday morning, Nov. 11.

The police department received a $22,684 JAG grant earlier this year to purchase new pistols, as well as possibly bring on some new hires.

The stimulus funds are administered by the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Justice Grant program, or JAG. The program is conducted by the Office of Justice Program's Bureau of Justice Assistance, which allows states and local governments to support a broad range of programs to control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

JAG funds are to be used for initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and other information programs on criminal justice and law.

Ledyard was the only other eastern Connecticut town that was awarded a JAG grant during this round of funding. It is receiving $9,100 for mobile computers and wireless card connections.

For more information on law enforcement grants and the ARRA in Connecticut, visit www.ct.gov and click on the "CT Recovery" link.

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Saari to exhibit work at shows

On Saturday, Nov. 14, Woodstock glassworker and jeweler Cynthia Saari will give a talk on her work at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass. On Saturday and Sunday of that weekend, she will also demonstrate glass torch work in the Museum Atrium along with five other New England glassworkers.

A special lecture will be give by Josh Simpson, master glassblower, Nov. 12. Also as part of this weekend festival, "The Art of Fire," this program coincides with a special exhibition on fashion by New York designer Iris Apfel.

The museum is located in downtown Salem. Visit www.pem.org/calendar for more information, or call (978) 745-9500 for museum information.

In local events, Saari will join other artists for the first-ever Putnam farmers' market craft show with her jewelry for sale, as inspired by the above fashion exhibition, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 28, at Sawmill Pottery. She will also be joining crafters at Sawmill Pottery's "Just in Time" holiday sale on the Saturday before Christmas. Contact owner Dot Burnworth, of Sawmill Pottery, in Putnam for details.

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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK RESIDENTS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov 14th — **HIGHWAY GARAGE OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING, 215 Coatney Hill Rd – 9am to 11am**
The Highway Study Group will show attendees the proposed renovations to the Highway Garage first hand and answer questions about possible plans for the new salt shed and garage facility. (Coffee will be served.)

Monday, Nov 16th — **SWEARING IN CEREMONY, Woodstock Town Hall – 11:00 am**
Come and meet your newly-elected officials. (Coffee and Donuts will be served.)

Saturday, Nov 21st — **HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, Woodstock Town Hall 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**
(Driver's License or other proof of Woodstock residency required.)

DECEMBER

Tuesday, Dec 1st — **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Woodstock Town Hall – 7:00 pm**
Discuss Highway Garage Appropriation to be funded by STEAP grants and Bonds and Notes.

Tuesday, Dec 8th — **REFERENDUM, Woodstock Town Hall – 12Noon to 8:00 pm**
Vote on Highway Garage Appropriation. (Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be collected as part of Woodstock's Food & Fuel Drive.)

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In Gale's Ferry for the Ledyard Food Bank until November 20, and
In Norwich for Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) in conjunction with The First Baptist Church of Norwich until November 20.

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Thorson speaks about stone walls' cultural significance

BY OLIVIA BRAATEN
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

POMFRET — The presence of a stone wall fulfils a fundamental human need, according to a University of Connecticut geologist.

"We need to see the crust of the earth," Dr. Robert Thorson says. "It makes us feel better."

The professor and author of *Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls* and other related books spoke at a Tuesday, Nov. 10, gathering co-sponsored by the Pomfret Conservation Commission and the Pomfret Historical Society.

Thorson addressed the cultural significance of stone walls in Pomfret and surrounding towns, suggesting that towns grant property owners incentives to retain them.

"There are New England's ruins," Thorson said, calling the walls the most important archeological artifact in the region.

Thorson cited a number of literary references to stone walls, including one specific mention of Pomfret in *Travels in New England and New York* by former Yale College President Timothy Dwight. In the 1923 three-volume set, Dwight devoted just two paragraphs to stone walls, one of which centers on the particularly fine quality of those within Pomfret's borders.

The town sits near the epicenter of 240,000 miles of walls throughout New England, nearly half of which Thorson estimates to have been built in 1825 through 1875.

"They did it because they had to get rid of the stone in the fields," he explained.

Yet, the stone itself is evidence of the quality of the land, he continued, noting how Pomfret's rolling hills are a result of glacial movement — "like smearing chunky peanut butter" — that, with the right mix of geological "paste," created lush pasture and agricultural fields.

Initially, as settlers moved in, the walls formed as "linear landfills," a place to throw the refuse of stones collected while clearing fields.

Then, as industrial changes came about, the walls became a material resource. Some were used to line the base of roads, for example.

Now, residents are increasingly experiencing a "delayed reverence," Thorson said, viewing the walls as a memorial to a lost world.

"While we once thought of it as a material object, we now see it as a cultural object," he said.

Through the Stone Wall Initiative, thousands have banded together to promote the appreciation, investigation and conservation of the walls. A number of towns are pursuing regulations concerning their preservation, though Thorson warns an appropriate definition of terms is essential and encourages the rights of property owners be upheld.

"It's not up to me to tell you what to do with a wall," he said. "That's an owner's decision, always."

Still, Thorson said, the fundamental irony is that the walls wouldn't exist had it not been for a former owner's incentive to tend to his property, and, today, an incentive — whether financial or sentimental — may still be the only way for current owners to keep the walls remain intact.

Though some are turning to "strip mining," selling stones to excavators, Thorson hopes a renewed appreciation will result in owners guarding and taking joy in their own piece of history.

In so doing, Thorson said, "there's an honoring of the past and a feeling of the past. … You can touch the wall and feel the history."

For more information about the Stone Wall Initiative, visit www.stonewall.uconn.edu.



Olivia Braaten photo

University of Connecticut Professor Robert Thorson answers questions during a Nov. 10 lecture to the Pomfret Conservation Commission on the significance of stone walls in the Quiet Corner.

New owners celebrate re-opening of Martha's Herbary

BY BLANCHE GOSSELIN
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

POMFRET — For Plainfield resident Michelle King, the new owner of Martha's Herbary, the shop's two-day open house, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8, was more than just business as usual.

"I feel so fortunate to carry on the founder's — Martha's — legacy," King said.

According to King, the late Martha Paul shared with the community her dedicated interest in herbs for a total of 21 years — first in Hampton, and then in Pomfret.

"As a customer, I often came into the shop, and Martha and I became fast friends," said King. "For eight years I worked for her."

King smiled back a menacing teardrop when she remembered her mentor's gradual loss of energy and failing health.

"It was hard to see her go," she admitted, "but I'm so glad my husband and I were able to purchase the herbary and continue her good work."



Coming from Ashland, Mass., Liz Ross holds in her hand two three-in-a-set "sole mate" socks, one of her favorite Martha's Herbary unique items.



Blanche Gosselin photos

Michele King (left), co-owner with her husband Kevin of Martha's Herbary, speaks with a customer.



Margaret Stocks prepares refreshments as well as hot cider for visitors to Martha's Herbary Saturday, Nov. 7.

Out of respect for Martha, who had referred to her beginnings as the "grand opening," King chose the call her special event "The Re-opening of Martha's Herbary."

Visitors crowded the small rooms, selecting this object or that for purchase, over and beyond the herbs. Sooner or later, everyone came upon the large wooden refreshment table and partook of the lavish display of homemade goodies, luscious fruits and cheeses, and hot cider.

Liz Ross, a frequent client from Ashland, Mass., held two packages of three-in-a-set "sole mates" socks.

"These are some of my favorite items," she explained. "No two socks are identical. Both adults and children have fun wearing them."

She added, "My sister from Webster often comes here, too. Michele is so personable. We've taken some of her cooking classes. Last Christmas she showed us how to make wonderful Christmas decors. I have a small herb garden myself, and I learned from her how to cut off the tops at the end of the season, bind them in bunches and hang them up. They give such a nice perfume smell."

King said she does not expect to change things around much. "But I do want to bring in more items made by local artists — like hand-painted shirts — and to feature Fair Trade articles. That will be a challenge, I know, but it's something I want to look into," she said.

King will soon put out a new schedule for herb, general or international cooking. Right now enrollment for her classes is done through e-mail or by word of mouth.

Martha's Herbary is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. King may be reached by phone at (860) 928-0009, or by mail at 589 Pomfret St., P.O. Box 236, Pomfret, CT 06258.

The quiet golden age of planting



THE POTTING SHED

WAYNE PAQUETTE

A dazzling array of conifers exists, form-fitting every design situation. With four seasons' interest, isn't it time to consider this extraordinary group of trees, shrubs and groundcovers in the midst of this quiet golden age of plant introductions?

In this vein, I'd like to recommend gold-leaf conifers, which have adorned the landscape at Quackin' Grass Nursery. With so many gold cultivars, I made choices based on ease of care, differing size and availability. These will fill a range of environments and design needs in northeastern Connecticut. May this strike a flame in the cresset of your heart for any among my favorite class of shrubs and trees.

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Fernspray Gold' is an outstanding cultivar of Hinoki Cypress with branches held nearly horizontal radiating from the central trunk(s). Each elongated flattened branch mimics a heavily ruffled and gilded fern frond on its edges, shading to a rich dark green at the interior of the shrub. The green darkens in winter as the yellow burnishes to a golden orange. 'Fernspray Gold' develops bright yellow foliage in full sun, greener-gold in half shade. This lovely shrub grows upright and broad to about 6 feet tall by 4 wide with a somewhat oval outline eventually. Use it as a specimen or in the foundation.

For a wonderful Ceramic Christmas Tree, its common name, plant *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Lynn's Golden. This memorable mini, composed of small, dense and beautifully articulated scallops of golden foliage, tops off at 3 feet tall by 2 wide in 15 years. It looks great placed foreground in a foundation planting or as a specimen in a rock garden. It will hold its own in a dwarf conifer border or a heath and heather garden. With small-leaved rhododendrons like 'Midnight Ruby,' it would be stunning. This little darlin' will mound upright with an irregular conical outline.

To gaze upon *Pinus sylvestris,* 'Gold Coin' in summer is to believe you've been cheated from the gold-needled cultivar for which you paid good money. But don't run back to the seller with your Golden Scots Pine just yet. … Come winter, this wonderful tree changes from handsome gray-green of summer to a remarkable rich yellow. An upright pyramid, it will form an amazing golden sentinel in the winter landscape, a beacon in the dark months of the year. In 10 to 12 years, it will have grown approximately 8 feet tall. Place 'Gold Coin' in full blazing sun. Soil requirements are modest as long as it drains well. I have one planted across from my deck beyond a pair of glass sliding doors where I view it daily, an especially welcome sight in the cold months.

Juniperus horizontalis 'Mother Lode' originated as a sport on 'Wiltonii,' the Blue Rug Juniper. Though a moderate grower, this golden form has proven extremely slow here at the nursery, having spread less than 2 feet by 1 inch thick in five years, testament that once established 'Mother Lode' can well tolerate adverse conditions, for it is planted in sandy scrabble! It will grow quicker in better soil and modestly layer as it goes. Among stone and boulder, this groundcover is like a pool of molten butter seeping from a pore in the ground, burnishing to a gold-bronze in winter. It would be formidable quilted among other mat-forming junipers and creeping phlox on a sandy bank, performing the duty of erosion control.

From evergreen and small, we go to deciduous and enormous. *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* 'Ogon' (a.k.a. 'Gold Rush') is a beautiful gold-needled Dawn Redwood selected in Japan. Hard to miss, this Chinese species believed to be extinct until its discovery in China can mature at 115 feet! 'Ogon' will rise to 13 feet by 6 feet wide in 10 years and is estimated to top off at 60 feet, much smaller than its big green brother. In spring, the lovely new growth emerges soft yellow and remains all summer 'til late season. In autumn before the needles fall, they change color, ranging from golden bronze to rich orange brown. Beautiful in winter, the outline of this gentle giant is an upright, statuesque pyramid clothed in rich cinnamon-brown bark supported by a heavily muscled and fluted trunk, which will develop in time. Set them paired in rows along a grand alee, affording them plenty of room to grow. As Dawn Redwood is content in quite moist, even wet conditions, use one as a lawn specimen near a body of water with a weeping willow as a cohort. This would make a spectacular addition on a large property, a park or an estate. But for goodness' sake, do not plant one too close to a building!

We are in the midst of a silent renaissance resplendent with all brand of green life. Ignite your garden with the gift of golden-wrapped light.

Wayne M. Paquette is the owner of Quackin' Grass Nursery, located at 16 Laurel Hill Road in Brooklyn. For more information, call (860) 779-1732 or visit online at www.QuackinGrassNursery.com.

BugZookas, black streaks and bandits



OUR BETTER NATURE

BET ZIMMERMAN

I just discovered a nifty way to collect Halloween beetles — the BugZooka. This handheld, mechanical bug catcher also comes in handy for catching wasps and spiders.

It is a long tube with a pump — no batteries or cords. Here's how it works. You squish the bellows at the end to create a vacuum. Then put the nozzle next to the target creature and push a button. The bugs get sucked into a little containment area on the end of the tube. They cannot escape because there are flapper things on the end.

Afterwards, you take off the end piece and let your captives loose outside if you're feeling humane, or dispose of them in the toilet. You can even convince kids to go on bug patrol with the BugZooka because it's kind of fun to use. They can also employ it outdoors to collect, study and release bugs.

Features about the Bugzooka that I like include:

1. You don't have to touch the bug (a good concept for stinky or stinging insects).

2. It doesn't kill them.

3) No chemicals are involved. The only problem is that I'm a little too short to reach critters in very high places. It is also a hard to get suction on bugs in a three-way corner of the ceiling, which is where Halloween beetles tend to congregate.

If you're willing to spring $29 for this tool, you can buy it online at http://tinyurl.com/ya4q9zw.

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In a shining example of shoddy journalism, I mixed up two products — Concrobium and Spray and Forget — in my series on mold control. Concrobium prevents future mold growth. Spray and Forget is used to treat roof shingles for moss and other things that grow up there. (However, I doubt it would work on the trees I've seen sprouting out of some people's gutters.)

According to Jay Noe from Eastford Building Supply, you apply Spray and Forget with a garden pump sprayer (not a hose end sprayer) when the roof surface is dry. Rain (which we seem to have no shortage of lately) eventually washes away the unwanted stuff, including black streaks. It can take three to nine months for the roof to get completely clean. The residual effect lasts one to two years. Like Concrobium, it is non-toxic and does not contain bleach or harsh chemicals. It can also be used on walkways and composite decking. Jay says it doesn't work as well on siding because that area typically does not get enough direct rain on it to complete stage two.

You can get both products at our local Eastford Building Supply, in the center of Eastford. They are located directly across the street from the New Alliance Bank in Eastford. The bank had an armed robbery attempt Oct. 2. The armed suspects were videotaped, and the police are asking the public for help; see http://tinyurl.com/ykk8smy for details.

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Courtesy photo

The police are trying to catch something much more dangerous than insects — armed robbers. On Oct. 2, two men tried and failed to rob the New Alliance Bank in Eastford center. They were described by witnesses as two white males, both in their 30s. One was about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, 180 pounds, wearing a dark sweatshirt, dark jeans, black work boots and white latex gloves; the other was 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, wearing a black ski mask, dark sweatshirt, blue jeans and a baseball hat with a UCONN logo. They fled south on Route 198 in a vehicle described as a white, older mid-sized station wagon, possibly a Ford Taurus or Mercury Sable type. If you have any information about the identity of these men, contact the Connecticut State Police, Troop D in Danielson, at (860) 779-4900 and ask for Detective John Szamocki.

WHAT IS IT?



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Pediatric Center modifies scheduling

PUTNAM — Due to the increased volume of appointments to Pediatric Center practices in Putnam, Plainfield and Thompson, Day Kimball Healthcare has modified its patient scheduling as follows:

• Well child visits are only being scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

• Sick child visits are scheduled daily starting at 10:30 a.m.

H1N1 influenza vaccines are available in limited supplies and are offered daily (based on availability) only to the following priority groups at this time:

• injectable vaccine for all children age 6 months through 6 years (this was recently expanded from age 4);

• injectable vaccine for children age 7 through 18 years with high-risk medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, lung, heart, liver or kidney disease, or who are immune-compromised because of cancer treatment or HIV; and

• nasal spray vaccine for all healthy children age 2 years through 18 years (this was recently expanded from age 4).

If your child is included in one of the priority groups, please call your child's pediatrician to schedule a vaccination appointment. Your child may also receive a seasonal flu vaccine at that time based upon availability.

Vaccination of other adult populations is recommended as vaccine availability increases.

The Day Kimball Hospital emergency room will not be giving the vaccine.

Christine Vallee, vice president of physician services at Day Kimball Healthcare, said, "We'd like to thank our medical and office staff at our Pediatric Centers for their continued hard work to treat their patients, especially with the increased volume of calls and visits that we are currently experiencing."

Vallee also shared more facts about actions the organization is taking to get Day Kimball patients vaccinated as soon as possible:

• Vaccine-only appointments are scheduled daily with dedicated nurses to maximize the number of patients getting vaccines.

• A waiting list for Day Kimball pediatric patients is being kept for those who are not currently in the priority groups. Parents will be contacted when priority groups are expanded and supplies are available; therefore, parents who have already added their child or children to this waiting list do not have to follow up with the pediatric offices.

• Patients with chronic medical conditions who should get the vaccine but have not scheduled an appointment are also being contacted by Day Kimball Pediatric Centers. If your child has one of the high-risk medical conditions listed above and you have not yet heard from Day Kimball, please call to schedule an appointment for your child.

In order to answer Northeast Connecticut's questions about H1N1 influenza, Day Kimball Healthcare is asking the community to e-mail general questions to flu@daykimball.org. Dr. Douglas Waite will post answers to questions on www.daykimball.org. When available, answers to the most common questions will also be given on brief WINY segments along with updated influenza and vaccine information. For privacy and security reasons, do not send personal or confidential information to this email address. Please be advised that Day Kimball is only accepting general questions in this mailbox and therefore is unable to respond directly to emails.

For all community members wanting the H1N1 vaccine, please keep in touch with your primary care provider to determine when the vaccine will be available through his or her office. You may also visit the Northeast District Department of Health's Web site at www.nddh.org for a schedule of public health H1N1 flu vaccine clinics. For additional H1N1 information, including helpful tips for preventing and spreading the flu, please visit Day Kimball's Web site at www.daykimball.org and the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

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Weekly Crossword

By Ed Canty

By The Numbers

Across

1. Makes a scene?
5. Phones
10. Fit together
14. Challenge
15. To no ___
16. Hodgepodge
17. Vegas machines
20. Creepy
21. Term of endearment
22. "Oh, my!"
25. Change
26. To any extent
30. Prohibits
33. Gutsy aerialists request
34. Spanish "ones"
35. Grimm character
38. Small time gambler
42. Hostel
43. Gridiron's Graham
44. Rent
45. Holme's companion
47. Beginning
48. Chilled garnish
51. Invitation request
53. Read the bar code
56. Food and shelter, e.g.
60. Picnic contest
64. Arabian bigwig
65. Crazed
66. Rum drink
67. Like some cheeks
68. Stole (away)
69. Aware of

Down

1. Commotion
2. Chaplin prop
3. Elder, e.g.
4. Burn the surface of
5. Caravan traveller
6. Fifth, e.g.: Abbr.
7. Little shaver
8. Ad ___
9. Deli side
10. Office connections?
11. Choice
12. Protest, of a sort
13. Scammed, slangily
18. Popular theater name
19. Close by
23. Former minors
24. Clinton or Dole
26. Dead against
27. Kind of hall
28. Bartlett's abbr.
29. ___ Zeppelin
31. Some noblemen
32. Banned weatherproofer: Abbr.
35. Terminal info
36. Mislay
37. Guitar part
39. Fortune
40. Ran for one's wife?
41. Mark of perfection
45. Napa Valley sight
46. Middle school outburst
48. Fall flower
49. Dolt
50. Bastille setting
52. Sweater style
54. Classic street liners
55. Card game start
57. It follows that
58. "Rats!"
59. Highlander
61. African grazer
62. Martini ingredient
63. Conceit

Quotable Quote

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.
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School Menus

LEARNING

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Stephanie Jarvis at *sjarvis@villagernewspapers.com.*

Putnam Elementary, Putnam Middle School

Monday, Nov. 16: Chicken breast strips, baked macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli spears, dinner roll, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Nov. 17: Ham and cheese grinder with lettuce and tomato, vegetable sticks, Goldfish, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Nov. 8: Roast turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, pudding cup, milk.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Hot dog in a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, milk.
Friday, Nov. 20: Pizza with assorted toppings, salad, fruit, milk.

Putnam High School

Monday, Nov. 16: Hot ham and Swiss on a croissant, baked potato, baby carrots, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Nov. 17: Meatball grinder with cheese, oven-baked potatoes, juice, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Nov. 18: Double toasted cheese sandwich, chicken vegetable soup, Goldfish, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Roast turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, stuffing, steamed peas, cranberry sauce, apple crisp, milk.
Friday, Nov. 20: Twisted crust pizza (pepperoni, hamburg, vegetable or cheese), salad, juice, fruit, milk.

St. Mary School

Monday, Nov. 16: Meatball grinders, french fries, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Nov. 17: Chicken and broccoli Alfredo, breadsticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Nov. 18: Calzones, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Pancakes, bacon, home fries, fruit, milk.
Friday, Nov. 20: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, Goldfish, fruit, milk.

Ellis Tech

Monday, Nov. 16: Beef and cheese tortilla with lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Nov. 17: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, assorted fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Nov. 18: Pasta with meatballs, garden salad, assorted fruit, milk.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit, milk.
Friday, Nov. 20: Chef's choice, vegetables, fruit, milk.

Students provide seniors' salon services

BY MATT SANDERSON
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Students in the Department for Hairdressing and Barbering at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School walked across Upper Maple Street Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, to the Killingly Housing Authority to perform their monthly community service deed of their salon services to the Maple Courts residents.

Domenik Zipoli, department head, said the free salon event started in 1993 at the Housing Authority. Senior citizens who cannot get out to a barbershop or salon can receive their monthly trim, shampoo, manicure, highlighting or facial treatments right inside the Housing Authority's main building at Maple Court.

"It had started before I had gotten to the school," admitted Zipoli. "The students get one-on-one experience working with the clients. They get to know the folks here."

Back in class, Zipoli added, his students are charged to write up evaluations on their experience helping the seniors.

World War II veteran Carl Marohn, from East Killingly, was getting his eyebrows trimmed by from Ellis Tech senior Kaelee Scribner, of Brooklyn, on Tuesday, while Brittany Kallio, also an Ellis Tech senior, from Woodstock, took notes of her peer's work.

"This helps you work with clients and get to know them," said Kallio.

Marohn said it was second or third time coming to the free salon event, adding that its value and convenience helps those who cannot get out to run their errands. Marohn added that he needs a haircut about every four weeks.

Lorraine Brault, Maple Courts resident of Danielson, was receiving a basic manicure from Ellis Tech senior Jessie Duschesney on Tuesday. Brault said she has been coming to the free salon event for several years.

Carol Greene, executive director for the Killingly Housing Authority, said Ellis Tech's involvement with her residents has been "invaluable."

"They've opened this up and made this readily accessible for them," Greene said. "It's a wonderful service for us. Last month, we had a full house. Ellis Tech does so much for the community."

Greene added that many Maple Courts residents are a part of Congregate Housing, which is subsidized senior housing supported by government programs and private charities, and that there are quite a few residents who can't get out for their haircut or manicure.

"The residents also enjoy being with the students," Pat Rocheleau, congregate manager for the Housing Authority, said about the time senior citizens get to spend with the Ellis Tech students. "It's a learning experience for the students, and it's good for the seniors."

She added that some Housing Authority residents make donations to the free event.

Zipoli added that his class provides their services in-house during school, called Elle Salon, with a menu of a variety of reasonably priced services, such as a $7 haircut, $7 and up manicure and $15 facial treatments.

For more information, call the Housing Authority at 774-6067 or Ellis Tech at 774-8511.

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Matt Sanderson photos

Carl Marohn, of East Killingly, gets his eyebrows trimmed by Ellis Tech senior Kaelee Scribner on Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, during the monthly free salon event that the school's Department for Hairdressing and Barbering provides Maple Court residents.

SCHOOL BRIEF

Hyde School open house

WOODSTOCK — Hyde School will host a fall open house Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at its Woodstock campus.

Offering a glimpse of Hyde School, the afternoon's activities will begin in Annhurst Hall, where guests will be greeted by Hyde faculty, students and parents. Campus tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. A short presentation by Laura Gauld, head of school and co-author of *The Biggest Job You'll Ever Have*, will follow the tours. Guests will then enjoy refreshments and some informal time learning about Hyde's academic, art and athletic programs from those most closely involved — teachers, coaches, students and parents. Then, those interested are invited to head to the football field to watch Hyde Woodstock take on its biggest rival, Hyde Bath.

The school asks that visitors call to make a reservation prior to the event. To make a reservation or for more information about Hyde School and the upcoming open house, contact MaryAnn Tingley in the Admission Office at (860) 963-4736.

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST PERIOD HONOR ROLL

GRADE 6
First honors: Tamim Aldarawcheh, Diego Alejandro, Stacey Belliveau, Elyse Bergeron, Jon-Luc Cournoyer, Damony Crowell, Alexandre Da Silva, Melanie DeGrace, Danielle Deojay, Hannah Desrosiers, Daron Diamond, Eleana England, Shannon Fagan, Deonte Fitzgerald, Benaiah George, Brevon Harmon, Rylee Hehir, Austin Holman, Reed Hopkins, Joseph Ionkin, Kassandra Kania, Mackenzie Livingston, Leslie Mercedes, James Morowski, Myriah Morris, Noelle Pechie, Rebecca Pempek, Cahan Quinn, Anastasia Ramos, Caitlyn Reed, Adrianna Riddick, Lillian Sandberg, Alyssa Saxton, Gabrielle Simpson, John Smith, Kellyn Snow, Rudolf Yakovlev, Kayla Zmayefski.
Second honors: Shaun Becker, Devin Belanger, Jennifer Benoir, Brooke Bliss, Griffin Burke, Michael Davis, Quinn Heppe, Heather King, Ashley Lafortune, Dylan Machado, Joseph Mongeau, Kristen Moseley, Gabrielle Navedo, Savanah Nichols, Ethan Nicol, Jacob Phaneuf, Kaitlyn Provost, Briana Santiago, Samantha Stone, Hope Thompson, Nicholas Tracy, Grace Wilson.

GRADE 7
First honors: Cole Andersen, Bernard Bedard, Madison Brennan, Sarah Carey, Dakota Cook, Steven Dakai, Lynsay Dashnaw, Christopher Dundon, Hazel Glaude, Jacob Guertin, Mariela Kridzelis, Alexis Macha, Haley Maddalena, Sara Rouillard, Milica Sari, Alex St.Onge, Mikayla Van Dam.
Second honors: Joshua Allard, Shawn Audet, Eric Bembenek, Zachary Brule, Ethan Bruso, Kristian Burke, Benjamin Chrzan, Cody Corey, Angelo DeSalvio, Jacob Desilets, Justin Dodd, Harrison Gardiner, Matthew Harmon, Kayla Klingensmith, Zachary Kreimes, Cody LaScola Nicholas Lavoie, Daniel Lowell, Nathaniel Lowell, Noah Mailloux, Samantha Mayo, Ryan Renshaw, Dante Riddick, Garrett Roberts, Alexis Rogers, Travis Stringer, Jordon Tetreault, Nathan Tozzi, Samantha Tracy, Joseph Zadziejko.

GRADE 8
First honors: Farrah Belliveau, Adam Clark, Connor Corey, Gabrielle Cournoyer, Mykayla DeCosta, Tristan Desilets, Tanya Flick, Tylor Genest, Joseph Hill, Joshua Holmes, Sidney Husson, Jeremiah Knipe, Madeline LeDuc, Jeremy Mason, Connor McNulty, Ryan Peterson, Zachary Roethel, Andrea Rumrill, Luke Sarsfield, Joshua Simpson, Kyle Verrette.
Second honors: Briana Baillargeon, Andrew Bowen, Emily Cates, Brooke Hartigan, Gillian Jackson, Romina Jimenez, Tiffany LaFrance, Michael LaRochelle, Brandon Mayo, Jared Ouellet, Chase Pracukowski, Eric Syrjala, Kristen Van Scoy, Caitlyn Verrette, Jessica Walker

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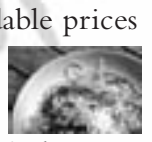
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FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

Election season has come and gone. Although you didn't select either a new president or a new Congress, you may well have had the opportunity to vote on something that can affect your city or state: municipal bonds. However, just because you vote to give your state or local government permission to issue municipal bonds doesn't mean you have to invest in them. But should you?

Before you can answer that question, you need to know what municipal bonds are and how they work. General obligation bonds are backed by property taxes and finance projects from cities, counties, school districts and states. Revenue bonds are backed by a specific revenue source and finance hospitals, utilities, airports, affordable housing and other public works. So when you invest in a revenue bond, you are being somewhat civic-minded, although you aren't confined to bonds issued by your city or state.

You can get other tangible benefits from investing in municipal bonds, or "munis." First, you'll receive regular interest payments. Just as importantly, these payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes — and possibly state and local income taxes as well. Keep in mind, however, that they may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Consequently, if you're in an upper tax bracket, you may be especially interested in munis.

Still, before investing in a muni, you'll want to determine its yield. Basically, a bond's yield is the rate of return it promises at any given price; when a bond's price rises, its yield usually falls, and vice versa. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk. To compare the yield of a tax-free muni to that of a taxable bond, you must calculate its tax-equivalent yield, which is based on the muni's interest rate and your individual tax bracket. For example, let's say you are considering a tax-free muni that pays 4 percent interest, and you're in the 28 percent tax bracket. To determine the bond's tax-equivalent yield, subtract your tax rate (.28) from 1, giving you .72. Then divide the bond's rate, or .4, by .72, giving you 5.5 percent. This means you would need to find a taxable bond that pays at least 5.5 percent to equal the yield of a tax-free muni paying 4 percent.

Even if you've determined that a tax-free muni's yield compares favorably to that of a taxable bond, you need to assess some of the potential risks of owning munis. For one thing, municipalities are clearly not exempt from the effects of the long and harsh recession we've experienced. Consequently, some projects funded by munis may have trouble generating the revenue needed to repay the bonds' investors.

Another potential issue to consider with munis is their liquidity. Some states, such as New York and California, issue a great many bonds, which are traded regularly. But some municipalities operate in more illiquid markets, so if you buy a muni from one of these issuers, you may need to hold it until it matures.

Also, munis are traded "over the counter" rather than on an exchange, so it can sometimes be difficult to get a price quote for your bond, not to mention a buyer. These liquidity issues may not matter to you; however, if you intend to hold your bond until maturity, collecting regular interest payments along the way and eventually receiving your principal back. There is also credit risk when investing in bonds, where if the issuer defaults you could potentially lose all of your principal.

In any case, as long as you've done your research and gotten help from a qualified financial professional, you may find that municipal bonds can benefit you — so give them some thought.

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

Knights hosting 33rd Turkey Dip

THOMPSON — The Knights of Columbus, Cargill Council No. 64, is sponsoring their 33rd Annual Turkey Dip on Thanksgiving morning to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Chairman Jim Mahoney expects in excess of 250 people to take the plunge into the frigid waters at Quaddick State Park in Thompson. Last year, the Turkey Dip netted more than $30,000 for MDA.

This event has truly become a community event. All refreshments and entertainment are donated by local area business owners. In addition, many local businesses, clubs and schools put together teams of dippers who compete for a team plaque that is awarded to the top fund-raising team.

In memory of Paul Burton, a longtime Turkey Dip MDA ambassador who passed away due to complications from Muscular Dystrophy, a Spirit Award is presented to the "dipper" wearing the zaniest costume.

On the evening before the dip, Wednesday, Nov. 25, the Turkey Dip Committee sponsors an Award Ceremony and dinner for the dippers and their families.

At this Awards Ceremony, past "dippers" are recognized for their fund-raising accomplishments and new "dippers" are welcomed.

WINY-1350 AM will again be broadcasting live from Quaddick providing periodic updates and interviews beginning at 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving. The pre-dip festivities begin approximately at 6:30 a.m. and the actual dip occurs at 8 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating can contact the MDA Office at (860) 633-4466 or Mahoney at (860) 933-6817.

20th annual Tree of Life ceremonies to be celebrated

PUTNAM — Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut will celebrate its 20th annual "Tree of Life" ceremonies Sunday, Dec. 13. Ceremonies occur simultaneously in eight towns and each include the lighting of a holiday tree, a prayer lead by a local prayer leader, reflection, caroling and a post-ceremony reception with refreshments. Ceremonies begin at 5 p.m. and trees will be lit at 5:15 p.m.

The eight locations with musical performances are: Brooklyn at Creamery Brook Retirement Village with the Brooklyn Middle School chorus; Canterbury at the Canterbury Municipal Building with the Canterbury Middle School chorus; Danielson at Davis Park with J.I.V.E. from Killingly High School; Moosup/Plainfield at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Plainfield High School music; Pomfret at the junctions of Routes 44 and 169 with music to be announced; Putnam at St. Mary Church with the Putnam Elementary School chorus; Thompson at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with Mary R. Fisher's Elementary School Fortezza and Ted Reynolds; and Woodstock at Roseland Cottage with the Woodstock Academy Hill singers. The public is invited to attend any of these inspiring ceremonies.

"Everyone has a personal reason for attending a Tree of Life ceremony," said Tori Bates, Day Kimball Healthcare interim director of development. "Coming together every year to honor and remember our loved ones makes this evening meaningful to each of us."

Tree of Life Chair Shirley Houle, of North Grosvenordale, lost her son Shawn to colon cancer Sept. 3, 2001. For the last year of his life, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut played a significant role in Shawn's care.

"I owe Hospice everything for making my son's last days as comfortable as possible," said Houle. "We found the nurses and Hospice staff very caring and sensitive not only to Shawn's needs but to the family's needs as well."

The first Tree of Life ceremony was held in December 1989, raising $6,500, beginning with Danielson, Putnam and Plainfield. Throughout the years, the towns of Woodstock, Thompson, Pomfret and Brooklyn and Canterbury were added. In the past five years alone, the Tree of Life ceremonies have raised more than $140,000. All proceeds from this event remain local and help to fund alternative therapies, social work and medical supplies not covered by insurance and also to help support the bereavement program. Additional items may be provided to make the patient's end-of-life care more comfortable.

Purchasing "lights of Love" to decorate the trees in the eight towns is a wonderful way to remember a loved one and helps Hospice bring its services to terminally ill patients and their families in Northeast Connecticut. To sponsor a loved one through the Tree of Life Program, call Day Kimball Healthcare's Development office at (860) 928-7141. A white light donation is $5; orange light is $10; green light is $20; blue light is $50; and the red light is $100 or more. Checks may be made payable to "Hospice" and mailed to: Tree of Life, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260.

Gifts received prior to Dec. 7 will be acknowledged in the Tree of Life Program; however, gifts are accepted throughout the year for the Tree of Life program.



Courtesy photo

Crowd gathers around the Putnam Tree of Life at the town's ceremony in 2008. Ceremonies take place at eight locations around northeastern Connecticut.

Burns introduces new chiropractic technology

WOODSTOCK — Dr. Debra A. Burns recently announced the introduction of the Insight Millennium Subluxation Station‰ diagnostic equipment into her family chiropractic practice.

According to Dr. Burns, this state-of-the-art technology objectively analyzes the function of the spine and nervous system, which cannot be seen on X-ray. The Insight Millennium features three different and distinct tests that will safely and accurately document and monitor her patients so that they receive the specific care necessary for improved health and nervous system function. Since the nervous system is the most important system in the human body, it is important to have it checked periodically.

Professional athletes who depend on their bodies realize the important role their spine plays in allowing them to function at peak efficiency. "Don't we all want our bodies to function the best it possibly can?" Burns said. "I am very excited to be bringing the same level of technology that professional and world-class athletes are using to my patients."

This technology will also allow her patients to better understand the cause of their problem, which will help Burns develop a tailor-made care program for improved health, function and flexibility.

In celebration of bringing the Insight Millennium into her practice, Burns is offering the community an opportunity to visit her office and receive computerized scans. The scan is painless and does not utilize any radiation or needles. Beginning in November, in return for the scan, bring in a non-perishable food item to be donated to TEEG, and also qualify for an opportunity to win an Ekonk Hill Farm turkey as part of the practice's Thanksgiving raffle.

"With this technology, my patients and the community alike will be treated like a pro," Burns said.

To schedule an appointment or request more information, call the Chiropractic Office of Dr. Debra A. Burns at (860) 963-2289.

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EDITORIAL

Remember veterans throughout year

Did you remember to thank a veteran Wednesday, Nov. 11, on Veterans Day?

With thousands of troops — many of them local — still deployed overseas or stationed here in the country protecting the home front, it is only fitting that we take time, not just on Veterans Day but year-round, to reflect on the real meaning of the holiday and to offer our thanks to all those men and women who have served or are serving in the military.

Forget the accompanying sales at the stores and malls, which are already decorated for Christmas with holiday merchandise displays at every turn and yuletide music piping through the speakers. Veterans deserve a day all their own, and rightfully so.

Here in the local area, Quiet Corner towns had their own celebrations to honor veterans, with dinners and ceremonies, last weekend and on Wednesday. Other towns are holding their ceremonies this weekend.

Veterans Day was originally established to commemorate the end of Word War I, which occurred on Nov. 11, 1918, when fighting ceased, although the war was officially declared over when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first-ever Armistice Day — as Veterans Day was then known.

It was not until 20 years later, in 1938 when the United States Congress passed legislation, that Armistice Day became a national holiday to honor all those who served in World War I. After World War II and the Korean War, the U.S. Congress amended the act in 1954 by deleting the word "Armistice" and inserting "Veterans." When the legislation was approved on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 officially became Veterans Day — and a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

While Memorial Day primarily remembers those who died during their service to the country or as result of injuries from battle, Veterans Day honors all living military men and women who served during wartime or peacetime. More than ever, Veterans Day particularly is cause to thank a member of the armed forces. These men and women have given up precious times with their families and left their homes, jobs and towns, not knowing if they will return. They have defended our borders and our freedoms or served overseas, oftentimes volunteering to serve additional tours of duty. For those reasons and more, we salute them.

Take time to attend one of the events if you haven't already done do. Teach your children about the importance of Veterans Day. But most important, remember to thank a veteran for their service to our country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bruno: Illegal dumper should be held accountable

To the Editor:

This past week I visited the Salvation Thrift Store in Brooklyn. What was deposited in the rear of the building amounts to illegal dumping. Whoever was responsible for this mess should be made accountable and should be ashamed of themselves to do this to such a fine organization.

I spent some time there and asked a few questions, and the response seemed hopeless. They say this takes place mostly at night when no one is around and they have difficulty being able to get anyone's attention with some authority.

I suggested they put up a fence and a lock for after-hour drop-offs. Their response was if they do that, the person will drop off the trash in the street. Perhaps if that happens, the law enforcement agencies or perhaps a citizen will be able to identify the culprits, and when it becomes a public nuisance, somebody will do something about it.

The fear and apprehension is that if it is not resolved quickly, there could be the possibility the higher-ups in the great organization may run out of patience and close the store altogether. That would be distressing news to our depressed economy in our part of the state.

It is my hope that whomever is responsible for this mess use their common sense and be sure that this is a one-time event that will not occur again as a service to all the residents who use this super store and will continue to do so.

In the meantime, if not, I and many others will diligently keep our eyes open to be sure they stay away from one of our most reliable facilities that does most for people in need and deserves much better.

ALBERT F. BRUNO
DAYVILLE

Walker: Thanks for supporting candidacy

To the Editor:

I would like to extend my thanks to the people of Woodstock for supporting my candidacy for a seat on the Woodstock Board of Education. I am really excited about the upcoming term and look forward to working with the other members to put forth the best education possible for the children of Woodstock.

While we will have challenges in the future, I feel confident that we will be able to move forward in a positive and constructive way.

Thanks again for your support.

ANTHONY WALKER
WOODSTOCK

Menard: Pointing out facts won't change mindset

To the Editor:

This in response once again to Mr. Borgman, particularly in his repeated assertion that in this radically and rapidly changing political and social climate, no freedoms are being lost.

I could dissect his red herrings, such as substituting acid rain controls for his untenable defense that fining Americans for what the government decides to deem "excessive" energy use under Cap and Trade is neither punishment nor an infringement of freedoms. I could point to the vast majority of national polls all summer long to this day that show a majority of Americans opposed to 2,000 pages of a national health care bill, which is why a congressional majority sequentially voted down a measure to post the bill online for Americans to read, and I could once again point out that a president has, without any Constitutional authority, fired a private business CEO and is currently creating a new "czar" among the growing number of such bureaucratic tyrants, aptly dubbed the "pay czar," with more unknown Constitutional authority to regulate Americans' salaries. But honestly, to point out these facts would do little to change the mindset of Borgman and the others like him.

Everyone who is passionate about political principles will point to facts to support their views that their ideal political system is best for mankind. But some men are so blinded with an ideal, that when faced with facts contrary to their world view, they discard the reality in which the distasteful facts occur. With committed leftists, or more accurately, socialists, the facts of the present and past have no bearing on their thinking. For them, socialism is a moral ideal, whose righteous status is beyond question. The 100-plus years of socialist/statist/fascist failures mean nothing to those committed to altruism and total, authoritarian, government regulation of every aspect of human life.

Just as it is an anti-intellectual task to try and convince a superstitious person of his irrationality and illogic, it is no less fruitful or purposeful to point out time and time again economic, political and historical facts to a committed socialist. For the devout religionist and the devout statist, both base their fundamental arguments for their views on faith.

Faith is the opposite of reason and cannot be combated with reason, as the faith based philosophies of all varieties have already discarded it as a primary tool of cognition.

Witness the willful suspension of reason by the supporters of this administration's unheard of, unarguably disastrous (see the CBO's projections) deficit spending on the future of the American economy. Witness the implementations of policies such as Cap and Trade that punishes (yes, a fine is punishment by definition) energy use based on the non-scientific belief that energy use by humans is "destroying" the planet. Witness the aggressive monetary policies of the federal reserve, which possesses a record of more financial instability since its creation than before, and have, by their own admission, caused a depression that lasted throughout the '30s. The Fed not only has undiminished support by the left, but its powers are constantly sought to be expanded.

These facts and hundreds of other instances of the destructive nature of a political/economic system where each man is either a liability to, or cannibalistic feast waiting to be devoured by the collective, are ignored by the faithful socialist. They are sure, with a dogmatic, religious certainty, that this time the irrational will work. This time, borrowing billions of dollars against future generations will create wealth. This time, the rationing of energy will make energy cheaper and men more frugal. This time, the rationing of health care will make men stay more physically fit. This time, they truly believe, forcing men to be slaves to each other's needs will make them more productive and feel a new sense of brotherhood on Earth.

This is the religious creed of the impassioned socialist, whether he calls himself one or not. No facts of history, no amount of polling data, no instances of unconstitutional usurpation of power will shake the faith of the faithful collectivist. For every time the statists of any country have gained power, they truly believe with the passion of a saint, that this time the system will succeed, totally regardless of the successive failures, misery, privations and suffering socialism has spread around the world equal to the degree it was practiced.

I am sad to say, Mr. Borgman, by his repeated inference that no freedoms are being lost in the current trend of the unarguable, demonstrable, growing power of the state, that he seems to fall into this category and pointing out further facts of the unconstitutional behavior of our president, the elitist condescension of our Congress, and the systematic erosion of individual rights in the United States of America will have little weight upon his spiritual belief in the beneficial, moral certainty of a more complete, collectivist state.

GARY MENARD
WOODSTOCK

Hennen: Will continue to hold officials accountable

To the Editor:

At the recent Windham Land Trust potluck supper, Pomfret Selectman Timothy McNally and I enjoyed a brief discussion. He thanked me for my many letters to the editor and strongly advised me to continue in this practice after his departure from the Board of Selectmen. His unexpected but obviously heartfelt encouragement that I continue my efforts to hold public officials accountable for their actions and public statements was greatly appreciated. I trust this is the sort of letter Mr. McNally had in mind.

In reviewing the Nov. 6 *Woodstock Villager* front-page article, "Rivers elected to a third term" by staff writer Matt Sanderson, Rivers is quoted: "We sort of swept the day. We got two Democrats on the Board of Selectmen again. We're just going to continue doing the things we've been doing well with the people's support, as we can tell from the election results." Maureen Nicholson, elected to the position of third selectman, added, "I think we will continue to work together to make Pomfret a better place to live and continue projects we've started."

Let's get a few facts on the record. Maureen Nicholson edged out Peter Mann as a selectman candidate by only 18 votes; Peter Mann, running as first selectman, lost to Jim Rivers by only 136 votes. Tony Emilio, elected as our second selectman, was only 34 votes shy of Jim Rivers. If you consider the total votes cast for Rivers and Nicholson vs. Mann and Emilio, the Democrats had only 52 votes more, hardly a mandate expressing town approval of their past public record or their current theme of business as usual. Remember, 1,116 voters expressed their disapproval of the Rivers/Nicholson team, and that team extends well beyond the Democratic-Party-driven Board of Selectmen. Unfortunately, Rivers and Nicholson have stated that they plan to continue doing what they have been doing, in spite of the opposition expressed by 49 percent of those who voted.

This is an unhappy time for Pomfret. Rivers and team have, in my opinion, successfully undermined our zoning regulations and compromised our town's protection of inland wetlands and watercourses. They have made no effort to bring business to our commercial districts. Enforcement of our ordinances and regulations has become a farce. It makes one wonder what will be next. For my part, I can only assure the concerned citizens of Pomfret and Mr. McNally, the outgoing selectman, that I am still involved, and that I will hold all elected or appointed officials in our town accountable for what they do or what they do not do.

PAUL G. HENNEN
POMFRET

The art of good conversation



NANCY WEISS

The man seated on my right droned on. We were at a fine restaurant. I didn't know the fellow, as the evening was part of a conference I attended with my husband. He and I were next to each other. I was stuck. From the moment I sat down and was introduced, I knew it was going to be a long, boring evening. Then he opened his mouth.

What is wrong with people who cannot make decent conversation? My dinner companion offered his opinion on everything from sports to health care to the Vietnam War. He was utterly sure about everything. Every observation was made with complete certainty. He invited no commentary and welcomed no contradiction. I nodded or shook my head in response for a while to be polite, and then I gave up.

Although I know I am a living, breathing human, I could have been a mannequin for all the recognition he gave of me. I looked beyond him to see if I could get his wife to rescue me, but she was downing her umpteenth Campari and soda. A bitter drink for a bitter woman, I thought.

As the holidays approach, there will be plenty of chances to engage in conversation with family, friends and endless acquaintances. I know a man who begins every sentence he directs to me with: "Let me tell you something…" He has been " telling" me something for decades.

Some people are so skilled at the art of conversation they make the most boring person feel that he or she is interesting. They bond through talk. Listening to the person you are talking with makes all the difference. We can learn something from every person, so paying attention has its rewards. Maybe.

Pamela Harriman, once the ambassador to France and a great charmer, was known for her ability to bring people together to forge alliances. One would assume that she was an excellent conversationalist, but biographers say she was just plain dull. She knew how to make endless small talk. She also knew how to make any man talking to her feel he was the greatest guy in the room. It worked for her.

Sports talk is a great connector between people. There is always the weather. Everyone is an equal opportunity talker about weather, or wild animals they have seen. Sports give speakers a chance to bond over the teams and players they worship. Chat about Manny or Derek can be numbing. Recounting a dream is totally stultifying, as is discussing every morel of food one ate, prepared or ordered at a restaurant.

The lecturer may be the worst. Often male, the speaker wants to convey information, but the result is a conversation so awkwardly one-sided as to nearly topple a dining room table. There is a fine, but discernible line where a story moves from being interesting to becoming a lecture. The tipping point is humor.

Women like to talk about people. Talking about others is interesting, but can lead to amazing misinformation and gossip. Besides, in small towns, half of us are related.

Next morning I saw my dinner partner walking with his wife. I wanted to say something smart and a little mean about how he had talked my ear off. As I approached, I noted a foggy look on his face. Conversation was limited to a simple nod of the head.

Lively conversation, a few laugh and memorable stories make life rich. So look into the eyes of person you are seated next to this season and begin a good conversation.

Nancy Weiss resides in Pomfret and writes a weekly column for Villager Newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gordon: Thank you to veterans for service

To the Editor:

America officially honors our veterans twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. However, every day should be a day for us to remember not only those who, over the years (and generations), have served our country, but those who are doing so now. This is more poignant than ever, as America is engaged in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and has troops stationed around the world in places familiar and unfamiliar, friendly and unfriendly.

Our veterans and soldiers may not ask for recognition. We may know little about what they have done and are doing as we focus on our own busy lives. But, such does not diminish the gratitude we owe them. Whether or not we agree with military policies or spending, we all agree that we must support the men and women in uniform who voluntarily stand on sentry (there is no draft, after all) to protect us from those who intend us harm — 9/11 not being forgotten.

Think about how precious our liberty is and how many people elsewhere do not have it. We were free to vote in recent local elections. A contested presidential election in 2000 was not settled by tanks in the streets or a military coup d'etat, by rather by the Supreme Court adjudicating the rule of law (and people peaceably following the law even if they disagreed with it). We enjoy the freedoms to express our individual religious beliefs, to speak our minds and to gather with others in places of our own choosing. How often we take for granted the rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. But, as world history (and even U.S. history) has shown — and current world events remind us — such freedoms do not exist by themselves. They require people to defend them. A civil society is neither civil nor a society if there are only some rights for some people some of the time.

We all must do our part to keep strong all of our rights for all citizens all of the time. For those veterans who are passed on, you are remembered. For those veterans who are among us and for those who are serving now, thank you.

JEFFREY A. GORDON, M.D.
WOODSTOCK

Day: Some first-hand medical anecdotes about health care

To the Editor:

In his Nov. 6 letter, Peter Vincenzo gives us some second- and third-hand anecdotes about Canadian and British health care. While anecdotes are generally unhelpful in drawing conclusions or making decisions about issues that involve many millions of people (for instance, using anecdote, one might conclude, falsely, after having a patient suffer anaphylactic shock from penicillin, that penicillin should not be used for anyone), it might be interesting to consider some first-hand anecdotes about medical care in the United States from my 23 years in medical practice.

There is the 46-year-old husband and father of three working two jobs, neither of which provided health insurance, who began noticing occasional blood-tinged sputum but declined to seek medical attention because he "could not afford it," as he put it to me a few years ago. When he finally went many months later to the Emergency Room, a simple chest X-ray showed a huge inoperable lung cancer. He died four months later despite very aggressive treatment, including radiation and chemotherapy, ultimately racking up hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical bills.

There is the 57-year-old wife and mother of six whose husband did not have insurance from his work, and whose own part-time job did not offer it, who showed up at my office in Massachusetts several years ago with a blood pressure of 270/140, and a resultant severe cardiomyopathy. She had not been to the doctor in years because, as she said, "We use every penny we make to put food on the table and a roof over our heads." She died a couple of years later waiting for a cardiac transplant.

There is also the 19-year-old high school graduate who worked odd painting and carpentry jobs, but said later that "there was no way I could pay for health insurance." I took care of him several years ago in an ICU for almost 10 days on a respirator, during which time he came very close to dying but ultimately survived. His disease? Asthma, which could have been easily controlled with a couple of inhalers and regular medical follow-up.

I know literally hundreds of such stories, and so do most of my colleagues. Would these stories have taken place in any other industrialized nation on earth? No. The non-anecdote fact? Forty-five thousand people die every year in the United States from lack of health insurance.

The United States currently spends $7,290 per capita per year on health care. Canada spends $3,895; France, $3,601; and the United Kingdom, $2,992. Of those countries, only the United States does not insure all of its citizens. That's right, doesn't make sense, does it? "The miracle of the market." I don't think so. Hard to explain those numbers, isn't it? Could it have something to do with profit and bureaucracy? I wonder. We have had a market-driven system for more than 50 years, and this is what we have ended up with? "It is always prudent to give free market solutions." Please. What do we get for paying over twice the average of all other industrialized nations? Forty-seven million people without any health insurance at all and many others grossly underinsured. What else do we get? Fortunately, those of us lucky enough to have decent health insurance get pretty good care, although I would guess Mr. Vincenzo has not come up against the words, "I'm sorry, Dr. Smith and St. Elsewhere's are not in your 'preferred provider' network," something I would venture that most of us have had to deal with. (Choice of health plan or choice of hospital or physician? I know which I would want.)

So what are the facts about Canadian health care? (The British system is irrelevant to this discussion because it runs hospitals and employs physicians; the Canadian single-payer does not and in fact preserves the private delivery system — that is its beauty. The Canadian system is not "government-run.") Life expectancy is two years longer in Canada than in the United States. Infant mortality is 25 percent less in Canada than in the U.S. More kidney transplants, liver transplants and pacemakers are done per capita in Canada than in the U.S. Virtually every study performed has shown that the quality of care for insured patients in the U.S. is the same as for all Canadians, but care for uninsured Americans is far inferior. (According to one such study, 10.3 percent of Canadians reported an unmet health care need; 10.3 percent of insured Americans reported an unmet health care need; 40 percent of uninsured Americans reported an unmet health care need.) Any Canadian can go to any hospital or see any physician; there are no "preferred provider networks." In one study of 18,000 Canadians, only 20 of them crossed the border specifically for medical care. There are, in fact, waits for visits with specialists or elective procedures. For instance, a comprehensive study of thousands of patients showed that it took four weeks in Canada to get to see an orthopedist about a knee replacement, compared to two weeks in the United States, and, once surgery was decided on, it took three weeks to get it done in the U.S., as compared to eight weeks in Canada. Other elective procedures had similar discrepancies. Emergent surgery was able to be done in either country with similar speed.

So, let's see. We pay twice as much as Canadians for health care in this country so that we can have our knee replacement five weeks faster, but only after years and years of knee pain, when we suddenly need it "right now." But we leave 47 million of our fellow citizens without any health care for that bloated price. (How long do you think the uninsured wait for a knee replacement?)

A single-payer national health insurance would, like the U.S. military or Social Security and Medicare, do us proud; continued reliance on the purveyors (the private insurance industry) of a defective product, like Blackwater Worldwide (now Xe Services LLC), or Goldman Sachs and AIG, not so much.

JOHN A. DAY JR.
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Chizen: Democratic presidents clearly duck fights

To the Editor:

A review of our nation's history strongly supports Fred Hedenberg's view that Democrats are anti-war. For example, not a single registered Democrat fought in the War For Independence, nor supported it in the slightest way at the time. Not one! Long after the fighting and the sacrifices were over, Democrats emerged from their holes and mouthed grudging approval of America's birth. Too little, too late, I think!

In the 20th century, Woodrow Wilson, a lifelong Republican, propelled the United States into World War I, despite the unprincipled opposition of every Democrat in Congress. This war to end all wars at last established the peaceful relations among all nations that has lasted until the present day.

The next prominent Republican to lead us into war was Franklin Roosevelt. Who can forget the loud cheers of the large Republican majority in Congress as he announced that we were at war with the empire of Japan? The few Democrats who bothered to show up skulked in the background, muttering incoherently and humming the "Internationale." FDR's first task as wartime commander-in-chief was to undo years of neglect of the military by his Democratic predecessors, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover, whose blind pacifism allowed Germany to rebuild its powerful military and reduced the U.S. armed forces to training with wooden replicas of weapons.

We were fortunate that yet another ardent Republican, Harry Truman, was president when North Korea attempted to annex South Korea. A Democratic president would no doubt have stayed on the sidelines as the dominoes fell. But the stalwart Republican Truman, the only president to authorize the use of atomic bombs against an enemy in war, and the commander-in-chief at the end of World War II, was no pansy, and he did what he could to beat back the forces of godless Communism and prevent them from sapping our precious bodily fluids (PBF). Unfortunately, he was succeeded by the spineless, draft-dodging Democrat, Eisenhower. Eisenhower's total lack of military experience, his Quaker leanings, and his failure to understand the need to fight sometimes to defend our nation and its values led him to accept an "armistice" (another name for "surrender," I say) to please his Communist masters.

We began fighting in Vietnam under the courageous Republican, John Kennedy, a decorated World War II veteran. Another brave Republican, Lyndon Johnson, picked up the baton and continued the fight, despite the united opposition of all Congressional Democrats. We were near victory when the notorious peacenik Democrat Richard Nixon was elected president and gutlessly abandoned our allies to their fate. As with the Korean Conflict, the important work of getting us into war was begun by patriotic Republicans and thrown away by cowardly, unpatriotic Democrats.

Most recently, of course, we have completed our eighth glorious year of combat in Afghanistan, begun by George "Mission Accomplished" Bush. President Obama last winter authorized 21,000 additional troops for Afghanistan. But I have to agree with Mr. Hedenberg that if Obama fails to send another 40,000 troops now, that will prove that he is just another unpatriotic, cowardly, America-hating Democrat who was not even born in the United States. And that will be even more true when he is asked to authorize even more troops next year. As the Soviet Union demonstrated, military victory in Afghanistan is simply a matter of determination, firepower and patriotic speeches.

One final area where Democrats have been shamed by their unwillingness to confront our enemies has been the nuclear weapons program of North Korea. President Clinton naively trusted the North Koreans to keep their word. President George "Bring It On" Bush, learning early in his presidency that they had lied about suspending their weapons program, confronted them forthrightly and forcefully. Faced with such patriotic and righteous decisiveness, the North Koreans immediately renounced their nuclear ambitions and asked to be admitted as America's 51st state. President Bush was on the verge of scoring a similar victory over Iran when his term ended and the marshmallow Obama took office.

Clearly, Democrats will do anything to duck a fight.

HARLAN CHIZEN
PUTNAM

Nicholson: Thanks to voters for support

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the all voters who went to the polls on Nov. 3 to participate in what is sometimes referred to an "off-year" or local election. All of the races were local; no candidates would be going to Hartford or Washington. But the races are important to the future of our communities.

I particularly want to thank Pomfret voters who supported me and have entrusted me the opportunity to serve our community on the Board of Selectmen. Together, with your continued support and input, we can keep Pomfret a place we are all proud to call home. Thank you for your support.

MAUREEN NICHOLSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
POMFRET

Murray: In remembrance of Dr. Robinson

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Killingly Board of Education, I wish to convey our deepest sympathies and condolences to Dr. Robinson's family. I also would like to thank the family for allowing the public to celebrate this amazing man's life Monday evening, Nov. 2, at the Intermediate School.

Robbie and I began our tenure on the Board of Education within weeks of each other in the summer of 2003. I was appointed before him and would occasionally have to remind him who had seniority. One thing that I will always treasure is the open invitation to the weekly Friday lunch that Robbie and his dear friend, Eddie Allard, shared. The conversation at our lunches would invariably begin with an education topic, usually the status of the new high school. But, it would always turn when Robbie or Ed would say, "Whatever happened to so and so ... ?" I would then be regaled with Killingly, and occasionally Putnam, history for the rest of the meal. Obviously, I learned a lot about my adopted town, but what I will most remember is the love these two men shared for their community.

Robbie and I shared many battles together on the board — whether it was fighting for the state's first "1 to 1 laptop" program, or changing the grading policy to reflect our belief that "education should be the constant and time the variable," or believing that the key to improving graduation rates was in the lower grades. The one thing people kept saying to me Friday when they heard the sad news was: "I just figured Robbie would battle through, as he has so many times before." Well, my friend, the battles are over, and it is your time to rest, although I expect you will be with me as I continue to fight for the ideals we shared, namely public education of our children with high expectations of learning for all.

I would like to paraphrase a quote from "What a Golden Friend I Had," a remembrance of Ted Kennedy by Chris Dodd, a copy of which, believe it or not, came in the mail to me two Fridays ago. I think this passage applies to Dr. Robinson: "We will remember Robbie for the largeness of his spirit, the depth of his compassion, his persistence in the face of adversity and the breadth of his achievement."

He has had a truly amazing life, with a beautiful family and a list of accomplishments that are breathtaking. Rest in peace, Robbie.

RICHARD MURRAY, CHAIRMAN
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fay: Wants explanation for candidate's withdrawal

To the Editor:

When candidates puts their name on a ballot, voters assume that the candidates are sincere and their intentions are to serve the public to the best of their ability.

The position to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates ended in a tie vote of 510 votes for Allison E. Gardner and 510 votes for Cynthia C. Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan withdrew her name from the position.

Under state statutes, if the electors fail to choose a candidate for any office by reason of an equality of votes, and no provision is otherwise made by law for the election of a candidate to such office, such election shall stand adjourned for three weeks at the same hour at which the first election was held. No such election shall be held if prior to such election all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office, and, in such event, the remaining candidate shall be deemed to be lawfully elected to such office.

Ms. Sullivan, for her reasons, disenfranchised 510 voters who chose to vote for her by withdrawing her name. Hopefully, to those who voted for her, Ms. Sullivan will make a public statement of why she withdrew her name.

FORD FAY
POMFRET

Cahill: Hampton should vote for school choice

To the Editor:

I write as a public educator for 29 years and product of public education in Connecticut. I started my teaching career 30 years ago at Parish Hill High School, where I completed my student teaching and served as a classroom teacher.

I have been offered to apply for a biology teaching position there twice in the past and knew that I would never grow professionally at PHHS. I personally knew two other PHHS teachers who left after they became frustrated and felt that they could not make a difference. They were alone and without colleague support. PHHS is so small that you are unaccompanied in your area, like being shipwrecked on an island without any assistance.

Not much has changed in three decades, except that the student population has steadily declined and the veteran staff has departed. Who are the mentors now? What could one offer to another school if one were to transfer from PHHS? Small schools have advantages, but a school can be too small for the best interests of students and teachers alike. The larger schools in our region, hardly large in the traditional sense, have proven to be more successful, and their students move on to far better school choices and transition into college with greater ease.

Teachers need in-depth resources also. I work in a department of 19 science teachers, where there are five teachers and 19 sections of the same course in a four-tier level. Our professional ideas and interactions are endless; insights and mentoring are constant. There's a wealth of knowledge, supplies and support that surrounds us each and every day. Parents, guidance, faculty and administration find the proper placement for maximum student achievement, where AP and UCONN choices have been available for years. Hampton needs to wake up and vote "yes" for school choice, for the choices that are out there are far better than what our three towns have. Size does matter!

RENEE CAHILL
SECONDARY SCIENCE EDUCATOR OF 29 YEARS
HAMPTON

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Phillips shares story of TEEG's help; annual giving campaign underway

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apartment, works at Lumber Liquidators in Cranston, loves to read, attends church regularly, votes and sometimes attends group mentoring sessions to talk to kids who, like himself, have had rough lives.

"Rough" would be only the first of many words to describe Phillips' childhood. "Like any other kid, I was frustrated with my life. I was frustrated I was taken away from my parents," he said. "Everything always came hard. It was a struggle to get what I wanted. Even when I did, it wasn't satisfying because I had to fight for it every step of the way."

Born in New London and raised in Montville by his mother and stepfather, he was placed in custody of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) at the age of 10. Throughout the years, he stayed in 15 different foster homes and group homes. Even when one of those foster homes seemed promising, tragedy would strike Phillips' life again.

"I never knew my father. My father left when I was a baby," Phillips recalled. "… I had a foster father that I was extremely close to. … He was like my father. When he came into my life, I really bonded with him."

While on a snowmobiling trip, however, Phillips' foster father fell through the ice and died of a heart attack. His social worker also died, and once again, Phillips was shuffled through the system. From there, he was sent to a residential lock-down facility, and after that, to the Waterford Country School, a residential shelter in Quaker Hill.

Despite the loss, "it brought me to the point where I am today," Phillips said. "If it weren't for that incident, I wouldn't be the Christian I am."

Although Phillips was only supposed to stay at Waterford for 90 days, the shelter would be his residence for the next year and a half because DCF could not find a home for him. But it was there he met a teacher, Krista Roseland, who stayed in contact with him when he finally was able to leave Waterford. One night, Phillips went to dinner with her and her husband David, a pastor.

"When I realized he was a pastor, I asked a lot of questions. He had two answers for every question I asked," Phillips said.

That dinner was on a Wednesday, and the following night, he attended service. He has been attending the Preston City Bible Church ever since and hopes to use his college degree in a church setting. The dinner also helped strengthen an existing relationship, as this past summer, Phillips stayed with the Roselands before going to college.

"They sent me to a Bible camp retreat in Colorado. It was about $800, plus a plane ticket. They sent me out of their own pockets so I could prepare for college. I can't thank them enough," Phillips said.

It was also shortly before moving to the Waterford Country School that Phillips met Nick Connell, who works for the TEEG Intensive Adolescent Mentoring (IAM) program. Phillips was referred to TEEG through DCF when he was 15, and it has been a relationship in progress, with times of frustration, understanding and growth.

"He didn't give up hope with me," Phillips said. "Everyone didn't know what to do with me … and he never gave up."

Likewise, TEEG's director of personnel and clinical programming, Lori Britto, and the organization itself fought for Phillips — even when funding from DCF for his IAM services were coming dangerously close to an end.

"He was a long case. Mentoring is supposed to be short term," Connell explained. Even though Phillips was then living outside of TEEG's 10-town service area, his extenuating circumstances and the fact that he was a high school senior made it "the wrong time" to suspend mentoring, Connell said. "We thought it was helpful to stay engaged. Once the funding dried out, we decided to meet once a month. A lot of mentoring came out of my pockets. I committed to Treavor three and a half years ago. … Particularly with his case, I felt he needed that longevity."



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Phillips, as shown here in his photo for the TEEG annual report, "Planting a Seed," speaks highly of the services and opportunities he received through the organization's Intensive Adolescent Mentoring (IAM) program.

"Sometimes the system is ready to give up with kids like Trevor. … We refused to say no," said TEEG Executive Director Donna Grant, who added that the organization saw Phillips' potential and fought for a year to get DCF to realize it, too. DCF, she added, "did the right thing by him early on when they gave him a safer place to live. But DCF sources are limited. They can only offer time-limited programs. The unfortunate reality is that the DCF budget often drives the length of service, not the kids' needs."

Grant pointed out the resiliency of those like Phillips who have to fight "10 times harder than the typical middle class kids." But when the system gives up on them, "now they have all this baggage and now they're 17 and they're expected to figure out the world."

Sometimes they do; sometimes they don't. Sometimes those adolescents need help, and that is where TEEG's services and mentoring program come in — and why contributions to the organization's annual giving campaign are so important. Although TEEG receives funding from DCF for each case to pay for the mentoring contract and to support staffing, community contributions provide the extras, such as the programs and activities for youths that the organization services.

"This is the service I'm most proud of that we offer," Grant said. "… It's the parenting presence that so many kids don't have. For kids who really need it, this is one option they have."

In Phillips' case, she said, "there are so many ways, so many times, he could have been a statistic in an unsuccessful system. I give him much credit. Here's a kid who has a diploma; he's not a high school dropout; he's in college."

TEEG's work, through Phillips' own admission, has been extremely beneficial. His mentors attended his commencement ceremony when he graduated from Fitch High School in Groton. Britto visited colleges with him and helped him navigate the admissions process. For his 18th birthday, he was treated to lobster at a restaurant. She helped him open a bank account and establish a weekly budget. When Britto lost her cell phone, she recalled, she brought Phillips to the store so he could negotiate the contract for her. She was there when he received his driver's license and helped him register to vote.

"I was there for a lot of his firsts," she said.



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Treavor Phillips, who worked with TEEG mentors, is jubilant on his graduation day from Fitch High School.

With Connell, Phillips experienced the gamut of activities, from the "fun things," such as sailing, fishing and kayaking, to the "unselfish things," like working in a soup kitchen, his mentor said. Connell challenged Phillips to find activities that he himself was interested in, and as a result, "his horizons have broadened through the whole mentoring program — things that he probably would not have experienced," Connell said.

Phillips said that when he was 16, Connell taught him the value of reading. They often went to bookstores, and one day, Phillips stopped at a library on his own and discovered *Eragon*, a young adult fantasy novel by Christopher Paolini.

"I haven't stopped reading since," said Phillips, who is currently engrossed in *To Light a Candle* by Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory. "If not for Nick encouraging me, I wouldn't have this joy today."

The two also volunteered time working on a Habitat for Humanity build in New London and at the Haitian Health Foundation, which collects needed items for residents of that country. In addition, Phillips sometimes speaks to other youths at Connell's group mentoring sessions.

"Treavor has been a bright light for the other kids I mentor," Connell said. "… It also shows him the difference between where he used to be and where he is now."

In that place where he used to be, according to his mentors, Phillips struggled with impulse issues and with sabotaging himself and his relationships with others. While they worked to help him change that, Phillips said he was actually glad when they told him "no," when they refused to yield to what he referred to as his "temptations and manipulations." His mentors, he said, "never gave up on me. They were there for me. They weren't there for the money."

Today, though Phillips' overall struggle is sometimes still present, "I've seen a metamorphosis — a complete 180 — with him hating life, not trusting anyone, wanting to go to prison because that would be easier than having to create a life," Connell said. "I've seen him develop more confidence in having to accept the harsh realties of his past while still having love for his family."

Today, Connell added, Phillips is "really proud of the life he's carved out. … I'm thrilled for him to be on his own. … I think he is accepting his life and owning that he is becoming himself."

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Courtesy photo

Phillips enjoys lobster for his 18th birthday.

Phillips is one of the 2,313 residents in northeastern Connecticut that TEEG has helped to date this year. Its mission is to empower individuals, strengthen families and engage the community. In addition to the Intensive Adolescent Mentoring program, TEEG also provides senior outreach, early childhood and young adult services through programs such as food distribution, holiday giving, fuel funds, summer lunches, recreation opportunities and activities, among others.

TEEG's annual giving campaign kicked off this week with a mass mailing of the organization's annual report, "Planting a Seed," to all homes in Thompson, Pomfret and Woodstock and will end with the annual Have a Heart auction fund-raiser in February. Send donations to TEEG, P.O. Box 664, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For more information, call (860) 923-3458 or visit www.teegonline.org.

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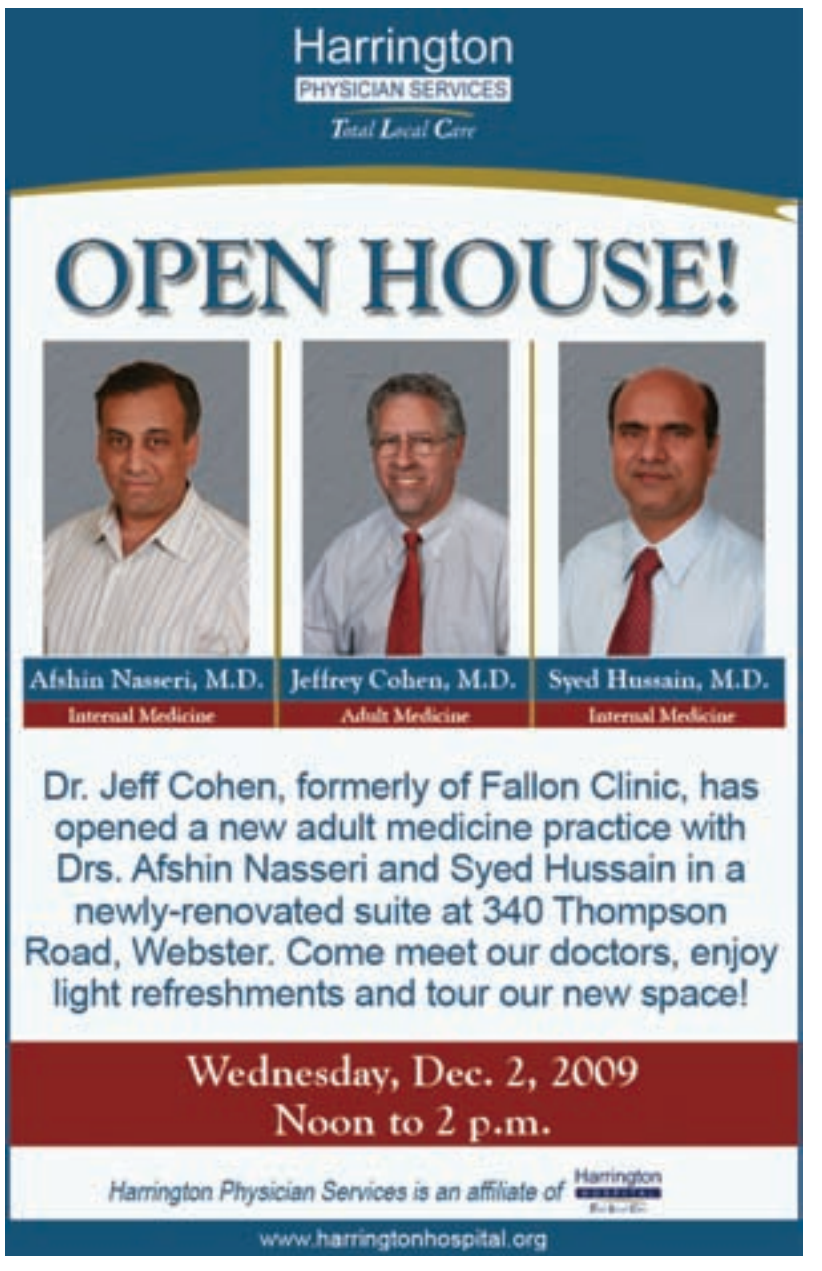
THOMPSON — Thompson Recreation is pleased to present a four-week holiday watercolor class with Cindy Dias-Reid.

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Classes are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21, at the Thompson Library/Community Center on Route 12 in North Grosvenordale.

No is experience necessary, but registration is required. Register by Nov. 23, and the cost is $19 for Thompson residents age 60 and above, $24 for non-resident age 60 and above, $25 for other Thompson residents and $29 for other non-residents. For registrations received after Nov. 23, the price increases by $5 per person.

To sign up for these classes, download registration materials online at www.thompsonrec.org, stop by Thompson Town Hall or call Thompson Recreation at (860) 923-9440 to have a registration form mailed.



SPORTS

Deary hired as Putnam basketball coach

BY BENJAMIN R. KIPP
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

PUTNAM — On Friday, Nov. 6, Putnam High School Athletic Director Pat Devine announced that 1993 graduate Shawn Deary will be the newest boys' basketball coach.

"I knew it was finalized on Friday when I got my letter from the superintendent that it was a done deal. I'm excited. I want to get into the gym as soon as possible," said Deary. "We've got some great kids this year, and we want to work hard. It's something that I wanted and something that I pushed for."

The news comes as a modest surprise, given the fact that Dennis Walsh, former Putnam basketball coach, resigned his position around the beginning of when school started for no apparent reason.

"He told me he was just done," Devine said. "We really didn't go into grand detail about why; I just accepted his resignation."



Courtesy photo

Putnam graduate Shawn Deary returns as the basketball coach at Putnam High School.

Deary is familiar with the Putnam tradition.

"He comes to the head coach [position] with a lot of basketball knowledge," said Devine. "He's also been in the Putnam family as a coach, coaching both basketball and football."

Since 2006, Deary has been an assistant coach in both sports and is currently the defensive coordinator for the football team. Deary also played basketball for Hall of Fame coach Anthony Falzarano in the early '90s.

"I know the kids; I know what their ability level is; I know what they have," said Deary.

Putnam put the posting within the Putnam School District for 10 days roughly a month ago per school contract. After the 10 days expired, Devine reposted the ad outside the school district. After the two ads expired, a total of five candidates showed interest in the job. The first round of interviews were held with the current principal and assistant principal, along with Devine and current girls' basketball coach Willie Bousquet. The board narrowed the candidates down to two. Along with Deary, current Woodstock Academy assistant boys' basketball coach John Stringer were called in for a second interview.

"We sent a name to the superintendent on Monday, Nov. 2," said Devine. "The superintendent then interviewed them on either Monday or Tuesday, and made his final decision then on Friday. Both were outstanding candidates. The swing for Shawn was basically the knowledge of the kids."

His coaching philosophy is simple and something missing from last year's basketball team.

"I want to get back to a defensive-minded team that works hard for all four quarters," said Deary. "We definitely need to get back to the traditional basketball of Putnam High School."

Deary is a full-time electrician and owns his own business, so putting in the necessary work to get the job done isn't a problem for him.

"There's a lot of work to get done, and I'm excited to get going with it. I think I'm ready for it," Deary said. "Everything is a challenge — it's just a matter of stepping up and accepting that challenge."

Deary feels a bit under the microscope because of the poor performance from the team a year ago with only two wins. Deary wants his trademark to be a positive one, not only with wins and losses.

"I think it's going to be positive reinforcement. It's about keeping them going in the right direction," said Deary.

Assistant coaches haven't been named, but a posting is listed for both a junior varsity coach and a freshmen coach.

Centaurs, Clippers come up on losing end

BY BENJAMIN KIPP
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — Something just doesn't feel right when you lose your last home football game, especially when it's labeled Senior Day.

On Saturday, Nov. 7 the Windham Whippets visited the Bentley Athletic Complex in Woodstock to take on the Centaurs and came out a winner, 33-29, over the home team.

The tight affair wasn't always a close game. In fact, Windham outplayed the Centaurs in the first two and a half quarters. Late in the third quarter the Whippets had a commanding 33-7 lead before the Centaurs mounted an impressive comeback.

"We didn't start very well," said Centaurs head football coach Gary Brine. "We had a couple of mistakes early and we turned them into touchdowns. We didn't start to get going till the end of the third quarter."

Whippets opened up a 21-7 halftime lead with running back Shane Doughy grabbing touchdown runs of 12-yards and a 1 yard. Teammate Alex Crotty added a 3-yard scamper, accounting for all the first half scoring.

Centaurs running back Mike Green had more than a career day.

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His 31 carries accounted for 196 yards with four touchdowns. His first score was a 45-yard scamper that tied the game in the first quarter at 7-7.

To close the first half, the Centaurs had a chance to cut into the lead. They couldn't convert on a first-and-goal situation. However on the fourth down play from six inches from a score the Centaurs lost quarterback Nick Thibodeau for the game.

Late in the third quarter, Whippets defender Byron Moore returned a fumble for 43-yards to put them on top 33-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, now in the fourth quarter, the Centaurs scored with Green leading the way on a 1-yard touchdown run combined with the 2-point conversion to make the score 33-15. After recovering the onside kick the Centaurs put up another score. Green scored from two-yards out cutting into the 33-21 lead. The Centaurs recover another onside kick and once again Green scored the touchdown. The 2-point conversion sliced the deficit to four points, at 33-29, with just over two minutes to play in the game.

"Michael Green had a career day," said Brine. "When we have someone get those kind of yards he had that's a good day."

The Centaurs forced Whindham to a three-and-out, and got the ball back on their own 4-yard line with under a minute to play. Sophomore quarterback Nate Ploughman moved the Centaurs out to the Windham 43-yard line before the drive stalled on a fourth-down incomplete pass.

PUTNAM LOSES

HARTFORD — The Clippers played out of league Saturday, Nov. 7, driving to the capital city to take on Capital Prep looking for back-to-back wins.

Even with a 14-6 halftime the Clippers came up on the short end, losing 28-20.

Clippers quarterback Matt Daigneault threw for three touchdowns. His first to Roberts tied the score at 6-6 in the second quarter. Also in the second, Daigneault hit Victor Ortiz for a 15-yard hook-up, giving the Clippers the 14-6 lead.

The play of the game went, unfortunately, in the Trail Blazers favor. In the third quarter Clippers running back Jon Roberts was hit from the blind side and coughed up the ball, which ended up in the hands of the Trail Blazers defenders, who returned it 70 yards for the score to tie the game.

"The attitude of my kids and the demeanor changed," said Putnam head football coach Greg LaBelle. "That was a back breaker for us. The momentum changed then."

The second backbreaker play against the Clippers came also in the third quarter.

The Clippers defense held the Blazers to a fourth-and-18 deep in their own territory. The Blazers quarterback dropped back to pass and found a open receiver for not only the first down, but a touchdown as well, for the 20-14 lead. The Blazers also added one more score in the fourth for the 28-14 lead.

In the fourth Daigneault connected again with Ortiz on a pass play, slicing into the Blazers lead 28-20 lead. On the ensuing possession, and with time become an issue, the Clippers forced a three-and-out and got the ball back around midfield.

The Clippers drove to the 25-yard line before their drive stalled due to a sack on a fourth-down play.

St. James wins small school championship

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Quinebaug Valley Junior Soccer Conference for the girls' small school division took place at Canterbury soccer field. The St. James girls' soccer team played the Canterbury girls' soccer team for the championships.

Canterbury had defeated St. James twice in the past season, with a 1-0 and 3-2 victory. This was the first time that St. James had an all-girls squad for several years. The St. James team members were as follows: eighth-graders Emily Becher, Tess Hebert, Shelby Grauer and Sydney Ball; seventh-graders Elaina Becher, Elizabeth Sisko, Shannon McMaugh, Nicole Derosier, Sarah Dugas and Tara Malboeuf; and sixth-graders Alexandra Dorsey, Madison Zardeskas and Abigail Roberts. The team was coached by Mary Becher.



Courtesy photo

The St. James girls' soccer team celebrates its victory after winning the QVJC 2009 girls' small school championship.

This was an exciting championship game that could have gone either way, although St. James, the underdog, used their enthusiasm to get ahead early. The first goal was scored for St. James by sweeper Elaina Becher, off a corner kick from her sister, Emily Becher, in the first five minutes of the game. Nicole Derosier, stopper, pulled the ball off the goal line to save St. James from a goal early in the first half of the game. At half time the score was 1-0 St. James.

Tara Malboeuf, the St. James goalie, made an amazing save, pushing the ball off the goal line in the second half. Canterbury tied the game, with a breaking run down the sidelines, early into the second half. Then St. James took a foul kick outside the 18-yard box, and Elaina Becher drilled a ball into the upper 90 corner of the net. St. James was up 2-1 and continued to battle to win the QVJC 2009 girls' small school championship.

Tigers can't outrun Redmen in loss

BY BENJAMIN R. KIPP
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — It was probably an odd feeling for the Killingly Redmen football team to take less than a five-minute bus ride around the corner to Ellis Tech to play the Tourtellotte/Ellis Tech Tigers Saturday, Nov. 7.

In a one sided affair the Redmen outlasted their counterpart by a score of 42-14.

"Overall, I thought we had one of our best games of the season," said Killingly head coach Chad Neal. "We had a lot of guys with big games."

Tourtellotte, on the other hand, experienced some frustration.

"We seem to do fairly well between the 30-30 yard lines, then we seem to stagnate," said head Tourtellotte/Ellis Tech head coach Tim Panteleakos. "Killingly controlled the line of scrimmage for the most part and that killed us all game long."

The Tigers had enough to handle with Killingly running back Tony Tetreault, who only accounted for 71 rushing yards. However, Dan Jones added 95 second-half rushing yards and a score, while quarterback DJ Grimes added another 70 yards rushing, giving the Tigers more than enough to handle. Combined, they ran for over 200 yards and Grimes threw for over 200 yards.

"Dan Jones and Tony Tetreault worked on positive yards all game long, which opened their passing game with DJ Grimes," said Panteleakos. "They just played a better football game than we did."

Killingly opened the scoring in the first quarter when Grimes found the end zone on an 8-yard run, while using his legs on the two-point conversion to put them up 8-0.

The Tigers put together a nice drive of their own to keep the game close. Justin Girouard found Ethan Hess for a 53-yard pass play into the end zone to pull them to within two points, at 8-6, in the second quarter.

A Tourtellotte interception led to the Redmen's last points in the half. With 1:17 left in the quarter Grimes led the visitors down for the score, giving his team the 24-6 halftime lead.

"I thought every time we touched the ball I felt confident in our offensive line and they delivered," said Neal.

Added Panteleakos: "I think we went into the locker room shaking our head because of what just happened, that might have been the drive of the game."

Killingly scored the only points in the third quarter when Grimes hooked up with Josh Fortin on a 6-yard pass play, giving the Redmen a 30-6 lead. Fortin ended the day with at least seven catches for more than 100 receiving yards on the day.

"DJ has been playing very good lately. He had a good game against Stonington and now today. I think he's coming into his own right now," said Neal, who saw his quarterback go seven-for-seven on passes to begin his day.

Neal found a glitch in the Tigers' defense that he exploited perfectly.

"Because they like to blitz their linebackers a lot, we used the screen effectively, which helped get good yardage," he said.

The Tigers got on the board again, but not until the fourth quarter. Girouard found Anthony Mantelli on a 25-yard pass play, resulting in the touchdown. The 2-point conversion from Girouard to Siefert gave the home team the two points, closing the gap at 36-14.

"Justin had a good day. He went seven for 13 passing for 90 yards and he also picked up over 50 yards rushing on the day," said Panteleakos.

With the win the Redmen evened their record at 4-4, while the Tigers fell to 2-6 on the year.

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Ground broken for TEEG's new location on Thatcher Road

RELOCATION

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pleted next year, will also house an annex space for the Parks and Recreation Department.

"It's organizations like TEEG that we really need, especially when the bad weather comes," said Kennedy.

He added that the money acquired thus far to fund the Phase I work, more than $300,000 in state and federal grants, is spread across Connecticut and the country.

"So don't feel bad," he said to the taxpayers.

The problems at the current TEEG building began when a root had grown into its sewer line. Also, as TEEG services and programs have grown, its office space became tighter. Another reason for the proposed move is due to lack of compliant building access via the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Town officials, local and state dignitaries, as well as a group of roughly 50 people watched a backhoe scoop a mound of dirt from the site where the new facility will be built. As the dirt dropped back to the earth, attendees rang tiny silver bells to sound the official groundbreaking, rather than holding the traditional golden shovels.

Also during the groundbreaking, First Selectman Larry Groh and TEEG Executive Director Donna Grant planted a Malus Adams tree on the building site. The tree signifies the "rejuvenation of a community."

"This is a great time for Thompson to have a groundbreaking for a building that is town-owned," said Groh.

According to John Rice, chairman of the Social Services Building Committee, the tree serves as a stopping point for migrating birds.

"The birds always stop on migration to eat these berries," said Rice. "It gives them strength to continue. This will nourish the community."

On Monday, Nov. 2, the Board of Selectmen awarded the initial project work to the lowest bidder, Lavallee Construction LLC, of North Grosvenordale, at $106,700. After the groundbreaking, Lavallee crews were expected to arrive Friday, Nov. 6, with the equipment and begin work that following Monday.

"We put together a committee with various backgrounds and expertise and they met the charge," said Groh. "I told Kevin we weren't going to us any taxpayer money."

Groh said that as the town has received funding for the Phase I work, which is for site work, Thompson will continue to apply for more grant money to see the next phases move forward. Phase II consists of putting up the shell of the building.

Altogether, the project is expected to cost $950,000.

The project slowed down last month after bids for the first construction phase arrived at well above projected costs. After the re-solicitation of bids, the project phasing was broken down more.

"I'm so pleased and proud," Grant said about TEEG's 23 years establishing itself in the Quiet Corner communities. "I really hope we move into a place that offers more opportunities."

Grant said it is important for her and the TEEG Board of Directors that they use every resource they can to equip this new building with all the green and environmental amenities available.

"So money in the future can go toward our programs and not our heating and electric bills," she added. "This won't be big and flashy."

The planting of the tree, as well as the relocation of the TEEG facility, also bears meaning to the release of TEEG's 2009 annual report, "Planting a Seed."

The social services agency provides weekly senior and adolescent outreach, food distribution and fuel assistance to residents of Thompson, Putnam, Woodstock and Pomfret.

For more information, visit TEEG online at www.teegonline.org or call 923-3458.



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Here is the unveiled schematic of the building design for the new social services building on Thatcher Road in Thompson.



Matt Sanderson photo

Larry Groh, Thompson first selectman, and Donna Grant, TEEG executive director, planted a Malus Adams tree on the building site for the town's new social services building on Thatcher Road. The tree signifies the "rejuvenation of a community."



Matt Sanderson photo

John Rice, chairman of the Social Services Building Committee, says a few words during the groundbreaking of the new social services facility on Thatcher Road last Thursday, Nov. 5.



Matt Sanderson photo

Donna Grant, executive director for TEEG, gives some remarks during the groundbreaking of its new facility on Thatcher Road last Thursday, Nov. 5.



Matt Sanderson photo

Thompson First Selectman Larry Groh speaks to an audience during the groundbreaking of the town's new social services facility on Thatcher Road last Thursday, Nov. 5.



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Kevin Kennedy, Thompson town planner, gives some remarks during the groundbreaking.

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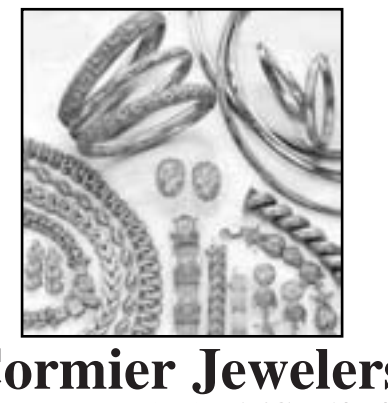


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Hyde student missing more than a month

EVELAND

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sion, according to his mother.

"I found the notebook," she said. "It was shipped home. It looks like someone picked him up in a car. It looks like he was with somebody."

Eveland said her son does have friends and contacts in various locations in the country, due to his involvement with a musical group in Chicago.

Also on Tuesday evening when she returned from work, Eveland had a call from the state police in Hartford, informing her that one of their officers might have seen Zachary at a Veterans Day parade. However, she added that the police officer on duty did not know Zachary was missing until he came back to the station and saw his picture.

"I have not confirmed that it was Zak and no one spoke to him," she said.

Prior to his disappearance, Eveland said her son had just returned from Hyde's wilderness program during his first few days at school in September and was reportedly doing well.

"We had been having trouble with him," she said. "He went to Hyde, we thought, with a pretty good attitude, but we're not sure by now if he was planning on staying."

Eveland said her son called home on the Wednesday prior to leaving campus to tell his parents that they had "ruined his life" by sending him to school, and that he was "really afraid" of his parents as to what school he would be sent to next.

"We just wanted to know that he's safe," she said.

A call made to a state trooper at the Troop D dispatch center on Tuesday indicated that Zachary's case was still open, but the investigator assigned to the case was on a two-week training course and could not return phone calls about the case.

Eveland said she has determined that her son has made several attempts to call his girlfriend in Chicago by pay phone before he left.

"I'm convinced she's telling the truth," Eveland said.

She added that her son did not have too many close friends at Hyde School. Attempts to check any digital computer communication have turned up scarce as well.

"I think he spent an hour at the Victoria Station Café before he left," said Eveland. "He told his girlfriend in Chicago that he sent her a message from a laptop. We did post a picture of Zach at the café."

According to an employee at Victoria Station Café, the poster is still on the bulletin board.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Zachary Eveland is a white male, 5 feet 11 inches tall who weighs 155 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. Listed as an endangered runaway, he may go by the nickname Zach or Zak.

According his mother, two photos of Zachary are posted on the center's Web site (www.missingkids.com). One of the photos has the boy with long hair, while the other, more updated photo, has short hair. His mom said the short hair would most likely be his current hairstyle.

Anyone having any information about Zachary should call the center at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678). Connecticut State Police is (860) 779-4900.



Courtesy photo

An updated photo of Zachary W. Eveland, with short hair. He has been missing from the Hyde School campus since Oct. 10.

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Putnam resident benefits from UConn speech support group

PAQUIN

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made him read a poem aloud in front of his classmates. "The whole class stood up and gave me a standing ovation," he said. "It was really my English teacher who got me to slow down. No one ever told me to slow down before."

Even so, Paquin found that his stuttering hindered him. He originally wanted to be a schoolteacher, but instead, went to three years of trade school for carpentry and cabinetry. After graduating, he spent 17 years working in a furniture factory, eventually becoming assistant floor manager.

"That was a challenge," he said.

Even more so was talking on the phone — a task he avoided because it scared him, Paquin said.

In 1975, Paquin began his own business, after the furniture company went bankrupt. He repaired and refinished antiques and built custom-made furniture, such as cabinets and dining room sets. Later on, he concentrated on small carpentry work, as well as installing ceramic tiles and hardwood floors.

Still, speaking remained a struggle for him. But then, in 1991, Paquin heard about a program offered through the University of Connecticut Speech & Hearing Clinic. "I called … and it took me 10 minutes to get my point across that I would like to become a client," he said.

Paquin attended the speech clinic two times a week, two hours each time. "As the years went by, I got better. I could talk to people. I could even tell their stories," he said.

After about three years of therapy, however, the rehabilitation money he was receiving to pay for the services was expended. It was only recently that he would again utilize UConn's services.

About three years ago, Paquin said, he called the Speech & Hearing Clinic and spoke to Susan Munroe, a clinical faculty member, to inquire if she would ever consider starting a support group for people who stuttered.

Shortly afterwards, Munroe formed such a group, and Paquin was one of its first members. He continues to attend the weekly meetings, which are held Tuesday nights at the Speech & Hearing Clinic.

According to Munroe, the clinic is a graduate training program for speech pathologists and audiologists. "We see many clients for fluency issues," she said. "For many people, it's a lifelong issue."

The support group currently has five members and meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Members may also choose to meet individually with a graduate student, in a supervised setting, for a half-hour prior to the group session, she said. Members pay only $25 per semester to attend the support group meetings and to utilize the individual sessions.

During the group meetings, members talk in an open forum and take part in lighthearted activities, such as a game of Scattegories, to "eliminate fear and avoidance," Munroe said. Oftentimes, members present a five-minute example of a speech they may have to give at work or during a program.

Since many of the members have already gone through therapy sessions, they are encouraged to use those strategies during the group discussions, Munroe said. In addition, she said, "much of working with stuttering is working with feelings and attitudes the individual has developed over time. We spend time talking about situations and reactions to situations."

For Paquin, the group has certainly benefited him. If he has difficulty with a word, one of the strategies he has learned is to inhale and then say it, he said.

"We talk. They give us an assignment and we have to present it. … I find it has really helped. So far, by going to the support group, I feel more confident about talking to people," he said.

Still, "… not every day is a good day," Paquin said, adding that he still gets nervous when talking to someone for the first time. "Even today there are still some people who are impatient. They want you to hurry up and say it. When they do that, I tell them, 'How would you like to be like to be like me and if I did the same thing to you?'"

About nine years ago, Paquin joined the Tri-State Cruisers. He has a 1955 Buick, which was originally his grandfather's, and looks forward to the group's summer car cruises. Being a member of the Cruisers has also helped in conversing with people, as well, he said, noting, "My speech has improved a lot by talking to different people about cars and trucks."

As for the karaoke, Paquin's favorites are Johnny Cash's "Walk the Line" and "Folsom Prison Blues," and he also likes to sing Elvis tunes.

"Right now, in my normal lifestyle, I feel calm and confident," he said. "I know I am never going to be 100 percent, but if I can strive for 90 or 95 percent, I'll be happy. Some days I talk to people and they don't even know I stutter. … Once in a while, you get an off day, but I really enjoy talking to people, which I never used to do before. I always used to be quiet.

"There's no such thing as 'it can't be done,'" he added. "I feel great — great and happy."

Paquin and Munroe encourage anyone interested in attending the support group to call her at (860) 486-6382 for more information.

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POLICE LOG

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Putnam

Oct. 30

Sarah Ross, 31, of 139 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle. She was scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 13.

Nov. 2

Gregory Raymond 24, of 45 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with failure to appear. He was scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 11.

Geoffrey Joval, 38, of 448 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, was charged with violation of a protective order, disorderly conduct and threatening. He was arraigned Nov. 3.

Justin Leo, 22, of 30 Roosevelt St., Putnam, was charged with creating a public disturbance.

Nov. 3

Randy Barton, 45, 446 Main St., Manchester, Conn., was charged with failure to appear (second degree). He was scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 3.

Okema Wilson, 21, of 1905 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with a defective windshield and operating under suspension. He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 18.

Nov. 4

Randy Buss, 43, of 403 Thomson Road, Thompson, was charged with driving while intoxicated, two counts of stop sign violations, failure to obey signal, reckless driving, traveling fast and engaging officer in pursuit. He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 18.

Nov. 5

Okema Wilson, 21, of 1905 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with a defective windshield and operating under suspension. He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 18.

Wesley Poland, 21, was charged with larceny (sixth offense). He is scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 18.

Nov. 6

Lawrence Campos, 18, of 221 Sabin St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct. He was arraigned Nov. 9.

Nov. 7

Eric Sheridan, 39, 86 Mill St., Putnam, was charged with assault (third degree) and breach of peace. He was arraigned Nov. 9.

Nov. 9

Mariele Morales, 25, 391 Pomfret St., Putnam, was charged with failure to appear. She was arraigned Nov. 9.



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To complete local calls, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial area code plus the telephone number. This means that all local calls in Connecticut that are currently dialed with seven digits will need to be dialed using area code plus the telephone number.

In addition to changing their dialing procedure, Connecticut users will need to reprogram all services, automatic dialing equipment or other types of equipment that are programmed with a seven-digit telephone number to use the new dialing procedure. Some examples are life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, gates, speed dialers, mobile phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and similar functions.

Connecticut phone users also must be certain to check their business stationery, advertising materials, personal checks, and personal or pet ID tags to ensure the area code is included.

The following will remain the same:

- Their telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.
- They can still dial just three digits to reach 911.
- If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811 are currently available in the caller's community, those numbers can still be dialed with just three digits.

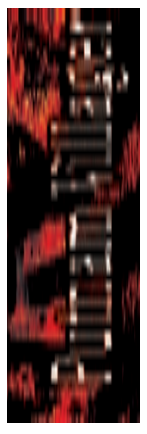
To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers in the state of Connecticut, the Department of Public Utility Control ordered two Area Code Overlays in Connecticut. Beginning Dec. 12, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the 475 area code. The new 959 area code telephone numbers will be assigned at a future date. No date has been announced at this time.

An overlay is the addition of another area code such as (475) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (203). An overlay does not require customers to change their existing area code or phone number.

The new 475 area code will serve customers in the same geographic region as the current 203 area code, and the new 959 area code, when implemented, will serve customers in the same geographic region as the current 860 area code.

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White Rose has a Confession; Farnham gets 'Honest' with lyrics

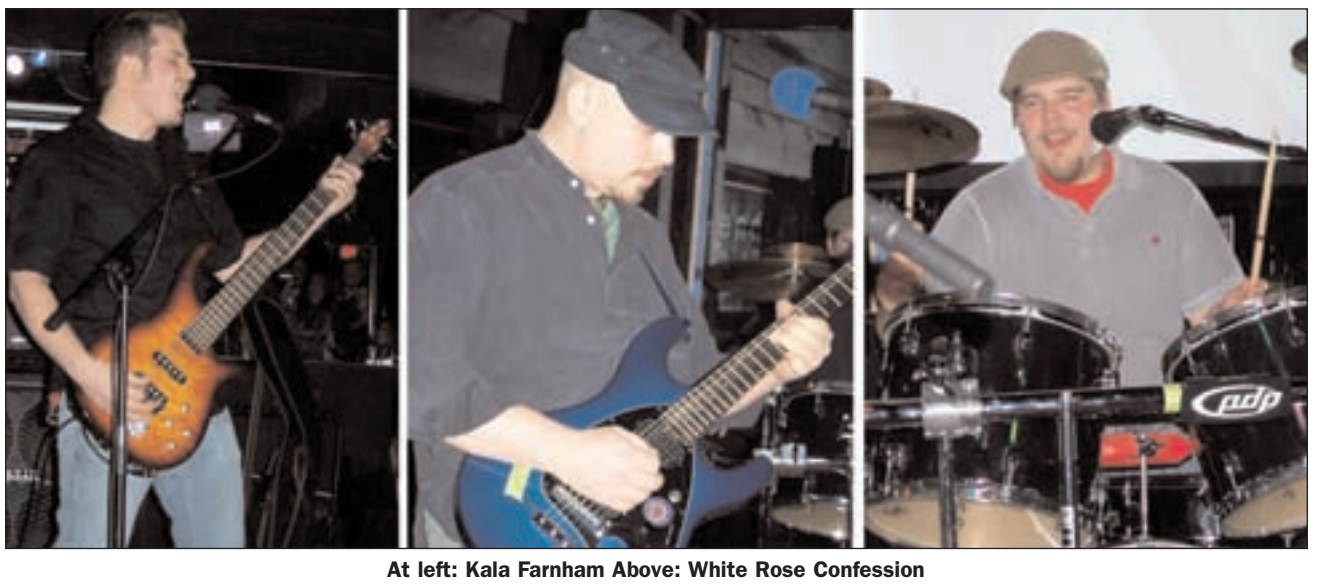
Hailing from northeast Connecticut, power trio White Rose Confession churns out an eclectic mix of hard rock infused with bluesy roots. Their songs have meaningful lyrics, strong melodies, diverse rhythms and dynamics that range from acoustic touches to full-on driving rock riffs.



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At left: Kala Farnham Above: White Rose Confession

WRC's influences range from well-known acts like AC/DC and Deep Purple to more obscure and sublime artists like King's X and the Dixie Dreggs. The group was formed in 2003 by guitarist ATO and vocalist Mike Lussier (both ex-Spyne), and the addition of drummer J-Shanks (ex-The Burning Spastics) in early 2005 made the lineup complete. Their song "Where Are You Now" sounds a bit like popular rock act Incubus, while the shades of Van Halen shine through in "White Sands." And quickly becoming a fan favorite at live shows, the rock powerhouse "Terror Anger Horror" is receiving airplay requests on local radio.

The band has been gigging and recording steadily, and their first all-original album drops next year. Don't miss WRC's upcoming appearance this Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Pump House in downtown Southbridge, Mass. And before you feast on the flesh of the turkey, hear them melt faces at The Gold Eagle in Dayville, Conn., on Wednesday, Nov. 25. On the Web: www.whiteroseconfession.com

Kala Farnham is a singer/songwriter based in Pomfret, Conn. She has been writing her own music from the age of 12, and her classical training in voice and piano supports her exceptional original talent. With an acoustic blend of folk rock and an occasional touch of jazz, Farnham's songs feature passionate piano work, emotional vocals and introspective lyrics. Her song "Eight Months" was voted the No. 2 alternative song on the IAC Picks list by the Independent Artist Company, and her song "Beat" was voted No. 1 in the May 2007 electronic music category on Ourstage.com. Due out this month is a new live album, a compilation of this summer's performances, titled *Naked Honest*. Her first full-length studio album will soon be in the works. In December, Farnham will perform at Central Connecticut State University and Autorino Hall at the Bushnell. But don't miss the chance to hear Kala locally — next Thursday, Nov. 19, at The Copper Stallion in Sturbridge, Mass., and Sunday, Dec. 5, at Stoggy Hollow in West Woodstock, Conn. On the Web: www.kalafarnham.com.

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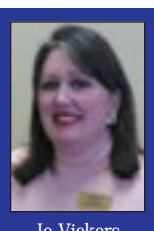
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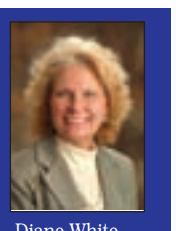

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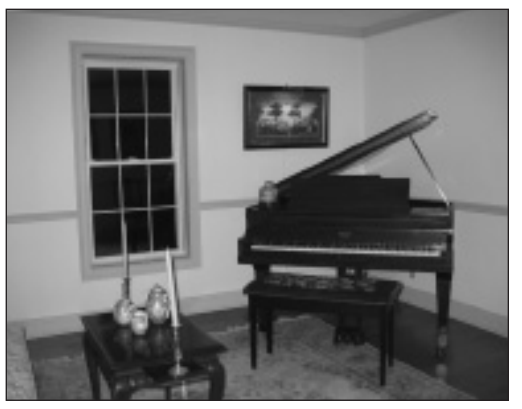
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• 1220 — 9:30 p.m., TJ O'Brien's, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Rob Adams — 8 p.m., Ugly Duckling Loft at The Whistling Swan Restaurant, Sturbridge, Mass.
• The Delta Generators with Jon Short — 9 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane, Southbridge, Mass., $5.
• The Breakfast with The Stop — 9 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge, Mass., $10.
• Midlife Crisis — 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge, Mass.
• Woodstock Academy Open Mic — 6:30 p.m., The Vanilla Bean, Pomfret, Conn., $5.
• The Barflies — 9 p.m., Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike, West Glocester, R.I.
• RAM — 9 p.m., Altones, Jewett City, Conn.
• Classic Albums Live: Led Zeppelin — 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

• Bret Talbert — 8 p.m., Spruce Street Tavern, Clinton, Mass.
• B&E — 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Nines, 136 Millbury St., Worcester, Mass.
• Mish#ts (Misfits Cover), Ask the Ice, Ghost Ocean, Red Friends, The Devil, My Pocket — 9:30 p.m., Ralph's Rock Diner, Worcester, Mass.
• WCUW 2009 Blues Fund-raiser with Jason James, Ms. Marci, The Wild Cats and Shakey Ground — 9:30 p.m., Gilrein's, Worcester, Mass.
• Sonic Disorder, Before the Fall, Knowledge, Glass Prison (Dream Theater tribute) — 8 p.m., Lucky Dog, Worcester, Mass.
• Bruce Marshall Band — 9 p.m., Greendale's Pub, Worcester, Mass.
• Dr. Robert — 9 p.m., Sakura, Tokyo, Worcester, Mass.
• Bill & Debbie — 7:30 p.m., Tavern on the Common, 249 Main St., Rutland, Mass.
• Charlie Johnson — 8 p.m., Granville's Pub, 40 Chestnut St., Spencer, Mass.
• Landslide — 9 p.m., Ye Olde Tavern, West Brookfield, Mass.
• All Folked Up — 9 p.m., Dreamers Bar & Grille, Barre, Mass.
• Third Degree — 9:30 p.m., TJ O'Brien's, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Rob Adams — 8 p.m., Ugly Duckling Loft at The Whistling Swan Restaurant, Sturbridge, Mass.
• The Spare Parts Band — 9 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge, Mass., $10.
• BioDiesel with Dopapod and Cosmic Dust Bunnies — 9 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane, Southbridge, Mass., $10.
• White Rose Confession — 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge, Mass.
• Jediah — 8 p.m., Oxford's Casual Dining, Oxford, Mass.
• Daniel Chauvin — 6 p.m., Stoggy Hollow, 492 Route 198, Woodstock Valley, Conn.
• Mary Ann Rossoni — 8 p.m., The Vanilla Bean, Pomfret, Conn., $12.
• Abbie Barrett — 8 to 10 p.m., Victoria Station Cafe, Putnam, Conn.
• Bill McCarthy — 9:30 p.m., The Gold Eagle at The Laurel House, Dayville, Conn.
• The Outlyers — 9 p.m., Cady's Tavern, West Glocester, R.I.
• Felix Cavaliere's Rascals — 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

• Dick Chase and Derick Cummings — 5 to 9 p.m., The Wales Irish Pub, 16 Holland Road, Wales, Mass.
• Peter "HiFi" Ward (guitar) — 4 to 8 p.m., Trumbull Bar & Grille, 117 Main St., Spencer, Mass.
• Ted Painter — 2 to 4 p.m., Stoggy Hollow, 492 Route 198, Woodstock Valley, Conn.
• Open mic with Rick Harrington Band — 3 p.m., Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike, West Glocester, R.I.
• Maceo Parker — 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

• The James Road Band — 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

• Rob Adams — 7:30 to 10 p.m., The Copper Stallion, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic — 7:30 p.m., Greendale's Pub, Worcester, Mass.
• The Next Movement — 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

• Jared Adams — 8 p.m., Oxford's Casual Dining, Oxford, Mass.
• Open mic with Russ Mineau — 8 to 10 p.m., Victoria Station Cafe, Putnam, Conn.
• RAM — 9 p.m., Lucky's, Foster, R.I.
• The Next Movement — 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

• Kala Farnham — 7:30 to 10 p.m., The Copper Stallion, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Rob Adams — 8 p.m., Ugly Duckling Loft at The Whistling Swan Restaurant, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic (upstairs) — 8 p.m., TJ O'Brien's, Sturbridge, Mass.
• Jazz with Rich Falco, Rich Jarvais, Jerry Wilfong — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Oxford's Casual Dining, Oxford, Mass.
• The Next Movement — 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn.

If you're a live act who would like to be featured, know of someone else who is or simply want to let us know about an upcoming gig, e-mail me at GettingInTune@MarkRenburke.com. Anything I get before Friday of each week will make the following Friday's paper. Keep the music live and not so quiet here in Northeastern Connecticut and Central Massachusetts!

LEGALS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning and Zoning Commission has rescheduled the Public Hearing for Thursday, November 19, 2009, 7:30 PM, at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Lower Level for the following application: #588-09-05 Richard DiBonaventura - 4-lot subdivision, Rte 171 on south side east of 1786 Rte 171 & west of Still River (Map 6385 Block 38 Lot 09A).

Chair Dr. Jeffrey Gordon
November 6, 2009
November 13, 2009

Legal Notice
Town of Thompson

Notice is hereby given that the audit report for the Town of Thompson for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, as audited by Blum, Shapiro & Co, P.C. Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants of West Hartford, Connecticut, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct.

Dated at Thompson this 5th day of November, 2009.

Jeffrey C. Barske
Town Clerk
November 13, 2009

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the November 2, 2009 meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, the following applications were approved:

1. #09-09-20 New Roxbury Real Estate Holdings, LLC, 32 Crabtree Ln (Map 6397, Block 62, Lot 16A-4) – Construction of two 20' x 24' multi-use studio units;

2. #09-09-21 Robin Marinelli, 1920 Rt 198 (Map 5709, Block 1, Lot 18-1) – 2 lot subdivision;

3. #09-09-23 Deborah Pratt, 9 Bassett Hill Rd (Map 5781, Block 50, Lot 21B) – dredging to restore fire pond.

November 13, 2009

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Merrill Seney Community Room of the Thompson Town Hall for the following:

Re-Subdivision Application #2009-01: Marianapolis Prep School, Inc., 26 Chase Road – Zone TC-80, Map 105, Block 38, Lot 1 & 2. Number of lots proposed: 2, Total acres: 226, Acres to be subdivided: 97. Property is located North of Route 193, West of Route 200 & South of Interstate 395.

Request to Amend Application #2009-11: Town of Thompson, 815 Riverside Drive - Amendment of Zoning Regulations Article V, Section 3(4) Setback Exceptions and Article II, Section 2(2) Zoning Permit Fee

Request for Public Hearing - Plan of Conservation & Development 2010-2020 Application #2009-12: Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Thompson, 815 Riverside Drive – Adoption of Plan of Conservation & Development 2010-2020.

Charles Paquette, Chairman
October 26, 2009
November 13, 2009
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OBITUARIES

Adela Mary Weaver, 88



DAYVILLE — Adela Mary Weaver, 88, of Dayville, died Thursday, Nov. 5, at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn.

She was the wife of Richard J. Weaver, whom she married Oct. 15, 1949.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her nieces and nephews, Edward Szela and his wife Lorri of Plainfield, Duncan Szela and his wife Jean of Woodstock, Caroline Szela and Beverly Szela, both of Dudley, Mass., Janice Yeitz and her husband Patrick of Danielson, Wayne Weaver and his wife Carol of Sun City, Ariz., Bruce Weaver and his wife Peggy of Danielson, Diane Sorel and her husband Raymond of Dayville, and Joanne Bryer and her husband Douglas of Thompson; and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Ted, Mickey, Henry and Joseph Szela.

Born in Putnam Feb. 23, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Mike and Mary (Cwieck) Szela.

Mrs. Weaver worked at the former William Prym and later for Jacobs Rubber until her retirement. She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Dayville, where she was very active in church activities including the Rosary Society. She and her husband were avid square dancers in their younger days. She was a member of Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens and had traveled extensively.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Church, Dayville. Burial followed in Dayville Cemetery. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson, handled arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory should be made to St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 487, Dayville, CT 06241.

Alan L. Clang, 52

BROOKLYN — Alan L. Clang, 52, of South Main Street, Brooklyn, died Saturday, Oct. 31, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester after injuries he received in an attempt to save his burning home.

He was the beloved husband of 25 years of Christine (Bua) Clang. In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, James and Jerron, both of Danielson; a brother, Roland Clang, of Chepachet, R.I.; a sister, Brenda Alford, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; Jasmine and Alexis; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Leo O. Clang, and a sister, Joan Thornton.

The son of the late Leo A. and Beatrice (Aubin) Clang, he was born Dec. 12, 1956, in Putnam and had made his home in the Brooklyn-Killingly area all of his life.

Mr. Clang worked as a carpenter. A former communicant of St. Anne Church in Ballouville, he was an avid fisherman who loved ice fishing. He enjoyed time with his family, most of all his grandchildren and his dogs, Emma Lou and Charlie.

Mr. Clang, who will be remembered for his great sense of humor, could always make people laugh.

A memorial Mass was held Friday, Nov. 6, at St. James Church, 12 Franklin St., Danielson. Arrangements were handled by the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, Danielson.

Mr. Clang had a great love for the well-being of animals. To carry on his love, please make a donation to an organization or group that cares for the well-being of animals.

To share a memory, "light a candle" at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Donna L. Bianchi, 61

PUTNAM — Donna L. Bianchi, 61, of Walnut Street, died peacefully at her home Sunday, Nov. 8.

She was the loving wife of Gerard Bianchi Sr.

Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Eva (Cote) Lamondy and the late Clarence A. Lamondy Jr.

In addition to her husband and mother, she leaves her son, Gerard Bianchi Jr. and his wife Cristina of Putnam; her daughters, Michelle Bianchi of Jacksonville, Fla., and Angela Bianchi of Jewett City; her brothers, David Lamondy of California and Dennis Lamondy of Putnam; her grandchildren, Ariana Bisson and Erica Gleason; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bianchi devoted her life to caring for her beloved husband and children. She was a homemaker and volunteered as a teacher's helper at St. Mary School for many years. She enjoyed movies on video, dining out, going to movie theaters and cruising with her husband Gerard, the "love of her life." She loved to draw and was a lifelong Beatles fan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Nov. 12, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 219 Providence St. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery. The Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, directed the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Legacies, Unity School of Christianity, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001, or a monetary donation in her memory may be sent to St. Mary School, 23 Marshall St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Elizabeth Lyon, 90



PUTNAM — Elizabeth Lyon, 90, of Sabin Street, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at home.

She was the wife of the late Paul M. Lyon, who died Jan. 10, 1981.

She leaves two daughters, including Helen Ida Lyon of Ruslin, Fla.; three foster daughters, Rose Stryczek of Nixa, Mo., Beverly Plasse of Norwich and Ida Perkins of Danielson, two grandchildren, Ellen and Aaron; foster grandchildren, Rebecca, Brandon, Andrew and Heather; foster great-grandchildren, Ty, Haley and Mia; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by all of her siblings, George, Earl, Robert, Henry, Edward and Dorothy.

Born Feb. 2, 1919,in Worcester, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Leon and Jennie (Twiss) Steele.

Mrs. Lyon had worked at Danielson Curtain and was a member of Putnam Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, shopping, crafting and, most of all, spending time with her family.

The funeral was held Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam. Burial was in Grove Street Cemetery.

To share a memory, "light a candle" at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Yvonne A. Menard, 81

OXFORD, Mass. — Yvonne A. (Berry) Menard, 81, of Walnut Street, died Monday, Nov. 9, in her home.

She was predeceased by her husband of 29 years, Raymond H. Menard, who died in 1978.

She leaves two children, Roger P. Menard and his wife Francine of Worcester, and Janet M. Strand and her husband Stephen of Woodstock, Conn.; her sister-in-law, Bernice Berry of Auburn; four grandchildren, Brian, Nancy, Sara and Timothy; and many nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by a brother, Alfred J. Berry, and a sister, Marie Holihan.

The daughter of the late Alfred and Dorilda (Guilmette) Menard, she was born in Southbridge and lived in Auburn and Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1955. She was a member of the first graduating class of Holy Name High School in Worcester in 1946 and attended Worcester State College.

Mrs. Menard was a bookkeeper at the Webster Spring Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1990. Previously, she worked at Norton Co. in Worcester for four years.

She was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford and was a volunteer at the Oxford Senior Center for 10 years. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and bowling.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, Nov. 12, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial was in St. Roch's Cemetery, Oxford. Paradis Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, directed the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Boston MA-NH Office, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210.

Jason K. Key Sr., 35

PUTNAM — Jason K. Key Sr., 35, of Walnut Street, died Friday, Nov. 6, after a long, courageous battle with cancer at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

He was the loving husband of Pamela (Duhaime) Key.

Born in Woonsocket, R.I., he was the son of Dessie (Green) Key and the late Ezarick O. Key, Sr.

In addition to his wife and mother, he leaves his sons, Korbin Key of Putnam, Jason Key Jr. of Chicago and Ethan Key of Putnam; his stepson, Joshua Desrochers, of Putnam; his stepdaughter, Jordyne Desrochers, of Putnam; his brothers, Randy Lomba and his wife Ginny of California, Leslie "Snookie" Alston and Marielle Lemieux of Montreal, Canada, Carlo Key and his wife Amy of Putnam, and Ezarick Key Jr. and his girlfriend Debbie Bernier of Putnam; his sisters, Robin Alston of California and Ericka Key of Rhode Island; his grandmother, Gladys Key of Georgia; his nieces and nephews, James Lomba, Fabian Alston, Cassie Alston, Joshua Key, Chelsea Key, Blair Alston, Dimitri Key and Ezaviar Key; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his sister, Bridget Key.

After graduating from Tollgate High School, Mr. Key attended the Community College of Rhode Island. Before becoming ill, he worked in the shipping and receiving department for Convenient Graphics in North Grosvenordale.

Mr. Key played Little League in Danielson and played football for Winmin Jr. High and Tollgate High in Warwick, R.I. He also played basketball for four years at Tollgate High in Warwick.

An avid fan of the Red Sox, Patriots and Lakers, he enjoyed watching boxing. He was creative in art illustration and cooking, had a love of music, and was a great dancer.

Most of all, Mr. Key loved spending time with his family. He was a proud and loving father.

Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of condolence gifts, memorial donations may be made to the Jason K. Key Sr. Memorial Fund, c/o Putnam Bank, 40 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Joyce M. Boucher, 73

DOUGLAS, Mass. — Joyce M. (Farr) Boucher, 73, of South Street, died peacefully Monday, Nov. 2, at home after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was the wife for 46 years of Richard Henry Boucher, who passed away in 2001.

She leaves two sons, Steven and his wife Lorene Boucher of Worcester and Michael Boucher of Douglas; two daughters, Bonnie and her husband Gerry Huchowski of Danielson, Conn., and Susan and her husband William Bidlack of Elizabeth City, N.C.; one brother, Stanley Farr, of Milford; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Born Nov. 8, 1935, in Milford, she was the daughter of the late Ned E. and Mabel (Fuller) Farr. She was a graduate of Milford High School, Class of 1953.

Mrs. Boucher was a nurse's aide and private nurse for many years who gave caringly from her heart. She also worked for the former Hill Food Service in Milford.

A member of the First Congregational Church in Douglas, Mrs. Boucher loved to laugh and play cribbage and board games with her family. She loved to travel when she could.

The funeral was held Thursday, Nov. 5, in the Buma Funeral Home, 480 Church St., Whitinsville. Burial was in Hopedale Village Cemetery, Hopedale.

Memorial donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, 33 Lyman St., No. 304-B, Westborough, MA 01581 or to the Dana Farber Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center, c/o Dev. Office, 14 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757.

Mary A. Nugent, 72

PUTNAM — Mary A. Nugent, 72, Farrows Street, died Monday, Nov. 2, at home.

She leaves her children, Walter Knorr of Milford, Mass., Joseph Knorr of Connecticut, Elliott Knorr of Putnam, with whom she made her home, and Bonnie Knorr of Pennsylvania; a brother, Richard Collins, and his wife Judith of Lancaster, Mass.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Alice (Marion) Collins, she was born Feb. 16, 1937, in Ware, Mass., and had made her home in Putnam for the last 17 years. She was formerly of the Clinton-Lancaster, Mass., area.

Mrs. Nugent worked as a rehabilitation aide and retired after 15 years from the Southern Worcester County Rehabilitation Center. She was an avid doll collector and loved to cook for her family and friends.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, Mass.

Donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Association.

To share a memory, "light a candle" at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Shirley E. Serafin, 78

PUTNAM — Shirley E. Serafin, 78, of Five Mile River Road, died Thursday, Nov. 5.

She was the beloved wife for 56 years of Peter T. Serafin. They were married in 1953.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a daughter, Deborah Lamiotte, of Putnam; a brother, Warren L. Bradway, of Vernon; and her grandchildren, Joshua Waterbury, Gregory Waterbury and Jonathan Lamiotte.

Born Jan. 9, 1931, in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Warren L. and Gladys O. (Farnham) Bradway. She was a member of the Putnam High School, Class of 1948, and had made her home in Putnam all her life.

Mrs. Serafin was a registered nurse, receiving her nursing degree in 1950 from the New England Deaconess Hospital and Simmons College in Boston. She worked at Day Kimball Hospital and Matulaitis Nursing Home.

A member of the DAR, Mrs. Serafin was also a member of the Town of Putnam Board of Tax Assessment and Inland Wetlands. She was a member of the Putnam Baptist Church, where she served as a trustee, council member and moderator. In addition, she was a founding director of the Board of Director of Putnam Baptist Homes-Littler River Acres.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Putnam Baptist Church, 170 Church St. Burial was in Putnam Heights Cemetery. The Smith & Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam, directed arrangements.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Putnam Baptist Church Roof Fund, P.O. Box 85, Putnam, CT 06260.

To share a memory, "light a candle" at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Hope E. Carpentieri Perfetto, 95

HAMDEN — Hope E. Carpentieri Perfetto, 95, wife of the late Joseph Perfetto of Davis Street, Hamden, died Oct. 31 at Connecticut Hospice.

She was the mother and mother-in-law of Agatha and Bernard Elliott of Guilford, Pat and Linda Perfetto of Putnam, and Frances Handy of Lake Worth, Fla. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Mary G. Carpentieri and Dr. Anthony Carpentieri.

Born in Milford, N.H., on June 2, 1914, she was a daughter of the late Constantine and Caroline Siani Carpentieri. She graduated from St. John's School and Commercial High School.

Mrs. Perfetto was employed for 12 years in the family business, The New England Typewriter and Stationary Co., in New Haven.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Stephen's Church, Hamden, Saturday, Nov. 7. Burial was in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven. Beecher & Bennett, 2300 Whitney Ave., Hamden, directed the arrangements.

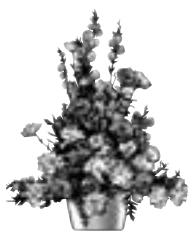
Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Glorious Cross, 61 Burban Dr., Branford, CT 06405 or to St. Stephen's Church, 400 Ridge Road, Hamden, CT 06517.

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FRIDAY
November 13

STEAK SUPPER, sponsored by the William L. Mercier VFW Post 5446, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Post on Winsor Avenue, Plainfield. Menu includes potatoes, salad, vegetable and beverage. The cost is $16 per person. For tickets, call (860) 564-5446.

FALL DANCE PERFORMANCE: 'TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES,' choreographed by Ellen Guglietti, will be held at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in the Hard Auditorium at Pomfret School. Eight dancers of the Pomfret Dance Company perform this show — a fusion of dance, theater and technology. The public is invited free of charge. For more information, please visit www.pomfretschool.org.

'THE AMERICAN INDIAN STORY,' presented by the Windham County Christian Women's Connection, will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Harvest, Route 44, Pomfret. For more information, call 774-5092 or 412-0014 or e-mail wccwc81@hotmail.com. Reservations required and cancellations essential for brunch ($12 per person) and free child care. Attendees may wish to bring a baked item for the WCCWC bake sale fundraiser.

ARTS AND CRAFTS HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 14, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Arts Center, 111 Main St., Southbridge. Jewelry, pottery, glass ornaments, note cards, prints and more will be available for purchase. QVCAH members receive a 10 percent discount on items purchased. For artists and crafters who would like to sell and/or exhibit their artwork, drop-off dates and times are Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 10 and 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., or call the Arts Center at (508) 764-3341 to make other arrangements. There is no set-up fee. QVCAH will take a 25 percent commission on items sold.

FAMILY-STYLE STEAK SUPPER will be held at 7 p.m. at the William L. Mercier VFW Post 5446, Winsor Avenue, Plainfield. Donation is $16 per person. Call the post at 564-5446 for tickets.

SATURDAY
November 14

PUBLIC FORUM on Woodstock's Plan of Conservation and Development update will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the transfer station on Paine District Road. All members of the community are welcome. The forum will be conducted by Town Planner Delia Fey; the members of the commission plan to be in attendance. For more information, a copy of the current Plan of Conservation and Development (2002), or to submit questions in writing, contact Fey at 963-2128.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES APPRAISAL, to benefit the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Federated Church Chapel, Route 6, Brooklyn. Appraisal fee is $5 per item.

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND BAZAAR will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at in the Sacred Heart Church hall, Route 205, Wauregan. There will many crafters with their homemade items, a bake sale and raffle etc. Free coffee.

17TH ANNUAL YULETIDE FESTIVAL will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation in Putnam. There will be crafters, artists, basket raffles, bake sale, food and more. For more information, please call Vikki at 963-0701.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ekonk Community Grange Hall, Route 49, Sterling. The all-you-can-eat meal will include baked ham, home baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and butter, and homemade gingerbread topped with real whipped cream. Donation is $10 per person.

BAKE/PLANT/CRAFT SALE will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. indoors at the South Killingly Congregational Church, 160 Halls Hill Road, Danielson. Enter to win assorted raffle baskets. Donation is $1 for one ticket, $5 for 10 tickets and $10 for 24 tickets. Need not be present to win. For more information, call 774-3871.

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, featuring craft items, theme baskets and treasures from the attic, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main St., North Grosvenordale. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ITALIAN SUPPER will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main St., North Grosvenordale. Tickets are available at the door and are $9 for adults and $4 for children.

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AUTUMN NIGHTS DINNER DANCE will be held at the Lodge at Wright's Mill in Canterbury with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music will be provided by Eight to the Bar. Reservations are required by Nov. 9. Call Linnea Sarantopoulos at 774-5628 or Arlene Baril at 774-5802 for tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Day Kimball Hospital Oncology and American Cancer Society.

TOY COLLECTION will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at WVFA Station 76, 399 Route 169, Woodstock (next to the Woodstock Town Hall). The Woodstock fire departments and Community Fire Station 81 are asking residents to bring a new unwrapped toy or a donation. Toys for all ages are needed, from infant to teens. Collections will benefit local area families.

MEAT RAFFLE, featuring five larges tables of meat plus five door prizes, will begin at 3 p.m. at the PACC, 37 Harris St., Webster.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, hosted by the West Thompson Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 248 West Thompson Road, North Grosvenordale. Vendors are needed. Table rental is $15 for one and $25 for two. If interested, please call Sherry at 928-6076.

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP OF THE THOMPSON COMMON, sponsored by the Grounds Committee of the Village Improvement Society of Thompson, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers with rakes are needed. Rain date is Saturday, Nov. 21, at 9 a.m.

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FUEL FUND FUND-RAISING BREAKFAST will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 247 Broad St., Danielson. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice. Price is $6.50 per person and $3 for children under 5. For more information, call (860) 774-39907.

SUNDAY
November 15

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST will be held from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at the William L. Mercier VFW Post 5446, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary, at the Post on Winsor Avenue, Plainfield. Tickets are $7 for adults and $6 for children 6 to 12 years old. For tickets, call (860) 564-5446.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR DAILY BREAD, hosted by the MOMS Club of Woodstock Area and featuring the acclaimed a cappella vocal ensemble, Take Note!, will begin at 3 p.m. at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, Woodstock. Monetary contributions to Daily Bread will be gratefully accepted at the door.

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MADE-TO-ORDER BREAKFAST will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu includes eggs, steak, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, ham, beans, home fries, and more. The cost is $7 per person. For more information, call (860) 923-2967 or e-mail council2087@att.net.

VFW KILLINGLY BROOKLYN MEMORIAL POST 2650 will meet from 8 a.m. to noon at post quarters, 29 Mechanic St. Danielson. Annual dues are now payable.

MONDAY
November 16

'THE PROPOSAL' will be shown at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room of the Thompson Public Library, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Free and open to the public. This movie is rated PG. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments allowed. For more information, call (860) 923-9779 or visit www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org

POMFRET FOOD PANTRY for residents of the town of Pomfret will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at its temporary location at the Tracy House (next to the Abington Congregational Church) on Route 97 in Abington. Please bring proper I.D. and proof of residence (copy of a phone or electric bill, etc.). The Food Pantry will be open Monday evenings and on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every week.

CHICKEN POT PIE ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON/MEETING for the Pomfret Seniors Association will be held at noon at the renovated senior center on Mashamoquet Road. All Pomfret seniors are invited. RSVP to 963-2400 by today, Nov. 16.

TUESDAY
November 17

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS will be held at 1 p.m. at the Putnam Public Library. Classes will focus on helping those unfamiliar with computers develop the skills they need to use the computer, conduct basic Internet searches, use an e-mail account and create documents using word processing. The small class size is ideal for those with very little to no experience using computers. Please call the library at 963-6826 to register for these free classes.

STATE REP. SHAWN JOHNSTON (D-Killingly, Putnam and Thompson) will hold office hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Putnam Library. The public is invited to attend. Johnston represents the towns of Putnam, Thompson and Killingly.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME will be held at the Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret, with a morning session at 10 a.m. and the afternoon session at 1 p.m. Stories, songs and crafts with a different theme are offered each week for children ages 3 through 5. Online registration is required at www.pomfretlibrary.org/kids.

'ALWAYS TELLING STORIES' will begin at 7 p.m. at the Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Local author Nancy Weiss will share her experiences of collecting oral histories and personal stories and offer tips on writing and publishing one's own memoirs. This program is part of the library's "Picturing America/Picturing Pomfret" series.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Claire Francis Pelletier, DHS



PUTNAM — Sister Claire Francis Pelletier, 96, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Holy Spirit Health Care Center, where she had been in residence since 1995.

She leaves one brother, George Pelletier, of Fitchburg, Mass.; one sister, Gloria Piccicuto, of Leominster, Mass.; several nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews.

Born Feb. 22, 1913, in Fitchburg, she was the daughter of the late Arsene and Loria (Dupuis) Pelletier.

In 1937, Sister Claire entered religious life and made her religious profession Aug. 22, 1940, at the Motherhouse in St. Brieuc, France. After her profession, she served in France for two years during World War II. From 1942 to 1944, she was an internee at Vittel, France.

Upon her return to the United States, Sister Claire taught briefly. From 1946 to 1959, she served as mistress of boarders at Putnam Catholic Academy. She was then assigned as superior/coordinator of Holy Ghost Convalescent Home in Uncasville and then at St. Bernard in New London and the Villa St. Joseph in Putnam. From 1971 to 1978, she was appointed provincial councilor. Following this, she performed various community services in Massachusetts and Hartford. She retired to the Provincial House in 1995.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Nov. 6, at the Provincial House Chapel, 72 Church St, Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, was entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Retirement Fund, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260.



SEND OBITUARIES at no charge to Villager Newspapers, P.O. Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281 or by email to: SJarvis@ villagernewspapers.com

We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

Theresa Chauvin, 89

THOMPSON — Theresa Chauvin, 89, of Thompson, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the University of Massachusetts Memorial Healthcare.

She was the loving wife of the late Francis Alix and the late Armand Chauvin.

She leaves her sister, Marie Leona Strzelewicz, of New London, and her niece, Janice Garosshen, of Canterbury.

In addition to her husbands, she was predeceased by her brother, George Henry Martin, and her sister, Marie Alvia Burbee.

Born in 1920 in Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Marie Rose (Aubin) Martin.

Mrs. Chauvin worked as a self-employed hairdresser.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at St. Joseph Cemetery in North Grosvenordale. Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, was entrusted with the arrangements.

Victor O. Cusson, 83

BROOKLYN —Victor O. Cusson, 83, of Proulx Street, died Thursday, Oct. 28, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

He was the beloved husband for 60 years Claire (Barrette) Cusson. They were married Oct. 15, 1949.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Ronald Cusson, and his wife Linda of Ashford; a daughter, Jaye Cusson-Malone, and her husband Frank of Killingly; his siblings, Sister Cecilia Cusson of Selma, Ala., Robert Cusson of Groton, Margaret Auger of Plainfield and Theodore Cusson of Manchester, N.H.; his grandchildren, Jasen, Ronald and Benjamin; his great-grandchildren, Brooke, Collin and Sage; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Leonard Cusson, and a sister, Anita Ducat.

The son of the late Major and Ida (Beaudoin) Cusson, he was born Feb. 10, 1926, in Chester. He made his home in the Danielson-Brooklyn area for most of his life.

Mr. Cusson was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps in North African Campaigns.



For more than 20 years, he was a regional service representative for Chrysler, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Cusson was a communicant of St. James Church. He was a life member of the VFW and enjoyed gunning sports and fishing. He was an avid UCONN sports fan, especially basketball and football.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. James Church, 12 Franklin St., Danielson. Arrangements are being handled by the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds St., Danielson.

Donations may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5022, Wallingford, CT 06492.

To share a memory with his family, "light a candle" at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE DEADLINE to submit calendar listings is Monday at noon. Send to Stephanie Jarvis *at* *sjarvis@villagernewspapers.com*

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'COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AND OTHER SPECIAL DAYS,' presented by the Hospice & Palliative Care Of Northeastern Connecticut, will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. today and from 6 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Mary's Parish Center, 15 Marshall St., Putnam. Hospice is offering a program of ideas and support that can be helpful during this time and is offered to adult community members, to adult hospice and palliative care bereaved family members, hospice staff and volunteers. The programs will include supportive information, fellowship, reminiscing and refreshments. Please call 928-0422 or (800) 664-2442 to register for one or both of the above sessions or for more information.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CLUB 4719 will meet at 7 p.m. in Room W102 at Quinebaug Valley Community College on Upper Maple Street in Danielson. Visitors are welcome to become acquainted with the club's state-of-the-art leadership and public speaking program. For information, call Steve Rechner at (860) 974-1050 or Jennifer Masiello at (401) 487-2690 or jmasiello1@cox.net.

WEDNESDAY
November 18

ABEL JOSLEN IRREGULARS FIFE AND DRUM CORPS will hold practice from 6 to 7 p.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church hall, Main Street, North Grosvenordale. New members are welcome. There will be free instruction in fife and drum for children and their parents. No experience necessary. For more information, call (860) 303-4567.

LITTLE ONES STORY HOUR, "Thanksgiving Feast," will be held at 9 a.m. at West Woodstock Library, 5 Bungay Hill Connector, Woodstock. All children are welcome for stories, songs and crafts. For information, please call 974-0376.

AWANA KIDS CLUB meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday for children ages 3 years to grade 6 at the East Putnam Community Church, 250 East Putnam Road, Putnam. For more information, call (860) 928-2193.

YOUNG MARINES OF QUINEBAUG VALLEY SIGN-UPS and informational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 1523, 207 Providence St., Putnam. The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building and leadership and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps' youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts. Please bring an original birth certificate, Social Security card and insurance card. The registration fee is $30. The first week of boot camp will be Dec. 2. For additional information, e-mail youngmarinesqv@yahoo.com, call Victoria at (860) 705-2142 or check out www.youngmarines.com. Any adults interested in joining the unit staff are encouraged to speak to the unit adjutant regarding requirements.

'THRILL ME: THE LEOPOLD AND LOEB STORY' will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays at The Spirit of Broadway Theater, 24 Chestnut St., Norwich, through Nov. 22. This two-character musical drama recounts the legendary duo that committed one of the most infamous and heinous crimes of the 20th century. Focusing on their obsessive relationship and utilizing Leopold's 1958 parole hearing as the framework, "Thrill Me" reveals the series of events in 1924 Chicago that led about-to-be law students Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb to be forever remembered as "the thrill killers." For tickets or information, call the SBT Box Office at (860) 886-2378 or visit www.spiritofbroadway.org.

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CIVIL WAR PROGRAM/'DEAR TRANSCRIPTS' BOOK SIGNING, presented by the Killingly and Plainfield historical societies, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Services Complex, 482 Norwich Road (Route 12), Plainfield, in the Senior Citizens Center. The book "Dear Transcript" is first-hand accounts from the soldiers. This event is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY
November 19

TODDLER STORY TIME, with stories, bounces, songs and rhymes for children ages birth to 3, will be offered at the Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Online registration is required at www.pomfretlibrary.org/kids.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK DISCUSSION will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. Students in grades five through eight will discuss "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman. Online registration is required at www.pomfretlibrary.org/kids.

SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meet will at 3:30 p.m. at the Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret St., Pomfret. This monthly group is reading historical mysteries this year, and in November, the group will discuss "Roman Blood" by Steven Saylor. Copies are available at Pomfret Public Library.

SARAH WILLIAMS DANIELSON CHAPTER of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1 p.m. at the Chapter House, 36 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn. Members are asked to bring favorite cookies for the dessert buffet. Honored guests will be area high school recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. An "anti-slavery debate" will be re-enacted by historians Gail White and Herb Loughery.

'KITCHEN STORIES' COLLECTION will take place at Roseland Cottage from 1 to 3 p.m. as part of Historic New England's Year of the Kitchen, a yearlong celebration of the role of the kitchen in times past and present. All interviews will be recorded, transcribed and then archived with Historic New England. Everyone is welcome to participate. Complimentary first-floor tours of Roseland Cottage are offered to all participants. Anyone interested in participating in the kitchen story project is also welcome to tell their story online at www.AmericasKitchens.org. For more information, please call (860) 928-4074.

'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST,' by Oscar Wilde, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 19 and 20, in the Marianapolis Preparatory School Chapel. "The Importance of Being Earnest" is a classic comedy written in the last decade of the 19th century and is one of the most produced and read plays of the Victorian period. The Marianapolis presentation is directed by Bob Sloat. Admission is free. Marianapolis is located at 26 Chase Road, Thompson. For more information, call (860) 923-9565 or visit online at www.marianapolis.org.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING WORKSHOP will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Quinebaug Valley Community College's Danielson Campus. Students in the Credit for Prior Learning Portfolio Preparation course learn how to analyze, organize, assess, and articulate their knowledge and skills and to relate that learning to specific college-level curricula. Each student develops a portfolio that is submitted to an assessment committee for possible award of college credits. Students wishing to register for this course (which will be offered this spring at the Danielson campus) must attend a Credit for Prior Learning Workshop, and it is also an opportunity for interested students to see if this is a good option for them. The workshop is free and registration is not required. For more information, call Dr. Scott DeShong at 412-7252.

FRIDAY
November 20

PUTNAM MS SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 7 p.m. at Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Connecticut Chapter, offers more than 25 support groups throughout Connecticut. These groups bring together people who share a common life experience as it relates to MS and its effects. For more information, please contact Pat at (860) 779-0398. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.

SECOND ANNUAL CONNECTIONS EVENT, with medium Gary McKinstry, will be held at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster, with cocktail hour and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres from 7 to 8 p.m. This event is hosted by Life-Skills Inc., which supports individuals with disabilities in all of central Massachusetts. Tickets are $30 per person. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat or to sponsor this event, contact Cindy Lebeaux at (508) 943-0700, ext. 112, or e-mail clebeaux@life-skillsinc.org. All proceeds benefit adults with disabilities.

STORY HOUR AND CRAFT, hosted by the Woodstock Academy Early Childhood Education class, will be held at 10 a.m. in the library. Please RSVP to Deb Sharpe at 928-0046.

'AN EVENING WITH SALLY ROGERS,' sponsored by the Friends of the Brooklyn Library, will be held at 7 p.m. at Brooklyn Middle School. This is a free event for all ages. Non-perishable canned goods will be collected for the food pantry.

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SATURDAY
November 21

TURKEY SUPPER will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ekonk Community Grange, 723 Ekonk Hill Road, Sterling. The traditional turkey dinner will be topped off by apple crisp with real whipped cream for dessert. Donation is $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. There is no charge for preschoolers and younger. For more information, call 564-2131.

ARTISAN AND CRAFTSMAN HOLIDAY MARKET will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverview Pavilion, 18 Kennedy Drive, Putnam. The new Riverview Pavilion on Kennedy Drive will be transformed into a holiday shopping Mecca reminiscent of European holiday markets. Area artisans will offer a wide range of handmade items, including selections for everyone's taste and pocketbook. Among the featured artwork, shoppers will find jewelry, sculpture, wool felting, quilts, printmaking, lamps, pottery, toiletries, teddy bears, stained glass, and woven and knitted items, to name a sampling. Also on sale will be traditional Christmas trees and topiaries. For more information, call Maria Viens, chair of the Putnam Arts Council, at (860) 420-8287.

SIXTH ANNUAL FAIRFEST will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Main Street, Willimantic. This event will feature crafts, a silent auction, live music throughout the day, home-baked goods, a white elephant sale (gently used items), and the tearoom, featuring scones and soups. Music will be provided by Sour Grapes, Jason Altieri, Casey Clark Live, Gary Nass, We've Got Rhythm and J.L. Roberts. This event helps to raise money for the church's general treasury. Space is still available for a few crafters.

BOOK DISCUSSION/SIGNING with Julian Padowicz, author of "Mother & Me" and "A Ship in the Harbor," will begin at 2 p.m. at the Bracken Memorial Library in Woodstock. His 45-minute discussion on his escape from Warsaw in 1939 will be followed by a book signing.

CHRISTMAS FANTASY BAZAAR will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oneco United Methodist Church, Route 14A, Oneco. Includes crafts, ornaments, baked goods and more. Beverages and light lunch will be available.

'SMALL WORKS: ARTFUL TREASURES' artists' reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow at Celebrations Gallery & Shoppes, 330 Pomfret Street (Route 169), Pomfret Center. Complimentary tea and sweet treats will be served. The exhibition and sale will run from Nov. 18 to Jan. 3. Sixteen different local and regional artists will be featured, working in a variety of media and styles.

CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL HOLIDAY FAIR will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Route 169. The event will include a chicken potpie luncheon (take-out available), silent auction, dried fruit and nuts, wreaths, Crabtree items, floral arrangements and more, as well as handbell mini concerts at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 928-7405.

JIMMY'S KIDS FOUNDATION 14-MILE WALK to benefit the Tommy Toy Fund and/or area food bank programs will be held today. Jimmy's Kids Foundation founder Jim Phaiah will walk from his house by the Brooklyn fairgrounds to WINY Radio in Putnam beginning at 8 a.m. He requests that new toys be brought to Norwich Bulletin offices in Danielson or Norwich. Food and toy drop-off locations are also as follows: for Daily Bread, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at WINY Radio and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Bradley Street, Putnam; and for Friends of Assisi, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Collins Ford Mercury, Route 6, Brooklyn. For more information, call (860) 774-1720 or visit jimmyskidsfoundation@charter.net.

AINO KOSKINEN BLOMBERG EXHIBIT RECEPTION will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sochor Art Gallery in Arts & Framing, 112 Main St., Putnam. These 14 canvases were stored in an attic for the last 50 years, and the family of the late and talented Aino Koskinen Blomberg are presenting these works that were done in the early 1930s when she was studying art in New York City. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (860) 963-0105 or visit online at www.artsandframingputnam.com.

GREAT GARAGE BAND REUNION ROCK 'N' ROLL BENEFIT for Access Community Action Agency Food Bank will begin at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item for special drawing. Tickets are $20 each or $30 per couple and are available at Friendly Spirits, Oliver's Music Shop, WINY Radio, Pomfret Spirit Shoppe, the Knights of Columbus Hall and Access. For more information, contact Kim Houle at 774-0418, ext. 3607, or Claire LaBelle at 450-7449.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in North Grosvenordale. Tickets are $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. Take-outs will be available. A bake sale will also be held.

SUNDAY
November 22

MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER PROGRAM will be held at 2 pm. at the VFW Post 5446, Winsor Avenue, Plainfield. The guest speaker is cancer survivor Barbara Perry, 4th District VFW Ladies Auxiliary president. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

DEADLINE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER at the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department is today. The dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. No one will be seated without a reservation. To make a reservation, call (860) 923-9227 or (860) 935-5613. Transportation is available. This 18th annual dinner is sponsored by the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, the VFRW Post 10088 and Ladies Auxiliary, St, Stephen's Parish, The Seventh Day Adventist Church, St. Columba Anglican Church and the Thompson Hill Fire Engine Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council 2087, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Twenty turkeys and 20 hams will be raffled, along with a gift basket containing a turkey and fixings. The public is invited. For more information, call (860) 923-2967 or e-mail council2087@att.net.

MONDAY
November 23

POMFRET FOOD PANTRY for residents of the town of Pomfret will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at its temporary location at the Tracy House (next to the Abington Congregational Church) on Route 97 in Abington. Please bring proper I.D. and proof of residence (copy of a phone or electric bill, etc.). The Food Pantry will be open Monday evenings and on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every week.

TUESDAY
November 24

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS will be held at 1 p.m. at the Putnam Public Library. Classes will focus on helping those unfamiliar with computers develop the skills they need to use the computer, conduct basic Internet searches, use an e-mail account and create documents using word processing. The small class size is ideal for those with very little to no experience using computers. Please call the library at 963-6826 to register for these free classes.

STATE REP. SHAWN JOHNSTON (D-Killingly, Putnam and Thompson) will hold office hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Thompson Library, Study Room No. 2.

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ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE, hosted by the B'nai Shalom Synagogue and the Federated Church of Brooklyn, will be held at 7 p.m. at B'nai Shalom Synagogue, 39 Killingly Drive, Danielson. The two congregations have been celebrating Thanksgiving together for more than 50 years. The service is open to anyone who would like to begin the holiday season with prayer, music, fellowship and, of course, refreshments. Please bring a non-perishable canned good or a monetary donation to benefit the Danielson/Brooklyn food pantry.

WEDNESDAY
November 25

ABEL JOSLEN IRREGULARS FIFE AND DRUM CORPS will hold practice from 6 to 7 p.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church hall, Main Street, North Grosvenordale. New members are welcome. There will be free instruction in fife and drum for children and their parents. No experience necessary. For more information, call (860) 303-4567.

AWANA KIDS CLUB meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday for children ages 3 years to grade 6 at the East Putnam Community Church, 250 East Putnam Road, Putnam. For more information, call (860) 928-2193.

ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, hosted by the Greater Putnam Interfaith Council (GPIC), will be held at 7 p.m. at B'nai Shalom Synagogue, 125 Church St., Putnam. Representatives from many of the diverse faith groups in the area will be participating in the service. The service is open to anyone who would like to begin the holiday season with prayer, music, fellowship and, of course, refreshments. For more information, please contact the Rev. David Baird at (860) 928-707 or email dbaird@msn.com.

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Honda Accord Crosstour a Crossover That Doesn't Photograph Well, But Drives Well

BY KEITH GRIFFIN



The 2010 Honda Accord Crosstour is an all-new crossover that needs to be seen in the flesh to be truly appreciated. Get one in black – the model's best color.

Don't believe what you may have read elsewhere. The Honda Accord Crosstour is not the ugly stepchild that has been portrayed in the automotive media. This new crossover utility vehicle must be a vehicle that does not photograph well because it's pretty handsome in the flesh. I see a good-looking version of the Infiniti FX35 when I look at the Crosstour.

This could become a hot seller for Honda simply because it has the Accord name attached to it (but interestingly Honda only plans to sell 20,000 models a year). Anything Accord has sold pretty well over the years. However, I'm going to call it the Crosstour going forward. I'm not falling for the whole name game.

The Crosstour is a five-door, five-passenger premium CUV. Note that Honda is not calling it a luxury crossover for a couple of reasons: its luxury line is Acura and luxury crossover utility vehicles have suffered lackluster sales recently. Premium CUV good; luxury CUV bad. (Grammar bad, I know.)

There is new technology and exclusive equipment that comes with the new Crosstour. According to Honda, it is:

• Automatic transmission lateral G-force gear hold control (a Honda brand first)

• Automatic RPM rev-matching when downshifting (a Honda brand first). This is a good feature because it eliminates those herky-jerky shifts that can happen when an automatic transmission downshifts.

• Front shock absorbers with internal rebound springs

• New type of reflection minimizing coating on navigation screen (a Honda first)

• Expanded VCM engagement range for improved overall fuel efficiency (a Honda first). There's more talk about VCM below.

• Active Sound Control for cancellation of certain types of engine noise (a Honda brand first)

One thing that stands out about the Crosstour is its interior space. This is not a big looking vehicle from the outside, even with its 196.8-inch length, but it is roomy inside. There was no discomfort in either the front or rear seats. This vehicle should comfortably carry five adults, if need be. Headroom is good, while legroom is a little bit less than the Accord sedan.

Speaking of space, Honda has done some interesting things with the cargo space. On the inside walls, there are easy-to-flip switches that fold the rear-seats flat and create 51.3 cubic feet of cargo space. Additional cargo space is available with an 8.4-inch deep under-floor removable utility box. As Honda points out, it's a great space for wet or dirty items. Larger wet and dirty items can be stored topside without destroying your carpet. The carpeted lid of the cargo box can be flipped over to the plastic side to preserve your carpeting.

If you are a by-the-numbers type, the rear cargo area measures 41.7 inches long by 55.7 inches wide (at widest point). Maximum cargo length measures 75.5 inches (for items just more than six feet long) with the rear seats reclined. The Accord Crosstour EX-L model is equipped with a cargo cover that allows for valuables to be stored out-of-sight. The cover is specially designed to open and shut in tandem with the tailgate for convenient one-motion access to the cargo area.

The fuel numbers are strong on the Crosstour thanks to variable cylinder management (VCM). Up to half of the Crosstour's 3.5-liter engine's cylinders can be deactivated when less demand is being placed on the engine (such as during highway cruising). Step on the gas and the cylinders spring back to life in a nanosecond.

During a day of driving north from New York City to upstate New York, the Crosstour demonstrated appropriate power. Its engine puts out 271 horsepower at 6,200 RPM and 254 lb-ft. of torque at 5,000 RPM. Those high RPM numbers for horsepower and torque mean you're not going to snap your head back with strong acceleration. Then again, this is Honda, and I can think of only two Hondas that might ever snap your head back.

New Englanders like us should embrace the Crosstour because it comes with available all-wheel drive. That should make it fairly bullet-proof for New England winters.

Pricing for the Crosstour starts at $29,670 for the base model with two-wheel drive. You're going to have spend $34,020 for a base model with all-wheel drive. The pricetag tops out at $36,220 (not including a $710 destination charge) for a Crosstour with all-wheel drive and a navigation system.

(Questions and comments about this review and other automotive concerns can be e-mailed to keith@internetcarandtruckoftheyear.com. All queries are answered.)

VITAL STATISTICS
Wheelbase: 110.1 inches
Length: 196.8 inches
Width: 74.7 inches
Height: 65.7 inches
Curb weight: lbs.
Engine: 3.5-liter, V6
Horsepower: 271
Torque:
Acura estimated mpg city/highway: city/ highway
Base price: $
Also consider: (a comparative vehicle) Toyota Venza, Nissan Murano, Ford Edge



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An out-of-sight storage area in the rear of the Honda Accord Crosstour provides a handy space for getting wet and dirty things off your car's carpet.

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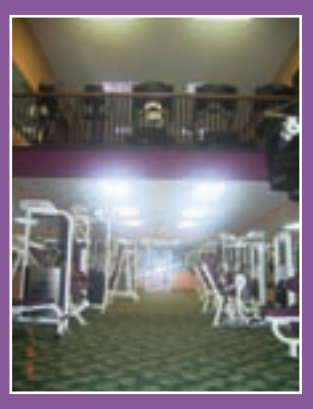
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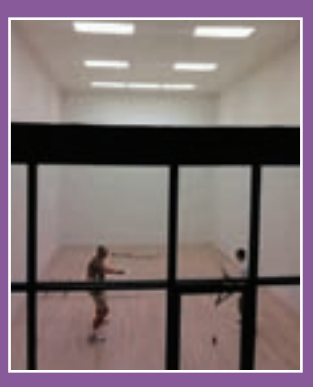
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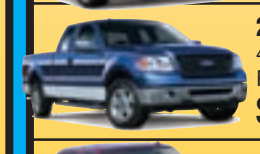
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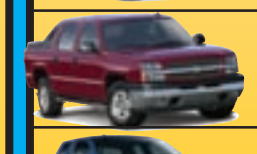
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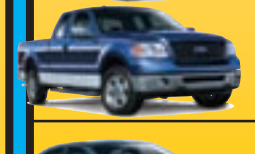
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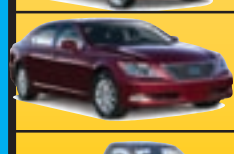
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