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The 2011 Villager Newspapers Winter Snapshot Contest Grand Prize Winner!
Laurie Laconto, of Thompson, sent us this photo of her sons Collin and Tyler Laconto taking a ride down her front yard. She is the winner of $25 and bragging rights! For a look back at some of our favorites, check out pages A10-A11! Also, check out the “Best of Winter” photo album on our Facebook page to see the photos in full color!
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“Of what I’m thinking about is the kids, and what they are going to be like in their future. I’m not talking about the behavior of kids today who are battling cancer or age of five or six and smiling and having a good time. It’s the ones who got sick when they were in the womb, everyone who has donated to me so far. I can’t let them down. I can’t let them go unaided. I have to try to do something for them.”

Justin Martinson, on what he thinks about in the middle of a long-drawn-out race for charity.

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Eastford school celebrates ‘Read Across America Day’

BY JACK MELZER

EASTFORD — On Wednesday, March 2, Eastford Elementary School celebrated the national “Read Across America Day” program by inviting local figures, alumni and other community members to read to first-graders. Connor, of Madison, was this year’s guest and has written numerous books for young children, middle grades and young adults. Recently, her book, “Waiting for Normal,” was nominated for Connecticut’s Nutmeg Book Award, while her other novel, “Crunch,” has been selected as a Kirkus Best Book for 2010. Connor provided five different workshops for EES students and tailored each reading to the grade level of the children. All of the workshops included discussions of her books and how she develops ideas.

“Let me say first that it was my great pleasure to visit Eastford,” Connor said. “I was charmed by the powerful sense of community at the elementary school. You should all feel very proud of the students for their enthusiasm.”

Connor told the students at EES during her workshop that her childhood wasn’t much different from theirs, and the setting to one of her novels is set in a small, rural town, just like Eastford. Connor said that when she begins to write she gets an audience and age group in mind; she is penning the novel toward. She then gets a draft down, which gives her a sense of awareness of the different ages she is trying to appeal to.

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Pomfret Senior Center gets new committee

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VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — The Board of Selectmen recently appointed a seven-member committee, along with four “ex-officio” members as well, to form the Pomfret Senior Center Committee, organize, operate, and govern the Pomfret Senior Center — known as “The Pomfret Senior Center Committee.”

According to Selectman Maureen Nicholson, the committee will be meeting to establish a mission statement, by-laws, and the organization and operation of the PSC, which is open to all seniors in Pomfret and the Woodstock community. “This committee is made up of Jim Rivers, Barbara Gagnon, and Board of Selectmen representative Maureen Nicholson; it was appointed as ‘ex-officio’ members,” she said.

“I’m thrilled to be elected, and we’re going to do that. This is just the beginning,” President Richard Coduri said. “We have an excellent committee, but we have no affiliation with the National Senior Citizens Group. There’s no involvement from the town. Going forward the Pomfret Senior Center Committee will be able to look at programming, activities and services to seniors of Pomfret and the community.”

Pomfret Senior Center is presently led by the committee set to start with, and now the Selectmen have given us an opportunity to be out in the field by the horses and run with it, we’re going to do that,” Board of Education Barbara Gagnon as secretary, and Gail McElroy as treasurer. The remaining members will be Karen Allen, Cherry Rivers, and Gail McElroy as treasurer. The remaining committee is made up of Jim Rivers, Steve Coduri, and Donna Olsen. Senior Center Coordinator Beth Allen, Karen Allen, Cherry Rivers, and Gail McElroy.

According to Selectman Maureen Nicholson, the committee will be meeting to establish a mission statement, by-laws, and the organization and operation of the PSC. “The Pomfret Senior Association — known as ‘The Pomfret Senior Center Committee’— is essentially, a mission statement for ‘The Pomfret Senior Center Committee’,” said member of the Woodstock’s Community Conversation Planning Committee Lindsay Paul, of Woodstock. “This process has helped us move forward on shared priorities, and we’re working towards getting to the next level. There are other committees working to develop things, and we would hope the people would come out and join us. We have a lot of fun. There all kinds of things going on here.”

“The Pomfret Senior Association has worked for many years to establish and maintain the Pomfret-Nicholson Center. Thanks to their efforts and that of volunteering together and the Selectmen and the Board of Education, we have an opportunity with the building that we now own. The Pomfret Senior Center Committee will be able to expand their programming, activities and services to seniors of Pomfret and the community.”

Event to be held at ‘converse’ about education

According to Coduri, the mission statement for “The Pomfret Senior Center Committee” is essentially to improve the social, recreational, and healthfulness of the town, which we will do, and we will make sure we come and learn, emotionally overs- and physically. Coduri said that the committee seeks to introduce new programs, fundraising, and to do more hospitality in terms of getting out in the community and visiting seniors who might be sick, and once that don’t know what do we hear at the center and hopefully get them more interested in coming and participating.”

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Marianapolis Moms organize Spa Day for faculty

THOMPSON — On Monday, Feb. 28, the Maranapolis Moms of Massachusetts transformed what has become a prized tradition for faculty and staff known as "Spa Day," a day of pampering made possible by the Moms and 10 volunteer beauty professionals.

This is the fourth year of a partnership with the local salons providing cosmetology, nail technicians, massage therapists and both a hair and nail service. The Moms gave up their day off to volunteer the services and made sure everyone enjoyed the appreciation from MPS Moms and the school's faculty and staff.

Marianapolis staff member Kim Bruce said, "I am one of the newer Moms and this is my first time volunteering in the salon. The staff members are great and the Moms have been so welcoming. The Moms have become a family to which I now belong. I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful group that is so supportive of my fellow moms. At the same time it has been a lot of fun. The teachers are so great!'"

The tradition was started by the school's Head of School Karen Tata, "We can’t thank the Moms and volunteers enough. This much-needed day was organized with a great deal of love and creativity and so very much appreciated by our faculty and staff."

Marianapolis organized what has become a prized tradition for faculty and staff. This event provides an opportunity for the school’s Library by beautiful, professional services on a "day off." The result is a atmosphere of peace and calm, where Moms have the chance to enjoy the relaxation treatments, a retreat from the busy daytime schedule.

MPS releases first semester honor roll

THOMPSON — Earning their first semester honor roll for Preparatory School (grades 9-12) and Preparatory School (grades 7-8) were 180 students. There are three levels of taking honors courses. Our student earned a place on the 2011-2012 honor roll. (with an average grade of B above, with no grade lower than B). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of B above, with no grade lower than B). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A). Thirty students earned honors (with an average grade of A above, with no grade lower than A).

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The headline of the article jumped at my eyes.

“Pet care isn’t cheap!”

How much does it cost to care? My Dad was a canine expert. He only believed in two rules. Buy a dog when it was only a pup. Then, when we were finished with our academic pursuits, he taught us to pick a cat. He always said, “You do it for fun.”

I have three children, two dogs, and a cat.

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“The Everyday Ecologist,
Liz Ellsworth
An eternity in an hour” — William Blake

The Cardinal
“The Cardinal sings a crowded song, in minutes that are flat. And, when he can’t control his voice he swells just like a cat. Then nods his head and whips his tail and lets it go at that.” — Oliver Davie

Stars will blossom in the darkness. Violets bloom beneath the snow.” — Julia C. R. Dorr

The buttercups, bright-eyed and loose,
Hold up their children of gold.
Catch the sunshine and the dew.” — Julia C. R. Dorr

Liz Ellsworth gave up in Rustford, and holds a master’s degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She currently works for the Town of Springham. Under the leadership of Connecticut. She currently serves as Director of Environmental Services Manager at TEEG. “Negative emotions and actions can be destructive to those relationships.”

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Vanpool options for Quiet Corner residents**

To the Editor,

Community members from the Quiet Corner hope they can raise enough cash to complete a vanpool. A non-profit company operating in the region is willing to provide a vanpool for residents and workers in the Quiet Corner.

The vanpool will be available for a group that consists of at least 10 passengers. The vanpool is available to workers and residents who commute from the Quiet Corner to work or school.

If you are interested in learning more about the vanpool, please contact us at 123-456-7890.

Sincerely,

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**Commentary**

**Missing buttons**

“The this must be home... I know I’ve always wanted a home!”

The words echoed by Corduroy the teddy bear in my favorite children’s book are one of the most profound in literature. I have been drawn to the story ever since I first read the tale years ago, and have revisited it many times over the years. It is a story that has resonated with me, and one of us longs for that place we can call home.

In my childhood, I was frequently reminded of the book by my parents. They would tell me stories about the adventures of Corduroy, and how he longed for a home of his own. I would imagine myself in Corduroy’s shoes, wishing for a place I could call my own.

Corduroy is a teddy bear who knows what it’s like to feel lost and alone. He is a symbol of the journey we all undertake to find our place in the world. I believe that everyone渴望s a home, a place where they can feel safe and secure.

I am grateful for the message that Corduroy shares with us. It is a reminder that home is where the heart is. It is a place where we can belong, where we can feel loved and cherished.

In the end, Corduroy’s journey is one of self-discovery. He learns that home is not a physical location, but a state of mind. It is a place where we feel connected to others, and where we can be ourselves.

Corduroy’s story is a timeless one, and one that continues to resonate with us today. It is a story that we can all relate to, and one that we can all learn from.

To this day, I remain inspired by the lessons that Corduroy shares with us. I know that I will always be grateful for the message that he delivers, and the impact that he has had on my life.

Sincerely,

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As an investor, you want your money to grow so that you can achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement or owning a home.

But you may also wish to increase your income during your career. Without a strong cash flow, you may be forced to dip into your accumulated savings—on a short-term need—and if you do this too often, you’ll have to rethink your prospects for attaining your long-term goals. That’s why you want to look at different ways of boosting your financial situation—ones in which you may be premium bonds.

When you understand the nature of premium bonds, you’ll find that they can be a five-piece, cent to a 10-pound bond, which you’ll receive a face (“par”) value, which is called a “premium.”

There is a difference between our one-piece cent. Over time it has become more valuable. It is difficult to value the face, provided the issuer doesn’t default. After all, premium bonds are known as “premium.”

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THE 2011 VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

QUIET CORNER — First and foremost, we just want to take a second to thank all our faithful readers for submitting their photos to us for The 2011 Villager Newspapers Winter Snapshot Contest! In all, we received more than 200 submissions — not bad for our little newspaper! It was a long and arduous process, but we have chosen the winner — Congratulations to Laurie Lacinto, of Thompson, for winning our grand prize, $25 cash, as well as her photo being placed on the front page of this week’s commemorative issue. Her photo will also be the cover photo for our “Best of Winter” Facebook photo album, now online at www.facebook.com/villagernewspapers.

Here’s a sampling of the rest of the best, our favorites. Thank you for reading, and although winter may nearly be over, it’s never too late to take out your camera and send in your photos to your local newspaper!

Photo courtesy James Davis

DANIELSON — A serene snapshot of the yard of Danielson resident James Davis in the morning after a recent ice storm. “I actually had to lean out the window because the lens I used was too wide,” Davis said.

Photo courtesy the Corvello family

BROOKLYN — From the Corvello family in Brooklyn: “This is a picture of our 8-month-old Golden Retriever Arabella playing in her first real snow. She was in heaven — and so were we watching her.”

Photo courtesy Lisa Privee Wright

DAYVILLE — Tucker, of Dayville, lets loose in the winter sun.

Photo courtesy Summer Winslow

BROOKLYN — Malley and Nan enjoy the snow in a dug out path near the home of Brooklyn resident Summer Winslow.

Photo courtesy Bob and Cheri Lukowski

DANIELSON — “Our snowman lawn ornament had really had enough of his relatives as you tell by the look on his face!” said Bob and Cheri Lukowski last week. “They certainly overstayed their welcome! This snowman is about 43 inches tall and this is taken after the second big storm we had.”

Photo courtesy Melissa Melvin Wiley

DANIELSON — Kilo, of Danielson, poses for the camera while walking through the snow.

Photo courtesy Anthony Donatelli Jr.

THOMPSON — Sunday sleigh ride fun at Olde Azud Farm in Thompson.

Photo courtesy Nicolette Davis

DANIELSON — From Nicolette Davis, of Danielson: “This is a pic of my dog Moby watching it snow. ‘Noreaster Denis hit on his 6th birthday, and he was a little disappointed that he could not take a W-A-L-K on his special day.”

Photo courtesy Nancy Ives

BROOKLYN — Sammy strikes a pose for the camera in the walkway of the home of Brooklyn resident Nancy Ives, of Pheasant Lane.

Photo courtesy Ethan Bissonnette

DAYVILLE — Left, Sledding at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

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On the run for cancer research
THOMPSON woman lacing up swift for Boston Marathon

BY CLAIRE HOPKINSON

THOMPSON — A Thompson resident is taking her fight against cancer to the Boston Marathon in April.

Alison Dodds, with her Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates, will run the 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Boston with the goal of raising $45,000 for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

“Today we all seem to have a ‘cancer story’ and each one is important and each one personal. That’s why I’ve chosen to dedicate my 2013 Boston Marathon run on April 15 to all the people and their families who have had such an impact on my life,” Dodds said. “Running 26.2 miles and raising $15,000 won’t bring family and friends back to us but it can help in the war we are fighting in the future. I am going to run to tribute to all of those who have lost their lives to cancer as well as those who have survived cancer.”

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KILLINGLY — Before the girls' basketball season ended, coach John Murdock knew he would have a good team. What he didn't know was how they could be, and how many wins would be accumulated. Since the inception of the CIAC girls' basketball program in 1980, there has never been a team to win in Killingly this year when they went 11-10 overall.

"We beat the best we could and we won a bunch, a lot, and we were right there in the mix with a few of the good teams," Murdock said.

"Eleven wins was just unbelievable for them, but by season's end both of them realized just how good a team Murdock knew he would have a good team. What he didn't know was how good a team Murdock knew he would have a good team. What he didn't know was how good a team.

Meanwhile, Falzarano wasn't so happy with how his team played.

"For the first time all season we didn't make a 3-point basket," he said. "It was our lowest offensive output of the season, our worst night for turnovers, our worst night for tempo, [and] our worst game of the year."

It was our worst night at the free-throw line. We shot 13-23, 52%.

"For us, it was an average, average night," said Woodstock Academy's head coach John Murdock. "I knew we were gonna be competitive, I knew we were gonna be a good team. What he didn't know was how good a team.

"They each brought something different to the team," said coach John Murdock. "They each brought something different to the team."

The first goal of just about every school basketball team is to get enough wins and move into the state tournament, as well as the top teams in the league.

"I'm not surprised because I knew the talent was there," said Deary-Fillmore about Hussong. "I'm not surprised because I knew the talent was there, and it was there."

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Like any coach before the season started, Murdock and his team needed to figure out what they could do to improve their chances of taking the state title.

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POLICE LOG

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TROOP D ARREST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Allen Campbell, 31, of 126 State Ave., Woodstock, was charged with operating under the influence of controlled or mind-altering drugs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Jeffrey Valentine, 22, of 201 Broad St., Willimantic, was charged with violation of probation, failure to appear (2nd), and disorderly conduct.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Jennifer Garcia, 29, of 253 School St., Woodstock, was charged with failure to appear (2nd).

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Zakary Arraje, 21, of 24 David Circle, was charged with interfering with an officer (3rd degree), and disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Suzanne Plevac, 36, of 190 Brookline Ave., Putnam, was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Randy Jean-Louis, 22, of 187 Park St., Putnam, was charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

DANIELSON, SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Derek Ayers, 29, of 8 Fay Road, Pomfret, was charged with interfering with an officer (2nd degree), and failure to appear in court.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Zakary Arraje, 21, of 24 David Circle, was charged with driving without a license and failure to appear (2nd).

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

José Medrano, 42, of 117 Park St., Boston, was charged with driving without a license (3rd degree) and failure to appear in court.

By Mike Bogdanski

Editor's Note: The Village — currently wrapped up a two-month-long, nine-episode reality show that stars one of the biggest names in Water Clare Cranes at Jaffrey Fitness, check out our article at new-constructionplus.com for past editions. This show, Martin Cranes and Jaffrey Cranes Crane, is a hit to the local community.

First, a big congratulations to you Clare, for achieving your weight loss and overall goal of achieving a new on a road to a long and healthy life. And just before the New Year, Clare and I charted out a New Year’s resolution story. I thought it would be a great idea for us to come back and chart out her progress in the experience and after speaking to her editor I am going to start a blog.

Just after Jan. 1, we met to plan Clare’s fitness journey. We weighed her, determined her body fat and body mass index to get a baseline. Clare has not been exercising much prior to meeting with us, but she did seem to be in a shape average. Her body mass index was slightly overweight but not so much that we felt she was going to be heat in the slightest. Clare is determined to make serious gains in just eight weeks and I told her that this was going to be challenging because she was de-conditioned and had to get back into shape with very little endurance. She said she was ready to achieve a goal prior to the New Year, in just eight weeks, which an average person would have done in 24.

Clare’s goal for week one number one which should have been a month) was to build a core and enhance her fitness level. She wanted to get rid of that belly fat and get a little more muscle tone. She set a date to begin.

In each week of training, Clare followed a routine designed to improve cardiovascular, strength and flexibility through a week training schedule.

In week one, Clare followed a regular one on improving core strength and flexibility. This method works well to help assimilate new members into learning about our programs and getting their muscles ready for weight loss in this short a time. It is necessary to have goals and always work towards them and keep pushing. This method also has videos on our website of how to use our equipment. We also have videos on our website of how to use our equipment.

With group fitness classes, one of several times and Clare’s determination, week by week, the weight came off. Clare has cemented a new lifestyle where she can now follow a maintenance program to keep herself fit. For the next few weeks, we will be checking her progress as she gets back into shape.

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What makes Norman run?

Norman Seney Jr., last year’s winner of the Midtown Fitness Biggest Loser competition, stands next to the entrance of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford. Seney is raising in April’s Boston Marathon to raise money for the camp.

SENEY JR. TALKS ‘BIGGEST LOSER,’ BOSTON MARATHON TRAINING

BY JACI MELTZER
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

The 2010 Midtown Fitness “Biggest Loser” winner, Norman Seney, Jr. of North Grosvenordale, husband and father of two, is now running for a different, more important reason.

Seney lost 52 pounds during the 10-week competition last year with a final weight of 133 pounds. Seney is currently fundraising to run the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18, for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford.

The philanthropist sat down with The Villager last week to talk about weight loss, keeping it off, and why he feels a calling to run in the region’s most popular marathon.

To donate to Seney’s cause, visit www.holeinthewallgang.org.

What made you decide to run the Boston Marathon this year?

“I’ve been wanting to do this for years, and for my age group, it’s kind of a hard number to hit, to qualify. In order to qualify you have to qualify through another marathon, which I would never be able to hit that number. I looked online for charities and The Hole in the Wall Gang popped up. I liked it, and I knew it, I drive by it every day on the way to work. I gave them a call and they said if I wanted to participate I had to raise $4,000. It’s a non-profit camp for kids with cancer and other illnesses. It pays for a child to go for a week during the summer. It’s a chance for them to get away from their problems.

“My wife and I took a warm-weather trip to Florida right after the contest. We got out of the cold weather and I was thinking about is the kids, and how I can give them something. And a lot of what I’m thinking about is the kids, and how they’ll think about me when I’m gone. And a lot of what I’m thinking about is the kids, and what they are going through in their lives. Running is nothing, when this kid is battling cancer at age of five or six and smiling and having a great old time, and life is just: ‘I’ve got to do it, I’ve got to do it. And, everyone who has donated to me so far: I can’t let them down. I can’t say ‘Let me have your money and not finish.’”

“I lost 52 pounds last year; I still don’t think I am at that point yet.”

How much weight did you lose since last year’s “Biggest Loser” competition at Midtown Fitness?

“Weighed in at about 200 pounds last year. The furthest I’ve done so far is a little over 18 miles, but that was on the treadmill at the gym. Which is pure, absolute misery.

Things go through your mind when you’re running? I mean your legs are hurting, you’re sweating, and you have to get through it. I’m trying to do all these little things throughout the year.”

What was life like before you lost the weight compared to the way you feel now?

“Personally, it’s a lot more difficult now. Before, I was fat and jolly. I could walk around and do whatever. And now, it’s like I have to get to the gym, I have to work out. Before it was wake up in the morning and lounge around and who cares. Now, it’s: ‘I have to get to work, wake up; I just went to work, so I want to keep going tomorrow.’”

“In running the Boston Marathon purely a goal for yourself or are you trying to raise money for a cause? Or maybe a balance of both?"

“It’s for both. It’s something that I have to do, and obviously I am trying to raise money for The Hole in the Wall. I’m looking to raise $4,000. It’s the minimum amount that I have to raise. That’s the money they come up with, and then if you can raise more, God bless you.

“I thought it was going to be a lot easier to raise money. We’re doing OK. It has been difficult, because I am working, and then I have to run every day and I am running, but I want to get out there again and put my face out there to people and I’m not really the type of guy who likes to ask people for things. It’s like, I ask once, and then that’s it. I don’t bother them anymore. If you want to donate, great. If you’re not going to push people. ‘This is my story. (laughing)’

What was your reason for running the Boston Marathon this year for a cause?

“I have run three or four half marathons before, which is 13.1 miles.”

How do you maintain your health on the road?

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Do you have any words of inspiration to someone who wants to lose weight?

“I don’t know. If I can do it, pretty much anybody can do it. It’s just a matter of wanting it and getting out there and doing it. I’m trying to do all these little things throughout the year.”

What’s next after this marathon?

“Recovery. There’s a couple things I have going on during the summer: I am going to do the triathlon in Webster, Mass. — The Webster Lake Triathlon, I did it last year and I did it again this year. It’s a half-mile swim, 13-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run.”

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Blanche L. Frappier, 92

Reino T. (Ray) Asikainen, Jr., 86,

Marbleborough, Mass. - Blanche L. Frappier, 92, of 28 Main St., Putnam, Conn., widow of the late Edward A. Frappier of Southbridge, Mass., died March 8, 2011 in Southbridge, Mass., after a long illness. She was born on October 21, 1918 in Putnam, Conn., the daughter of the late Horace and Jennie (Leaton) Frappier.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary E. Frappier of Southbridge; a daughter, Gail A. Frappier of Southbridge; her husband John F. Frappier of Southbridge; brothers, George E. and Emma (Upham) Morse and Daniel F. Morse of Southbridge, and sisters, Margaret Combs of Plainfield, Mass., and five great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Peter M. Frappier of Southbridge, Mass., Don F. Frappier Sr. and Robert A. Frappier of Southbridge, Mass.; a daughter, Margaret A. (Frappier) Davis of Southbridge, Mass.; Harriet Cartier of San Diego, Calif.; Virginia (Morse) Kutyna of Southbridge, Mass.; Theresa Richer of Southbridge, Mass.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

OBITUARIES

Alicia M. Glaude, 84

Plainfield - Alicia M. Glaude, 84, of 34 Maple Shade Avenue, beloved wife of Richard G. Glaude, Jr., died peacefully on March 11, 2011 at Winsted Hospital. She was born in Plainfield on July 10, 1926, the daughter of the late John and Theresa (McNamara) Glaude of Plainfield.

She was a devoted daughter of her parents and their four sons, John, Mary, George and Joseph. An active member of the Plainfield Community Church, she was a past member of the Plainfield Garden Club and the Plainfield Historical Society. Alicia was a long time resident of Putnam and Putnam Community Church, where she taught religious education for many years.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her four sons, Richard M. Glaude III and his wife Betty of Unionville, Conn., John G. Glaude of Southbridge, Mass., Gary G. Glaude of Sturbridge, Mass., and Michael D. Glaude of Putnam, Conn.; five grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew, Ashley, Emily and Matthew; and three great-grandchildren, William,吴寒冰 and Anna.

OBITUARIES

Girard G. Miller, 86

Sterling - Girard G. "George" Miller, 86, of 122 South Rd., died peacefully on March 4, 2011 at Winsted Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 26, 1924, the son of the late John and Priscilla (Henderson) Miller of North Adams, Mass.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Scott Miller of Chatham, Mass., Gary Miller and Gary "Dewey" Miller, all of Sterling, and a brother-in-law, Robert Murphy of Enfield, Conn., and his husband John of Messing, one granddaughter, Gayle George Miller and Donald Miller, both of Messing, and a great granddaughter, Brooklyn and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Patricia Gilbert, and his son James Miller.

A service will be held to celebrate his life on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Town Chapel, 2 South Rd., Southbridge, with Rev. John Danforth officiating. Interment will be at St. John the Apostle Cemetery, Southbridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Little League, 256 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor A. Vincent, 68

Sterling - Eleanor A. Vincent, 68 of 850 Thompson Rd., Sterling, died Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Onslow Community Senior Center in Sterling. She was born in Southbridge on October 10, 1942, the daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Stevenson) Vincent.

She was the beloved wife of John F. Vincent of Sterling.

She is survived by her brother, Donald A. Semensky of Deerfield and her two sons, Donald A. Semensky and Edward F. Semensky Sr. of Deerfield.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis (Morse) Rutanen, 87

Southbridge, Mass. - Phyllis (Morse) Rutanen, 87, formerly of North Woodstock, Conn., died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at Ridgewood Nursing Home in Southbridge. She was born on February 15, 1924, the daughter of the late George J. L. and Lula (Michaud) Morse of Southbridge.

Phyllis was a resident of North Woodstock for nearly 50 years, before moving to Southbridge. She leaves two sons, William Rutanen of Portland, Ore. and Daniel Morse of North Woodstock.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Richard and Robert Morse.

OBITUARIES

Michael T. Moriarity, 87


He was a resident of Southbridge for over 50 years, and is survived by his wife of 64 years, Isabel (Carroll) Moriarity of Southbridge; his son, Robert R. Moriarity of Southbridge; his daughter, Margaret Moriarity of Southbridge; his three grandchildren, Daniel, Thomas, and Laura; and his great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Phillip.

OBITUARIES

Rob Roy Macgregor, 97

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Jeanne M. Semensky, 84

She was the beloved husband of the late Anne (Foster) Macgregor. He was the father of the late Rob R. Macgregor.

He was predeceased by his twin sister, Lea E. Asikainen; his brother, Asikainen, Sr.; and his brother-in-law, Rolf and Irene Swanson of Thompson.

OBITUARIES

Roland L. Leonard, 79


He was the beloved husband of his wife, Francine (Thompson) Leonard of North Webster.

He was the father of his twin sons, Scott and Steven Leonard of Webster; and his daughter, Priscilla A. Leonard of North Webster.

OBITUARIES

Rob Roy Macgregor, 97

Gilmour Funeral Home is assisting with his arrangements.

For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmourAndMacgregor.com.

Jeanne M. Semensky, 84

She was the daughter of the late Ralph and Leon Leonard. He earned a bachelor's degree at Wilkes University and an MBA at the Harvard Business School.

He was the beloved husband of the late Priscilla McKeon; he was the father of his twin sons, Scott and Steven Leonard of Webster, Mass.; Harriet Cartier of San Diego, Calif.; Amanda Leonard of Putting, Conn.; Jeanne M. Semensky of Portland, Ore.; Edward E. (Sandra) Semensky of Sturbridge, Mass.; and four great-great grandchildren, Abigail, Molly, Michael, and Jennifer.

He was the beloved husband of the late Anne M. (Foster) Macgregor. He was the father of the late Rob R. Macgregor.

He was predeceased by his twin sister, Lea E. Asikainen; his brother, Asikainen, Sr.; and his brother-in-law, Rolf and Irene Swanson of Thompson.

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Thursday, March 17

Brooklyn

The Sarah W. Danielsen \chaptername{Chapter}, Daughters of the American Revolution, 710 Orange Ave., Brookfield, will hold its annual dinner meeting at 17 Mill Hill Road, Pomfret, Saturday, March 17 at the Palm Haven Event Center, 185 Broad St., Danielson. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children 7 and under. Reservations are required to help us keep the membership records current. Tickets may be ordered by contacting Mike Hannan at (860) 447-2592. Please call 860-779-1886 to arrange for pickup. All proceeds will benefit Killingly High School Project Graduation - Class of 2011.

Tuesday, March 22

Putnam

The Making of America Seminar, a program series sponsored by the Danielson Historical Society, is open to the public. The Making of America Seminar will explore the history of southern African-Americans in the Northeastern United States with a focus on “Elizabeth Keckly: African American Woman to Whom Mary Todd Lincoln Turned for Help,” which will be presented on Saturday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Thompson School auditorium. This program is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A free, public (and exciting) event is happening in Woodstock on March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Thompson School auditorium. The theme for this year’s event is “The Community Conversation for Educators: National Endowment for the Humanities Students for a Global Society: Info can be found at the Thompson School auditorium. EarthAbundance.org.

Sunday, March 20

Putnam

A Connecticut Safe Routing Course will be held on Saturday, March 20, at the Murphy Park Building, Putnam. Participants will learn how to design and build bicycle and pedestrian routes. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, call (860) 328-0631 or visit vialubar.com.

North Groton/Valley

Several classes will be held at the Danielson High School in the next few weeks. For more information, call Karen Zeh at (860) 779-1886.

Wednesday, March 16

Thompson

Thompson Recreation presents a St. Patrick’s Day Musical Celebration Monday, March 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Thompson School. The cost is $20 for adults and $15 for children 8 and under.

Tuesday, March 15

Sterling

For those who would like to learn more about American history and the Civil War, there will be a program titled “Elizabeth Keckly: African American Woman to Whom Mary Todd Lincoln Turned for Help,” which will be presented on Saturday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Thompson School auditorium. This program is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A free, public (and exciting) event is happening in Woodstock on March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Thompson School auditorium. The theme for this year’s event is “The Community Conversation for Educators: National Endowment for the Humanities Students for a Global Society: Info can be found at the Thompson School auditorium. EarthAbundance.org.
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The Lexus IS350 has been redesigned for 2011 with exterior improvements as well as the optional coupling of all-wheel drive to the IS350.

The all-wheel drive option had only been available previously on the Lexus IS250. But now Lexus has wisely made it available on the more potent IS350 that has a 3.5-liter V6 that offers a more potent 350 horsepower at 6,800 RPM and 277 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,800 rpm.

Normally a 10 percent drop in torque below horsepower would concern me but I discerned no problems with the IS350's performance. Lexus says it is capable of a 5.7-second 0-60 time. That's plenty quick for any driving circumstance. The all-wheel drive option is not just needed for inclement weather. When it's not moving outside (a fact that seemingly hasn't occurred since Christmas), the all-wheel drive is going to greatly enhance performance on what is normally a rear-wheel drive sedan. One can argue about front-wheel drive vs. rear-wheel drive when it comes to handling, but you can't dispute that all-wheel drive simply trumps both.

The all-wheel drive version could be a big winner for Lexus. The IS250 AWD version accounts for 30 percent of IS250 sales in the United States. Granted, some IS250 AWD buyers will move up to the IS350 but the additional of AWD should attract new luxury buyers to the brand who may have been underwhelmed by the power of the IS250.

In addition to the all-wheel drive, the IS350 also offers Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM), which Lexus says is designed to anticipate the onset of a vehicle skid or slide and help correct the situation with a combination of braking and throttle control. VDIM integration provides precise management for electric power steering (EPS), vehicle stability control (VSC), the anti-lock braking system (ABS), brake assist (BA), and traction control (TRAC). The driver can disengage VSC via the “TRAC off” switch, which can be useful in certain situations.

One of those situations would actually be in inclement weather. If you’re sliding on a hilly road, you might want to consider disengaging traction control because it can work against you in certain situations with its greater tire spin as it tries to gain purchase.

Of course, there is going to be a price to pay at the pumps because of all-wheel drive. Its combined fuel economy is 20 mpg compared to 22 mpg for the rear-wheel drive IS350. In a year’s time, that is going to cost you $275 for the AWD vs. $2288 for the RWD version.

Speaking of cost, there is a premium for the all-wheel drive IS350 in addition to that paid at the pump. The model listed to me by Lexus cost $41,030 before the $875 delivery charge. The base IS350 with rear-wheel drive starts at $39,070. It’s worth paying the extra money, if you’re looking to purchase, to deal with our New England weather.

The exterior of the Lexus IS350 has been redesigned for 2011. A new front grille and bumper distinguish the IS sedan for 2011, while at the rear, the models show a new tail lamp design and taillight design. New high-intensity discharge (HID) headlamps with LED daytime running lights are standard on the IS 350.

Probably the biggest flaw with the Lexus IS350 would be its cramped rear seats. Lexus says there is 38.4 inches of legroom in the rear seats, which puts it a full four inches behind the BMW 3 series sedan that has an inch longer wheelbase. This isn’t necessarily a deal breaker. You just need to decide how often you are going to use your Lexus IS350.

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