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Chamber presents Courage in the Face of COVID Awards

REGION — The Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce today announced the names of 32 recipients for their Courage in the Face of COVID awards. Chamber President Shawn Johnston noted that the awards recognize extraordinary work under extraordinary circumstances. The Courage in the Face of COVID awards seek to shine a spotlight on the amazing spirit of humanitarian service, compassion and volunteerism during some of the darkest days of COVID. Award recipients were selected following a lengthy nomination and review process. Winners will be recognized on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the Willimantic Elks Club as part of the Chamber's Business Showcase event.

Courage in the Face of COVID recipients include:

Backus Hospital (Plainfield) for your tireless care of the sick and your selfless work to protect the residents of our communities through COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming.

Big Y Grocery Stores in Killingly, Mansfield and Plainfield - for the dedication of members of management and every essential frontline worker who continued to ensure food supply and a safe

shopping environment for the residents of our region.

Willie Bousquet (Town of Putnam) - for your innovative approach to entertain and raise the spirits of the residents of our region through unique and safe recreational programming.

Covenant Soup Kitchen- for utilizing innovative measures to care for and support some of our most vulnerable members of our population.

Day Kimball Healthcare- for your tireless care of the sick and your selfless work to protect the residents of our communities through COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming.

Christiana Dennis-Fallah (Matulaitis Nursing Home) - for your dedicated and selfless efforts to ensure the well-being and health of the staff and residents of Matulaitis Nursing Home.

Friends of Assisi Food Pantry- for utilizing innovative measures to care for and support some of the most vulnerable members of our population.

Generations Family Health Center in Danielson, Putnam and Willimantic- for your tireless care of the sick and your selfless work to protect the

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Alzheimer's Walk makes Putnam debut



Photos Jason Bleau

Participants in the annual Eastern Connecticut Walk to End Alzheimer's raise up colored flowers each representing different groups impacted by the disease.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PUTNAM - The Eastern Connecticut Walk to End Alzheimer's made its first ever stop in Putnam on Saturday, Sept. 25, taking walkers along the Putnam River Trail following a ceremony at Rotary Park.

The annual event which raises funds to help find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease and related ailments made its first appearances in Northeastern Connecticut in conjunction with another annual walk in New London as part of an expansion of the walk to a new region of

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Congratulations, Doris and Eugene Larrow!



On September 20th, Doris and Eugene Larrow celebrated their 70th anniversary, a very special milestone that fewer than one in one thousand couples reach.

Since 1951, the two have built quite a life together and for their sons — "the

four good boys" - Gene, Ron, Randy and Rudy. To celebrate and reflect on their time together, the family recently gathered at Hank's Restaurant, sharing old photos and happy memories, and looking back on all that Doris and Eugene started.

They taught their kids right from wrong, the value of a dollar, the importance of fairness and showed them firsthand what it means to have a strong work ethic. They shared advice like to "take care of your own tomatoes" and that in life, "every bump is a boost." But most importantly, they've shown the finest example of true love and devotion to one another and to their family.

Congratulations, Doris and Eugene!

May you have many more happy memories together, "side by side."



Killingly unveils aerial attack in win over Spartans

KILLINGLY — There is no shortage of storylines coming out of the undefeated Killingly High football team's 54-8 walloping of Lewis Mills High on Friday, Sept. 24.

The team responded to an early timeout called by head coach Chad Neal.

Killingly's ground-and-pound, running game was complemented by an aerial attack.

Jack Sharpe was sharp again.

The Killingly community rejoiced in the return of high school football.

A somewhat lackluster Killingly defensive effort on the opening drive of the game by Lewis Mills stalled and resulted in a punt by the Spartans to the Killingly 20-yard line. On Killingly's first offensive play from scrimmage Sharpe fumbled, the ball recovered by Lewis Mills at the Killingly 30-yard line. Right after the Sharpe fumble Killingly head coach Chad Neal called timeout.

"I felt I needed to remind the team to just calm down and play football," said Neal, whose team improved to 3-0 with the win. "We weren't making our reads; we weren't doing our own jobs. So I told them to just slow down and play football. That timeout, at that time, seemed to work for us."

Although it didn't work right away, Lewis Mills scored on the ensuing drive,



Photos Jason McKay

Ben Jax of Killingly leaps off his feet in an attempt to haul in a spectacular catch.

tacked on a two-point conversion — on a fake PAT — and took an 8-0 lead less than five minutes into the game. On the Spartans' scoring drive however, despite giving up a touchdown, the defense looked sharper.

Thomas Dreibholz, Killingly's junior quarterback, finished the game completing 7 of 14 passes for 128 yards. His favorite target was classmate Ben Jax, who caught four passes for 103 yards (he also rushed three times for 19 yards, includ-

ing Killingly's first score, an eight-yard touchdown run on a reverse).

Dreibholz's 14 pass attempts were the most by a Killingly varsity football team in a very long time.

"I was a little surprised after the game when I heard we threw the ball 14 times, but throughout the week the coaching staff was telling me they were going to throw a lot. I was excited about that," said Dreibholz, who

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Faith Bible Evangelical Church holds annual giveaway



Photo Jason Bleau

The Faith Bible Evangelical Church in Woodstock held its fall giveaway event on Sept. 25, offering free goods ranging from cloths to furniture and everything in between.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WOODSTOCK - The Faith Bible Evangelical Church in Woodstock nestled on the backroads of Route 171 had long played host to a giveaway event twice a year allowing the public access to all kinds of goods free of charge from the church's barn.

The tradition continued on Saturday, Sept. 25 with the annual fall give away event that church Pastor Mitch Santelli said is comprised completely of donated goods collected each year to help those in need.

"We acquire through the different families in the community furniture or appliances, seasonal items, kitchenware, dishes, even toys and we accumulate that throughout the

year and hold two giveaways a year," said the Pastor. "We like to give and when someone is in need it's good to see their face when they see something they need, and they can have it for nothing."

The church holds the giveaway event twice annually, one in the spring and summer months and another in the fall. However, their generosity is not just limited to these two yearly events. Pastor Mitch said the idea behind collecting the donations is to be generous and help those who may be going through rough times, whether in extreme or very minor scenarios.

"Sometimes during the year, people get a fire in their house or apartment, or they have to

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Three Eastern faculty authors publish new books

WILLIMANTIC — Three faculty members from Eastern Connecticut State University have recently published academic books spanning philosophy, Caribbean economics and the musicality of film. Political science professor Christopher Vasilopoulos is the author of “Aristotle’s Ghost: How Good Free Men Built Good Free America”; Sociology professor Dennis Canterbury authored “Caribbean Development in the New Multipolar World Order”; and music professor Timothy Cochran authored “Musical Sincerity and Transcendence in Film.”

Vasilopoulos and ‘alter ego’ author book on state of America

Political science professor Christopher Vasilopoulos of Groton published “Aristotle’s Ghost: How Good Free Men Built Good Free America.” The publisher, Outskirts Press, said the book does not fit a traditional genre. “It is a multiple hybrid: history, comparative government, political theory, developmental economics, conceptual analysis, history of ideas and memoir. The author discusses his work with his alter ego, Aristotle, often by comparing Ancient Greece with American history from Plymouth Rock to Black Lives Matter. (The book’s) dialogic structure invites the reader to come to his or her own conclusions about the complexities of the American experience.”

Vasilopoulos said the different modes of discussion intentionally overlap. “The separation of academic disciplines is artificial. Any complex matter cannot be understood in one way or from one perspective. This is one of the major themes of the book. You cannot understand one field without some understanding of related fields.”

Vasilopoulos said white supremacy in America is a major theme in the book, but that Black Lives Matter is not the solution. “I wrote the book to share my understanding of the American experience with a wide audience. I would

like the reader to understand that it is impossible to understand complex events unless one can detach oneself from the emotions they provoke. In the book, this is conveyed by the differences between the author and his alter ego on matters like abortion and the Civil War. I want the reader to make up his or her own mind.”

Students who have had Vasilopoulos in class enjoy his approach to political and social issues. “I am enjoying your classes tremendously,” said Aidan Reiss, a first-year music major from Stafford. “Your perspectives on the past . . . are funny, realistic, down-to-earth and completely practical, something that is difficult to do considering the global situation right now. I am a fan of your talks, and I learn a tremendous amount from them.”

Canterbury authors book on development in Caribbean countries

Sociology professor Dennis Canterbury of Willimantic recently published a book that tackles capitalism, power and the imperial state within Caribbean countries. Titled “Caribbean Development in the New Multipolar World Order,” the book explores “Post-neoliberal, new multipolar world order based on competition and cooperation by the United States, the European Union, China and Russia for natural resources and markets.”

Born in Guyana, Canterbury’s research interests include extractive studies, Caribbean development, financialization, migration and trade. Because of his specialization in Caribbean countries, many of his previous works and teaching interests revolve around globalization, labor and development on islands that are found in the Caribbean Sea.

In his book Canterbury writes of the power the United States has had over other countries; as the years continue, that narrative is changing. “The United States is no longer the sole superpow-

er,” said Canterbury. “It now has competitors in the international arena. Since the Caribbean is so dependent on the United States, I wanted to know what the region should and could do given this change.”

Consisting of 12 chapters ranging from topics such as “The Caribbean Making America Great Again” to “Theoretical Advances with Caribbean Capitalist Development,” Canterbury’s book took four years to complete and was published by Routledge, the British multinational publisher.

Cochran authors book on music in film

Music professor Timothy Cochran of Mansfield recently published a book titled “Musical Sincerity and Transcendence in Film.” The book, which analyses the impact of music in films, was published by Routledge, a multinational publishing company that specializes in academic journals, books and online resources.

Originating as a study of a multitude of different film genres and issues, Cochran’s work developed into an analysis of the activities that corresponded with a film’s music such as dancing, singing and having memories activated.

Over time, his research developed and took on a life of its own, growing from the simple inclusion of musical moments, to what those decisions say about the pieces selected for the scene they are in, and what this says about the way the musical piece is viewed.

From there, Cochran explored the historical roots of these ideas.

“It was exciting to analyze music’s role in these film scenes,” says Cochran, “but even more so to connect those analyses to broader historical, cultural, philosophical and musical issues as the book’s broader themes took shape—those themes being how filmmakers frame music as a way of pursuing sincere human connection and transcen-

dent experiences.”

Broken up into six chapters, the book analyses films such as “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” “Moonrise Kingdom,” “WALL-E” and “The Sound of Music.” Using famous pieces such as Claude Debussy’s “Claire de Lune” and Franz Schubert’s “An die Musik,” Cochran stresses the significance of these examples, saying, “Filmmakers use music as a way of expressing and exploring human desires for sincerity and transcendence. Music can be a particularly potent way of articulating and revealing those desires, and the book shows how filmmakers use music in this way.”

Along with the progression of his research and writing, Cochran is active as a member of Eastern’s teaching faculty. He finds that by continuing his research, he can connect his findings to what he teaches students. With classes focusing on popular, classical and film music, he holds unique outlooks on his students’ research and writing processes, as they parallel his own work. Cochran also says he finds teaching and research interconnected, saying, “I’m a better teacher when I’m doing research because I’m practicing asking the kinds of questions and doing the kinds of analysis that I teach my students to do.”

However, this doesn’t mean he wants his work limited only to the music field.

“I hope the eclecticism serves a broad audience of people interested in film music,” explains Cochran.

He also has found that his research is relevant to current times, as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. The examination of the major themes of his books, especially through a musical lens “will resonate with people during our era of COVID and other forms of instability where a lot of people are feeling disconnected and lonely, wishing for life to be back to normal, and questioning where hope and meaning come from.”

Pomfret needs a Poet Laureate!

POMFRET — On Aug. 2, the Pomfret Board of Selectmen approved a resolution creating the position of “Pomfret

Poet Laureate.” The resolution is designed to support literacy and imagination, foster young poets and to offer a new

way to commemorate life in the community through poetry. Nominations (including self-nomination) of interested poets who reside in Pomfret should be made by Friday, Oct. 29. The Pomfret Poet Laureate will serve a two-year uncompensated term with potential for another consecutive term. The Library Board of Trustees administers this unpaid position and its functions. Full details regarding requirements for nomination and responsibilities can be found at www.pomfretlibrary.org.


The Pomfret Public Library’s Board of Trustees will consider all nominations, select a poet laureate, and recommend that person to the Pomfret Board of Selectmen, who will appoint the Pomfret Poet Laureate. Requirements for nominees include residency in the town of Pomfret, being over 18 years of age, excellence as evidenced by submitted poetry examples and history of publication, a history of activity advancing poetry in the Pomfret area and its literary community, and excellence as shown by recognition, awards, and so forth.

The goal of establishing a Pomfret Poet Laureate is to “promote poetry, good writing, reading, and imagination,” to inspire people to “promote literacy through poetry,” and to add a new way to commemorate Pomfret and its life by

“composing poetry that speaks to, for, and of our town.” The poet laureate should also help “foster the development of youth poetry...and help provide a platform for emerging young poets to present their works in conjunction with Library and Town-sponsored events.” The selectmen’s full resolution can be read at www.pomfretct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli3701/f/uploads/202108121250.pdf.

Do you or someone you know fit the bill for Pomfret Poet Laureate? If so, limber up your pen (or keyboard), and submit a nomination to: librarian@pomfretlibrary.org. The board will consider all nominees and recommend one to the selectmen for two years of literary glory.

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Public Forum

October 12th • 7:00 pm

The Town of Woodstock invites all residents to a Public Forum on October 12th at the Woodstock Middle School gymnasium, located at 147B Route 169. The forum will follow the Special Town Meeting which begins at 7 pm.


The purpose of the forum is to present information on American Rescue Plan funds. Town officials seek to work as a team with citizens to develop a proposal on how to best meet the needs of the community while staying within the funding guidelines.

Both meetings will be hybrid, you can register for a Zoom link at woodstockct.gov, click the Information on the American Rescue Plan Act under the News section. Questions and suggestions can also be emailed to arpa2021@woodstockct.gov

After a year without Spooky Nights, we are returning with a new, and equally bone-chilling event

Brooklyn FEARGROUNDS !!!

RAIN or SHINE EVENT



Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Presents FEARgrounds!

When: Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th
Where: Brooklyn Fairgrounds.
Times: Fairgrounds open at 5:00pm for ticket sales.
Bonfire area opens at 5:00pm.
Haunted Houses open at 6:00pm. Ticket sales and gates close at 9:00pm.
Price: \$10.00 per person

Includes 2 Haunted Houses and bonfire area!

Number of tickets limited each evening.
\$5.00 bonfire area only.
Everyone entering “houses” will require a full admissions ticket.
Masks are required inside the buildings only
(covers for nose and mouth only, no full face Halloween masks.)

Ticket Venues: Hurme TV & Appliance, Danielson Surplus, Hank’s Restaurant, WINY Radio and the Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Dept. (Cash accepted at all ticket venues. Checks and Cards also accepted at our office)

Both houses will contain traditional Halloween themed scenes and characters and may not be suitable for some children. Please use your discretion when purchasing tickets.
No refunds are given for purchased tickets.

Check out this event and all our upcoming programs and events at www.brooklynvt.org or on our Facebook page at Town of Brooklyn Parks & Recreation. 860-779-3411 Option 7
Office address: 69 South Main St – Brooklyn, Ct

Check out our Face Painter, DJ and “Rings of Fire” Hula Hoop entertainer, food vendors & more at our bonfire area.

And don’t forget to purchase your t-shirt. IF you survive FEARgrounds!

Bailey Pepin enrolls at University of Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio — Bailey Pepin, of Dayville, has enrolled at the University of Findlay for fall 2021. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 16.

Pepin is pursuing a degree in equestrian studies.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the

next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

Woodstock to host forum on ARPA funds

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At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Sept. 20: Blackpoll Warbler, American Redstart, Black and White Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Black Vulture, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Barred Owl, Phoebe, Rudy-crowned Kinglet, House Wren, Veery, Swainson’s Thrush, Wood Thrush, Eastern Towhee, Lincoln’s Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.

Day Kimball Healthcare to offer free mammogram event

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) invites eligible women to a free Mammogram Screening Day in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield.

This free mammogram screening event is supported by the Connecticut Early Detection and Prevention Program (CEDPP)*, and the Connecticut Well Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation Program (WISEWOMAN).

To be eligible for a free mammogram, a woman must have income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level, be 40 or more years of age, haven't had a mammogram in the past 12 months, and must have no health insurance. Individuals who have an insurance

deductible of \$1,000 or more are eligible for the CEDPP program if additional screenings and tests are required after their initial preventative mammogram.

Registration is required and mammogram appointments are limited. For more information and to determine eligibility for the free mammogram screening event, please contact Dawn Hippert, RN, BSN, women's health system and clinical navigator, at (860) 963-3864.

To learn more about early detection and women's health services at DKH visit daykimball.org/women. For more information about diagnostic imaging at DKH visit daykimball.org/diagnostics.

*The Connecticut Early Detection and Prevention Program funded by the Connecticut Department of Public

Health and the Centers for Disease Control for the period of Jan. 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.



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move and they don't have the right stuff to furnish their new home. They can reach out to me, and we use this to help them gather themselves back up," the Pastor explained.

The church accepts donations year-round although they are moving away from making pick-ups due to limitations in manpower and vehicles. Those wishing to donate or who may need to benefit from the Faith Bible Evangelical Church's generosity can call Pastor Mitch at 860-933-5304. The next free giveaway event had been planned for May of 2022.

WALKING FOR ALZHEIMER'S



Photo Courtesy

Last Saturday, Team Creamery Brook Village walked in Putnam at the Alzheimer's Walk. We raised \$7,361.70 for the Alzheimer's Association! We usually walk in New London, but this year they added a second walk location in Putnam. Our Alzheimer's page link is <http://act.alz.org/goto/ConnecticutBaptistHomes>.

Eastern holds fourth annual Andrej 5K

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University held the 4th Annual Andrej 5K Fun Run/Walk at Mansfield Hollow State Park on Sept. 18. Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement, the annual race raises funds for the Andrej Cavarkapa Memorial Scholarship, in memory of late Eastern alumnus Andrej Cavarkapa '09.

More than 160 people participated in the event, which was split into six races - four in-person and two virtual. Including the \$11,000 that was generated this year, the Andrej 5K has raised more than \$35,000 since its 2017 inception. The Andrej Cavarkapa Memorial Endowed Scholarship has grown to more than \$80,000 thanks to these events and support from the Cavarkapa Family.

The event was organized by friends and Eastern alumni Jackie Fedor '12, Heather Lepper '12, Maggie Gibeault '12, Hannah Lawrie and Emma Bounty, and included volunteers from Eastern's Center for Community Engagement (CCE), the Kappa Sigma ECSU Fraternity and the University of Connecticut.

Neighboring high schools such as E.O. Smith and RHAM, where Cavarkapa taught, were also invited. With degrees in biology, biochemistry and education, Cavarkapa taught high school science with a focus in physics and chemistry.

Every year the Andrej Cavarkapa Memorial Scholarship is awarded to two recipients. For more information about the scholarship and its history, visit <https://www.easternct.edu/scholarships/individual-scholarships/andrej-cavarkapa-09-memorial-endowed-scholarship.html>. Donations can be made at <https://ecsufoundation.com/andrej5k/>.

Joshua Barker of Putnam enrolls at Lasell University

NEWTON, Mass. — Joshua Barker of Putnam joined the Lasell University community as a student this fall.

Barker is majoring in forensic science. Lasell, located in Newton, Massachusetts, began its fall semester with a fully operational campus. New and returning students began classes in early September. Among the first gatherings held was Lasell's annual U-Belong event, a celebration of connectivity, inclusivity, and friendship.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

Aidan Morin of Brooklyn enrolls at Lasell University in Newton

NEWTON, Mass. — Aidan Morin of Brooklyn joined the Lasell University community as a student this fall.

Morin is majoring in sport management. Lasell, located in Newton, Massachusetts, began its fall semester with a fully operational campus. New and returning students began classes in early September. Among the first gatherings held was Lasell's annual U-Belong event, a celebration of connectivity, inclusivity, and friendship.

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GOOD NEWS



Night of the Living Dead

October 15th - October 31st
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm - Sundays at 2:00pm

The zombie apocalypse is here! Will the ragtag group of survivors holed up in an old farmhouse make it through the night? Or will they fall victim to the ravaging, flesh-eating hordes just outside the door? Come see George A. Romero's cult classic brought to grisly life on the Bradley stage!

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Rectory School receives International Paper Foundation grant

POMFRET — Rectory School has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from International Paper’s Putnam Mill and the International Paper Foundation. Funds will support the Rectory Reads program, which provides literacy resources and supplies for students with learning differences.

Rectory School serves a diverse body of students, a community which includes many students seeking reading and writing support. Rectory’s elementary school and middle school Individualized Instruction Program offer students the opportunity to work one-on-one with teachers or learning specialists in order to improve their literacy skills. This grant from the International Paper Foundation will equip Rectory faculty with the tools they need to provide resources to students and to assess current programs to determine necessary improvements. The resources will also help students learn in collaboration with their teachers while developing the independent learning strategies that are critical to future success.

Representatives from Rectory School indicated the benefits of this support will be felt immediately by the students. Rectory’s Elementary School Director, Maria Carpenter, said, “Our elementary faculty are excited to purchase a range of decodable texts for our elementary classrooms that are content specific to our Science and Social Studies curricula. We know that until children can decode complex texts on their own, spoken language gives them a chance to practice thinking about complex ideas. These decodable texts will allow each student to engage in



Photo Courtesy

Employees from International Paper’s Putnam facility presented a grant to representatives of Rectory School’s faculty and administration. Pictured are, left to right: Maria Carpenter, Director of the Rectory Elementary School, Megan Dalena, IP HR Specialist, Meagan Wright, IP HR Regional Generalist, Freddy Nagle, Rectory Director of Development, David Schwartz, IP Plant General Manager, Bernie Mahon, IP Manufacturing Manager, and Fred Williams, Rectory Head of School.

conversations by reading non-fiction texts at their own pace.” Head of School Fred Williams added, “We are grateful to International Paper for supporting literacy instruction at Rectory School. There is no greater entry into enlightenment and knowl-

edge than the ability to decode the printed word and the sounds and meaning behind the letters. Our students and our teachers are now gifted with new, impactful resources to encourage this journey.” The International Paper Foundation

is one of the ways International Paper strives to reach its vision to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world. Started in 1952, the foundation annually provides millions in grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to address critical needs in the communities where its employees live and work. Funding priority is given to programs related to its signature causes: education, hunger, health & wellness, disaster relief, and initiatives that improve the planet. For more information, visit ipgiving.com.

Megan Dalena, Human Relations Specialist at International Paper, said, “International Paper is always looking for ways to positively impact the lives of the people within our communities. We have been fortunate to be able to support the important work Rectory School does each and every day to make the youth in our community have a brighter future.”

About Rectory School

Established in 1920, Rectory School is a private school for boarding students in grades 5-9 and day students in grades K-9. Rectory’s priority is understanding each child and furthering their personal growth. Individualized attention to a student’s academic, physical, social, and moral development has been a keystone of Rectory School since its founding 100 years ago. As a vital component in the School’s overall capability to fulfill its mission—nurturing the whole child within a caring, personalized learning environment—Rectory’s Learning Services program continually seeks to grow and stay on the forefront of evidence-based practices and current research.

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Weiss, Hale & Zahansky welcomes new team members

POMFRET CENTER — Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors (WHZ) has welcomed three new members to its team. Hailey Costa has been hired as Senior Associate, Client Service and Operations; Matt Allen has been hired as Associate, Client Service and Operations; and Jillian Smick has joined the team as an Associate Client Experience Concierge.

“We are so thrilled to add Hailey, Matt and Jillian to our team,” said WHZ Managing Partner, Co-Founder and Chief Investment Officer Laurence Hale, AAMS, CRPS®. “Our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well strategic process continues to provide our clients with superior service, and that in turn has fueled the growth of our firm. It’s extremely rewarding to see the hard work, dedicated commitment and great partnerships that WHZ was founded on leading to great things not only for our business, but for our team and our clients as well.”

WHZ Managing Partner and Chief Goal Strategist James Zahansky, AWMA® says the addition of Costa, Allen and Smick was particularly focused on further strengthening and enhancing client service.

“Our mission at WHZ is to deliver the best wealth management experience for every client, every time, at every touchpoint. It’s our commitment to that mission that earns the trust and partnership of our clients, and as our firm grows so too do the resources we put behind fulfilling that promise,” Zahansky said. “I’m so pleased to add



Hailey Costa



Matt Allen



Jillian Smick

Hailey, Matt and Jillian to our team and I’m looking forward to seeing how their experience and enthusiasm enhance the service and outcomes we provide to our clients.”

Hailey Costa has worked in the financial services industry for more than a decade, with experience in various financial analyst and client service roles at several major banks and financial service companies.

Matt Allen is beginning his career at WHZ, having recently graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science. In their new roles at WHZ, both Costa and Allen will provide administra-

tive and client service support for the firm’s operations, from fulfilling client requests to facilitating operational communications and workflow.

Jillian Smick is also a recent graduate, with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of Massachusetts’ Amherst Isenberg School of Management. Jillian has worked in customer experience roles for two premium hotels and also

has customer experience training in the Forbes 5-Star standards. In her new role as Client Experience Concierge, Smick will support the firm’s commitment to providing an exceptional client experience at every touch point.

For more information about Hailey Costa, Matt Allen, or Jillian Smick, or about Weiss, Hale and Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, visit www.whzwealth.com.

Duun O’Hara of Woodstock named to St. Lawrence University Dean’s List

CANTON, N.Y. — Duun O’Hara from Woodstock has been named to St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for achieving academic excellence during the Summer 2021 semester.

O’Hara is a member of the Class of 2022 and is majoring in Hispanic studies and government.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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Killingly holds annual Tomato Fest

DANIELSON – Downtown Danielson was the place to be on Saturday Sept. 11, as Killingly held an annual tradition, the eighth ever Tomato Festival at David Park. Serving as Killingly’s annual community day celebration, the Tomato Festival featured a variety

of tomato themed activities while also serving as a craft and farmers market and a day of unity and pride for the Killingly community. It was truly an amazing day of family friendly fun for all.

Photos Jason Bleau



The Tomato Festival offered interesting challenges for citizens including contests for largest and ugliest tomato.



The Northeast District Department of Health really got into the spirit of the Tomato Festival Hat Contest.



Students of Danielson Martial Arts display their skills during a Tomato Fest demonstration.



While tomatoes were the plant of the day several local farms set up shop offering a wide selection of other produce as well including corn, cucumbers, pumpkins and more.



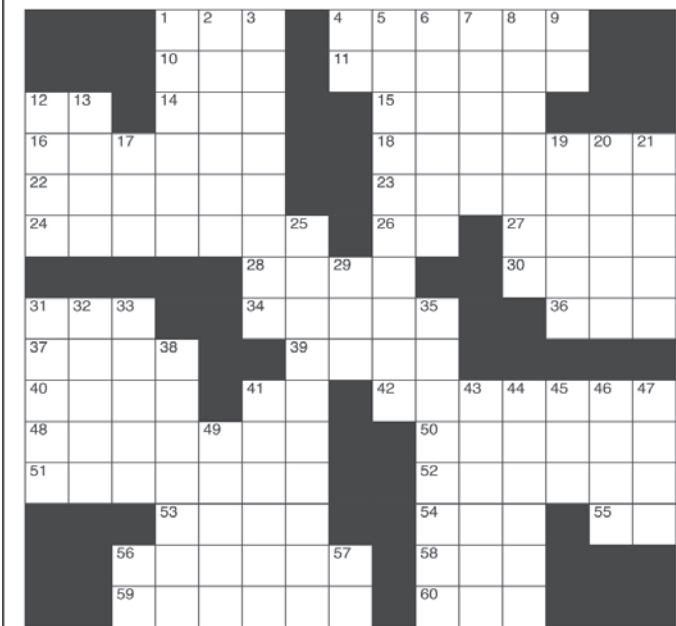
Bill Reid from The Last Green Valley shows a young guest examples of wildlife skeletons found throughout the region.



The Killingly Public Library offered fun crafts for youngsters including balloon animals.



The Young Marines helped pass out donations from Frito Lay allowing visitors access to a selection of the company’s classic snacks.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Numbers cruncher

4. Creator

10. A type of center

11. About spring

12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)

14. Precursor to the EU

15. Something that can be cast

16. Gold-colored alloy

18. A salt or ester of acetic acid

22. A hard coating on a porous surface

23. A type of detachment

24. Filmmakers need them

26. Promotional material

27. ___ Blyton, children’s author

28. Short, sharp sound

30. Feeling of intense anger

31. Popular TV network
34. Island entry point

36. Disfigure

37. College army

39. One who’s revered

40. Long, winding ridge

41. Football stat

42. Stealing

48. Hawaiian island

50. More raw

51. In one’s normal state of mind

52. Daniel LaRusso’s sport

53. Tropical American monkey

54. Measures heart currents

55. Midway between south and east

56. Knotted again

58. Born of

59. Value

60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Mother tongue

2. Removes potato skins

3. True

4. Early multimedia

5. The making of amends

6. Discovered by investigation

7. Small arm of the sea

8. More seasoned

9. Atomic #81

12. Type of pear

13. Chemical compound

17. One’s mother

19. Vietnam’s former name

20. Snow forest

21. Church officer

25. Hardens
29. Ancient

31. Advertising gimmick

32. Subatomic particle

33. Not fresh

35. Loosens

38. Religious symbols

41. Film

43. Orthodontic devices

44. Grilled beef sandwich

45. Journalist Tarbell

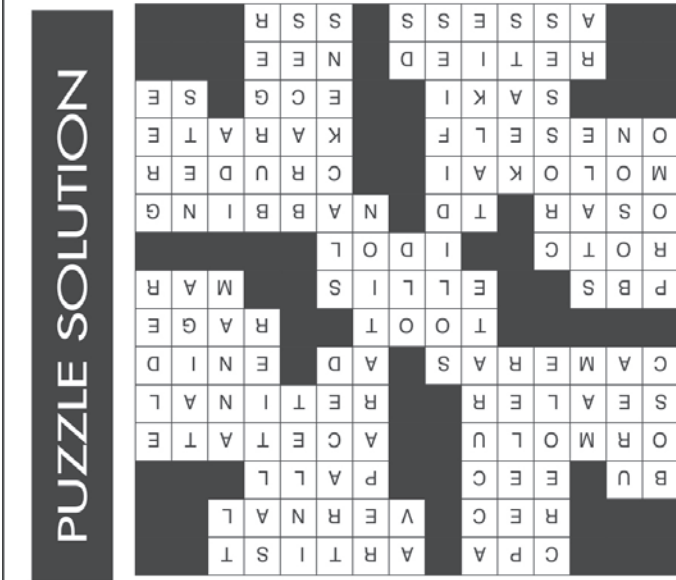
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47. Japanese social networking service

49. Romantic poet

56. Dorm worker

57. Poor grades



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With the Tomato Festival coinciding with the 20th anniversary of 9/11 this memorial was set up on site to honor the lives lost on that fateful morning.

In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

“In the Studio” is a newer feature for the Villager Newspapers. The Quiet Corner is home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this semi-weekly series, we’ll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We’ll also learn some “artspeak” terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those “artist words.”

Today we’re talking with painter Debra Ruddeforth, of Pomfret. Deb and her husband Tom (an accomplished photographer) moved here from Brewster, Mass., where they owned an art gallery for 31 years and partnered with other artists at the Chatham Art Gallery for 26 years. Deb’s paints in both oils, pastels, and watercolors ranging from landscapes and still-lives to portraits and figure work. Her work has been featured in the Boston Globe and other publications. You can see some of Deb’s paintings at Arts & Framing in Putnam.

Hi, Deb. Welcome to the Quiet Corner and thanks for spending some time with me. You mentioned that, in driving through our local towns, you settled on moving here after finding people to be so nice and friendly, the flora and fauna so beautiful. As follow-up to that: I read a recent quote by you: “This area is a true painter’s paradise.” I love that! Would you please expound on that a bit for us? When we moved here, I was reminded of Southampton, MA where we lived for 12 years before moving to the Cape. I did many landscapes on-site at that time and, seeing the beauty of the landscape in this area, I was inspired to get outdoors and paint. Unfortunately, health problems have kept me in the studio but I look forward to painting on-site soon.



Copper Kettle with Hydrangeas



Studio Still Life

Your work has such range—do you have a favorite type of painting to create?

No. As long as I am enjoying the process and am satisfied with the result, it doesn’t matter to me what the subject is.

Tell us a bit about your career path as an artist.

In the mid-60’s I attended the Vesper Gorge School of Art in Boston, where I was taught by a very talented faculty that included several painters of the “Boston School” of painting, including Robert Douglas Hunter. After art school, Tom and I married and raised our 2 children. I painted some during those years but it was in the late 70’s—after classes with Jack Flynn, AWS—when I became serious about painting. I began to submit work to juried shows and I traveled around southern New England to weekend shows. In the early 80’s, I began to show work on Cape Cod. Our family moved to Brewster, MA in 1987 where



Iris Garden

we lived and worked until 2018. While on the Cape, I worked with many charitable groups to raise funds through the sale of my work.

You are a signature member of the “Copley Society”. What does that mean? The Copley Society is the oldest art society in the US. One becomes a “Copley Artist” (or C.A.) when their work is accepted to five shows. Having attended art school in Boston, and knowing many members of “The Copley”, it was kind of a big deal for me to become a member.

Are there paintings you wish you hadn’t sold and others you’ve decided to keep? Oh yes. I sold a few which had won awards at shows that I wish I had now. What comes to mind is a watercolor painting of pussy willows that won a blue ribbon at a show at the Cape Cod Art Association. I sold the painting in Chatham and the buyer wanted the blue ribbon, too! I politely declined that request.



Walk to Cape Cod Bay

Describe your studio in 10 words or less. Anywhere there is room to place an easel.

You’ve told me that being a studio artist and running your galleries meant working 80 hours per week to be self-supporting. What’s the best piece of business advice you were ever given? Dedicate yourself to painting and hire help for everything else. Both of your children are artists, correct? Yes. My daughter, Kerry St. Ours, attended the New England School of Photography and is a photographer in Huntington, N.Y. My son, David Ruddeforth, attended the Art Institute of Boston and is an illustrator in Northampton, Mass.

Please share some images and tell us about them. “Copper Kettle with Hydrangeas” is a studio still life in oil that represents the work I was doing 10 years ago. “Walk to Cape Cod Bay” is a watercolor Landscape painted in 1993. This painting was chosen for the cover of the Brewster Guide Book. “Studio Still Life” is an oil painted for the show “First Things First” Sponsored by the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and held at the Cotuit Center for the Arts. It was chosen for the cover of Cape Week, a section of the Cape Cod Times newspaper. “Iris Garden” I painted last year using only a pallet knife. I hadn’t done a pallet knife painting in years and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It is available at the

Arts and Framing* gallery.

Thank you, Deb for sharing your words and images with us (I especially love “Studio Still Life”). It’s been a pleasure to get to know you a bit, and to welcome you to this part of New England. I encourage our readers to check out your masterful work right in *downtown Putnam.

Word of the day Impasto—An Italian word for “mixture,” used to describe a painting technique wherein paint is thickly laid on a surface, so that brushstrokes or palette knife marks are visible. (MoMa.org) Chiaroscuro – (Pronounced: key-ARE-oh-SCURE-oh) an Italian word literally meaning “light dark”. Most usually used to describe a painting created with strong contrasts. (WillKempArtSchool.com) Plein air – (Pronounced: plen-air) a painting created outside rather than in a studio. The term comes from the French ‘en plein air’ meaning ‘in the open air’. (WillKempArtSchool.com)

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock) is a nationally recognized flamework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. Significant projects include costume work for the Santa Fe Opera, and flamework demonstrator at the Peabody Essex Museum. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.

Retirement planning tips for every stage of life

For most people, retirement planning is one of the most important components of their overall financial plan. Whether you’ve just graduated and taken your first job or are preparing to retire, your employer-sponsored retirement plan can play a key role in your financial strategies. Here are some tips on how to plan well and invest well at each stage of life so that you can live well in retirement.



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If you’re just starting out: If you’re only a few years or less into your career, chances are you’re juggling college loans, rent, and car payments on an entry-level paycheck. It may be tempting to delay saving for retirement for a while – after all, you’ve got plenty of time for that, right? Before you answer, consider this: the decades ahead of you can be your greatest advantage, thanks to the power of compounding. Compounding happens when your plan contribution dollars earn returns that are then reinvested back into your account, potentially earning returns themselves. Over time, the process can snowball. Say at age 20, you begin investing \$3,000 each year for retirement. At age 65, you would have invested \$135,000. If you assume a 6 percent average annual return, you would have accumulated a total of \$638,231. However, if you wait until age 45 to begin investing that \$3,000 annually and earn the same 6 percent return, by age 65 you would have invested \$60,000 and accumulated a total of just \$110,357 – more than half a million dollars less than if you had started at 20. So enroll in your plan and contribute whatever you can, and then try to increase your contribution amount by a percentage point or two every year until you hit your plan’s maximum contribution limit. Time also offers an additional benefit to young adults —

the potential to withstand stronger short-term losses in order to pursue higher long-term gains. That means you may be able to invest more aggressively than your older colleagues, placing a larger portion of your portfolio in stocks to strive for higher long-term returns.1 If you’re getting married or starting a family: You will likely face even more obligations when you marry and start a family, and the list of monthly expenses seems endless. Although it can be tempting to cut your retirement savings contributions to make ends meet, do your best to resist temptation and stay diligent. Your retirement needs to be a high priority. Are you thinking about taking time off to raise children? Remember that leaving the workforce for prolonged periods can hinder your ability to set aside money for retirement and also may affect the size of any pension or Social Security benefits down the road. So if you take time off from work to raise a family, consider temporarily increasing your plan contributions before you leave and after you return to help make up for the lost time and savings. Or perhaps your spouse could increase his or her contributions while you take time off. If you’re reaching your peak earning years: With more than 20 years of work experience behind you, you could be reaping the benefits of the highest salary you’ve ever earned. With more income at your disposal, now may be an ideal time to kick your retirement savings plan into high gear. If you’re age 50 or older, you may be able to take advantage of catch-up contributions, which allow you to contribute up to \$26,000 to your employer-sponsored plan in 2021, versus a maximum of \$19,500 for most everyone else. (Note that some types of plans have

different limits.) In addition, if you haven’t yet met with a financial professional, now may be a good time to do so. A financial professional can help you refine your savings goal and investment allocations, as well as help you plan ahead for the next stage.2 If you’re preparing to retire: With just a few short years until you celebrate the major step into retirement, it’s time to begin thinking about when and how you will begin drawing down your retirement plan assets and familiarize yourself with required minimum distributions (RMDs). The IRS requires that you begin drawing down your retirement plan assets by April 1 of the year following the year you reach age 72. If you continue to work for your employer past age 72, you may delay RMDs from that plan until the year following your actual retirement.3 You might also want to adjust your investment allocations with an eye towards asset protection. A financial professional can become a very important ally in helping to address the various decisions you will face at this important juncture. No matter what stage you’re at: As you make decisions about your plan on the road to retirement, be sure to review it alongside your other savings and investment strategies. While it’s generally not advisable to make frequent changes in your retirement plan investment mix, you will want to review your plan’s portfolio at least once each year and as major life events (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth of a child, job change) occur. A trusted financial adviser can also provide specialized expertise to help ensure your retirement planning and other finances are set up for the best possible outcome. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors we’re proud to apply our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process to help our clients do just that every day.

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Take a break from bad news

Oftentimes, ideas for Editorials arise when something close to us personally surfaces that hits home, or when we hear a significant amount of chatter about a specific topic. This week, the chatter has been about national news overload.

We love the news — after all, it’s what we do. Sharing information with our readers on the local level is both an honor and a necessity.

This week, however, we have heard many people say they just can’t listen to the national news anymore. They feel bombarded by a relentless parade of doom and gloom, from the continuing (and to us, frankly confounding) debates over mask mandates in schools to the minute-by-minute coverage of the tragic Gabby Petito case, oftentimes leaving them feeling depressed and overwhelmed. News junkies watch the news every morning and night, check their Twitter feeds, listen to talk radio on their commutes and are constantly in the know. It’s important and responsible to be aware of what’s happening around you, however finding a balance is key, even for those of us in the businesses.

It seems as though the national news cycle has been nothing but chaos. Bad news seems to ping our phones almost on the minute. This can be exhausting.

As a way to catch your breath, pick one day of the week as a ‘no news’ day, sort of like a news siesta. Get outside, unplug, read a book, listen to some vinyl or watch Cobra Kai (we do recommend for a splash of nostalgia). Attempt to shut off the little magic box we all stare at way too much on the daily. Could landlines actually still serve a purpose?

If you feel like you can’t make a difference, realize that you can. Do something every day to make the world a better place, even if that means your own little world. Such actions can often result in the domino effect.

Take some time to count the blessings in your life. Positivity still surrounds us in bulk if you look for it. Family, friends, dogs, crisp fall leaves, apple crisp, bacon, a friendly wave from a neighbor, morning coffee, a cold drink, a beautiful hike or walk, a good novel and a nice music blasting session are just a few things we can lean on to always lift us back up.

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School emotions — anxiety or excitement?

To the Editor:
Each fall, I like to think about how students prepare for a return to school. Each child may have a little apprehension to return due to classes with zoom, first-day jitters, or the pandemic. I do think students from last year’s virtual classroom are excited to return after a zoom year away and summer vacation, but there is more to consider.

Social situations at home while students were Zooming were much less likely to include bullying, teasing, and intimidation, but thoughts about returning to school paint a different picture in a child’s mind.

The pandemic has already shredded the self-esteem of many kids (and adults) who have developed social and emotional issues. Many children with confidence and high self-esteem have also felt depressed and sad because of the state of affairs the world is currently in. It is also not surprising that kids have lost social skills in the last year and a half. For many, life on Zoom in the comfort of home was oftentimes an easy day at school. Despite the occasional technical glitch, online learning meant keeping other stresses at bay. But this came with a major trade-off.

Seeing one’s peers on a screen gives students a sense of control over whom they see and talk to. They can log in and log off. But

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raymond Wood has my endorsement

To the Editor:
As a resident and small business owner here in Killingly, I am livid over what is going on in our state and country.
We the People need strong leadership, from our local seats right up to the President, to guide us back to sanity in our community and country. Therefore, I strongly endorse

Raymond Wood for Town Council in District 5 in Killingly.
Thank you for your support of Raymond Wood.
Sincerely,

SCOTT HEAP
KILLINGLY

Ulla Tiik-Barclay is the ideal candidate for Killingly

To the Editor:
Ulla Tiik-Barclay is an ideal candidate for town council. She is a longtime Killingly resident with her husband and children. She has worked for a school system as a para-professional, and has firsthand experience dealing with people and children. Her own children have passed successfully through Killingly schools, and into further education and careers.
Ulla has achieved further education and

is a respiratory therapist and pulmonary function technologist at a regional hospital. She exhibits a rational common sense nature and is well grounded in relating to others and their concerns in all situations that may impact our community. As an experienced and hard working person who cares for our town and its residents, she is worthy of your vote.

ED KELLEY
DAYVILLE

Join me in voting for Andrew Whitehead

To the Editor:
I am calling to your attention and asking for your support and vote for Andrew Whitehead for the Town Council at Large in the forthcoming November 2021 election for Killingly.
Andrew has raised his family of five children here over the last 30 years, and also brings with him a wealth of knowledge and real world experience in an area that Killingly is in desperate need of, Project Management and Future Development.
He will be able to offer sound advice and

experience to up coming projects, and work in conjunction with planning and zoning to ensure our tax dollars are not only well spent, but in accordance with our best practices, policies, and procedures.
With your vote on Nov. 2, we all can help the great State of Connecticut by electing Andrew Whitehead as a proven, tried and true Town Council at Large for all of our collective voices.
Sincerely and without reservation,
JOSHUA LYON
DANIELSON

Keep Pomfret’s Democratic team in place

To the Editor:
Pomfret Democrats, it is extremely import that you get out and vote Tuesday, Nov. 2. Please do not take the steady, good government Pomfret has enjoyed the past four years for granted. Keep First Selectman Maureen Nicholson and Selectman Pat McCarthy and the entire Democratic team in place.
And when you do, keep Amber Arnold in mind as a new addition to our Board of Education. Mother of two PCS students, work from home medical billing technician and active participant in the PCS PTO. Amber

Arnold knows our school and what it takes to keep it running as the fine institution it is and has been. With no state or national offices TV seems not know there is an election but it is the most import for our town government.
Please remember to vote at the Pomfret Community School Tuesday, Nov. 2 and add Amber Arnold to the Democratic Team with Maureen Nicholson and Pat McCarthy as Selectmen.

RAYMOND WISHART, JR.
POMFRET CENTER

Hi, IRS

To the Editor:
Hi, IRS! Got a notice in May and July... assuring me they needed no additional docs to process my 2020 refund. What a joke! I check regularly on “Where’s my Refund?” and get the same answer...”being processed.” No additional info needed. We will contact you. That’s a bunch of bull.
Checking regularly... yeah... nothing. “Being processed.” Oh! How nice for them! We are talking about a March 30 e-file from my decades old accountant... hmmm... seven months for them to figure out my refund? I am [upset]... an emergency fund I want to

contribute to. I am not the only one. I hear of many who are being held hostage because we make a damn pittance and opted to work.
I think those 65,000 new untrained IRS agents should start at the top! How about Congress? Their “pathetic salaries” that spur them to be millionaires! Say what? I don’t [care] about your 5K dress. The people pulling the strings here are evil. They don’t care about this country and need to be stopped. Period. Your arrogance and dismal results say it all. Six months...nothing.
TAMI JO WYKES
BROOKLYN

Whatever happened to civility?

I leaned in to hear what an acquaintance was saying to me at an outside venue. He was recounting a dull story, and in the course of two minutes managed to “drop the F-bomb” at least half a dozen times. I began to count when I realized counting swear words would be more interesting than the conversation.
I’d like to seem cool and say I wasn’t annoyed, but I was. I’m not accustomed to strings of profanity, vulgarity, crude talk, whatever it’s called, in a casual conversation. Oh – the speaker is an older man in a respected position, but never again in my eyes. I know the rules have changed, but sometimes it is too much.

We can easily name some of the causes of a decline in civility. We can start with the media. We can add politics. We can talk about lyrics in music and, suddenly, we can talk about golf. The 43rd Ryder Cup at

Whistling Straits was a revelation to me. In my experience, golf matches are quiet, slow, populated by rule following men in uninteresting clothes. Things have changed. There were weird outfits such as people in cheese head hats or dressed as Vikings. What surprised me most was the unusual heckling at the opposing team, European Union golfers. If golf goes rogue, what does the future hold?

Friends and my brother, who watch lots of golf, reeled me in by pointing out that the Ryder Cup is an exception to the restrained nature of golf tournaments as it is a team event. The European captain said the crowd was fine. It certainly is better than some European soccer matches.

My neighbor told me about an especially unsportsman-like move by another team at a high school football game he attended. I barely understand the rules of croquet, but he knows football very well. One player rushed another who was in a vulnerable position. There was a penalty, but beyond that is the question of what was the point. Do our young athletes, most of whom will begin and end their experiences in team sports in high school, play in a manner that builds on the best aspects of sports and their own character? Or do they mimic the pros and play to win regardless of the cost, the prize or even the possibility of winning or hurting another person?

As many of the institutions that once formed public behavior decline, the role of coaches, fans, referees, and, of course, media personalities grow larger. If good behavior is praised and bad is not, the results are obvious. There must be a happy balance between intense competition and playing to win while not playing in a way that is demeaning and hurtful.

Language is often the most likely place to encounter a limited ability for self-expression and moments of off-putting behavior. Bad language is often about anger, dominance, fear and retribution. It is about swagger too and sometimes humor. Off color speech is a way to rattle another person or escalate the situation to the benefit of the person spewing the words. Sometimes it moves toward hate, but mostly it is just series of tawdry expressions. When used by women, it is often a juicy way to kick off the ties of respectability and middle class affectations.

I won’t ever spend time again with the man who was showering me with invectives, but if something similar happens, I can resort to some delightful swear words I found on the Internet from Old English such as puttock and smellfungus.
Civility goes a long way, even for popdoodles.

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Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elect Napierata

To the Editor:
I am writing in support of Kyle Napierata's candidacy for the Killingly Board of Education. I have known him for over ten years, and I believe he would be a natural as a member of the Board of Education. He is dedicated, level-headed, and works well with a wide variety of people. He has already been serving on the Board of Education for the past year-and-a-half, filling an unexpired term. This has allowed him to be current on matters facing the Board. He has taken the time to do his homework, and he fully understands the issues that are most important to the students and staff of Killingly Public Schools.

Kyle Napierata for Killingly BOE

To the Editor:
I am a 28-year resident and taxpayer in Killingly, married to my wife Jen and have two wonderful children. I am active in many local activities and in our church.
In 2020, I filled a vacancy on the BOE. Over these past 18 months, I have learned so much and would like the opportunity to continue to serve the community and improve the education and schools in Killingly.
I am a graduate of ECSU with a BS in Business Management. Professionally I am a Sales and Service Manager blessed to be employed by the same company for 32 years.
I am running because I want to ensure that Killingly students receive the best education, in a safe environment, and to ensure taxpayer investments are spent wisely.
I am fiscally and socially conservative

One of the things I have always admired about Kyle is the enormous knowledge he brings to financial matters. He possesses a wealth of background and experience in the areas of financial details, understanding budgets, and creating projections, all of which are necessary in making responsible decisions as a member of the Board of Education.
For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote for Kyle Napierata as a member of Killingly's Board of Education on Election Day in November.

BRIAN LYNCH
THOMPSON

and believe we all have individual freedoms that no government agency can take away.
I oppose curriculum instruction that implements any form critical race theory (CRT). Our children need to learn to read, write and do arithmetic, not learn to hate one another. I believe communications between the BOE, the Town Council, School Administration, and most important the parents and taxpayers, is imperative. As a fiscal conservative, I will continue to make sure that the taxpayers' money is used responsibly and transparently. At the end of the day, it is your money. Also, we need to maintain the health and safety of the schools...for all students and staff.
I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 2.
Thank you,

KYLE NAPIERATA
KILLINGLY

Kerttula will deliver results for Killingly

To the Editor:
If you want results in Killingly, vote Kevin Kerttula for Town Council on Election Day, Nov. 2.
A member of the Council for the past four years, Kerttula, who currently serves as Council Vice Chairman, advocated for opposing tolls, keeping zoning local and maintaining Killingly in a strong financial position, including a bond rating of AA+.
Kevin's not sitting still. In the next two years he's looking forward to pushing for the growth of small businesses on Danielson Main Street, development of retail and small businesses along the Five Mile River, working with the Board of Education for more transparency in the budgetary process, and improving the quality of life by making Killingly a safe and friendly community through enhancement of its Constabulary Department. In the all-important area of finance, he'll fight to maintain a stable tax rate.

Kevin Kerttula is committed and dedicated to Killingly! Since becoming a member of the Council he's never missed a meeting. He's devoted, energetic, dedicated and open to new ideas. As a family man, he and his wife Janet have a blended family of five adult sons, he understands the position that families are facing today.
A veteran of the United States Air Force, Kerttula is active in the community on the Board of Directors of the Attawaugan Fire District, a member of the Danielson Elks and a former volunteer fireman. For the past 26 years, he's served as the plant manager for Rawson Materials Plainfield operation.
I urge you to cast your ballot on Nov. 2 for Kevin Kerttula. A vote for Kerttula is a vote for continued progress and improvement for the entire Killingly community.

RONALD P. CODERRE
PUTNAM

Democracy requires participation

To the Editor:
As First Selectman in Woodstock, I see firsthand the impact that volunteers and citizen participation has on our community. From schools and fire departments to town boards, commissions, and committees; there are numerous ways to be involved and make a difference. Are you aware that we have a number of commissions and committees with vacancies that are seeking members? If interested, please email: selectmen@woodstockct.gov.
Being an active member of your community is essential. Constructive relationships between the community and local government make community life more practical. Community engagement leads to improvement of the overall quality of life for all. I cannot stress enough the importance of collaboration and support of local members of our quiet corner.
There will be a Special Town Meeting on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Middle School to amend two ordinances and rescind another. You can attend either in person or via Zoom. If you attend via Zoom, you will need to reg-

ister in advance, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please find the link at woodstockct.gov. Click the Information on the American Rescue Plan Act under the News section.
Following the Special Town Meeting will be an Open Public Forum for information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This Act provides funds to state and local governments to use as they see fit. Municipalities have until Dec. 31, 2024, to obligate the funds for specific purposes.
Woodstock is in the preliminary stages of planning how best to allocate the funds, and this will be a continuing conversation. In doing so we want to remain as transparent as possible in the process. We are seeking public input and suggestions on how these funds should be allocated.
Currently, you can direct all your questions, suggestions, or comments regarding the use of ARPA funds to: arpa2021@woodstockct.gov.
Thank you,

JAY SWAN
WOODSTOCK

Asking for your vote again

To the Editor:
Once again, I am running to be your Town Council representative from District 4. You first elected me in 2017, and again in 2019. I humbly ask for your vote this November.
It has been my honor to serve you these past four years, including as Vice Chair the past two years. I continue to learn more about what it takes to operate a small town and believe my professional and Town Council experience will help Killingly continue in a positive direction.
I am a USAF veteran and have lived in Killingly for 20 years. I am a past 10-year member of the South Killingly Fire Department (SKFD), a member of the Danielson Elks, and on the board of directors of the Attawaugan Fire Department. For 25 years, I have been employed at Rawson Materials; currently as a Plant Manager.
My goal is to create a positive environment for businesses to thrive so they can create jobs for residents and to ensure town services are delivered in a responsive, fiscally responsive manner to citi-

zens.
I am a fiscal conservative and a strong proponent of individual and parental rights. I pledge to ensure all taxpayers funds are carefully and wisely spent, recognizing citizens are taxed and regulated enough.
In the past two years the Republican controlled Town Council passed Resolutions and sent letters to the Governor to stay out of our business. Resolutions include: 1) Request a municipality set their own guidelines for Covid 2) Oppose Tolls 3) Oppose a "DeSegregate CT" sponsored group of bills to subsume local zoning laws to the State and 4) a Declaration to protect our Second Amendment rights.
I oppose forced regionalization of town services and will fight against any unfunded state mandates. I believe Hartford should stay out of our business and let local governments manage our town as we see fit.
I ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Thank you,

KEVIN KERTTULA
KILLINGLY

Lisa Grinsell Danburg for Town Council

To the Editor:
I would like to highly recommend Lisa Grinsell Danburg for Killingly Town Council, District 2.
Lisa would bring another voice of common sense to important decisions regarding our town. She graduated from Killingly High School, and is a proud Redmen graduate. Lisa has many life skills and is well rounded in knowledge of everything from culinary arts, to mechanics, to forestry, to being an advocate for special needs adults. She has pledged to advocate for District 2, a voice representing the people of her district.
Like many of her neighbors, Lisa is concerned about the ever encroaching industrial park, the Frito Lay expansion, and the addition of yet another

power plant in her district. Her decision to run for Town Council is based on those very real concerns. She will be a voice dedicated to preserving the attributes of the quiet corner, after all, that is why most of us came here. She will work to hold taxes at a level affordable to all town residents. Lisa believes that Hartford needs to stay out of our town with their endless unfunded mandates. She opposes forced regionalization and believes that those types of decisions belong at the local level. A common sense fiscal conservative, as well as an advocate for the preservation of our way of life is exactly what District 2 needs right now.
BEVERLY FERRON
DANIELSON

Experience and civic responsibility for District 1

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter to urge the voters of District 1 in Killingly to come out on Nov. 2 and show their continued support for Town Council candidate, Tammy Wakefield. I have known Tammy for several years now and have known her to be the first one to volunteer to help wherever it is needed. She has a passion for all things Killingly. Whether it's baking for the school athletes or organizing the Election Day food drive for the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry. Tammy Wakefield has demonstrated time and time again that she holds a strong sense of pride in our community.
I have served with Tammy during her tenure as Chairman of the Board of the Northeast District Department of

Health and saw her strong leadership skills in action. She is a thoughtful, compassionate leader with a proven track record of doing what is best for those she serves. Through the years, she has served on various town boards and commissions. Additionally, she is also on the Council for the Borough of Danielson. All of this has provided her with the experience and broad knowledge base that is necessary to serve our community effectively. Tammy is hard working and never backs down from a challenge. It is for these reasons I ask that on Election Day you cast your vote for Tammy Wakefield for District 1.
Sincerely,
HEIDI L. CLIFFORD
DANIELSON

Brandon Gaudreau will be a voice of reason for Killingly

To the Editor:
I support Brandon Gaudreau for the Killingly Board of Education. In a highly competitive election year, voting for Brandon makes sense no matter what political beliefs you hold. A high-quality education, where the intellectual and vocational needs of the students of Killingly are met with pragmatic and responsible spending principles, should be a philosophy that all of the taxpayers and parents can get behind. Brandon values the benefits that a quality education has brought him, as a student of Killingly School system, QVCC, and now ESCU. He knows through years of direct observation and active participation that the Board of Education has a duty to and ought to be engaging with the citizens of Killingly, the students, and the faculty, and administration to provide a great environment to teach and learn.
Brandon will be a voice of reason in a time when far flung thought seems

to be the norm. His policy votes will be based on the best interests of the students and their ability to learn. His budget votes will be made knowing just how tough and trying the times are for all people, with the knowledge that important things must be done, but that the citizens of Killingly also don't need or want higher taxes. He won't be afraid to call out bad ideas and engage in debate when he disagrees. He believes a quality education includes preparing students to be good citizens, to be financially aware and literate as well as intellectually stimulated. In the end, remember that when Brandon votes as a member of the Board of Ed, he's not voting for the Board of Ed, or for a political party, or even himself. He's voting for the students, faculty, parents, and taxpayers of the town of Killingly. That's a guy I can get behind.
JONATHAN CESOLINI
ROGERS

Recommending Patti Larrow George for Town Council

To the Editor:
It has been my pleasure to know Patti Larrow George for 35-plus years. I feel privileged to call her a friend since high school, and to have represented her in several real estate ventures. Patti is a person of good moral character, and I am delighted to give her a recommendation.
Patti is a confident individual with strong character who lives her life with integrity both personally and professionally. Patti is also known to be dependable, responsible, honest, and courteous. She has consistently proven herself to be a loyal and dedicated individual and goes the extra mile in everything she does. Her quick thinking and problem solving abilities allow her to tackle issues head on with fact based decisions. She will never start a project and not see it through to the end. I can say that she is a person who leads by example and will always stand up for those in need. She never misses an opportunity to help others.

After spending a considerable amount of time together throughout the years, I have witnessed that Patti is kind, caring, and sincere. Her love for her family and friends has always been on the forefront. She cares deeply for what is right and just and her compassion for others is extremely evident and at the heart of who she is.
Patti is currently seeking re-election for a seat on the Killingly Town Council at Large. I am confident in her abilities to be objective and make sound and unselfish decisions for the benefit of our town. Patti is a leader who has effectively served in this community with a common sense approach and drive needed to make a difference in the future for all. Based on our experience together I can assuredly say Patti Larrow George is an all-around stand-up kind of woman who I am honored to call my friend.
Warmest Regards,
RENE CUMMINGS
WOODSTOCK

I will put Killingly's needs first

To the Editor:
My name is Joseph Zornado, and I am running for the Killingly Town Council as an at-large candidate. I've been thinking about this for a long time, and wanted to share a few thoughts with you as you consider whether or not to vote in this year's local election, and for whom you will vote if you do.
Right now, Killingly is under one-party rule, and the results are predictable, and will only get worse while, due to the utter lack of vision of leadership, and the subsequent failure to lead either on the Town Council or the Board of Education.
How are things going? The town is chronically overdue on repairs and maintenance of its major assets; the school system is not able to hold on to qualified professionals because we pay them so poorly, yet town governance is always ready to sell out the town's resources for a few pieces of silver. The result is that Killingly has some of the worst air quality in the

country, and will only get worse if the proposed gas-fired electric plant comes on line. Selling our future for a few dollars is the result of believing the mill rate justifies every decision. Meanwhile, if the air, water, and soil fail us, nothing else matters.
The mascot issue demonstrated that, among other things, Killingly has a sense of its own history and would like to see it preserved. Yet other things that need preservation go undefended: the historic Broad Street building currently housing the Community Center, for example. If we sell our historic legacy, it will be gone forever. Tending to our history "is not the tending of ashes, but the preservation of fire."
We risk losing ourselves to corporate elites who see Killingly only as poor town ready to sell out. The Last Green Valley is being developed out of existence. And for whom? Who is benefiting from the sale of our natural and

Inside the pages of a historic business directory



KILLINGLY
AT 300
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MARGARET
WEAVER

Our Killingly Historical Society archivist Lynn LaBerge knows I am always looking for interesting and different material for this column. I was delighted when she put a copy of an 1861 Windham County, Conn. Business Directory, published by Stephen J. Lee, printed at the Windham County Transcript office, West Killingly, where I work. The small volume provides so much food for thought. First, notice the address “West Killingly.” Danielson had been incorporated in 1855, but there were a number of items that were still marked by the older name West Killingly.

Although there were a number of manufacturing concerns within the town of Killingly, it still had a strong agricultural base as did the other local towns. I found the following quite interesting, especially the numbers of animals of various kinds. Acres of improved land in Killingly: 15,354; Brooklyn, 14,533; Putnam, 7,382; Pomfret, 19,2244; Thompson, 12,725; Woodstock, 23,928. Number of horses: Killingly, 274; Brooklyn, 206; Putnam, 136; Pomfret, 354; Thompson, 230; Woodstock, 546. Cows: Killingly, 692; Brooklyn, 856; Putnam, 417; Thompson, 791; Woodstock, 1533. Number of oxen: Killingly, 386; Brooklyn, 307; Putnam, 178; Thompson, 403; Woodstock, 617. Number of sheep: Killingly: 828; Brooklyn, 446; Putnam, 261; Thompson, 204; Woodstock, 696. Number of swine: Killingly, 561; Brooklyn, 786; Putnam, 298; Thompson, 485; Woodstock, 1123.

Agricultural products being enumerated included bushels of wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes, and buckwheat. Value of orchard products and tons of hay were also listed. Pounds of butter and cheese were also recorded for each town: Butter: Killingly, 43,570; Brooklyn, 35,195; Putnam, 23,572; Thompson, 46,173; Woodstock, 74,925. Cheese: Killingly, 35,805; Brooklyn, 104,800; Putnam, 23,5525; Thompson, 40,000; Woodstock, 90,880. Note the huge quantity of cheese that Brooklyn and Woodstock were producing. I wonder where they were marketing it. I shall have to keep my eyes open for that

when perusing papers from that time frame. I wonder if this directory was printed after the outbreak of the Civil War? It only says 1861. Could cheese have been shipped to the soldiers?

The Killingly Town Government was listed as follows: Clerk, Treasurer, and Registrar, Anthony Ames; Selectmen: Isaac Ballard, Horace E. Davis; O. J. Lewis; Leonard Day, Waldo Bartlett. (Notice the selectmen form of government).

The following were listed in the Directory with a West Killingly P.O. address: Anthony Ames, Town Clerk & Registrar; Nathan Allen, Iron Foundry (Furnace Street); William C. Bacon, furniture and coffins; A. F. Bacon, Cabinet maker; John A. Barker, Ambrotypist; P. F. Bargerion, Variety store; Miss H. Bennett, Millinery & Fancy Goods; William Brown, Grocery store & cof-fins; D. P. Burlingham, Groceries & provisions; E. & E. P. Burlingham, Agents patent Boiler Feeder; James Bussey, shoemaker; C.L. Burdick, Boarding-house keeper; E. Carpenter, Judge Sup. Court; O.M. Capron, Cotton Waste & Batting (Capron St.), Job D. Card, Wagon Maker; Benjamin F. Chapman, Meat & provisions; John P. Chamberlin, Books & stationery; Andrew Chamberlin, carpenter & joiner; Harvey Chamberlin, stone mason; Elisha Chamberlin, carpenter & joiner; William A. Chamberlin, merchant tailor; W. H. Chollar, clerk Danielson Mfg. Co.; James L. Cochrane, carpenter & joiner; C. Crandall & son (C.C.), drug-gists and apothecaries; William Clark, barber; A. J. Currier, Ready-made cloth-ing; E.L. Cundall, Attorney & Counsellor at Law; George Danielson, cotton man-ufacturer; Daniel Dimick, painter; Horace Day, see Spaulding, Day & Co.; Thomas M. Day, see Spaulding, Day & Co.; Rockwell Edwards, confectionery; C. H. Farnham, vendor of Patent rights; A. H. Fagan, dentist; S. W. Franklin, merchant tailor; Elisha Frissell, boot & shoe maker; Sylvanus Gleason, depot master; Asa Graves, gunsmith; George Griffiths, wagon maker; Silas Hyde & Co., furniture, stoves and Hardware; Hiram Hoar, miller; S. T. Hammond, sewing machines; C. E. Hutchins, hotel keeper; Henry Hutchins, groceries; Henry Hammond, railroad commis-sioner, Samuel Hutchins, Physician & surgeon; B. R. Johnson, physician & surgeon; John S. Kenyon, Harness maker; Ephraim Keech, blacksmith; Chester Keech, wagon maker; Willard Leavens, power-looms harness manu-facturer; George Leavens, dry goods; R. F. Lyon, druggist & apothecary; J. K. Logee, baker; L. L. Logee, confection-ery; Earl Martin, attorney & counsellor

at Law; J. W. Martin, physician & sur-geon; C. S. Mills, music teacher; Orin Moore, blacksmith; J. R. Miller, confec-tionary; George A. Niles, shingle & grist mill; Joshua Perkins, dentist; Amos Peckham, Minnetexit House; Jacob Pidge, confectionary; Levi Randall, shoe maker; G. H. Reynolds, grocer-ies; Samuel Ricketson, merchant tailor; William Ricketson, painter; H. N. Read, wood turner; M. Roderick, merchant tailor; William S. Short, reed manufac-turer; Noah Shumway, shoe maker; T. D. Shumway, dentist; John Stevens, see S. Hyde & Co.; John Snow, ready-made clothing; Joseph Snow, Livery stable; J. Q. A. Stone, Publisher Transcript; Wm. A. Stone, Providence & Danielsonville Stage Line; Sanford Brothers, Marble workers; Day Spaulding & Co., car-penters; A. G. Scranton, painter; Miss S. Sears, milliner; George Truesdell, carpenter; Wm. Wiggin, boot & shoe maker; Lysander Warren, deputy sher-iff; Lewis Worden, Attawaugan Hotel; Mrs. E. M. Washburn, dress maker; Andrew S. Wilson, machinist; John & S. S. Waldo, provisions & groceries; Nelson Whitmore, manufacturer; E. S. Young, manufacturer; Abner Young, shoe manufacture; Jerry Young, car-penter.

East Killingly had a number of manu-facturing concerns along the Whetstone Brook and several small mill villages. The following individuals and business-men were listed with an East Killingly Post Office Address: Almond Bartlett & Co., Groceries; Welcome Bartlett, Manufacturer; Solomon Bennett, Broom Manufacturer; Silas Babbitt, Carpenter; James Babson, Machinist; Giles Chase, Surveyor; Thomas J. French, Hotel Keeper; E. A. Hill, phy-sician and Surgeon; O. C. Hammond, Variety Store; John Kelly, Lumber deal-er; Paris Law, Miller; John Murray, Merchant Tailor; Orin D. Mitchell, Miller; Wm. A. Newton, Confectionery; Daniel Pettengill, Butcher; Joseph Oatley, Stone Mason; Almond M. Paine, Judge of Probate; Paine & Reynolds, Groceries; Thomas Pray, Manufacturer; Daniel Spencer, Surveyor; Silas Smith, Blacksmith; John B. Truesdell, Agent Robinson Mill; George A. Tucker, Miller; Samuel Whitman, Wagon Maker; Henry Westcott, manufacturer.

Individuals with a P. O. address of Killingly were Oliver Ballou, Soap Manufacturer (Soap Street in Dayville retains his name); John Atwood, Super Williamsville Mill (Rogers); George Blanchard, carpenter; E. R. Burlingame, Saw & grist Mill, Isaac P. Ballard, lum-ber; E. H. Bugbee, Clerk in Williamsville Mill; Harvey Chase, Miller; Dan A. Daniels, Manufacturer (Daniels

Village); Thomas J. Evans, Livery Stable; Aaron Eldridge, Blacksmith; Justin Hammond, Physician and Surgeon; Leavens Jencks, carpenter; George Kingsbury, Hotel keeper; O. J. Lewis, hardware; James P. Leland, Ax handles; Peter Warren, dry goods and Groceries; S. & H. Sayles, Satinet man-ufacturers; William A. Spooner, watch repairer; S. W. Wells, Depot master; Jonas Withey, carriage maker; Horace Woodard, Hotel keeper; E. Webster, dealer in iron.

Notice how many occupations are no longer in existence! I have included the entire list as I found it since the popula-tion of Killingly changed rapidly with the enlistment of individuals in the Civil War. Hopefully some of you will notice relatives. If you are research-ing ancestors, business directories are available online at the Ancestry website which Killingly Library subscribes to. A number of local ones are available at the Killingly Historical Center. You might find some interesting, unknown tidbits about family members.

Walktober Events have begun! Stop at the Killingly Historical Center, local town halls or libraries for your copy of the 2021 Event/Walk Calendar or contact The Last Green Valley at 860-774-3300; visit thelastgreenvalley.org to download a calendar and updated walk information. There will be two walks and an event in Brooklyn on Sunday, October 3rd. Where the Bison Roam (Creamery Brook Bison) will be offered from 8:30-10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. (860-779-0837). The event, Honoring the First Woman Ordained in CT, will be held from 3-4 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Unitarian Meeting House, 7 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn. (860-779-2623).

Mark your calendar for the Killingly Conservation Commission’s walk, Hike the Quandoc Conservation Area on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 1-3 p.m.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian September 2021. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge. For additional information email me at mar-garetmweaver@gmail.com or contact the Killingly Historical Society at www. Killinglyhistorical.org. Leave messages for the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killing-lyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

Impressions of Japan

BY DENNIS BLANCHETTE
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Everything I saw was new to me so time took on its child-hood-wonder dimensions where days feel like weeks and single moments last forever. I lived to encounter people whose lives would never again cross mine, to be absurdly unfam-iliar with everything around me, to bump into a passage of life with an entirely different musical score. Laurie Gough, “Kite Strings of the Southern Cross.”

Tourists in Kyoto

We were scheduled to arrive in Kyoto on April 17, 2011. On March 11, an earthquake struck northern Japan, then the tsunami hit and by March 15, there were nuclear melt-downs in 3 of the 4 reactors at the Fukushima nuclear plant. When we said we were going anyway, friends and relatives looked at us like we had taken leave of our senses. Trying to explain that Kyoto was hun-dreds of miles from the melt-down made no difference.

To them, Japan was a tiny little island (its bigger than Germany or Italy) and it was contaminated.

It had been a dream of mine to visit Kyoto ever since I read Pico Iyer’s book “The Lady and the Monk.” That was over 30 years ago, and it was finally coming true. I wanted to see the gardens and more impor-tantly, experience the city he wrote about so eloquently. Kyoto, population 1.47 mil-lion and former capital, is the cultural heart of Japan. It has

1,600 Buddhist temples, 400 Shinto shrines and much of it is hidden from public view. Trying to see it in a week is like trying to see Boston in a day, so we had to become tourists with guides and itineraries.

We stayed in a ryokan, the traditional Japanese hotel, sleeping on the floor on futons laid out on tatami mats. The toi-let had more buttons and sym-bols than a television remote – I wished I had an instruction manual. We visited rock gar-dens, moss gardens, warrior

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Woodstock field hockey defeats Killingly, 3-2

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — Woodstock Academy’s Abby Converse could not have picked a better time for a career first.

With the Centaurs’ game against Killingly High on Tuesday, Sept. 21 tied, 2-2, Converse, a freshman, scored the first goal of her high school field hockey career — off an assist from senior teammate Elaina Borski — with four minutes, seven seconds remaining in the game, leading Woodstock to a come-from-behind 3-2 win.

The victory was the first of the season for the Centaurs, who dropped to 1-3-1 overall after a 5-2 loss to visiting Norwich Free Academy on Thursday, Sept. 23, a game in which Converse scored both Woodstock Academy goals.

“I saw the ball coming in and I was trying to get to the ball, but their goal-ie [Emma Barbeau] was right there trying to make a play on the ball, too,” Converse said, explaining her goal against Killingly. “I ended up getting to the ball before [Barbeau] did and I was able to push it past her into the net.”

Converse said as the play unfolded, she just wanted to get to the ball first and make contact.

“I was worried I was going to whiff on the shot and miss the ball complete-ly. When I was actually able to get my stick on the ball I felt it had a chance to go in,” said Converse, who hopped up

and down a few times immediately after scoring. “After I scored I had so many emotions going on all at the same time.”

Woodstock led, 1-0, at halftime, sopho-more Sophia Petrella scoring on a close-in right-to-left shot with 1:54 to play in the second quarter. Petrella’s goal was the first of her career as well.

In the third quarter Killingly (1-2) quickly played itself back into the game, scoring twice in a three-minute span to take a 2-1 lead.

Junior Aila Gutierrez tied the game, 1-1, less than five minutes into the third quarter, scoring on a laser beam of a shot from 15 yards out. Sophomore Gina Soraseun put Killingly ahead, 2-1, with 7:16 to play in the third period, poking in the rebound of outside shot from Gutierrez.

Three minutes after Soraseun’s goal, Woodstock tied the game, 2-2, Centaurs’

senior Julia Powell scoring off an assist by Petrella, her first career assist to go along with her first career goal earlier in the game. Petrella got Powell the ball in space and Powell broke in on Barbeau and slipped the ball past her into the right side of the net.

“This was a big win for us because half our squad is new,” Woodstock Academy coach Lauren Gagnon said. “We have several freshmen on the team and none of them have played field hockey before. So we’re doing a lot of learning of the basics and really just working on team culture again because we’ve had to replace the 12 seniors who were on last year’s team.”

Petrella and fellow frosh Grace Pokorny assisted on Converse’s goals against NFA.

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High School Notebook

Defense dominates Woodstock Academy's Homecoming win over Plainfield



Woodstock Academy's Tomson Flanagan sacks Plainfield's quarterback.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy defense limited Plainfield to just 51 yards in total offense and three first downs and the Centaurs' offense did the rest in a 39-0 win over the Panthers at the Bentley Athletic Complex on Saturday, Sept. 25.

"We needed that for Homecoming," Woodstock junior Evan Roy, a defensive lineman, told WA sports information director Marc Allard after the game. "We're proving ourselves in the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Our defense is always locking up [the opposition] and our offense is always flowing."

The offense got the scoring started for the 2-1 Centaurs, senior quarterback Ethan Davis tossing a 12-yard scoring strike to classmate Jackson Goetz to cap the opening possession of the game, putting Woodstock ahead, 6-0.

The defense pushed the Centaurs' lead to 12-0 on Plainfield's first pos-

sion, junior defensive lineman Marcus McGregor scoring on a 35-yard interception return.

"I hit the B-gap and Huck [Flanagan] took the A-gap and hit [Plainfield quarterback Codey Leferve] and the ball just ended up in my hands" McGregor told Allard, a wide smile crossing his face. "My first touchdown; it was amazing. I just caught it and took it to the crib."

Davis (three carries, 31 yards) added a 22-yard touchdown run at the end of the first quarter and the Centaurs went up 25-0 at halftime on a four-yard pass from Davis (5-for-9 passing, 42 yards) to junior Braiden Saucier, the son of Woodstock Academy head coach Sean Saucier.

Payton Barna, a junior running back, pushed the WA lead to 32-0 when he scored on a seven-yard touchdown run less than three minutes into the third quarter. Barna finished the game with 85 rushing yards on 13 carries.

Saucier, who is both a wide receiver and a quarterback, closed out the



Payton Barna of Woodstock Academy breaks through Plainfield tackles on his way to a big gain.

scoring later in the second half with a 22-yard touchdown toss to senior Parker Anderson.

Volleyball

Facing a two-set deficit, visiting Woodstock Academy rallied for a third-set win, 25-17, but the Centaurs couldn't sustain the comeback and ended up dropping a 3-1 decision to Plainfield on Monday, Sept. 20. Junior Jade Desmond and senior Lily Bottone both had 10 kills for 1-4 Woodstock and Bottone also recorded four digs.

Also on Sept. 20, host Killingly lost to 5-1 East Lyme, 3-0. Game scores were 25-1, 25-18, 25-17. Killingly (1-5) was led by senior Hailey Toth (14 digs), and sophomores Chloe Yip (six digs, seven service points), Emma Miller (eight digs) and Shanaya Brown (four kills).

Girls' Soccer

Freshman Juliet Allard scored her fourth goal of the season, off an assist from Grace Gelhaus, with 1:50 left in overtime to lift Woodstock Academy to a 3-2 win over visiting Killingly on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Gelhaus scored the first two goals for the Centaurs by dialing long distance. The junior scored in the first half from 25 yards out and sent the game into overtime with a boot from 40 yards away with 7:40 left in regulation. Scoring for Killingly (3-2) in the game were seniors Emma Carpenter and Makala Dube.

Gelhaus scored — off an assist by Mila Ganas — for Woodstock against visiting East Lyme on Saturday, Sept.

25, staking the Centaurs a 1-0 halftime lead. The tally was Gelhaus' fifth goal of the season. The 5-1 Vikings, however, scored three times in the second half to win the game, 3-1. Woodstock dropped to 2-4-1 with the defeat.

Prior to its loss to Woodstock, Killingly defeated Griswold, 7-1, on the road on Monday, Sept. 21. In the victory senior Kyndal Murawski scored a pair of goals while Carpenter, Dube, Liz Laflamme, Emma Girardin and Laura Farquhar all added one each. Casey Beauregard and Emily Lamparelli chipped in to the winning effort with two assists each.

Cross Country

Senior Ian Hoffman won the boys' race and classmate Linsey Arends the girls' race as Woodstock Academy swept cross country meets with host Montville and Lyman in a tri-meet on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The Centaurs defeated Montville, 21-38, and Lyman, 21-37. Hoffman, who finished just ahead of Montville's Ranju Iyer, covered the 2.5-mile course in 14:07. For 4-1 Woodstock junior Vince Bastura and senior Seamus Lippy finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

For the second week in a row Arends found herself well out in front of the pack as she cruised to an easy win for the Centaurs in victories over Montville (19-42) and Lyman (15-50). Arends successfully navigated the 2.5-mile course in 16:19. For 4-1 Woodstock junior Lauren Brule finished third overall and senior Leah Castle fifth.

QVCC Foundation Tournament

Raises \$62,000 to support education

DANIELSON — The QVCC Foundation hosted its 29th annual Golf Tournament on September 15, 2021 at Connecticut National Country Club in Putnam. The Foundation puts on this yearly event to help local students pursue their dreams of higher education attainment at QVCC. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and players, the Foundation raised \$62,000 at this year's outing.

Tournament Results

First Place Team, score of 56 – Kevin Cole, Brendan Meehan, Aaron Vargas, Greg Kosma

Second Place, score of 58 – Trevor Cardinal, Mark Lowell, Jeremy Hendrickson, Andre Lavoie

Third Place, score of 59 – Vinnie Carminati, Jake Merritt, Bob Willis, Dave Fundin

Middle of the Pack – MJ Burke, Jack Burke, Dave Mulford, Kathy Mulford

Closest to the Pin

Hole 7– Chad Gemmill

Hole 9– Rich Zajkowski

Longest Drive Female – Kristen Willis

Longest Drive Male – Trevor Cardinal

Skins – Eagle #6 Roger Noll, Sean Vigue, Pat Kozielka, Jon Cote

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T H O M P S O N

— Marianapolis held its 41st Annual Golf Tournament Tuesday, Sept. 21, and raised \$57,000. Proceeds from the Tournament will support local students seeking a Marianapolis education through scholarships and financial aid.

"On behalf of the administration, on behalf of the board, on behalf of our school community: thank you," Head of School Joseph Hanrahan said in his address to the attendees.

The Tournament was comprised of two tee times, challenge holes, an online auction, various raffles, and dinner. Scholarship students, along with faculty and members of the MOMs group, served as volunteers for the day.

The School would like to thank all of the donors, volunteers, and participants that made this Tournament a success.

Winners

Men's Team: John Darigan, Eric Livingston, Gary Rodman, Josh Egan

Women's Team: Lisa Monaco, Terry Buron, Dawn

Menoche, Beth Aulenback

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Fall is a season of transition and that includes your garden. Make the most of beautiful fall days to enjoy your garden and prepare your landscape for the winter ahead.

Put fall leaves to work in your landscape improving your soil, reducing maintenance, and creating winter homes for toads, frogs, and beneficial insects. Mow over the leaves that land on the lawn. It may take a couple passes but once the fall leaves are the size of a quarter you can leave them on the lawn to add organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Or mow, bag and add the shredded leaves to annual flowers or vegetable gardens. Dig several inches of shredded leaves into the top eight to 12 inches of garden soil. The leaves will decompose over winter, adding organic matter to the soil. Still more leaves; add them to the compost pile. Mixing this carbon rich plant debris to greens like plant-based kitchen scraps, manure, and worm castings makes for great compost.

Use leaves as mulch on the

soil around the base of perennials. They suppress weeds, conserve moisture, insulate the roots and add organic matter to the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide winter homes and insulation for insects, toads and frogs that overwinter in leaf litter or just below the soil surface.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. They add winter interest to the landscape, provide homes for many beneficial insects and the seeds of Rudbeckia, coneflower, liatris, and others provide food for the birds. These winged visitors add welcome color and motion to the often, gray days of winter.

Take time to remove any dead, damaged and diseased stems, and branches. Disinfect your tools between cuts to reduce the risk of spreading disease to healthy plants. Clean tools with a spray disinfectant or 70% alcohol between cuts to manage disease organisms without harming your tools.

Refresh mulch around trees and shrubs. Maintaining a three-inch layer helps conserve moisture, insulates the roots from temperature extremes, reduces competition from the lawn for water and nutrients and improves the soil as it decomposes. Pull mulch away from the trunk of trees and stems of shrubs. Piling mulch over these can lead to rot, decline and early death of the plants.

Help your lawn recover from the stresses of summer and prepare for winter with fall fertilization. University research found fall fertilization is most beneficial for home lawns. Fall fertilization encourages deep roots and denser growth that is better able to compete with weeds and tolerate disease and insect pests.

Always sweep grass clippings and chemicals off walks and drives and back into the lawn where they belong. This simple step keeps unwanted nutrients out of waterways and eventually our drinking water.

Add some spring color by planting daffodils, grape hyacinths, tulips, and other spring flowering bulbs this fall. It is also a good time to add trees, shrubs, and perennials to the landscape. The soil is warm and air cool, making it less stressful for plants to adjust to their new home. Mulch new plantings and water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Continue watering new and existing plantings as needed until the ground freezes.

Once the garden is prepared for winter, you can put away the hoses and garden tools, break out the snow shovels and wait for spring to arrive.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She



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Leaving healthy perennials like coneflower stand for winter provides food for birds, winter interest and homes for many beneficial insects.

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Hope

Most of us are hoping for things. Hoping to meet someone special, hoping to get a new job, hoping our business works out, hoping our loved ones break the addiction, hoping to hear good news from the doctor.

There are a few definitions of hope in the dictionary. One description says: to want something to happen or be true and think that it could possibly happen or be true.

Another definition is: a wish or desire that something will occur.

Those two definitions, it seems to me, are the way most people use the word hope today.

“I hope I get the job,” “I hope things work out,” “I hope I get a raise,” “I hope to be cancer-free,” “I hope I get a puppy for Christmas!” “I hope we win the game...”

These are merely wishes. They might happen, they might not happen, and it’s a passive way to approach a desire.

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There is another definition of hope: to expect with confidence.

This type of hope requires you to believe with a confident expectation. It requires you to have faith; It’s active, not passive.

A lot of people like to say, “I hope for the best but expect the worst.” Sadly, it seems that’s how a large portion of people live their lives.

I had a friend who was fond of saying, “I always expect the worst to happen, so that way I’m never disappointed.”

Upon contemplating what he was saying, I began to realize, whether he knew it or not, what he was saying was, “I expect to live a life of disappointment,” or “I hope the worst happens; that way, I’m never disappointed.”

When you have that type of mindset, you’re satisfied when every disappointment occurs because it’s a reassurance

that you’re correct; disappointment becomes a reward!

Sure, bad things happen, and preparing for the worst outcome could be a wise thing to do, but to expect disappointment around every corner is a road that leads to a lifetime of dissatisfaction.

A different and better way to hope and expect with confidence is to predict the best possible outcome, expect to win, expect success, expect good health, and accomplish your goals.

Do you think winners ever hope to lose? Does Tom Brady walk out onto the field hoping and expecting not to get a Super Bowl ring?

One of his best quotes is, “You wanna know which ring is my favorite? The next one.”

That’s powerful!

He may be blessed with fantastic football abilities, but I would be shocked if he had a hope and confident expectation that disappointment lurked around every corner. Some of his quotes say precisely the opposite.

“If you want to perform at the highest level, then you have to prepare at the highest level.”

If you’re preparing to perform at the highest level, then you’re hoping and expecting the best possible performance.

A lot of you reading this are probably thinking, “Yeah, Yeah, but I’m not Tom Brady, and I’ve never won at anything like he does, so why should I hope and expect the best possible outcome? It’s not realistic.”

I get that. I’ve spent large parts of my life expecting the worst. When I lived with that attitude, things never got better; they only got worse. I was unhappy, irritated, pessimistic, lost, and unable to see that my thoughts were the cause of it all. I was so far from my dreams and goals I didn’t think I’d ever find my way back.

The only time things ever turned around and moved in a direction I wanted for my life was when I changed my thinking and began hoping and confidently expecting for the best! Now, after many years with this attitude, I’m happier than I’ve ever been, and I’m closer to accomplishing my dreams than ever before.

It’s never too late to become the best version of you.

A simple, tasty holiday treat

Baking is a holiday tradition in many families. Gingerbread cookies may be the first baked goods that come to mind when people envision the holiday season, but celebrants need not limit themselves when preparing special treats for their families.

Macaroons are one beloved baked good that busy holiday hosts may believe are too time-consuming to prepare. However, the following recipe for “Coconut Macaroons with Dried Cherries” from Laurey Masterton’s “The Fresh Honey Cookbook” (Storey) is easy to whip up and makes for a tasty holiday treat.

Coconut Macaroons with Dried Cherries

Makes 25 to 30 small cookies

1	cup unsweetened flaked coconut
1	cup sweetened flaked coconut
8	egg whites
	Salt
1/4	cup dried cherries
2	tablespoons butter
1	tablespoon honey, preferably orange blossom honey

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Combine the unsweetened and sweetened coconut on a baking sheet. Lightly toast in the oven for 5 to 10 minutes. Keep close watch so the mixture does not burn, though you do want a nice toasted golden brown color.

Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

3. Reduce the oven temperature to 325 F. (If using a convection oven, leave at 350 F.)

4. Whip the egg whites with a pinch of salt in a medium bowl until the whites stiffen into firm peaks.

5. Fold the toasted coconut into the egg white mixture.

6. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Drop tablespoon-size rounds, perhaps using a small ice cream scoop, of the coconut mixture onto the baking sheet. Press one or two dried cherries into the top of each macaroon.

7. Melt the butter and honey together in a microwave on high for 20 seconds. Drizzle the mixture over the top of each

macaroon. Sprinkle with a tiny pinch of salt.

8. Bake the macaroons for 20 to 25 minutes, until lightly browned (watch carefully to avoid burning), or for 8 to 10 minutes if using a convection oven. The macaroons should be dry to the touch. You may need to bake them longer if it is a humid day. If you live in a dry area, these will keep well for a week.

Chef’s note: If you want to be really fancy, melt some chocolate and dip each one halfway into it. GG189332

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the Imperial Palace, there was a huge outdoor waiting area, cordoned off to accommodate hundreds of visitors in orderly lines. The guard gave instructions to line up against the rope. We looked around to see who he meant, but only our seven-person group was there. They inspected our formation to ensure the line was straight and properly spaced, then allowed us to enter.

Serendipitously, the cherry blossoms were a week late and were on full display during our visit. Like the grand canyon, you can see a thousand pictures, but nothing compares to seeing it in person. The gardens were alive with flowers, they graced Osaka Castle with explosions of pink and traced the outline of the bridges in Takayama. Exquisitely beautiful but lasting only a few days, they are revered by the Japanese for their ephemeral nature, reflecting both the beauty and impermanence of life.

Near the end of the tour, the group was eating lunch at Kuru, a sushi restaurant where the food circulates on conveyor belts past your table. A television crew descended on the restaurant and we were interviewed by reporters from a local TV station regarding the nuclear accident. They were putting

together a story to reassure tourists that it was safe to travel to Japan. We suddenly understood why there was no one else at the Imperial Palace and the scope of the under tourism problem became evident.

Travelers in Takayama

The group tour ended and we got on a bus to Takayama, population 95,000, in the Japanese Alps northeast of Kyoto. With no itinerary and no plans, we became travelers instead of tourists. Five hours and 31 tunnels later we arrived at Takayama Station and went to hike the Higashiyama Walking Route. The route is about two miles long and leads past 13 temples and five shrines. We walked from temple to shrine along dirt paths, admiring the architecture and the altars with gold statues on them. A couple of the shrines had thousands of origami birds, in every color imaginable, hanging in front of them. We encountered no one during the entire hike.

We took a bus ride to Shirakawago, a UNESCO World Heritage site and toured the historical village. It was deserted and we wandered in and out of the buildings. All exhibits and displays of tools were left out on tables and shelves, to be touched and handled. Back in Takayama, we walked into Jackson Coffee and Curry for dinner. We were the only customers and sat down at the counter. A young man with

a ponytail handed us menus and asked, “Can you read Japanese?” “No,” we responded. “Well, I can,” he said with a giant grin.

The next day, we explored Takayama and then went for a hike in Shiroyama Park to see the Takayama Castle ruin. We ate lunch at a noodle shop crowded with locals, then toured Yoshijima-ke, an old preserved merchant’s mansion renowned for its architecture. The woodwork glowed with age, but I was more intrigued by the lithographs of Toko Shinoda lining the walls. Her art merges traditional sumi-e painting with modern abstract expressionism and it was breathtakingly gorgeous.

On Wednesday, we hiked the Kitayama Walking Couse, saw large pheasant like birds running along the ground and a 1,200 year old ginkgo tree. A local merchant told us that his friends and family had been calling him from other countries to see if he was experiencing any shortages. His response was that his only shortage was tourists! We wondered if there could ever be a happy medium between too much and too little tourism.

Some of the differences that made us feel as if we had “bumped into a passage of life with an entirely different musical score”:

Taxi driver is a revered profession in Japan. The cars are immaculate, the seats covered with embroidered white

cloths. The drivers wear white gloves and open the door for you. They are held in such high esteem that parents will often hire them for the day to take their children to the park, keep an eye on them and then bring them back home.

Eating food in the street is considered bad manners unless there are seats provided.

School children stand in line on subways with minimal supervision and without talking or fooling around.

Shoes are never worn inside private homes. At a ryokan they provide slippers for you to wear up to your room and separate ones for the bathroom.

Jaywalking and crossing against the light is rarely done, even in middle of the night with no cars in sight.

The beauty of the gardens of Kyoto far exceeded my expectations. Aldous Huxley said “to travel is to discover that everyone is wrong about other countries.” For the most part, I think Pico Iyer captured the essence of Japan. Or maybe I just found what I expected to find....

Dennis R. Blanchette is a civil engineer and travel writer. A more extensive article about the trip can be found at: <https://dennisblanchette.com/destinations/japan>. The Kyoto tour was arranged by Samurai Tours.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **SECOND** installment of real estate and personal property, on the assessment of Oct 1, 2020 becomes due Oct 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on Nov 2, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.

The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ATTENTION: You can pay via credit/debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklync.org. Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021
October 8, 2021

Please note the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 12, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Woodstock Middle School is a hybrid meeting, meaning it will be held via Zoom and in-person. Those eligible to vote will have the option of which to attend. Those who attend in person must follow any mask and social distancing rules that are in place. In order to attend via Zoom, electors and all others eligible to vote in town meetings in the Town of Woodstock must register with their legal name that appears on the Grand List or their voter registration card through the link below. PLEASE READ ALL OF THE ZOOM DIRECTIONS.

Register in advance for this meeting as soon as possible:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwtD-Gspz4iGdZ6Kg5Fwu5r-l7A-7H9Q-Q1U>

Note: The link above is the registration link only, not the meeting link. After you register you will receive a unique meeting link. This link will only work for that individual person. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MEETING LINK. REGISTRATION PRIOR TO 6 PM ON OCTOBER 12, 2021, IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Voting will take place on Zoom via poll. Because of this, only those who are qualified to vote at a town meeting will be admitted into the Zoom meeting. This would mean the attendee would be a registered voter in the Town of Woodstock, OR a property owner in the town of Woodstock whose name is

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residents of our communities through COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming.

Shannon Grauer (Thompson Public Schools) – for your dedicated and tireless commitment to the health and well-being of the students and families of Thompson Public Schools.

Griffin Health – for your selfless work to protect the residents of our communities through COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming.

Holy Family Home & Shelter – for utilizing innovative measures to care for and support some of the most vulnerable members of our population.

IGA Store Coventry Highland Park Market – for the dedication of members of management and every essential frontline worker who continued to ensure food supply and a safe shopping environment for the residents of our region.

IGA Store Windham – for the dedication of members of management and every essential frontline worker who continued to ensure food supply and a safe shopping environment for the residents of our region.

Interfaith Human Services of Putnam (Daily Bread) – for utilizing innovative measures to care for and support some of the most vulnerable members of our population.

Dawn Niles (Town of Windham) – for your tireless work to coordinate COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming and for your service as a liaison with various healthcare partners.

North Central Department of Health and Northeast District Department of Health – for your services of assessing and monitoring the health status of the residents of our regions, disseminating the information to health care partners and organizing and hosting vaccination programming.

Leslie O'Brien (Town of Windham) – for your tireless work to coordinate COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming and for your service as a liaison with various healthcare partners.

Thomas Pandolfi (Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse) – for your leadership and dedication in organizing numerous Foodshare Events resulting in the distribution of food to thousands of individuals of our region.

Price Chopper Putnam – for the dedication of members of management and every essential frontline worker who

on the last completed Grand List with an assessment of not less than \$1,000. If more than one resident in a household is qualified to vote, they must be logged into the Zoom meeting with separate devices. Only one poll vote is allowed per device. Devices must have video and audio for voter verification. These hybrid meetings are new to all of us, but we believe it is a positive move to get as much participation as possible in town government. Please be patient as we are all learning how to do this together.

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held at the Woodstock Middle School Gymnasium, 147B Route 169 in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut on October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and vote on the following:

1. To choose a moderator
2. To discuss and vote upon an amendment to the Ordinance Creating the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund adopted May 3, 1999. A copy of the proposed Amendment IV to the Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
3. To discuss and vote upon rescinding the Ordinance Concerning the Appointment of the Assessor, effective October 6, 1958, as the State Statute it is based on is no longer valid.
4. To discuss and vote upon amending the Ordinance Regarding Tax Abate-ments for Dairy Farms & Fruit Orchards, adopted June 29, 1992. A copy of the proposed Amendment II to the Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
6. Adjourn

Dated at Woodstock, CT, this 16th day of September 2021.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances and amendments are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

John V. Swan, First Selectman
Chandler Paquette, Selectman
Greg Kline, Selectman
ATTEST: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk
October 1, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 for the following application:

continued to ensure food supply and a safe shopping environment for the residents of our region.

John Steglitz (student at Tourtellotte Memorial High School) – for your innovation in utilizing your 3D printer to design and create over 400 personal protective ear saving devices and donating them to various health care agencies and for organizing the first-ever mobile food drive resulting in more than 900 food items donated to a local food bank.

Stop & Shop Grocery Stores of Killingly, Putnam and Windham – for the dedication of members of manage-

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the state with significant connections to the cause. Kris Sortwell, a Quiet Corner native and Director of Community Outreach and Education for Eastern Connecticut with the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, said the fundraiser is a national event and called Putnam a perfect location to expand their annual walk.

“It's one of the nation's largest fundraisers that the association does every year. It helps us to raise money but also allows us to provide free supports and resources to anybody effected by Alzheimer's or dementia related illness,” said Sortwell. “We have a number of walks throughout the state, and we've always done the one down at Ocean Beach in New London. It's always been a success, but what we

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Quiet Corner Chiropractic and Wellness Center, LLC
Tom Irwin, Inc.
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Lighthouse Print Works
Roland H. Lupien, DDS '70
Pratt Trucking Company, Inc.
Taylor Turf, Inc.

ZBA #21-06, Applicant Christopher and Amanda White, 246 Ravenelle Rd, Map 44, Block 105, Lot 31B, Zone RRAD, variance request from Town of Thompson Regulations, Amended 6/21/21, Article 4A, Section 3, 150' Frontage and Setback Requirements, Agricultural, Livestock, non-swine, 50' side setback facing house right, variance of 70' side setback facing house left.

File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting Respectfully submitted, Kevin Beno, Chairman
October 1, 2021
October 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dorothy E Alcott (21-00310) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 21, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Dennis M Alcott, 303 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, CT 06260
Kevin A Alcott, 32224 Via Alamazon, Temecula, CA 92592
October 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Pamela Jane Childs, AKA Pamela J Childs (21-00304) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 14, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Maureen D Heher, 6 Teal Lane, Essex, CT 06426
ATTORNEY: MEGHAN ROSE CARTA, SULLIVAN GRIFFITH & BEATTY LLP, 705 BOSTON POST RD, GUILFORD, CT 06437
October 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Alan S Plofsky (21-00256) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 26, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

ment and every essential frontline worker who continued to ensure food supply and a safe shopping environment for the residents of our region.

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) – for utilizing innovative measures to care for and support some of our most vulnerable members of our population.

WILI Radio Station – for your ongoing dedication to public service journalism and for providing essential COVID-19 updates and statistics during the pandemic.

WINY Radio Station – for your ongoing

realize is that when working with an older population who may also have limited resources to travel there's a lot of people up in this area in Northeast Connecticut that need us to be out here representing and getting the message out there. This was just a natural fit. We already do programs up here. We collaborate with Day Kimball Hospital and other agencies in the area, so this just made sense to do something here at Rotary Park.”

Esther Pearl, North Central Region Program Director for Connecticut Chapter of Alzheimer's Associations, said the events opening ceremonies offered a chance to recognize everyone who has been affected by Alzheimer's either directly or indirectly with hands joining together in unified hope for a cure.

“We have a ceremony called the Promise Garden Ceremony. Everyone gets a nylon flower with four different

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Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Attorney Ailla Wasstrom-Evans, c/o EVELINA MONIKA RUSZKOWSKI (attorney for Ailla Wasstrom • Evans), THE PRUE LAW GROUP, P.C., 720 MAIN ST 4TH FL, WILLIMANTIC, CT 06226, (860)423-9231
October 1, 2021

State of Connecticut COURT OF PROBATE Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court DISTRICT NO. PD59 NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE TO

Alexjandro Torres, Sr., whose current address is unknown

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on October 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM, on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning **Alexjandro T.** a minor child born to **Rae-lynn Cross** on December 28, 2013 at Pomfret, CT. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

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

By Order of the Court
Mona Fournier,
Clerk
October 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Alma Marie Arpin, AKA Alma M Arpin (21-00114) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 29, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Kristine M. Dipasquale, 107 Buckley Hill Rd., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
Attorney: FRANK GERARD HERZOG, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM CT, 08620, (860)928-2429
October 1, 2021

dedication to public service journalism and for providing essential COVID-19 updates and statistics during the pandemic.

Windham Hospital – for your tireless care of the sick and your selfless work to protect the residents of our communities through COVID-19 testing and vaccination programming.

The Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce commends our recipients and thanks each of them for their humanitarian service and compassion

colors that represent four different connections to the disease,” said Pearl.

Those colors were blue for current Alzheimer patients, yellow for caregivers, purple for those who lost someone to the disease, and orange for those who simply wanted to support the cause.

“One person representing each color comes up on stage and holds their flower high. Everyone else with that same color will hold their flowers up and we go through each color in a beautiful display to honor all that have been impacted by the disease and those who support our mission,” she added.

The ceremony concluded with a young participant holding up a white flower, a color everyone hopes will someday represent survivors of the disease. Walkers then took to the two-mile course along the Quinebaug River with their flowers held high raising awareness for the mission along the way.

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Matthew Wester '03

Woodstock celebrates agriculture

WOODSTOCK – While the Woodstock Fair is the highlight of the year, another annual event has become a more intimate community-based celebration of everything agriculture in Woodstock. The 21st Annual Celebrating Agriculture event was held on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds bringing together numerous local farms and agri-

culture businesses as well as state agencies and local organizations to enjoy a little piece of backroads life. Everything from horses and cows to tractors and handmade goods were all on site creating an entertaining and educational day for all.

Photos Jason Bleau



A chainsaw carving artist begins a new project with his finished works on display.



The traditional breakfast meal was a hit as always complete with eggs, pancakes and so much more.



Members of the Killingly High School FFA Chapter made their annual stop at Celebrating Agriculture.



The Quiet Corner Garden Club brought a variety of green displays to Celebrating Agriculture.



LEFT: Lucas from Pomfret sports a chicken headband as he is welcomed to Celebrate Agriculture event.



Twin Ayrshires Ned & Buster from J&B Farms in Thompson showed their teamwork as they took a stroll around the Woodstock Fairgrounds.



Austin Tanner of Creamery Brook Bison in Brooklyn cooks up a burger at a popular lunch destination at Celebrating Agriculture.



Prince, a miniature horse from Minis Helping Many, gets a grooming as spectators look on.



A pair of days-old calves proved to be an adorable pit stop for passersby.



Elm Farm in East Woodstock showed off their farm-fresh products to visitors to their stand.



RIGHT: CT Dairy had a booth of their own complete with an interactive cow statue where young kids could learn what it's like to milk a cow.

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YARD SALE

PUTNAM


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Saturday, October 16, 2021
Yard Sales from 8 am to 2 pm. 30+ locations!
Drive-thru Map Sales in the Municipal Complex Parking
Lot from 7 to 9 am

For \$2 the map will guide you to treasures all over Putnam from one side to the other!
Putnam Residents, the last day to register for a spot on the map is Saturday, October 9th by 12:00 Noon!
\$10 donation to the Putnam Family Resource Center gets your yard sale on our map for the bargain hunters to find. You keep all of your yard sale profits! Your listing includes advertising in print, on WINY, and Social Media.

For more information check out our Facebook Group: Putnam Town Wide Yard Sale, Our FB event link is <https://fb.me/e/16th>, or email us at putnamct.townwide.yardsale@gmail.com.
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