

Annhurst College reunion celebrates school's 80th anniversary



A few Annhurst College alumni pose for a photo outside of the Woodstock Academy South Campus where the 2021 reunion was held on Sept. 18.

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WOODSTOCK – For more than ten years, the former graduates of the long-disbanded Annhurst College have gathered to remember their time as students as the historic school that once called the Woodstock Academy's South Campus its home. The facility was built to accommodate the college after it had spent its first years in Putnam and for the first time the annual Annhurst College Reunion was held on the campus most if not all of the women in attendance called home for the school year.

While the Annhurst College reunion was initially planned to be held earlier at the South Campus, the COVID-19 pandemic halted those efforts until Sept. 18 of 2021, when the yearly tradition was able to continue. Former graduates started coming together

in 2009 when Class of 1979 graduate Mary LaChance was tasked with leading the gathering as many students found it to be a great chance to reminisce on their younger years. LaChance said the idea of a yearly get together almost immediately became a must for many of Annhurst's alumni.

"There was such an outpouring and yearning to get back together again, to come back and see one another. It's every year we get back together and for the first several years we held it at the Provincial House. After that building was sold, we held it across the street at what we used to call the student center which is just the cafeteria now. We asked about the space at the Academy, and we were supposed to have it here last year, but the pandemic happened so this is a true homecoming for us in 2021,"

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Thompson Public Works employee honored

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THOMPSON – The town of Thompson has honored a long-time public works employee who went above and beyond to save the life of a local citizen in late August.

Town officials, emergency responders, town employees and close family gathered on Friday, Sept. 17 to honor Lars Johnson, a 27-year public works employee in Thompson who on Aug. 24 helped extricate a citizen from underneath a tree following an unfortunate

accident. According to officials the tree fell onto the man's leg, pinning him and requiring the eventual amputation of the leg, but it could have cost the victim more if Lars Johnson hadn't responded effectively to a request for assistance from emergency responders. West Thompson Fire Department Chief Mathew Whipple said Johnson's efforts and poise made a world of difference.

"On arrival we established that we were going to need two heavy rescue trucks along with a loader from the town. We did make multiple attempts

to try to get the tree off the victim using our rescue vehicles however we were not able to do that. We started the town loader and Lars was able to come through and with great ease he operated the loader and was able to lift the tree which means the victim was able to be extricated. It was a very long extrication that took about sixty minutes," said the chief. "Lars was very professional and went above and beyond. On behalf of the West Thompson Fire Department,

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Dedication event planned for signs commemorating Great East Thompson Train Wreck

THOMPSON — The Town of Thompson is pleased to invite the public to a special event "unveiling" a series of brand new interpretive signs commemorating the events of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, 1 – 2:30 p.m., and will feature members of the Thompson Historical Society using the new signs to tell the story of the wreck. Singer-songwriter Mark Moriarty will also play a set featuring his winning composition "Eastbound Train on a Westbound Track," from a competition hosted by the Town in 2020 as part of their "Virtual CT Trails Day" during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

Development of the concepts and designs for a future park at the site has been ongoing since January of 2020, under a community assistance award from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. A project team made up of members of Thompson Trails Committee, Thompson Historical Society, Economic Development Commission and the Last Green Valley has been working in partnership with NPS to establish priorities and

brainstorm design concepts. Members of the project team will also spend some time sharing the details of that ongoing initiative with the event audience. The installation of the signs is the first phase of the development of the permanent park, with more improvements to be added thanks to a commitment by the Town of a portion of the recent ARPA funds.

Funding for the signs was provided by Thompson's Economic Development Commission, along with matching grant funds from CT Humanities. Included in the installation will be a number of "windows to the past": photos taken on site during the era of the wreck, enlarged and screened onto a clear panel that will allow visitors to better envision the former station, in contrast with the wooded setting of the trail today.

To visit the site of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck, navigate to the parking area for the Air Line State Park Trail at 662 East Thompson Rd., Thompson. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date for the special event will be Sunday, Oct. 10, also 1 – 2:30 p.m.

We hope to see you on the trail in October!



Photo Courtesy

Thompson Public Works employee Lars Johnson is presented with a certificate of recognition by West Thompson Fire Chief Mathew Whipple. Johnson went above and beyond the call of duty saving the life of a local citizen in August.

Boardman shines for Woodstock Academy, but Centaurs fall to Waterford



Woodstock Academy's Aurissa Boardman elevates and rears back for a powerful spike.

Photos Jason McKay

BY KEN POWERS
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WOODSTOCK — After an uneven start against Waterford High resulted in a first-set loss, the Woodstock Academy volleyball team appeared to hit its stride, winning the next two sets. The Centaurs' mojo, however, left as quickly it arrived, the result of which was a 3-2 loss to the Lancers.

The match, played at sultry Alumni Gymnasium on Wednesday, Sept. 15, was the team's home opener. Playing in front of a packed gymnasium after a pair of road games to open the season could have been a reason for Woodstock's erratic first set, which ended in a 25-16 loss.

"I really just think it's a lack of playing experience," Centaurs' head coach Adam Bottone said in an effort to explain his team's faltering late in the match. "I have three girls with a lot of varsity experience and that's it. I've got three freshmen and a sophomore playing out there, so we're

going to take our lumps.

"We had a lot of service errors," Bottone continued. "The fundamental things we need to get done, receiving and serving, we're just not doing a good enough job at that right now, but that's to be expected when you have a young team."

Bottone discounted the impact nerves may have played into Woodstock's slow start.

"I'm sure nerves played into it, but as soon as you talk about it, then it becomes even more of a problem," Bottone said. "What it came down to is we just didn't execute."

Waterford (1-3) which took the lead early in the first set and pushed it to double digits before winning by nine points, jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the second set before the Centaurs turned it around.

Senior Aurissa Boardman cut the

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The early settlement of Killingly



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I have been searching for as many primary sources as possible about the granting of Killingly’s lands by the Colony of Connecticut and its earliest settlement. The May, 1708 Connecticut Public Records recorded, “This Assembly grants a township to the eastward of Woodstock and a patent thereof; the bounds whereof to be northerly on the line of the Massachusetts Province (it being by estimation about) five miles from the line between this Colonie and the Colonie of Rhode Island and the river called Assawaug; easterly on the said line between the Colonies (of Connecticut and Rhode Island); southerly partly on the northern boundary of Plainfield, and partly on a line to be continued east from the northeast corner bounds of Plainfield to the said line between the Colonies..., and westerly on the aforesaid river; the said township being by estimation about eight or nine miles in length and five or six miles in breath...” Any person “that shall not give due obedience to all the laws of this colonie for the upholding the worship of God, and paying of all publick charges, shall have no benefit by this act...And this Assembly desires the Honourable Goverour to commisionate Lt. Aspinall or some other suitable person to train and command the souldiers in the said township, and to give a name to the said town, and also appoint the figure of a brand for their horses....And this Assembly leaves it to the Honourable Gouvenor with the Secretary to sign a pattent unto Coll. Robert Treat, Maj. James Fitch, Capt. Daniel Wetherel, Mr. Joseph Hains, Mr. Samuel Andrew, Mr. George Denison, Mr. James Dalison, (Danielson), David Jacobs, Samuell Randall, Peter Aspinall, Joseph Cady, in behalf of the rest of the proprietors; provided it wrong no person or persons just and legal rights.” (1706-1716, p. 60-61).

By the October 1708 meeting of the

Assembly, the township had been named “Kellingley” and a trainband was formed. “This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Joseph Cadey of Kellingley to be Lieutenant, and Mr. John Winter to be Ensign of the souldiers or trainband in the said town of Kellingley. (Ibid. p. 75). Note the early spelling. I’ll be curious to see when today’s spelling shows up.

Connecticut’s governor in 1708 was Gurdon Saltsonstall who named the town Killingly for Killanslie, the family’s ancestral manor in Pontefract, Yorkshire, England. “Killanslie probably derived from Kelling, from the Old English, Cyllan bey, home of Cylla’s people.” (“Miles of Millstreams” by Margaret Weaver and Geraldine & Raymond Wood, p. 20; reference taken from Sellers, Helen E., “Connecticut Town Origins, Their Names, Boundaries, First Histories and First Families.” I could not locate the place in a Google search but did come across some very interesting information when I entered “Pontefract,” for which neighboring Pomfret, Connecticut was named.

Pontefract “means ‘broken bridge.’ “The popular corruption of this name is Pomfret.” (definitions.net). It is “noted as the location of the imposing Pontefract Castle where Richard II met his untimely end, probably murdered, in 1399. ..(He) was imprisoned there after his capture by Henry IV...You can still see the remains of the tower where Richard met his end and the foundations of a royal hall within the walls. ” ((https://www.britainexpress.com/attractions.htm?attraction=2771)

“Shakespeare cruelly immortalized the town as ‘Bloody Pomfret’ in Richard III,

III,iii,9- ‘O Pomfret, Pomfret! O thou bloody prison!’” ((www.exploring-castles.com/uk/england/pontefract_castle/)

On a much lighter note, Pontefract, England is “known for its links to liquorice. The sandy soil makes it one of the few places in Britain where the liquorice plant can be easily grown and there are two factories producing sweets. The most famous sweet is the Pontefract Cake (also known as Pomfret Cake), a small circular sweet at least created as early as 1700.” (www. attractions...).

I was surprised to learn that Governor Saltsonstall, who gave both Killingly and Pomfret their names, was from

New London, Connecticut, where he had served as minister. According to “Celebrate Connecticut 350 Years 1985-1986,” he was “the only clergyman to hold high office in Connecticut.” Saltonstall served as governor until his death in New London in 1724.

On to more modern topics...Do you remember when all our reports and papers were written on a typewriter, not a computer? That seems so long ago. The Killingly Historical Society treasurer, Ida Ransom, came across a package of “Eaton Corrasable thesis paper” and suggested we move it to the archives as an historical artifact. I remember using carbon paper and white out but not this. “Errors disappear like magic. The secret’s in the surface. Typewriter errors disappear like magic with a flick of a soft pencil eraser. Retyping looks clear and clean. ..” 50 eight and a half by 11 sheets for 10 cents. Thank goodness for a computer!

As you are sorting and downsizing, consider calling the Killingly Historical Center to see if what you consider “junk” might be an item that we could include in a future display. Our lives have changed so dramatically. Our little school children are amazed at rotary telephones and cameras with only one flash bulb.

I’ve had access to a partial issue of a Windham County Observer-Putnam Patriot from Oct. 9, 1968. Do you recall the Putnam Foundry? “The Putnam Foundry, one of the city’s oldest industries, will close on November 1. Lloyd E. Matteson, Jr. of Thompson, general manager of the plant, which is located at 34 Furnace St., has confirmed a report that the company would discontinue operations. About 30 employee will be affected.” The parent company is the Leland-Gifford Co. of Worcester which sold the plant in 1965 to White Consolidated Industries of Cleveland, Ohio.

Did you ever go to a movie at the Quinebaug Drive in Theatre? October 11-13 it was showing Sammy Davis, Jr. and Peter Lawford in Salt & Pepper. I had to chuckle because the word “Color” is included in the ad. (I still remember our old black and white tv). The Imperial Cinema on Front St. in Putnam was showing Heidi as Saturday and Sunday Matinees and the adults only movie Helga, “Another distinguished Foreign Film.” The Twin Drive In on Route 12 was running Kirk Douglas in “A Lovely

Way to Die” and Phyllis Diller (remember her?) in “The Traveling Sales Lady.” You had many movie theater choices; now we have none.

Do you remember when the Windham County Men’s Fellowship gathered each fall? In October 1968 “Half Ton of Turkey to be Consumed by 1000 at Fellowship Fete.” Monday evening, Oct. 21, participants would “begin with supper at four churches and the K.H.S. cafeteria at 6:30 o’clock, followed by a torch-light parade through Danielson’s Main Street to the Killingly High School auditorium, where the meeting (would) begin at 8 p.m. Featured speaker this year is Dr. Tenyson Guyer of Findlay, Ohio, a noted humorist, philosopher, and public relations director...”

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, Oct. 3. 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 Connecticut, 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.

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Our Lady of LaSalette to hold book and bake sale

BROOKLYN — A huge book sale will be held in the Our Lady of LaSalette Church basement

Route 6, Brooklyn (near the Route 169 intersection) Friday, Oct. 8 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The sale features an alphabetized fiction section including both hardcovers and paperbacks, as well as non-fiction titles and lots of children’s books. Teachers, replenish your bookshelves. Lots of great baked goods will be available for sale as well.

Masks are suggested and may be required, depending on state guidance at that time.

Daughters of Isabella seeking vendors for Yuletide Festival

PUTNAM — The Daughters of Isabella are seeking vendors for their annual Yuletide Festival to be held on Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam.

Table rentals are \$35 if reserved prior to Oct. 20; table rentals are \$40 if contacted after Oct. 20.

Call Jean Ryan 860-928-5014 to reserve a table.

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LaChance said. “It’s so neat to be back where we started our adult lives. My dorm is two buildings down and we’re touring the campus today to see how things are being used today.”

Class of 1977 graduate Colleen Depasse of Brooklyn, who worked directly across from the South Campus in Woodstock for much of her career, said returning to the old home of the college and seeing her former classmates and graduates again was a delightful experience.

“We’ve been coming back every year. It’s a wonderful event and it’s reenergizing to connect with people that you lived with day to day for years. Seeing everyone and reliving so many happy memories, after you leave, you’re on a high for weeks. It’s very nice,” said Depasse. “To be able to come back here, we graduated from this building and had dances in this building, so you talk about really coming home it just brings you back forty years like it’s yesterday.”

Like past events, the 2021 reunion provided a token to all graduates. This year it was a ribbon similar to what you might see at a fair acknowledging the 80th anniversary of the founding of the college. The event also included raffles, a fully stocked souvenir table with Annhurst shirts, hoodies and other items and a table set specifically to remember those who have passed away in order to honor their legacies as part of the Annhurst alumni family.

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People often mistakenly think of estate planning as something that only older or wealthier people have to do, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Estate planning is an essential tool to help anyone manage and preserve the money and property you have while you're alive, and to ensure that it's distributed in the way you want after your death.

It is true, however, that estate planning needs will vary depending on a number of factors including your age, health, wealth, lifestyle, life stage, goals, and many other factors. Here's a look at some common estate planning needs throughout various stages of life and degrees of wealth. You should use these as a simple guide to getting started and then seek professional advice to implement the plan that's right for your specific situation and goals.

Young and single
If you're young and single, you may not need much estate planning. But if you have some material possessions, you should at least write a will. If you don't, the wealth you leave behind if you die will likely go to your parents, and that might not be what you would want. A will lets you leave your possessions to anyone you choose (e.g., your significant other, siblings, other relatives, or favorite charity).

In addition, all adults over 18 should consider having a durable power of attorney (which lets you name someone to manage your property for you in case you become unable to do so) and an advance medical directive (which can include a living will, durable power of attorney for health care, and a Do Not Resuscitate order).

Unmarried couples
You've committed to a life partner but aren't legally married. For you, a will is essential if you want your property to pass to your partner at your death. Without a will, state law directs that only your closest relatives will inherit your property, and your partner may get nothing. If you share certain property, such as a house or car, you may consider owning the property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. That way, when one of you dies, the jointly held property will pass to the surviving partner automatically.

Married couples
For many years, married couples had to do careful estate planning, such as the creation of a credit shelter trust, in order to take advantage of their combined federal estate tax exclusions. For decedents dying in 2011 and later years,

the executor of a deceased spouse's estate can transfer any unused estate tax exclusion amount to the surviving spouse without such planning.

You may be inclined to rely on these portability rules for estate tax avoidance, using outright bequests to your spouse instead of traditional trust planning. However, portability should not be relied upon solely for utilization of the first to die's estate tax exclusion, and a credit shelter trust created at the first spouse's death may still be advantageous for several reasons:

Portability may be lost if the surviving spouse remarries and is later widowed again

The trust can protect any appreciation of assets from estate tax at the second spouse's death

The trust can provide protection of assets from the reach of the surviving spouse's creditors

Portability does not apply to the generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax, so the trust may be needed to fully leverage the GST exemptions of both spouses

Married couples where one spouse is not a U.S. citizen have special planning concerns. The marital deduction is not allowed if the recipient spouse is a non-citizen spouse (but an annual exclusion, \$159,000 for 2021, is allowed). If certain requirements are met, however, a transfer to a qualified domestic trust (QDOT) will qualify for the marital deduction.

Married with children
If you're married and have children, you and your spouse should each have your own will. For you, wills are vital because you can name a guardian for your minor children in case both of you die simultaneously. If you fail to name a guardian in your will, a court may appoint someone you might not have chosen. Furthermore, without a will, some states dictate that at your death some of your property goes to your children and not to your spouse. If minor children inherit directly, the surviving parent will need court permission to manage the money for them.

You may also need life insurance. Your surviving spouse may not be able to support the family on his or her own and may need to replace your earnings to maintain the family. And, you may also want to consult an attorney about establishing a trust to manage your children's assets in the event that both you and your spouse die at the same time.

Comfortable and looking forward to retirement
If you're in your 30s or 40s, you may be feeling comfortable. You've accumulated some wealth and you're thinking about retirement. Here's where estate planning overlaps with retirement planning. It's just as important to plan to care for yourself during your retirement as it is to plan to provide for your beneficiaries after your death.

You should keep in mind that even

though Social Security may be around when you retire, those benefits alone may not provide enough income for your retirement years. Consider saving some of your accumulated wealth using other retirement and deferred vehicles, such as a 401(k) or individual retirement account (IRA). There are a wide variety of retirement savings calculators available on our Web site at whzwealth.com/financial-calculators to help you determine how much you'll need to save in order to live the life you want in retirement.

Wealthy and worried
Depending on the size of your estate, you may need to be concerned about estate taxes. For 2021, \$11,700,000 is effectively excluded from the federal gift and estate tax. Estates over that amount may be subject to the tax at a top rate of 40 percent. Similarly, there is another tax, called the generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax, that is imposed on transfers of wealth made to grandchildren (and lower generations). For 2021, the GST tax exemption is also \$11,700,000 and the top tax rate is 40 percent.

Note however that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed into law in December 2017, doubled the gift and estate tax basic exclusion amount and the GST tax exemption to \$11,180,000 in 2018. After 2025, they are scheduled to revert to their pre-2018 levels and be cut by about one-half. Whether your estate will be subject to state death taxes depends on the size of your estate and the tax laws in effect in the state in which you live.

Elderly or ill
If you're elderly or ill, you'll want to write a will or update your existing one, consider a revocable living trust, and make sure you have a durable power of attorney and a health-care directive. Talk with your family about your wishes, and make sure they have copies of your important papers or know where to locate them.

Whatever stage you're in, remember... There's a lot to consider with regard to estate planning no matter what stage of life you're at and the stakes – oftentimes the wellbeing and care of those you love most – couldn't be higher. That's why it's important to enlist the help of a trusted and strategic professional to ensure you have the best possible plans in place for your specific situation and goals. It's also why it's essential to review and update all of your accounts, policies and beneficiaries on a regular basis, to be sure any necessary changes are made to reflect changes in circumstances or preference.

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we're very thankful."

Thompson First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge also complimented Johnson on his work calling him a fine example of the great people that live and work in Thompson.

"The town of Thompson is extremely proud to call Lars Johnson one of our own. He went above and beyond with professionalism and skill. We're grateful that he was available that day to answer the call and save a person's life," said St. Onge.

Lars Johnson himself was humbled by the surprise ceremony. He was happy to see the appreciation but did his job without an expectation of reward. He simply went into action when the town

and a fellow citizen needed him most.

"It was intense, I guess the word would be, showing up with all the firefighters there and seeing what was really going on when I got there. Myself and a couple of firefighters that were there made it happen. The firefighters helped a lot. One of the firefighters, Mike Veins, he helped a lot. I put my faith in him. I did what I had to do, I did my job, and they did a good job helping me," said Johnson. "It felt good to help out in the way I did. It's something you don't want to have to do all the time. This is quite a unique experience. It's nice to know that the town appreciates what I'm doing."

Johnson's ceremony included a catered lunch and a presentation of a certificate of recognition presented by Chief Whipple.



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According to the local dealers I spoke with, the September Brimfield show was a success. One told me that two large sales at the beginning of their show more than covered their expenses. Beyond this great local news, there has also been plenty of other antique related news from across the country. National news begins with the sale of a 286-piece collection of rare antique portraits by some of the first Black photographers. According to NPR, in 1975, Larry West found a portrait of an African American person in a box of daguerreotypes in a New York antique store. NPR said that “his collection of 286 objects dating from the 1840s to about 1925, which includes daguerreotypes and other early types of photographic works” was sold to the Smithsonian after multiple museums competed

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for the collection. NPR reported that “daguerreotypes were widely popular in the 1840s and 1850s and it’s estimated that 3 to 5 million were made in the United States. But only 30,000 to 40,000 still exist.” Further, there are only a small percentage of daguerreotypes from African American photography studios. West’s collection contained 40 of these rare daguerreotypes. The collection will be displayed at the Smithsonian through 2023. Further West, Al Capone’s favorite gun and other personal effects are headed to auction in California. Capone was referred to as “Public Enemy No. 1” after the “Valentine’s Day Massacre” where seven rival bootleggers were killed. However, his granddaughters who are auctioning his belongings remember him differently. Diane Capone described him as “very loving, very devoted to family, very generous.” One of the items to be auctioned is a letter Al Capone wrote to his son Albert “Sonny”

Capone. Capone called Sonny the “son of my heart” in a letter he wrote while serving an 11-year term in Alcatraz for tax evasion. Other items being offered include “diamond-encrusted jewelry with [Capone’s] initials, family photographs and his favorite handgun.” According to the AP, the highlight of the sale is “the Colt .45-caliber pistol Capone always carried with him and used several times to protect himself.” Diane Capone was unsure if the gun was involved in any crimes. In other news, the Iowa Hawk Eye reported that Jim Sonnevile started collecting Coke bottles after one of his sons found a bottle while working on a construction site. He gave the bottle to his dad who became more curious about its origins. He continued buying bottles and now has around 1,200 in his collection. Sonnevile hopes to add a rare Hutchinson bottle to his collection. Charles Hutchinson of Chicago, IL patented the bot-

tle that became popular in the 1880s. A Hutchinson Coca Cola bottle sold at auction for \$7,000 in 2014. Much better than a 5 cent deposit. Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is now open for bidding. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end in early November. I’ll be presenting on antiques and collectibles on Saturday, Oct. 30 at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire. My “Evaluating your antiques” night class will take place on November 10th at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass., and on Saturday, Nov. 13, I’ll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.



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Determined to persevere

On the road to accomplish your dream, you’re going to have plenty of opportunities to give up. You may have to try many times, but when the going gets tough, that’s when you need to find determination and perseverance. Accomplishing dreams

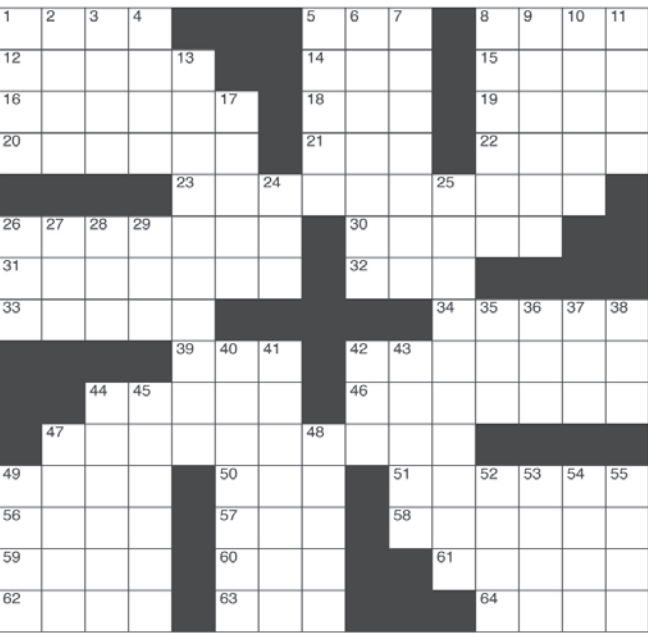
requires great strength. If you haven’t been toughened up by life already, pursuing a dream will do the trick. Determination and perseverance don’t come naturally. They’re born out of failure. They come from defeat and must be cultivated from within. When things don’t go the

way you plan, and you refuse to give up, determination arises, and a new fire will spark inside of you that gives you the power to persevere. You’ll think of new ways, travel down different paths, reinvent yourself, develop unique ideas, and vow to become successful no matter the odds. It is down this path some must travel for ultimate victory. Victory doesn’t come easy and usually never does. If it does come easy, it won’t mean as much to you, and maybe you ought to set a higher goal. George Washington, our first president, and the leader of the Continental Army who defeated the British, the most powerful military in that time, said, “the harder the conflict, the greater the triumph.” Maybe you’ve had many losses on the path to accomplishing your dream. Don’t worry; you’re not alone. Many great people have traveled down this road and have still secured their success. Remove all doubt, fill yourself with thoughts of victory as you prepare yourself for the ultimate battle. This is a time to learn a lesson from George Washington’s experience in the American Revolutionary War. No doubt Washington wondered if victory against the British was possible. They had more financing, experi-

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ence, and education. The American colonists were mainly poor farmers and many without shoes. Washington was facing near-impossible odds. Washington knew that it was of the highest priority to keep New York City from falling to the British. Washington spent much time preparing for a bloody battle in New York that he expected would come in the summer of 1776. Sure enough, in August of 1776, the British invaded the city, and it didn’t go well. Washington watched from a distance as a regiment from Maryland repeatedly charged the British in a suicidal attempt to buy time for Washington’s escape. It was still a few weeks before Washington completely lost control of New York. He bitterly wept as he watched his last garrison burn to the ground. An average person would have given up and surrendered, but Washington wasn’t an average person. He found determination and prepared to persevere. “Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages,” said Washington. It was then that Washington began to plan what he called his “Grand Strategy” to retake New York in the hopes of defeating the British once and

for all. In 1778, New York was still under British occupation, and taking it back had become Washington’s obsession. If you’re determined to accomplish your dream, you’ll need to become obsessed. Allow Nothing to get in your way as you wait patiently for your decisive move. For five years, Washington waited to implement his “Grand Strategy.” In 1781, he was begrudgingly convinced to employ his strategy in Virginia instead of New York. For many reasons, his “Grand Strategy” wasn’t going to work in New York, but it could in Virginia. Although Washington badly wanted New York, he recognized that the ultimate goal was to win the war against the British rather than re-taking New York. Sometimes you’ll need to reassess your dream. Is it about taking back New York, or is it about winning the war? In October 1781, Washington employed his “Grand Strategy” and won a decisive victory over the British in Virginia, forcing British surrender. Many people in history have faced impossible odds and found the determination and perseverance to succeed; you can do the same! I believe you’re capable of great victories!

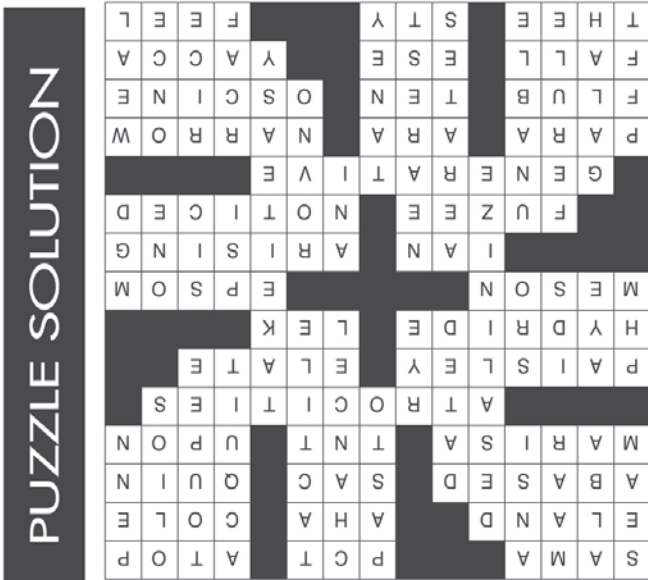


CLUES ACROSS

1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees’ ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for “on”
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007’s creator
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent to
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake
57. Pearl Jam’s debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of

CLUES DOWN

1. Crease
2. “Honey” actress Jessica
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Product safety watchdog
5. Southern Colombian city
6. Part of a church
7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. “Mystic River” actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song
26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne’s former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
54. At some prior time
55. Red, swollen mark



VILLAGER ALMANAC At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Sept. 13: Wilson’s Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Parula Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Flicker, Eastern Wood Peewee, American Redstart, Bobolink, Eastern Towhee, Song Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home

QVCC celebrates 50 years Oct. 21

DANIELSON — On Sept. 27, 1971, Quinebaug Valley Community College began offering classes at Harvard H. Ellis Technical School and Killingly High School prior to the construction of a campus at the 742 Upper Maple St. location in 1983. Over the last fifty years, QVCC has transformed the lives of thousands of our community members and continues to serve the communities of Northeast Connecticut. On Thursday, Oct. 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at our Danielson location, the College will celebrate five decades of QVCC. In recognition of this monumental event, the College is seeking nominations for “Five Champions of QVCC.” Whether in a classroom setting, in a student support role, in a peer role or as a community member, champions advocate for our students and the college’s mission. Whether their presence was felt fifty years ago or today, they made impact on the history of the college. Nominations must be submitted online at www.qvcc.edu/50th by Wednesday, Sept. 29 for consideration. Program 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour 5:30 – 6: 30 p.m. Celebratory Ceremony including comments from QVCC President Emeritus Dianne E. Williams, Regional President Robert Steinmetz, QVCC CEO Karen Hynick, and the President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Terence Cheng Recognition of the Five Champions of QVCC 50 years of memories 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Memories & Mingle The College’s COVID-19 policies on masking and social distancing will be in effect. In the event we are unable to host the celebration on Oct. 21, we will postpone until Thursday, April 14, 2022. RSVP is required. Please respond by Oct. 7 to Jennifer Green, jgreen@qvcc.edu or 860-932-4140.

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Fall landscape care to keep plants and pollinators healthy

As the weather and gardens transition from summer to fall, it is time to adjust your maintenance practices to ensure the health, longevity, and beauty of your landscape. Proper fall care will increase winter survival, support pollinators, and reduce your future workload.

Continue watering as needed. This is especially important for new plantings and moisture-loving plants. Don't overlook established trees during extended dry periods. Drought conditions stress these key landscape plants, making them more susceptible to life threatening insects and disease.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. Many provide homes for pollinators and other beneficial insects and some seeds provide food for songbirds. You'll enjoy the added texture and motion in your winter garden and the songbirds that stop by to dine.

Do remove diseased plant debris and those infested with plant-damaging insects. Removing these from the

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garden reduces the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less pest management required. Contact your local municipality for guidance on disposing of pest infested plant debris.

This is also a good time to remove any small to medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees. A saw, like Corona's seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for this size job. The blade tucks into the handle for safe transport and the smaller size makes it easy to tuck into your tool belt or bucket. Disinfect the blade with rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant spray between cuts when pruning diseased plant material.

Don't rake leaves to the curb this fall. Put them to use in the garden as mulch on the soil surface to help suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects

if they lost another set, the Lancers responded to Woodstock's challenge in the fourth set, jumping out to leads of 6-0 and 10-1. The Centaurs refused to go quietly, however, cutting their deficit to three, 18-15, on a well-timed and well-placed kill by Boardman. Waterford, however, outscored Woodstock, 8-2, from that point to tie the match up at 2-2 with a 25-17 win.

The fifth and deciding set was tied, 5-5, when Waterford made its match-winning move. The Lancers picked up three points on Woodstock defensive errors to take an 8-5 lead. The Centaurs rallied to cut its deficit to a point, 10-9, somehow successfully returning a ball back over the net to Waterford after the second hit in the sequence went so high it bounced off an overhead beam.

Woodstock had a chance to tie the set, 10-10, but its ensuing serve landed out of bounds. The Lancers then scored the final five points of the match to pocket the win.

The loss to Waterford dropped the Centaurs to 1-2. That mark dipped to 1-3 on Friday, Sept. 17 when WA lost to Lyman, 3-1. Game scores in the Lyman match were 25-15, 25-20, 23-25, and 25-16.

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Waterford lead to 6-5 on the strength of one of her 10 kills in the match. Boardman then tied the game, 6-6 with a service ace. After a six-minute delay during which the officials talked to both officials at the scorer's table, Boardman picked up where she left off, earning two more service points, staking Woodstock to an 8-6 lead.

The Centaurs methodically pushed their second-set lead to 10 points on several occasions before winning the set, 25-16. Woodstock won the first two points of the third set, but Waterford then reeled off six straight points, prompting Bottone to call timeout and regroup.

Woodstock scored eight straight points coming out of the timeout, taking a 10-6 lead. Boardman was again in the middle of it all, with a pair of her 10 digs, a kill, and a block in the run. The set was a back-and-forth affair after that, the Centaurs winning it, 25-23, to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

"Aurissa has played a lot for us since she was a sophomore," Bottone said. "She's got some good experience and, as a result, she's the floor leader out there for us, and she took that role on, on her own, which is good."

"Aurissa has an effective serve, but she had a lot of service errors today," said Bottone, who also received solid performances from freshman Cassidy Chabot (11 digs) and senior Annarose Avery (four aces). "As for her hits, when the sets were good and she could keep the ball out in front of her she was getting some good kills. She struggled when the setting was a little inconsistent from both setters. I think she does as much as she can to keep the team going; she was definitely a big part of our runs in this match."

Facing defeat

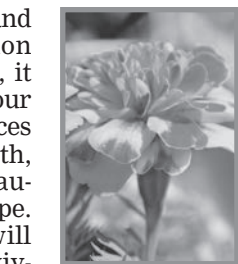


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A seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for removing small or medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees in the fall.

it continues to grow. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application.

Don't rake fall leaves off the lawn. Just mow over them as you cut the grass and accomplish two tasks in one. As long as the leaf pieces are the size of a quarter or smaller, they'll break down, adding organic matter to the soil and not harm the grass. Make a second pass with the mower if needed to cut the leaves down in size.

result in less replacement and pruning of winter damaged plants.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Thompson Lions to host Steps for Shoes event

THOMPSON — The Thompson Lions Club will present its annual Steps for Shoes event on Saturday, Sept. 26, raising funds to provide shoes for local children for next school year.

The fourth annual event will be held at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park where participants will get to walk, bike or run the famed paved race-track on a 1.3-mile course. Participants and groups can sign up to take part the day of the event. Special awards will be handed out for the largest participating group, best group theme and best individual theme.

All the funds raised from the event will be used to help TEEG< a social service agency in Thompson, provide access to school shoes for families from Thompson, Pomfret and Woodstock for the 2022-2023 school year. Steps For Shoes kicks off at 8 a.m. this Sunday, Sept 26 with open registration until 10 a.m. and a rain date set for Oct. 3 in case of inclement weather. Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is located at 205 East Thompson Road in Thompson.

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Dedication Event: Great East Thompson Train Wreck Interpretive Signs on the Air Line Trail – Sunday, October 3, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30pm. Air Line State Park Trail, 662 E. Thompson Road, Thompson. Raindate, October 10.

The Town of Thompson invites you to a special event “unveiling” a series of brand-new interpretive signs commemorating the events of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck in 1891. Music, storytelling of the Wreck, and information about a future park at the site await attendees. <https://www.thompsonct.org/trails-committee>

Tackle the Trail to support Quinebaug Valley Community College – Saturday, October 16, 2021 – 8:00am. It's a dream come true for Race Director and Founder Monique Wolanin, racers, and supporters to see Tackle the Trail expanded to a full 26.2 marathon course from Windham to Putnam thanks to new extensions along the spectacular Air Line Trail! Cheer on marathoners, ½ marathoners and relay teams. We say it's a Monique race in an amazing place! <https://tacklethehtrail.org/>.

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Williams runs it back for victory in Tripoint Showdown 75 at Thompson

THOMPSON — Tolland’s Ronnie Williams made it two in a row with the Outlaw Open Modified Series by capturing the Twisted Tea Tripoint Showdown 75 at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Williams followed a similar script to his Midsummer 75 victory in August by coming on strong late in the going to take home another \$5,000 top prize at the final tune-up for the \$20,000-to-win Thompson 300.

Thanks to the plus-four they earned in their qualifying heats, Williams and Bethlehem’s Chase Dowling led the field to the green flag. Williams paced the first seven laps in his Casella Racing machine before Dowling muscled inside entering turn two, bringing Chelmsford, MA’s Jon McKennedy along for the ride.

After initially coming back on McKennedy, Williams began to drift back in the field. As he did, McKennedy asserted himself, grabbing the point from Dowling on lap 25. McKennedy then led a four-car breakaway of Dowling, Chris Pasteryak, and Richard Savary.

The race shifted on lap 36, when Russ Hersey came to a halt at the pit road entrance, bringing out the first caution. Every lead lap car except McKennedy headed to the pits with all of them putting on a fresh right rear tire and some also making chassis adjustments. Pasteryak won the race off pit road to restart second with Matt Swanson, Williams, Tyler Barry, and Dowling in tow.

McKennedy’s gamble looked good at first as the field dived for second on the restart, which allowed him to open a big lead. But once they got organized, Williams, Dowling, and Swanson ran McKennedy down. Williams gracefully drove below McKennedy coming into turn three on the 52nd circuit, then parried the crossover attempt to reassume command.

Five laps later, Barry’s Modified went up in smoke to trigger the second caution. McKennedy finally decided to pit, handing the second spot to Dowling with Swanson and Keith Rocco in his rear view mirror. Berlin’s Rocco — who had started the feature at tail after problems in qualifying — grabbed third on the restart and took second from Dowling a couple laps later.

But Rocco had nothing for Williams, whose crew had again made all the right calls. The former Stafford Speedway champion was off into the night, pulling farther and farther away over the final laps and making him an early favorite for the Thompson 300 on Oct. 10.

Dowling put some heat on Rocco down the stretch before settling for third. Swanson and Savary had solid top-five efforts while McKennedy could



Photo Nicholas Teto — Courtesy

Tolland’s Ronnie Williams won his second straight \$5,000 Outlaw Open Modified Series event at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park in the Twisted Tea Tripoint Showdown 75.

climb no higher than sixth after his late pit stop. Brett Meservey, Pasteryak, Rob Richardi, Jr., and Paul Charette completed the top-10.

Franklin’s Ryan Morgan padded his Late Model point lead with his first win of the year. Morgan was one of five cars who spent the first half of the 25-lap feature duking it out inches apart. Mark Jenison barely led the way after an aggressive lap-one move while Rick Gentes, Woody Pitkat, Morgan, and Derek Gluchacki completed the hornet’s nest.

Bellingham, Mass.’s Pitkat went three-wide inside down the frontstretch as they completed lap seven, shuffling Gentes back a row. The big winner, though, was Morgan, who darted to second on the outside. Morgan then slingshot around Jenison on lap 10 to get the top spot.

The thrilling battle came apart on lap 13 when Gentes whacked the turn two wall and collected Gluchacki. Morgan, and Pitkat broke away after the restart, and Morgan had enough to hold the former Thompson Speedway champion at bay.

After a midrace lull, Warwick, R.I.’s Jenison came back to steal third from Mike Benevides in the final corner. Nick Johnson rounded out the top-five.

Chaplin’s Nicholas Hovey sped to his first career Thompson Speedway victory in the Vandi Auto Supply Limited Sportsmen. Hovey started third in the 20-lap feature and spent the first three circuits tandem-drafting away from the field with Troy Waterman. Coming into turn three for the fourth time, Hovey found a hole underneath Waterman and rolled right through

Waterman then fell into the clutches of Scott Sundeen, and they spent eight laps going back-and-forth for the runner-up spot. By the time Sundeen had finally cleared Waterman, and taken Brett Gleason with him, Hovey was a country mile ahead. The youngsters kept cruising the whole way to win a caution-free event.

The action for second got hairy on the final lap as Gleason went to the outside of Sundeen entering turn three. Corey Fanning tried to take advantage with a three-wide dive off turn four, and the trio spun across the finish line.

Sutton, Mass.’s Sundeen held onto the second spot with Mapleville, R.I.’s Fanning getting third. Gleason, Ryan Waterman, Larry Barnett, Zachary Robinson, Jeffrey Van Pelt, Troy Waterman, and Charles H. Stott III completed the top-10.

SK Light Modified point leader Anthony Bello of Newtown extended the gap between himself and the competition with his second win of the season. Bello started the 20-lap feature fourth, which had already been decimated by a qualifying race accident. After alertly slicing to second on the initial start, Bello had his hands full trying to get around early leader John O’Sullivan III.

Bello finally got a good run underneath O’Sullivan as they approached turn three on lap 12. O’Sullivan got all out of sorts coming off turn four, letting Bello pull way out in front. Paul Charette’s turn-three spin with three laps to go gave O’Sullivan a second chance, but he couldn’t capitalize as Bello smoothly drove to the victory. Nathan G. Pytho completed the podium followed by Steven Chapman and

Albert Ouellette.

Sterling’s Jared Roy made it three victories in four events for the Mini Stock division. Roy spent the first part of the 15-lap feature in a five-car tango for the lead, which was led by Steven Michalski and Dave Trudeau. William Schoeler went three-wide inside the front row as they completed the fifth circuit, but couldn’t make it stick in turn one, which gave Trudeau the lead by half a car length.

The very next time around, Roy tried the same move as Schoeler. The point leader, however, was successful in his attempt as Roy snatched the lead. Michalski and Schoeler then tangled up out of turn four with Michalski tagging the inside wall. Michalski was able to get out of harm’s way, which kept the event under green and let Roy walk away to the win.

After dogging Mansfield’s Trudeau for the second half of the feature, Plainfield’s Russell Barboza got around him for second on the final lap as Trudeau started to slow down. Trudeau was able to coast home third followed by Rick “The Rocket” Laflesh and Schoeler.

Thompson Speedway caps its 2021 racing season with the annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing from Friday, Oct. 8 to Sunday, Oct. 10. The Sunday portion of the World Series features the return of the \$20,000-to-win Thompson 300 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series. The weekend also includes the Sunoco Modified Triple Crown Series, ACT Late Model Tour, PASS Super Late Models, all local divisions, an 8-Cylinder Street Stock Open, and much more.

The full World Series weekend schedule and pricing will be announced soon. Camping spots are open for purchase by visiting www.thompsons Speedway.com.

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WOODSTOCK — On a beautiful day last Saturday afternoon, Woodstock Golf Course played host to the First Annual Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala Golf Tournament, which served as the third major fundraiser of the Summer for the ministry towards the purchase of a new all-terrain vehicle for Pastor Noe Guyen, their missionary partner in Guatemala. The tournament was a

Woodstock Golf Course hosts Hope for Tomorrow Guatemala Tournament

tremendous success raising over \$2,500, which was enough to reach the ministry’s goal of \$36,000 for the new vehicle.

Pastor Noe and his family travel by pickup truck from their home in Teculután in the State of Zacapa up a nearby mountain to the remote villages of El Chico and El Mirador each week. They bring with them food and other material support for the 325-350 children and their families living on the mountain. South Woodstock Baptist Church, Creation Church, and Faith Bible Chapel are the primary supporters of the ministry, as well as many families and individuals from The Quiet Corner.

The winning team of the 9-Hole

Scramble was made up of Jeff Boshka, Leon Engman, Daryl Dalton, and Walker Dalton. Jeff Boshka had the longest drive on the par-4 8th hole, which measured at 290 yards and Bernie Norman had the closest to the pin shot on the par-3 1st hole, which measured at just 42 inches.

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St. Mary's brings the fun to Putnam

PUTNAM – The annual St. Mary's Circle of Fun returned for 2021 bringing games, music, rides and more to St. Mary's Parish in Putnam. The 49th edition of the yearly event brought much of the expected joy that visitors would expect with familiar rides and games littering the St. Mary's campus while grown ups were able to enjoy and adult beverage and a variety of musical acts provided additional entertainment from Sept. 17 through the 19 making for a weekend of fun in the sun to cap on the New England summer in Putnam.

Photos Jason Bleau



A Ferris wheel overlooks the St. Mary's grounds as the centerpiece of the annual Circle of Fun.



Country artist Nick Bosse performs for visitors to the Circle of Fun.



Riders enjoy a leisurely turn on the Merry Go Round.



It wasn't all rides at the Circle of Fun. Some came for the games included this large crowd of Bingo players.



Young thrill seekers take a ride on a dragon kiddie coaster, one of the more popular rides at the Circle of Fun.



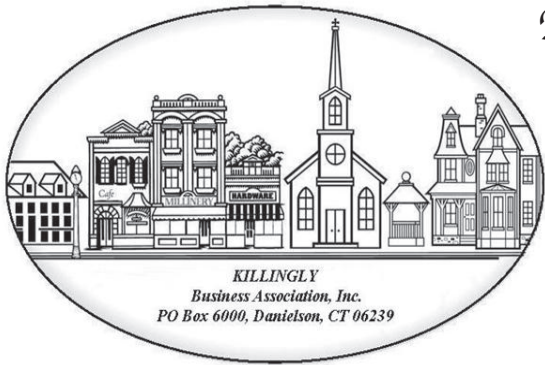
Young visitors enjoy a spin on the Scrambler.



Riders take a swing, literally, on the Musical Chairs ride.



Haley and Leah Marrison of Putnam take a slow spin on one of the kiddie rides.



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EDITOR

The perfect time of year

“The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!”

Poet Humbert Wolfe wrote those words about fall, and the first day of fall is here. Sept. 22 marked the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Starbucks and Dunkin’s have already unleashed the beast roughly two weeks ago.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, ‘When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?’ produced the following responses- ‘Right now!’ ‘First day of fall,’ ‘I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,’ ‘I’m waiting until Sept. 1,’ and ‘After zucchini season.’

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall.

The end of the summer season really isn’t so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, homecoming and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. Winter hiking is epic as well. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall, however, is the foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage in New England will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

The 2022 Old Farmer’s Almanac comes with a winter warning: Prepare for a “Season of Shivers.” This winter will be punctuated by positively bone-chilling, below-average temperatures across most of the United States.


Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

So whether you’re still sipping pina colodas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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– Benjamin Franklin

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kyle Napierata for BOE

To the Editor:

I am honored to say that I have known Kyle for 10 years, and consider him a friend and fellow conservative. I had the pleasure of working with him, on a daily basis, for nine years, and during that time got to know him well.

Kyle cares deeply about all people, regardless of their background. He is hardworking and honest in his business and personal relationships. I found Kyle to be trustworthy, very dependable, and most of all, dedicated... always working till the project was complete.

Kyle is a true conservative...fiscally and socially...and I believe we need more people like him on all local government boards and councils. He believes in the rights of the individual and does not want to impose mandates on the taxpayers, infringing on their personal freedoms and their pocketbooks. He is a man of integrity and will continue to be an asset to the BOE and the town.

Sincerely,

JILLIAN A. PIGNATARO
STERLING

For honesty and trustworthiness, Barclay is your candidate

To the Editor:

I met Ulla Tiik Barclay approximately five years ago at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, where we work as Respiratory Therapists.

While working with Ulla, I have witnessed a dedicated work ethic that puts the patient first while analyzing the most efficient and cost-effective way to approach this care. She had volumes of integrity and honesty and will research an issue until she is sure she has enough knowledge to make an informed

decision. She is also able to listen to others and accept suggestions that improves the goals of that task.

If you are looking for a trustworthy, honest, honorable individual and you share her political views, she is your candidate. I am honored to have her as a colleague and friend.

Sincerely,

VICKI FRAUSINI-MORAN
WATERFORD

Anderson will ensure that our voices are heard

To the Editor:

I am writing to share my continued support for Mr. Jason Anderson for re-election to Town Council. I worked with him two years ago on the town council, and cannot express his devoted dedication to the town of Killingly. He truly works hard in fighting for the people and what this town needs. I have personally witnessed him be passionate and

proactive about the concerns and issues this town has faced in the past.

Jason is the best candidate I know to assure the townspeople are heard, and will work for their best interest.

Thank You,

COLEEN BRAKENWAGEN
KILLINGLY

Kevin Kerttula for Town Council

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage all Killingly Voters in District 4 to vote to re-elect Kevin Kerttula to our Town Council. It doesn’t matter what your personal political affiliation is — this town, like any other town, needs honest competent leadership.

Anyone who meets Kevin quickly realizes he is a serious competent individual. The owners of Rawson Materials in Putnam have realized his leadership abilities; he is a plant manager for them. Kevin is a strong fiscal conservative who will ensure our town budget does not get out of control. Kevin is the Vice Chairman of the Town Council, his professional experience combined with his experience on the Town Council since 2017 makes him extremely qualified to keep Killingly

moving forward towards a better future for the Town and its citizens.

Kevin has supported the town for years through his involvement as a volunteer firefighter with the South Killingly Fire Department and the Attawaugan Fire Department, where he is currently on the Board of Directors. Kevin does not sit back and do nothing; he gets involved and works hard at solving problems. I have known Kevin for many years and believe he will always work hard for his constituents, he will be open and available to listen to your ideas, concerns and complaints. Please vote for Kevin this November.

FRED RUHLEMANN
DANIELSON

Killingly needs a renewed vision

To the Editor:

I am running for the Killingly Town Council, at-large. I am registered Independent but working with Democrats who, like me, are distressed by our current political environment. We need a renewed vision.

The politics of fear and division distract us from the ground beneath our feet. It is not imaginary. It requires our attention if we are to continue living on it. Education is the only solution to the challenges we face. From here, we can prioritize the needs of people weighed against the needs of our children and future generations.

I entered this contest because I wanted to see for myself what kind of town I have lived in for 20 years. Do we care about anything beyond the mil rate? If we recognize our obligation to the young and that they follow after us we will see that it is up to us to afford them the best possible chance of success. In serving them we benefit ourselves. If our community is to thrive, we need to think beyond the limits placed on us by our current ways of thinking. Please vote on Nov. 2.

JOSEPH ZORNADO
KILLINGLY

Lamenting Covid

To the Editor:

I am The Rev. Jane Emma Newall, the pastor of Federated Church of Christ in Brooklyn. Like you, the pandemic that we are in has taken its toll on me and on my congregation. What started out as two weeks turned into two months and now almost two years. It has brought out kindness and compassion in some and selfishness and arrogance in others. We have felt chasms growing politically and economically.

And we have losses in our community. I have been a professional minister for over 30 years and I have presided over more funerals this year than any other year in my career. My congregation and I have not been able to comfort on another with the familiar rituals and traditions than come into play when someone passes. Despite phone calls and cards, a lot of us are alone with our grief.

And we know that our losses involve things great and small. We worry about our children and their education and their childhood. We have pains about not seeing our loved ones. We and not sure if celebrations are safe. We don’t know if we can trust other people not to make us sick.

Lamenting is a spiritual concept where we cry out to God our anguish, pain, concern and worries. In fact, Psalms of lament are the most prevalent type of psalms. In some psalms, the laments are individual ones and in others, they are the laments of the community. The typical pattern of these psalms is as follows: invocation, complaint, request, expression of confidence, and vow of praise.

A few examples are Psalm 60, Psalm 80 and Psalm 13. Psalm 13 starts:

“How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?”

The feeling of isolation and despair is apparent.

The challenge of Covid is that our anguish has mostly been felt on an individual or household basis. We have not had the opportunity to collectively grieve. We have not gathered to support one another during our losses. We have divided ourselves from others, fracturing our community out of fear. We tragedy strikes, we usually gather for prayer, light candles, leave flowers, bring food. Covid has cut off our familiar comforting rituals.

Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m., we will be gathering for a community service of lament at Federated Church of Christ, 15 Hartford Rd., Brooklyn. Our hope is to gather outside as the sun sets. Several local clergy from Woodstock to Mansfield will be involved. You can text your laments to 959-456-2464 and we will use them in the service. We invite you to be with us, to share your laments and to, amidst your doubts and faith, to seek God’s spirit of endurance as we move through this together.

REV. JANE EMMA NEWALL
BROOKLYN

A legacy of public service

We are at a stage in life where we go to more retirement parties than baby showers or weddings. At every one, the person being honored is celebrated for their diligence, hard work, contributions to the place they are leaving and, kidded a bit for their personal habits and eccentricities. The guests laugh, applaud, perhaps raise a toast and present a gift or plaque. There are murmurs of future plans, promises to stay in touch. Sometimes exiting a career after decades matters to the larger community, which is the case this time.

Bill St. Onge is a personal friend of ours, who recently stepped down from more than four decades of legal practice in our region. Bill followed in the distinguished path of his father, after whom he is named. William St. Onge, Sr. went on to be a Congressman and, sadly, died before he could see his namesake become a lawyer.

He would have been proud. He would have been especially proud of his son’s commitment to public service.

After college and law school, Bill returned to his hometown, Putnam, and began working with Attorney Richard Karkutt. The office was in a former bank building in the downtown section and we liked to tease Bill by banging on the plate glass window when we walked by. Bill would wave happily, but stay focused on the tasks before him, a quality that characterized his work. As he grew in the profession, it was clear that his competency in the law was outstanding.

He is the living embodiment of a lawyer who took his fiduciary responsibility seriously and made us, and his other clients, feel that our concerns were number one to him. He didn’t overcharge or condescend, two qualities that can be rare. The air of a low-key, highly competent worker made situations, in our case mostly real estate transactions, less charged with drama. Nearly every interaction in the law can tilt toward conflict, and Bill has a natural gift for mediation and resolution. Perhaps it came from growing up with four sisters, but whatever the source, we all benefited.

Countless weekday evenings were spent in the local communities where Bill served as the Town Attorney. I often asked him how he could stand to work all day and then spend two or more evenings a week at meetings, where he often had to damp down angry citizens, clarify provisions of the law and deal with a changing cast of politicians. He insisted that this was his favorite aspect of the profession. His expertise in municipal law is massive. Over the years, he helped towns make fairer and more informed decisions that benefit all the citizens rather than the powerful few.

As his career progressed, he formed a larger firm with other young lawyers and moved to a rather handsome building. The names on the door changed as people moved on or joined, but Bill remained and continued to pile up yellow legal pads filled with his left-handed scrawl. Well-dressed and almost formal in manner, he greeted people with a courtly nod, often followed by a witty remark. Everyone was treated with equal respect.

Bill St. Onge will be “of counsel” in his firm. He will leave behind the daily drill of lawyering and work less. He will also leave the legacy of a man who came home, applied his intellect, humor, and ethical foundations to a complicated profession and made the world around him better, more orderly and more civil. He’s the exception to all the bad lawyer jokes.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tammy Wakefield for Town Council District 1

To the Editor:
I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Killingly, mother of three and grandmother to two and I am employed as a registered nurse (RN) at DKH as a home care visiting nurse.
I am seeking election to the Town Council District 1. I have seven years of experience serving on the Town Council; 2009-2011, 2013-2015, 2017-2019 and 2020. I believe my accumulated knowledge of town operations and management will benefit the citizens of Killingly going forward.
I've served on the Historic District Commission, the Tercentennial Committee, Board of Recreation, Public Safety Commission, have served on and also chaired the Board of Directors at the Northeast District Department of Health. I serve as the Chair of the Special Commission for Law Enforcement Strategies. Involved with Girl Scouts for over 30 years and Boy Scouts for over 20 years. I also

teach Community CPR/First aid at the Recreation Department.
My goal is to continue to work to improve the quality of life in Killingly. We need to encourage economic development which will help to lower taxes, as well as, create employment for our residents. We need to control town and school spending and keep current taxation levels, and at the same time, we need to keep providing good quality programs and services to our residents.
I back our Redmen name and legacy, the Second Amendment, fiscal responsibility and believe Hartford should stay out of our business and let local government manage our town as we see fit.
I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Thank you,

TAMMY WAKEFIELD
KILLINGLY

To delay is to defeat

To the Editor:
Two years ago, thousands of Rhode Islanders defeated a company called Invenergy in its plan to build a 650 MGW fracked gas power plant in Burrillville, R.I. which they wanted to build at a site only 14 miles from Killingly, where NTE intends to build its 650 MGW fracked gas power plant.
Invenergy had made a fatal mistake at the beginning, thinking it could force the opening of a poisoned well for all the water the plant would need. The well had been ordered closed by Rhode Island courts, and no amount of pressure by Invenergy could turn that around. Invenergy spent the next five years begging for water from every city and town in Rhode Island, but finding no takers.
Similarly, NTE made an early crucial mistake.
The ISO is a regional, quasi governmental agency which balances energy supplies and energy needs in New England. The ISO conducts an annual auction in which companies are invited to bid for the right to provide power.
In 2016, NTE won the ISO auction, but they did so with a bid so low that, from the beginning, experts predicted that the plant would never turn a profit.

Invenergy had won its ISO auction with a bid of over \$17 per KWH. In contrast, NTE won its auction with a bid of only \$2.48 per KWH. Hence the industry's deep skepticism about the plant's viability.
As if to prove the point, NTE has spent the last five years searching for an American funder without success.
As cheaper renewables come online and a glut of fracked gas supplies build, no American funder wants to take on this half billion dollar boondoggle.
NTE has bragged for years about "a groundbreaking soon." But before they can turn a shovel, they have to get final approval from the Department of Energy and Environmental Policy (DEEP) and they have to beat back a legal challenge brought by local citizens which is still before the State Supreme Court.
In Rhode Island, we had a slogan: 'To delay them is to defeat them.'
It took six years in Rhode Island, but it worked.
We are five and a half years in, here in Connecticut, and it's working here too.

EARTL MCWILLIAMS
DAYVILLE

Education should not be political

To the Editor:
I'm Brandon Gaudreau, and I'm running for the Killingly Board of Education as an Independent. I'm running without a party this year because education should not be political. What I just said is not a platitude designed to obscure my stances on the issues. Rather, it is my guiding principle, and it will continue to be if I'm elected.
I'm a 2017 KHS graduate. Since then, I've graduated from QVCC, received my Bachelor's from Eastern, and am now continuing there working on my Master's in Education. I have many young relatives in Killingly Schools, so I feel an obligation to help make it the best it can be. Right now, it is not. One reason why is simple. The Board of Ed has become preoccupied, too often, by politics. This has manifested in the form of posturing and stunts, oftentimes at the expense of important decisions being made. Some have been made, certainly, but we can do far more. We could be the greatest district in northeastern Connecticut, but it is going to take someone whose priority is results, not party politics and theatrics, to help get there.
Here's just one example of what I mean by "theatrics." This past spring, it was proposed that all staff receive a sizable bonus as a thank you for their work during Covid. We can debate the merits of this proposal, but it was designed to fail. The people who conceived this idea likely knew it did not have the votes to pass. Still, they made

a big deal of it out of, I believe, a desire to rile people up. Doing it that way was wrong, and it is the kind of tomfoolery that I will not partake in if elected.
This isn't to say that I will just be an up-or-down vote on other people's ideas. Far from it. With me, you'll get a workman, not a showman, someone who will be approachable and willing to work with anyone and everyone to get things done for the district. Some of these things include, but are certainly not limited to: seeing if we can require financial literacy in order to graduate from high school, keeping the budget and taxes in check without harming student and staff life, reviewing our mental health and counseling system to see where it could be improved, and keeping any and all political agendas out of classrooms, no matter where they come from. If anyone ever has a question about why I voted a certain way, I will not hesitate to explain.
This year has been difficult for all of us. But through these tough times, I see an opportunity to make a school system that we can all be proud of, no matter who you are and no matter your political persuasion. If you want to make Killingly Schools the best district in northeastern Connecticut; to upend cynicism and replace it with deep pride, then I ask for your vote on Nov. 2. Let's get things done!

BRANDON GAUDREAU
ROGERS

Support KPS paraprofessionals — pay them!

To the Editor:
I'm running to represent Killingly's District 5 seat on the Town Council in the upcoming Nov. 2 municipal elections. I'm writing this as an announcement in my full support of Killingly's Public Schools Paraprofessionals union, Local 3698, of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and their fight for fair wages.
The fact that this struggle is now in the hands of arbitration before the State Board of Labor is a clear sign that the current BoE and Superintendent have failed the paraprofessionals, students, and our community. The current BoE has made their priorities well known since the last municipal elections. How quickly the BoE acted on the mascot issue yet stand idle watching 20 of our vital paraprofessionals leave because of noncompetitive wages.
The paraprofessionals struggle is nothing new to Killingly. It's well known throughout the Quiet Corner that our public school system does not

pay fair wages. Killingly is viewed as a steppingstone for other towns school systems. As soon as a teacher or paraprofessional begins to stand out, they're snatched up with a lucrative offer of more pay, and more time off. This has been going on for years, why? Why hasn't anything been done to address this? Where is the accountability?
This issue is close to my heart. In a short time, my wife and I will have our four kids in the Killingly Public School system. Our older two have had the joy of having the same outstanding teachers at KCS. The bonds and love they have for their educators are real. It would be a public disservice to the community if this issue isn't rectified, and the current BoE needs to be held responsible.
It's time for change; it's time to pay them!
Thank you,

ANDREW LUNEAU
DANIELSON - KILLINGLY DISTRICT 5

Vote your values — vote Kelly Clark Martin for Board of Education

To the Editor:
It is vital that we vote our values, so I'll be voting for Kelly Clark Martin, Republican, for Killingly Board of Education.
Kelly is an effective advocate for education. I have known Kelly for years and know that she spends a significant amount of time and effort caring about her community and education. She has two children in the Killingly school system, and she has a great desire to work with our community for a brighter future, encouraging more people to get involved in their child's education. She works as a college instructor and writer who has good values and desires to be the voice of the people, listening to their needs and effectively communicating them.
When it comes to education in Killingly, she has done her research and has a desire to offer solutions and to bring new ideas to the table. What I admire most about Kelly Clark Martin is that she believes that honest, respect-

ful, intelligent conversations are what ultimately lead to commonsense results. She is passionate about serving our community and is creditable, honest and empathetic and approachable. For her, I believe it is all about making Killingly's education system better for our children and bring the desire for families to want to settle down and raise a family here.
In summary, Kelly Clark Martin understands how a good education works and how it doesn't work. She can hit the ground running on day one. I especially appreciate Kelly's thoughtful leadership. She seeks out new ideas and different perspectives. She is highly approachable and engaged, as well as genuinely committed to her family, the community and her business. Please join me in voting for Kelly Clark Martin for Killingly Board of Education.

JESSICA ALEXANDER
DANIELSON

Humbly asking for your vote

To the Editor:
I am Michelle Murphy, and I am running for Killingly Town Council at Large. I humbly ask for your vote on Nov. 2.
I moved to Killingly six years ago from Brockton, Mass. I love this town. I love its nature, its wholesomeness, its sense of individual freedom, and its commitment to community and safety. I love its patriotism and its people who are so concerned about each other. I am running because I desire to retain these good things about our town.
I am not a politician. I am just a concerned working person who is determined to start making a difference at the local level. I am disturbed by the polarity and misdirection of our nation.
Like many people, I have worked extremely hard my entire life for everything I have. I am proud of my red neck and my blue collar. I earned my scars and my farmer's tan. Although at times I think a helping hand up is a good thing, I don't believe in wealth distribution. I believe in the American Dream. I am a living example that if you work very hard, regardless of economic and social disparities, you eventually can succeed.
In the past, I was a Journeyman Ironworker out of Local 7 for 10 years. I served 6 years as union steward for Laborers 721 at the Brockton Wastewater Treatment Facility. I've been with Veolia Water now for 15 years. I came up through the ranks from Operator, to Chief Operator, to Project Manager. I am currently the

Chief Operator and Project Manager at the Maynard Wastewater Treatment Facility in Massachusetts, responsible for staffing, maintenance, operations, facilities, DEP, EPA compliance, finances, and capital planning for the facility. I work closely with the Town of Maynard and their Director of Public Works on a regular basis.
I believe the depth of my work history and my professional technical, scheduling, negotiating, and budgetary experience are beneficial for a Town Council member. My experience matches the knowledge and skills needed to deal with many of the complex issues the town faces; and will allow me to make good decisions for our residents.
I advocate for individual rights, and I will protect our natural right to life, liberty, and property as I can as town councilor. I am a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment. I have lived and worked in many dangerous environments where, as a female, I was grateful for my License to Carry. A person's constitutional right to self defense is non-negotiable.
I oppose mandated regionalization of town services to people we don't know, and that Hartford should stay out of our business. We should manage our town as we see fit. I oppose all Hartford unfunded mandates to the town.
I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Thank you.

MICHELLE MURPHY
DAYVILLE

Leftist mismanagement has taken more lives than Covid

To the Editor:
Isn't it odd that when President Donald Trump first announced a forthcoming Covid vaccine, the anti-Trumpers said they wouldn't take any vaccine connected with him, but now they blame the Republicans and the people who they call Trump supporters for not wanting to get vaccinated? (And if it matters any, I did get vaccinated.)
As of this writing, 214 kids (aged 17 and younger) have died from Covid-19 in the United States. Also, 302 kids (again, aged 17 and younger) have been shot in Chicago, and the blame for that is on Mayor Lori «light on brains» Lightfoot because she is one of the most ineffectual wastes of a politician if there ever was one. I don't care if you want to call that «name calling,» or if you want to say that I'm picking on a «black woman,» because she's a pathetic failure! And why is it that the democrats (and the liberals) always play the race and gender card? A good example is that Lightfoot blames 99 percent of her criticisms on the fact that she is black. Forget your race, forget your color and face the fact that you suck at your job, and that you're a hypocrite! You've done little to keep your city safe, but you've sent in the police to patrol your neighborhood. You refused help when President Trump offered it, but now you're saying that you have a "partner in the white house," and what's that gotten you? When are the citizens of Chicago going to wake up and vote this worthless "dummy" out of office?

One of the biggest lies and fake news stories that was constantly hammered out by the leftist media was the (Trump) Russian collusion/probe. That blabbermouth, Rachel Maddow had a continual field day with that one, but now that Trump is no longer in office, CNN's ratings have plummeted, and her daily show on MSNBC (aka: "MSDNC") will be reduced to once per week because of its low ratings. Maddow also jumped on a story about the drug ivermectin, and when several untruths were exposed, this "dummy" didn't even have the decency to properly admit her mistake. Maddow's biggest slap in the face backfire was when she thought she had "the story of the century" that would expose Trump as a tax cheat, and when that failed miserably, this smug, cheerleader for the democrats blamed her flop on the viewers for expecting her to be right. However, after all of this, she got a big raise proving that it pays to lie and promote fake news just as long as you support the Democrats. Now that's beyond amazing!
So now we have another «Biden air lift» removing Haitians from our open, sieve border. Are you missing Donald Trump yet?
And lastly, kudos to Benjamin D Williams for (his recent letter) saying: «the anti-Trumpers at times did push civility." It was most refreshing to see somebody finally admit that here.

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These old wrenches

To the Editor:
I have this set of wrenches that I reach for often. They hang on individual nails with a handwritten plaque behind. These wrenches were made by Dayton USA and are good wrenches. They were given to me 22 years ago this month by my grandfather, Harvey L. Spink of Eastford. The day and moment of when they were given to me are recorded on a simple wooden plaque; mostly, because I wanted to remember.
On that day in leaf-falling October, my grandfather had requested that I come and get his old Ford 8N tractor running again. The tractor almost always ran but in Fall I have come to understand, with winter fast approach-

ing, certain things pray on a country man's mind. The basic things in life have to be in order.
The tractor was always stored in a festering damp pole shed down in the woods. Not much better than out in the open, it did offer things stored shelter from the rain and snow. Down in the shed, things rusted in the cold, mushroom dark. Electrical connections and bare metal were always under attack.
I surmised the problem was corrosion on the ignition points (having corrected that many times before) but I figured it was time for the tractor to get an ignition system overhaul as

OBITUARIES

Gail McElroy, 85

Pomfret – Gail (Sutherland) McElroy, 85, of Blossom Dr., passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert McElroy for 59 years until his passing in 2014. Born in W. Roxbury, MA, she was the daughter of the late John and Sarah (Cameron) Sutherland.

Mrs. McElroy worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the Learning Clinic in Pomfret.

Gail was well known for being a social butterfly and always putting her friends and family first. She was also an active member of the Pomfret Democratic town committee.

Gail is survived by her sons, Kevin McElroy and his wife Lynell of Danbury, and Kenneth McElroy of Pomfret; her sisters, Linda Witkowski and Pamela Soucy both of Farmington; her grandchildren, Caitlin Moore, Kelly Jean McElroy, Jonathan Sakolsky, and Russell Sakolsky. She was predeceased by her siblings, Robert Sutherland, Jay Sutherland, Patricia Bringham, and Joan Chesney.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Gail's family on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Helen Miner, 93

Putnam - Helen (Rice) Miner, 93, of Putnam, died Tuesday, September 14, 2021. She was the loving wife of John



Henry Miner, who passed December 30, 2013. Born in Holyoke, MA in 1928, she was the daughter of James and Jennie (Hodak) Rice. She attended school at St. Joseph's and Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson and moved to Putnam after getting married to John Henry. They were married for over 62 years.

Helen worked in banking for many years. After her career in banking, she went on to help families with home childcare. During her career, she was a member of the National Secretary Association. Many years ago, she was also a member of the Girl Scouts Association and served as a Girl Scout Leader when her daughters were young.

Helen was an avid reader, enjoying murder mystery books. She also loved watching her favorite soap opera, General Hospital, every day at 2:00 pm.

She loved to strike up conversations with anyone she came across and would always remember their name!

Helen is survived by two daughters, JoAnn Hall of Thompson, Sharon Miner-Taylor (John) of Manchester, CT; grandsons Brandon and Noel Hall of Thompson; granddaughter, Jacqueline Taylor of Enfield, CT; two brothers, James Rice, Jr. and John Rice (Betsy) of Thompson; three sisters, Mary Babbitt of Thompson, Jenny Beaudry of Southbridge, MA, Jane Nichols of Brookfield, MA; and several nieces and nephews. Helen also leaves behind a special long-time friend Madeline Gastonguay of Spring Hill, Florida.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Gerald Sullivan and his staff for the wonderful care that they have provided over the years for their mother. In addition, the family would also like to thank Matulaitis Nursing Home, especially nurses Brandy and Erin, who had such compassionate care for Helen.

As per Helen's wishes, her services are private and have been entrusted to Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Thomas Penrose Laskey, Sr.

Thomas Penrose Laskey, 90 years of Woodstock, CT, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on September 11, 2021 in Dayville. Born in Old Town, ME, Tom was the son of the late Samuel and Grace (Wickett) Laskey. One of nine children, Tom had many fond childhood memories and remained close to his siblings his entire life. Tom visited Maine often, especially "Letter G Camp" and was an integral part of his large loving family.

Tom graduated from University of Maine in 1953 and began his work as an engineer at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft where he met Jack Swigert, astronaut of Apollo 13. Jack became a good friend of Tom's and served as a groomsman in Tom's wedding to Jean Duncanson in 1959. Tom went on to work for Pearse-Pearson Co. as a manufacturer's representative. Because of his New England territory, he and Jean chose to settle in Woodstock, CT. In the later 1960's, Tom switched careers and pursued his passion for real estate development. He is known for the development of Woodstock Meadows, Cornfield Point and The Country Manor Apartments in Woodstock, as well as building and restoring private residences.

A man of many projects, Tom was responsible for the American flag banners hung throughout his town of Woodstock and took pride in his political work. He served on the staff for Senator Lowell Weicker, was a convention delegate and stayed active in politics.

Tom kept track of all important information on post-it notes, enjoyed ice cream, lobster rolls, fried clams, hunting, fishing, skiing and the game of cribbage. He was always impeccably dressed in khakis, neatly pressed

oxfords and always carried a white handkerchief. Additionally, he took pride in his flower gardens and restored barn in which he hosted many celebrations, most notably his annual Octoberfest.

Tom is survived by daughter, Katherine (Matthias) Laskey-Bolling; two sons, Thomas P. Laskey, Jr. (Betsy), Gregory E. Laskey (Liz); three brothers, Henry, Harold "Buzz" (Donna), Douglas (Iris); two sisters, Sylvia, Shirley (Steve); and was "Gepaw" to seven grandsons, Jack (Hillary), Peter (Karla), Liam, Aidan, Jude, Raymond, Paul; two granddaughters, Hannah and Anna (who he lovingly referred to as "my girlfriends"); and his treasured friend, Frank Sandberg. Tom is also survived by his former wife Jean Duncanson Laskey, with whom they have lovingly shared their children. Tom's love for family was abundant and he will be missed by many.

Tom is predeceased by son, Peter D. Laskey; brother, Samuel (infant); and sisters, Mae and Sandra; sister-in-law Doris and brother-in-law Robert. He was the partner of Carol Perkins, whom he met in 2002 and who predeceased him by 6 months. He and Carol enjoyed traveling and sharing a vacation home in Camden, Maine.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Joe Botta and the staff at Westview for their tremendous support and loving care.

A Celebration of Life for Tom is being planned. A private graveside service will be held for immediate family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Woodstock Academy Foundation (memo: Peter D. Laskey Scholarship) and mailed to The Woodstock Academy, 57 Academy Rd. Woodstock, CT 06281 or to Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 222, Woodstock, CT 06281. For further details and memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Theodore "Teddy" Vriga, 86

Sandwich, MA – Theodore Vriga, 86, of Lady Slipper Lane, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021, at Royal Nursing Center in Falmouth, MA. Born in Thompson, CT he was the son of the late Thimia and Dumnica (Vanghele) Vriga. Teddy was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 1954 and played professional baseball from 1954 – 1955.

Mr. Vriga worked in sales for R.J. Reynolds after his retirement he went to work for Reliant Healthcare as a currier. He was the head basketball coach for St. Mary High School in Worcester and was an avid Boston Red Sox, NY Giants, N.E. Patriots and UConn sports fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family and following his grandchildren's sporting events as well as golfing, playing basketball and baseball. He was a member of the Whitinsville Golf Course and the Northbridge School Committee.

Theodore is survived by his son, Ryan Vriga and his wife Brenna McLaughlin-Vriga of Atlantic Beach,

FL; his daughters, Marissa Dowell and her husband Michael of Newport Coast, CA, and Kristin Campbell and her husband John of Sandwich, MA; his brother, Tasi Vriga of Quinebaug; his sisters, Lorraine Bahl and her husband Earl of Enfield, CT, Louise Pavlech and her husband Richard of Broad Brook, CT; and his grandchildren, Madison Campbell, Jake Campbell, and Chase Campbell all of Sandwich, MA. He is predeceased by his sister, the late Elizabeth Vriga. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Theodore's family from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA with a funeral Mass to take place in the church at 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow in West Thompson Cemetery, Rte. 12, Thompson, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA 01570. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

William (Bill) Adams, 95

William (Bill) Adams, 95, of Centerport, NY, and Farmington, CT, died peacefully Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Touchpoints of Farmington.



Bill was predeceased by "the love of his life," his wife of 58 years, Eileen. He was born March 6, 1926 in Yonkers, NY, son of the late Stefan and Sophie (Horak) Atamanchuk. He grew up on Chestnut Street in Yonkers, the 6th of 7 children. Bill graduated from Yonkers High School and entered the Army. After discharge he went to work for Otis Elevator in Yonkers. After two

years there, he ventured into New York City and found a job as a clerk at North American Reinsurance. Within 4 years he became a Vice President. After a long career there, Bill became Senior Vice President at Skandia Reinsurance and finally ended his career as the President and CEO of International Credit North America. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Centerport, NY, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Greenlawn, NY and of St. Catherine of Siena in West Simsbury, CT. Bill loved to travel

and see the world with Eileen, tend to his beautiful gardens, sit on his deck looking at the water and admiring the many birds he attracted, and, most of all, he loved his family. He gave generously to many charities and will be remembered by those he helped over the years.

He is survived by his two sons, Attorney Stephen Adams and his partner Joelle Guillot of Mystic, CT and Kevin Adams and his wife Marsha of West Simsbury, CT; his daughter, Nancy Taylor and her husband Craig of Canton, CT; his six grandchildren Clancey, Brogan, Liam, Christian, Frances and Ryan who called him PopPop. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by all 6 of his siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, September 18th, 11:00 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury. Burial to follow at Simsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Honor of Bill Adams. The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Grey at St. Francis Hospital for his excellent care, kindness and friendship to our Dad and Anna Marianska who took such good care of Dad in his last few months. Please visit Bill's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneral-home.com for online condolences.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA #543 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Photo Courtesy

Left to right front row Kathy Parker, Maureen desilets, Sandra Montie, Priscilla Dowd, middle row Janice Lindsay, Susan Lazarou, back row: Ellen Knight, Jan Watson, Rhonda Neves, Lorraine Belleville, and AnnMarie Thibault.

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High School Notebook

Killingly football receives scores from all over in rout of East Lyme

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Senior Jack Sharpe rushed for 123 yards on 20 carries to help deliver the undefeated Killingly football team a 42-14 road victory over East Lyme on Friday, Sept. 17.

Sharpe, who also scored a touchdown, had plenty of help in the win. Backfield mate Soren Reif, a sophomore fullback, finished with 103 rushing yards and a pair of TDs on 13 rushing attempts while junior Ben Jax scored on a 95-yard kick-off return in the second quarter.

Killingly's special teams were indeed special against the Vikings, also scoring a fourth-quarter touchdown following a blocked field goal attempt. Junior Terrence Allen blocked the kick and senior Trevin Russ picked up the ball and scampered 74 yards into the end zone.

In the second quarter Killingly's Noah Colangelo recovered a mishandled punt by East Lyme, Sharpe scurrying in from six yards out four plays later. Reif's second score came after a nine-play, 67-yard, third-quarter drive that started after senior linebacker Seth Dootson intercepted an East Lyme pass. Senior Keith Perry added a three-yard TD run in the final minute of the game for 2-0 Killingly.

Centaurs' comeback falls one yard short

Woodstock Academy quarterback Ethan Davis turned in another memorable performance, passing for 265 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but the Centaurs lost to visiting Norwich Free Academy, 21-20, on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Woodstock (1-1) pulled to within a point of tying the game with 46 seconds left in regulation when Davis hit Carter

Saracina (11 catches, 153 yards) with a 14-yard scoring strike. The Centaurs elected to play for the win rather than the tie — which would have resulted in the teams going into overtime — but the Wildcats' defense stopped Davis a yard from the end zone when he attempted to run for the two-point conversion.

After recovering the ensuing onside kick, Woodstock had a second chance to win the game, but the Centaurs' 42-yard field goal attempt was blocked by NFA. Davis' first touchdown pass was a 50-yard strike to Braiden Saucier. Davis also rushed for a four-yard score.

Volleyball
Senior Hailey Toth recorded 17 digs and sophomore Hannah Grudzien finished with five blocks and two kills as Killingly picked up its first win of the season, defeating visiting Wheeler, 3-1, on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Game scores of the match were 25-21, 25-20, 20-25, and 25-19. Also contributing to the win for 1-3 Killingly were senior Veronica Hussey (two digs, three blocks), junior Natalie Preston (four digs, one block), and sophomores Emma Miller (three digs, two blocks), Shanayah Brown (three blocks), and Chloe Yip (three digs).

Girls' Soccer
Senior Makala Dube and sophomore Illyana Malarkey both scored one goal and assisted on another as the Killingly High girls' soccer team won its season-opening game against visiting St. Bernard, 4-0, on Monday, Sept. 13. Also scoring for Killingly were junior Casey Beauregard and sophomore Sherrie Simoneau. Also recording an assist was sophomore Spencer Chviek.

After losing a hard-fought 1-0 decision — in which goalkeeper Ayrn Nisbet

made a dozen saves — to visiting East Lyme on Wednesday, Sept. 15, Killingly improved to 2-1 with a resounding 4-1 win over visiting Montville on Friday, Sept. 17. Junior Casey Beauregard led the way with a first-half hat trick while senior Sophia Moore scored on a direct kick from 30 yards out in the second half.

Elsewhere in the Quiet Corner:
Juliet Allard scored the first three goals of her high school career to lead Woodstock Academy to its first win of the season, a 5-0 decision over visiting Fitch High, on Monday, Sept. 13. Allard scored her first goal midway through the first half. The freshman then added two more scores in the first three minutes of the second half. Also scoring for the Centaurs were junior Grace Gelhaus and freshman Haley Whitehouse. Seniors Ava Coutu and Addy Smith, and freshman Macy Rawson, all recorded assists. ... Against Plainfield on Wednesday, Sept. 15, Gelhaus forced overtime with her third goal of the year — an unassisted tally from 35 yards out — but the Panthers rallied for a 2-1 overtime victory, scoring the game-winning goal on a penalty kick.

Field Hockey
Woodstock Academy tied visiting Waterford, 1-1, on Thursday, Sept. 16. Senior Julia Powell put the Centaurs ahead, 1-0, scoring in the second quarter off an assist from freshman Grace Pokorny. The Lancers tied the game, 1-1, with less than three minutes to play on a penalty corner. For Woodstock (0-2-1, 0-1-1) junior goalie Ava Basak finished with seven saves.

Elsewhere in the Quiet Corner:
Sophomores Grace Long and Brooke



Photo Courtesy

Illyana Malarkey of Killingly serves up a corner kick in recent soccer action.

Zahansky, and junior Cate Gallagher all scored for the Pomfret School in a season-opening 7-3 loss to Greens Farms Academy in Westport on Saturday, Sept. 18. Long and Gallagher, along with junior Carter Lockwood, also recorded assists. Keira O'Brien, in net for the Griffins, finished with 10 saves.

Cross Country
Woodstock Academy senior Linsey Arends finished first overall in 20 minutes, 46 seconds, but places 2-6 were occupied by East Lyme runners in the Vikings, 20-37 victory on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at East Lyme's Rocky Neck State Park. The Centaurs defeated Stonington and Windham, 15-50, in the quad-meet. ... In the boys' quad-meet Woodstock lost to East Lyme, 16-46, but defeated Stonington, 20-43, and Windham, 15-50. Centaurs' senior Ian Hoffman finished sixth.

LEGALS

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
METERED USE
ROAD ASSESSMENT
LEGAL NOTICE**
Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-4:30pm Tuesday 8-5:30pm Friday 8-11:30AM. By mail, online, or in our drop box. The first installment metered use and installment of benefit road assessment is due September 1, 2021. If payment is not received on or before OCTOBER 1 2021 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment. Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov. Dated at Killingly this 12th, day of August 2021
Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
August 27, 2021
September 10, 2021
September 24, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**
The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT to continue the Public Hearing on the following application:
PZC Application #21-23 Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, 815 Riverside Drive, Amendments to the Town of Thompson Amended (effective date June 21, 2021) Zoning Regulations with respect to the proposed revisions to Sections Article 5A, Section 9 Shooting Ranges and Article 7, Definitions.
File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Planning and Zoning Commission. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting
Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
September 17, 2021
September 24, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 7:45 p.m. to be held at the Woodstock Town office, 415 Route 169, Lower level, Meeting Room 1, to amend the Woodstock Zoning Regulations to: 1. Proposed Text Amendment for the Purpose of Establishing a Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments in the Town of Woodstock;

Zoning Regulations, Article III.A.2 and 2. Proposed Text Amendment for the Purpose of Updating Accessory Apartment Zoning Regulations; Article IV.A and Article IV.B.2a
September 17, 2021
September 24, 2021

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY/BOROUGH
OF DANIELSON TAX COLLECTORS
LEGAL NOTICE**
Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00-4:30pm Tuesday 8:00-5:30pm Friday 8-11:30am. By mail, online, or in our drop box. The second quarter installment of taxes becomes due on October 1, 2021, and becomes delinquent on November 2, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction of a month from the due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov. Dated at Killingly this 13th day of September, 2021
Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
September 24, 2021
October 8, 2021
October 22, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON
On September 13, 2021 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued with conditions: Application #WAA21021, Jodie Arpin, 0 New Road (Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot 2G) - Construction of a driveway, underground utilities & footing drain in the 100-foot upland review area for a new single family home; and Application #WAA21022, Andrew & Kathleen Ells, 28 Breaults Landing Rd. (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 197) - Replacement of wood retaining walls and the construction of new retaining walls in the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir.
Marla Butts, Wetland Agent
September 24, 2021

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION**
The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its regular meeting on September 14, 2021:
1. 071321A A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 37, Lot 17 and Map 37 Lot 20 and 21; Wetlands crossings for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic systems, wells, minor grading. Public Hearing opened and closed on 9/14/21. APPROVED with the following conditions:
• At least ten days prior to start of construction, call the Brooklyn Wetlands Agent at (860)779-3411 ext. 31 to schedule a pre-construction meeting to be attended by Town staff, the proper-

ty owner, the project engineer and the site contractor.
• Submit revised site plans showing two additional 15-inch pipes, one at wetland crossing 2 and one at wetland crossing 3.
• Submit revised plans showing a detailed construction sequence.
• After the driveway and wetland crossings have been constructed, submit an as-built plan stamped and signed by the project engineer to verify the square feet of wetlands alteration.
• Call the Brooklyn Wetlands Agent for an inspection at (860) 779-3411 ext. 31 when the sediment controls have been installed, prior to commencing any other work.
• Standard Conditions.
2. 35 Kara Road-Deborah Love (Assessors Map 23/Lot 35): The Commission voted to close the Cease and Desist Order issued on 5/6/21.
3. 181 Paradise Drive-Shane O'Connor (Assessors Map 49 Lot 46): The Commission voted to close the Cease and Desist Order issued on 4/28/21. Dated this 15th day of September 2021 Richard Oliverson, Chairman
September 24, 2021

**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.brooklynct.org.
Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC,
Revenue Collector
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021
October 8, 2021

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
Notice of Adoption of Ordinance**
The Killingly Town Council adopted the following Ordinance at its meeting held on September 14, 2021:
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR REVISION OF THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE
Copies of these ordinance are on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Town Clerk and Town Manager, Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT, during normal

business hours.
Killingly Town Council
Jason Anderson
Chairman
Dated in Killingly, Connecticut,
this 14th day of September 2021
September 24, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Mark Gary Beauchesne (21-00298) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 13, 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:
Alan A Beauchesne, 12 Forest Hill Rd., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
September 24, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Joseph Peterson (21-00287) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 9, 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.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Cassandra M. Peterson,
C/O Attorney Andrea Truppa,
880 Rte 171, Woodstock, CT 06281,
860-779-1000
September 24, 2021

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
REMEDIAL ACTION
FORMER LJ MOLD DESIGN
FACILITY
590-594 Putnam Road,
Wauregan, CT**
Remedial Action has been completed at the referenced Site for addressing impacts to environmental media at the Site. These activities were completed from 2017 through 2019 prior to entering the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Voluntary Remediation Program (CGS Sec 22a-133x). The completed remedy consisted of the excavation of 62 tons of petroleum and metals impacted soil from two exterior locations at the site and off-site disposal at the Clean Earth Facility in Plainfield Connecticut. Quarterly compliance groundwater monitoring began in February 2020 and was completed in November 2020. Questions regarding this remediation can be directed to David Hazebrouck (Lake Shore Environmental, Inc.) at 401-658-1880 or the CT-DEEP's Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Remediation Division at (860) 424-3776.
September 24, 2021

Local students enroll at Eastern for fall 2021

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University has enrolled more than 1,100 new students in the fall 2021 semester. The new admits include approximately 820 first-year students and nearly 300 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate level programs. Among the students are: Summer Coraccio of Brooklyn, a part-time undergraduate student majoring in Accounting. Geoffrey Vallone of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Accounting. Harriet Majek of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Biology. Zachariah Lehoux of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminology. Sarah McMerriman of Brooklyn, a part-time graduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education. Alexander Orbegoza of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Mathematics. Katelin Briere of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Music. Quinlan Gervasio of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Secondary Education and Psychology. Natalia Reali of Brooklyn, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Social Work. Matthew Marshall of Brooklyn, a full-

time undergraduate student majoring in Sport & Leisure Management. James Morowski of Danielson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Biochemistry. Emily Watling of Danielson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Environmental Earth Science. Stephen Conde of Danielson, a full-time graduate student majoring in Secondary Education. Skyler Allen of Danielson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Social Work. Carolyn Anderson of Dayville, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Art. Tamarin Kelley of Dayville, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Social Work. Alyssa Gaudreau of Rogers, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Biology. Emma Rudman of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminology. Abigail Gardner of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education and Business Administration. Breana Weidele of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. Jack Lomax of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Exploratory Professional Studies.

Erica Rumsey of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Health Sciences. Greyson Anderson of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Psychology. Michael DiColella of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Secondary Education and History. Aislin Tracey of Putnam, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Social Work. Savannah Loisel of North Grosvenordale, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Computer Science. Emily Carita of Thompson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminology. Lindsey Worster of Thompson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminology. Matthew Gardiner of Thompson, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Secondary Education and History and Social Science. Adam Schimmelpfennig of Pomfret Center, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminology. Hannahrose Andrews of Pomfret Center, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Early Childhood Education and Sociology. Eric Phongsa of Pomfret Center, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Political Science. Caleb Hall of Woodstock, a full-time

undergraduate student majoring in Biology. Seth Benoit of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Business Administration. Dante Poth of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Business Administration. Stefan Chervenkov of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Communication. Nathan Majewski of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Economics. Johnathan Carita of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Exploratory Professional Studies. Sierra Bedard of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Political Science. Aaron Blanchflower of Woodstock, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Secondary Education and Environmental Earth Science. Sarah Tavares of Woodstock Valley, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Health Sciences. The most popular majors for the new students include health sciences, psychology, business administration, criminology, computer science and biology. The incoming students come from communities across Connecticut, as well as 23 other states and Ontario, Canada. Aside from New England states, the largest feeder states are New York and North Carolina.

Eastern ranks high in ‘Best Colleges for Veterans’

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University was recognized as one of the best colleges for veterans in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 rankings, released Sept. 13. While Eastern is the 36th ranked institution overall in the North’s “Regional Universities” category, it is the first ranked public institution in all of New England - sharing the top spot with Westfield State University in Massachusetts. U.S. News & World Report publishes its Best Colleges for Veterans rankings to provide veterans and active-duty service members with data on the best schools that make pursuing a college education more accessible and affordable.

National Guard veteran and sophomore Katherine Platt benefited firsthand from the accessibility of Eastern. After serving two years in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, she returned to Connecticut amid the upheaval of the pandemic. Platt, 20, of Enfield, applied to many colleges around the state for a second semester admission - she was even carrying credits from advanced placement courses as well as military training programs - but was not admitted; her case dismissed as being too complicated to transfer in. Then she called Eastern. “The people I spoke with at Eastern were the ray of hope in my college career,” she said. “The veterans office was so

nice. They said ‘What do you mean? We will absolutely take you!’” Eastern currently enrolls more than 100 veterans and active-duty service members. A big part of their success is the university’s VETS Center-Veterans Education and Transition Services. Located in the Wood Support Services building and founded in 2009, the center fosters a community of likeminded students, offers a quiet study space and lounge, and provides resources to help veterans through their unique student experience. Platt now works part time at the VETS Center, helping to counsel current and prospective military students on Eastern’s offerings. “I tell them, ‘Listen, this office will have your back,’” she said. “A lot of other colleges wait to the last minute to do federal paperwork and in our office, we certify (students) as soon as we can. “Eastern in general is a very military-friendly campus,” she continued. “If you have drill and things to do, they understand. And Eastern has a huge variety of majors, which is good for people like me who didn’t know exactly what I wanted to do when I came here.” Army veteran and junior Tyson Trainer concurs. “I like how small the campus is and how small the class sizes are,” said the sport and leisure management major from Mason City, Iowa. “I just like

how the faculty is understanding if I have VA appointments or military trainings I have to attend.” In order to be ranked in the 2022 Best Colleges for Veterans rankings, schools must be GI certified and provide services tailored to veterans’ financial aid needs, among other criteria. According to Jennifer Brown, dean of academic analytics, inclusion in the list “demonstrates Eastern’s commitment to ensuring veteran men and women have the support they need to excel in higher education.”

Day Kimball Healthcare Names Gary Pazienza Employee of the Month



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Day Kimball Healthcare’s Employee of the Month for August 2021, Gary Pazienza, BSN, RN, CNOR, perioperative registered nurse at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Connecticut.

PUTNAM — Gary Pazienza, perioperative registered nurse at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named

employee of the month for August by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). Pazienza began his career as a perioperative registered nurse at Day Kimball Hospital in 2016 shortly after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Connecticut in 2015. In his role, Pazienza’s primary responsibilities center on patient care, including assisting surgeons and surgical teams to care for a patient before, during, and after surgery. According to Pazienza’s supervisor, Cheryl Petrarca, MSN, RN, CNOR, executive director of nursing, surgical services, cancer services, and maternal child health, Day Kimball Healthcare, “Gary is an outstanding nurse who strives for excellence and is committed to the perioperative nursing practice. He is a role model for his team as demonstrated by his empathetic approach when interacting with his patients and his colleagues. His dedication to teamwork and excellent patient care shines through in his support of his peers and advocacy for his patients.” In response to being named employee of the month, Pazienza said, “I am both gratified and humbled. One unique aspect of working in the operating room is that a majority of what we do is

completed by a team, including but not limited to anesthesia, PACU/recovery, surgeons, surgical technologists, and central sterile. I am grateful to be part of this team and my skills reflect that if you love what you do and are fortunate to be surrounded by a group of incredible, dedicated, and talented individuals, good things happen on a daily basis.” When asked what he likes most about his job, he shared, “I love the fact that each case presents the opportunity to measurably change and improve the quality of the patient’s life. Sometimes the change is huge, other times a bit smaller. And on a daily basis, I have the chance to be part of a team of caring and very talented professionals.” Pazienza was born and raised in Rhode Island, and currently resides in Pomfret Center, Connecticut with his wife and veterinarian, Stacey, and two children Melanie, and Kyle. A true New Englander, he enjoys horseback riding, ice hockey, and target shooting when outside of the operating room. Pazienza is CNOR certified in the state of Connecticut, which means that he has demonstrated the knowledge and skills that denote competency in the specialized field of perioperative nursing

Day Kimball Healthcare’s employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket. “The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino has been focused on taking care of the people that serve within our community, and we appreciate everything Day Kimball Healthcare does,” said Foxwood’s Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships Roy Colebut-Ingram. “Supporting meaningful employee recognition programs like that at DKH is just one way that we feel we can express our appreciation.” About Day Kimball Healthcare Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed 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 employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

Teens raise \$11,000 to save the pond at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp

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\$11,000! They arrived Friday night, had dinner and s’mores by the campfire and spent a somewhat chilly night under the stars. The next morning, they were available to help vendors set up, spent time reconnecting with each other and helped with clean up at the end of the day. The weather was gorgeous for the event, which was covered by WINY Radio live. Camp staff and teens also happily accepted a “big check” donation of \$500 for the cause from the Pomfret Proprietors Association (VisitPomfret.com). This volunteer organization of business owners in Pomfret raises funds at the annual Town Wide Tag Sale event and has donated over \$16,000 for community needs since 2006. Camp staff and Foundation members are grateful to all those who supported these teens and for their energy and enthusiasm in helping us to save “their pond.”



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Jewett City Savings Bank awards \$5,000 to Danielson Legion

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Legion Post 21 recently received a total of \$5,000 in support from Jewett City Savings Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBB).

Jewett City Savings Bank became eligible to nominate a community-based nonprofit organization to receive a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston through its participation in the FHLBB Jobs for New England program. Jewett City Savings Bank nominated the Danielson American Legion Post 21 because of the important work they do to support all veterans in our communities, recognizing that their fund-raising efforts have been hampered by the ongoing pandemic.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston approved the nomination and awarded \$2,500 to the Danielson American Legion Post 21. Jewett City Savings Bank matched the grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and donated another \$2,500 to the organization to support them in their mission to provide assistance to local veterans.

Jewett City Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank operating full-service offices in Jewett City, Brooklyn, Dayville, Pawcatuck, Plainfield, Preston, and Putnam with online banking services at JCSBank.com.

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From Jewett City Savings Bank are Michael Alberts, Vice President and Kevin Merchant, President & CEO. From Danielson American Legion Post 21 are Georgette Rohrig, Adjutant; Charlie Crowley, Commander; and Jack Burke, Judge Advocate.

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most components were original and were 60 years old. I ordered the parts, received them, and arrived after work. My grandfather greeted me, and we slowly ambled down to the shed. He at age 85 and me at 32. I found and lit the drop-light and went to work. My grandfather lit his corn cob pipe and quietly smoked. The heavy damp air turning blue in slowly swirling layers from his Sir Walter Raleigh. When the parts were replaced, and I hit the starter the old machine came to life once again as it was always intended to do.

During the process I needed a wrench to adjust a belt and my grandfather slowly procured a plastic roll-up pouch of wrenches from a shelf. I found what I needed and completed the job. When we were done, my grandfather in putting

away the wrench and in the dim of the hazy blue, drop-light bulb air, he hesitated and stopped. With his equally dim and hazy eyes meeting mine he offered them to me saying “here...I can’t think of who would want them ...I can’t think of who I would rather see have them”.

At that moment, in the dim, I understood what he was saying. His time was waning, his eyesight and strength gone; he was done with them or rather, knew that he would never use them again. It was a moment when time paused and just rested silently on the three of us. Me, my grandfather, and mortality.

I graciously accepted the gift, knowing how many times they were needed before finally the purse was opened and they were purchased, how he had applied his “property of H. L. Spink splash of red spray paint”, how he occasionally lent them out with his silent squint that meant they had better be returned and how he always knew where they were. I brought them home freed them from the crackly, broken plastic pouch and cleaned them on the wire wheel. Taking care to preserve a bit of the red paint, I oiled them and made a simple rack to hang them above the rolling shop toolbox. They

are a good set of second wrenches and often accompany my Craftsman tools on the other end of a bolt. A couple of years ago, I broke the one-and-one-eighth-inch wrench on a tractor lug nut. Something had to give with a three-foot piece of pipe added for a handle and it wasn’t the nut. The box split on the closed end of the wrench. I felt bad but carefully V-ground the crack and welded it back together; never to be as strong again and a reminder to spare it the pipe extension as it had done its duty. There is a Bonney among the Daytons that tells of a wrench left on an inner truck fender or tree stump somewhere after tightening the chain on a saw as will happen from time to time.

I reach for the wrenches often and they are still here. I reach for my grandfather more often and he is now in a special place inside me.

Please get your Covid shots and be there for your family as long as you can to share common sense and continue to make memories and be part of moments that will long outlast you; for the next generations.

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