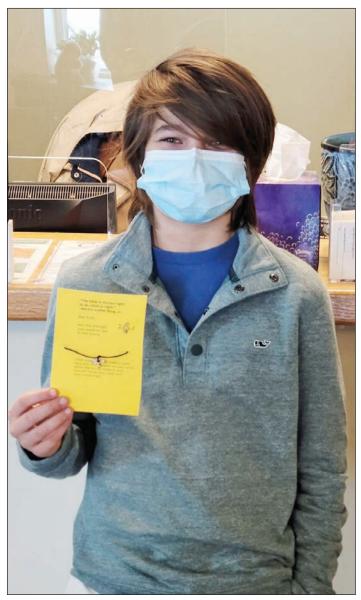
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Rectory School student Jackson Aleman shows off one of the wish bracelets he sold to raise money for TEEG.

# Rectory student's project raises funds for TEEG

BY JASON BLEAU CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON - TEEG in Thompson was named the beneficiary of funds raised from a young student who created his own wish bracelets to help spread positivity and unity to his fellow students.

Each year, students at Rectory School in Pomfret are tasked with taking part in a Day of Service recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions students couldn't participate

in a group project and instead had the chance to create their own individual projects to serve their community. Jackson Aleman, a fifth grader at Rectory School, decided that his project would be geared towards creating lasting symbols of kindness to help inspire others to change the world around them.

"For my project, I decided to make and sell wish bracelets. The bracelets all had bee charms on them carried messages

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# **Proceeds from** NECOGG building sale to support economic development

BY JASON BLEAU CONTRIBUTING WRTIER

KILLINGLY - A portion of the monies made from the sale of property to the Northeastern Connecticut Council Governments, also known as NECCOG, will be put towards economic development in town of Killingly after a brief public hearing hosted by the Town Council on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

In November, the sale of the facility at 125 Putnam Pike was made official with NECCOG, the 16-member regional council of governments, officially purchasing the building from the town of Killingly after occupying the property since 1992 under a 25-year no-cost lease. NECCOG agreed to purchase the property after two years of negotiations and awaiting approval of borrowing of funds following the 2017 expiration of the lease agreement. The

3.82-acre property also contains an animal control facility and houses the Northeastern Transit District operations for the region.

Last November NECCOG finalized the purchase turning over the full payment of \$289,000 to Killingly. The Town Council has previously allocated \$100,000 of those funds to the business revolving loan. The Council kicked off its livestreamed Feb. 9 meeting with a public hearing seeking to authorize the transfer of the remaining \$189,000 from that sale to the Economic Development Trust. The hearing saw little public input with only two comments from residents. An emailed public comment from Richard and Cathryn Markley expressed support for the approval and its potential support for economic development in down-Danielson.

Lvnn LaBerge called in to the meeting asking the council to approve the transfer so the town can continue to support economic development in the community. After only eight minutes the public hearing was closed.

Later in the night, Town Manager Mary explained that putting the towards money economic development is the usual course of action for such funds.

"Historically, when the town has sold town property the funds have been designated to the Economic Development Trust for further economic development and growth within the town. That would be the recommendation with this,' Calorio said.

The matter received no debate from the Town Council and was approved unanimous-

# Woodstock Academy seeks photographs documenting **COVID** pandemic

WOODSTOCK — The Center for Woodstock History is collaborating with The Woodstock Academy to compile a collection of materials that document the Covid-19 pandemic from the perspective of Woodstock and the Quiet Corner of Connecticut.

The collection will include photographs, oral histories, and short videos detailing the story of living through the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 Additional materials including drawings, paintings, and other artwork; written and video journals; and other objects will provide an important historical record of the impact on the lives of local inhabitants.

The first task is to collect

contributions from residents of Woodstock and the wider Northeast Connecticut region. Pictures can be submitted on woodstockacademy.org/pandemicphotos for consideration to be included in the final collection. Snapshots of physical objects that might be included in the collection can be submitted in this way.

Jay Cantor at the Center for Woodstock History suggested images ranging from something as telling as "the floor in the market with directional arrows, people in line at a safe distance, door signage, outdoor signs thanking essential workers, or any other visible evidence."

Woodstock Academy social

studies teacher, Richard Garceau, will assist with the collection and exhibit with involvement from Academy students.

Submitted works become a part of the Center for Woodstock History's exhibition and be preserved as an important historical record.

Christopher Sandford, head of school at The Woodstock Academy, stressed the importance documenting local history, "we are certainly living through events that future generations will want to look back

Learn more about the Center for Woodstock History at centerforwoodstockhistory.com.

# Galarza set to soar with Bentley Falcons

BY KEN POWERS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY Jacob Galarza's decision earlier this month to sign a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) National Letter-of-Intent (NLI) with Bentley University was a win-win-win especially for the football standout at Killingly High

It was a win for Bentley, who got its man, but it was first and foremost a win-win for the 18-year-old Galarza.

Bentley's defensive line coach [Danny Maynes] reached out to me on Twitter sometime last year and from that point the football staff was in touch with me every other week. I felt early in the process that they had a special interest in me," Galarza said. "While they were keeping in touch with me through Twitter, I went online and thoroughly researched the school. What I found out was Bentley is one of the top business schools in New England, with high academics."



Courtesy photo

Jacob Galarza of Killingly recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play football for Bentley University.

Bentley had Galarza at 'high academics' and 'top business schools in New England.'

"That is the real reason people go to college, right?" Galarza asked. "To get an edu-

Galarza's research of Bentley wasn't limited to the Internet. He made the 67-mile trip to the school to look around, walk the campus, and meet with and talk to the coaching staff, including head coach Bill Kavanaugh.

"Bentley is a fantastic place," Galarza said. "The whole campus is dedicated to helping the student; I love that. When I

went there and visited, I saw first-hand that the coaches are not there just to coach football. They are there to help me develop as an athlete, yes. But first and foremost, as a student.

"When they finally gave me a call to offer me some athletic and academic support, I took the chance immediately," said Galarza, who also received recruiting interest from Southern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut State University, and Wagner College. "I liked the school that much.'

While Galarza is getting an opportunity to get a business degree from a highly-regarded university, Bentley is getting a top-notch, 6-foot-3, 295-pound player who was a three-year starter on the offensive and

defensive lines for Killingly. "We're all happy for Jacob. With no fall season and the whole COVID thing, we got a little anxious on the recruiting front, but Bentley was Jacob's No. 1 choice since last summer," said Killingly head

football coach Chad Neal, who

is also a business teacher at Killingly High. "It's a great program; Jacob's going to get a great education at Bentley. We're all excited for him."

Following the 2019 high school football season, Galarza's junior year, the awards and accolades rolled in for the KHS Football Leadership Council member.

In 2019 Galarza was a First Team Walter Camp selection (offensive line); an All Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Division 1 selection (offensive line); and a Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Class M All-State selection (offensive line). He also received the HOG Award in 2019, an honor that is presented to Killingly's top offensive lineman.

Bentley Simply put, University checked all the boxes for Galarza.

"The whole family [mother Jenilee, father Julio and younger brother Trevor], we were all in agreement that Bentley was

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# Felicia Terry

Well, I guess we are more than making up for a fairly mild and snow-free January. Lately, it seems as though my son and I have been shoveling every few days. I'm working on this on Feb. 10, and had two or three inches yesterday, to bring my month's total so far to nearly 30 inches. I must admit that when the sun shines after a storm, the brilliance of the snow, the blue-hued shadows, and the sparkles of the snow on the branches are one of the most gorgeous scenes of the year. Oh to be fifteen years younger so I could "play" in it. My youngest sister and niece made snow angels after the Nor'easter. I'd never get back up.

I looked through "The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896" by Marcella Pasay to see what the weather was like 150 years ago and thought it seemed fairly mild. There was a reference for snow on Jan. 24, 1871, "Snowed all day. Cold. (He and his wife Sarah were still able to get out and about, probably in the sleigh). Attended lecture by Mrs. Burleigh at West Killingly. Sarah went." After that the entries were for milder temperatures or rain. "Monday, February 6. Pleasant and milder all day." "Saturday, February 18. Rained hard all day." Sunday, February 19. "Pleasant all day. Froze last night and much ice in the road." Sunday, February 26, "Rainy and wet all day." There was no mention of snow the entire month.

Such was not the case 100 years ago in February 1921. "Danielson spent most of Monday digging itself out of the snow banks that accumulated during the storm that ended soon after 10 o'clock Sunday night. Those who battled with the heavy deposit of snow admitted that the weatherman had left them some job. On the level the snow was about 15 inches deep in the borough

and there were places where it drifted to the depth of four and five feet. Center Street was a conspicuous example of blocked thoroughfare. Automobiles that ventured into Center Street had a time getting out again...On Main street conditions

were somewhat better. The state highway department's motor driven plow contributed to keeping a way open down the center of the street, but on each side there were waist high ridges of snow, pushed out of the center of the street or shoveled off the sidewalks... Out in the country districts roads were impassable on Monday excepting for sleighs or light wagons. A pleasant surprise was that the morning passenger trains were practically on time...Only about 40 students put in an appearance at Killingly High School. Many of these were wet from ploughing (sic) their way through the heavily drifted snow, so Principal E. R. Warren deemed it best to cancel the day's session rather than risk having some of the students become ill from exposure and sitting about in damp clothing...Efforts to reopen the trolley line from Central Village to Grosvenordale were being made on Monday. The group that loitered about the railroad station Monday forenoon waiting for trains found something of interest in the efforts of a big freight locomotive to free itself from where it stalled on the Main street crossing after it had backed onto a siding to haul out some cars. After much struggling

the big machine forced its way out to



KILLINGLY AT 300 MARGARET WEAVER

also was badly isolated, but not much more than East Killingly itself. Routes from East Killingly into Ballouville and that section of the town were practically impassable." (Norwich Bulletin, Tuesday, February 22, 1921, p. 6; Ancestry.com). Note references no longer read in snow reports---sleighs, trolleys, local trains, horses and sleds. All gone in just 100 years!

the main line again.

Out in the country

...some drifts up to

six feet in height

were encountered.

Will Shippee during

the day used a pair

of heavy horses and

a big sled to break

open that lonely

stretch of highway.

The Tucker district

In honor of Black History Month, I'd like to honor Felicia Terry, another African American from Northeastern Connecticut. Perhaps some of you older readers remember her, or read of her tragic demise. Her obituary in the Friday, March 10, 1972 Hartford Courant summarizes her life (Ancestry. com). "Felicia Terry, 84, died Thursday in a fire which destroyed her house on Rt. 6 in Brooklyn Center. The fire was reported shortly before midnight by Miss Terry's nephew, Dana Blakely who lived with her. Blakely, who was unharmed, attempted to rescue Miss Terry but was unable to reach her because of the rapid spread of the flames in the frame house, according to Jeffrey Otto, chief of the Mortlake Volunteer Fire Co. Five fire companies fought the blaze until it was finally under control at 5 a.m., Otto said. Firemen were still at the scene shortly after 8 a.m.

The obituary summarized Felicia's life. "She was a graduate of Killingly High School in Danielson and Willimantic Normal School, now Eastern Connecticut State College. She taught in Canterbury and Rhode Island.

'Miss Terry wrote a weekly History of Brooklyn column for the Windham County Transcript about fifty years ago and was writing a book on Prudence Crandall and her school for black students in Canterbury in 1833. Blakely said Miss Terry had been collecting material on Prudence Crandall 'ever since she was in high school.' The 70-year accumulation of records, notes, books and papers about Prudence Crandall and the history of Brooklyn were all destroyed in Thursday's fire, Blakely said." (What a loss!)

"Miss Terry was a long-time active member of the Danielson Chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and was a Grey Lady in World War II. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn. In addition to Blakely, Miss Terry leaves two nieces and two nephews, all of Boston. "

An undated, unnamed newspaper clipping in the Terry file at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center headlined, "Aged Woman Dies in Blaze", the "unofficial cause of the fire was believed to have been either a small portable space heater or a kerosene lamp. There was neither electricity nor a central heating system in the home."

Felicia Terry was born January 25, 1888 according to the Social Security Death Index. She was one of twelve children of Albert Terry and Charlotte Fagin/Fagan of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Her father was a former slave from



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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Feb. 8: Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Redtailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Junco, Robin, White-throated Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

### READING **NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST** LIKE NO OTHER

# A step back a few decades with my friend Rob ...

Our dear friends, Rob and Tracey Shirk from Waterloo, Iowa were passing through our area on Thursday and came to visit. The following day at breakfast, Rob walked in carrying what appeared to

be a big magazine. As he sat at the table, I realized it was a road atlas of the USA ... something I have not seen nor used in at least fifteen or more

I asked, "Where did you pick up that antique?" He looked confused. I continued, "Where'd you find that old relic?"

"It's a map," he responded while turning to a map of Indiana.

"I know it's a map," I said with a laugh, "But why do you have it?"

know how to get to Marion, Indiana from here." He looked down at the map and began tracing a route with his fin-At this point, I thought he was still

kidding. "Use the GPS on your phone ... step out of the 1980's and into the 21st century!" I held up my phone.

"That's a phone. I need a map.' I must confess that I'm lost without my GPS, but not too many years ago, my phone was only a phone. We travelled from coast-to-coast years ago with our little family in our motor home

'Because I'm traveling and I don't

Rob looked at my phone, grunted, then looked back at his atlas saying,

and enjoyed every minute and every mile. Much of the fun was sitting at our dining room table with Arlene and our three children, gathered around a big

Culpepper, VA; her mother, a Native

American. Albert worked as a peddler

and laborer while Felicia's mother

worked as a laundress. (The Life of

Felicia Terry by Natalie L. Coolidge in

Killingly Historical Journal, Vo. 12, #1,

Killingly High School in 1906, Felicia

attended Willimantic Normal School

to become a teacher. That school had

opened in 1889 on the "third floor of the Willimantic Savings Institute with

Arthur B. Morrill as principal. The first

building dedicated entirely to the School

opened in 1894. Perhaps she was one of

the first two African American teachers

who were graduated from the School in

1908. Today you know this school as

Eastern Connecticut State University.

(www.easternct.edu/about-eastern/his-

According to Coolidge, Felicia "was hired by the Town of Canterbury to

teach in a one-room school. After teach-

ing there one or two years, she was

asked to leave 'under a cloud'. Because

she was black, she really was not want-

ed in any school, so some excuse was

Census records for 1920 indicate

that Felicia resided on Main Street

evidently found to get rid of her."

tory.html); en Wikipedia).

Following her graduation from

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Positively SPEAKING

> GARY W. MOORE

we'd go, what we'd see, and how we'd get there. I think our first trip

road atlas, deciding where

was our most memorable and that was our trip to Yellowstone. We took off before cell phones with an Atlas opened on the dash

and we were rolling ... our first stop was the Mitchell "Corn Palace" in Mitchell South Dakota. I remember our oldest, Toby looking at the building and saying, "We drove all this way to look at a building made of corn?" However, the next stop promised to be better as we headed off to "Wall Drug!" It's amazing how a little ingenuity and the promise of "Free Ice Water" transformed a small-town drug store into an internationally known tourist stop.

The badlands followed and then a stop at Mount Rushmore. I'll confess, I was awestruck at the first siting of this incredible monument. I hope to see it again someday. Then we were off to Devils Tower and the magnificence of Yellowstone. We made it all the way there and home, without the use of a phone or GPS.

We headed East the following year to the history of the Williamsburg area and Washington DC. The following year, we headed south to Texas and the Alamo. All incredible memories with the help of Rand McNally and their big and beautiful road atlas.

I must admit, some of the happiest times of my life were planned around that Rand McNally Road Atlas. It was like an instruction manual for our trav-

in Danielson and was a grade school teacher. Her 15 year-old nephew Dana Blakely was already a member of her household. In 1930 they resided on Academy Street. Her 84 year old father Albert was living with them in addition to her sister Mildred and a boarder Nefalen Lefur, 17. By 1940 she and her nephew had moved again and were living on Reynolds Street in Danielson. In her later years Felicia moved back to Brooklyn where she also operated an antique shop on Route 6, the Hartford-Providence Road, in 1954. (Census

on Ancestry.com). The mail and answering machine are being checked on a regular basis although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed to the public. Please send an email to the director or leave a message on the answering machine if you would like to donate items or have research questions.

records and 1954 Danielson Directory

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, February, 2021. Special thanks to Kira Holmes for her assistance with this project. For additional information email me at margaretm-<u>weaver@gmail.com</u> or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). el dreams, providing the guidance and recipe for family fun and togetherness. The excitement and anticipation ... all the laughs and love along the way warms me still and always brings a smile to my face. All great family memories. Weeks after returning from one vacation, we were sitting around the table with our map plotting our next

After ridiculing Rob and his relic of a guidance system, I need to make an admission. I ordered a new 2021 road atlas online. So maybe I owe Rob an

Nah ... he deserves a little laughing at his expense. Maybe in reality, he has inspired another road trip, as he brought to my mind some of the most precious family times we've experienced. There is still so much to see and do and Arlene and I deserve to get out on the road.

Our children are all grown and on their own, but we have two wonderful grandsons, Caleb, and Noah. Maybe they need to see the Mitchell Corn

As Willie Nelson so eloquently sang, maybe it's time to get "On the Road

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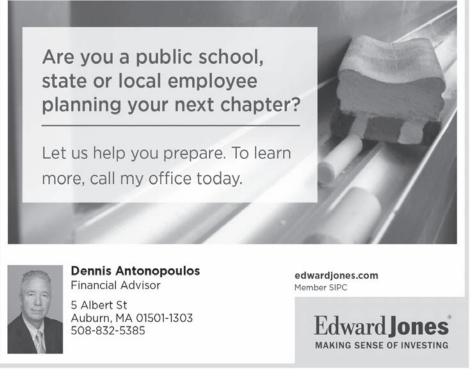
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### Worcester State University announces Dean's List

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Ryley J. Meyers **Pomfret Center** 

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# Seven key 2020 tax breaks for business owners and the self employed



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Last year was a difficult year in so many ways, including for business owners and the self-employed. The pandemic forced many businesses to reduce or even halt operations, and demand for many products and services to fall. Nonetheless, as we head into 2021 most of us do so with much hope for sunnier days ahead.

Thankfully, there are a number of key changes to 2020 tax laws that could help to cushion the blow that 2020 dealt to businesses and the self-employed. Most of these changes were passed into law as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Being aware of them could help to pave the way toward the return of those sunnier days and a healthy bottom line for your business in 2021. Here's what you need to know...

Employers' share of the Social Security tax, as well 50% of the self-employment tax, can be deferred.

The CARES Act allows employers to defer payment of the Social Security tax they

owe on wages paid from March 27 through Dec. 31, 2020. The taxes owed can be paid over the next two years, with half due by Dec. 31, 2021 and the other half due by Dec. 31, 2022. Self-employed individuals can also defer 50 percent of their self-employment tax. However, this deferment is not available to businesses that received a Small Business Administration paycheck protection (PPP) loan and had that debt forgiven for retaining their employees.

Expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans are now deductible.

Initially, expenses paid with forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans could not be deducted. So, while the government gave businesses much-needed funds with one hand, it was taking revenue away with the other by eliminating the ability to deduct expenses that would otherwise have been deductible; and the loss of those deductions would lead to what was effectively a tax increase of up to 37 percent for 2020. In December the issue was fixed with the passing of the COVID-related Tax Relief Act of 2020. It reversed the earlier policy, stating that ordinary and necessary business expenses paid for with a forgiven or forgivable PPP loan are now fully deductible.

The cap on business loss deductions has been suspended for individual returns.

Prior to the pandemic, the amount of trade or business deductions over \$500,000 for joint filers or \$250,000 for single filers could not be deducted: instead, the excess had to be carried forward to the next tax vear. But the CARES Act has suspended that cap for individual returns for 2020 as well as retroactively for tax years 2018 and 2019, providing greater and more immediate tax savings for hard-hit self-employed individuals and small businesses.

The net operating loss (NOL) carryback is (temporarily) back, with the taxable income limit removed.

If your business deductions for the year are greater than your income, you have a net operating loss. The 2017 tax reform law eliminated the ability to "carry back" such losses to the previous two tax years but allowed them to be carried forward to future tax years indefinitely. It also put a limit on the NOL deductions, allowing them to offset only up to 80 percent of the year's taxable income. The CARES Act temporarily eases these provisions, allowing businesses to carry back NOLs incurred in 2018, 2019 and 2020 up to five years, as well as removing the 80 percent taxable income limit for utilizing NOLs during 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Payroll tax credits are available for employers hit hard by the pandemic – with some restrictions.

A payroll tax credit of up to \$5,000 per paid employee is available to businesses that had to halt or reduce operation due to a government order, or that had quarterly gross receipts that declined by more than 50 percent compared to the same quarter in 2019. The credit is intended to offset the 6.2 percent employer share of the Social Security tax. It is only available to businesses that retained and continued to pay employees, and it can only be applied for qualified wages paid from March 13 through Dec. 31, 2020. Employers who received an SBA paycheck protection loan are not eligible for the credit, and other rules apply as well. You should

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check with your tax advisor for further details to see if this credit is available to your busi-

Tax credits are available for self-employed individuals who couldn't work due to COVID-19.

If you are self-employed but were unable to work at any time in 2020 due to a reason that would have entitled an employed person to coronavirus-related sick or family leave, there is some relief provided for you when filing your 2020 taxes. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows self-employed individuals to receive credits against the self-employment tax. Those credits include the sick leave credit and the self-employment tax credit.

For the sick leave credit, the amount of the credit is based on the individual's "qualified sick leave equivalent amount." That amount is calculated as

The number of days that the person was unable to work, up to 10, due to a reason that would entitle them to coronavirus-related sick leave if he or she were an employee

Multiplied by the lesser of these two options:

\$511 per day for people who were sick or quarantined; or \$200 per day for people caring for another person or on leave for a Health and Human Services specified condition; or

100 percent of a sick or quarantined person's daily self-employment income, as averaged over the course of the year; or 67 percent of the daily income for a person caring for another person or on leave because of an HHS-specified condition.

For the self-employment tax credit, the amount of the credit is based on the individual's "qualified family leave equivalent amount." That amount is calculated by multiplying the number of days during the y ear (up to 50) that the individual couldn't work due to a reason that would entitle them to coronavirus-related family leave if he or she were an employee, multiplied by the lesser of either \$200 or 67 percent of the individual's average

daily self-employment income

The American Legion District #4 honored its Commander, Ronald P. Coderre (center), on Sunday, Feb. 14 with

the presentation of the National Achievement Award and Pin from National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford

and National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler. The presentation was made by Past Department of Connecticut

Commander Everett G. Shepard III (r) and D. Joseph Jackson National Executive Committeeman. The award

was made in recognition of Coderre's leadership in achieving 100% District membership in 2019-2020.

for the year.

The threshold for taking the 20% deduction for passthrough income has increased. If you are self-employed or the owner of an LLC, S corporation or other type of pass-through entity (meaning income "passes through" the business entity and is taxed at the individual owners' level), you are eligible to deduct 20 percent of qualified business income. However, limits on this deduction begin to kick in for individuals with taxable income above a certain level. Those levels increased for 2020, with limitations now kicking in for individuals with taxable income above \$326,600 for joint filers (up from \$321,400 in 2019) and \$163,300 for others (up from \$160,700 in 2019).

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- 1. Big tech firm 4. Picked
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- 11. A woman of refinement 12. New England state
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- 22. Vinegary 23. Peninsula
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- 26. Atomic #55
- 27. Used in units of measurement 58. One point east (clockwise)
- 28. Welsh female name 30. Arab ruler title
- 31. One's mother
- 34. Trap
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic

- 37. Assn. of oil-producing countries
- 39. Holy fire
- 40. Emit coherent radiation 41. Atomic #81
- 42. Orthodox Jewish college
- 48. Herbs
- 50. Ran after 51. Begin again
- 52. Named
- 53. Barbary sheep
- 54. Unwell 55. Postscript
- 56. Drivers

- of due north 59. Prim
- 60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Small islands
- 2. Skullcap
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- 9. Northeast
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# Quiet Corner schools partner to improve access to hockey

POMFRET — Pomfret School and The Woodstock Academy have partnered to make significant mechanical improvements to Jahn Rink at Pomfret School. The total estimated cost of the renovation is \$3.8 million. Funding for WA's portion of the project has been secured through generous private donation.

'We are thrilled to be working with Woodstock Academy on this project," said Ed Griffin, the chief financial officer at Pomfret. "Our interests very much align with WA's goals, and so it makes sense to partner with them financially. It is a win-win-win: for Pomfret, for WA, and for the local community.'

The most significant upgrade to the sixteen-year-old hockey arena is a new state-of-the-art chiller, which will extend the season for both schools by several months. Historically, the rink was open from the first weekend in November through the first weekend in March. With the new mechanicals in place, the rink will open on Sept. 1 and close on March 31.

Through the partnership, WA will get first priority on ice time (after Pomfret).

"This partnership will strengthen our existing hockey programs and continue to build a strong foundation for the future," said Jonathan Sturdevant, associate head of school for advancement at The Woodstock Academy.

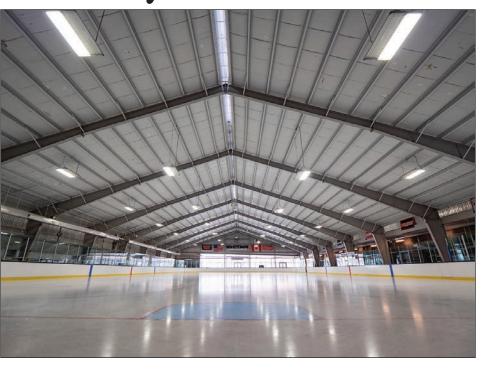
The longer ice season will also benefit community partners like Griffin Youth Hockey and Rectory School.

In addition to the new chiller, the internal and external wall coverings of the rink will be replaced and a new wall will be erected on the east side of the rink, separating the Doug Woodruff '77 Lobby from the rest of the arena.

Pomfret opened its first covered rink, Brown Rink, in 1963. In 2005, Brown Rink underwent a major renovation and was renamed Jahn Rink after Helmut Jahn P '97, the renowned Chicago-based architect who helped design it. Though technically a renovation, the old Brown Rink was totally dismantled.

As one observer wryly noted, "The only thing left was the ice.

Construction on the new renovation will begin in March and end in August.



# Putnam Middle School bonor roll

PUTNAM — Putnam Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Principal's List

Grade 6: Ayla Daniels, Gabriel Girard, Avah Grimshaw, Eileana Ionkin, Alina Kamara, Nikoli Kostovski, Trevor Lamothe, Alisa Libby, Addison Lucier, Logan Marciano, Emma Martineau, Avah Pipkin, Emily Rastakogngsy, Ty Rindge, Drew Seiffert, Jillian Spalding Grade 7: Nicholas Devlin, Anna

Polaino Grade 8: Faye Battersby, Zachary

Fucci, Madison Lamothe, Isabelle Magalhaes, Emily Olecki, Olivia Orthmann, Isabel Porter

#### **First Honors**

Grade 6: Lexi Abram, Sydney Barber, Delanie Bernier, Danny Boriboun, Jordan Chrzanowski, Mia Cosentino, Kaleb Herrick, Benjamin Mayo, Cecelia Neal, Aubrey Paquette, Nathaniel Ramos, Bridgett Reidy

Grade 7: Leah Benzie, Christina Blanchard, Evan Garvey, Dillon Guilbault, Benjamin Gustafson, Genesis Morales, Kasyn Robillard, Madison Thomas

Grade 8: Lucas Benoit, Sawyer Britt, Isabella Brown, Ava Morrison, Nathaniel Pearsall, Aiden Riley, Nathanyel Rodriguez, Bella Sanchez, Patrick Stebbins, Justin Vukas

**Second Honors** 

### Students named to Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Fall Semester. Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Chris Cheney of Woodstock, who is in the computing security program.

Cameron Grube of Eastford, who is in the mechanical engineering program.

Shane McCarthy of Woodstock, who is in the physics program.

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The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.



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Grade 7: Anthony Beaudette, Talan Bellerose, Darcy Billings, Clayton DeCosta, Kady Degaetano, Brynn Dignam, Collin Gaudette, Kaydence Morris, Damien Nicholas, Jacob Pedersen, Jennifer Peterson, Lilly Riley, Mateo Sanchez, Esteban Suarez, Jandiel Suarez, Nathaniel Sudol, Joseph Vergoni

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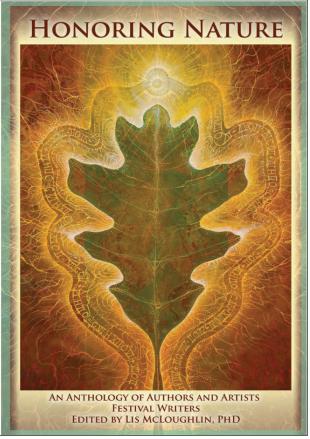
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# Woodstock poet to participate in virtual festival



NORTHFIELD, Mass. – Online Feb. 27 at 11 a.m., Rich Holschuh, spokesman for the Elnu Abenaki, a Vermont State-recognized tribe, will open the Northfield Authors and Artists Honoring Festival: Nature.

Squakeag/Northfield is within the traditional Sokoki Abenaki homelands, and the festival opens with a grounding as to where we physically would be if we weren't in cyberspace. Just afterwards, the first talk will be given by Sherri Mitchell of the Penobscot Indian Nation, followed by Christian McEwen, a western Massachusetts originally resident from Scotland; Scott Russell Sanders from the midwestern US; Gay Bradshaw from the west coast; and Patrick Curry originally from Canada, now resident of London in the UK. The poets too bring a diversity of voices from Pakistan, Israel, Taiwan, the Passamaquoddy Nation, and the US. And that's



iust Day 1 of the two-day free Authors and Artists Festival. Day 2 includes Deb Habib from Seeds of Solidarity Farm; Joan Maloof of the Old Growth Forest Network; Susan Cerulean Florida bird expert; and Simon Wilson speaking on religion and the ecological crisis from Canterbury Christ Church University in southeastern England.

The speakers from both days are equally diverse in how they participate in

Honoring Nature. From the practical work of protecting old growth forests: maintaining animal sanctuaries; and growing organic food with no-till methods; to the equally hard work of imagining a more respectful and sustainable way for humans to interact with the rest of Nature, the authors tell their stories and inspire others.

Lis McLoughlin, one of the festival organizers says: "We are grate-

#### Authors & Artists Festival, February 27 & 28, 2021: SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Caturday 2/27/21

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	Saturday 2/2//21	Sunday 2/28/21
11:00am-12:00pm	Sherri Mitchell: Sacred Instructions	Deb Habib & Ricky Baruch: Love and Vision in Disruptive Times
12:00-1:00pm	Christian McEwen: Listening to Nature	Joan Maloof: Old Growth Forests
1:00-2:00pm	Poetry	Poetry
2:00-3:00pm	Scott Russell Sanders: The Way of Imagination	Susan Cerulean: I Have Been Assigned the Single Bird
3:00-4:00pm	Gay Bradshaw: Talking with Bears	Simon Wilson: Religion and the Ecological Crisis
4:00-5:00pm	Patrick Curry: Enchantment	Poetry

ful to have the involvement of so many people from around the world who Honor Nature in their own unique ways. Because so much of what we do is hard work, it is especially gratifying to have the chance to celebrate Nature, and our collaborations, in the festival. '

This year there is an additional reason to party: a book produced from authors and artists who participated in the festival's first 2 years. The anthology Honoring Nature, published by Human Error Publishing (Paul Richmond) contains work from 40

authors and artists and is available to buy separately or with a book launch ticket. The launch will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, and the cost of \$5 is to help fund a free book for each of the 40 contributors to the volume. Purchase a book and/or launch ticket at: https://ko-fi.com/ lismcloughlin/shop

The online Authors and Artists Festival: Honoring Nature, Feb. 27-28, is free and includes two online art shows with work from children and adults. Sign up at www. authorsandartistsfestival.wordpress.com.

Authors

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# Woodstock Academy receives \$55,000 from Pratt & Whitney for STEAM initiatives

WOODSTOCK — As The Woodstock Academy continues to develop offerings in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths) the school applied for, and was granted, a generous \$55,000 grant from Pratt & Whitney. With the funds from the Connecticut-based aerospace company, The Woodstock Academy will purchase equipment to further develop the Beatson Makerspace and Fabrication Lab in the SPIROL STEAM Center.

Woodstock Academy technology teacher, Peter Sumner, explained "we have purchased a series of machines and equipment used by today's man-



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ufacturers that will provide practical hands-on experiences for students in our makerspace and manufacturing lab."

The list of equipment includes a 40-watt laser, a CNC router with 4th axis, a CNC mill with 4th axis, injection molding supplies, and a vacuum forming machine. The Academy was also able to purchase the necessary design software and two laptop computers dedicated to operate machines. Three new moveable work benches will also help students better create and collaborate.

"At Pratt & Whitney we're not only using STEM to build aircraft engines and systems, we are also using it to develop the next generation of engineers, scientists and manufacturers by sponsoring primary school to university level programs that spark students' interest, inspire innovation and provide access to essential hands-on training," said Christopher Dyer, vice president, product safety, certification

and validation at Pratt & Whitney.

Holly Singleton, associate head of school at The Academy shared, "We believe this equipment will excite our students and help move the program forward with a technically relevant lab. It will also provide a space to expand community partnerships with local industry, community members, and surrounding middle schools.'

The Woodstock Academy recently joined the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board's Youth Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (YMPI) and is running a Manufacturing 101 class this semester. Over the years. The Academy has invested in technology in the Beatson Makerspace and Fabrication Lab to include many hand tools and precision measuring instru-

With the large number of manufacturing companies in Eastern Connecticut, The Woodstock Academy believes that strengthening the manufacturing space will provide WA students the necessary skills and experiences to take a leading role in the local manufacturing workforce after they graduate.

Adam Bottone, who chairs the Career and Technical Education Department at The Academy, shared that the grant from Pratt & Whitney allows the school to provide opportunities that "we would otherwise not be able to provide to our students," adding "We are very grateful to Pratt and Whitney for awarding us this grant. It will drastically and positively impact the teaching and learning environment of our students."

Head of school at The Woodstock Academy, Christopher Sandford added. The new equipment is a significant step forward for our STEAM program. The more students are exposed to fields of study and career possibilities, the better equipped they will be for whatever they choose after The Academy. Not only do our students get a great academic foundation during their time at The Academy, but they will be set up for a successful career."



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# In the Studio CYNTHIA SAARI

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

This week we're talking with Tim Rainville, owner of "The Looking Glass Shoppe." Tim restores furniture and creates his own pieces.

### Tim, tell us about the range of things you've worked on.

One of the fascinating aspects of my work is the diversity of objects that people bring in for repair. I've had the good fortune to work on items ranging from a mid-1600's joined chest, to an early mirror from a museum in Wethersfield, to a mid-century modern table designed by the well-known George Nakashima.

This goes along with a wide range of locally-built pieces from Windham county, like the last original church pew from the East Woodstock Congregational Church and a mahogany Gothic lectern for The Woodstock Academy.

### Any thoughts on our area as it relates to your work?

People in the Quiet Corner have a deep sense of history and some of the family heirlooms have been passed down through many generations. Folks often understand the value of maintaining their connections to the past. Grandfather clocks are frequently the most noteworthy of these heirlooms. I especially enjoy well-made clocks. There was an 18th century silversmith and clockmaker from Woodstock named Peregrine White who is known for having made some very fine tall case clocks. He worked with a furniture maker from Pomfret, named David Goodell, who built the clock cases White used. I have worked on several of these over the years, which has always been a great experience.

### Your work requires skill and expertise. Any "temperament requirements?"

Temperament - that's funny. I used to work with explosives when I was in the Air Force, so I'm comfortable taking time to make sure everything's right. Working with family heirlooms and valuable things means you can't let much bother you, and I'm a pretty relaxed person. Things sometimes sit in the shop for a while, sometimes a long while, before the inspiration strikes me to work on it. I have great clients; they understand my work takes time. Several clients will pick up a finished piece while dropping off another. They always have something here in the workshop. If they need something right away, I can make that happen but it may cost a little more because someone else will have to wait. Incidentally, I don't do stripping and refinishing but I can touch up finishes, fabricate missing parts and hand cut veneer replacements.

### "What makes furniture "well-made"?

Well-made furniture is based on good design; one of the best things a furniture maker can do is repair what's been built already. I've learned a lot about what works and what doesn't – things that can be incorporated into my original work.

The engineering involved in good design overcomes the stresses that people tend to put on a piece: tabletops that



Early Empire period chair under repair

don't warp, legs that stay tight, frames that stay square. Incorporating quality hardware is just as important – nothing turns me off more than seeing a wonderfully-built piece of furniture made with cheap hardware. At times I need to reinforce pieces with metalwork I fabricate in the shop, or add my own handmade hardware.

A final thought on well-made furniture: consistent color and grain of wood. Attention to detail absolutely brings a quality piece together.

### What is the most satisfying part of your work?

Satisfaction comes in different forms. Repairing a family heirloom that the owner thought was too far gone is always satisfying. Sometimes a piece comes into the shop for a "tune-up" before it is passed on to the next generation. Usually, antiques are better received and cared for if they are in better condition and are usable. The parent sometimes brings the "new caretaker" into the shop to engage in the process. This creates a good memory and attach-



**Academy lectern after restoration** 

ment to the antique. It's satisfying to see the care and enjoyment of a piece continue on through the next generation as an heirloom.

Thank you, Tim. This is really interesting information and your artisan skills are a wonderful local resource. I found images of your work and studio through the Artist Open Studios website and am adding your contact information here.

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#### Word of the day

Tall Case Clocks: Also known as "grandfather clocks," or "tall clocks," these early American antique clocks are typically around eight feet tall.

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized flamework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitationals. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.

# Ellis Technical High School honor roll

DANIELSON — Ellis Technical High School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

### Grade 12

High Honors: Noah Ahmad, Joren Ayer, Dylan Bemis, Joseph Blain, Ashley Bowden, Zachary Breault, Dartagnan Bruneaux, Hunter Bryer, Chiara Cinque, Brandon Collelo, Jocelyn Collin, Natalie Creighton, Amber Cutler, Hannah DeAngelis, Jennifer Diaz-Hernandez, Jacob Dingman, Matthew Dingman, Maximillion Doucette, Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Sage Foster, Anthony Gallow, Brianna Ghio, Kyle Gisleson, Grant Goodale, Savannah Gregory, Zackary Kallgren, Rajah Krawczyk, Jordan Kresser, Leo Lavigne, Mikayla Loiselle, Brandon Miller, Brenna O'Connor, Brian Platas Gutierrez, Gabriel Reinhart, Samantha Remington, Chloe Robinson, Mason Sorel, Michael Sposato, Jake Stephanski, Alfredo Tebo, Connor Tellier, Zoe Tetreault, Christopher Windrow, Yalietxy Beltran, Jacquelyn Geervais, Matthew Graham, Jason Angell

Honors: Hailey Deojay, Gavin Fulton, Allison Guskey, Gregory Hebert, Emily Hull, Isabella Lyman, Michael MacCracken, Matthew Paskins, Logan Paul, Caleb Ferland, Anthony Ives, Vincent Rebello, Vivianna St. Jean, Paige Fuller, Eric McGroary, Jace Myrter, Blake Shippee

### Grade 11

High Honors: Mikenzy Alvarez, Alexis Archambault, Mason Bartlett, Elijah Bean, Benjamin Blair-Combs, Nicholas Britt, Shanelys Busanet, Dillon Cornell, Jordan Daoust, Derek Davis, Gracie Deveny, Owen Donovan, Lucas Engle, Cade Fulton, Brett Gile, Nathan Gregorzek, Logan Hereth,

Lucas Johnson, Cameron L'Heureux, Marissa Laitres-Wakefield, Marisa Lavell, Michael McQuesten, George Neely, Ayden Papuga, Daren Paquin, Kendyll Petty, Jesse Ratliff, Owen Reinhart, Allyson Roberts, Rosalie Santerre, Lee Schiavetti, Angelo Siwko, Connor Stoyanovich, Jacob Tate, Madison Tatro, Emma Terranova, Elizabeth Thorstenson, Zoe VanHoose, Preston York, Joseph Young, Elyjah Wright, Samuel Rebello

Honors: Margaret Bowers, Skylar Egan, Caleb Remillard, Jackson Tassoni, Zachary Truppa, Logan Vinal, Mackenzie Dickinson, Katelyn Hawkins, Christopher Hilavac, Ashlee Luty, Nolan Moran, Jordyn Reynolds, Austin Piesz, Seth Raymond

### Grade 10

High Honors: Braden Ayer, Cody Bemis, Sophia Beshaw, Joshua Brousseau, Hailey Chykow, Wesley Deal, Quinntin Departie, Tyler Diamond, Seth Dunton, Braedon Emerson, Caleb Evans, Mackenzie Gifford, Keira Giles, Olivia Girard, Jayson Ives, Philip Johnson, Ethan Love, Ethan Marshall, Matthew McDougall, Joana Negron Alaniz, Aidan O'Brien, Jacob O'Connell, Karen Platas, Dominic Poissant, Jasmyn Robitaille, Benjamin Rondeau, Sophia Sezenias, Matthew Siegmund, Nathanael Studer, Sierra Tamalavic, Drew Turcotte, Seth Wenzloff, Colin Willour, Liliana Wongkam, Alec Zevetchin, Skyler Martin, Kameren Siener, Joelle Ortiz

Honors: Jace Lindell, Daniel Nammachack, Landen Reschke, Samuel Scrapchansky, Ty Summiel, Kayden Bennett, Nicholas Boutot, Andrew Carlson, Cameron Chapman, Alexia Girard, Cheyenne Hart, Benjamin Lambert, Rylee Laperle, Heaven Lowell, Paul Mazza, Braden Meunier, Kendra Oddo, Jake Pichie, Timothy Poulin, Casey Rekowski, Kaleb Steiner, Antonio Thorstenson, Drew Vanner, Aaron White, Suzanna Barboza, Ellis Bellavance, Jacob Farrow, Trevin Giannelli, Logan LaCroix, Nathan Marquette, Logan O'Brien, Madison Perry, Brody Towle

### Grade 9

High Honors: Lauren Alvarez, Michael Armstrong, Emma Bessenaire, Ian Brais, Madeleine Brisson, Daeni Cabrera, Joseph Cadieux, Christian Carpentier, Cydney Chapman, Jessie Charron, Giana Cinque, Katelynn Collelo, Dylie Damble, Seth Daudelin, Hannah Dunn, Emily Fryer, Cameron Fulone, Kyla Gadbois, Ella Gisleson, Sebastian Gray, Hailey Gregorzek, Richard Grendell, Walker Hanes, Travis Heon, Addisyn Herdic, Joshua Huber, Haley Johnson, Aniya Jones, Nia Jordan, Kiera Landry, James Lavell, Stefany Lopez, Keegan Lyons, Brandan McClure. Brooke Montecalvo. Evangeline Moran, Haley Newell, Drew Noble, Brady Nottage, Tyler Parmentier, Asher Prosperie, Alec Rawson, Yeradline Rodriguez Salvador, Colby Smith, Noah Soares, Nicksael Soto-Nieves, Jacob Stiles, Autumn Taylor, Robyn Tetreault, Jarrett Towne, Anderson Ventura-Calderon, Juliana Vik, Anthony Connetti, Jonathan Daignault, Isaid Galdamez, Ethan Robert

Honors: Carter Brix, Kylie Cummings, Nathan Desmarais, Holdyn Guenther, Hailey Keefe, Anthony Tebo, Rachel Tetreault, Lilly Wentzel, Aydan Bein, Caiden Cheverier, Joseph Davis, Kevin Garcia, Jillian Hebert, Mason Hill, Elizabeth Hooper, Lily Jakubowski, Hailey Kiertianis, Natalie Polsky, Brody Rybacki, Javien Vazquez, Riley Wenzloff, Joseph Choquet, Matthew Johnson, Trevor Poulin, Jaden Ross, Joseph Wolfe

# ACT presents DanceFest 2021: All the Feels on Feb. 20

WILLIMANTIC — EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) performing arts magnet high school will present DanceFest 2021: All the Feels, a live-streamed event, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. This family-friendly, annual dance showcase will be available through this link: www.facebook.com/ACTMagnetSchool.

The event, developed and directed by ACT Dance Teacher Tiana Mancuso, is a collection of four original works created in collaboration with ACT student dance majors, A/V and theater production student artists. The program features innovative "Feel Good" works by jazz and contemporary artists, including Prince and Queen. Themes of relationships, magical dreams and the ups-and-downs of life are portrayed.

Featured is "Let's Move!" a collaboration of student-generated choreography and student-edited video projection of ACT dancers performing outdoors in locations throughout Williamntic.

The program is free. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/

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**EDITOR** 

# Lost time is never found again

Lately, we've been hearing an awful lot of chirping about how people are too busy. Too busy to catch up with extended family; too busy to grab a workout; too busy to read a book; too busy to do the things we forgot we enjoyed doing. The largest contributor to the lack of free time boils down to time spent at work. Many people in today's world have two or three jobs to make ends meet. Sometimes, however, we need to make some cuts in our lives to give ourselves something more valuable than money, time. Time is a treasure.

For one, you can't make more time. Ways to earn money will always be at your fingertips however there is never a way to create more time. There is not a spell book that has the answer to creating more hours in a day or a way to give you more years on Earth. Time is finite, something we all can stand to remember.

Take a moment to think about the fact that you can do more with time off than with a day's pay. While we all can earn a different amount of money during a shift at work, a day off is the same to all of us. During a day off, you can choose to do what you want with it. Catch up on chores, hike a mountain, catch a movie, enjoy a nice lunch or pick up your dusty guitar and remember how to play the C chord.

Memories hold more stock in our lives, than money. When we think back on our past experiences that brought us fond memories, how many of those were because of money and how many were because of another person? Travel of course costs money, or the purchase of a fancy boat, however it is the simple moments that are always the ones that count.

At the end of a person's life, you will never hear them say they wished they had more money, however you will hear them say they wished they had more time. A good question to ask yourself if you had a short time to live, 'would you like \$5 million dollars or ten more years to live?' The answer is obvious.

A survey of roughly 5,000 people was conducted to back up the fact that most people prefer time over money. Most people opted to take a position with less hours and less money over long hours with a high salary. Young people, who have more time ahead of them, did choose to make more money, however this proves the point that if you have less time, you value it more.

Money changes in value every day; time does not. Think about the price tag you would place on a three-hour beach day with good friends. In the time of a pandemic these moments become even more important.

Time brings us awareness and clarity and gives us a chance to figure out the person we want to be or already are. These things cannot be bought. Sure we need money to live, however time is what puts life, into our lives. Often we need to get creative about how we can give ourselves more time. We must always remember to protect and prioritize our time.

Letters to the editor may be e-mailed to Brendan@villagernewspapers.com

Please include your place of residence and phone number for verification, not publication. Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.



Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rotting away

To the Editor:

For whatever reason, it's distressing to watch the armory near Recreation Park rot away year after year.

Built in1955, it was home to the National Guard's 250th Engineer Company until 2007, and for 14 years, they've been trying to figure

out what to do with it.

Regardless of the expense of bringing it up to code, it should be repurposed to serve the community or demolished.

> ROY RUTANEN Putnam

### We are not on the playground anymore

Do we now have a proper protocol that we have to follow when we write our letters? And if there is one, I m certainly not aware

What's wrong with personally calling somebody out or asking that they answer a question? My name was mentioned (and referred to) quite a few times in letters last week, and I have no problem with that. If anybody doesn't like my writing style, or what I have to say, they always have the option of ignoring it. I certainly don't write letters to gain popularity or to be agreed with, and if a reply is warranted, well then so be it.

So now I m the bully of the opinion page, huh? Ive had plenty of back and forths with several letter writers in the past but none of them have ever asked that I be permanently banned from the Letters to the Editor column. So what's next — am I going to be impeached because somebody doesn't like what I have to say? Keep in mind, however, that if you want to evoke the censorship machine - that you could become its next victim! And remember that I quoted Jordan Levy (of the Jordan

Levy show, WTAG, Worcester) when I first used the "w" word, and I totally accept the guilt of agreeing with him and mentioning it here.

I find it amusing that people get all wimpy when I call out our members of Congress and use whatever «creative terminology» to describe them, but then find it deserving that Ive been called, among other things: a Trump zombie and a Kool-Aid drinking, cult leader worshipping, duped idiot for some four years now.

Yes, we are not on the playground anymore - this is the adult world - and if differing opinions, or some words offend you that much, maybe you should avoid reading the editorial page and go watch the Hallmark channel (where everything is all happy, happy, joy, joy) instead.

Wow, and I said all of this without mentioning any names or (actually) using any offensive words, if that makes you feel any

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

### Trump's acquittal raises questions

To the Editor:

Following Saturday's Senate vote in the trial of former President Trump on charges of inciting insurrection culminating in the Jan. 6 attack on our Capitol, I am left wondering about a number of things, as a U.S. citizen for over seven decades.

First of all, what must a president do to be removed from office or prevented from holding public office in the future? Does this indeed allow a «January exemption» for lame duck presidents to abandon their oath of office, if not re-elected?

If our presidents cannot be charged with a crime while in office, and cannot be held accountable for inciting insurrection after Jan. 20, when they become «private citizens," when can they be held accountable?

why can't Capitol police officers file lawsuits against former President Trump for injuries and trauma inflicted by the brutal attack, clearly because he did not order troops to come to their aid? Yes, those were work-related injuries, but their job was to prevent our government--and a valid election-- from being overthrown. Why can't the one person who could have prevented or stopped this attack be held liable for his ignorance of how to do his job or callous indifference to their suffering?

How many people who voted for former President Trump now wish they had not? Realizing that an overwhelming number of my fellow citizens in the ten-town area voted for him, I wonder how many have had second thoughts. I still see Trump banners, blow-up dolls, and lawn signs even now displayed on property near where I live. I don't ever remember seeing such indications of support for a losing presidential candidate still in evidence on President's Day in February. I first voted in a presidential election in 1968. (I)m so old that you had to be 21 to vote back then.) That's over 50 years ago. Were people better able to accept election results prior to 2020?

If so, why was this election different? Because never in the past 50 years have we had a loser of a presidential election who refused to concede. Who refused to invite the winner to meet with him at the White House to show the world that we reunite after our elections, no matter how we feel about the result.

Following this acquittal of former President Trump, my view is that we can no longer claim to be the «city on a hill» and «beacon of light» to the world that has held true through 240 years of our history.

his power to try everything-with no holds skills live in our midst. I parred--both legal and illegal; nonest and dishonest; and utterly selfish in spite of the oath he swore to defend and protect our citizens above his own perceived self-interest. He used his power to deny valid election results and try to stay in office after every state had certified those election results that proved his defeat. We are no longer special. Because enough of our Senators could not see their way to hold the most powerful man in the world to the oath that we all saw him swear on Jan. 20, 2017.

My grandson voted for the first time this past November, and was excited to experience that rite of passage to responsible adulthood. To have his first election be the one that brought our nation to the point of almost having that election violently overthrown breaks my heart.

Respectfully,

CLAUDIA ALLEN THOMPSON

# There is a difference between the BLM protests and Capitol

To the Editor:

On the basis of exactly one sentence in an hour-long speech by ex-President Donald Trump on Jan. 6, Tami Jo Wykes asserts in her letter to the Editor of Feb. 12 that anyone who believes that he incited violence at the Capitol is "wrong." In doing so, she ignores a firehose of lies and conspiracy theories in the speech, to say nothing of months of similar lies and incendiary talk since the election. I thank her for spurring me to read the full transcript and I encourage anyone who has not read it to do so; not only does it contain ample evidence that he fanned the flames

of insurrection, it provides uncanny insight into a peculiar and disorderly mind, perhaps a tiny window into why the ride we have been on for the past five years has been so wild.

Rather than detail the contents of the ex-President's speech, I will simply let Sen. Mitch McConnell address the issue of whether or not our former President was simply trying to exercise his right of free speech but still encourage peacefulness (from remarks this past Saturday):

"American citizens attacked their own government...beat and bloodied our own police...

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### Hijinks II

To the Editor:

In my last letter to the editor, I wrote about the Woodstock Boards of Finance, Selectmen, and Education converting operational expenses to capital expenses in order to make their way around the spending limits of Prop 46. This is hardly the first time they have pulled this. With six failed attempts to either repeal or amend Prop 46, over the last 20 years or so, these boards have gotten quite creative in their methods to get around the spending limits of Prop 46. Overstating state mandated programs worked for years until someone caught up with them and the process was changed to include Town Attorney approval

which at least held someone accountable for getting the numbers somewhere close to real. Turning "emergency expenses" approved as one-time expenses into perpetual annuities was another favorite, again until caught both of these types of expenses are exempt for the spending limit under Prop 46. Hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars were improperly budgeted this way so converting operational expenses into capital expenses is just the next step, and not the last.

In May of last year, when the BOF was setting the budget, under the cover of Covid and

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# Winter

for Friends of the Airline Trail reminded me of the pleasure I find in reading Edwin Way Teale's book, "A Walk Through the Year." Steve Sokoloski, who posted the message, is working his way through the book, and took special notice of Teale's entry about a big snow storm on Feb. 15, probably in 1977 or 1978. I recall a huge snowstorm in 1978, when my husband and I first lived at Golden Hill Farm, our former home, built in the 18th century.

The storm blew all night, and when we woke up, there was a strange light on the first floor. The snow had blown to the top of the eaves of the house, a full Cape, and all the windows facing south were shrouded by a huge, unbroken snowdrift. It felt eerie and a bit like living in an igloo, but miraculously, the power did not go out and we were safe and warm.



NANCY WEISS

Our neigh-Bob bor, Painter, was a surgeon at Day Kimball Hospital and he had to get to work. He hauled himself through the deep snow drifts to the road, where

a plow truck picked him up and took him to Putnam. He didn't return for several days, during which time the ED DELUCA road reopened.

Eventually, the bright light of sun on snow transformed the world I could see from the upstairs windows into a miraculous white ocean of sparkling crystals. It is a memory I hope to take to the end.

Nellie and Ewin Teale were looking out in Hampton, just one town away, at a similar sight. Teale focused on two "hardy midgets from the north" - redpolls and pine siskins, names that are charming to roll on one's tongue. He saws the redpolls as "the twinkling coruscation of ruby spots like small lights flashing on and off all across the flock." (p. 383)

We are fortunate to have A defeated incumbent president used had a writer with Teale's hope there are others record ing their observations of the area now. There are certainly plenty of people out on the trails and roads with time to notice what is happening around us.

This week promises to

bring us far more snowstorms than usual. Children have time off from actual and virtual school and they are sledding nearly every day at the end of the road where I live. They have light weight equipment and watchful parents. They are so bundled up they look like brightly wrapped sausages rolling down the hill. Their happy antics, made possible by a local manufacturer that maintains the lovely field where they safely slide, will live in their memories as the quintessential way to enjoy a New England winter. Swooping down a snow covered hill, just fast enough to be a bit scared and just cold enough to feel alive makes

During the big storm of 1978, I decided to do something memorable. I recreated the original stencil paintings that decorated the front room of the house. It was painstaking work with a dour Scottie dog as my assistant. I loved the look for about twenty years and then painted it over. Memorable wasn't eternal.

winter unforgettable.

Nellie and Edwin had a contest during this same February week to see who would spot the first pussy willows. She won. Wild pussy willows are harder to find than they once were. I wish I knew where Nellie found hers. I'd grab my snippers and cut a bunch. The color is a bit like light filtered through a snow drift and just as soft.



## Planning and designing a productive vegetable garden

Whether planning your first, second or tenth vegetable garden it can be overwhelming. There are so many tasty vegetables and never enough space and time to grow them all.

Start with a plan. Locate your garden in a sunny location with

moist, well-drained soil. Save those partially sunny areas for greens like lettuce, chard and kale as well as root crops like radishes and beets. These prefer full sun but will tolerate more shade than tomatoes, peppers, squash, broccoli and other plants we eat the flowers and fruit.

Review your favorite recipes and make a list of family favorites and those vegetables most often used. Then check the list to see which vegetables are suited to your climate and growing conditions and those that make the most economic sense to include in your garden.

Tomatoes and peppers produce lots of fruit from one plant and are common ingredients in many recipes. Sweet corn is fun to grow but needs lots of space for a relatively small harvest. If space is limited, consider buying your sweet corn at the farmers' market and use that space to grow other edibles.

Every gardener struggles with deter-



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executive orders, the Chairman slipped in the transfer of \$150,000 from the Healthcare Reserve Fund (part of the Town's General Fund know as Fund 51 which should have been closed out two years ago) to the Board of Education. Background: this fund was established in 2016 to provide liability coverage for the town should the then existing "self-funded health coverage" for the BOE employees see a greater than budgeted downside. The "self-funded healthcare program" was dissolved at the end of 2018 (June) and all claims had been cleared in 2019. When this was first questioned in May through email, the BOF didn't even respond. At the June BOF meeting, the issue was raised by Mr. Bradrick as a violation of Prop 46 and he was summarily dismissed with the comment from the chair that, "this was their money". When questioned again in June, by me, under FOIA to force a response, the first selectman acknowledged that they had obtained one or more legal opinions on the matter but refused to say what those were invoking attorney client privilege - you can decide for yourself what this means as these are normally made public. Going further, he attempted to order me not to copy

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built a gallows and chanted about murdering the Vice President...They did this because they had been fed wild falsehoods by the most powerful man on Earth—because he was angry he'd lost an election...Former President Trump's actions preceding the riot were a disgraceful dereliction of duty...There is no question that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day... The people who stormed this building believed they were acting on the wishes and instructions of their President...It is not just his endorsement of remarks in which an associate urged 'trial by combat'...a mob was assaulting the Capitol in his name. These criminals were carrying his banners, hanging his flags, and screaming their loyalty to him...It was obvious that only President Trump could end this...But the President did not act swiftly. He did not do his job... Instead, according to public reports, he watched television happily as the chaos unfolded...Even after it was clear to any reasonable observer that Vice President Pence was in danger...even as the mob carrying Trump banners was beating cops and breaching perimeters...the President sent a further tweet attacking his Vice President."

The entire speech is worth reading, although one might reasonably conclude that, on the basis of this, McConnell should have voted to convict the ex-President.

In some ways, more troublesome to me is Ms. Wykes' implication that somehow the behavior of the right-wing mob at the Capitol was better than that of the Black Lives Matter protesters of last summer. She states, "By contrast, what we saw over the last year were cities being burned and looted, small businesses and business districts being destroyed...many murdered... and many more seriously injured...The 'Big Lie' was and is continuing to call these violent riots 'peaceful protests.'"

It so happens that two professors, Erica Chenoweth of the Harvard Kennedy School, and Jeremy Pressman of UConn have been collecting data on political crowds in the United States since 2017. They have nearly finished compiling that (most of the missing data is from small towns) from May and June of 2020, having already documented 7,305 events in thousands of towns and cities in all 50 states and D.C., involving millions of attendees. Their preliminary findings, published in an



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mining how many of each type of vegetable to grow. This depends upon the productivity of the variety selected, your family's eating habits and of course the impact of weather on the harvest. It is always better to start small, build on your

successes and expand the garden in the future. Track your planting and harvesting results to help when planning future gardens.

You will need to plant more if you plan to preserve or donate a portion of your harvest. Purchasing vegetables from your local farmers' market is a way to ensure you have sufficient fresh produce when you are ready to can, freeze and ferment.

Sound overwhelming? Consider enlisting help from Gardener's Supply by using one of their vegetable garden plans (gardeners.com). You'll find customized plans for those who like to cook, want to grow ingredients for a garden-fresh salad, salsa or cocktails, or are following a Mediterranean diet. Many come with seed packets for all the featured plants.

Maximize the available space by growing vertically. Train pole beans, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and even squash

the town attorney when I raised these kind of issues and to get my own attorney – so, of course, we spent the next 7 months getting access to documents and answers to simple questions through attorneys, not the most cost effective or efficient but apparently how he wanted it. After all, it was not their money it was the town's money. The transfer of those funds was a violation of not only Prop 46 but also CGS 10-222 which states that the BOE cannot spend more than was authorized – i.e. approved in their budget. Now the BOF could have simply authorized additional spending under the cover of Covid and the Executive Orders but that would have cut into the surplus they already had plans for and/ or would have been an all too obviously a violation of Prop 46 – details they either didn't want to deal with or didn't understand in the first place. Keep in mind these are the same folks who are responsible for managing \$24 million dollars of your money.

So how did this money in the health-care fund, Fund 51 come to be in the first place? In 2015 it was noted that for years the self-funded healthcare plan for BOE employees was "exactly" on budget. This is obviously not possible as no one could predict expenses that close never mind in a self-funded insurance program. When the question was first asked there was no answer, when it was asked again in an audit

article in Harvard/Radcliffe Institute News and Ideas on Oct. 20, 2020: "The overall levels of violence and property destruction were low, and most of the violence that did take place was, in fact, directed against the BLM protesters. First, police made arrests in 5 percent of the protest events, with over 8,500 reported arrests. Police used tear gas or related chemical substances in 2.5 percent of these events. Protesters or bystanders were injured in 1.6% of the protests. In total, at least three Black Lives Matter protesters and one other person were killed while protesting in Omaha, Austin, and Kenosha, Wis. One anti-fascist protester killed a far-right group member during a confrontation in Portland, Ore; law enforcement killed the alleged assailant several days later. Police were reported injured in 1 percent of the protests. A law enforcement officer killed in California was allegedly shot by supporters of the far-right "boogaloo" movement, not anti-racism protesters. The killings in the line of duty of other law enforcement officers during this period were not related to the protests. Only 3.7 percent of the protests involved property damage or vandalism. In short, our data suggest that 96.3 percent of events involved no property damage or police injuries, and in 97.7 percent of events, no injuries were reported among participants, bystanders, or police...In many instances, police reportedly began or escalated the violence, but some observers nevertheless blame the protesters... given that protesters were objecting to extrajudicial police killings of Black citizens, protesters displayed an extraordinary level of nonviolent discipline, particularly for a campaign involving hundreds of documented incidents of apparent police brutality...the protests were extraordinarily nonviolent, and extraordinarily nondestructive, given the unprecedented size of the movement's participation and geographic scope."

Perhaps even more salient than whether or not the BLM protests were violent is the issue of whether they were "the same sort of thing" as the attack on the Capitol, where five people died. I think not, and am reminded of an online comment on a similar intellectual plane, made a few years ago in response to an article by an acquaintance of mine: "Nazis hate Jews and Jews hate Nazis; what's the difference?"

JOHN A. DAY, JR. WOODSTOCK VALLEY and melons up trellises. Growing vertically not only saves space, but also increases disease resistance by increasing light and airflow through the plants. And picking beans at waist height is much easier than harvesting from low-growing, bushy plants.

Increase space with containers. Consider growing some of your frequently used herbs and vegetables in pots on the patio, balcony, or deck for convenience. You can quickly grab what you need when creating your favorite meal.

Grow multiple plantings in each row. Start the season with cool season veggies like lettuce, peas and radishes. Once the temperatures climb and these plants are harvested and enjoyed, replace them with warm weather vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, squash and melons. Finish off the season by filling any vacant rows with fall crops like greens, beets and radishes.

Take some time to plan a garden that will provide you and your family with fresh produce you can enjoy all season long. Involving everyone in the planning process just might get them to show up and help weed.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow

review it was the auditor who said, "It's the escrow account." It seems that for years anytime there was a surplus in the budget line item "healthcare expense" the excess funds were put into an escrow account held by the third party administrator of the healthcare plan, Diversified Brokerage Group, this was at times hundreds of thousands of dollars. This account bore no interest and had no insurance coverage for loss should "DBG" go out of business. Not only that but certainly provided DBG with a nice little pile of working capital – quite deal and got around the issue of it being illegal for the BOE to roll funds from one year to the next except through the non-lapsing account; though there could have been an issue of transferring expenses. In 2016, a Healthcare Reserve Account was established, with coordination of the auditors, to cover this highly questionable arrangement, and with the five year goal of \$550,000 in reserve. The "reserve" was to be funded from surpluses in the BOE budget. The goal was reached two months later! So much for "bare bones" "underfunded" budgets. The following year it was



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added to again when the BOE found itself with another large surplus that would have otherwise have to have been returned to the Town's undesignated general fund. The Chairman of the BOE at the time, and now member of the BOF, and superintendent thought that somehow they would be able to draw these funds back like a slush fund and get around CGS 10-222 despite the fact that it had been explained to them repeatedly this would be illegal, apparently until now.

Unless or until the voters and taxpayers of Woodstock start saying an emphatic "No" to the spending practices of these boards this will not stop. The extent to which the governor's executive orders will continue past March is still unclear. You may get a chance to voice your opinion and vote on this year's budget, which will be highly influenced by federal relief funds, but will establish a new base for all future budgets. Letter writing can only do so much.

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Alan R. Bernier, 65

Alan R. Bernier, 65 of Thompson passed away peacefully on February 12, 2021. He was the loving husband of Patrice (Mikolajczak) Bernier for 38 vears. Born in Putnam October 16, 1955, son of the late Roland and Lauretta (Nadeau) Bernier.



Alan was the Pathology Manager at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester until he retired. He attended St. Mary's School, Putnam High School and graduated from Annhurst College in 1977. Alan was a fam-

ily man who enjoyed time on the lake fishing and spending time on his pontoon boat. He cherished time with his grandchildren. Alan loved to cook and watch the New England Sports Teams and he enjoyed reading.

He leaves his wife Patrice, children

Danielle Wallace and her husband Jeffrey of Thompson, CT, David Bernier and his wife Stephanie of Arvada, CO, siblings Jeanne Johnson and her husband Richard of Thompson, CT, Joanne Slezycki and her husband Ray of Lyme, CT, grandchildren Jacoby Wallace (six), Lilly Wallace (four) and Jacob Bernier (one) and his therapy dog Sammy, several nieces and nephews.

A calling hour was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 11:30 to 12:30 PM (With Covid-19 Restrictions) at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Day Kimball Hospital, The Office of Philanthropy, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.

### John E. Casey, Jr., 85

POMFRET CTR. - John E. Casey, Jr., 85, of Orchard Hill Rd., passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021 at Rhode Island Hospital. He





was the loving husband of Kathryn (O'Brien) Casey. They were married on May 26, 1990 in Pomfret. John was predeceased his first wife. Mildred (Williams) Casey in 1989. Born in Stafford Springs, he was the son of the late J. Edward Casey,

> (Matthews) Casey. Mr. Casey was a 1954 graduate of Windham High School. He worked for Northeast

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Utilities for 27 years. After retirement he went on to work for 25 years for the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home & Crematory as a funeral assistant.

John was a former chairman and member of the Republican Town Committee of Pomfret. He also served on various boards and committees including the Board of Assessment Appeals and Justice of the Peace for the town. He served in the Army National Guard. He was a 50-year (2010) member and past Master of the Wolf Den Grange #61 as well as a member of the Pomfret Seniors. John was a member of the Putnam Lodge #46 AFAM and many other Masonic groups.

He performed many acts of kindness and works of charity over the years, especially as President and Sexton of the Abington Cemetery Association. He has been a good friend and neighbor to the citizens of Pomfret.

In addition to his wife Kathryn, John is survived by his two step-sons, Timothy B. Morrarty and his wife Melissa, of Pomfret, and Thomas Morrarty of Vero Beach, FL; his siblings, Alan M. Casey of Willimantic, and Hope C. Garrison (Lee) of Chaplin; his grandchildren, Matthew Morrarty (Stephanie), Bradley Belanger (Sasha), and Kayla Belanger (Emily); his great grandchildren, Allison, Maxson, and Haves Morrarty. and Alexander Belanger and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021 Abington Cemetery, 592 Mashamuquet Rd., Abington, CT. Memorial donations may be made to KB Ambulance, P.O. Box 209 in Danielson, CT. 06239 For memorial guestbook visit www.

### Ronald D. Smith, 59

PUTNAM - Ronald D. Smith, 59, of Dufault St., passed away unexpectedly at his home. Born in McKeesport, PA, he was the son of Ronald W. Smith and Elaine (Yuscinsky) Smith of Thompson.



Mr. Smith worked in the service department for Putnam Ford. He enjoyed fishing, whether it was salt water or fresh, and watching football,

senior baseball teams. He was an especially devoted father and son. He was always there when anyone needed him. In addition to his parents, Ronald is survived by his son, Cameron Smith of Putnam; his daughter, Jillian Smith of Putnam; and his brother, Ricky Smith and his wife Lorraine of N. Grosvenordale.

Relatives and friends were invited to a graveside service for Ronald at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St, Putnam, CT.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 200 Vesey St, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281. For memorial guest-

### Dennis F. Giles, 73

PUTNAM, CT – Dennis F. Giles, 73, died Sunday, February 7, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Susan (Duquette) Giles of Putnam; his children, Nicole M. Deasy and her wife Taylor of Hanover, Kimberly A. Giles and her wife Jess of Dayville, CT, along with Jolyne Giles and her husband Steve, Paul Giles and his wife Barbara, and Peter Giles and his wife Rebecca, all from Connecticut. He also leaves his sisters-in-law, Nancy Giles and Pat Jones; as well as his brother-in-law Dennis Duquette; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Bert Giles and Arthur Bates.

He was born in Webster, son of the late Albert and Amelia (Germain) Giles, and was raised in Oxford. He attended

school in Oxford and joined the U.S. Marine Corps from 1965 until 1976 serving in the Vietnam War from 1967 until

Dennis worked for Norton Company in Worcester for 10 years. In 1986, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in Framingham until retiring due to illness in 2002. He lived in North Grosvenordale, CT, for 25 years before moving to Putnam in 2019. He was a member of the American Legion Post 58 in Oxford. He enjoyed reading, puzzles, hunting, and fishing.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no services are scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA

### Joseph A. Touchette, Jr. 96

Joseph A. Touchette, Jr. 96, of Bank Street, New York City, died January 15, 2021 in Dayville, CT. He was born February 24, 1924 in Plainfield, CT, son of the late Joseph A. and Ida (Charron) Touchette, Sr.



Joe worked at several manufacturing companies, William Prym, Killingly Worsted Mill, LaRosa, St. James Mill and Inter Royal. He sang for seven years in St. Joseph Church Choir in Dayville and performed at

other functions. He started working at Connecticut and Rhode Island Night Clubs as a Female Impersonator. In 1952 he moved to New York City to work in the Night Club Circuit as a female impersonator, he performed and was a bartender for 45 years. During his career he worked with Jackie Mason and June Valley, he was in the Female Review at the Moroccan Club and the 82 Club, the epitome of impersonation. Formerly of Connecticut, the Danielson Area, communicant of St. Joseph Church, he had made his home in New York City for over 68 years. He was a member of the Actors Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) in New York City and the Bank Street Association.

Joseph leaves his siblings Alfred Touchette of Putnam; Donald Columbia of Moosup; Agnes Cote of Danielson, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his siblings Leon Touchette; Edmond Touchette and Rita

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, services for Joe will be held in the spring at St. Joseph Cemetery in Dayville. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Share a memory at www. smithandwalkerfh.com

### Robert E. Egeberg, 91

Robert E. Egeberg, 91, of Woodstock, CT, formerly of Brooklyn, NY, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at Crystal



the beloved husband of Ada (Tonnesen) Egeberg, they were married 64 years. He was born March 13, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late Alf and Gudny Egeberg. Robert worked as a Construction and

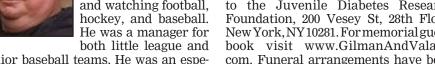
Lake Rehab. He was

Facilities Manager for Memorial Sloan Cancer Kettering Center from 1967 until his retirement in 1994, he also worked in the Engineering office at

the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City from 1953 to 1967. He received his degree in Building Construction from Pratt Institute. He was a Veteran of the Korean War. serving in the US Army, and received an honorable Discharge in 1953. In 1994 he and his wife retired and

moved from New York City to their vacation home in Woodstock, that they built in 1962. Robert was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock. He was previously a member of the Second Evangelical Free Church in Brooklyn, NY. He taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and was the Trustee Board Chairman until his retirement in 1994. He was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed working in his shop in his retirement.

He leaves his wife Ada, his children Barbara Emanuele and her husband Richard of Gainesville, VA; Ronald Egebergandhis wife Patricia of Littleton, CO; Mark Egeberg of Bethel, ME; his sister Elizabeth Olsen of Southold, his daughter-in-law Ann Egeberg of Woodstock, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Kenneth R. Egeberg in 2017, and his brother Walter. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock, CT 06281. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



book visit www.GilmanAndValade. com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam,

### **GALARZA**

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the best spot for me. I'm excited to be going, I'm relieved this is all over," Galarza said. "The pandemic was really scary for me, football-wise, because I didn't know what the interest was going to be like. Now that it's all done, I can really focus on what I need to do. I'm looking forward to getting into the gym and getting to work.'

Woodstock Academy Prep hoop season under-

The Centaurs opened their 2021 prep school basketball season on Feb. 5-6, going 1-1 in a pair of games with Notre Dame-West Haven.

Feb. the On Academy Woodstock Gold Team defeated the visiting Green Knights, 71-66, behind the play of guard Julian Soumaoro, who scored a team-high 23 points, including eight in the final five minutes, 11 seconds. Dashon Gittens added 16 points for the Centaurs while Tairi Ketner tossed in 10.

On Feb. 5, ND-WH had its way with the WA Blue Team, winning in West Haven, 105-74. The Centaurs were led by Ethan Edwards (14 points) and Jayden Beloti

### **JACKSON**

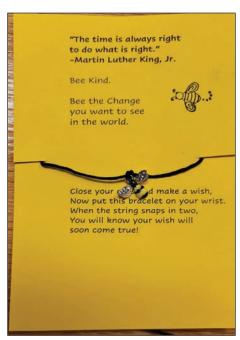
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reminding people to 'bee kind' and 'bee the change you want to see in the world," Jackson said of his project.

The second part of Jackson's mission was to donate the funds to help a local organization. TEEG, a social service agency in Thompson, was his chosen beneficiary.

'I'm donating all of the money I raised to TEEG to use either toward their food pantry, meal programs for local towns or food provided to local students. I chose TEEG because they help provide food through a lot of programs to a lot of people in our community. I am happy that I could do something small to help out in our area," Aleman said.

At \$5 apiece, Jackson sold 167 bracelets over a two-week period donating a total of \$835 to support TEEG's community food programs.



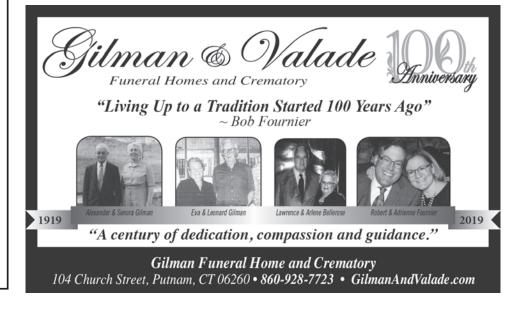
One of more than 165 bracelets sold by Rectory student Jackson Aleman as part of his Day of Service project.





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### **LEGALS**

#### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On February 1, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency granted wetlands approval for application #01-21-01 – Lawrence Acquarulo – 32 Lakeview Drive – shoreline cleanup.

February 19, 2021

#### **TOWN OF THOMPSON**

On January 25, 2021 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued: Application # WAA20043 approved with conditions, Gary Rawson, 0 Logee Rd. (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot E) - Construct new single family home in 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir; Application # WAA20044 approved with conditions, Town of Thompson, Riverside Dr. between Route 200 & Rawson Ave. (Assessor's Maps 61,63 &171) - Reconstruct sidewalks in the 100-foot upland review area.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent February 19, 2021

#### TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday,

March 4, 2021 via ZOOM at 6:00 PM. Meeting and Log-In information is posted on the Town of Thompson Webpage, https://www.thompsonct.org/planning-zoning-commission "Agendas" Application PZC #21-03 – The Town of

Thompson, 815 Riverside Drive, to approve the Plan of Conservation and Development According to The State of Connecticut

Statutes, Chapter 126, Section 8-23.

Document is posted on the Town of Thompson Webpage:

https://www.thompsonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif5076/f/uploads/final\_draft\_2020\_pocd\_0.pdf

Printed copies are available at the Town of Thompson Planning and Development

Department, 860-923-9475. Respectfully submitted, Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman February 19, 2021 February 26, 2021

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Citizens of Woodstock are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Woodstock will hold its sessions on the following dates: March 8, 2021 – Monday, beginning at 6:00 PM

March 9, 2021 – Tuesday, beginning at 6:00 PM

March 10, 2021 – Wednesday, beginning at 6:00 P.M

Appeal forms are available by calling the Assessor's Office

at (860)928-6929 ext. 327 or downloading the form from the

website at www.Woodstockct.gov Such sessions are held solely for ap-

peals on Real Estate and Personal Property for the 2020 Grand List and 2019 Grand List Supplemental Motor Vehicles.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, meeting format to be determined.

Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS Rebecca Hyde

Ronald Cabana February 19, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON

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Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman February 19, 2021

### TOWN OF KILLINGLY METERED USE LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm Tuesday 9-5pm Friday 9-11am.

Second installment metered use is due March 1, 2021 If payment is not received on or before March 31, 2021 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half per cent of such tax for each month or fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment.

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Dated at Killingly this 12TH, day of February 2021 Patricia Monahan CCMC REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY February 19, 2021 March 3, 2021 March 26, 2021

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jane D Falcone (20-00438)The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 28, 2020, 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 e fiduciary is:

The fiduciary is: Barbara Mayer,

36 Stone Pond Rd., Tolland, CT 06084 February 19, 2021

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF Marie Grenier, AKA Marie A Grenier (20-00437) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 30, 2020, 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: Rita C Grenier, 421 Pompeo Rd.,

North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 February 19, 2021

#### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On February 10, 2021, Woodstock Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for the following applications: #02-21-11 – Jeffrey and Kalin Bousquet – 39 Loyola Road – addition to existing house and deck and #01-21-07 – Stephen C. Kurczy – Little Bunggee Hill Road – Map 5787, Block 34, Lot OE73 – new single-family home with well, septic and driveway.

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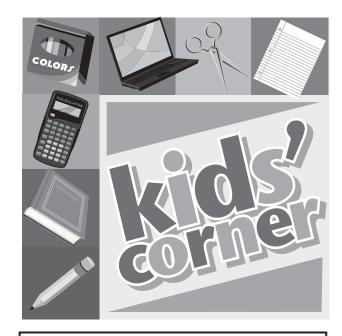
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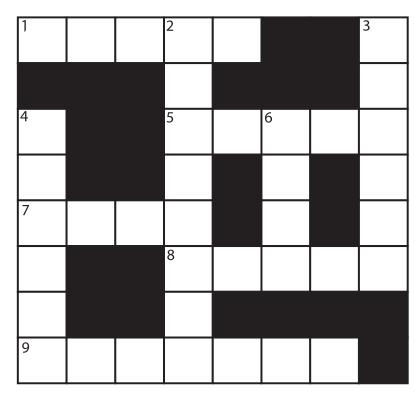




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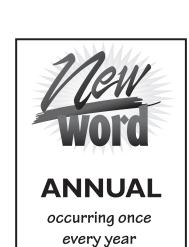
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- 5. Muddy color
- 7. Slight hollow in surface
- 8. Most suitable
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### DOWN

- 2. Desire to achieve
- 3. Happening each year
- 4. Astrological system
- 6. Instrument

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Clue: Place to bathe

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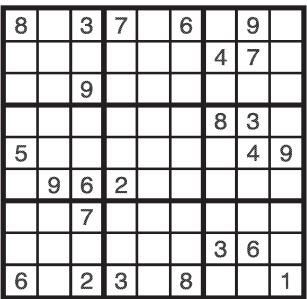
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Clue: Without traction

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Clue: Rapidly move downward



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# The rise of telehealth services

Getting sick once meant traveling to a physician's office only to sit in a waiting room with fellow under-theweather individuals. Few if any people like leaving home when they're feeling ill, and thanks to technology, many no longer need to do so.

Telehealth services, which the Massachusetts Medical Society defines as the delivery and facilitation of health and health-related services including medical care, provider and patient education, health information services, and self-care via telecommunications and digital communication technologies, are revolutionizing the healthcare industry. In many instances, patients need not leave the comfort of their beds or sofas to be diagnosed and treated. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology says telehealth, which is a broader scope of remote healthcare services than telemedicine, can utilize everything from videoconferencing, the internet, storeand-forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless phone communications.

Many providers and insurance companies now offer some method of telehealth services. Consider some of these statistics.

American Telemedicine The Association says more than one-half of all hospitals in the United States have a telehealth program.

• Forty-eight states require payers to cover telehealth, says the Center for Connected Health Policy.

· BBC Research indicates that telehealth makes up roughly one-quarter of the healthcare-related technology market.

• The American Medical Association says nearly 75 percent of all doctor, urgent care and emergency room visits could be handled safely and effectively over the phone or via video.

• Beckers Hospital Review says 82 percent of millennial patients surveyed would rather have a telemedicine visit than an in-person consultation.

 Around seven million people use telehealth services across the globe, according to eVisit.

Telehealth can connect rural providers and their patients to services at other sites and promote patient-centered health care. With a shortage of some medical specialities in rural areas, telehealth can play an important role in ensuring all patients get access to care they need. But the benefits do not only extend to rural patients. Individuals who are elderly and/or those who have mobility issues and cannot travel easily can benefit from telehealth services. Furthermore, any patient with a rare condition may no longer have to travel long distances to consult with specialists in that field.

Telehealth applications and pro-



Sick? Telehealth services enable patients to connect with providers to get the care they need without leaving home.

grams on smartphones, tablets or laptops can make it easy for people to monitor their health. These apps can enable patients to do things like track health measurements, share information with clinicians, manage chronic illnesses, and set medication or appoint-

ment reminders. Patients also can communicate with providers to get health information through patient portals or to refill prescriptions effortlessly.

Telehealth is changing the face of medicine and utilizing technology in

# Answering questions about 5G

Technology advances at such a breakneck pace that it can sometimes be hard to keep up. One technological advancement that has been a topic of discussion and anticipation for many years is 5G.

What is 5G?

The wireless technology experts at Qualcomm note that "5G" is the term used to refer to the fifth generation mobile net-

surrounding 5G stems from promises that this network will be able to handle more connected devices than any previous network, giving it the potential to change the way people live and work.

Why is the arrival of 5G so highly anticipated?

The anticipation surrounding 5G wireless technology is related to

work. The excitement its potential. PCMag.com notes that bigger channels, which speed up the transmission of data; lower latency, which is associated with vastly superior, more responsive user experiences; and greater network capacity are three calling cards of 5G networks. Faster downloads, near-instant access to multiplayer cloud gaming and more uniform user experiences

are just some of the ways networks. That's because that Qualcomm expects fully realized 5G networks to benefit users.

Isn't 5G already here?

The answer to this question is both yes and no. While wireless carriers have already rolled out their 5G networks, the user experience on those networks is not yet all that different from their experiences on 4G existing 5G networks currently have very little coverage. In the past, it's taken years before users benefitted fully from previous transitions from one network to another, and the transition from 4G to 5G figures to follow that same trajectory. However, according to estimates from the GSM Association, an industry organization that represents the interests of mobile network operators across the globe, by 2025 around half of all mobile connections will be 5G.

The excitement surrounding 5G is warranted. Consumers anxiously anticipating the widespread availability of 5G likely won't have to wait much longer before 5G accessibility improves their mobile experiences.



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