

QVCC student uses capstone project to restore local sawmill



Photo Courtesy

Pictured, left to right: Members of the Chamberlin Mil Board Andy Quigley, Jean McClellan, Jeff Paul, Nate Rosebrooks, and QVCC's Dan Xavier and Jakob Spjut.

WOODSTOCK — Nestled in the valley of Woodstock lies the Chamberlin Mill, a rare example of a water-powered circular sawmill originating back to the early 1800s. The two-story post-and-beam structure still boasts the same historic cast iron gears and flat belt pulleys that transferred all the waterpower to the circular saw on the main level. Impressively, a mill has stood at the site along the Still River since the 18th century, however, the sawmill ceased its operations in the late 1960s, leaving it unused for more than 40 years. That's where QVCC's Dan Xavier comes in.

Xavier, a Technology Studies major at QVCC, is also in the computer-aided design (CAD) certificate program, which led him to his project at the Chamberlin Mill. One of Xavier's instructors Jakob Spjut, Professor of Engineering Science, was approached by Jeff Paul, former CEO of Whitcraft, about doing some modeling of the moving parts at the Chamberlin Mill.

"In fall 2020, I had Dan in my Intro to Engineering class, and he was looking for an interesting CAD course to take to finish his CAD certificate, so we worked out an independent study for him this spring 2021 at the Chamberlin Mill. We're building on some work done previously by Woodstock Academy students, supervised by Peter Sumner, to model the turbine part of the setup," explained Spjut, elaborating that "There's really no substitute for applying technical skills to a real project for deep learning. If you don't understand something, you can't just take a 75 on an exam and move on. You need to figure it out."

Throughout his extensive work at the mill, Xavier visited the mill frequently to take

Quiet Corner NEMBA building new trail system in Pomfret

POMFRET — Each year, New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) provides financial support through grants to enable mountain bikers and trail stewardship partners to perform trail projects on public land where mountain biking is allowed. This spring, the Quiet Corner NEMBA Chapter has been awarded a NEMBA Signature Trail Grant of \$10,000 to build a new trail system on land owned by the Town of Pomfret.

Quiet Corner NEMBA will create a multi-use trail system designed for passive recreation on land located off Route 44 and Wolf Den Road, once part of the historic Gwyn Careg Estate. The project will feature an initial trail of about 6 miles of single track that winds through the 140-acre property. It will be designed for novice riders but include features that those with more



Courtesy Photo

Jay Grzysiewicz, shown here pitching earlier in the season against New London, struck out six in Killingly High's 7-3 win over Lyman Memorial on Tuesday, May 18.

Killingly sets mill rate

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – The Killingly Town Council officially set the new mill rate for the 2022 budget year after both the education and general government budgets passed at a referendum earlier this month.

The new rate was set at 25.14, a half-mill increase over the current year with the general government budget set at \$18.22 million and the education spending plan set at \$45.03 million. While the general government budget passed by a wide margin of just under 200 votes, the education budget passed by only 25 votes with the voter turnout being only just over 8 percent. While this is more than the 5.8 percent that turned out for the referendum in 2019, the low turnout led the Town Council to voice some frustration during a special meeting on May 18 where they finalized the mill rate.

Several council members voiced frustration over the mixed messages they received from the public compared to the acts taken at town meeting and at the polls. Council Chairman Jason Anderson said that numerous citizens openly told him they would not be in support of an increase to the mill rate. However, the annual town meeting resulted in an increase to the education spending plan and the resulting referendum approved tax increases that inevitably resulted in the small jump in the mill rate. Anderson's frustration didn't stem from the results themselves but rather from the consistently small number of voters that tend to turn out for the vote compared to those that voice their frustrations about the budgets.

"The town did a lot to make sure that the public was aware of this. It was posted in multiple places. It was on the town's website, it was on Facebook, it was on the digital bulletin board at the library, and I believe we had a couple signs out in town (to vote) as well," Anderson said. "We try everything we can to get the public out. I know a lot of people, myself included, have busy lives and it's tough to get out there."

Anderson wasn't the only frustrated councilor. Council member Ernest Lee was also vocal in his frustration that citizens aren't turning out to vote.

"I was not impressed with the number of people who came out to the town referendum. It was a very small number of people. They voted to change the recommendation of the town council to a higher Board of Education budget. It went to a machine vote. The townspeople voted, the ones that showed up, for a higher budget so obviously those who called us and said they'd like to have a lower mill rate or a flat mill rate they didn't come out in force. If they had come out in force either to the town referendum or the machine vote then that's what they would get," said Lee. "This is the budget that the town voted for and now they

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High School Notebook

Quiet Corner teams continue to impress on baseball, softball diamonds

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The Killingly High baseball team remained undefeated against teams not named Woodstock Academy, defeating Lyman Memorial High School, 7-3, on Tuesday, May 18 at Owen Bell Park.

As has often been the case this season for 15-2 Killingly, Jay Grzysiewicz was instrumental in the victory. The junior earned the win mound, going six innings, striking out six and allowing three runs. Bo Yaworski slammed the door on the upset-minded Bulldogs, striking out the side in the seventh inning.

Cole Lavigne and Chris Jax led the Killingly offense against Lyman, both players driving in a pair of runs. Yaworski and Trevin Russ also singled in the game.

The aforementioned Centaurs also picked up a win on May 18, defeating visiting Putnam High, 11-2.

Kaden Murphy smacked three hits and drove in two runs, including a key run-scoring double in a nine-run fourth inning, to lead WA (13-4,12-2 ECC Division 1). Murphy got it done on the mound, too, pitching five innings, giving up six hits, and striking out eight. Murphy is 5-0 on the bump this season.

Colby Livingston had two hits and an RBI for the Clippers (3-13, 3-13).

SOFTBALL

Woodstock Academy won three games in six days to improve to 14-3 overall and 12-1 in ECC Division 2 action. The Centaurs defeated Putnam, 21-0, on Wednesday, May 19, Bacon Academy, 5-4, in eight innings, on Monday, May 17, and Tourtellotte, 21-0, on Thursday, May 13.

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Honoring veterans past



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AT 300
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WEAVER

I love to look at old newspaper articles, and have often researched in the Windham County Transcripts at the Killingly Historical Center and various papers from newspapers.com.

I knew Marilyn Labbe used an entirely different Web site for old newspapers so called her to learn what it was. She said that it was genealogybank.com, so I'm now on my free trial week. I must say that I'm having great fun since there are even extracts of papers from Killingly, Norwich, and Worcester to check. I came across several local ads in the Manufacturers' and Farmers' Journal of 3-22-1849. Leonard Ballou was selling used machinery in the first, "Second hand Mules, in good order, now making No. 25 yarn, containing 1000 spindles. Inquire of Leonard Ballou, Norwich, CT or of David Talbot, at the Mill in Killingly near Dayville Depot. Can be delivered 1st April." (p.3). Note that Dayville was referred to as Dayville Depot. The second, on the same page, was for Williamsville (now Rogers). "Cotton Machinery for Sale. The Williamsville Manufacturing Company, intending to fill their factory entirely with new machinery, offer for sale all of the machinery and apparatus belonging to the same in the Williamsville Factory, on the Quinebaug River, Killingly, Connecticut, consisting of 60 4-4 Looms; 16 Throstle Frames;

1 pair of Mules, 528 spindles; 1 pair Mules 432 spindles; 1 pair 412 spindles; 40 18 inch Cards; 2 Drawing Frames, two heads each (and much more). The above machinery will be sold low. Apply to John Atwood, at the factory, or to the subscriber, at S. W. Foster's, No. 18 Canal St., Edward S. Williams, Providence, Jan. 15, 1849."

I was curious about the different machines, so Googled "Mule" with no luck. Then I tried "Mule Spinner" and found "Spinning Mule" at en.Wikipedia.org. "The spinning mule spins textile fibres into yarn by an intermittent process. In the draw stroke, the roving is pulled through rollers and twisted; on the return it is wrapped onto the spindle. Its rival, the throstle frame or ring frame uses a continuous process, where the roving is drawn, twisted and wrapped in one action. The mule was the most common spinning machine from 1790 until about 1900 and was still used for fine yarns until the early 1980s."

There are a few old Windham County Telegraphs and Windham County Transcripts in the genealogy bank collection. Out of curiosity I looked at a Windham County Telegraph from January 1, 1857. A little ad noted that it was published every Thursday morning at West Killingly. The office was in Washington Hall in "the Basement of the Methodist Church" (which was located where Danielson Surplus Sales is now situated). I chuckled when I saw the ad for dentist D. A. Jones for it pictured a partial set of teeth. His wife, Emeline Roberts Jones, who is considered the first female dentist in the United States, later practiced with him in Danielsonville. The office at that time was : "nearly opposite

the Congregational Church, on Main Street, Danielsonville." (Note that ads are using both West Killingly and Danielsonville for the name of the same general location). You could also "Find Merchant's Gargling Oil for Man and Beast, all sizes, at C. Crandall & Sons, opposite the Depot, Danielsonville." "Allen & Olds, Manufactureres and Dealers in All Kinds of Iron Castings, AT THEIR FOUNDRY." (That is how Furnace Street acquired its name). I love to see the wording of old ads! I'll have more another time.

Since this is Memorial Day weekend, I will devote the remainder of this column to remembering and honoring a veteran from Killingly's past. In April, Kathleen Flaherty, reference librarian at the Killingly Public Library, received an email from researcher Diana Vickery of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation in Gurnee, Illinois asking for assistance with research on Byron Carroll, a member of the group from Killingly. Diana sent a copy of an article from a July 2, 1948 Hartford Courant. "100 War Dead Returning To Connecticut. Army Vessel Bringing Bodies From Europe for Reburial in State. The bodies of 5374 Americans who lost their lives during World War II, including 100 Connecticut men, are being returned to the United States from Europe aboard the Army Transport Lawrence Victory, the Department of the Army announced. Armed forces dead originally buried in temporary military cemeteries in France, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom are among those being brought back to this country...(Among those being returned) is S/Sgt. Byron A. Carroll, Air Force, RFD Killingly."

I was sure that I had written something about Byron a number of years ago and located the following in my Killingly at 300 archives. "Flora Shippee's scrapbook #2 con-

tained a newspaper clipping about Byron Carroll for whom the East Killingly VFW Post is named. Following are extracts: "The body of S/Sgt. Bryon A. Carroll, late son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron E. Carroll of East Killingly, will arrive by train at Putnam Friday evening, July 16, at 7:45 p.m. ...Funeral services (will be) conducted Sunday at the Union Baptist Church in East Killingly. Military rites will be conducted by the Byron A. Carroll Post No. 4909 of East Killingly and the Merrill C. Smith Post No. 2650 of Danielson...Sgt. Carroll enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January, 1942 and left Camp Devens for Jefferson barracks where he had his basic training. He was then transferred to Yakima, Washington where he attended school on air force training, completing his studies in May, 1942. From there he was transferred to Rapid City Air Base, South Dakota, where he received further training. He was a member of the 95th Bombardment group, 412 Bomb Squad, of which he was crew chief. In February 1943...he volunteered to go overseas. He left this country some time in April and met his death on May 27, 1943 in the European area (Date 7/15/48 across top of paper, probably WCT). Sexton Returns compiled by Edwin Ledogar indicate that Byron Carroll was interred in Westfield Cemetery July 18, 1948.'" (Killingly at 300, Killingly Villager 11-12-10).

Byron A. Carroll was born Dec. 19, 1923 and died May 27, 1943 in the Alconbury Explosion in England. You can find more about his military service at https://95thbg.mmsw.eu/person/1040.

My parents, Dr. Francis B. Markunas and Maud Lyter Markunas (an Army nurse) both served in the Army in World War II. (In fact, they were married in Africa). I have recently taken the time to honor them in a special way by planting a flag in Old Sturbridge Village's Field of

Flags that will remain outside the Visitor Center from Memorial Day through Labor Day this year. If you, too, would like to honor a loved one in this manner visit www.osv.org/field-of-flags.

The following are Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies in Killingly for 2021: Sunday, May 30, Owen Bell Park, Dayville, 2 p.m. Monday, May 31 South Killingly, 9 a.m., South Killingly Congregational Church 160 Halls Hill Rd.; Monday, May 31 East Killingly, 11 a.m. East Killingly Fire Station; Monday, May 31, Danielson, Parade 1 p.m. from St. James Church to Davis Park. Please try to attend one of these events and honor those who have given so selflessly of their time, and in some instances, even their lives. May God bless America!

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.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, May 2021. Special thanks to Marilyn Labbe, Kathleen Flaherty and Jan Rockwood for assistance with this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

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At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 17: Bobolink, American Kestrel, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Virginia Rail, Orchard Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Blackpoll Warbler, Ovenbird, Green Heron, Prairie Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Parula Warbler, Veery, Wood Thrush, Swamp Sparrow, Mallard, Eastern Towhee, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Bluebird. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.

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Putnam approves 2022 budget

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PUTNAM – Putnam officially has a budget for the 2022 fiscal year after a referendum on May 22 say both the education and general government spending plans approved at the polls.

The general government budget was approved in a voted of 102 to 37 while the school district's spending plan received 92 votes in favor and 47 against. Both the capital improvement plan and the capital nonreducing fund budget passed as well

in votes of 105 to 29 and 106 to 28 respectively.

The budget breakdown sees an education spending plan of \$18.9 million, an increase of \$169,407 over the current year, and an \$8.2 million general government budget, \$300,404 over the 2021 number. That equates to 3.79 percent over the 2021 budget and a total spending plan of \$27.6 million. The town number also includes bonded indebtedness of just under \$2 million and a decreased library budget.

The increases bring the town's mill rate from 20.84 to 21.63, with surplus funds expected to be used to create a flat mill rate for taxpayers.

Creation Church goes outdoors

THOMPSON — Creation Church announces that it will be going outdoors for its worship services this Summer at 10 a.m. each week beginning this Sunday, May 30. Last summer, the church was blessed with 24 straight weeks of beautiful weather and met from May to November. This summer, it plans to do the same.

In addition, May 30 will also be a Celebration Service, as the church celebrates the Grand Opening of its new Family Life Center, which was just completed recently. The Center contains brand-new classrooms on the second floor for the church's Creation Kids program, a brand-new Fellowship Hall on the first floor for the many adult Bible

studies the church offers, and a brand-new Youth Center downstairs for the church's teen program called The Rock.

The new facility is called the Family Life Center because it will be a vehicle of ministry to children, teens, and adults, as well as the community. Thus, the name Family. The Life part of the building's name has to do with the fact that all activities in the Family Life Center will be Christ-centered, who gives new life in His name. The Center part of the building's name has to do with the building being a hub for ministries and activities in the community and church.

Creation Church, also, announces that it will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for chil-

dren four years of age to 12 years of age from July 19 through July 22 called Happy Campers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each night. Please go to the church's Web site to register.

Creation Church is a non-denominational, Christian church located at 47 West Thompson Rd. in Thompson. The mission of the church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating environments where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue a loving relationship with God, experience community within, and be a Life-giving influence without. For more information, please go to the church's Web site, which is www.creationchurch.org.

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TOURTELLOTTE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DANIEL HEFFERNAN



Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributes to the school and community. This month’s Student Spotlight honoree is Daniel Heffernan. Dan was nominated by his fellow

peers and teachers including Makayla Tackson, Mrs. Ouillette, Ms. Williams, and Olivia Lubomirski. In Makayla’s nomination for her fellow senior she stated, “Dan is somebody who is highly involved with his community and he deserves major recognition for that. You constantly see him trying to help others or to better himself. He is very caring, and this year he also stepped up to talk to the whole school on Career Day about the importance of volunteering. He truly deserves this award because he consistently gives back to the community and he always has the spirit to help others.” Dan’s teacher-librarian Mrs. Ouillette adds, “Dan is a standup guy. He is disciplined and takes responsibility for his actions. For these reasons and many others, he has grown tremendously during high school and deserves this recognition.” Dan’s English teacher, Ms. Williams states further that she has “been impressed by Dan’s hard work and willingness to always be actively engaged in class.” Finally, junior Olivia Lubomirski goes on to say, “I have been on the track team with Dan for several years now and I’ve seen how well he leads our team as a captain, while consistently striving to improve his times and do his best. Especially with the well-spoken speech Dan had written, and read aloud at Career Day for our school and many other members of the community to hear, shows just how courageous and

brave he is. Dan proved his ownership of these qualities in his speech, mentioning his engagement with the local fire department and the civil air patrol. There’s no question as to whether Dan is worthy of the spotlight this month.” At TMHS, Dan is an excellent student and the captain of the track team. When asked what motivates him, Dan says, “my family, friends, service, and the feeling I get when I help someone.” Outside of school, Dan is a volunteer firefighter, a lieutenant and deputy cadet commander at the local Danielson Civil Air Patrol Squadron, and works at Thompson Manor. Dan has earned several honors including the Wright Brothers Award, the Billy Mitchell Award and earned his disaster relief ribbon with a valor device and later bronze proper for assisting in COVID relief efforts. Dan is in the process of joining the US Army to become a combat medic. He also has committed to the University of New Haven for Fire Science to pursue a career in firefighting. Dan’s message to his school and community is, “Even when the world feels against you, keep pushing. The hard times will pass and you will be in a better place. Help others when you can, too. Nothing can replace the feeling you get when you have helped someone through something. Hardwork and dedication will pay off, even if it doesn’t seem like it.”

ACCURACY WATCH

The *Villager Newspapers* is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur. Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page A3 in a timely manner. If you find a mistake call (860) 928-1818 or e-mail charlie@villager-newspapers.com.

Killingly High alum graduates from Eastern

WILLIMANTIC —Kayla Spooner of Norwich received her degree from Eastern Connecticut State University on Saturday, May 6 with her BSW as Summa Cum Laude and is a Phi Beta Honor Society recipient. Spooner graduated in the 131st class at the Willimantic School. She plans to work in the field of Social Work. She is a 2017 graduate of Killingly High School.

Insightful

Local Rotary Clubs work to boost volunteerism

REGION — Local Rotary Clubs are boosting volunteerism in northeastern Connecticut. The Rotary clubs of Putnam, Killingly/Brooklyn and Plainfield are launching a new volunteerism Web site, www.volunteernect.org. The site is now live, and is actively recruiting local organizations to enroll and promote their volunteer opportunities. Missy Meyers, Putnam Rotary Club vice president and site organizer, said the idea for a volunteerism website bloomed after the COVID-19 pandemic made the Volunteer Expo impossible. The 2019 Volunteer Expo successfully put together more than 50 organizations and more than 250 attendees signing up to help their local communities. When a safe Expo event became impossible in 2020, the Putnam Rotary Club was not deterred, creating a dynamic plan to take the event virtual, which also meant it could be sustained for years to come.

Meyers said, “This is such a great opportunity for local organizations to solicit for volunteers in real-time throughout the year, and for potential volunteers to seek out ways to help in a manner that suits their lifestyles. The website is so dynamic, giving volunteers the option to search postings by type of cause, dates of events, or by organization. There’s something for everyone, all in one place!” The Putnam Rotary Club developed the website plans in conjunction with the Killingly/Brooklyn and Plainfield clubs, and all praise the work of consultant Rae Dykeman of NOMAD Digital Consulting for the attractive and user-friendly site. “Rae did a fantastic job putting our thoughts into reality and making the website enticing and easy to use for everyone involved. We couldn’t have done this without her!” said Meyers. Funding for the website development was provided by Putnam Rotary Club member

Jay Sinha, in memory of his brother Mithilesh Sinha. All three clubs hope to attract participating organizations and volunteers from across eastern Connecticut. Organizations interested in participating can go to www.volunteernect.org to get more information or begin enrollment. Once a good number of organizations are enrolled, the section for volunteer engagement will open up. Questions are directed to volunteernect@gmail.com.

Benjamin Carbone of Brooklyn receives two awards at Nichols College commencement

DUDLEY, Mass. — Benjamin Carbone of Brooklyn received two awards at the 2020 commencement ceremony hosted at Nichols College on May 16. Carbone received the Robert Henry Eaton, Dean Emeritus Award which recognizes a student for their dedication, service and commitment to perfection. In addition to this award Carbone was recognized for Excellence in Economics.

About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

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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.”

Today we’re getting to know Donna Swanson, owner of Whispering Hill Farm Rug Hooking. American rug-hooking has its origins in mid-1800’s New England and Canada. Early rug makers utilized scraps of fabric not used in making clothing, their work is recognized as a form of folk art. Today, we have access to wonderful resources like Whispering Hill in Woodstock for learning to hook rugs.

Hello there, Donna. Thanks for taking the time to talk with me. You’ve had your shop for over 25 years now. This tells me that there is a significant rug hooking community living in or visiting the Quiet Corner!

Whispering Hill is known for instruction in rug hooking. Tell us a bit about this.



Joyce DiGregorio (at left) and I conduct classes at Whispering Hill here in Woodstock. For the present, classes are being held on the lawn due to Covid.

What is the difference between hooked and needle-punched rugs?

Traditional rug hooking is different from punch-needle in that in traditional rug hooking, the artisan pulls cut wool flannel strips through a canvas working from the front of the rug whereas a punch-needler pulls wool yarn from the back to the front. In both cases, a design is printed on the canvas which is usually linen or monk’s cloth. In years past, burlap was used as a backing but it proved not to be as durable as linen or monk’s cloth.

Do your students tend to favor commercially available designs, or creating their own?

In most cases, the rugger works on a commercial design. As the rug hooker gains experience, he or she may decide to work on a design of their own,

perhaps making a rug depicting a family member, a house, or a beloved pet.

Rug hooking is a fiber art consisting of a knowledge of composition, shading, and color. As students’ progress, they may start dyeing their own wools. The dyes used in rug hooking are usually commercial dyes. The formulas for the dyes are determined by the colors desired by the rugger. Natural dyes are also used which include indigo, vegetable dyes, and even juices. The dyes are used over wool flannel but sometimes cotton or other fabrics are used.

What kind of equipment and supplies would one need to get started?

Equipment includes a rug hook, canvas with a design, a cutter to cut wool flannel into strips, a frame to hold the canvas taut, and dyed wool. We stock all of the materials needed for rug hooking.

I understand that you are working on rugs which will tour the country and be published.

Yes. Joyce and I have been certified by Pearl McGown* workshops over the years and continue to improve our skills. We are both members of two international guilds (ATHA**and McGown) which foster the art of rug hooking, also publishing books and newsletters on rug hooking. **Association of Traditional Rug Hooking Artists

Right now, the McGown Guild teachers are doing rugs from “fairy land”—these are the rugs which will tour. I have created a scene (below) from Alice In Wonderland for this project.

Here are two examples of Joyce’s work, with her descriptions.

“The lamb is a floor rug



worked up in a fold art style. To hook the piece, strips of wool are used after being cut in a somewhat wide width. The motif symbolizes a peaceful end. The trees are colored with shades reminiscent of the Fall and the background is dark to symbolize the night or the end of the day.”

“The lighthouse is a pictorial, hooked with a fine cut of wool and framed for hanging. It depicts the Oregon Lighthouse which stands proudly on a mountainside. You can see the large rock formation to the side and the deep waters of the Pacific Ocean. The scene takes place during midday which causes the shadows to be present.”

“Both pieces are hooked with hand dyed 100% wool fabric. Some of the subtle changes in color are due to the various colors added to the wool during the dying process but also due to the direction of the hooking within each piece.”

This is wonderful! Thank you so much for sharing your art.

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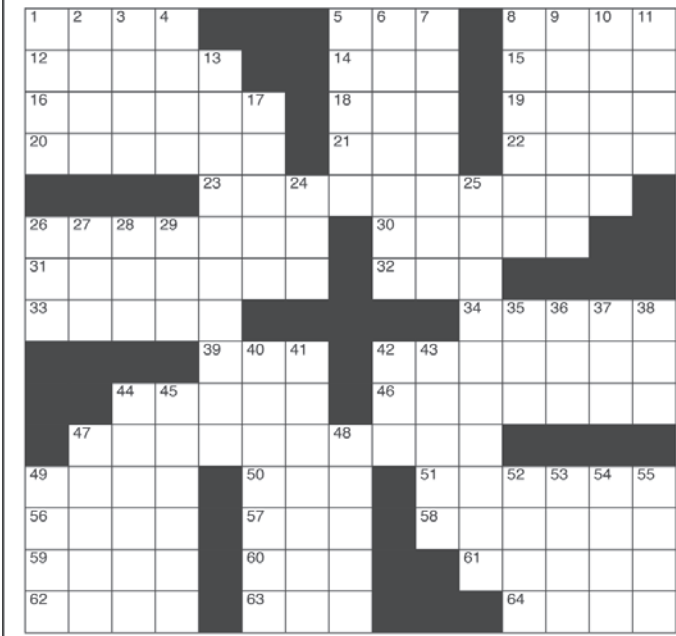
To learn more about the Pearl McGown Guild, visit the

history page on www.mcgown-guild.com

Word of the day:
Folk Art
Artistic works, as paintings, sculpture, basketry, and utensils, produced typically in cultural isolation by untrained often anonymous artists or by artisans of varying degrees of skill and marked by such attributes as highly decorative design, bright bold colors, flattened perspective, strong forms in simple arrangements, and immediacy of meaning. (Dictionary.com)

monk’s cloth
: a coarse heavy fabric in basket weave made originally of worsted [wool] and used for monk’s habits but now chiefly of cotton or linen and used for draperies (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A group of sheep
5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team’s best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. “Heat” director
23. In all places
26 Made improvements to
30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of “seat”
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net
62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just “play”
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China



Local children are gardening in Thompson



THOMPSON — Local Girl Scouts Troop 65117 are planting in the Thompson Garden By the River (in memory of Harriet A. Tourtellotte), located at 65 Main St. The Scout’s participation is funded by Youth Gardening Grant from the non-profit www.kidsgardening.org, one of 30 awards made to groups across the country in December of 2020. Local youth from TEEG and Thompson Recreation will also be participating in activities at the Garden By the River under that grant.

The Girl Scouts have chosen to use their gardening time to grow pollinator plants and observe the resulting pollinator behavior. So far, the girls have raked out and weeded the bed and planted a variety of pollinator-friendly plants. Girls will be using the bed to investigate and learn which pollinators visit the garden through the season. Later on, the Scouts will be making seed bombs to distribute to members of the community, including residents of Carriage Square and Gladys Green.

Additional planned gardening activities will include Scout parents assisting the girls in building and installing a mason bee house and butterfly house at the Garden By the River.

For adults wishing to rent a plot at Thompson’s community garden this season, space is still available. Log in to https://thompsonrec.org/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29872 to secure your plot, or call the Recreation Office for assistance.

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Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening success



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Raised beds and elevated gardens provide easier access to gardens and can increase space available for growing vegetables and flowers. You will enjoy convenience and easy access when including one or more in your landscape or on your patio, deck, or balcony.

Providing proper care for these elevated planting spaces will ensure the biggest possible harvest and a growing season filled with beautiful flowers. Adapting planting strategies and care to fit the needs of these unique growing spaces can help reduce maintenance.

It starts with creating and maintaining a healthy growing foundation. Fill your raised beds with a quality planting mix composed mostly of topsoil and compost. Or create your own planting mix with lasagna and Hugelkultur techniques. These methods allow you to convert plant trimmings, compost, and a minimal amount of soil into a quality planting mix.

Elevated gardens are basically containers on legs and usually filled with a quality, soilless planting mix. The lighter weight makes it much more suitable for this type of gardening. Look for a product that provides drainage yet retains moisture. Both features are important when gardening in smaller volumes of soil. Make sure you have easy access to

water and your gardens have means for excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant roots.

Extend the time between watering by as much as 25% with the help of a sustainable, organic product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). Made from wool waste, these pellets absorb and retain moisture releasing it when needed by the plants.

Purchase an elevated garden with wheels or add casters to the legs if you need to move your garden out of the way for entertaining. Take advantage of the added mobility to move your planter into the sun or shade as needed throughout the season.

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to 100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

Extend your enjoyment and harvest with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces left once a row or block of vegeta-



Photo Melinda Myers

Get the most out of your elevated garden by spacing plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size.

bles are harvested. Freshen up ornamental plantings by replacing weather worn flowers with healthy new selections. Add more planting mix along with wool pellets if needed.

Train vining plants onto trellises or other supports to save space and reduce the risk of disease. Dress them up by allowing trailing herbs and flowers to cascade over the edge of these planting beds.

Increasing growing success and reducing maintenance will make raised beds and elevated gardens a practical and productive addition to your gardening

endeavors.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Marianapolis presents students with honors on Prizes and Awards Day

THOMPSON — On Friday, May 21, Marianapolis presented their junior, sophomore, and freshman classes with academic awards. The winners are listed below by year.

Freshman
Father Mark Garrow, MIC Award: Lauren Conde
Father Stanley Saplis, MIC Award: Giana DeCesare
Father Timothy Roth, MIC Award: Kiera MacKenzie
The Leonard George Budelis '38 Award: Sydney Lundt
Sophomore
Father Albin A. Sheputa, MIC Award: Caroline Villa
Friends of Marianapolis Award: Thu Hoang
Smith College Book Award: Dominika Chmielewski
Sophomore Chemistry Award: Felicia Fongemie
Sophomore World History Award: Molly Landis
Junior
Assumption University Book Award: Sophia Rabitor
University of Rochester Fredrick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award: Mackenzie Jutras
Gettysburg College Book Award: Daniel Twohig-Mann
Suffolk University Book Award: Sophia Maloney
Brandeis University Book Award: Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison
Saint Anslem College Book Award: Morgan Beaudreault
Bryn Mawr College Book Award: Mackenzie Jutras
Saint Bonaventure University Award: Lily Mueller
Lasell University Book Award: Gabriela Fung
Russell Sage College Student Sage Awards: Keegan McLeod, Rachel Ullstrom
University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award: Maya Summiel
Junior Biology Prize: Spencer Courville
University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award: Daniel Twohig-Mann
University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology: Ian MacKenzie
Harvard Prize Book: Daniel Twohig-Mann
The Grace Rett Philippians 4:13 Award: Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison

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and day school offering college preparation for students of all faiths. At Marianapolis, students from the United States and 24 foreign countries come together to develop the confidence

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When it’s okay not to be okay

I learned a valuable lesson this week. I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital for my monthly meeting with my oncologist and digestive health medical team. For those of you unaware, I’m fighting stage 4 stomach cancer. It was to be a quick in and out meeting and I would be on my way home by 3:00. Instead, my digestive health professional looked at me for thirty seconds and said, “I’m admitting you.”

I didn’t know what to say. “Wait,” was the only thing I could force out.

“For what?” She paused. “Until it’s too late?”

So, I was admitted and began being fed nutrients through a hose placed in my nose. Truly a dismal experience. As I looked at the bag pumping into my stomach, it looked like its contents had already been eaten then spit back out. No, none of it was a pleasant experience.

Early the next morning, my team of oncologists arrived in my room and asked, “How are you feeling?” My typical reflex answer popped out. “Fantastic!” They glanced at each other. “Really. I’m feeling great!” I assured them. I’m a believer that optimism and positive intentions drive good health and positive results.

They asked a few basic questions, told

me they ordered a couple of scans and a round of blood tests, then left the room.

The next day, my daughter arrived and was sitting with me when the group of oncologists came again. “So, how are you feeling today, Mr. Moore?”

“Fantastic! I’m feeling great!” once again popped out of my mouth. My daughter quickly blurted out, “Dad! You are not feeling great! These are your doctors, and they aren’t looking for a motivational speech from you. Tell them how you really feel!”

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, “Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking and an author of four positive books. It’s not his nature to say anything else.”

The question then hit me like an Acme Anvil dropped on my head as if I were in a Roadrunner cartoon. Is it okay, not to be, okay?

It doesn’t mean I’m being negative. Maybe it only means I’m giving my medical team accurate information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight talk from me and not a motivational



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pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

I took a breath and gave them an accurate depiction of what I was feeling, which was far from fantastic. They seemed relieved and said what I was describing better reflected the results of my test.

I realized at that moment that being optimistic does not mean everything is perfect. It’s not. It does mean I’ve decided to focus on the good outcomes rather than bad and to allow my mind and body to conspire together to help create a better reality. I believe optimism and a positive mindset are essential components to my healing process, but so is accuracy in describing my symptoms, positive or not.

Admitting I didn’t feel well wasn’t a failure to be positive. In fact, not accurately deciding the current condition of my health could create an extremely negative outcome.

I’m learning that the smart thing to do is adjust myself to the reality and truth of my health instead of trying to make the truth of my condition something that it’s not. As minor as it is and as simple as it sounds, I was unable

to admit I wasn’t okay. It also doesn’t mean I’m giving into a negative diagnosis. I’m still fighting with the attitude and belief I’m going to beat this cancer and I am. It just means my doctors need accurate information so they can help me win this battle.

This column began while I was lying in a hospital bed but is ending with me at home and back to my normal routine. I’m feeling much better and looking positively forward to my day.

Everything about life is a challenge and ongoing opportunity to learn. ‘From the mouth of babes’ my daughter taught me a valuable lesson about creating positive outcomes from less than positive situations when you aren’t feeling positive at all.

Like you, I’m still a work in progress. I’m still learning.

It’s okay, not to be okay.

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SNHU announces Winter President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 President’s List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Lindsey Bernard of Uxbridge
Vanessa Marcolivio of Uxbridge
Michael Whitney of Uxbridge
Chelsea Krasnecky of Charlton
Emily Roberts of Uxbridge
Armando Gemei of Charlton

Sal Ante of Uxbridge
Amanda DeBartolomeis of Charlton
Frankie Nieves of Uxbridge
Samantha Frawley of Charlton

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the «Most Innovative» regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Marianapolis seniors receive academic and Silver Bowl honors

THOMPSON — On Wednesday, May 19, members the Marianapolis class of 2021 received medals honoring their academic achievements. On Saturday, May 22, during commencements, members of the class received silver bowl award honors, which celebrate a number of areas ranging from athletics to community service to character. The winners are listed below.

Eric Gustavson US History Medal: Thomas Santos Soares
Religious Studies Medal: Lily Givner
Physics Medal: John Vigliotti
Spanish Medal: Isabella Gonzalez
Fr. Albin Gurklis Mathematics Medal: Thomas Santos Soares
Music Medal: Brianne Rett
Gertrude Salvass English Language Medal: Haruna Kobayashi
English Medal: Maura Hoban

Dance Medals: Abigail Boria, Alexandra Delano
Drama Medal: Laurelyn Mayen
Social Sciences Medal: Emma McQuiston
Tom Perkins Art Medals: Qianhui Lin, Brianne Rett
Computer Science Medal: Qianhui Lin
Marilyn S. Ebbitt Book Award: Brianne Rett

Valedictorian Bowl: Chiara Faiola
Salutatorian Bowl: Kyle Woodruff
The Father Casimir Kuckell Memorial Awards: Salvatore Masciarelli, Sydney Masciarelli
The Congregation of the Marian Fathers Centennial Awards: Conner McLeod, Katerina Looney
The Mothers of Marianapolis Award: Tram Vo
The Marianapolis Alumni Merit Award: Maura Hoban
The Dr. Louis Loffredo

Memorial Awards: Jenin Ayyash, Tyler DiPietro
The Father John Petruskas Memorial Award: Abigail Boria
The John Kendrarvich Memorial Award: Chiara Faiola

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and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Ryan Paul of Uxbridge
Amanda Geer of Uxbridge
Elizabeth Wood of Uxbridge

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Sojin Lim of Seoul named to University of Utah’s Dean’s List

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Sojin Lim, of Seoul, ST, was named to the University of Utah’s Spring 2021 Dean’s List. Lim’s major is listed as Psychology BS.

Lim was among more than 8,700 students named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

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United States flag facts and handling etiquette

The United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a “new constellation.” Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 British colonies that

became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

- Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed at all times.
- When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be

above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer’s left.

- State and local flags are traditionally flown lower than the American flag.
- During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag should be to the observer’s left.
- The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.
- When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

- The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed on it.
- A flag in poor condition should be destroyed with dignity, preferably



bly by burning. Most American Legion posts and local Boy Scouts troops will have the resources to retire flags accordingly. Many will host annual flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day.

How to respond to pesticide poisoning

Tending to a lawn and garden can be a great way to spend time in the great outdoors. It’s also an enjoyable way to improve a home’s curb appeal.

Though many homeowners prefer a wholly organic approach to lawn care and gardening, sometimes pests and other problems force people to apply pesticides around their properties. The application of pesticides can make homeowners, and anyone who spends time on their properties, including children, vulnerable to pesticide poisoning.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, people exposed to pesticides may exhibit a host of symptoms. External irritants that come into contact with the skin can cause redness, itching or pimples, and such substances also may contribute to allergic reactions marked by redness, swelling or blistering. Stinging and swelling in the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, mouth, and throat also may occur after being exposed to pesticides.

Pesticides also can cause internal injuries to a person’s organs, potentially leading to significant issues. The EPA notes that the lungs, stomach and nervous system all can be affected when pesticides are swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. People experiencing lung injuries after exposure to pesticides may experience shortness of breath, heavy salivation (drooling) or rapid breathing. Injuries to the stomach may lead to symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, or diarrhea. If the nervous system is affect-



ed by pesticide exposure, people may experience excessive fatigue, sleepiness, headache, muscle twitching, and numbness.

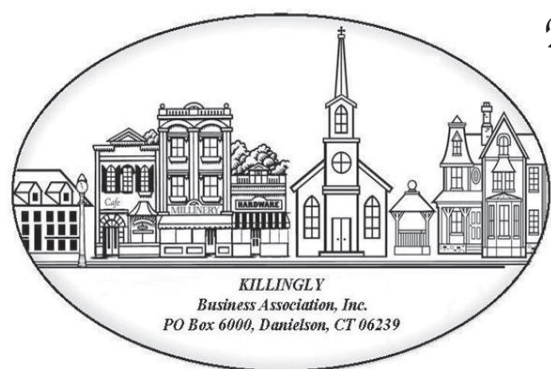
If pesticide poisoning is suspected, it’s imperative that someone, be it the person who was poisoned, the parent of a child who may have been exposed or a medical professional treating the affected person, identify the type of poisoning that has occurred. That’s because the EPA notes that the appropriate treatment will depend on the kind of poisoning that has occurred.

- Chemical burn on skin: If treating a chemical burn on the skin, the EPA advises drenching the skin with water for at least 15 minutes. All contaminated clothing should be removed and then skin and hair should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water.
- Inhaled poison: The response to an inhaled poison will depend on where the person is at the time of exposure. If outside, move the person away from any area recently treated with pesticide. If inside, move the person to fresh air immediately (doors and windows

should ultimately be opened to reduce the risk of others being exposed). Contact the local fire department if you think you need a respirator prior to helping the victim. If the victim is wearing tight clothing, loosen that clothing. Give artificial respiration to a victim whose skin is blue or if the victim has stopped breathing.

- Substance in the eye: If a poison has entered the eye, wash the eye quickly and gently with cool running water for 15 minutes or more. Use only water and do not use eye drops, chemicals or drugs. It’s imperative that people act quickly if a substance has gotten into the eye, as membranes in the eyes act faster than in any other external part of the body, and eye damage can occur within minutes of exposure.
- Substance on the skin: Drench the skin with water for at least 15 minutes and then wash skin and hair thoroughly. Discard contaminated clothing or thoroughly wash it separate from other laundry.
- Swallowed pesticide: If a pesticide has been swallowed and the victim is still conscious, he or she should drink a small amount of water to dilute the pesticide. Only induce vomiting on the advice of a poison control center or physician.

Pesticide exposure can be very dangerous. It’s imperative that people who plan to apply pesticides in their lawns and gardens learn how to respond if they or someone on their property is exposed to pesticides.



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Summertime dreams

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”
John Lubbock, “The Use Of Life”

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snow-storm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect.

A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all.

We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

One of our Sports writers is looking forward to a trip to Tokyo for the 2021 Summer Olympics. This trek will be his third time going, to include the Winter Olympics as well. No foreign spectators are permitted, so the vibe won’t be quite the same, albeit historic.

He noted, “The Olympics are the best athletic event there is. Watching elite athletes compete at the highest level is amazing. On TV is great, but in person is even more incredible.”

When asked what his most anticipated event to watch is, he replied, “Swimming.”

Our Editor will take advantage of the beauty at local lakes and reading books on the balcony of his new condo. Of course, the perfect summer for him is not complete without something to do with film.

“I’m looking forward to going to the drive in. I’m not quite ready to sit in a theatre for two hours and the fact that the drive in near my home is vintage makes it even better. I’m all about the vintage!” he exclaimed.


It’s true — there isn’t a movie trivia question from any decade he won’t answer correctly.

One of our reporters, who also doubles as an artist, is looking forward to travel, gardening and landscaping.

“Home renovations and event planning will take priority, but I’m looking forward to doing some art installations as well,” she said.

When asked about home renovations, we needed to clarify whether it was to her home, or to her chicken coop that looks like the Beverly Hills Wilshire for birds.

Another of our writers will be looking forward to climbing as many mountains as possible, the more remote the better. Being outside deep into the woods is where it’s at. It’s such a grounding, refreshing activity especially on a scorcher of a day when a flowing river is close by.



Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.
– Benjamin Franklin
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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fallen firefighter

To the Editor:
The day I died, what went wrong on this terrible day? This day should not be; I have so much more to give to this uniform I so proudly wear. Please give me back my life. My uniform is new, my badge is shiny: give me a chance to show you what I can do. I guess that will have to wait until I get to the

place I am going. That must be what the Lord wants. Then I will put on my uniform, shine my shoes, pin on my badge and say to the Lord I am ready. Thank you for giving me a chance to show you what a firefighter can do.

JOHN WALKER, SR.
THOMPSON

Pet peeve #1

To the Editor:
It is a beautiful ‘sprummer’ day in the Quiet Corner. Driving along enjoying the blue skies and pleasant views. Miles of roads, trails, towns with lovely walks and parks, free and open to all. I am so lucky to live in the Last Green Valley.
Then it happens — I slow up for the four-way stop and look to my right, into the cemetery, and see my #1 pet peeve. Dog walkers in

the cemetery. I can’t comprehend the blatant disrespect of this. Why would it be okay to allow your “pet” to relieve itself where someone’s cherished is at their final rest? Don’t try to explain it to me, I won’t understand. I’m just glad that no one I cherished is buried there.

KATHY H. FEDOR
DAYVILLE

Your voices need to be heard

To the Editor:
At the last public hearing on May 19, the proposed changes, by the applicant, for farm distilleries mirrored the text language of the Winery standards in Pomfret –the owner of Watercure Farm told the commission he felt that music, special events, and food are necessary for the success of his business. While his present location may not accommodate all his wishes, he may have to look for another location.
Presently, he is limited to “the offering and tasting of free samples of such distilled alcohol or spirits, in amounts not to exceed two ounces per day, per person, to visitors and prospective retail customers from consumption on the premises of the farm distillery permittee” and “the sale at retail from the premises of sealed bottle or other sealed containers, in amounts not to exceed four and one-half liters per customer per day, of such distilled alcohol or spirits for consumption off the premises.”

There were questions from the public and commission, but the big unknown is, will a farm distillery be permitted to operate an “open bar” with drinking and consuming of their products and others on the premises?
Under Connecticut State Statutes, a town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such offering, tasting, or selling at retail at any premises within its borders (CGS § 30-16(e)(2)).
Citizens of Pomfret, let your voices be heard. The public hearing has been continued to the next P&Z meeting of June 16.
Again, the questions are, will the new text language include such activities as, preparing and serving food, providing live music and the possibility of an “open bar” granted by special permit to any farm distillery operation in our town?

FORD FAY
POMFRET

The silver lining

To the Editor:
As the old saying goes “Look for the silver lining.” I do and always have. That philosophy and my faith have carried me through tough times, but has always left me with an attitude of gratitude, positivity and hope.
The current, bizarre situation in our country is dire. We are tired of Covid and its lockdowns, systemic corruption at every turn, open borders, increased crime and quickly rising inflation. I believe it has been orchestrated to instill fear, acquiescence and conformity. However, this is very similar to other tactics that the actual white supremacists have used for generations. Interestingly, humanity also comes down to good vs. evil. Thankfully, good wins.
I am not a crazy person. I am conservative, well-spoken and sensitive to most situations. I am not a conspiracy theorist or alarmist, and do my due diligence along with common sense to form my opinions. And, I am not

alone. Our country’s new administration is destroying everything that I and most people that I know hold dear. Our work ethic, our values and our faith. I, like many others are not fooled or silenced. This is the silver lining. We are speaking out, and will vote to change the dismal trajectory we are on.
After living through canceled seasons of work, furloughs from a 27-year career and a total life change...financially and emotionally, I am more convinced than ever that this was purposely orchestrated to obtain power. This is sick. I don’t buy it, and I don’t like it.
Am I discouraged? Nope. I’m not a dope. And neither are the majority of Americans that will vote in the upcoming elections.
The broken systems of the past are still broken....no matter how much money is poured in. It’s going to cost us, but will be worth it.

TAMI JO WYKES
BROOKLYN

Don’t we all belong to some sort of cult?

To the Editor:
One definition of a cult is “a devoted attachment to a person, fad, etc.” Having said that, I could easily say that both the Democratic and Republican parties fit the definition of a cult. Is there any better example of a “devoted attachment” than those people who always - and only - vote for their party, and how about the mindless followers of Pelosi? (But then, there is a question in my mind if those spineless wimps are truly that “devoted” to her, or if they’re only playing the part for their own future benefit?) I once hung out with a Senator’s son, who when asked who he was going to vote for, said: “My party.” Charles Manson could be running in his party, and he’d put a check next to his name. George Carlin was once asked what he thought of our politicians, and his answer was: “They are a club, and you’re not in it.”
I could also say that «railfans» are a cult. I’ve written many railroad related articles for various magazines and other publications which I’ve received both recognition and praise for. Fact is that when the historian for the Putnam Historical Society puts on a talk

about railroads, he references my articles and has referred to them as “the Bible” of Putnam railroad history. There are also quite a few people that (actually) like my Villager letters. So, does that mean that I have a cult following? And if you want to lump me in with Donald Trump, please do so.
As for President Biden, though I did not vote for him, I’ve actually given him credit in some of my past letters. And other than a few mentions like Biden «has a plan» or he’s «working at the job of being President,» I’ve probably given him more credit than the lot of you «no fans» (of Trump). Credit is to be given to the Biden administration for their handling of the pandemic, but it has to also be given to Donald Trump for operation “Warp Speed.” (The Biden administration continued what Trump started, and there should be no debate about it.) It was also mentioned that “Trump is now eating cheeseburgers, playing golf and creating background noise,” but doesn’t that describe the lot of us as well?

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NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Rituals

Memorial Day weekend is near, and as New Englanders, we know we can safely plant our gardens and haul out our white shoes and pants. At the local nurseries I visit, it’s clear we have already planted vegetables, bought hanging pots and annuals. I may be one of very few people who care about rules regarding when one can wear white, but so what — I like rituals. Perhaps you do, too.
The past year taught us how much rituals make our lives memorable. I use the word interchangeably with tradition as I believe that following patterns that include certain behaviors, activities and food make our lives important, at least to us.

This year, my town will not hold a Memorial Day parade, but there will be a gathering to honor veterans. Years ago, I was one of the speakers, and I had a last minute idea. I read the plaques in town that record the names of veterans and I would mention the families that were still local. Bad idea, because I forgot at least one family and hurt their feelings. I was ashamed of myself. Fortunately, there are always delightful speakers, especially the eighth grader, who is chosen annually to present. They are clear, unquestioning in their patriotism and often make me tear up. They don’t add paragraphs at the last minute.

We visited friends in Maine recently, something we have done for four decades. The drive up is part of the fun, although it was our first taste of crowds in a year. Portland was jumping with restaurants fully booked even for lunch. Some wore masks. Some did not. Freeport was quiet, reflecting the current decline in retail activity. Farther along, it was clear the many places hadn’t reopened. Many had signs looking for workers.

Our friends live in a small seaside village that seems to change very little over time. As we fell into our familiar patterns with each other, it didn’t seem possible that more than a year had passed. We delude ourselves to think that time stands still, but sometimes it feels that way. Our time together seemed like a ritual revived.

When I see friends or even close acquaintances now, I want to squeeze them tight, tight, tight, even though I know hugs may make some uncomfortable. Fortunately, the insane kissing we did pre -pandemic is over. I recoiled at being kissed on both cheeks when meeting people for the first time, but hugging old friends feels good. The sign of peace that is part of the ritual in my church went from being formal handshakes to enthusiastic embraces, a bit much for me, but I’m looking forward to in person services and the rituals that create a sense of community.

I’ve been reading Eric Barker, author of “Barking Up the Wrong Tree,” on line. He made me think about the role of ritual in my life by claiming that ritual makes time meaningful. Time is always a bother for me as it slips through my fingers. Reading and writing, two of my primary joys, can be seen as wastes of time which I find irresistible. Barker says that mealtime rituals make dining memorable and that a toast before a drink makes it taste better. Perhaps prayers or compliments to the cook before a meal do the same thing. I like the rituals of table settings and cloth napkins too.

Memorial Day is the official opening of summer. This year, we can embrace our rituals once again and make time memorable wearing white shoes, hugging old friends and paying attention to each other.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quiet Corner tone/focus check needed

To the Editor:

It has been a long, wild, confusing and mentally challenging year and almost a half. While we all have our own thoughts and feelings about what has taken place and what we have all gone through (or are going through) one thing that has been constant, at least in my eyes...is how the tone of people has changed, and it is not for the better.

In the beginning of all of this, none of us really understood what the heck was going on. We were flooded with news stories and social media stories, radio bits and newspaper articles from the day they realized it was here until even today. It is no surprise the panic and fear that was instilled in an unexpected population. It caused chaos in the grocery stores, with food and (toilet paper of all things) flying off the shelves. We were told to stay home, to mask up, to not mask up, to mask up again. We were told it was transmittable by touch and air, but then it was not transmittable by touch, but mostly aerosol. Hospitals became flooded with people fearing that they had caught the virus and wanted to be tested because they had a cough or chest pain or fever. I won't go on, because we all know what it has been like. It has been an emotional roller coaster of fear, sadness, anxiousness, anger and more. We are exhausted. So, it is not hard to understand the change in the tone of people, but if we are ever going to get back to some semblance of our true normal or maybe even a better one, I think we need to make some changes.

First, I think it's time to stop tattling on our neighbors for anything they may be doing that we may not agree with. It just adds more negativity to our lives. Recently, there was some drama in town over a photo someone took of a resident's home and placed it with their information and address on social media because there were a bunch of cars and people on the property. The person who shared this also pointed out what they were wearing,

and that many of them "had beards." While it was done out of "concern," they had said, it is still not appropriate to put other people's personal information out there like that. It made many people angry, and I recall the post getting heated. Turns out, it was someone trying to have their own wedding on their own property.

Now, we know the guidelines continue to change, but at that point, the outdoor number limits were lifted. This is just one incident; there have been many times over the last year where all of a sudden, people were sharing/bringing attention to what others were doing.

I have always been a person that prefers to mind their own business; maybe that's just me. People were calling out businesses left and right to complain about any little thing that bothered them. These poor businesses were struggling as it is, and if they forgot one small measure or someone came in without a mask, people were quick to jump on social media and out them for it. Is that really how we should be treating our neighbors who have been here for us for years? The comments about people who were out not wearing a mask or businesses that were letting it be a choice, etc... they were constant. For a while, I honestly wondered if people just liked starting trouble. Reminded me of that nosy neighbor on the show "Bewitched." The tone has turned negative here in the quiet corner. Smiles have gone missing and have been replaced with raised eyebrows or shaking heads. Recently many states have begun lifting restrictions. Some slowly, some altogether. The comments on social media have already started. We all have opinions, but when is it time to just stop?

The great thing about this country is that we are able to make our own decisions (at least right now). If you aren't comfortable with the way something is being run, or handled etc... you can choose not to go to those places.

Support the people you want to support, but can you do it without criticizing the others? Small business owners are always at risk of losing everything, liability is huge, and the insurance policies reflect that. Are you willing to be the one who gets them shut down, or gets them fined by the thousands? What if it were you or your family member? Even if it is tough, at this point, when things seem to be calming down...can you take a step back and maybe go a different way? It is time to let up and change our negative tone to a more positive and accepting one. And let's not forget, the children are watching and listening.

Second (and this may seem off topic, but I promise it is related), I want to urge everyone to take a look at other things that matter. We have all been in this bubble called Covid for almost a year and half now. It has affected all of us in different ways, but there are other things that need our attention.

We are big nature lovers in our family. Our town, our area, needs our help. We need to shift some focus to caring for where we live and what we live on (Planet Earth). The trash in just our town is terrible, never mind anywhere else you drive. Masks and gloves are littered everywhere. We have replaced plastic straws with masks and gloves. Nip bottles are the hot commodity when it comes to littering. We need to be just as vigilant in taking care of what's around us as we are about taking care of ourselves. Without nature, we don't survive, so what's the point of all the "metrics" if we don't care about anything else? Have you taken down a tree recently? Plant a new one somewhere else! Start composting if you don't already; it's an amazing way to reduce waste.

How many animal lovers are out there? Have you checked in on what's happening on our planet when it comes to other species? We have gotten so wrapped up in ourselves we forget the others that also inhabit this place. Just because we are "higher up on the food

chain" doesn't mean we are the only species that matter. We are all connected and we need each other to survive here. Take some time, perhaps, to see what our actions are doing to them. I have seen photos of turtles caught up in mask trash. It is really sad to see. It obviously isn't as easy for us to head out to the ocean and pick up trash, but there are ways to get involved. All habitats are suffering in their own ways, and we are losing animals to extinction because we are messing with their homes and food sources. I know that this virus has been deadly, and that there are certain people who are more prone to the sickness than others and need to be very cautious; however, I just can't help but feel like at this point, we need to look at the bigger picture. I have always respected nature, and have known that we are connected, but my husband really brought it into perspective recently, and he is right. Our focus as a society and species needs to shift. If Covid has done anything for us, it has made us realize even more how lucky we are to be here and to have this life. So, while people are trying to figure out how to live with this new virus, or how to move on from it...it should also remind people that there is no point to any of it if we are not going to take care of the place we live. Maybe it is a good time to get involved in something bigger than ourselves. Find a charity or cause that is important and turn some of that negative energy into something good. Not only can it help little ways (and little ways become the big ways) but it also adds some positivity to our lives post Covid, and I think we all really need it.

Lastly: If you are ok with it, show your smiles! It has been so refreshing to see faces again. I honestly believe the more we see faces and smiles, the happier people will be and its seriously what we all need right now. Be well.

ANNI LEE
WOODSTOCK



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Mastering the FAFSA
to maximize financial aid

For many families, financial aid programs help make higher education attainable. The first step in applying for aid is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal aid programs, such as grants, work-study options, and loans. Schools also use the FAFSA to assess whether additional aid is available from an applicant's state of residence and from the school itself.

The FAFSA's more than 100 questions ask for a host of personal information, including marital and citizenship status, tax- and income-related information, household size, and the schools the student will apply to. It also asks for details about the income, assets, and education history of the applicant's parents.

Many private colleges and universities require aid applications in addition to the FAFSA. The most common of these is the CSS Profile. Check with each school's financial aid office to determine which applications are required.

Here's what you should know before filling out the FAFSA.

The role of tax returns: Information from the student's and his or her parents' tax returns is used to complete the FAFSA's income-related questions. Due to a recent change,

there is a two-year look-back regarding the data required. This means that a family filling out the 2021-2022 FAFSA should use the data from its 2019 tax returns. Consequently, tax returns filed in the student's last two years of college will not affect aid awards.

Whose data should be used: When parents live apart and are divorced or separated, the custodial parent is the one who needs to provide information for the FAFSA. But because a custodial parent is not defined as the parent who has legal custody, other factors must be evaluated to determine which parent's information must be provided. Such factors include which parent the student lived with most or which parent provided the most financial support to the student during the 12 months preceding the date that the FAFSA is to be filed.

For situations where the custodial parent has remarried, the stepparent's information must also be included on the FAFSA. If the student's parents are divorced, are separated, or were never married but they live together, both are required to provide information on the FAFSA.

Determining the expected family contribution: One reason the FAFSA requires so much detailed information is because the data is used to calculate each student's expected family contribution (EFC). It

is a measure that determines how much federal aid a family may receive.

The formula for determining an EFC considers parental assets and income, student assets and income, and factors such as the number of family members attending college at the same time. Many people believe, incorrectly, that the EFC is the amount of money the family is expected to contribute to education costs. It is not. Rather, the EFC is simply a number used by educational institutions to determine whether federal aid is available and, if so, how much.

Parental assets. The questions that the FAFSA asks about parental assets pertain to ownership interest at the time the application is completed. Reportable parental assets include cash and funds held in bank accounts, trust funds, 529 accounts, and more. Parental assets are considered low-impact assets for financial aid purposes—only up to 5.64 percent of the value of parental assets affect the EFC.

Student assets. Student assets include property in which the student has an ownership interest at the time that the FAFSA is completed. For example, UTMA/UGMA accounts fall into this category. (Custodial 529 accounts and 529 accounts owned by the student are not considered assets of the student and should be listed as parental assets.)

Student assets are considered high-impact assets for financial aid purposes—up to 20 percent of the value of his or her assets will affect the EFC.

Protected assets. Some assets are protected

and don't need to be listed on the FAFSA, including 401(k) plans, pension plans, 403(b) plans, IRAs, and other retirement plans. Equity in a family's primary residence, certain family-owned businesses and farms, life insurance, annuities, and personal possessions are also nonreportable.

If your children are approaching college age, it may be helpful to get an estimate of your family's EFC. The U.S. Department of Education's FAFSA4caster is a free calculator that can be used to create an estimate of financial aid eligibility.

An important note about grandparent-owned 529 plans: Because assets owned outside of the immediate family are not included on the FAFSA, grandparents often own 529 plans for the benefit of their student grandchildren. Although this may make sense in certain cases, there are some details to consider before moving forward with this strategy.

Funds in a grandparent-owned 529 plan are not considered countable assets on the FAFSA, but money that's taken out of the 529 plan and used to pay for education expenses is considered nontaxable income to the student, and can reduce the eligibility of a student for need-based aid by as much as 50 percent of the amount distributed from the plan. So, the family may want to reserve those funds for the last two years of college because, as previously noted, tax returns filed in the student's last two years of college will not affect aid awards.

Resources for completing the FAFSA:

For many parents and students, completing the FAFSA is a complicated process. Fortunately, several resources are available to help. Among the best is the Notes section at the end of the FAFSA itself. It offers guidance for answering some of the trickier questions. A host of additional resources are available at the Federal

Student Aid website, studentaid.ed.gov.

Get the guidance you need:

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Sophia Prouty of Thompson
receives award at Nichols
College commencement
ceremony

DUDLEY, Mass. — Sophia Prouty of Thompson received the William Stewart Award at the Nichols College class of 2021 commencement ceremony held on May 15.

This award celebrates a graduate that displays loyalty, integrity and cooperation.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches

to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

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measurements of the many parts he needed to render the 3D solid models. He depicted relevant 2D prints, combined the parts into an assembly, and created an animated video that demonstrates the model moving with a narration explaining the function of the different moving parts. Interestingly, Xavier is not QVCC's

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experience will also enjoy. These trails will be fun for mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, trail runners and other nature lovers. It will also feature direct access to the Air Line Trail State Park, where ambitious explorers can connect the new trail system to many miles of trails in Goodwin and Natchaug State Forests for epic adventures. QC NEMBA will also add more technical riding directly across the Air Line Trail on hilly, wooded land. The entire trail system will be well marked with maps, information on trail etiquette for the different user groups, plus signs

only connection to the Chamberlin Mill. William Lonsdale Tayler (who, with his wife Pearle Chamberlin Tayler, were owners of the Mill property for many decades until their deaths in the 1990s) was instrumental in the founding of QVCC. Dr. Tayler served on the CT Regional Community College's Board of Trustees from 1969-1973. A newspaper report from 1983 notes that, "in 1971 [he] realized a goal he had sought since 1948 was the establishment of a community

ious user groups, to this recently acquired scenic tract of forested land. Our community has made a commitment to preserving open space and making it available for a variety of endeavors. With the help and expertise of NEMBA, we can create a multi-use trail system to accommodate active and passive pursuits. Pomfret residents are a healthy, outdoor oriented and enthusiastic group that appreciates and supports preserving the wonderful natural world we live in for all to enjoy," said Maureen Nicholson, Pomfret First Selectman. Learn more about QC NEMBA at www.NEMBA.org/chapters/QCNEMBA and www.facebook.com/groups/QuietCornerNEMBA.

designed by the Town of Pomfret and the Pomfret Historical Society with interesting facts about the property and its history. In addition, QC NEMBA has also cut a new multi-use trail from the Air Line Trail to Watercure Farm Distillery. This trail, which is located just south of the Town Hall access trail and RT 44 underpass, is now open and features signage and a wooden bridge that spans a small water crossing. Air Line Trail users now have easy, safe and direct access to beverages at the distillery and great food at the Airline Grill, directly across Route 44 (Mashamoquet Road). "The Town of Pomfret looks forward to partnering with QC NEMBA to increase access, by var-

five, while Hannah Cozza homered and drove in three runs.

BOYS' LACROSSE

After defeating Norwich Tech-Windham Tech, 15-6, on Thursday, May 13, Woodstock Academy lost to Fitch, 18-12, on Tuesday, May 18. Against the co-op tech schools Guerin Favreau and Zach Gessner each had a hat trick in the first half as the Centaurs built a 9-3 lead. Jonah Libby, Jared Nielsen and Will Basiliere each added two goals for WA. Favreau scored six goals against Fitch – pushing his season total to 50 – for the Centaurs (5-6, 2-5 ECC Division 1).

BOYS' GOLF

Woodstock Academy defeated Tourtellotte-Putnam, 7-0, on Tuesday, May 18, and Plainfield, 7-0, on Thursday, May 13. Sandwiched in between was a 5-2 loss to Bacon Academy on Friday, May 14. Against Tourtellotte-Putnam and Plainfield Kyle Brennan fired 3-over-par 39s to capture medalist honors in both matches. Against Tourtellotte-Putnam Chris Thibault and Davis Simpson carded 43s for the Centaurs (5-5, 5-3 ECC Division 2).

GIRLS' GOLF

Woodstock Academy won a pair of matches against Bacon Academy, defeating the Bobcats 175-235 on Wednesday May 19 and 187-242 on Monday, May 17. The Centaurs (12-0 overall, 11-0 in the ECC play), who have

college in northeast Connecticut." "I think it would give Dr. Tayler great pleasure to see the link forged between Quinebaug Valley Community College and Chamberlin Mill by Jeff Paul, Jakob Spjut, and Daniel Xavier through this project. Daniel's work should be useful to the Mill for many years to come," says Jean McClellan, President of Chamberlin Mill, Inc., the non-profit organization responsible for the mill. Thanks to the work done by local students at Woodstock Academy and Dan Xavier at QVCC, Chamberlin Mill, Inc. intends to preserve and sustain its

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need to pay for it. If they don't like it then they should get out and vote and participate." The frustration even crossed party lines as the Council's sole Democrat Ed Grandalski said the only wany anyone in town on either side of the political spectrum or any debate will get what they think is best for the community is to participate. "If more people came out either side it wouldn't take much to change either way," Grandelski said. Tammy Wakefield, a senior member of the Town Council, said this isn't a new issue. Her service to the town dates back to 2009, and she voiced her longstanding frustration with the lack of participation by voters. "I remember years that it was really tight and working really super hard just trying to get the budget down to a point where it was less than a one mill

already clinched the ECC regular season title, sit on top of the Connecticut Division II standings by almost a half-stroke over Berlin High. Mia Dang shot the low round of the day in both matches with the Bobcats. The junior, currently ranked ninth individually in Connecticut in Division II, shot a 4-over par 40 in the May 19 win over the Bobcats, and a 1-over 36 on May 17. Kaily LaChapelle carded WA's second-lowest rounds in both matches.

BOYS' TENNIS

After pushing its season-best winning streak to five with a 7-0 win over Killingly on Friday, May 14, Woodstock Academy dropped a pair of matches, 6-1 to Fitch on Tuesday, May 18, and 6-1 to Stonington a day later. In the win over Killingly the 6-5 Centaurs were led by Evan Haskins, who won by shutout at third singles, and Connor Quinn, who had to survive a third-set tiebreaker to collect the win.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Woodstock Academy clinched the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 regular-season title with a 7-0 win over St. Bernard on Monday, May 17. The Centaurs (8-2, 7-0 ECC Division 2) received shutout performances from their three doubles teams: Ellie Bishop-Klee-Logan Reynolds; Morgan Bentley-Sara Cotillo and Fiona Rigney-Stella Atchinson, the three twosomes losing a total of three games. The next day WA defeated visiting

site as a historic and educational asset for the enjoyment of future generations. Once the mill is operational, it will expand its current calendar of walks, demonstrations, local school programs, experiential learning, and participation in regional and national programs and events. Artifacts now in storage will also be returned to the site for exhibition. For more information, please contact Jakob Spjut at jspjut@qvcc.edu or Jean McClellan at chamberlinmill@gmail.com. increases because if it was greater than a mill, forget it you weren't going to get I through no matter what," Wakefield said. "The town's come a really long way because when I started on the council in 2009, our mill rate wasn't worth what it's worth now. Our grand list has made it easier to fund what we fund and that's kudos to your town employees and town citizens that have worked on economic development - I'm just as frustrated as (the rest of the council). I tell my kids all the time, if you don't like the way it is, don't complain unless you're going out to do something about it." Several council members also took time during the nearly 40-minute meeting to voice their displeasure with the conduct of certain members of the community who supported increasing the education spending plan during and prior to the annual town meeting. Their main message, however, was that they hope to see the voting turnout continue to increase in years to come.

Fitch, 4-3. Jackie Trudeau and Sydney Schuler won in singles and the first and second doubles teams of Bishop-Klee and Reynolds, and Bentley-Cotillo posted wins for the Centaurs. On Friday, May 14, Woodstock Academy defeated visiting Killingly, 7-0. Trudeau, Schuler, Addy Smith and Alexa Fernandez paced the victory by all winning their singles matches in straight sets.

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Woodstock Academy and Windham battled to a 75-75 tie in Willimantic on Wednesday, May 19. The Centaurs (3-2-1, 3-1-1 ECC Division 2) had a pair of first-place finishes by Keenan LaMontagne (shot put, discus), Ethan Aspiras (1,600-meter run, 3,200-meter run), and Adam Schimmelpfennig (110-meter and 300-meter hurdles).

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Woodstock Academy finished off an undefeated regular season and clinched the regular-season title on Wednesday, May 19, going on the road to defeat Windham, 110-38. Bella Sorrentino finished first in the shot put and the 100-meter dash while Jillian Edwards captured the 100-meter hurdles and the high jump for the Centaurs (6-0, 5-0 ECC Division 2). Edwards (100 hurdles), Linsey Arends (1,600-meter run) and Reegan Reynolds (400 meters) all qualified for the Class MM state championship meet for WA.

LEGALS

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via a Web Ex Meeting on the following: 041321D A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 37, Lot 17 and Map 37 Lot 20/21, Wetlands crossing for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic system, well, minor grading. A copy of the application is available for review. All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received. Jeffrey Arends
Chairman
Dated this 12th day of May 2021
May 28, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On May 3, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agency granted wetlands approval for 04-21-01 – Lian Properties, LLC – Barlow Cemetery Road, Map 5787, Block 41, Lot 12 – New single family home construction and 03-21-15 – Lori Demma – 30 Beaver Dam Road – Repair retaining wall and shoreline restoration. On May 17, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for 04-21-04 – GED Enterprise, LLC dba Bradford Standing Seam – 130 Brockway Road – 58' x 60' building for contractor's business.
May 28, 2021

**Town of Eastford
Connecticut
Planning Commission
Notice of Decision**

On May 11, 2021 the Planning Commission made the following decision:
File # 21-001 Joan M. Light, 66 Weeks

Road, Eastford, CT. Amended Subdivision and Sedimentation & Erosion Control Plan. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY with Conditions. Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT. Dated at Eastford, CT this 18th day of May 2021. Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
May 28, 2021

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Web Ex on the following application: 1. ZBA21-001 Shawn and Stacy Olson, 10 Hillside Drive, Map 46, Lot 42-1, R-30 Zone; Addition of a 2-car garage with mudroom/breezeway. Front yard setback of 50-feet cannot be met. 2. ZBA21-002 Eileen McKenna, 301 South Street, Map 45, Lot 2-3, R-30 Zone; Installation of 24-foot round above ground swimming pool installed where there was an existing swimming pool. Side yard setback of 30-feet cannot be met. Interested persons may appear and be heard. Written communications will be accepted. A copy of the application is available on the Town of Brooklyn Website. Web Ex meeting information will be included on the June 7, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Commission Agenda. Dan Ross, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 0255 on the following Application: ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, Block 7, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16-foot side yard setback to build a 36' x 21' detached garage. File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting Respectfully submitted, Kevin Beno, Chairman
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Elizabeth A Albee (21-00146) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 17, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is: Maryann Hobby, 34 Brenn Rd., Brooklyn, CT
Attorney: DOUGLAS JAMES WIL-LIAMS
ST ONGE & BROUILLARD, 50 ROUTE 171 WOODSTOCK, CT 06281
May 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF George P. Nagy (21-00078) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 19, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is: Gerald P. Nagy, c/o GEORGE ALBERT BAKER (attorney for Gerald P. Nagy), BAKER ESTATE PLANNING LAW, LLC, 117 NEW LONDON TURNPIKE, GLASTONBURY, CT 06033, (860)430-9599
May 28, 2021

**LIQUOR PERMIT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

This is to give notice that I, DONNA L. COPELAND 17 DECUBELLIS CT. PUTNAM, CT 06260-3224 Have filed an application placarded 05/25/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT CATERER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at: 117 WARE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241-1223 The business will be owned by: COUNTRY LIVING AT WESTVIEW COMMONS, LLC Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified) Objections must be filed by: 07-06-2021 DONNA L. COPELAND
May 28, 2021
June 4, 2021



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Thompson budgets approved in first combined vote

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON – The first time was the charm for Thompson in 2021, as the combined education and general government budgets passed by a slim margin during the May 17 referendum. The referendum was a bit of a his-

toric one for the town, as it was the first time since 1997 that both budgets were combined into one item on the referendum ballot. In February of this year, voters approved presenting the budgets as one combined spending plan for future votes two years after a lengthy 2019 budget season saw the town require four referendums to pass

a budget. At the time, both the education and general government plans had to pass in separate votes on the same ballot in order to approve a new budget. The combined spending plans barely passed the vote with a 368 to 345 difference. The combined spending plans come in at \$27.2 million, a 0.72 mill rate increase and a 1.92 percent expendi-

ture increase between the town and the schools. This breaks down to a \$19.1 million education budget, an increase of \$138,818 over the current year, and a \$6.1 million general government budget, a \$154,173 increase. Overall, the increase equates to a \$864,940 increase to the tax warrant for the new fiscal year starting in July.

ATTENTION
WOODSTOCK
JUNE 3rd
12-8pm

6/3

VOTE
REFERENDUM

TOWN HALL OR ABSENTEE
See the Town Clerk

REFERENDUM 6/3

Olivia Kremer of Pomfret graduates from St. Lawrence University

CANTON, N.Y. — Olivia K. Kremer from Pomfret was one of the more than 450 members of St. Lawrence University's Class of 2021 who earned their degree following the University's Commencement ceremonies, held Sunday, April 18, at Newell Field House in Canton, New York. Kremer graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. To ensure the health and safety of attendees and in accordance with state guidance on large gatherings, graduates were assigned one of four ceremonies held throughout the day where they received their diploma covers as they walked across the stage while their names were read aloud. Family members and guests were not able to attend in person but were able to watch the event live online. Graduates, faculty, staff, and live stream listeners heard pre-recorded remarks from University President

William L. Fox, St. Lawrence's 2021 Joan Donovan Speech Contest Winner Hamidou Sylla, Class of 2021 President Cooper McCrillis, and honorary degree recipient Terry Fulmer, president of The John A. Hartford Foundation. About St. Lawrence University Founded in 1856, St. Lawrence University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of about 2,500 students located in Canton, New York. The educational opportunities at St. Lawrence inspire students and prepare them to be critical and creative thinkers, to find a compass for their lives and careers, and to pursue knowledge and understanding for the benefit of themselves, humanity and the planet. Through its focus on active engagement with ideas in and beyond the classroom, a St. Lawrence education leads students to make connections that transform lives and communities, from the local to the global. Visit www.stlawu.edu.

What can and cannot be composted

Avid gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce. The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 to 30 percent of the municipal solid waste in the United States. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet. Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Should not be used in compost Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil, and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they leech into the garden. The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials, and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these pages. Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins, and meat, may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens, and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly. Any personal hygiene products should be avoided because they are tainted by human fluids and that can pose a health risk. While weeds are not harmful in compost piles, there is the risk that seeds can germinate and then infiltrate garden beds when the compost is used. The same can be said for tomato plants and some other hardy fruits and vegetables. Compost is a winner in the garden and around the landscape. Learning which ingredients can and can't be added to compost piles is useful for any gardener.

Okay for compost Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp, and nut shells, can be added to compost. Other items from around the house, like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes, and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals.

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