

QVCC community reflects on start of fall semester

DANIELSON — It's been just over a month since QVCC students have returned to the fall semester after a unique and unprecedented spring term due to the effects of COVID-19. Dr. Joe Cullen, Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services, commends the efforts put forth by staff and faculty and feels enthusiastic moving forward.

"In times of crisis, people pull together. It's a natural human tendency that when we share in crisis, there is an immediate uptick of going the extra mile. I think the QVCC community is a perfect example of this. Staff and faculty have extended themselves and have shown amazing flexibility, and the positive feedback we're receiving from students is a direct reflection of our campus community," said Cullen.

When the pandemic first hit, QVCC was tasked with creating a safe, flexible, and healthy environment for students. As Dr. Cullen stated, "The health and safety of our students is more important than any other concern. Our response to the pandemic has been a model response," referring to the numerous safety measures that have been implemented and the various course types QVCC now offers, including online and hybrid courses, designed to give students more flexibility in choosing the learning environment that best suits their individual needs and schedules.

When asked about the transition to mostly online learning, first-year QVCC student Caroline Gagnon said, "Online learning is definitely hard to get used to, and of course it would be beneficial to see my teachers in person and get to know them on that level, but my teachers have been extremely understanding and helpful."

Gagnon shared that she is taking her general courses at QVCC to save money, with intentions of transferring to Plymouth State University to complete her bachelor's degree in the future.

Emma Turner, another first-year QVCC student, shared a similar testimonial, saying, "I was supposed to attend Endicott College, but I chose QVCC because I get to attend for free, and it felt like a better option at this time." In terms of the transition to online learning, Turner commented, "I like to have more freedom at home. I'm working full-time, so getting to choose time to work on school is beneficial."

Overall, my experience at QVCC has been great as the teachers are very helpful and are doing their best to make online learning comfortable."

As expected, there are also downsides to learning remotely. First-year QVCC student Trinity Angel admits, "I'm a very hands-on learner and doing everything online can be annoying – but it's not the end of the world. I can definitely handle it, it's just something to get used to." Like Gagnon and Turner, Angel is attending QVCC to save money and plans to transfer next semester.

Looking ahead to the spring 2021 semester, students can expect to see a schedule very similar to the current schedule, along with the same course modalities that are being offered this

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Downes Construction donates \$9,000 to rebuild Henry Breault footbridge

PUTNAM — On Tuesday, Oct. 20, Downes Construction presented a \$9,000 donation at the Putnam Town Hall for the re-planking project on the Putnam River Trail footbridge. Mayor Barney Seney and Town Administrator Elaine Sistare accepted the donation on behalf of the Town.

According to Seney, "Downes has worked in Putnam for years at Day Kimball Healthcare and now building our new Town Hall and library. Their commitment to our Town is matched by their commitment to quality construction. We are grateful for community partners like Downes."

Willie Bousquet, the Recreation Director in Putnam, says the repair work will be completed on the Henry Breault Footbridge that crosses the Quinebaug River on the River Trail between Simonzi Park and the Farmers Market within the next month.

"We thank Downes for their contribution, their donation," Bousquet said. "And this is going to go a long ways towards getting the project complete."

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony that will take place mid- to late November, Bousquet added.

Downes Construction Company is a long-time partner in Putnam having worked at Day Kimball Hospital for the last 25 years and currently serving as the Construction Manager at Risk on the new 40,000 square foot municipal building which will include Town Offices, Community Center, Historical Society and Library. "We are honored to continue our partnership with our friends in the 'quiet corner' on a project that will have an impact on the local and surrounding communities" stated Dave Patrick, President of Downes Construction Company.



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Hale YMCA fundraiser to help Northeastern CT get on the "Road to Wellness"

PUTNAM — Did you know that even during these difficult times, Hale YMCA continues to meet the needs of our community with programs like life-saving blood drives, food drives to feed local families in need and hybrid virtual-learning support as families go back to a very different school year than ever before? It is innovative programs like this that are helping our community get through the pandemic together and back on our road to wellness.

The Road to Wellness spin and cycle event will help fund Hale YMCA programs aimed at helping Northeastern Connecticut get back on our road to wellness. The event kicks off a month-long fundraiser for the Y where members and the community will get exclusive access to the virtual content, including a virtual version of the ride, as well as a virtual auction for a chance to win local goods and services. All proceeds stay within our local community and participation will ensure that our neighbors, friends, and families all have access to YMCA programs regardless of their financial or life circumstances.

The event includes two hours of outdoor spin, music and fun with the Y's own instructors, Jenn and Earl, and a 10-mile and 20-mile road cycle option that begins and ends at the event.

Testimonials from local community members sharing how Hale YMCA has helped them through this challenging time.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Putnam Farmer's Market Pavilion, 18 Kennedy Dr.

New CPR equipment now in place in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — Patients experiencing cardiac arrest now have greater chances of advanced resuscitation and survival thanks to new lifesaving equipment recently purchased for all three Woodstock fire stations.

The Woodstock Fire Protection Association and the Woodstock Emergency Medical Service have acquired four LUCAS mechanical chest compression systems for Bungay Fire Brigade, Muddy Brook Fire Department and Woodstock EMS/Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association. The units are onboard both EMS ambulances housed at WVFA and the rescue vehicles stationed at Bungay and Muddy Brook.

LUCAS devices help improve CPR quality for patients and first responders alike, both at the scene of illnesses and accidents and during transports to medical facilities. The devices increase the efficiency of caregiving teams, calming the scene and providing an extra pair of hands so emergency responders can focus on the patient.

Woodstock obtained its first LUCAS device in 2017 thanks to a grant from the Firefighters Support Foundation written by fire marshal Richard Baron on behalf of Muddy Brook Fire Department. That unit has been shared ever since by Woodstock's EMS ambulances and the Bungay and Muddy Brook rescue trucks and, via Mutual Aid, with Thompson, K-B Ambulance, and the Day Kimball Hospital Emergency Department.

"We knew first-hand how these units help extend the reach of care for patients who don't respond to manual CPR and defibrillation alone," said chief Eric Young of WVFA.

"Having a LUCAS unit onboard also helps keep our teams safe during patient transport, particularly allowing them to remain belted inside a moving ambulance while delivering high-quality chest compression," Young said. "And they enhance team efficiency by calming chaotic scenes and enabling caregivers to focus their skills and judgment where they matter most—on the patient."

The LUCAS Chest Compression System is manufactured by Stryker Emergency Care in Portage, Michigan. Currently there are more than 25,000 LUCAS units in service worldwide. Stryker has documented that LUCAS units help produce a 60 percent increase in blood flow to a patient's brain compared to manual CPR.

"Based on a patient's size and weight, a LUCAS unit computes the proper chest compression depth and resistance, and delivers perfect compressions to a patient every time, even while rescuers may be moving a patient on a stretcher," Chief Seth Spalding of Muddy Brook F.D. explained.

The town of Woodstock covers 62 square miles (second-largest town in Connecticut). Having LUCAS devices onboard the ambulance

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LEGION HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR PATRIOT ROCK



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American Legion Post #111 Woodstock, along with the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, dedicated "Patriot Rock," located at the junction of Route 171 and Rocky Hill Road in Woodstock, on Sunday, Oct. 18. "Patriot Rock" was the idea of Legionnaire and Coffeehouse Vice President Tom Pandolfi. The art work was performed by Woodstock Academy sophomore Annika LeBoeuf, who was honored by the Post, The American Legion District #4 and the Town of Woodstock. LeBoeuf (right) is pictured (right to left) with District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre, Tom Pandolfi and Post #111 Commander Glenn Boies.



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FIREFIGHTER VISITS POMFRET PRESCHOOLERS

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Aaron Breen visited Mrs. Breen’s preschool class at Pomfret Community School. Aaron has been a volunteer at Mortlake Fire Company in Brooklyn for two years. He grew up around firefighters and medical responders. His Mom, Pre-School teacher Mrs. Breen, has been a member of Mortlake for 29 years and his father, Mr. Breen is currently Chief. Aaron showed the preschoolers what a firefighter wears and explained each piece of equipment to them as he got dressed. He donned an air pack so they could hear how muffled and a bit scary a firefighter may look if they ever need help. They were a little unsure about when he put his hood, mask and helmet on, but loved seeing a firefighter in full gear.

Early registration underway for winter, spring terms at QVCC

DANIELSON — The fall semester is in full-swing, but it is the right time to lock down a schedule for winter and spring at Quinebaug Valley Community College. The winter intersession will be held completely online. It is a two week, accelerated term beginning Monday, Jan. 4. This is a great opportunity for current QVCC students to get-ahead or catch-up with their educational plan. It is also a perfect opportunity for visiting students to take a course during the break between the fall and spring terms. Visiting students should meet with their home college advisor to ensure transfer of courses. The spring semester will begin on Jan. 22, 2021. Classes for the spring semester will be taught in a variety of ways. Class modalities include on-campus teaching, live remote teaching and online. Current students should meet with their academic advisor now and develop a plan for the next two terms. As of the fall term, QVCC moved back to 729 Main St. in Willimantic (at the LEAP location). There will be on-ground courses at the new location and student support services are also available. Current and future students can meet with staff between 4 and 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Contact Maria Garcia-Alvarez, mgarcia@qvcc.edu, 860-230-6129 to schedule an appointment. For anyone interested in starting or transferring to QVCC, apply to the College (never an application fee) now. In lieu of on-ground information sessions, we are hosting a series of one- hour, virtual information sessions beginning Oct. 21. Register in advance athttps://qvcc.edu/visit.

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Poetry reading event planned at Roseland Park

WOODSTOCK, Conn. — The public is invited to attend another free poetry reading featuring six regional poets at Roseland Park. The event will be on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 2-4 p.m. in the open air barn and is sponsored in part by Sharpe Hill Vineyard of Pomfret, Conn. Reservations and masks are required. Poets will include National Beat Poet Laureate for 2020 Paul Richmond; Montreal International Poetry Contest

finalist and Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky, and poet Robert Perry, of Dudley, as well as three other area poets. The first reading was held in September to a capacity crowd. The foibles and triumphs of life will be the topics covered with new material by these poets. Richmond, Warinsky and Perry are all published authors through Human Error Publishing. Books will be available for purchase.

This event is free and open to ages 14 and up. Beverages will be provided and masks are required. To make reservations, call (860) 942-6664, or email Mrs. Warinsky at Karen.warinsky@gmail.com.



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Scout troop hosting open house

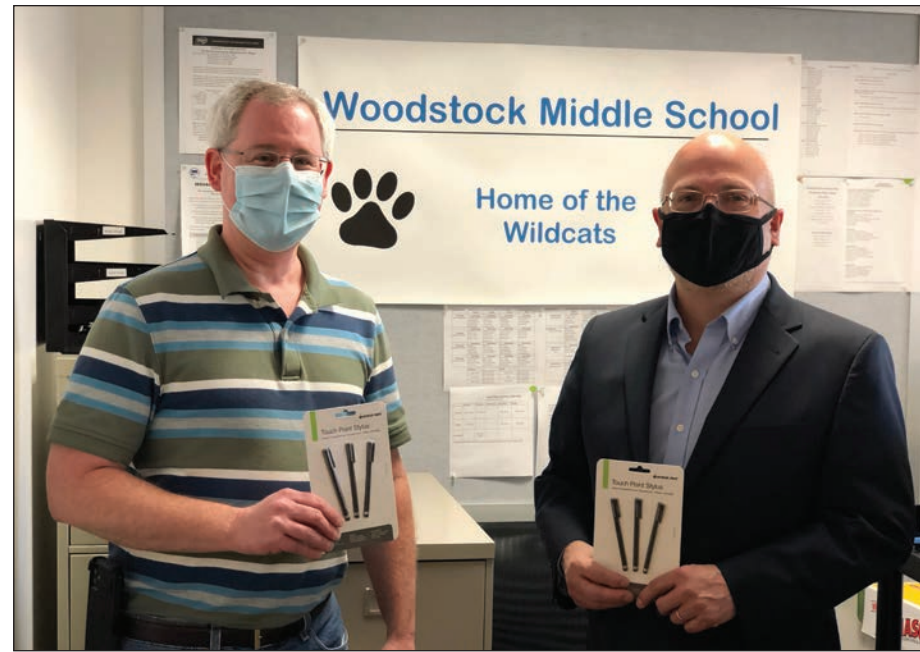
THOMPSON — Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to join Boy Scout Troop 25 for an open house Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on New Road in Thompson (when coming from E. Thompson Road, look for the Open House sign at the gate just past #134 on the right). Come and see what our program is all about. Our Scouts

will demonstrate various Scouting skills and take you on an orienteering adventure at noon. The day's events will conclude with s'mores in a cone at 4 p.m. Please e-mail bsatroup25putnam@gmail.com with questions, or visit BSA Troop 25 Putnam's Facebook page for more information.

PUTNAM POLICE LOG

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following recent arrests. Germani Rosario, age 20, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 14 for Disorderly Conduct. Peter N. Longo, age 43, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 15 for Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Failure by a Registered Sex Offender to Verify Address.

WOODSTOCK EDUCATION FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL



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The Woodstock Education Foundation provided recently a grant to supply a touch point stylus for each of the 400 iPads at the Woodstock Middle School! The additional accuracy provided by a stylus will enhance the experience of every student who is using an iPad. As students, parents, and educators continue to navigate a hybrid education model in the Woodstock Public Schools, the Woodstock Education Foundation is proud to continue its support. Money raised by the WEF goes toward helping the public school kids in Woodstock

grades pre-kindergarten through eight. Pictured are Jeffrey Gordon (Woodstock Education Foundation President) (left) and Viktor Toth (Woodstock Public Schools Superintendent)(right).



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Federated Church hosting lasagna dinner

BROOKLYN — The Federated Church of Christ, located at the corner of Route 6 & 169 in Brooklyn, will host a drive-thru lasagna dinner Saturday, Nov. 7 from 4:30-5:30 p.m., or until the lasagna is gone! For just \$8, take home one of our famous huge portions of meat or vegetarian lasagna. It's up to you to provide the salad and dessert, though. Call (860) 774-9817 by noon on Nov. 5 to reserve your lasagna. Drive into the church parking lot, and we will deliver your order to your car.



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Sammy Davis, Jr. visits the Orpheum Theater

I enjoy reading about what was happening in the area many years ago, and hope you do also. Since I got side-tracked when I found the article about Amelia Earhart visiting Danielson, I thought I'd return to the 1933 Windham County Transcripts and see what else caught my fancy. Perhaps you dreamed of being in the movies. The first article from the October 19, 1933 Transcript speaks of the possibility right here in our neighborhood.



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from time to time. The new business will not interfere with the operation of the Pappajion photographic studio, which will be continued at its present location in the Withington building.”

“Little Sammy Davis, rated as the world’s youngest and greatest colored entertainer, will appear in person at the Orpheum theatre next Monday, and Tuesday.” (WCT Oct. 19, 1933). According to Wikipedia “Samuel George Davis Jr. (Dec. 8, 1925 – May 16, 1990) was an American singer, dancer, actor, vaudevillian and comedian who has been called ‘the greatest entertainer ever to grace a stage in these United States.’ At age three, Davis began his career in vaudeville with his father Sammy Davis Sr. and the Will Mastin Trio, which toured nationally. After military service, he returned to the trio and became an overnight sensation following a nightclub performance at Ciro’s (in West Hollywood) after the 1951 Academy Awards. With the trio, he became a recording artist. In 1954, at the age of 29, he lost his left eye in a car accident. Several years later, he converted to Judaism, finding commonalities between the oppression experienced by African-American and Jewish communities.

“Danielson is to have a motion picture studio. Not exactly like those in Hollywood, for it will not produce dramas and extravaganzas, this studio will never-the-less be of great interest to local people, for it will provide them with an opportunity to ‘get into the movies,’ if they so desire, and will prepare films of important events in Danielson and surrounding towns, thus preserving their pictorial story for posterity. George Pappajion, who, in association with his brother, Alec, has operated a photographic studio here for several years, is the moving spirit behind this venture in ultra-modern service. Having leased of Harry Evergates the apartment over the Boston Store on Main Street, Mr. Pappajion is now engaged in remodeling the building to fit his needs. The work is expected to be completed in about one month.

“In the studio there will be a projection room, operating room, reception room, dressing rooms, dark room and laboratory, all nicely furnished and decorated in Mr. Pappajion’s tasteful style. The laboratories will be an important feature of the place, for the proprietor plans to carry on experiments, not only in motion picture production, but also in television, which he believes will be one of the new inventions which will greatly increase in use during the next few years. Much costly apparatus will be included in the equipment of the studio.

“Mr. Pappajion will be prepared to shoot scenes of local people when requested and will also film such events as parades, fires and other happenings which will have an historical value. It is expected that arrangements may be made so that some of these pictures will be exhibited at the Orpheum theatre

After a starring role on Broadway in Mr. Wonderful (1956), he returned to the stage in 1964’s Golden Boy. Davis’s film career began as a child in 1933. In 1960, he appeared in the Rat Pack film Ocean’s 11. In 1966, he had his own TV variety show, titled The Sammy Davis Jr. Show. While Davis’s career slowed in the late 1960s, his biggest hit, ‘The Candy Man’, reached the top of the Billboard Hot 100 in June 1972, and he became a star in Las Vegas, earning him the nickname ‘Mister Show Business.’”

Did you ever think about what it would be like to drive when the automobile was in its infancy and there were fewer safety measures in place?

“The removal of a high picket fence on the E. H. Jacobs Manufacturing Company’s property at the corner of School and Cottage streets has eliminated a bad traffic hazard by giving motorists a better view of approaching cars. Many of Danielson’s street intersections, being narrow and with poor visibility, require the utmost care in the operation of motor vehicles. The installation of the ‘Stop street’ system, as often suggested in The Transcript would go far toward making driving safer.” (WCT, Oct. 19, 1933). Stop signs were first used in Michigan in 1915 according to wikipedia. I was unable to discover when Connecticut adopted their use.

Connecticut was the first state to enact a speed limit law for automobiles, doing so way back in 1901. The state limited their speed to 12 mph in cities and 15 mph on country roads. (History Channel; This Day in History-May 21, 1901)

“A traffic check conducted by federal and state men Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Main and Water streets, where the important highway routes Nos. 6 and 12 con-

verge, showed that 720 cars per hour passed that point between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., or an average of twelve per minute. Recent studies of truck traffic have been made at the state police scale houses in Putnam and Plainfield and will be continued at regular periods during the coming year, the object being to determine the traffic load carried by main highways in this district in order to lay future construction plans.” (WCT, Oct. 26, 1933).

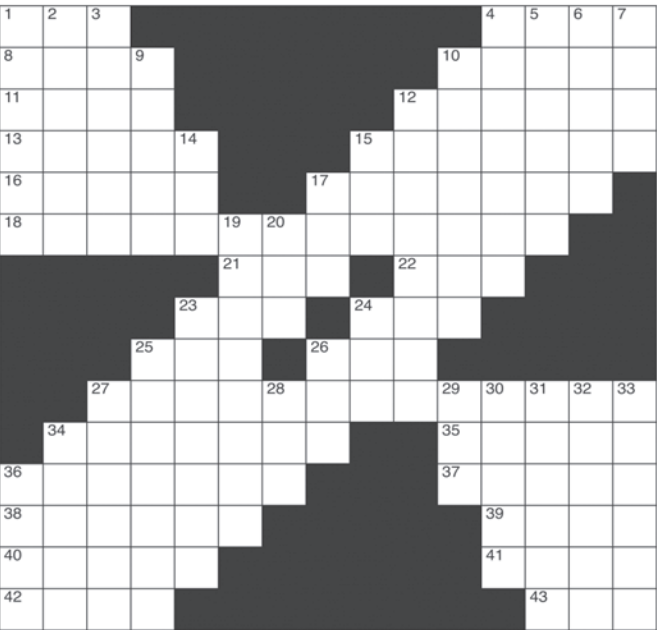
“At a meeting of the merchants’ committee of the Chamber of Commerce held this morning, it was definitely decided that stores in Danielson will remain open on Thursday afternoons. Many of the merchants had continued the half-holiday practice of the summer season, which customarily has ended on Labor Day. Further consideration is being given to the new hours of the stores under the new retail code. As a result of the change in policy, the barbers of Danielson, who have been closing their shops on Thursday afternoons, will remain open on that day, returning to their former rule of closing Monday afternoons.” (WCT, Oct. 26, 1933)

“Two new stores are opening their doors this week, Rosen Brothers in Diamond Block and Willner’s Dress Shop in the Berris building, 108 Main St., next to the Danielson Trust Company, the quarters formerly occupied by the Val Jean Stores.” (WCT, Oct. 26, 1933). Please feel free to share memories of these “new businesses”.

Election day is quickly approaching. I know many of you are considering absentee ballots. Killingly Town Clerk Liz Wilson and the registrars of voters remind readers that you will be able to vote in person on election day and safety precautions will be in place. The following is a paragraph from Liz, “We feel that our state set up a safety plan that is committed to providing the voter, and all poll workers, with the safest possible voting experience at their prospective polling location. The poll workers will be provided with safety gloves, masks, and personal hand sanitizer, and social distancing will be in effect. The voting machines and other electronics will be sanitized throughout the day, and all surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant wipes. Sanitizer will be provided for all voters, too.” Do plan to vote!

The mail and answering machine are being checked although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed. Please send your membership renewals to P.O. Box 265 Danielson, CT 06239.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive

4. Undemanding

8. “_ your enthusiasm”

10. Well-known island

11 Not saintly

12. Habitual

13. Central parts of church buildings

15. Trust

16. Intestinal

17. Deep-bodied fish

18. Live up to expectations

21. Snag

22. Partner to haw

23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
24. Sheep disease

25. Male term of endearment

26. United

27. Popular TV host

34. Overnights

35. Beloved British princess

36. Obtains from

37. Third Mughal Emperor

38. Shares the opinion of

39. Central European river

40. Feudal estates

41. KU hoops coach Bill

42. Spreads out for drying

43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Picturesque

2. South Pacific island country

3. Shrub of the olive family

4. Establish the truth of

5. Unfettered

6. Originations

7. Famed English park

9. Sheep’s cry

10. Danced

12. More upstanding

14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)

15. Type of lettuce

17. Place to call a pint

19. Backs
20. Partner to cheese

23. Makes it there

24. Value

25. One’s convictions

26. Former CIA

27. Clashed

28. Affirmative

29. Journalist Tarbell

30. Athletic shoes

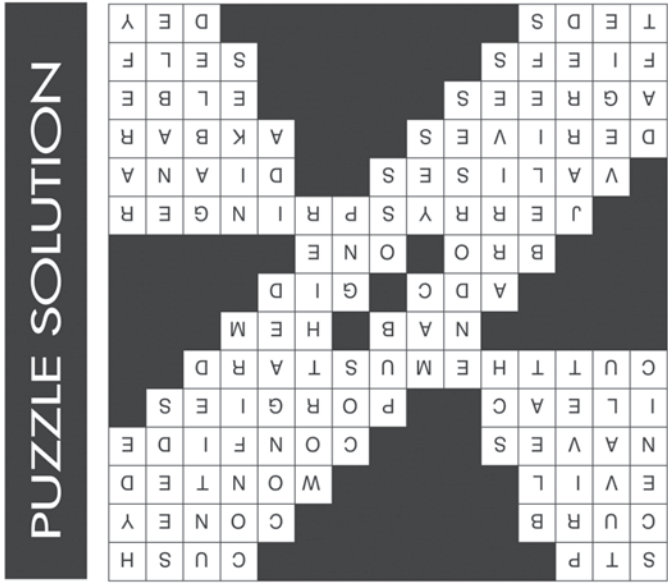
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34. Healthy food

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To protect plantings from rabbits, use fencing that is at least four feet tall or a repellent that discourages them from dining on plants.

As the seasons change, we adjust our gardening tasks and plantings to match. Animals also make changes this time of year, often changing their eating habits and dining locations. These adjustments can impact your gardens. Reduce the risk of damage by starting in fall to protect your landscape from hungry animals this winter.



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Take a walk around your landscape to evaluate plants and plantings for their susceptibility to animal damage. Look for pathways that animals use to access your landscape and areas of potential damage. Note new plantings, animal favorites and those special plantings you would hate to lose.

Make sure these are protected.

Check mulch around trees and shrubs. Deep layers of mulch and mulch piled around the trunk of trees and the base of shrubs provides shelter for mice and voles. These rodents like to gnaw on the bark of trees and shrubs in winter. Pull mulch off tree trunks and stems and spread out deep mulch so it is only two to four inches deep.

Protect young trees and shrubs with a four-feet-tall fence of hardware cloth sunk several inches into the ground to prevent vole damage at ground level and most rabbit damage. Mature trees are usually only bothered during years where the vole and rabbit populations are high and food is scarce.

Fencing around garden beds filled with animal favorites is another option. Make sure your fence is high enough, tight to the ground and gates are secure. You will need a four-feet-high fence for rabbits and at least five- to six-feet-high fence to keep deer out of small gardens. A fence of several strands of fishing line has proven to be successful for some gardeners.

Repellents are another less obtrusive option. These use smell or taste to discourage animals from dining in your landscape. Check the label to see if the repellent works on the animals and rodents you are trying to manage. Apply repellents before animals start feeding for best results. Then reapply as recommended

on the label. Look for one, like organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com), that is rain and snow resistant, lasting up to six months on dormant plants over the winter so you will need to apply it less often.

Scare tactics may be effective depending on where you live. In urban and suburban areas animals are used to human scents and sounds. Gardeners often hang old CDs and shiny ribbons in tree branches to scare hungry animals. If you opt for scare tactics, be sure to employ a variety of options and change their location to increase your chance of success.

Constantly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the methods used and check all plantings for damage. When animal populations are high and hungry, they will eat about anything. Be willing to change things up if one method is not working. Using multiple tactics will help increase your level of success.

Protect your landscape from hungry deer, rabbits, and voles this winter. Start preparing in fall before their winter dining habits begin. If you are vigilant and persistent, you can coexist with these creatures and still have a beautiful landscape.

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Building your education plan

It's hard to get through "financial planning month" without including a discussion on college planning. There's no denying the benefits of a college education: the ability to compete in today's job market, increased earning power, and expanded opportunity and horizons. But these advantages come at a price. And yet, year after year, thousands of students graduate from college. So, how do they do it?

Many families finance a college education with help from student loans and other types of financial aid such as grants and work-study, private loans, current income, gifts from grandparents, and other creative cost-cutting measures. But savings are the cornerstone of any successful college financing plan. The college planning discussion with clients during the building of a strategic financial plan with our clients focuses on alignment on a college saving and funding strategy that aligns and coordinates with other life financial goals like retirement.

College costs keep climbing

It's important to start a college fund as soon as possible, because next to buying a home, a college education might be

the biggest purchase you ever make. According to the College Board, for the 2019-2020 school year, the average cost of one year at a four-year public college for in-state students is \$26,590, while the average cost for one year at a four-year private college is \$53,980. Many private colleges cost substantially more.

Though no one can predict exactly what college might cost in five, 10, or 15 years, annual price increases in the range of 3% to 5% would certainly be in keeping with historical trends.

Focus on your savings

The more you save now, the better off you'll likely be later. Start with whatever amount you can afford, and add to it over the years with raises, tax refunds, unexpected windfalls, and the like. If you invest regularly over time, you may be surprised at how much you can accumulate in your child's college fund.

College savings options

You're ready to start saving, but where should you put your money? It's smart to consider tax-advantaged strategies whenever possible. Here are some options.

529 plans

529 plans are one of the most popular tax-advantaged college savings options. Contributions

accumulate tax deferred and withdrawals are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. States may also offer their own tax advantages. (For withdrawals not used for qualified expenses, earnings are subject to income tax and a 10 percent federal penalty.) 529 plans are open to anyone and lifetime contribution limits are high, typically \$350,000 and up (limits vary by state). In 2020, lump sum gifting up to \$75,000 is allowed (\$150,000 for joint gifts) with no gift tax implications if certain requirements are met.

There are two types of 529 plans: savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. A 529 savings plan is an individual investment account similar to a 401(k) plan where you direct your contributions to one or more of the plan's investment portfolios. Funds in the account can be used to pay tuition, fees, room and board, books, and supplies at any accredited college in the United States or abroad. Funds can also be used to pay K-12 tuition expenses, up to \$10,000 per year. By contrast, the less common 529 prepaid tuition plan allows you to purchase college tuition credits at today's prices for use in the future at a limited group of colleges that participate in the plan, typically in-state public colleges.

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The Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) is a state-sponsored, tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan. It's available to any citizen or taxpayer in Connecticut. And just about anyone can help contribute including grandparents, other family members and friends.

Coverdell ESA

A Coverdell education savings account (ESA) is a tax-advantaged education savings vehicle

that lets you contribute up to \$2,000 per year for a beneficiary's K-12 or college expenses. Your contributions grow tax deferred and earnings are tax free at the federal level if the money is used for qualified education expenses. You have complete control over the investments you hold in the account, but there are income restrictions on who can participate, and the \$2,000 annual contribution limit isn't likely to put much of a dent in college expenses.

Custodial account (UTMA/UGMA)

A custodial account allows a minor to hold investment assets in his or her own name with an adult as custodian. All contributions to the account are irrevocable gifts to your child, and assets in the account can be used to pay for college. When your child turns 18 or 21 (depending on state law), he or she will gain control of the account. Earnings and capital gains generated by the account are taxed to your child each year under the "kiddie tax" rules. Under the kiddie tax rules, a child's unearned income over a certain threshold (\$2,200 in 2020) is taxed at parent income tax rates.

Roth IRA

Though technically not a college savings option, some parents use Roth IRAs to save and pay for college. Contributions to a Roth IRA can be withdrawn at any time and are always tax free. For parents age 59 and a half and older, a withdrawal of earnings is also tax free if the account has been open for at least five years. For parents younger than 59 and a half, a withdrawal of earnings — typically subject to income tax and a 10%

premature distribution penalty — is spared the 10 percent penalty if the withdrawal is used to pay for a child's college expenses.

A word on financial aid

Many families rely on some form of financial aid to pay for college, which may include loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study. Financial aid can be based on financial need or on merit. To determine financial need, the federal government and colleges look primarily at your family's income, but other factors come into play, including your assets and how many children you'll have in college at the same time.

Higher education, higher prices

As the cost of education continues to rise, it may be a good idea to consider college education planning in your financial plan. Whether you want to contribute to your child or grandchild's education plan, it is important to map out the strategy that will work best for you. There are many options to weigh, so you may want to consider reaching out to a financial professional for advice. For more financial planning resources, including financial planning calculators, visit our website www.whzwealth.com/resources.



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Jimmy's Kids Foundation will help "Fund Police"

REGION — Jimmy's Kids Foundation, founder and child abuse survivor, Jim Phaiah, 74, of Brooklyn, has amended his original mission statement of child abuse prevention and neglect, begun in December, 2002.

To celebrate the foundation's upcoming 18th anniversary, it has added funding of police to its mission statement, and until further notice, any and all future donations from fundraising or otherwise will be forwarded to all local police departments on a rotation basis. Plans are still being made and more details will be announced at a later date. The following police departments will be in line for "funding" by Jimmy's Kids to the Killingly Police Department, Troop D State Police, Putnam Police, Plainfield Police, and Norwich Police. The rotation order has not officially been decided nor the initial donations which we expect.

Phaiah believes that funding the police is the only way to enhance all communities with safety and assurance to know that there are brave people who have the courage to answer the public's calls. Founder, Jim Phaiah, will continue collaborating with the police departments as he has in the past with law enforcement on child abuse cases and neglect. Meanwhile, he will be working on assembling a committee to help with this endeavor. For those wishing to help in anyway, they may call Jim at 860-774-1720 and leave a message or email at Jimmyskidsfoundation@charter.net. Jim has already had T shirts made up that state, "Blue Lives Matter." He also will be donating some of his own personal baseball memorabilia to such cause using such articles to help entice donations, etc. Phaiah and past committees have raised \$100,000 for the local children in our area since its beginning. More information as it develops will be broadcast along the way.



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Although “Born in the USA,” The Boss may be packing his bags

I guess his hit song, “Born to Run” may turn out to be prophetic. Bruce Springsteen announced last week that if President Trump wins re-election, he’ll be on the next plane to Australia.

It seems to happen every election cycle. A celebrity ... usually an actor or singer ... makes the grand announcement that if the election does not go as they wish, they will move to Canada, France, Australia, or some distant land. Like a spoiled child, their threats are made as if they honestly believe it will change voting hearts and minds.

Barbara Streisand and other celebrities have made similar threats during past elections. Mötley Crue’s Tommy Lee told The Big Issue recently that he’ll go “back to my Motherland.” (Wherever that is.) But is there any evidence that they ever really leave? Do their threats change anything?

There is a pattern. It’s almost always a musical performer or actress/actor ... and it’s usually someone from left of center making the threat. The next part of the pattern is that it always seems to



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backfire, having the opposite of the desired impact, and the final step of the pattern is ... they never actually leave.

I’m always surprised by how much political power celebrities believe they carry. Why would Springsteen think we care about his political views and what would bring him to the conclusion he would sway a single vote?

Arrogance, maybe?

When Bruce, Barbara, Tommy Lee and others spend years stepping onto a stage to standing ovations and adoring crowds, I think the thrill of the adoration gives them a false sense that because we enjoy their performance, that we are willing to take their directions on politics and general life. I respect the views of Bruce and his activist group of entertainers, but their successful lifestyle is nothing like the life that those without the same talents and opportu-

nities live. In my opinion, the only thing to come from Bruce Springsteen’s threat to leave the USA is that he has totally shattered his “blue-collar-common-man persona” forever.

So why do we look to Bruce for direction?

We don’t.

Only Bruce, and a few others are narcissistic enough to believe we do.

And it has nothing in my mind to do with left or right ideology. I read this morning that President Trump said, “If Biden wins, maybe I’ll have to leave the country.” My response is the same to our President as it is to the celebrities on the left ... “Go!” If President Trump loses the election, I don’t care where he lives, if he leaves the White House in an orderly and peaceful transition ... and I believe he will.

I’m not an America, “Love it or leave it” kind of guy, but these kind of threats from entertainers have grown tiring and I believe ineffective.

We assume Bruce lives somewhere in New Jersey, but we really don’t

know. I always assume Streisand is somewhere in California, but it doesn’t matter to us where they live. Does their address impact our lives in any way?

When the Beatles exploded into our lives, we heard and saw them so often, they could have been the garage band next door. The fact they lived across the ocean didn’t limit their exposure. If Bruce moves to Australia and releases a new album, does he think the distance will somehow limit the play in the USA and therefore punish us by depriving us of his music? If the album is good, it will get just as much play as if he were still in New Jersey.

So, what’s the point?

The point is that this exposes the false sense of influence and power entertainers believe they hold over our lives. Arrogance is never attractive. I think entertainers who become activists become less popular in their genre and often have the opposite impact on the public. Think not? Ask the “Dixie Chicks.”

I think comedian, Michael Loftus, said it best. “They really think

they’re that important,” he said. “They really think we’re walking around going, ‘Wait, what? Springsteen’s going to leave? And Tommy Lee? Oh, I’m changing my vote!’”

So, what’s positive about this?

I believe if we love our country, we will not let the results of an election chase us out. We stay and work hard because we believe in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and Bill of Rights ... and we realize the importance of our nation in the balance of the world.

The American people will vote on November 3 based upon their beliefs and not because an entertainer threatened. Even though I don’t always agree, I always trust the will of the voting public and the power of our system. I believe the right person for the job is usually selected and when mistakes are made, we can make a correction in four years. And during those four years, we have a system of checks and balances that can keep things from going horribly wrong. The brilliance of our Founding Fathers

still shines through after almost two-hundred and fifty years.

Vote. Make your choice heard. Don’t threaten anyone. Don’t lose friends. Don’t damage family relationships. Because half the nation, and many people you know and love, may feel and vote differently, it doesn’t make them wrong. It certainly doesn’t make them your enemy. I’ve always been a Streisand fan. I’ll still listen to Springsteen’s music wherever he lives.

Rather than being angry over politics, let’s celebrate the incredible opportunity that the American system provides. And once the final votes are counted and the selection is made ... let’s accept the will of the American people and move forward together.

May God continue to Bless America.

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Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news

It has been over a month since my last antiques, collectibles, and auction news report. A lot has happened since. Let’s begin with an upcoming Halloween auction in Ireland.

The Irish Times reports that Mullen’s Auctioneers of Dublin, Ireland will be holding a Halloween auction. The auction features many prints, photos and medals related to historical events in Ireland. There are two items fitting for an auction on Halloween. A movie poster from the 1958 film “Dublin Nightmare” which has an estimate of 150 to 200 Euros (approximately \$175 to \$235 U.S. dollars) will be one of the offerings. A death mask of Irish novelist James Joyce is the other. The Irish Times reported that Joyce’s wife Nora authorized sculptor Paul Speck to make two death masks of Joyce when he died in 1941. Speck made an additional mask for himself. The two authorized masks are owned by the James Joyce Foundation. The third was sent to the Irish Library of Congress. Speck made 6 bronze castings before he presented the mask to the Library of Congress. Speck gave one of the castings to film director James Huston. Huston in turn had 12 more bronze castings created



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by Lunt’s Castings. One of the 12 Huston created will be auctioned on Halloween. Its auction estimate is 1,500 to 2,000 Euros (approximately \$1,750 to \$2,350).

There are very few paintings by 15th Century Renaissance painter Sandro Botticelli in private hands. It’s rare for one to come up for auction, but this noteworthy event will take place in January, when his “Young Man Holding a Roundel” will be offered. A Mutual Art article states that “Botticelli’s striking paintings in the late 15th-century made his work sought after by some of Europe’s richest patrons, and his works’ appeal was widespread.” CNN reports that this painting was produced in the 1470s or 1480s. According to Mutual Art: “it’s reasonable to assume that the sitter is an elite nobleman, due to his high quality clothing and pensive, refined appearance.” The current owner purchased it for £810,000 (a little over \$1 million U.S. at the current exchange rate) in 1982. Despite the pandemic, the auction house and the consignor have found the auction market to be resilient. The auction estimate on the painting is \$80 million.

A Kalamazoo, MI couple recently found that their \$5 estate sale buy may be worth thousands, according to

WWMT TV. The husband bought a poster rolled up in a tube without a price. He collects movie posters and thought that’s what he was purchasing. He offered \$5. The seller accepted and the buyer gave the tube with the poster to his wife. It sat in their basement for five years until their son was searching for some wall art. He looked through the items his parents had accumulated and opened the tube with the poster. It was much larger than the family expected. WLNS TV reported that the poster they thought to be movie poster size was instead a whopping 8 feet x 13 feet large. The poster was produced by Air France in 1959. Their research determined that it was an original lithograph created by French artist Lucien Boucher. It depicts aircraft flying to destinations around the globe. The couple found auction results for a similar piece that sold for 18,750 British pounds (over \$24,000 U.S.) in 2014. The couple decided to donate the poster. WWMT reported that the airline map is expected to land at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Bidding ends on Oct. 28 for our online coin auction. Our next auction featuring gold estate jewelry, sterling silver, pocket watches, World War I and II Red Cross posters, a 1931 Auburn automobile and a wide selection of other antiques and collectibles will be online soon with bidding ending November



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These treats are staples of Halloween celebrations



Kids can't celebrate Halloween without asking neighbors "Trick or treat?" Pranks might be part and parcel of Halloween, but treats are what many goblins and ghouls anticipate the most come October 31.

Youngsters are not the only ones who look forward to the sweets that are synonymous with Halloween. Adults also indulge their sweet teeth on Halloween. The following are some treats that simply must be part of all the fiendish festivities this Halloween.

- **Candy:** The National Confectioners Association estimated that, in 2018, Halloween would generate \$9 billion in candy sales. In fact, the NCA notes that Halloween, despite being just a single

day, accounts for about 8 percent of annual confectionary sales. To say that trick-or-treaters and other Halloween celebrants would be disappointed if candy was not part of Halloween celebrations would be an understatement.

- **Chocolate:** Chocolate often finds its way into candy bars, but chocolate also can stand on its own, especially on Halloween. In its U.S. Food Market Outlook 2018 report, the market research firm Packaged Facts found that the Halloween season is the fourth most lucrative season of the year for chocolate sales. Celebrants who don't have any chocolate to offer this Halloween may find themselves on the receiving end of a few tricks.
- **Candied apples:** Each Halloween, candied apples reappear. Though rarely seen throughout the rest of the year, candied apples are perhaps an ideal treat for Halloween, which occurs right in the heart of apple-picking season.
- **Pumpkin seeds:** Carving jack-o'-lanterns is a beloved Halloween tradition in many households. If yours is a home where pumpkin seeds are typically discarded, this year you can consider making better use of them by eating them. Pumpkin seeds are great sources of fiber, and the World Health Organization notes that they have long been a great source of zinc. Roasted pumpkin seeds make for a great and nutritious snack when turning ordinary pumpkins into scary jack-o'-lanterns.

Food is a big part of Halloween, and certain items simply must be a part of the culinary experience on this beloved holiday.



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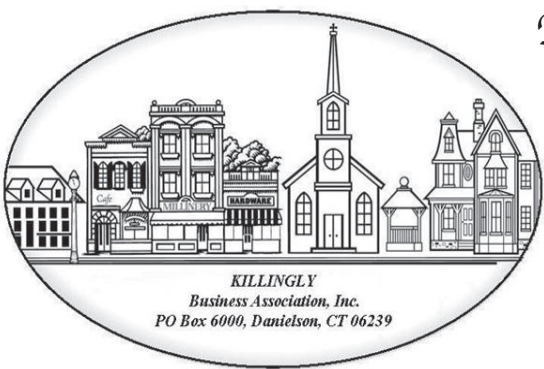
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Time traveling with television

It’s been a tough 2020 for many; there’s no denying that. Life as we know it has changed. Hopefully, the pandemic will be nearing an end soon, but let’s remember not to get complacent, and to continue practice guidelines distributed by the experts. There’s no harm in being cautious.

While we don’t spend too much time watching anything but the news, a flip through channels one evening made us realize that television shows are not what they once were. For nostalgic reasons, we thought it would be fun to ask staff about some of their favorites from the past. Thinking back to a time when life was seemingly easier than it is now.

Our Sports Editor (currently on hiatus, but still very much a part of the family) says that “Cheers” was one of his favorites. Of the Boston based show, he said, “Cheers had great writing and the best T.V. Theme song of all time as well as the best ensemble casts ever.” Spaulding added one more to his list, “ER is my favorite show of all time. It started prior to 2000, but lasted until well after. It had a great cast, great stories and great action.”

Our Editor, known around the office for his extensive knowledge of movie and TV trivia said one of his favorite shows was “In Search Of,” a show that debuted in 1976 hosted by Leonard Nimoy. Berube said, “Every episode explores a different mystery, whether it be paranormal phenomena, famous disappearances from history or buried treasure. I own the entire series on DVD, and to this day I still marathon all seven seasons once or twice a year.” He added, “I love it because it’s like opening up a time capsule. The topics they covered show you what was in the american zeitgeist back in the late ‘70’s and early ‘80’s.”

“My other favorite, and I’m not ashamed to admit it, is ‘Star Trek: the Next Generation,’” said Berube. He went on to tell us, “My dad and my brother got me into the show when I was growing up and that was my reward on weeknights for finishing my homework.” He added, “I would get to watch reruns of Star Trek at 6 p.m. on the old WNDS channel, when Al Kaprielian was the weatherman. Then at 7 p.m., A&E would play an hour-long block of ‘In Search Of’ reruns.”

One of our writers can say, with great enthusiasm, that “Three’s Company” was, and still is, the best sit-com of all time. There has been no better trio than Jack, Chrissy and Janet. Cameo’s by Larry and Mr. Roper made the show even better. The fact that John Ritter who played Jack Tripper, was willing to trip over couches and fall all over the place with his slapstick comedy speaks volumes. If there ever was a show to bring you out of the dumps, it’s “Three’s Company.”

Added to that list is “Quantum Leap.” The show began in 1989 and starred Scott Bakula, who played Sam Beckett. Beckett would time travel, taking the place of other people in hopes to correct historical mistakes. Time travel shows are always interesting and fun to watch.

“The Mary Tyler Moore Show” was an iconic show that demonstrated a rise for women in the workplace. Mary’s friendship with Rhoda Morgenstern and work relationship with Lou Grant always made for good entertainment. Noted most however, was the main character’s optimism.

Honorable mentions go to “Gilligan’s Island,” “Happy Days,” “Different Strokes,” “What’s Happening,” “WKRP in Cincinnati,” “Lassie,” “Highway to Heaven,” “I Dream of Jeannie,” “Dennis the Menace,” “Leave it to Beaver” and “The Wonder Years.”

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It’s imperative that we re-elect Anne Dauphinais

To the Editor:
It’s imperative we re-elect Anne Dauphinais to State Rep., District 44.
Anne has the courage to vote against her own party if any bill could adversely affect Connecticut residents as individuals or in their financial life. I appreciate that even if Anne disagrees with me, she consistently supports that it is my decision to choose how to raise my family without excessive governance.
Anne doesn’t vote on flashy bill titles, she

Join me in supporting Anne Dauphinais

To the Editor:

Voters of the 44th District...now more than ever, we need to support Anne Dauphinais for re-election.

Anne has a true conservative voting record-no political agenda...just doing the right thing.

Anne believes in the Second Amendment, a government that lives within its means and keeps its hands out of your pockets.

votes on the actual content. She understands the ramifications of the bills because she reads them. All of them. Anne D. is a lover of liberty, refuses to vote for her political or financial gain, and eagerly votes in favor of the individual. Please show your support this election and re-elect Anne Dauphinais to State Representative!

LEEANN DUCAT
WOODSTOCK

Anne is a true supporter of law and order...backing first responders and veterans.

The one-party rule that has given us chaos, threatens toll gantries and other burdensome taxes and means to indoctrinate our children has to stop!

We must elect a clear-thinking freedom fighter. Please join me in supporting Anne Dubai Dauphinais.

MONIQUE BOULEY ALLARD
PLAINFIELD

We need Christine Roasti Randall back in office

To the Editor:
This election, I will be voting for Christine Rosati Randall. Like many other families, Christine grew up in a working class family with limited income and has worked very hard to provide for her own family. Christine’s strong work ethic shows in everything that she does. She successfully fought for Northeastern Connecticut during her term as the state representative for Killingly & Plainfield.
The current office-holder, Anne Dauphinais, demonstrates the politics of a TEA Party

agenda (www.qctpp.org). Her far-right agenda is too extreme and gets nothing done. Anne even voted against giving low-wage nursing home workers, who take care of our loved ones, a minimal raise.
Christine Rosati Randall has done many positive things for our communities, and we need her back in office. Anne’s doom and gloom message will not move our state in a positive direction.

ROZ CHVIEK
PLAINFIELD

A vote for Anne is a vote for all of us

To the Editor:

I met Anne Dauphinais several years ago, when I lived in Killingly. She was sitting under a tent on a hot day talking to passersby about the state of the education system in Connecticut. This was before she was even thinking of running for office. This is what sets Anne apart — she cares about this state, especially the quiet corner, and she cares about the people she now serves. She cared about the topics that affected us prior to her election and she would continue to care and work for change even if she were not in office.

servative, which this state sorely needs. She has an unrivaled moral backbone and she isn’t afraid to go against her own party if she determines that they are moving in the wrong direction. She takes the time to read the bills and to understand what is in them before she blindly votes for what seems, on the surface, to be good.

Anne is a true representative of the citizens of Northeast Connecticut whether she wears the title or not.

I strongly urge you to vote for Anne this election. A vote for Anne is a vote for all of us.

PAULETTE BLAGBURN
PUTNAM

Voting again for Anne Dauphinais

To the Editor:
My name is Travis Palonen, and I will once again be voting for Anne Dubai Dauphinais as my Representative for the 44th District in this year’s election.
I have voted for Anne in the past two elections for Representative, and I have not been disappointed. She is a true representation and voice of what constituents think and feel in her district. She fights for less regulation of, and more emphasis on, businesses in North Eastern Connecticut, specifically small businesses. This is something that many people in our area can appreciate and benefit from, especially in these tough times.
An example of this was seen in her last mailer where she visited Desjardins Farm in Plainfield. There she discussed with Michael Desjardins the hurdles they face as dairy farmers in the district, and what changes could be made to help them become more prosperous and profitable. Being that this is my family, I can assure you this was not a staged event and is a genuine example of Representative Dauphinais’ concern and presence within the district, and our state. This is just one example of her genuine desire, and drive, to move us, the district, and our state in a more prosperous and economically friendly direction.
Another great quality she possesses is that she reads and understands the bills she is voting for or against. A lot of politicians vote based on the face value of a bill, which quite often can be misleading. Representative Dauphinais constantly

sends out emails and mailers to explain what is going on in Hartford, what bills are being voted on, what they mean for us and the district, and why she voted a particular way. There are a lot of bills and issues that go though Hartford that sound great for us in the title, but Anne actually reads and understands the true context, interprets them for us, votes, and debates what is the best for us and our region of the state. To me, this is true representation, not just a knee jerk reaction to what a bill might sound like it will do for us. She asks the hard questions and demands good answers because she genuinely wants to do what is best for us, the people.

Finally, I would like to add that Anne is very personable and willing to answer anyone’s questions. She is not afraid to take a stand on an issue, but always backs it up with facts and reasons.

Anne Dauphinais is a true leader and representative. She realizes Eastern Connecticut is much different than the rest of the state, and she fights to make our voices hear in Hartford. Because of her constant presence in our community, her true representation, and her continued fight for our economic development, I am once again voting to re-elect Anne Dubai Dauphinais as my representative of the 44th District, and I hope you will too.

TRAVIS PALONEN
MOOSUP

Keep Anne Dauphinais fighting the good fight

To the Editor:
I’ve known Anne Dauphinais for several years, and in talking with her, listening to her talk to others, you can see the passion she has to keep fighting in Hartford. Being outnumbered and feeling the struggles of her constituents in her district gives her the energy to keep going back. She listens and is readily available to answer questions, explain how and why she voted as she did. She reads the bills, researches them, listens to public comment, and

the floor debate to make a well thought out decision. The name put on a bill isn’t always as it seems. Most time is like a bait and switch. Which gives the public a misconception.
Please support Anne Dauphinais, as I am, and let her keep fighting the good fight for us.

KEVIN KERTTULA
DAYVILLE

Dwelling on democracy
By Nancy Weiss

Most days, I bounce around in my listening habits from public radio to our local station, WINY. I move with a click of the dial from the wide world of foreign ports to Main Street, and from the names of the internationally famous to the names of people with whom I went to school. I like the contrast and the feeling that I am in touch with the world as well as the local school board. As I listen to both sources of news, I think about democracy.

My father and my husband both held political office, so I know first-hand what that means. For my father, a selectman and a legislator, it was part of the



NANCY WEISS

natural flow of things. When I was a child, a man who didn’t like him would sit in the barn and wait. He wasn’t dangerous, just persistent. One day, my mother had enough and flew out of the house with a broom in her hand, having failed to grab the .22 rifle that stood next to the broom. She walked into the barn, me trailing behind, and told the man to leave. She followed him out the door, holding the broom like a weapon. As far as I remember, he never set foot on our property again, but I looked for him whenever I went in the barn.

Years later, my parents long gone, my husband was elected to the legislature. He was young, energetic and represented seven towns. One day when I was alone, a car full of men drove up our long driveway. They had been drinking and they were angry because of a quarrel with a game warden. They wanted to tell my husband. I was furious. I told them to wait at the end of the road because I had my own grievances and if I got to him first, theirs would be forgotten. They sat at the entrance for some time and left. Their red faces and sense of outrage stayed in my mind.

These incidents remain clear in my memory, but they are out-weighted by the numerous times in my life when family members, who held office, were treated well. For individuals running and serving now, I hope the basic goodness in people shows through. We can’t make elected office, including boards, so unpleasant that decent people don’t want to do it.

One of my favorite writers, E.B.White was asked in 1943 to write about the meaning of democracy. Here’s part of what he said: (Democracy) “It is the line that forms on the right. It is the don’t in don’t shove. It is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust slowly trickles; it is the dent in the high hat. Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booth and the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere...”

Our area is brimming with organizations and individuals who do generous and thoughtful things just because it is the right thing to do. We know how to form a line, how not to shove and how to see through fakery. We voice our opinions, but we don’t need to do so in threatening or sneaky ways. As I listen to public radio and local radio station, I hope that in our individual lives we can treat each other with respect and embrace the privacy, communion and vitality EB White tells us is the core of democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My country, my democracy

To the Editor:
Are ‘democracy’ and ‘democratic principles’ dying words?
Are allegiance and duty only for ‘suckers and losers?’

What about Truth? Is it so variable that it can be spun into flavors and colors that only suit the moment?
Does unity matter anymore...or is division / rancor the way of our future?
In his talk, ‘Requiem for the American Dream,’ noted philosopher and MIT professor, Noam Chomsky says by marginalizing the populace...making people hate and fear each other, acting out and only looking out for ‘Number One’ ...democracy is undermined; its very fabric corroded.
Remember the days/weeks following 9/11? Our country united in solidarity...one people reaching out to help and support in any way they could. That seems so long ago. These days, we have protests in almost every major city in our nation on a daily basis. Police in riot gear and military troops retaliate in full force, reminding us of what goes on in Third World countries.

Kahlil Gibran, a great Lebanese poet, wrote, “Pity the nation divided into fragments, each fragment deeming itself a nation.”
None of us has all the answers or holds the key to our success as a people and a nation. It is said, ‘A nation, divided against itself, cannot stand.’ We need to become better stewards of our Democracy, showing tolerance and forbearance...especially to those with whom we disagree. By our very nature we humans need one another... to belong...to feel worthwhile and part of something bigger than ourselves. Let’s not take our precious Democracy...and our freedoms...for granted. In relative terms, we are a young nation, and what we have, if not valued and safeguarded, can easily slip from our grasp and be lost to us. Our stewardship and unity serve as the glue which binds and upholds us, becoming a much-needed tonic for our ailing Democracy at a time when it is sorely needed.
GLENDA RISINGER-CHAMPAGNE
POMFRET CENTER

Support Christine

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about our lack of representation here in Northeast Connecticut. State Rep. Anne Dauphinais has a voting record that is inexcusable. She is not representing the majority of our district. She is pushing her own distorted agenda on all of us. If Anne gets re-elected, Northeast Connecticut will continue to get nothing. Not only does Anne not work with the other side of the aisle, she doesn’t even work with her own party. We cannot keep complaining that we are the forgotten corner if we keep electing ineffective people, such as Anne, solely based on the “R” next to her name.

I want to thank Christine Rosati Randall, who has been making tremendous sacrifices on our behalf. Christine is running again, in a district that has just been voting republican regardless of the candidate’s qualifications or track record. I urge others to vote for Christine, the candidate that has proven herself to be an effective representative. Christine was able to get more money for our towns and schools, raises for our nursing home workers and took DEEP to task when they killed our swan. A vote for Anne is like throwing away our tax dollars that pay her salary. Can we really afford that here in the forgotten corner?
BONNI PICCIONE
KILLINGLY

Dauphinais has been a boon to local business owners

To the Editor:

As a business owner in North Eastern Connecticut, I will be voting for Anne Dauphinais. She was one of two of our local reps who made the effort to make me feel welcome in the area.

As a state representative, I think it’s very important for the candidates to be in the community and learn about those who they are serving. More than ever small businesses need support and confidence that their needs and community involvement are being heard and respected. Anne and I have had many conversations on local issues and opportunities. She is always willing to

listen to reason and fight for what she and her community believes in.

Anne has my personal number and checks in regularly to see if there is anything she needs to be aware of. I think that trust and respect are vital for our community to progress and for our opportunity to pursue happiness. A state representative should ensure that obstacles and issues are resolved for the community and businesses that they are serving. Anne has proved her worth as a state representative repeatedly. She has my vote.
KYLE PROVENCHER
PUTNAM

A vote for Dauphinais is a vote for Northeast CT

To the Editor:
A little over four and a half years ago, I received an email from the CCDL (The Connecticut Citizen Defense League). In that email, it said Anne Dauphinais was looking for people to volunteer and help with her campaign. At the time, I didn’t know Anne, but I knew that I wanted to help. I was unhappy with the way our then representative, and Anne’s current opponent, was voting with her party despite the impact it had on the tax payers of the 44th District.
Over the course of the past four years, I have found Anne to be a woman of integrity. She listens and represents all of her constituents in both Killingly and Plainfield, not just those in her party. Anne believes The Constitution

of The United States is the law of the land, ensuring our God given rights to freedom and individual liberty; especially freedom from big government.
Despite the restrictions put in place by the Governor during the pandemic, she has worked with other area representatives to make sure Northeastern Connecticut has a voice in Hartford. Anne stands up and fights for the citizens of Northeastern Connecticut. I urge you to vote to reelect State Representative Anne Dauphinais to the 44th District seat. She is a woman of integrity who fights to preserve our freedom.
HEIDI CLIFFORD
KILLINGLY

Re-elect State Sen. Dan Champagne

To the Editor:
Dan Champagne is the most qualified and experienced candidate for the 35th Senatorial District.
My support for Sen. Champagne is based on his common-sense approach to governing. Dan has worked tirelessly during these unusual and trying times helping small businesses navigate the red tape of securing Payroll Protection Loans and the many programs available to the constituents in his district.
Sen. Champagne is the Ranking Member of the Connecticut General Assembly’s Planning and Development Committee, the State Plan of Conservation and Development, and economic development programs. He also serves on the Public Safety and

Security Committee and the co-chair of the Crumbling Foundation Caucus as a board member of the Connecticut Foundation Solutions. As your state senator, Dan will continue to vote against out of control spending and taxation. He is against highway tolls; He is a staunch supporter of the good men and women of law enforcement who protect us daily. He will continue to hold, utility companies accountable when they increase our rates and will fight to lower prescription drug prices for children, adults, and seniors.
Re-elect Dan Champagne for State Senator.
MICHAEL D. GERRITTY
COVENTRY

Political truth

To the Editor:
I am greatly concerned about the perception that was left in our area that Anne Dauphinais voted against constituents struggling with high insulin costs by voting no on bill HB 6003, that capped the cost of the person’s copays of certain diabetic medications.
Copay cost does not equal the cost of the drug. Just to be clear, the copay is the cost insurance companies make their consumers (you and I) pay to get the medication using insurance benefits. The total cost of the drug is how much it costs the insurance company to buy it from the manufacturer. The cost of the drug is going to remain the same, and the cost not covered by the consumer will be shifted in some manner that will still be paid by other consumers. I would think that all of our costs and for our insurance will now rise to cover this irresponsible cap by the time the bill goes into effect, which is in 2021. Plenty of time to shift the cost.
I don’t know about you, but my health insurance costs keep rising and my coverage keeps falling. There are many, many people who have serious trouble

paying for their necessary medications and this bill does nothing to help at all. Anne works tirelessly to dig deep into legislation and find ways to help people by decreasing the number of laws impacting us negatively. Anyone reading the total bill would immediately recognize the irresponsible idea of just shifting the cost to others that also can’t afford their healthcare costs. I am further dismayed to read about the very blatant and irresponsible charge that Anne is getting some sort of monetary incentive from her legitimate work a decade ago with a pharmaceutical company in exchange for her voting no on this deceptive and ill advised legislation. Shameful conduct meant to injure Annes character and skew an election with a bald faced lie. My fellow neighbors and townspeople consider really looking into what bills are addressing completely. Read them for yourselves before believing flyers placed in our doors and mailboxes with deceitful information in them.
THERESA LACASSE, RN
DANIELSON

Dauphinais votes no to things that help everyday people

To the Editor:

In her WINY debate with Christine Rosati Randall, Anne Dauphinais justified her no vote on the bipartisan bill capping the copay cost for insulin and diabetes supplies with a bunch of talking points that big pharma uses to protect their billions of dollars in profits.
I learned that Anne voted no to giving nursing home workers a small pay raise, the people we rely upon to care for our loved ones.
Anne also voted no to holding Eversource accountable, not once, but twice. She voted yes to the Millstone bail-out which led to the spike in our Eversource bills this summer, and all

we get are a bunch of excuses. Can we really afford more excuses? Do you see a pattern here? Anne votes no to things that help everyday people and yes to big pharma and corporate profits.
We need a change. We need Christine Rosati Randall. Christine has a proven track record of fighting for us. Christine secured additional funding for our towns and schools, worked together to bring business and jobs into our towns and made retirement more affordable by exempting military pension from the state income tax. Please consider joining me in supporting Christine Rosati Randall this election.
DAVE SMITH
DANIELSON

Dauphinais puts people ahead of party

To the Editor:

I strongly support Anne Dauphinais to be re-elected as our State Representative.

Anne is doing a great job because she is very passionate about helping people. She gives her complete attention in listening to you when you have a concern or idea. I have known Anne for a few years, and I have found her to be caring and compassionate, and she follows through with what she says she will do. She has such a positive attitude for

our community with boundless energy to fight for the people. She fights for family rights and she fights mandates that make insurance premiums unaffordable.

I wish Anne the best of luck in the future. I will definitely vote for her again because she is family oriented, and thinks of the people, not just a party.

Sincerely,
NANCY OBREITER
PLAINFIELD

Pushed towards Trump

To the Editor:

As an American, I am disheartened by the division that has spread throughout this great nation. There no longer is an active discussion of ideas. Instead of having a civil conversation with one another, we have resorted to the childish act of name calling and labeling. While this is evident on both sides of the aisle, I have mainly seen it with how those on the left treat our President, Donald Trump.
Trump has constantly been asked to disavow white supremacy, despite the fact that he already has many times. People like to misquote his statement about there being good people on both sides, in regards to the tragic event that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia. However, a few lines down he clarifies his statement, by stating that the good people on both sides did not include the neo Nazis, or white supremacists. Rather, they were the American citizens who were there to peacefully pro-

test the removal of a beloved statue.
Just a few weeks ago, at the first presidential debate, he was once again asked to condemn white supremacy. In response, he asked for a particular group. When Biden asked him to condemn the Proud Boys, Trump look directly at the camera and stated, “Proud Boys, stand back and stand by.” Taken out of context, this statement appears to be the President asking them to be ready to take action. However, prior to this he stated, “I want peace.” As far as Trump was concerned, he had already condemned white supremacy; his primary purpose that night was to have Biden condemn Antifa, and the rioters and looters who have ravaged the country. While Trump made a controversial statement that could easily be misinterpreted, Biden said, “Antifa is an idea,” and did not ask his supporters to help put an end to the violence.
SETH BUDD
EASTFORD

Larry Groh’s priority is people

To the Editor:
I had become used to the look I would get from the pharmacy tech when I went to pick up my insulin.
“Are you aware of the cost for this?”
Yes, I was. And on July 23, it was just over \$400 for my monthly supply. That was the day Rep. Hayes voted against a cap on the costs that patients across the state would pay monthly for their insulin and other diabetes treatment supplies. This bill was so widely bipartisan that only four members of the house and one senator voted against it. That Rep. Hayes chose to vote against

the interests of so many of his constituents is a demonstration that his priorities are not the same as ours. I have yet to hear a satisfying response from him about this vote; he has been casual and nonchalant in answering questions about a vote that is literally can be a matter of life and death.
Larry Groh’s priorities are the people of this district, and it is why I am supporting him.
JOSEPH A. PARODI-BROWN
THOMPSON

Seniors beware!

To the Editor:
Donald Trump is assaulting Social Security and Medicare by suspending the payroll tax to the end of the year. No contributions will be made to Social Security. Can you live with a cut in benefits next year? Or Social Security unable to pay out full benefits in the future?
At a White House briefing, Trump indicated that he would terminate the payroll tax beginning next year. He would, thereby, terminate any payment into Social Security. The Social Security’s chief actuary estimated that

the Social Security Trust Fund would be empty by 2023 if the payroll tax was eliminated without revenue replacing it. This would signal the end of Social Security and Medicare. This assault affects not only seniors but all workers who will face retirement with no financial backup or basic health insurance benefits. Joe Biden pledges his support for Social Security and Medicare. Vote for a man we can trust. Vote Joe Biden for President!
CATHERINE D’AGOSTINO
BROOKLYN

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dauphinais is dangerous for Connecticut

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter to voice my concerns over our current State Representative, Anne Dauphinais. We live in a time when many of our civil servants seem to be self-servants. So it is important that we do our own homework to find out how our elected officials are voting. Here is what I found, and I think you will agree that these votes cast by Rep. Dauphinais were not in the best interest of the people that she is serving.
For instance, Anne has shown her disinterest for education by voting to cut funding for community colleges, including QVCC. She also doesn't give much thought to the elderly when she voted against protecting seniors from predatory reverse mortgage lenders. As a woman and a mother, I was extremely offended by her voting against making sure pregnant women can get health insurance coverage and she was the only female in the legislature to vote against pay equity. She also showed a disregard for our children's safety when she voted nay on a bill to keep chemicals known to cause cancer, from being used to manufacture children's toys.
Most recently, in 2020, she voted nay

on House Bill #6003. It was a bill that capped the life-saving drug, Insulin, at \$25 per month for people with diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease for young and old. It can also be deadly when not managed properly with the drug Insulin. Big pharma has been allowed to get away with murder for far too long. No one should have to choose between money for groceries or medication. Thank goodness, she was only one of four that voted that way and 142 others voted yes, so the bill passed.
If you are wondering why she would cast a nay vote for this bill, you must take into consideration that she was a Sales Rep for a pharmaceutical company. In my opinion, this makes it a "self-servant" vote. In these difficult & unprecedented times, the last thing we need is another self-servant choosing greed and their own special interests over human life.
In conclusion, I believe Anne Dauphinais is an unsafe & dangerous choice for Connecticut. If you want a true civil servant, someone who cares about education, families, our children and seniors, then vote for Christine Rosati-Randall.

MONIQUE REVELLESE
DANIELSON

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fall. Late Start classes will also be offered to help acclimate students. Likewise, students can look forward to a proliferation of additional class formats in the form of hybrid Saturday classes, which would only require students to give up one Saturday per month. QVCC also plans to offer half-semester courses, and in fall 2021 we will offer courses in a seven-week or eight-week format, allowing students to take courses like criminal justice, phlebotomy, medical assisting, and other programs that

lead to jobs in a faster timeframe.
When asked "Why should a student choose QVCC?", Cullen confidently responded, "I've been involved in education for 30-plus years, and in that time, both on a personal level and in terms of my research, the most important core ingredient is not the classroom, not the materials, not the curriculum, but the teachers. That's the magic ingredient, which we have in abundance."
Cullen continued, "We have around 700 full-time students and that kind of staff-to-student ratio doesn't

exist in many places."
In other positive news, QVCC has moved its satellite location from Windham Technical High School back to its former location at 729 Main St. in Willimantic, which is shared with EASTCONN's LEAP (Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership) Alternative School. This convenient location will offer a variety of subjects ranging from core courses in English and math to communication, art, English as a Second Language (ESL), Early Childhood Education, history, humanities, and science.

To the Editor:
I imagine determining how to vote on a proposed bill would be fairly easy for a state representative in Harford if you make your decision solely on the bill heading, and it's also easy to base a decision on the performance of a representative via their voting record using the same title only method.
State Rep. Anne Dauphinais has been put on the hot seat with her no vote on HB 6003, An Act Concerning Diabetes and High Deductible Plans...a.k.a. The Insulin Bill. The best way to counter the claims that she sold diabetics who cannot afford insulin down the drain is to use an excerpt from her Oct. 10 newsletter.
"While this title seems to provide relief for all who need it, this bill did nothing to stop, curtail or limit pharmaceutical companies from charging what it wants for insulin. The bill was a redistribution of insurance cost. This bill does nothing to lower the cost of insulin for patients and will in turn raise the insurance for everyone. (Stated by the proponent of the bill who is the House Chair of the Insurance Committee.) It is very important that while we look at a bill we go well beyond the title as there is always more than meets the eye."
"What this bill did do is cap copayments and pushed out that cost to all others who have insurance. For those that must meet high deductibles before getting the benefit of a copay and/ those that are uninsured, the cost of insulin does NOT change."
With this said, I guess you could say that instead of paying for insulin with money from your left pocket, you will now be using right pocket money.

Another example of determining how to vote based on bill heading is HB 7010 for school building projects. On the surface a no vote would say she is against learning institution improvements. Here again, I will use an excerpt from her Oct. 2 newsletter.
"H.B. #7010, which authorizes a grant for school building projects is one bill in which I opposed. Norwalk High School (which had not been vetted) was added into this bill in the final hour which doubled the bonding budget. Norwalk is Senate Majority Leader, Bob Duff's town. The total state grant commitment is anticipated to be up to \$151.2 million (half of the bonding budget) for this one school. All other schools that were included in this bill went through a proper vetting process."
"This one school doubled the bond bill and is a huge cost to the hardworking people of my district and the people of Connecticut. The plan for this school is reported to be quite elaborate with a swimming pool, tennis courts and other items which many argue are not essential, particularly in tough times such as this."
In this instance, Mr. Duff tried to slip in a special interest, sweetheart deal that would turn the facility into a country club at our expense.
All in all, I feel that Anne Dauphinais has done a good job for us. I can't find any fault with her performance and she deserves our vote for another term in Hartford to protect our interests.
Just imagine what a mess we'd be in if we based opinions on National Enquirer headlines.

JOHN YOLDA
DANIELSON

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es and rescue vehicles greatly enhances patient care over long rides to the closest hospital. Before putting the new equipment into service, Woodstock EMS hosted a training session for members of Bungay, Muddy Brook and WVFA.
The new units were purchased by the Woodstock Fire Protection Association with funds from the EMS and

Rescue Equipment line item of the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenses five-year budget plan in the Town of Woodstock's 2020-21 budget at a total cost of \$69,000.
"All of us at Bungay, Muddy Brook, WVFA, and Woodstock EMS express our thanks to the Woodstock taxpayers, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance for their support in funding these marvelous and helpful additions to the services we can now offer to our town," Bungay

Fire Brigade Chief Roy Chandler said.
The Woodstock Emergency Medical Service—provides response to medical emergencies. "First Responder" medical technicians respond directly to the scene of illnesses and accidents, rendering assistance until an ambulance arrives. Woodstock EMS medical personnel then continue providing aid in the ambulance until it reaches the hospital.

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OBITUARIES

Marlyn I. Cutler, 67

Marlyn I. Cutler, 67, of Brooklyn, CT passed away in her sleep on Friday, October 9, 2020 in Brooklyn, CT. Despite her long struggle with cancer she maintained her dignity and positive attitude and showed strength and stamina beyond human expectations. Born March 5, 1953 in Putnam, CT, daughter of the late Kenneth and Irene (Doyle) Cutler.

Marlyn was a Killingly High School graduate of 1971. She worked as a retail manager at several locations. She retired as an administrative assistant from the Killingly Water Pollution Authority. Marlyn's beloved home on Quaddick Lake was a gathering place for family and friends for all occasions. She was an expert water skier and an

avid gardener. Marlyn loved to travel and explore and would do so at every opportunity, camping whenever possible. She has vacationed in Mexico and Bahamas. She has traveled across Canada and visited 49 States many multiple times. Her favorite place to camp was Cobscook Bay, Hoh Rainforest and the Colorado National Monument.

She leaves her best friend and companion Jack Rapo of Brooklyn, CT; her sister Cheryl Desrosiers and her husband Andy of Thompson, CT; her nieces Jennifer and Elise; her nephew Alan; one great niece and three great nephews.

Funeral Services will be private. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Emily A. Belval, 30

Emily A. Belval, 30, of Tolland died unexpectedly on Saturday, October 17, 2020. The beloved daughter of Janet and Paul Belval, Emily was born in Hartford in 1990 and was raised in Wilton and Glastonbury, Connecticut. Emily had a love of animals from a very young age and leaves behind her cherished corgi Boomer. Emily also rode horses for much of her life and was on her college equestrian team. Emily held a bachelor's degree from Kaplan University and a Master's Degree and Sixth Year Certificate in School Psychology from Fairfield University. She worked as a school psychologist in the Woodstock Public Schools since 2018. Emily loved the students she worked with and delighted in their advances. Emily decorated

her office with corgi paraphernalia and formed "Club Corgi" as a means of connecting with her students. Emily will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Besides her parents, Emily is survived by her brother, Luke Belval and his wife Kimberly of Richardson, TX; her grandparents, June Belval of Framingham, MA and Richard and Lola Nagle of North Kingstown, RI, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Services for Emily will be held on Saturday, October 24 at 11 a.m. at Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road, Tolland, Connecticut. Please abide by CDC recommendations. Social distancing and masks will be mandatory. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Emily's memory can be made to Gerda's Equine Rescue, PO Box 1352, Townshend, VT 05359 or at www.gerdasequinerescue.org.

Send all obituary notices to Villager Newspapers PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline is Monday noon for Friday publication.

LEGALS

TOWN OF KILLINGLY BOROUGH OF DANIELSON TAX NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm Tuesday 9-5pm Friday 8-11

The second quarter installment of taxes becomes due on October 1, 2020, and becomes delinquent on November 3 2020 and subject to interest from the due date. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction of a month from the due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

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Dated at Killingly this 14th day of September, 2020

Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
September 25, 2020
October 9, 2020
October 23, 2020

On October 6, 2020 the duly authorized agent of the Eastford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency approved the installation of a stone pad for a 16'x20' cabin within the Upland Review area at 136A Crystal Pond Road, Map 54B, Block 5, Lot 16, located in Eastford, CT
October 23, 2020

SUGGESTED FORM OF WARNING
November 3, 2020 State Election
The Electors of the Town of Thompson are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the following purposes:
I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.
Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:
District No. 1 — Thompson Hill Fire Department, 70 Chase Road, Thompson

District No. 2 — Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale

District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug

District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson

****Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:**

Town Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this day of 23rd of October, 2020.

Renee Waldron

Town Clerk

October 23, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On October 13, 2020, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for the following applications: #09-20-28 — Eva Spalding, 39 Walker Lane — Rebuild single family home in upland review area. #10-20-30 — Jarrod and Jodi Fowler, 19 Redhead Hill Road — Map 5169, Block 14, Lot 01 — new home construction, septic system, and driveway in upland review area.
October 23, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On October 9, 2020 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued with conditions: **WAA20004** Richard T. Audet, 50 Wrightson Dr, Assessor's map 143, block 17, lot 18, construct 20' X 24' shed on piers in the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir; **WAA20023**, Thomas Murray, 0 Sand Dam Rd., Assessor's map 114, block 24, lot 60B discharge of footing drain associated with the construction of new single-family home; **WAA20024**, Thomas Murray, 0 Sand Dam Rd., Assessor's map 114, block 24, lot 60C construct new single-family home, driveway and footing

drain portions of which are located in the 100-foot upland review area, and **WAA20032**, David Poplawski, 1247 Thompson Rd (Assessor's map 116, block 24, lot 12), reconstruct single family home, septic system & driveway in 100-foot upland review area.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent

October 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edith K Klemark (20-00327) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 13, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
ALYSON RALEMAN, BORNER
SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET,
PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
October 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF William E. Owen (20-00350) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, 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:
Jamie Greer,
c/o JOSEPH ROBERT BASCETTA,
BASCETTA, KEARNS & ASSOCIATES LLC, 1331 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY, WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109
October 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jeannette H. Rivers (20-00354) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree

dated October 13 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Robert Rivers,
c/o THOMAS BORNER,
155 PROVIDENCE STREET,
PO BOX 166,
PUTNAM, BORNER, CT 06260,
(860)928-2429
October 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Peter M White (20-00334) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 13, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Carol Laliberty,
326 Providence Pike,
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October 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Howard A. Smith (20-00343) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 1, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Kevin Lestage,
c/o JAYME E STAMPER (attorney for Kevin Lestage), LAW OFFICE OF WEISS & STAMPER LLC, 133 SCHOOL STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239, (860)774-4163.
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Courtesy

LOCAL MARTIAL ARTS STUDENTS RECEIVE JUNIOR BLACK BELTS

Students from Quest Martial Arts in Thompson were recently promoted to junior black belt. Vinny DiMeglio and Olivia Orthmann were promoted by Master Mike Bogdanski and Master Duethorn. The school has recently relocated to Thompson, and has been a part of Northeast Connecticut for more than 35 years.



Woodstock Academy Sports Roundup

CENTAURS REMAIN PERFECT ON SOCCER PITCH; FIELD HOCKEY HONORS KILLINGLY MOTHER



Woodstock players Meg Preston, Eliza Dutson, Lizzie Silberman and Olivia Ott are styling and profiling in their Play Pink, Play 4 The Cure game jerseys.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — What a difference a year makes. If 2020, COVID-19, and the global pandemic has taught us anything, it has taught us that.

On the soccer pitch at Woodstock Academy, however, it's been all good for the Centaurs' undefeated boys' soccer team, which has scored 35 goals and allowed just one in victories over Ellis Tech, Windham Tech, Killingly, Tourtellotte and Putnam.

Woodstock improved to 5-0 on Oct. 14, defeating visiting Putnam, 6-0. Eric Phongsa and Huck Gelhaus, fittingly, both scored in the game as the pair are among the team's top goal scorers and points leaders.

Phongsa, a senior, leads the way with seven goals and four assists, but he is followed closely by junior Ty Morgan (six goals,

one assist), and seniors Gelhaus (five goals, two assists) and Richie Hickson (four goals, four assists).

The 2020 season has been quite a contrast to 2019, which concluded with a 1-12-3 mark.

"We're playing well. Last year we really struggled to get anybody to score and now it seems that everybody can," said Centaurs' coach Paul Rearden, whose roster includes a dozen seniors. "The goals are being shared. I'm really happy with that."

"Eric and Ty are our starting strikers," Rearden said. "Eric scored some goals for us the last few years, so we knew what we were going to get from him. Ty is a bit younger and he's done a great job this year. I think he's got a bright future for us. Huck is a defensive midfielder for us, but he's a quality play-

er who knows the game."

Rearden said he has been pleased with the play of his defense in front of goalies Zach Roethlein and Colin Manuilow, both juniors, and sophomore Brian Jameson. All three are all playing in a rotation that includes time for all of them as field players as well.

"Last year we only had a few natural defenders, but this year we've got more than enough," Rearden said. "It's a deeper squad than last year and more balanced. Last year we had a ton of mid-field players but not very many strikers and not very many defenders."

"The lack of depth last year showed, not in our performance, but in the results. We struggled to put the ball in the back of the net, and we struggled a little bit defensively," Rearden continued. "Most of our games last year were one- or two-



Courtesy — Lauren Gagnon

Hailey Cournoyer, left, and her mom Nicole huddle up with Woodstock's Meg Preston, right, during the Centaurs' Play Pink, Play 4 The Cure festivities.

goal games. Each of those games that we lost or tied we could have easily won if we just finished our chances and not made mental mistakes in the box."

Girls' Soccer

The Centaurs' won the only game they played in the second full week of October, shutting out Putnam, on the road, 5-0, on Oct. 15. Senior Peyton Saracina led 4-1 Woodstock to its fourth straight win by scoring a pair of goals. Both junior Stella Brin and sophomore Grace Gelhaus recorded a goal and an assist in the victory.

Saracina has scored a team-leading nine goals this season while Gelhaus has scored three times and set up five others.

Boys' Cross-Country

Two races, two wins. That is the running resume of the Centaurs' Ethan Aspiras so far in 2020. Aspiras led Woodstock to its second straight win, 15-50 over Parish Hill, on Oct. 10. The senior covered the Pirates' 3.02-mile home course in 17 minutes, 42 seconds, which was 94 seconds faster than the race runner-up.

Sophomores Vince Bastura (19:14) and Max Aufer (20:11) finished second and third for the Centaurs while junior Seamus Lippy (20:17) was

fourth and another sophomore, Adam Thompson (20:22), was fifth.

Girls' Cross-Country

The Centaurs improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 15-49 sweep over Parish Hill in Chaplin.

Brooke Bergevin cruised to the win — her second of the season — by successfully navigating a course that is a mix of pavement, grass, roots and rocks and is known at the Trail at the Hill, finishing in 20 minutes, 52 seconds. The sophomore was followed by senior Iris Bazinet, sophomore Tessa Brown, junior Leah Castle, and sophomore Avery Mowrey.

Field Hockey

The 3-2 Centaurs defeated Killingly, 4-1, on Saturday, Oct. 10, thanks to a pair of goals by senior Olivia Ott and one each by senior Alexia Adams and junior Elaina Borski. The real story of the game, however, happened off the field.

Prior to the game, which was Woodstock's Play Pink, Play 4 The Cure event in honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Centaurs honored Nicole Cournoyer, the mom of Killingly field hockey player Hailey Cournoyer, who is battling breast cancer.

Woodstock players wore pink game jerseys

to commemorate the event and they presented Nicole Cournoyer with an Italian-dinner themed gift basket, complete with gift cards to local restaurants. In addition, the Centaurs are raising money for the Cournoyers through the proceeds of their pre-packaged concessions that are being sold at home games the remainder of the season.

It was Woodstock senior Meg Preston, who is a family friend of the Cournoyers, who suggested to Centaurs' coach Lauren Gagnon the idea of playing the game in Nicole Cournoyer's honor.

"We play Killingly four times this year," Gagnon said. "Souki [Syharat, the Killingly coach] and I are close colleagues. So, we [the Centaurs] knew it was really important to help them out in whatever small way we could."

Woodstock improved to 3-1 two days later with a 1-0 road win over Waterford that was played in a rainstorm. With three minutes to play The Centaurs scored the only goal of the game on a penalty corner that was started by senior Eliza Dutson, who inserted the ball to classmate Rachel Canedy. Canedy passed the ball to Dutson, who crossed it into the middle to Ott who redirected it into the net.



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