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Preserving Pomfret's past one workshop at a time

BY DONNA DUFRESNE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

POMFRET — On Oct. 23, Pomfret Historical Society hosted a day-long symposium as part of the Waking the Dead workshop series, funded by a grant from CT Humanities. The workshop began at the Rectory School Tang Auditorium, with four presentations in the fields of archaeology, gravestone restoration and repair. This was the second workshop in the series which looks at local history, particularly the untold stories of Native Americans and enslaved Africans, through four different lenses.

The symposium on Oct. 23 examined local history through the lens of material culture and how archaeological research, including investigations in cemeteries and burial grounds inform the story. Presenters included Dr. Sarah Sportman, CT State Archaeologist; Dr. Nick Bellantoni, State Archaeologist Emeritus; Ruth Shapleigh Brown, CT Gravestone Network; Michael Carroll, and Keegan Day of the non-profit gravestone restoration group, Rediscovering History.

Archaeologists Sarah Sportman and Nick Bellantoni gave an excellent overview of how artifacts and material culture can provide information about an individual's social stature and economic status, giving insight into who they were as a person and what mattered to them. They also explained how ground penetrating radar (GPR) can inform the scant written histories of underserved communities. GPR has helped to verify folkloric history of Native American and African descent burials in several investigations, including the Randall/Botham burial ground. Although that GPR survey cannot verify the unmarked graves as the enslaved Randalls, it does reinforce the oral history that there are unmarked burials in the



graveyard where Randall's slaves are supposed to be buried.

Dr. Bellantoni expanded upon the archaeological research conducted throughout CT on African American communities from the 18th and 19th centuries. Both renowned archaeol-

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Killingly set for competitive election

BY JASON BLEAU
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KILLINGLY — The town of Killingly will feature possibly the most competitive election slate in the Quiet Corner on Election Day 2021 as both the Republic and Democratic parties have put forward candidates for consideration for every available position on the ballot.

The Town Council will, of course, be the main focus of the day but the Board of Education, which has top billing on the ballot, will also be one to watch. The candidates for Town Council are, of course, split between at-large candidates and district-specific candidates among the five voting districts in the town. In District 1, Arlene Gauthier represents the Democratic party and incumbent Tammy Wakefield represents the Republicans. District 2 features longtime incumbent Democratic candidate Ed Grandelski, the only Democrat on the current Town Council, challenged by Republican Lisa Grinsell-Danburg. In District 3 Democrat Adam Reynolds challenges incum-

bent Republican Ulla Tiik-Barclay for the seat and in District 4 Democrat Teresa M. Barton is challenging Republican incumbent Kevin Kerttula. Rounding out the district candidates in District 5 is Democrat Andrew Luneau challenging Republican incumbent Raymond Wood, II who moves from an at-large candidate to a district candidate for the new election cycle.

The at-large candidates feature several newer names seeking one of four seats on the Town Council. Current Council Chair Jason Anderson and Patti Larrow George are the incumbent Republicans on the ballot for the at-large seats with fellow GOP representatives Michelle Murphy and Andrew Whitehead joining them. The Democrats challenging them are Joseph Zornado, Michael Hewko, Angela Perez and Maria Marcotte.

The Board of Education also contains a full slate with three Republicans, three Democrats and even a petitioning candidate on the ballot with voters choosing three from the

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Defense, goaltending shine for Centaurs in field hockey loss to East Lyme

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy field hockey team saw its modest two-game winning streak snapped on Thursday, Oct. 21, by East Lyme High, which defeated the Centaurs, 2-0, on the Bentley Athletic Complex's turf field.

With the win East Lyme improved to 6-5-2 overall and 6-3-1 in Eastern Connecticut Conference play. Woodstock Academy dropped to 3-8-2 (3-5-2 ECC) with the loss. Leading up to their game with the Vikings the Centaurs defeated Norwich Free Academy, 4-2, on Tuesday, Oct. 19, and Waterford High, 1-0,

on Monday, Oct. 18.

Against East Lyme the Centaurs controlled play for long stretches in the first half, but could not take advantage of any of their several scoring chances, including a pair of penalty

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Woodstock Academy's upper-classmen (left to right) Donela Perzichino, Tegan Perry, Sofia Murray, Elaina Borski, Eliza Simpson and Julia Powell pose for a picture following Senior Day festivities on Saturday, Oct. 23.



Woodstock election sees Selectman, Board of Ed and Treasurer contests

BY JASON BLEAU
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WOODSTOCK — A contested First Selectman race, a full slate of nominees for Board of Education and a Town Treasurer contest highlight Woodstock's election ballot for 2021. Those three positions will certainly be the center of attention as voters take to the polls in November to choose the new leadership for Woodstock for the next two years.

The Republican party has put forth a pair of familiar names for the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Republican First Selectman John Swan is running for another term alongside current selectman and his 2019 running mate Chandler Paquette while the pair are challenged by Democratic First Selectman nominee Charlene Perkins Cutler and another incumbent selectman, Democrat Greg Kline.

The Board of Education also features a

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QVCC celebrates 50 years

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College celebrated fifty years of serving the communities of Northeast Connecticut on Thursday, Oct. 21. Following campus COVID-19 protocols, more than 130 faculty, staff, emeritus faculty and staff, and community members were able to gather for this special occasion.

The evening featured remarks from Governor Ned Lamont, Terrence Cheng - President CT State Colleges and Universities, Robert Steinmetz - Regional President, CT Community Colleges, Diane Williams - QVCC President Emeritus, and Karen Hynick QVCC CEO. State Senator Mae Flexer and State Representative Pat Boyd presented a Connecticut State Legislature Proclamation to QVCC commemorating 50 years of service to Northeast Connecticut.

The highlight of the event included the recognition of "Five Champions of QVCC." The Five Champions were selected from more than 30 nominations. Whether in a classroom setting, in a student support role, in a peer role or as a community member, champions advocate for our students,

and the college's mission. They tirelessly work for the betterment of our institution and have helped us to be a model for the state of Connecticut and beyond. Whether their presence was felt fifty years ago or today, they made impact on the history of the college.

The Five Champions: Joy Chartier '78 - Joy is not only a graduate but former QVCC employee. She was known as the backbone of QVCC and many said that if no one in administration was around Joy could run the College. Joy worked at QVCC in Student Services and served on the QVCC Foundation, where she is a Foundation Member Emeritus.

Gary and Karen Osbrey - Gary and Karen are the owners of WINY Radio in Putnam. They work tirelessly as advocates for the communities in Northeast Connecticut. There is rarely an event in the region that the Osbrey's are not in attendance or participating in some fashion. As a friend of the College, they provide a free monthly spot on the GaryO morning show for the Foundation, provide live broadcasts during campus events, and always promote the

College, students, and faculty and staff. Karen is the longest serving member of the QVCC Foundation and former QVCC Foundation President.

Lynn Pasquerella '78 - Lynn was a first-generation college student at QVCC. Encouragement by faculty members pushed her to further her education and she attended Mount Holyoke College. She received a full fellowship at Brown University where she earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1985. Lynn has spent her career in higher education serving in roles at the University of Rhode Island, University of Hartford, president of Mount Holyoke, and currently is the President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Lynn has never forgotten QVCC and the foundation the college provided for her. With her husband, they endowed a scholarship with the QVCC Foundation benefiting students pursuing Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Denise Walsh '90 - Denise is a Professor of Mathematics at QVCC. She served as the Faculty Representative to the QVCC Foundation for many years, volunteers at Foundation



Photo Courtesy

The Five Champions - Lynn Pasquerella, Monique Wolanin, Joy Chartier, Gary Osbrey, Karen Osbrey and Denise Walsh.

events, and is the department chair of Mathematics. Denise works tirelessly with students and is seen year-round on the campus. Former student Sean Gilmartin nominated Denise. He noted the impact she had on him with demystifying math and after accepting a high school teaching position, she was the first person he called for advice.

Monique Wolanin - Monique has served at the Director of Institutional Advancement for thirteen years and is known as the face of the College in the community. Since she has taken the reigns of the Foundation, the

Foundation has grown to be one of the largest Foundations of the Twelve Community Colleges in the state. She has introduced new learning opportunities and fundraising events for the community including Perspectives and Visions in Leadership speaker series, The QVCC Spelling Bee, and Tackle the Trail™. Monique has served on numerous boards in Northeast Connecticut including the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center, Day Kimball Women's Board, and the Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut.

Pomfret Forest Trail System open to public

POMFRET — On Oct. 17, Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson and Quiet Corner NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) officially opened the new multi-use trail system at Pomfret Forest. The day's event was geared to mountain bikers—the user group that has volunteered more than 1,200 hours since this April to build almost 8 miles of trail to be enjoyed by all in the community and the region. QC NEMBA's event welcomed riders from 4 states to visit Pomfret. Almost 150 mountain bikers of all ability levels had an amazing time, rolling through the Town's beautiful property.

This event was part of The Last Green Valley's "Walktober" series and the annual fundrais-

er for this small but active chapter of NEMBA. On a donation basis, participants gave almost \$1,600 to the chapter to continue its work in northeastern Connecticut to "Ride, Preserve & Build" in accordance with the non-profit organization's mission. Participants were treated to offerings from generous local sponsors, including apples from Lapsley Orchard, donuts and coffee from Baker's Dozen, snacks from FritoLay, plus gift certificates and "swag" for a drawing from Pedal Power Willimantic, Grill 37, The Vanilla Bean Café, Pizza 101, Watercure Farm Distillery, Bear Hands Brewing, Greg Kalafus, and Putnam Cyclery—which also donated time on-site at the event for mechanical sup-

port. Gwyn Careg Inn graciously provided overflow parking. QC NEMBA wants to ensure that visitors to Pomfret Forest support local business.

Pomfret Forest is open to hikers, trail runners, dog walkers (on leash), mountain bikers and equestrians. The 150-acre parcel of land on Wolf Den Road near Gwyn Careg Inn was recently acquired by the Town of Pomfret, which has partnered with QC NEMBA to let them build almost eight miles of trails in a wooded setting adjacent to the Air Line Trail State Park. Trail users can navigate using the TrailForks.com phone app (search for Pomfret Forest) or just wander and explore the scenic property. Trails are currently unmarked but will eventually be blazed and the property will offer kiosks with a map and user group information.

"This is a unique opportunity to provide additional trails for recreational use of all types. Thanks to NEMBA, mountain bike / multi use trails are a new—and very popular—addition to our trail system and puts us on the map as a destination," says Nicholson. "We have seen unprecedented trail activity over the past 18 months, and I believe people will continue to enjoy Pomfret's outdoor activities for the foreseeable future."


Hikers and nature lovers can now experience a previously inaccessible area of beauti-



ful deciduous forest, groves of mountain laurel plus interesting plantings, specimen trees, and historical artifacts from the property's history as part of the Gwyn Careg Estate. Novice mountain bike riders can enjoy winding trails with limited elevation and "go-arounds" at features. Advanced mountain bikers will love fun, hand-built challenges at Pomfret Forest such as skinnies, bridges, berms, rocky ridges and rollers. Direct access to the Airline Trail through Pomfret Forest allows trail users to also enjoy more than miles of gravel rail trail plus the ability to reach trails in Natchaug and Goodwin State Forests for a truly epic adventure.

Quiet Corner NEMBA is grateful to the dedication of their many volunteers, who did an incredible amount of work in just six months, and to NEMBA for a Signature Trail Grant, which made the trail build possible. They also thank the Town of Pomfret for supporting the preservation of open space, passive recreation, and outdoor fun for the community and visitors.

For more information about Quiet Corner NEMBA, visit www.nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba. To support the chapter, please donate to QC NEMBA's PayPal through Trailforks: <https://www.trailforks.com/region/windham-county-8905/karma/>.




The Woodstock Town Hall is proud to welcome Robert Mancini as our Veterans Service Officer.

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full slate of nominees from each party, including a third-party petitioning candidate as nominees look for fill one of two available seats. Kate McDonald and Emily Green Hayden will represent the Democrats on the ballot while D a r y l Manbeck

and incumbent Amy Vinal represent the Republicans for the available seats. Third-party option Orlon A. Newall-Vuillemot will also be an option as a petitioning candidate. The ballot also features a contest to fill a vacancy on the board. Democrat Jessica Weaver Boose and Republican Alan Barker, a current board member, will be the nominees for that line.

Looking at the contest for Town Treasurer, Republican incumbent Barry Shead will

have some competition from Democrat Rebecca Hyde capping off the major contested battles in town. The only other contested battle on the ballot is for a Board of Finance Alternate with Republican Julie Marcotte and Democrat Suzanne Woodward as the options. The ballot will also fill vacancies for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Assessment Appeals, Board of Finance, Town Clerk and another Board of Finance Alternate post with all of those elections featuring just enough candidate to fill the available seats.

Election Day is Nov. 2. Information on voting locations and times can be found on the Town Clerk page of the Town of Woodstock Web site.

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Country Living At Westview Commons’ Educational Series begins

DAYVILLE — Dr. Joe Botta of Dr. Joseph J. Botta and Associates has provided numerous informational lectures to Westview Health Care Center over the years, and on Thursday, Oct. 21, he further propelled this excellent educational series by offering the first installment of his expertise to the residents of Country Living at Westview Commons.

Along with fellow medical practice associate Dr. David Candow, Dr. Botta delivered a lecture titled: “Seniors and Medication” to a highly interested audience in the Great Room at Westview Commons. The two doctors spoke at the new independent and assisted living facility located in Dayville, to highlight some of their experiences as health care providers in an evolving medical era. Dr. Botta made sure that he imparted his statements with caution to both residents and staff of the Westview Commons community by reminding the listeners that they should always consult with all of their health care providers about their medicinal intake. Throughout the hour-plus lecture, Dr. Botta and Dr. Candow engaged the audience of Westview Commons residents with optimistic insights for health and wellness.

Both Dr. Botta and Dr. Candow performed with great camaraderie and comfort as they delivered their messages to the Westview Commons community. The two physicians shared speaking opportunities and put an emphasis on their respective messages; consistently opening their dialogue to field questions from the audience. Residents of Country Living at Westview Commons were delighted to have this forum with Dr. Botta and Dr. Candow and they are excited for future installments of the Westview Commons educational series.

Confirmation of the high quality dia-

logue that Dr. Botta and Dr. Candow shared with residents at Westview Commons was additionally certified through the impression left with Westview Commons’ Executive Vice President David T. Panteleakos:

“Dr. Botta has delivered countless hours of his medical expertise to audiences at Westview Health Care Center over the years, and we are now privileged to share his insights with the community of Country Living at Westview Commons.”

Mr. Panteleakos continued: “This discussion enlightened our residents about the ways they should communicate with their own health care providers about medications and we thank Dr. Botta and Dr. Candow for bringing their knowledge to Westview Commons. This inaugural lecture is the first of many in our learning in retirement series, and we greatly look forward to illuminating more topics in health-care, finance, civic engagement, local history, natural surroundings, and much more for the residents of Country Living at Westview Commons.”

Country Living at Westview Commons is a 75-unit independent and assisted living community conveniently located in picturesque Northeastern Connecticut. Affiliated with Westview Health Care Center, a nationally-ranked nursing facility according to CMS and US News and World Report for the past 13 years consecutively, Westview Commons is a 115,000 square foot catered living facility dedicated to a genuine 5-star experience including outstanding service, culinary expertise, and professional in-house entertainment. Located in Dayville, Westview Commons combines convenience, tranquility and comfort; providing a lifestyle that seniors deserve.



Local residents make Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON, Mass. — The following local students have made the Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Summer 2021 semester.

- * Stephen Gagnon of Pomfret Center
- * Nathan Deluca of Woodstock

Wentworth Institute of Technology Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked

university offering career-focused education through bachelor’s and graduate degree programs in areas including engineering, architecture, computer and data science, life sciences, management, and design. Its 31 acres are situated in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, Mass., within walking distance of leading several cultural, educational, sports, and medical hubs. Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs, hands-on learning approach, and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

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Jeffrey Marcotte, treasurer

Woodstock FD to host annual toy collection

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Fire Department will hold its 16th Annual Toy Collection Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at WVFA Station 76, 399 Route 169, Woodstock.

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selection. The Democrats include Lacey Luneau, Jennifer Horner and Susan Lannon while the Republican candidates are Janice Joly, Kelly Martin, and incumbent Kyle Nipierata. Brandon Cooper-Geudreau is running as a petitioning third-party candidate. The final contest of the evening is for a single Board of Assessment Appeals seat with Democrat Nancy Grandelski competing against incumbent Republican candidate Kevin Gaudreau.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2. Information on voting locations and times can be found on the Town Clerk page of the Town of Killingly Web site.

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Country Living At Westview Commons names Employee of the Month



Hannah Deojay

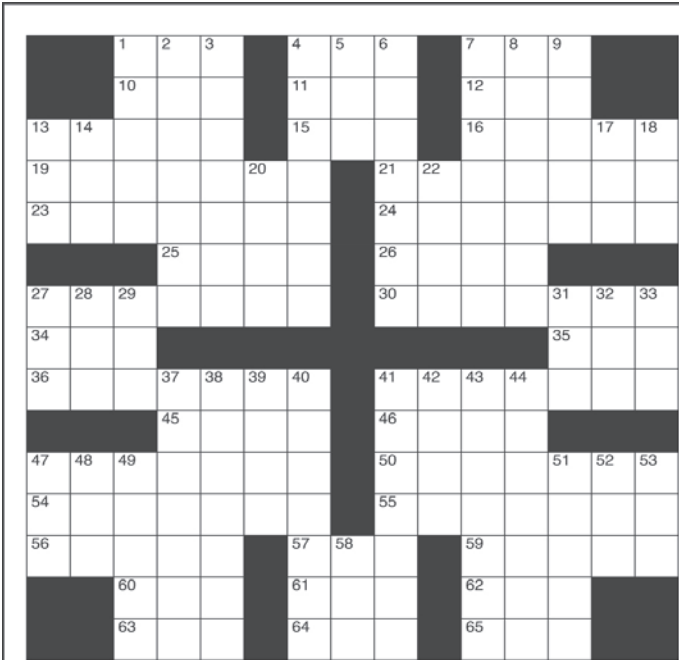
DAYVILLE — Hannah Deojay was named September’s Employee of the Month in the setting of Country Living at Westview Commons. Deojay performs her duty as a member of the Westview Commons’ support services staff, and she fulfills a range of responsibilities in that role; striving to help Westview Commons residents to navigate their daily lives with ease. She is known for being a meticulous housekeeper, literally and figuratively sweeping residents’ units from top to bottom during weekly cleanings.

Hannah is called upon by residents to address other needs in their living spaces as well and she possesses a wealth of knowledge regarding interior furnishings and appliances. Considering the 115,000 square-feet of space that makes up Country Living at Westview Commons, Hannah plays a vital role in making sure that the facility presents its residents with the lifestyle they deserve in all of their individual and common spaces. In the past, Deojay has performed a role as a Personal Care Assistant for people in

their home settings. When she learned about the opportunities available at Westview Commons, she became excited about the many ways that her combination of skills could help residents at the Dayville independent and assisted living facility. In conjunction with her role as a support services specialist, Hannah has received an education through Westview Health Care Center’s Nurse Aide training program and gained certification as a CNA in August. Hannah appreciates having completed the clinical training hours for this program at Westview Health Care Center where she had the ability to work alongside colleagues with decades of experience in the skilled nursing field. As a member of the Westview Commons staff, she brings this collective knowledge to her daily role maintaining the destination’s appearance and experience. Deojay is the proud mother of six children: Heaven, Dublin, Serenity, Luckian, Silas, and Geraldine. With her sons and daughters ranging from 1 year old to 16 years old, she works hard to encourage their various educational and extracurricular interests. Among her children’s athletic pursuits are football, basketball, softball, baseball, and the martial art of jiu-jitsu. Beyond these skills, she loves to see her children’s abilities as musical performers; writing their own

material as well as playing live-ly covers of favorite tunes. In addition to being very knowledgeable and helpful regarding the maintenance of locations and furnishings within Westview Commons, she also pursues the improvement of furniture in her free time. She has a passion for restoring and refinishing household pieces, and some of her favorite projects involve reworking furniture elements that were not originally grouped together in order to give them a unified appearance. Deojay enjoys developing these personally innovative types of bedroom sets, and she especially likes to use chalk paint and wax as surface coatings. The pride that Deojay has for her job is shown through her dedicated efforts as well as her comments upon receiving the Westview Commons Employee of the Month award: “It’s an honor to be chosen for this recognition because I have so much respect for everyone I work with. Members of my own family have worked at Westview before me, and all of the staff at Westview Health Care Center and Country Living at Westview Commons embrace the feeling of one big, connected family. That lifts me up, and so do our wonderful residents at Westview Commons. They make my job joyful and I am happy to help them in any way possible.” Executive Director of

Westview Commons, Donna Copeland, emphasizes Hannah’s Employee of the Month award with high praise, commenting “Hannah’s versatile knowledge of housekeeping, hospitality, and health care are major assets that contribute to our independent and assisted living community here.” Copeland further acknowledged Deojay’s success is a result of her cheerful, outgoing ways: “She is well known and well celebrated by our residents at Westview Commons and I love observing her kind-hearted interactions with them.” Country Living at Westview Commons is a 75-unit independent and assisted living community conveniently located in picturesque Northeastern Connecticut. Affiliated with Westview Health Care Center, a nationally-ranked nursing facility according to CMS and U.S. News and World Report for the past 13 years consecutively, Westview Commons is a 115,000 square foot catered living facility dedicated to a genuine 5-star experience including outstanding service, culinary expertise, and professional in-house entertainment. Located in Dayville, Westview Commons combines convenience, tranquility and comfort; providing a lifestyle that seniors deserve.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Pouch

4. Cooling device

7. Corporate exec (abbr.)

10. Antidiuretic hormone

11. South American plant

12. Adult female bird

13. Type of snake

15. Soak in water

16. Emerge

19. Church tower

21. Having solidified from lava

23. Eye parts

24. Natural

25. Swiss river

26. Require to live

27. Obstruct

30. Immobile

34. Expression of satisfaction
35. Moved quickly

36. Popular cocktail

41. Dish detergent brand

45. Waxed finish

46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range

47. A place to get clean

50. Able to be rescued

54. Large, open grassland

55. Expressions for humorous effect

56. Hindu goddess

57. Beverage container

59. Long narrow hilltop

60. Sir (abbr.)

61. Data executive

62. Doctor of Education

63. Car mechanics group

64. Autonomic nervous system

65. “The Partridge Family” actress

CLUES DOWN

1. Cavalry-sword

2. Gland above the kidneys

3. Hat

4. Predict

5. A team’s best pitcher

6. Countries

7. Substitutions

8. Peruses again

9. Popular food

13. Reciprocal of a sine

14. Of or relating to the ears

17. ___ juris: Independent

18. Keyboard key

20. Fat from a pig

22. AC manufacturer

27. Organization of N. and S. American countries

28. 22nd star of a constellation

29. Scoundrel

31. A way to save money
32. Boy or young man

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Egg-laying mammal

38. Salt of citric acid

39. Barbary sheep

40. Actress ___ de Mornay

41. Gambling hotspots

42. Wing-shaped

43. Basked in

44. Poison

47. Beats per minute

48. Macaws

49. Military vehicles

51. Elderly woman

52. Body part

53. Midway between east and southeast

58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

Eastern professor co-authors two books on inequality and implicit bias in education

WILLIMANTIC — Theresa Bouley, professor of education at Eastern Connecticut State University, recently co-authored two books on the socioeconomics of education. Titled “The Economic and Opportunity Gap: How Poverty Impacts the Lives of Students” and “Implicit Bias: An Educator’s Guide to the Language of Microaggressions,” the books represent more than 20 years of research in what Bouley calls the “manifestations of my life’s work.” Published by the Rowman & Littlefield publishing company, “The Economic and Opportunity Gap” examines children and

families living in poverty and offers advice to teachers on how to apply inclusive practices in their classrooms. “Implicit Bias” brings attention to the biases and microaggressions that students of different backgrounds face. The book highlights race, gender, LGBTQ+ involvement, religion, socioeconomic status and other various identities among students so that educators can effectively respond and eliminate biases and microaggression within their classroom. According to the database company Statista, in 2018 the United States had the third highest child poverty rate in the

world. “Educators need to know how to best support the needs of children and their families living in poverty,” said Bouley. “They need to be aware of how poverty impacts learning and how their biases, assumptions or judgements may be transmitted in their teaching practice.” Bouley’s teaching approach combines social and racial justice with culturally responsive teaching in her classroom. “I want my students and teachers to see themselves as advocates for all students and families,” said Bouley. “To do this they need to know how to be culturally aware and competent, and be skilled at creating inclusive, safe environments for all students.” Bouley is the president of the Connecticut chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), a non-profit organization that advocates for equity and social justice through education. As a teacher, her main focus is to bring attention to topics such as gender, sexuality, environmental education and the inclusion of LGBTQ+ students and families.

Bouley urges teachers to pay attention to their own assumptions and know the signs that are biased and micro aggressive. “While all students and families experience microaggressions at some time or other, students who live in poverty and students of color or students with varying abilities or on the LGBTQ+ spectrum all experience microaggressions more commonly than their peers,” said Bouley. “Educators must see themselves as not simply caring, empathetic or supportive of children living in poverty, but feel empowered to work together to change the education system’s policies that lead to inequity and perpetuate the opportunity gap.” Bouley sees diversifying the teaching force and providing professional development on implicit bias as two primary ways to create a more equitable and safe learning environment for all students. “My immediate plan is to provide professional development in local schools on implicit bias and ways to best support students and families living in poverty,” she said.

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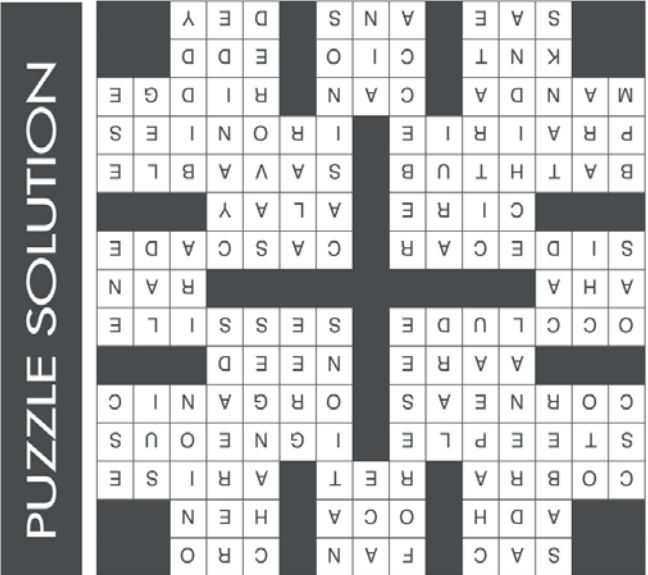
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Doll donation delivers joy to Westview residents



DAYVILLE — Recently, local resident Amanda Whitaker donated a set of lifelike baby dolls to Westview Health Care Center’s Therapeutic Recreation Department to provide a realistic feeling of human contact to the residents at the Dayville skilled nursing facility. At a time when many inter-generational interactions are challenging for seniors and the rest of their families, these dolls can provide a safe and

easy way for Westview residents to once again experience the delight of holding an infant. In her own life, these dolls have contributed feelings of parental pride and joy to Amanda at times when she needed that emotional support. Whitaker watched proudly as she presented Westview’s Therapeutic Recreation Department with her gift and enjoyed witnessing the immediate happiness that the dolls generated for the Westview community. Regarding her discovery of these dolls and her contribution to Westview, Whitaker commented: “I started to learn about these dolls through the internet and ordered a couple so that I could experience the benefits that many of the online reviewers suggested these dolls could provide. I found that their life-like appearance, body weight, and the texture of their skin

and hair offered me a sense of motherly responsibility when I would hold them. When I began to think about how they could also provide this feeling of family love to some of our community’s seniors, I reached out to Westview to coordinate this donation and I was so pleased to personally bring in the dolls. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents holding the dolls was the gift that I received that day.” David Panteleakos, Administrator of Westview Health Care Center, appreciates the thoughtfulness of Whitaker’s gift and the special moments that these dolls provide for Westview residents. “Amanda’s generosity in sharing these dolls with Westview is a wonderful gesture,” Mr. Panteleakos remarked. “Holding a baby is a guaranteed method of providing joy to our residents. By donating these dolls, she has

also donated hours of shared smiles, warm feelings, and loving conversations between the residents and staff of Westview Health Care Center.” Westview Health Care Center is a 103-bed inpatient skilled nursing facility, which includes a distinct and self-contained 28-bed sub acute short term rehabilitation unit and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies including: Sports Medicine, Adolescent/Pediatric, Adult, and Aquatic Outpatient Centers, all dedicated to providing outstanding quality health care services. The Dayville, Connecticut facility is consistently ranked among the top nursing facilities in the nation, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as U.S. News and World Report, consecutively for the past 13 years.

Selectman, Board of Ed races highlight Putnam election

BY JASON BLEAU
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PUTNAM – The 2021 election in Putnam will be an uneventful one for the town’s top position of Mayor, but competition elsewhere on the ballot still makes this an important election for voters to choose the new leadership for the next two years. Sitting Putnam Mayor Norman “Barney” Seney is the only candidate for Mayor in 2021 with four of his fellow Republicans on the ballot for four seats on the Board of Selectmen along with two Democrats and a petitioning third-party candidate. Incumbent GOP candidates Jeffrey Rawson, Roy Simmons and State Representative Rick Hayes are all returning for a potential new term on the board while Michael Paquin is the new name on the Republican line. With longtime Democratic Selectman Owen Tarr choosing not to seek reelection incumbent Scott Pempek is the familiar name on the Democratic line for selectman joined by Gloria Marion seeking her first term as a selectman. John P. Miller rounds out the Board of Selectmen options as a third-party petitioning candidate. The Board of Education features an equally contested election with four Republicans and three Democrats seeking four seats on the board. Incumbent Democrats Carrie Blackmer and Lauren Konicki are joined by Chad Neal on the Democratic Party line while the Republicans have put forth incumbents James Purdon, III and Peggy McHugh as well as Laurie LaBonte and Earl Rosebrooks for consideration. Democrat Kevin Davis and Republican Tabitha Babcock are also on the ballot to fill two vacancies on the board. Much of the rest of the ballot is relatively uneventful except for a few smaller challenges here and there. The District Authority has four Republicans, Brian Maynard, Sharon

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POMFRET LIONS DONATE TO CAITLYN’S CUPBOARD



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The Pomfret Lions Club made a \$3,200 donation to The Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center Caitlyn's Cupboard at our September meeting. Caitlyn's Cupboard provides access to nutritional food which is essential for patients undergoing cancer treatments. Pictured, left to right: Michael Gerrity Campaign Chairman, Caitlyn Sward, Registered Dietitian, Kristin Willis Director of Development and Peter Mann President Pomfret Lions. The Lions Club shares the common mission of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding.

Ham Martin to kick off Putnam Library Author’s Series

PUTNAM — Longtime Woodstock resident, Ham Martin, author of “Talk Radio” (Black Rose Writing, 2021) returns to northeastern Connecticut to be the inaugural speaker at the Putnam Library Author’s Series (PLAS) on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. The event will include short readings from “Talk Radio” along with a question and answer time. Brad Davis, Putnam resident, will host the event. Davis, a poet, is the initiator of the Putnam Library Author Series. Following this talk, Davis intends to present authors four times each year: October, November, April and May. Davis says the new Putnam Library offers a “great venue...the space is lovely...there is a main floor accessible community room and plenty of parking.” Ham Martin is excited to bring his book to Putnam. “‘Talk Radio’ is dedicated to Karen and Gary Osbrey,” Martin said. “I had the privilege of hosting the WINY Talk Show in the 1990s. While this was prior to the Osbrey’s ownership of WINY, I’ve happily observed how Karen and Gary remain cheerleaders for Putnam via their station.” The novel “Talk Radio,” set in a fictional town on the coast of Maine, is the story of Vivien Kindler who impulsively takes the job of hosting a daily morning call-in show. Kirkus Reviews called “Talk Radio” “A heartwarming story... creatively told through the restraints of the talk show hours...The prose is concise and sharp-witted...there’s something here for everyone...” Martin says he enjoyed the challenge of eking a plot out of mostly on-air conversation. At the PLAS event, local friends have agreed to read the parts of callers. Check the Event Calendar at the new Putnam Library for details.

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Putnam preschoolers explore science and nature with Ragged Hills Program

PUTNAM — Our Preschool children at Putnam Elementary school had a visit from Ragged Hill Woods staff on Oct. 12. Miss Heather and Miss J came to teach the children about the signs of Fall and how our environment will change as the seasons change. They read a book about Fall and then went on a nature scavenger hunt to collect items found in nature such as leaves, acorns, pine needles, plants, bark, etc. Our students went on our nature trail to experience the natural wonders of Fall. Once back in the classrooms the children assembled nature collages from their found treasures and explored their discoveries in our Science centers.

Science and nature exploration for young children is so important as they are naturally inquisitive, full of questions about the world around them and have the drive to investigate how things work. It is important that we take advantage of this innate curiosity and start encouraging their enthusiasm for scientific discovery as early on as possible. Science and nature educational experiences support children’s development in many ways. Exploring the natural world through active hands-on science is an important way that children learn. Experiments and activities with science and nature stimulate children’s curiosity, encourage the use of all five senses, and build their vocabulary and problem solving skills. By providing our youngest learners with these environmental science education opportunities, we can nurture and establish a positive approach to science

education that will stay with them into the future.

The Ragged Hill Woods Program has been providing environmental education programs for the Putnam Family Resource Center for three years. Programs include topics like Signs of Fall, Pollinators, Frogs, Lava Lamps, and rain cycles. Programs are offered in the classroom and field trips are available for students to explore their facility. Ragged Hill Woods is a program of the Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, which is home to Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp.

Besides programs for schools, Ragged Hill Woods also offers sessions for small groups of children from September-May. More information about their programs can be found at www.4hcampct.org and the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Facebook Page. Please contact Heather Logee at raggedhillwoods@gmail.com or 860-974-1122 for more information.

Chandler Farm hosts first Hunter Pace

POMFRET — More than 100 riders enjoyed a six-mile-trail on one of Pomfret’s oldest farms on a warm October day. The first Chandler Farm Hunter Pace was hosted by owners Katy Holzer, Alex Williams, and Marjorie Corker-Holzer as a fund raiser for the Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, which supports open space and trail development. Katy and Alex worked for months to cut trails through woods and fields and create a family-friendly, cross-country course with thirty-four jumps for all levels of riding. Riders competed in divisions which ranged from jumping to slower-paced trail riding. They aimed for a “fox-hunting” pace which adjusts for the terrain and simulates the varying speeds of following hounds.

The course began at Chandler Farm, which was established in 1708 in the north end of Pomfret. It continued through neighboring land thanks to the generosity of owners Barbara Lussier, Robert Craig, and the Wyndham Land Trust.

The Pomfret Horse and Trail Association is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to support the centuries-old trail system for riders and hikers in Pomfret. Proceeds from fund rais-



ers are donated to the Wyndham Land Trust, the Audubon Society in Pomfret, Tyrone Farm, the Last Green Valley, the New England Forestry Foundation, the Connecticut Horse Council, and the Windham-Tolland 4H Horse Camp.

Ten years from now

When my dad told me four years ago he was going to be a syndicated columnist, I gave it little thought. I had confidence that he could do anything he wanted.

I didn’t know much about his column. He was calling it Positively Speaking! and it was about having a positive mindset. That was nothing new to me; as far back as I can remember, he promoted thinking positively. He was a motivational speaker for a time.

I was a busy kid and, was involved in many different sports. Whenever my dad drove me to practice, he’d pop in a cassette tape or a CD, and we listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill, and many more. I would’ve rather listened to some 80’s hair bands instead; I pretended not to hear, but I was listening.

As I grew older, I began to listen to them myself. In college, I was reading the books I’d heard about in the car with my dad.

He was a big thinker - he taught me that anything was possible as long as I believed and worked hard.

It’s been three months since he passed away. He always kept a positive attitude about dying. If you were a fan of his columns, you probably remember that he didn’t accept that he would die soon. He planned on living a few years longer.

About ten days before he died, he asked me to continue writing his column on his behalf. It wasn’t something I envisioned myself doing. I was apprehensive, but how do you tell your dying father no?

It wasn’t easy figuring out who all of his contacts were with the newspapers. By the time I agreed to fulfill his wish to continue the column, he didn’t have the energy to teach me how to get it to the editors every week.

Sometimes I post links to his old columns on social media. They consistently receive many more likes than mine. If you were a fan of my dad’s columns, after reading my first few, you probably thought to yourself, “this kid doesn’t have anywhere to go but up!”



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I’ve enjoyed getting to know a couple of his old friends through this process. Lynda, with a “y,” is of great encouragement; she will laugh when she reads that! Hi, Lynda!

Another is a lady named Judith. I thought she was an editor for a newspaper for the first couple of weeks.

She emailed me about how to be a better writer. She gave great advice; after a few emails, I figured out she was a writing friend of my dad’s and not a newspaper editor. She and my father shared a love for writing.

Judith recently recommended I write a column about how my dad might have been if he lived another ten years.

That’s a tricky thing to write.

He was very excited about the company we started, Cubestream. He and our partner Ted helped to develop it from the beginning. He had big plans to make it an international company.

We would have gone on a couple of family road trips. We planned on doing one earlier this year, but he was too sick. He wanted to go out west to see the mountains and the buffalo like we did when I was young.

He would’ve enjoyed seeing his two grandsons Caleb and Noah, graduate from high school - they were everything to him.

He may have even started lifting weights again. When I was a child, he was a big weight lifter and was very strong.

As he grew older and became more affectionate and he made sure to let us know how much he loved us.

In his final year, he frequently wrote emails to my two siblings and me telling us things about his life we never knew to help us understand him better.

It’s hard to say all the things he might have done if he lived another ten years, but one thing I do know - he would have continued to be more loving, affectionate, and caring.

Love you, Dad.

Growing and reblooming moth orchids

Brighten your indoor décor with beautiful blooming orchids. These living bouquets provide months of beauty with minimal care. Just provide the proper growing conditions and success is sure to follow.

Start with a Phalaenopsis, moth orchid, that is best suited to the home environment making it the easiest to grow. Purchase a healthy plant with green leaves, a few open flowers, lots of buds on a firm green flower stem and no signs of neglect.

Provide your orchid with proper care, similar to that of an African violet, for the best results. Water thoroughly with room temperature tap water just as the planting mix is beginning to dry. This is usually once a week in most indoor gardens. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot.

Grow your moth orchid in a bright location near an east-, west- or slightly shaded south-facing window. Plants do best when they receive 12 to 14

hours of bright light. Give plants growing in low light locations a boost with artificial light. Keep lights 4 to 10 inches above the plants. Placing the plants on a reflective surface helps bounce light back up into the lower parts of the plant. Look for one of the many economical, energy efficient and attractive options for sale. Keep the lights on for 14 to 16 hours if this is the only light the plant receives. You can reduce the time to five or six hours for plants receiving natural light.

Boost the humidity around your orchid while creating a beautiful display by placing it among other indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture from its leaves, it increases the humidity around the neighboring plants.

Use gravel trays to further increase the humidity around all your indoor plants. Fill the saucer or plant tray with pebbles. Set the pots on the pebbles, elevating them above any water that collects in the saucer. When you water thoroughly the excess collects in the saucer. As it evaporates, it



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Financial planning tips for military service members

If you're a member of the military, you know what it's like to be tasked with the burdens of protecting our country. But you also need to be aware of how your military service impacts your personal finances. Just as the success of a military mission is dependent upon proper planning, reaching the goals you have for yourself and your family is dependent upon creating a sound financial plan.

Service members have sources of income and savings options that aren't available to civilians. Understanding these benefits and taking advantage of them could help you achieve your financial goals more quickly, relieving some extra stress and allowing you greater focus on the demands of your military service. Here's a look at some key financial planning processes that you should put in place now, with special insights and tips just for military service members.

Establish a budget, understanding what portion of your military income is taxable

Start by adding up all your income. A servicemember's income can come in several forms of monetary and non-monetary compensation. In addition, some forms of income are taxable while other types of income are nontaxable. Taxable basic pay varies with rank and time of service, so changes in base pay should be factored into your budget.

Several forms of military compensation are nontaxable, such as Basic Allowance for Subsistence, Basic Allowance for Housing, uniform and cloth-

ing allowance, hostile fire pay, basic pay and occupational incentive pay during periods of deployment to a hostile theater, and family separation allowance. In addition to your military income, be sure to include other types of income, such as dividends, interest, a spouse's civilian pay, and child support.

Next, add up all your expenses. It helps to divide them into two categories: fixed expenses such as housing, food, clothing, and transportation, and discretionary expenses such as entertainment, vacations, and hobbies. Once you've added up all your income and expenses, compare the two totals. If you find yourself spending more than you earn, you'll need to make some adjustments. Look at your expenses closely and cut down on your discretionary spending.

Build an emergency fund Having a cash reserve or emergency fund may help you avoid taking on additional debt when the unexpected occurs. In general, an emergency cash reserve should equal three to six months of ordinary living expenses.

Build savings for short- and long-term goals, and see if you qualify for the SDP

The savings vehicles you use should depend on your time horizon and risk tolerance. Generally, the longer the time horizon, the more risk you may be able to assume. Bank savings options include savings accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. These are typically more stable choices with the

lower risk. Other alternatives include investments that can go up or down in value and may or may not pay interest or dividends. Before investing, carefully consider its investment objectives, risks, charges, and fees, which can be found in the prospectus available from the fund. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

If you're deployed in a designated combat zone or in support of a contingency operation, you have a unique chance to earn a high interest rate by participating in the Defense Department's Savings Deposit Program (SDP). The SDP pays 10% annual interest on account balances up to \$10,000. Contact your local military office for more details.

Build savings for retirement beyond your military pension, through the TSP

Even if you expect to qualify for a military pension, it probably won't provide all of the retirement income you'll need. A retirement savings option available to members of the military is the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is like the government's version of the private-sector 401(k) plan. Your contributions are deducted directly from your paycheck before taxes (which can lower your current taxable income), but there are limits on how much you can contribute each year. Your contributions and earnings accumulate tax deferred until withdrawn, at which time you'll generally pay income taxes on the amount you take out. You can also contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth TSP account, from which qualified withdrawals are generally received tax free.

Safeguard with insurance, taking advantage of SGLI and

TRICARE benefits

Insurance programs are often a vital part of a sound financial plan. Life insurance provides financial protection for your family and loved ones. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is part of a servicemember's benefit package. Basic SGLI coverage is provided automatically when you join the military (although you can opt out or elect lesser coverage amounts), and premium costs are deducted from your pay.

Active-duty servicemembers, retired servicemembers, their qualified family members and certain survivors may receive health-care coverage through TRICARE, the medical program for the U.S. military. Depending on your status, the availability of medical care at military facilities, and the TRICARE option you choose, you may receive care either through military or civilian providers.

Take advantage of military-provided financial resources and professional financial advising to create the strongest financial plan possible

Service branches offer campaigns and educational programs to servicemembers and their families. The Air Force, Navy, and Army each require that respective members receive financial education, training, and counseling. Also, the Department of Defense established MilitarySaves.

org to help servicemembers and their families plan for their financial futures.

A trusted financial adviser can also provide specialized expertise to help ensure your finances and investments are set up for the best possible outcome. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors we're proud to apply our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process to help military service members achieve their financial life goals. To learn more about our process and how it can help you, visit our website at whzwealth.com or give us a call at (860) 928-2341.

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increases the humidity around the plants right where it is needed.

Fertilize actively growing plants when the soil is moist. Use a dilute solution of a complete fertilizer such as a 20-20-20 labeled for use on orchids or flowering houseplants. Avoid excess fertilization that can cause damaged black root tips, green floppy growth, and prevent flowering.

Once your orchid finishes flowering, continue growing it in a brightly lit location and water and fertilize as needed. You can either remove the faded flowers, leaving the flower stem intact and wait for a flush of smaller flowers at the tip of the stem or cut the flower stem back above either the second or third node, the thickened part of a plant stem where new growth appears, from the bottom. A third option is to cut the flower stem back to one half inch above the leaves. This is better for the health of the plant. It results in the best reblooming and allows the plant to restore energy used for flowering and focus on growing



Photo Melinda Myers

Moth orchids are the easiest to grow in a home environment.

roots.

If forcing your orchid to produce a second flush of flowers seems like too much work, just treat it like a long blooming bouquet. Ease your guilt by gifting the plant to a fellow gardener that would be happy to accept the challenge. Then invest in a new and different orchid to brighten your indoor garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

PUTNAM ROTARY INTERACT CLUB TAKES PART IN TEEG HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



Photo Courtesy

The Putnam Rotary Club's Interact Club helped the Quinebaug Middle College students and parents, who in turn helped TEEG with its Halloween Festival Oct. 23. Interact Advisor Roberta Rocchetti thanked them, and said: "We had fun handing out candy and helping children with arts and crafts and games. Thank you Zoie Castillo, Ashlee Goss, Vanessa Mercado, Vincent Moore and Rene Lajuenesse, Meadow Bulan and Justice Henderson and Suzette Lefevre." From left: Zoie Castillo, Ashley Goss, Justice Henderson and Meadow Bulan.

New speed signs installed in Woodstock



WOODSTOCK — The Town of Woodstock is installing two speed display signs along local roads. The signs were provided by the Connecticut Training & Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center) at the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. This program is funded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

These display signs provide feedback to drivers on their

current speed and are meant to reinforce posted speed limits. Signs such as these have proven to be effective in reducing speed and crashes. They will be moved periodically to different locations throughout town and will be placed on town roads that have been of concern to citizens.

First Selectman Jay Swan and Director of Public Works John Navarro have been working with the T2 Center for over a year to bring these signs to Woodstock.

"The T2 Center's Connecticut Safety Circuit Rider program is designed to provide safety-related information and technical assistance to those responsible for local roadway safety. Woodstock averages nearly 100 crashes each year. We hope that these signs will increase driver awareness and result in safer roads overall," stated Swan. "This is one of the measures we are taking to address concerns about speeding on our roads."

Navarro says, "We will

be posting the speed limit sign beneath the display so drivers are more aware of the speed they should be traveling at.

These signs can operate on both solar and battery power, and they are able to record information such as the num-

ber of cars that go by, and how fast they are going."

The Quiet Corner Page

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PRESIDENT/PUBLISHER

BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

Clash of the horror titans

With Halloween taking place in four days, we figured we'd have a bit of fun and pose the question who's scarier — Freddy or Jason?

For those not in the know, Freddy Krueger is the lead character from the 1980's movie series, 'A Nightmare on Elm Street', created by Wes Craven. Donning a black hat and a red and grey sweater, Krueger played by Robert Englund, literally gave all of us '80's kids nightmares for months. With his face shredded and his claw hand, we all definitely slept with the light on for a while.

Enter Jason Voorhees from the famous "Friday the 13th" movies. Voorhees was the young son of a camp cook turned killer, Mrs. Voorhees. This film was created by Victor Miller, Ron Kurz, Sean Cunningham and Tom Savini. The plot begins with a group of teenagers on vacation at a lakeside camp. One by one they start to disappear. What could be scarier than a hockey mask, machete wielding ghost?

A poll we conducted revealed that Freddy is the scarier of the two leading men. This revelation may not offer us anything of real value, but it does give us some insight on what the majority considers 'scary.' We remember watching the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series as adults and actually laughing during parts we thought were scary as youths.

One reader replied, "Freddy, because he's in your dreams."

Another brought up a good point: "You can run away from Jason, but not Freddy."

Another reader took the question quite seriously and gave us a great answer: "I'd argue that Jason was more the product of childhood trauma. A missing father, mentally ill mother who goes on a killing spree after she thinks he's drowned. Freddy's supernatural capabilities far surpass Jason. So I'd say Freddy."

"Freddy is the scarier of the two, but Michael Meyers is a true problem," remarked one person.

Another said, "Freddy, because you can't resist falling asleep, and with Jason there are no facial expressions."

One person called it a draw, stating "Can't do it; it's like the chicken and the egg question. Props to Freddy for the nightmares but props to Jason for the daymares."

We got a chuckle out of 'daymares.'

Of course, our Executive Editor and movie buff gave his take: "Freddy, but I'm going to qualify my answer by saying Freddy from the first two 'Nightmare' movies, before they turned him into Don Rickles in a striped sweater."

We can't write an editorial regarding scary characters without mentioning Gollum from the "Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" franchises. No one is scarier than Gollum, and he did it without even trying.

With that, we hope you enjoy Halloween, half off candy sales, a scary movie or two and enjoy the beautiful fall weather before the snow flies.

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READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Ray Williams

To the Editor:
Ray Williams is a candidate for the Thompson Planning and Zoning Board municipal election for which his name must be written in on the ballot. He has been a resident of Thompson for most of his life. Donating time and support to the commu-

nity comes easy to Ray. He is always willing to lend a helping hand. I have known Ray for 50-plus years, and would like to encourage everyone to vote for Ray on Nov. 2.
ED DANIELSON THOMPSON

Vote for Ray Wood

To the Editor:
I'm asking my neighbors to consider casting their vote for Ray Wood for Killingly Town Council.
As a first responder, Ray's job is to advocate for the best care of his patients and I have no doubt he will translate that into being an effective advocate for our vibrant town. His principled stance to politics is refreshing, his approach non divisive.
One of Ray's priorities is to remain com-

mitted to the robust economic development of our town, something that is very important to me as a small business owner. I like seeing all the new businesses popping up and thriving. I want a town councilman who will work to ensure that Killingly remains a business friendly environment. I hope you will too.
Please vote for Ray Wood on Nov. 2.
JIM COLLINS KILLINGLY

Ives and Voccio have my support

To the Editor:
I am writing in support of Rick Ives, Joe Voccio, and the Democratic team of candidates in Brooklyn. I am grateful for the tested and experienced leadership that Rick, Joe and their team bring to Brooklyn. Rick has a proven record as an excellent fiscal manager who governs in a non-partisan manner.
When the state threatened to significantly

cut education funding for Brooklyn a few years ago, Rick had the courage to join other towns across the state to legally challenge those cuts, and helped secure Brooklyn's fair share of funding. Please remember to vote on election day. Thank you.
DON WILLIAMS BROOKLYN

Vote for Lisa Ginsell Danburg

To the Editor:
I have had the pleasure of meeting Lisa Ginsell Danburg, who came to my home while she was out campaigning. She was truly a breath of fresh air.
She was raised in this town, and truly cares about what is taking place in town government. Lisa is knowledgeable, and cares what happens to our Quiet Conner. She cares about what happens to the town's economic impact of industrial development and its

impact it will have on its taxpayers.
Lisa is a people person. Lisa has spent years being an advocate for adults with special needs and will go above and beyond her call duty for the Residents of Killingly. I ask you to vote on Nov. 2 for Lisa Ginsell Danberg. She will certainly have my vote.
I am Liz Lavallee of Killingly, and I approve this message.
LIZ LAVALLEE KILLINGLY

Chad Neal has our support

To the Editor:
We are writing in support of Chad Neal as a Democratic candidate for the Putnam Board of Education. He is an influential educator who believes in a positive, safe and caring environment that will benefit all of our children in Putnam.
Chad has been a close friend for 20 plus years, and we know how important the community is to him. He has a strong desire to support public education as well as athletics in our town.
Currently, Chad has a young child in the school district. He wants his child and all other children to excel and have access to

the best opportunities educationally, as well as athletics and extracurricular.
In addition, as an educator, Chad has a great understanding of Social Emotional Learning and its impact on our children due to the Covid Pandemic. He will advocate for best practices for our students and families during this difficult time.
Our schools in Putnam need leadership from Chad Neal. Please join us in voting for Chad for the Board of Education on Nov. 2!
Sincerely,
TOM AND TRISH ESPINOSA PUTNAM

Consider Tammy Wakefield for Town Council

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter of recommendation for Tammy Wakefield. I have known Tammy for a very long time. Tammy and I attended Killingly High School together and I have been able to call her a friend ever since. I have watched her raise three children and witnessed how much she adores her two beautiful grandchildren.
Tammy is a dedicated health care professional who cares deeply for our community and for the families who reside here. She has served on many boards and helps support

our town with that experience.
I believe Tammy's commitment to improve the quality of life in Killingly comes from her career as a registered nurse. She is passionate about building relationships that foster opportunities for the development of quality programs and services for our residents, without raising taxes.
I hope you consider electing Tammy Wakefield for Town Council on Nov. 2.
Thank you,
CHARLEEN LARKIN DAYVILLE

For integrity, respect, and honesty, vote for Jason Anderson

To the Editor:
I fully support Jason Anderson for re-election to the Killingly Town Council.
I have known Jason for six years, and I have worked alongside him on several projects. Three adjectives come to mind when I think about Jason: Integrity, Respect, and Honesty.
Jason has grounded morals and always thinks before he acts or talks. When he says he will do something, he always follows through and does it. His word is Gold! With regard to people skills, Jason always listens

and treats people and their issues with the utmost respect. When you talk to Jason you quickly see that he is intently listening to you and when he responds he talks to you, not at you. He is an intelligent man with nothing to prove, rather, he thrives on helping people.
At 59 years old I have met few people with the character that Jason possesses. I gladly recommend him for any job, position, or title you may be considering! He is always the right choice!
WILLIAM A. TATRO DAYVILLE

I want Ray Wood on our Town Council

To the Editor:
Ray Wood is the kind of person I want on our Killingly Town Council. He has lived in Killingly most of his life, and served the town well in many ways. He has been a member of both the South Killingly Fire Department and KB Ambulance. He has been a great asset to both organizations. Currently Ray serves as a supervisor with KB. He has served on the Town Council for the last two years with professionalism and dignity. He is a great voice for our community.
Fiscal responsibility, small government and local control are some of the philoso-

phies that Ray embraces. In a time where inflation is out of control and so many are struggling, you can count on Ray to carefully and thoughtfully assess all issues in the interest of cost and value to the taxpayers. Ray's commitment to both the growth of Killingly and the impact of cost to its residents will continue to be his priority. Please join me and vote for Ray Wood for District 5 on Nov. 2.
Thank you,
MATT GEORGE DAYVILLE

Left to my own devices

I am flummoxed by technology. It strikes fear into my heart when I read that someone with whom I communicate has been hacked! Even worse is when I am told that I have been hacked. It is scarier than the giant skeleton figures and Halloween blow-ups that gum up the landscape. Hacked means invaded by aliens, visited by zombies, but in my ignorance, I've already sold my soul to the devil.

I use devices constantly. I communicate online with my children, facetime with my grandchildren, talk to my brother, text my friends and read the newspapers I once got delivered. When I want to cook something new with chicken I look up a recipe, even though several hundred cookbooks gather dust on our shelves. I do the New York Times crossword puzzle, the mini and often the big one, on my phone. I consult the weather. I thought I was old-school and a resister, but that's a lie.

For my birthday, my husband bought me ear pods. I am in heaven when I trudge on the elliptical at the Hale YMCA while listening to my latest book – "Travels with George" by Nathaniel Philbrick. The book chronicles our first president's trip around New England, and mentions Thompson Historical Society members. Pomfret and Ashford figure briefly. The book is a breezy "read" for me. The ear buds allow me to loose myself in another world, even though I like the one I'm in.

When I listen to classical music, I call Alexa and she delivers. On Sunday morning, I like to be enveloped in Vivaldi or sing along with hymns. Alexa delivers and enlarges my choices by suggesting new recordings or similar musical traditions. But, "she" is also listening and soon I'm getting ads for items I mentioned to the corgi. Creepy? Yes, but I'm not deterred. The tradeoff seems worth it.

I try not to look completely inept by asking for a menu in restaurants when there are QR Codes. The dirty old menus have been replaced and can be scanned on an app. Also, don't try to pay for parking when there are kiosks that allow pay by app. Pocket change has lost its meaning.

My sense of direction isn't good, and with the GPS, I don't need my mind maps. I google directions even to places I go all the time. With Waze, I even get traffic updates that sooth my anxiety about how long a backup is going to last.

Who, what or where this drivel accumulates knows where I've been, where I want to go and the place I list as Home.

When I add it up, devices know everything about me, but most of it is utterly unimportant to anyone but me. When a Russian-linked agency hacked 600 organizations, according to Microsoft, they had been trying 23,000 times to enter the system. They were apparently trying to disrupt the supply chain, something I've only recently begun to worry about. The hacking concept is bad enough. Think of what would happen if all that Halloween stuff got stuck on a ship at sea and we had to move straight to Christmas, although I'm making light of something that could be awful.

To prevent being hacked, one is advised to move to the Cloud. Once, that phrase would have led me to thinking about the joys of the afterlife. Instead, I worry that so much of what fills and eases my life can be accessed by the invisible. Think I'll pop in my ear buds and learn more about a truly remarkable president who never sold his soul to anyone.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Michelle Murphy has my endorsement

To the Editor:
I would like to endorse Michelle Murphy for Killingly Town Council at Large. I met Michelle while working the polls for the Killingly Republican Town Committee. I have known her for five years.
Michelle is a constitutionalist and a proud American who gives honor and consideration to preserving the freedoms and personal choices granted to us as Americans. I've come to know Michelle as one who would not waiver in her promise to protect our individual rights, allowing as little government involvement as possible.
Michelle always considers two sides to every story without judgement. She is never so presumptuous as to assume her opinion is the only one. But rest

assured, when she takes a stand on an issue it is because she has researched extensively and formed her opinions accordingly. She takes pride in being a self educated, involved citizen.
Michelle is unpretentious, compassionate and committed. She is proud of her many strengths and ever committed to learning and improving herself in order to make a difference in the world. She is unapologetic in her own humaneness and her own identity. Personally, I find these qualities refreshing. I feel honored to call her "friend".
It is for these reasons that I endorse Michelle Murphy for Killingly Town Councillor at Large.

JANET MUSCARA
DAYVILLE

Killingly voters, are you tired?

To the Editor:
Nov. 2 is election day, and I'd like voters to look deep insides themselves and ask if they are tired...
Are you tired of getting emails the night before school about busses not running?
Are you tired of the lack of foresight?
Are you tired of our town and school not recognizing the value of their employees?
Are you tired of BoE members not engaging with our schools, teachers, staff, and paraprofessionals?
Are you tired of the absence of accountability?
Are you tired of taxes going up with no explanation?
Are you tired of the lack of collaboration between the BoE and Town Council?
Are you tired of people in charge not listening to your concerns?

Are you tired of party line politics that has no business in our community?
Are you tired of hearing 'it is what it is?'
Are you tired of dog whistle issues that have no affect on your day to day lives?
Are you tired of pointless, meaningless, wasteful letters to Hartford?
Are you tired of asking questions with no responses?
Are you tired of the constant national rhetoric BS?
Are you tired of inept leadership?
If you are tired of any of the above, and thinks #Killinglyneedschange, then I implore you to vote for Lacey Luneau, Board of Education and myself for Town Council.

ANDREW LUNEAU
KILLINGLY

Lisa Grinsell Danburg has my vote

To the Editor:
I write to endorse Lisa Grinsell Danburg for Killingly Town Council District 2.
I've known Lisa almost my entire life, and if you want a Town Council member that will work to serve you, the residents of District 2, I suggest you vote for Lisa. She is honest and trustworthy, and few will work harder to ensure Killingly residents are properly represented.
Lisa is running because she loves our town and our community. She grew up here, she is a proud graduate from KHS, and she wants to give back to the town that is so much of her life. A town where people want to stay, raise a family, educate their children, buy a home, buy a farm, start a business, and feel proud to be a part of the country charm of Killingly. She does believe in

the American dream.
As a resident of District 2, Lisa is rightfully concerned about the power plant, Frito Lay, and the industrial park issues that are uniquely District 2 issues. She will be an active voice for District 2 constituents, and unlike her opponent, Lisa has no conflict of interest managing the town's relationship with Frito Lay, something that has gone on long enough.
And unlike her opponent, Lisa will proudly defend our Second Amendment rights.
If you want a hardworking, trustworthy, honest, and honorable representative for Town Council District 2, then vote for Lisa Grinsell Danburg. She will not disappoint; and she has no conflict.

DUFFY DAUPHINAIS
KILLINGLY

Michael Hewko, Democrat for Killingly Town Counc

To the Editor:
Hello. My name is Michael Hewko, I am running as a Democrat for Killingly Town Council as an At-Large candidate. I am a life-long resident of Killingly, as were my parents before me. I retired after 43 years of service to Electric Boat. I retired as a Supervisor of Planning for E.B.
For almost 40 years, I have also served the Dayville Fire Company as President of the Dayville Fire District and as the Chief of the Dayville Fire Company.
My focus will be on representing all citizens. I will support better Education for our children. I pledge to listen to citizens and educators to improve our schools. I also believe there are ways to produce energy for our town without polluting the air.
Fiscal responsibility will be a top priority for me. It's time we spend wisely

and cut the waste in our budgets.
I pledge to keep citizens informed with a more transparent government.
I pledge to listen to all residents, there is no right or left, we all deserve to have our voices heard.
I pledge to keep our environment safe for future generations.
I will represent you and create one team for the good of the Town of Killingly.
I pledge to bring honesty and integrity to this position. I have tried to live my life practicing those principles every day. I will carry out my responsibilities on the Killingly Town Council within those moral guidelines.
Let your voice be heard on Nov. 2. Vote for Michael Hewko.
Thank you,

MICHAEL HEWKO
KILLINGLY

Join me in Voting for Jay Swan

To the Editor:
I am a lifelong resident of Woodstock, and have been a Selectman for 14 years, the last two of which I've had the honor of serving alongside First Selectman Jay Swan.
Jay is dedicated to meeting the needs of all Woodstock citizens. He is diligent & hardworking, often attending Board of Education, Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning, and other town committee meetings after putting in a full day at the Town Hall. In addition, his truck is often seen there on Fridays, as he attends NECCOG meetings and continues to work on town matters. He takes the time to personally call citizens with complaints or concerns.
He has advocated bringing back services to the Town of Woodstock that had been cut by previous administrations. The hours of our Building Official have been extended, and we once again have full-time assistants covering the Tax Assessor's and Tax Collector's offices. The Land Use Department was recently created to better meet the growing needs of our community, as the rapid

pace of land & zoning issues needed to be addressed. Jay has worked diligently to find and hire qualified people to fill these positions.
During the COVID crisis, Jay took steps to ensure the health and safety of both the public and town employees. From meeting with restaurant owners to discuss CDC and CT Department of Health guidelines, working with the school superintendent and NDDH to schedule vaccine clinics, and redesigning the Town Hall lobby for safety and security measures, Jay kept the town hall open and government running under numerous and ever-changing executive orders.
On Nov. 2, I urge Woodstock citizens to vote for a proven leader who works tirelessly for the good of the town. Jay Swan has the experience, work ethic, and principles to guide Woodstock into the future. If you have questions or concerns for Jay and I, please stop by Sweet Evalina's Stand Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9-11 a.m.

CHANDLER PAQUETTE
SELECTMAN

Ready to serve...again

To the Editor:
I am running for re-election to the Woodstock Board of Selectmen. During my first term on the board, I drew on my experiences to help us meet community needs on a number of fronts. That will certainly continue as we move forward.
I am a graduate of Syracuse University, and am now retired after a career in higher education, public relations and fundraising. I served at Nichols College, Eastern Connecticut State University and Middlesex Community College where I was Director of Institutional Advancement. I also served as PR officer at Travelers Insurance. I am a U.S. Army veteran.
My leadership experiences in the community include: Veterans Coffeehouse - founding director; current service on Woodstock Volunteer Fire Assn. public relations committee; and past service on the Woodstock Middle School Building Committee; chair of Woodstock Economic Development Committee; and Northeast District Dept. of Health-board member and chair.
As selectman, I led efforts to secure funding to purchase mechanical CPR units for Woodstock EMS and all three town fire departments. Also, I led efforts to fund additional EMS shifts

Elections

To the Editor:
Save America-Jail Trump. Save some space for Rudy, Bannon, some of the gang at Fox News? Meadows, Junior, the lawyer being sued by Dominion, the Pillow guy can provide comfortable sheets, mattress and of course pillows and many more who keep indulging Trump and his crazy 'Big Lie.' How about the big con? If any republicans win anywhere in the country can we trust to believe in that some election fraud did not occur.
While hearing about a rally in Plainfield over the weekend, the vocabulary was limited to lots of F bombs but not much else. Lots of F bombs. Not much on what will they bring to the table and try to do for the everyday

Take time to make cast your vote

To the Editor:
Woodstock is fortunate to have a great slate of candidates running for election on Tuesday, Nov. 2. One of them is Rebecca Hyde for Treasurer. She has a long history of volunteering for our town. Hyde is smart, serious and deliberate. She is also as honest as they come. Hyde has an inquiring mind and is not afraid to question the status quo. And - this is pretty important for the Town Treasurer - she is fiscally responsible.
Local elections can be decided by one vote. That vote could be yours
So please take the time to exercise your right to vote either absentee (which takes about three minutes - you can drop your completed ballot in the box right in front of the Town Hall) or on Nov. 2 at the Town Hall from 6 a.m.

Hoping to serve as your selectman

To the Editor:
I have had the honor to serve as First Selectman in Woodstock since 2019. In Woodstock we have more things that unite us versus divide us. Town politics is not like national politics. Woodstock residents are our friends and neighbors. We work together for the good of all citizens.
My family has lived in Woodstock for more than 30 years. Both my daughters graduated from the Woodstock Academy. My wife recently retired after working in the elementary school for 20 years.
I have 35 years of working in the state governments of MA and CT with Department of Developmental Services. I've worked a variety of positions such as special ed teacher 10 years, negotiated contracts with private nonprofit agencies to provide services to individuals with disabilities, and was the Director of Staff Development for the region.
After retirement, I served as Woodstock constable, working my way up to Chief Constable. In Putnam I was hired as an auxiliary police officer. I am a Senior instructor in Conservation, Education, & Firearm Safety for the

Vote Democratic in Thompson

To the Editor:
I have had the pleasure of knowing Ken Beausoleil over the last 15 years. While he was on the Board of Selectmen, he would continually research and seek out information for all the issues in our community. When Ken became First Selectman in 2015, I always felt comfortable going to him with questions and concerns. He would listen and try to find solutions.
He is running again because I feel he is truly invested and has a love for our town of Thompson. He wants to see the best for all our residents. When Ken was First Selectman previously, he represented all of the citizens in Thompson, regardless of political party. It is time we continued that by

which was sorely needed in our town.
I ran point to address the need for Frontier Communications to remove 81 "retired" utility poles. This was a public safety issue along County Road from Route 171 to Dugg Hill Road. My persistence over many months paid off. Mission accomplished.
Also, I was part of many discussions as the Board of Selectmen grappled with COVID-19 protocols designed to help keep the community safe.
My wife Suzanne, a retired teacher, and I have lived in Woodstock since 1985. We are proud to call Woodstock our adopted home town. Our two children attended the Woodstock Public Schools and I coached youth baseball for years: Little League, Ellis Tech and Tri-Town American Legion.
Our opponents say you should vote for candidates who have proven experience, not just people who tell you what they will do. My lifetime of community service shows I am the right person for the job of Woodstock Selectman. My candidacy is endorsed by CSEA SEIU Local 2001 and I am "Ready to Serve ... Again."
On Nov. 2, please vote Row A ... Woodstock Dems ... on your side!

GREG KLINE
WOODSTOCK

Americans. Republicans have become a party about cancel culture, the "big Lie" and doing very little else. Oh wait, new ways to use the F word and put it on a tea shirt, hat or a flag. It has become or has been sad, pathetic and repetitious. This country has problems and needs to try to fix them, not just another way to use F bombs.
Are you willing to throw away the best form of government ever imagined, and reason why so many people over the 250 years have done anything they could do to come here, for a cheating, twice impeached, bankrupt and morally depraved man. Got a word for that: F*#! no.
DAVID CASSETTARI
KILLINGLY
to 8 p.m.
In Connecticut, you can even register in person on Election Day from 6 a.m.to.8 p.m. with proof of identity and registration. I find that our Town Clerk Judy Walberg and Assistant Town Clerk Christine French are always happy to help.
I don't care for politics, but like you, I do care about our town. While many candidates (e.g., for Planning and Zoning) volunteer their time, some of the positions we can vote for (like First Selectman) are well compensated with your precious tax dollars. This is your chance to pick the most qualified public servants who will listen and will work hard for you and for Woodstock.
E.Z. SMITH
WOODSTOCK

Wildlife Division of the CT DEEP. I'm also an NRA firearms safety instructor.
I've worked hard to bring back previously reduced services to the Town of Woodstock. My office uses the town website and Facebook page, local newspapers, and Zoom meetings to keep residents engaged and informed. We are working with the community to ensure ARPA funds are spent wisely to benefit all residents. I have strong relationships with the Constables, Putnam and State Police, Fire departments, Fire Marshal, Emergency Management, schools, and leadership in neighboring towns.
I am proud to run with Chandler Paquette. He has 14 years of experience working as a selectman in Woodstock. On Nov. 2, vote for a team committed to moving our community forward in a way that is fiscally sound and dedicated to communication, common sense, and transparency. I will be at Sweet Evalina's Stand from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30; please stop by if you have any questions or just want to meet.

JAY SWAN
WOODSTOCK

putting Ken Beausoleil back in the First Selectman's seat.
I am voting for Ken Beausoliel because I feel he will represent all of the Thompson citizens to the best of his ability. His running mate, Attorney Matt Herman, will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board of Selectman. Matt Herman, born and raised in Thompson is also invested and has a love for our town. Together Ken and Matt will put Thompson first.
Besides Ken and Matt, the Democratic Slate is filled with hardworking, dedicated and experienced candidates. Our Board of Finance candidates, Larry Guillot and Dave Johnson bring over 18 years of experience of the Board of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get to know Amy St. Onge

To the Editor:

In November of 2019, as an unaffiliated voter, I cast my vote hoping for change. Born and raised in Thompson, and spending most of my life here as a constituent and taxpayer, I was not happy with where I saw Thompson at that time. Surrounding towns like Putnam and Webster were moving ahead, and Thompson simply was not. I didn't know much about Amy St. Onge other than she possessed a quiet confidence and professionalism that I thought was part of the change needed. Today in 2021, before I cast another vote to re-elect Amy St. Onge, I am even more convinced that I am making the right choice.

Despite the unprecedented restrictions and uncertainty of COVID 19, Amy has not lost focus, and started to foster the change I believe we desperately need. Amy is fiscally responsible with town funding, and has looked for opportunities within the budget to bring more to taxpayers. Some of the accomplishments under Amy's leadership are the sharing of Information Technology between the town and the school, improved Cyber Security, implementing a road and bridge reclamation schedule for the entire town, hiring a new HR director, hiring a full-time Assessor, and reinstating the use of Thompsons Animal Control Service.

During COVID, Amy helped senior citizens by making and driving them to vaccination appointments, and our

town hall and its services remained open and accessible. Both a demonstration of Amy's care for our town and townspeople's welfare. Throughout the very controversial Fire Station discussions I found Amy to be equally caring she was concerned with the safety and welfare of our EMS and what was financially in the taxpayer's best interest. Amy has followed process and not taken part in the banter; instead, she led our town to an immediate remediation plan while others chose not to collaborate. While some will slight this accomplishment, it is a milestone in the greater scheme of Amy's vision for our town.

Under Amy's leadership, Thompson will see the forming of a new EMS Service, unifying of fire departments, a resident trooper and promotion of commercial business on rt 12 & Wilsonville. All things that align with what I believe Thompson needs to bring back the safety, community, and prosperity of the town I grew up in. If you don't know Amy, I recommend you take the opportunity to speak with her. You will find a genuine, caring compassionate woman, mother, wife, professional and leader who isn't politically charged, but is driven by a desire to better our town. Please join me by endorsing Amy St. Onge for a second term as First Selectman.

JILL ST. CYR
THOMPSON

I want to make Killingly the best it can be

To the Editor:

My name is Jason Anderson, and I am running for Killingly Town Council At-Large. I am a lifelong resident of Eastern Connecticut, and I have lived in Killingly for nine years. I have worked in the automotive industry for over 29 years, achieved master technician certification, worked as a service manager and was a small business owner.

I have been honored to serve our community on the Killingly Town Council over the past four years. I have served for two years as Vice-Chair and I am currently in my second year of serving as Chair. I humbly ask for your vote for re-election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

During the four years that I have been serving this community, I have worked alongside other Town Council members and our Town Managers to address several issues that had been put off for many years. A few of those were addressing the necessary renovations to Killingly Memorial School, inspecting Town roads and implementing a repair plan and analyzing the options for dealing with the issues at the Killingly Community Center on Broad Street and the old high school on Westfield Ave. I was serving as Chair when Covid started impacting our community and I worked diligently with

the Town Manager to ensure that the Town assisted local businesses. I am proud of my fellow Council members who were willing to remove our salaries from the 2020-2021 Town Budget to help reduce the burden on the taxpayers during those uncertain times.

While we have worked through a lot, there is more work to be done. The Town Council needs to continue its work with the Town Manager and Town Staff to ensure that collectively we continue to support local businesses and residents as much as possible. The Town Council needs to continue balancing the needs of our residents, local businesses, education system and infrastructure without increasing the burden on Killingly's taxpayers. Considering the financial budget crisis that Connecticut has been facing it is critical that we as Council members continue to manage Killingly's budget with prudence while recognizing that we the citizens and local businesses are taxed enough already.

I pledge to continue to listen to and address your concerns while working to make Killingly the best it can be for our citizens and businesses.

Thank you,

JASON ANDERSON
KILLINGLY

What does "Killingly Needs Change" really mean?

To the Editor:

The Killingly Democrats' motto this election seems to be "we need change," and "Killingly Voices For Change." Wait, does that sound familiar? You may have noticed that there is a Facebook group entitled Killingly Voices For Change. It is also the motto being used on the Killingly Democrats' literature. This Facebook group doesn't actually care about the people of Killingly, but only about winning elections.

Maybe instead of the title "Killingly Voices For Change," they should call themselves "Killingly Democrat Voices Who Want To Silence Killingly Republicans." That's all this group is about. It is not about accepting different opinions and trying to come together for the betterment of Killingly. It is about pushing a left-wing agenda and trying to silence any conservative voice that speaks against their narrative! Why is it that when conservative Killingly parents and residents try to join this group, they are denied? Do these people really want to make Killingly a better place? Do Killingly Democrats really want to work at improving the lives of our citizens? Why do they have such a problem when a conservative Killingly parent speaks up?

For months, Killingly Democrats have been using their cute little hashtag, #KillinglyNeedsChange. What does this mean? Instead of talking about actual solutions, they are just blaming Republicans for their signs being stolen (when all candidates have been having them stolen and destroyed,

and it is unacceptable no matter who it happens to) and for all the other problems Killingly faces, and then speaking in more vague phrases.

What change are the Killingly Democrats looking for? Do they want to "change" KPS's strengthened non-discrimination policy that protects students and staff from further discrimination? Do they want to "change" our fantastic local law enforcement by defunding or dismantling our Killingly Constabulary? Do they want to "change" how local business owners run their small businesses? Do they want to "change" how much you pay in taxes by increasing the budget significantly every year? What does "Killingly Needs Change" mean to these Democrat candidates? When you ask, all you'll get is either evasion or getting blocked!

To me, it seems the "change" they want is to eliminate any conservative voice that speaks up in our community. If this is the "change" you want, then maybe you should go ahead and vote for the Killingly Democratic candidates. However, if you support small, limited government, if you support the freedoms and rights that you have as American citizens, if you support public safety and our amazing Killingly constables, if you support education and not indoctrination, then I urge you to vote for the Killingly Republican team on Nov. 2. May God bless Killingly, and may God bless the United States of America!

JASON MUSCARA
DAYVILLE

Vote for strong Woodstock Republican leadership

To the Editor:

The letter by my friend, Charles Super, in the Oct. 22 edition of the Villager newspaper expectedly contains a big share of misinformation and multiple items taken out of context in order to misdirect the people of Woodstock. Although he lists various things challenging the strong leadership that Woodstock Republicans have been providing, he purposefully does not state the facts of the many things that Republican leadership has been doing.

It is easy to talk about things. #onyourside is a nice hashtag used by Charles Super. But, hashtags don't get things done. Strong leadership gets things done. Community engagement and involvement gets things done. Fiscally responsible actions that provide important public services get things done. Woodstock Republicans stand behind #workingforyou because Woodstock Republican leadership has working hard doing many good things for the people of Woodstock.

In the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee's Bugle publication, Charles Super lists 10 reasons to vote, including transparency, communication; common sense, community involvement, supporting seniors & veterans, supporting public safety, and supporting agriculture and open space/natural resources. These are all items supported by and acted upon by Woodstock Republicans. I thank Charlie Super and the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee for endorsing what Woodstock Republicans have been doing through strong leadership for

everyone in Woodstock. In fact, I thank Charlie Super for endorsing what I do and how I do it as an elected town official in Woodstock, because not only do I talk frequently of the items that he raises, but I also act upon these things in the many decisions I make for good public policy for the Woodstock community. Charlie Super lists only 10 items. Woodstock Republicans can list 100's of items that show the strong leadership being provided.

Charles Super makes quite an allegation about what I support regarding public health. He has not once called me to ask me about my opinions. I have taken care of many people who have been ill with COVID in my role as a doctor. Charles Super could call and learn about what I do and thank the medical community – and others – for the hard work being done during the pandemic. He chose not to do so. Perhaps he missed reading my letter in the July 30 edition of the Villager talking about vaccinations and opportunities for people to learn more about vaccinations so that they can make informed decisions.

One thing that my friend, Charles Super, does not want to talk about because it is an inconvenient truth is that there is a push by him and others to significantly raise taxes. The hard-working people and job-creating businesses in Woodstock cannot afford higher taxes when the cost of living is rising and families are being financially squeezed.

Vote smartly. Vote for the Woodstock Republicans – Row B – on Nov. 2.

JEFFREY A. GORDON
WOODSTOCK

Vote wisely

To the Editor:

We are facing a crisis in Thompson this year. Our Constitutional property rights and Second Amendment rights are being challenged by members of the Planning & Zoning Commission (P & Z) of both political parties. Several of the P & Z members are seeking reelection along with a new candidate. None have committed to protecting our rights but seek to add unnecessary regulations.

A P & Z meeting was held Sept. 27. As a result of an overwhelming, historic, citizen turnout (over 500), the P & Z proposal to restrict shooting ranges, to include private target practice, was tabled to a future date. The P & Z Comm. did not throw it out completely as speaker after speaker requested. All of the sitting P & Z members, of both parties, said they would support raising the proposal again.

Essentially, the zoning change would do the following: no shooting on your property unless licensed as a range; no hunting on your own property; no range licenses under 110 acres; no use of air guns, hand or long guns; archery; or paint guns without a licensed range plus much more.

There are also proposed restrictions affecting the stabling and raising of horses, cattle and chickens. Burdensome actions towards small business owners in Town have also occurred.

Four independent concerned citizens have stepped forward and vowed to protect your private property rights and your Second amendment rights in spite of the current party-endorsed

Commission members. The current P & Z members are not acting in the best interests of the citizens of Thompson.

Consider the four people whose goal is the respect your opinions, your property and your businesses. Please take the attached list of write-in candidates (registered with the State and Town) to the polls when you vote so you can write-in their names and fill-in the circle next to their names. The slate of four is in a row under the P & Z section of the ballot. You have the opportunity to vote for three regular members and one alternate. Selecting the slate of four will help ensure that everyone in town has a seat at the now unresponsive P & Z table.

It is critical to fill in the circles, when you write-in their names, otherwise they will not be counted.

Safety is the key to successful fire-arm ownership, personal well-being and respect for neighbors. Shooting is required by the State to get a gun permit. How do you accomplish either goal if there is nowhere to shoot? Private property rights must be preserved.

If you forget your list of write-in candidates, there will be lists and instructions at your polling places. The write-in candidates are legally approved and just as legitimate as any other candidate. Look for the person outside your polling place with a sign reading "Info. Write-in Candidates" should you have questions.

Vote wisely - take your time.

DONALD A. BROWN
THOMPSON

I will fight for you

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment and introduce myself. I am running for Killingly Town Council at Large once again. I am a lifelong resident and proud KHS graduate. I live here in town with my husband and our two boys. I worked in transportation for more than 20 years ranging from logistics, to shop coordinator and finally became a sales and finance broker for an international company. When I decided to have my second child, I left transportation and became a home-based small business owner. This is my passion, as well as, serving my community through the work on the Town Council for Killingly for the past two years. It has been a wonderful yet challenging experience and I am just getting my feet wet. I am proud of the work we have done over the past two years but we have much more to do.

I am a staunch supporter of our Constitutional rights, and believe these are being stomped on at this time in our nation and sad to say, right here in Connecticut. Our governor should not be ruling by executive order, but through the representatives we elected to be our voice. Enough is enough.

If re-elected, I will continue to focus my energy on making Killingly the best town in the Quiet Corner; a place people want to buy a home and raise a family, educate their children and settle in for the long haul. We don't need to be a "temporary hometown". I want folks to stay and make lifelong memo-

ries as I have.

I promise to continue being a good steward of taxpayer funds and will constantly look to improve town processes to ensure services are delivered in a responsive, timely and fiscally responsible manner to our citizens. No one in this position is ever going to make everyone happy all of the time. There are people who will never support my work on the Council. That is fine. I will still be that person who wants to work for everyone, and I encourage those who aren't familiar with my voting record or where I stand on issues to reach out and not just listen to talking points. I encourage you to contact me so I can hear and address your concerns.

I oppose forced regionalization of town services, and will fight against any unfunded forced mandates. I am a strong fiscal conservative and a major proponent of individual and parental rights. I believe parents should choose what is right for their own children and business owners should make their own decisions for their companies; not the State of Connecticut. I do speak up for our citizens, and will fight for you and your rights. Grassroots level is where we make an impact. I take my job very seriously and would like to continue working for the citizens of Killingly. I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Thank you

PATTI LARROW GEORGE
KILLINGLY

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Finance. They have dedicated years of service to our community. We are very fortunate to have Larry Guillot and Dave Johnson on our slate. Our Board of Education candidates are all proud TMHS alumni and proud to send their children to our Thompson Public School system. Heather Santos, Jessica Bolte and Shawn Brissette care about

our students succeeding and are the best candidates on the slate for Board of Education. Each and every candidate on our slate truly loves our beautiful town of Thompson and will do their very best for Thompson if elected.

Join me in voting for Ken Beausoleil and Matt Herman for Board of Selectmen, and the entire Democratic Slate this Nov. 2.

ERICA GROH
THOMPSON

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Democrat for Killingly Board of Education

To the Editor:

I am writing because of my concern about candidates running for the Killingly Board of Education. A recent letter to the Editor caught my eye when the author proclaimed her support for a certain GOP member of the board running for reelection. One of the reasons stated was the fact that this BOE member is a teacher, and therefore in a position to know the issues facing our schools. The next reason was the candidate's continuing fight against "the dangerous Critical Race Theory."

Unaware of any such stance on our board, I contacted the candidate and asked for clarification. She replied that there had been no discussion by the board on this topic, so I am left wondering about the "continuing fight" mentioned in the letter of support. However, she did offer her personal thoughts which I found confusing.

She stated that she did not agree with the premise of CRT because she feels that people should connect with each other on a positive, personal level, and get to know how one another thinks and feels.

She further stated that reading a book, which may be biased, isn't always the best way to gain critical insights. I was unable to connect the answer to the question and asked for further help in understanding the board member's position. I received no reply. I asked again. Again, no reply. I am beyond incredulous. After a month, this person wanting to continue her position on the Board of Education has not clarified her position or responded to that request.

I am left with the grim realization that a member of our BOE, charged with overseeing our schools does not support a theory that she thinks

involves literature in the classroom. The fact that she is a Language Arts teacher within the state technical high school system makes this so much worse. She does not know what Critical Race Theory is, and that is disturbing. This lack of sound understanding is what leads to book banning and fear motivated actions.

Citizens of Killingly, we deserve so much more. Anyone interested in the truth can look it up. Critical Race Theory is not a curriculum for elementary, middle or high school students and has nothing to do with the literature read in the classroom. It is a field of study within law schools and the legal profession that examines race and the way many US laws and institutions have intentionally or not, discriminated against minorities.

The GOP majority of the current Board of Education in Killingly came to their positions on a single issue based on disrespect of students and Indigenous tribes. Their action brought local and national disgrace to Killingly. Since their arrival they have repeatedly disrespected teachers, paraprofessionals, and citizens speaking at meetings. Administrators, teachers and paras have fled our district, compromising our ability to provide a quality education for our students. Their partisan agenda has failed us.

Killingly deserves a BOE that is honest, informed, responsive, respectful and dedicated to improving education in our community. Our students deserve better, and they depend on the voters of Killingly to do what is best for them. Vote for change. Bring competence and sound educational leadership back to Killingly.

LAUREN LAW DANIELSON

Vote Gaudreau to get things done

To the Editor:

I'm Brandon Gaudreau, and I am once again writing as an independent candidate for the Killingly Board of Education. I wrote it then, and I will write it again: I am running, and in the fashion that I am, because we have the potential to be the greatest school district in northeastern Connecticut. However, this can only be done if we have the willpower to throw politics out the window, get to work, and get things done. This is a very simple proposition for me, as education should not be political in the first place. With me, you'll get someone who will turn down the temperatures, diffuse the tension that too often plagues board meetings, throw out the politics, pop political balloons if I see them being inflated, and work tirelessly to get the results we need and deserve.

All of the pieces are there to become the greatest school district in this part of the state, rivaled by absolutely nobody. The problem, however, is that we have, for too long, been held back from this greatness by politics and a lack of creativity on the part of the Board. This has happened whether it has been under Democratic or Republican control, so it is not a party issue. Some important things have been done in the past, certainly, and I know that anyone who puts themselves up for municipal office is seeking to better their communities. It's the nature of the job. Even so, the

specter of party politics always looms, whether it is a minor, fleeting thought, or a dominant, obsessing force. I love a good election as much as the next person, and I would be a liar if I said I've never rooted for a partisan candidate at a larger level before. But at the local level, there is no place for party politics, hence my independent status.

To really accelerate previous improvements and achieve the greatness we are capable of, it is going to take someone completely free of a political party, whose priority, no matter how minor or major, is not indulging in politics, but only getting things done. I want to be that person, and I want this greatness to benefit every stakeholder the schools have, be they students, parents, staff, or taxpayers. The benefit of all of these groups has never been mutually exclusive, and it never should be thought of as such.

I mentioned that the pieces of greatness are all in place, waiting to be assembled, but what do I mean by this? Take this as one example. Everyone says that students should learn how to write a check and do taxes in order to graduate from school. The good news with Killingly is that we do teach this already, in several courses! The problem is that these courses are, at present, not mandatory. I say, quite simply, that they should be. On the board, one of my first priorities would be making finan-

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ologists reminded us that it is difficult to support the folkloric history of enslaved Africans due to their absence in written primary sources. Enslaved Africans were deliberately omitted from written record for a variety of reasons, and it is often difficult to identify them by name.

But the existence of enslaved Africans and free Blacks in Connecticut has not been entirely erased. In several 18th century buildings, including Trinity Church in Brooklyn, there are traces of "graffiti" carved into the woodwork. The Brooklyn church was built by Godfrey Malbone who owned dozens of slaves when he lived in what was then Pomfret. In the gallery of the church, where enslaved Africans, free Blacks, and "Indians" were segregated during church services, is a primitive etching of a ship and a stork, the faint remembrances of a home-

land and a stolen life.

The gravestone experts gave the audience a crash course in the vast data that burial grounds provide. There is much to be learned in ancient burial grounds and cemeteries. But the data is not always accessible due to the deterioration of stones from acid rain, lichen, and moss. Keegan Day gave an overview of the various kinds of stone used in Connecticut burials in the 18th and 19th centuries. Ruth Brown expanded upon that knowledge with information about Puritan burial practices and the stylistic evolution of gravestone carvers as society changed.

The symposium continued after lunch, with a tour of the Higginbotham mill sites and homestead led by Dr. Bellantoni, and demonstrations of gravestone restoration at the Randall/Botham burial ground. Dr. Bellantoni and mill site expert, Dick Symonds, shared their different perspectives on the scant remains of the mill sites. They both concluded

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corners. Woodstock's ineffectiveness on offense allowed the Vikings to take a 1-0 lead into halftime, thanks to a rebound goal by junior Ella Tooker with two minutes, 14 seconds remaining before intermission.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first; WA had scoring chances that it was unable to convert on while East Lyme found a way to add an insurance goal, senior Sarah Healy scoring on one of the Vikings' four second-half penalty corners.

Overshadowed in the loss for Woodstock Academy was the play of its defense. Led by junior goalkeeper Ava Basak, who made eight saves, the Centaurs'

tenacious defenders attempted to block every East Lyme pass and contest every shot by the Vikings as well.

Particularly noticeable on the defensive side of the field for WA were seniors Eliza Simpson and Elaina Borski, juniors Alyson Bunning and Ainsley Morse, and sophomore Caroline Harris.

"Our defense and our goalie are tremendous," Woodstock Academy coach Lauren Gagnon said. "On defense is where we have the most seasoned individuals. Our defense kept the game manageable for us. The final score doesn't show how many offensive opportunities [East Lyme] had in the game."

The Centaurs' defensive toughness begins with Basak.

Vinal, Hayden, McDonald, and Boose will work to improve Woodstock's schools

To the Editor:

For the past seven years, the Woodstock Board of Education has fought for what the students and employees in our community needed to thrive with varying success. With just about each turn there seemed to be an obstacle, including annual budget cuts, increasing high school tuition, new state mandates and, in the past two years, a pandemic. Throughout the process, board members have remained nonpartisan, shared differing viewpoints, and maintained a level of respect and decorum necessary to stay focused and continue their work on behalf of the Woodstock Public Schools District.

Today, I am writing to endorse four candidates I believe have the focus and ability to improve the quality of education in our schools, despite the challenges and frustrations that inevitably lie ahead. They are Amy Vinal, Emily Green Hayden, Kate McDonald, and Jessica Weaver Boose. Each of these candidates has shown through their actions and words that they are ready and capable of representing and advocating for the best interests of students, families, and district employees.

For quick background, the Board of Education is an agent of the state primarily charged with implementing budgets, creating policies, and negotiating contracts. The BOE does not have the authority to oversee school district operations. (By statute, that responsibility rests with the Superintendent of Schools.)

Through their actions, BOE members cannot contradict or disregard federal and/or state mandates, laws, and, most recently, executive orders. During my tenure on the Board, I and others have sometimes vehemently disagreed with a few or all of the aforementioned items; however, each member recognized that we could not and should not put the district at risk via a Board action that contracts state or federal requirements. To put it plainly, any action against the Board for overstepping its authority would result in less money for the education of the children of Woodstock. There are other avenues to push back including direct communication with state legislators, the state department of education, and professional organizations, such as the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

Now to the candidates....

Currently an appointed member of the board, Republican Amy Vinal has

proven herself as an invaluable voice and advocate for students and their families during a chaotic and stressful two years. When Mrs. Vinal speaks, she is thoughtful and informed. She shares parental compliments as well as concerns, and, most importantly, asks questions to ensure she is well-versed before she votes. In her two years, Amy has become a universally respected member of the Board.

Democrat Emily Green Hayden grew up in Woodstock in a family dedicated to learning with her parents being well-respected local educators. A mother of two children in the Woodstock schools, Mrs. Green Hayden is an early childhood specialist who manages five head start programs for EASTCONN, this region's educational service center. Her knowledge would be an asset to the Board's subcommittees focused on academics and policy. Mrs. Green Hayden is the founder and director of a Montessori school and prior to that worked for several outreach organizations.

Democrat Kate McDonald grew up in the Quiet Corner, and is an academic learning specialist who operates a local nonprofit that promotes youth success. Her work involves partnering with area organizations to find effective and efficient ways to help students who are struggling by working with fellow educators and analyzing data. Her strengths can enhance discussion on Board subcommittees including academic and finance. Mrs. McDonald also has children in the school district.

Democrat Jessica Weaver Boose grew up in Woodstock and, also, comes from a family dedicated to improving the education of Woodstock students. Mrs. Weaver Boose, who recently returned with her family, worked as a youth minister with a focus on broadening and strengthening access to education for children. She has a background in community outreach, which would be an asset in terms of improving Board communication with the public. Through her work, Mrs. Weaver Boose is aware of academic policy and has continued her studies in youth ministry, including safety and education classes.

On the ballot you can vote for three candidates for the Board of Education. As I exit the Board after serving for seven years, the last four as chair—my term ends Nov. 15—I encourage you to support three of the four candidates listed above.

MEGAN BARD MORSE WOODSTOCK

cial literacy courses mandatory to graduate from the high school, which would give our students a distinct, invaluable advantage over their contemporaries in other schools. Beyond this, I'll seek to build upon the School Resource Officer (SRO) safety program that has been recently implemented, craft a responsible, compassionate, but practical budget that harms neither taxpayers nor staff and students, and to, importantly, keep all political agendas out of classrooms, including distorted views of history in one direction or another.

Again, we have the potential to be the greatest school district in the area, if only we reached out to seize it. There are undisputedly good people who seek and

hold municipal office, but I am distinct in that I hold no loyalty to a party, and so my only priority will be the betterment of the schools and working tirelessly to achieve this. In doing so, I believe that we can, and will, usher in a new era of civility and understanding, making the Board a proactive legislative body, but still one that is calm, cool, and collected, not on edge and bickering. If this is a school district, and Board, that you want to have and want to be proud of having, then I graciously ask for your support on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Vote Gaudreau to get things done! Thank you.

BRANDON GAUDREAU ROGERS

that there was a sawmill at the upper end of the Higginbotham millpond, possibly owned by Edward Paine who sold Obadiah Higginbotham the ten-acres in 1778. Despite the destruction from the '38 hurricane and numerous storms thereafter, archaeological evidence shows the possibility of three small mills supported by primary source material: Obadiah's spinning wheel factory, a carding mill, and Darius' spindle and spool mill. Nick Bellantoni's expert read of the cellar holes and other material culture evidenced in the stonework magnified the stories about the Higginbotham family.

Meanwhile, the Randall/Botham burial ground received a spiffy polish as Ruth Brown, Michael Carroll and their crews demonstrated how to safely and effectively clean gravestones. After the cleaning of several stones, it was much easier to read the inscriptions. They reinforced several toppling stones and began the process of repairing Darius Higginbotham's stone. By the end of the

demonstration, the Randall/Botham cemetery sparked with renewed life leaving evidence that Pomfret Historical Society cares about the preservation of the past.

Perhaps the greatest take-away for the participants was that material culture informs us about how people lived, worked, and buried their dead. The "stuff left behind" provides vital data as we try to build evidence-based stories of the past. Unfortunately, important pieces of the puzzle are often vandalized or stolen which leaves a gaping hole in our historical perspective. It is important to educate the public that removing material from its original site is not only illegal but rips a piece of the puzzle from the database as we try to reconstruct history based on facts. So, the next time you remove a stonewall, a grist stone, lye stone, gravestone, or granite post from its original place, remember you are robbing us all of our past.

Ava is really strong and really smart," Gagnon said. "She made a couple of huge, huge saves in the first half to keep us in the game. On one of those saves she came out of the goal to go one-on-one with an East Lyme offensive player, disrupting her enough to allow Aly [Bunning] to come in and make an end line save."

Gagnon had nothing but good things to say about her blue-collar defensive crew.

"Our defensive players, they're a bunch of hard workers; they keep us in a lot of games because they have a lot of goal-line saves," Gagnon said. "Ava is a really aggressive goalie and she will come out pretty far and that means sometimes teams are able

around her. But, the defense, they're all really tough individuals. They're willing to put their faces on the line.

"Aly Bunning and Ainsley Morse are both softball players. They don't care; they'll get their faces right in there. Aly Bunning is a fearless little beast," Gagnon said, a huge smile crossing her face. "She loves playing defense. Because she's small, everybody just kind of assumes they can roll over her. Then she comes up with these stops that make people stop and notice her. She really likes doing that."

Harris is listed as a midfielder but she doesn't seem to spend a lot of time in the middle of the field.

"Caroline is in the defensive

end a lot of us," said Gagnon about Harris, who also plays ice hockey and lacrosse for the Centaurs. "She's just a sophomore but she's has been a tremendous leader for us. Caroline has been the engine of our team. She is always go, go, go; she never stops."

Woodstock's offense struggled against East Lyme.

"Offensively we could have been a little bit stronger. We weren't able to capitalize on our opportunities," said Gagnon, who explained that two of her top four offensive players are freshmen who had never played field hockey before this fall. "Just learning to jell together as an offense has been a growing experience and taken a while."

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Ann LaParle, 90

Elizabeth Ann (“Kippy”) LaParle, age 90, of Brooklyn CT passed away October 20, 2021. She was born in Putnam CT and grew up in Goodyear (Rogers) CT, the third daughter of Louis LaParle and Olive Gothreau. Liz attended the Killingly school system, and married Gilbert J Poirier in 1950 with whom she had two daughters. She and Gil operated Keech’s Department Store in Danielson throughout the 1960s and 70s and were divorced in 1978. In 1979 she relocated to Ft. Myers, Florida and returned to Windham County in 2018, residing at Creamery Brook Village. Elizabeth was an avid gardener, seamstress, and crafter. Her yard was always the envy of the neighborhood, and she made all her own clothes.



She won numerous awards for her Christmas displays. She sewed quilts for a children’s hospital in Ft. Myers. She created beautiful mink teddy bears when she moved to Florida and no longer needed her warm coats. She enjoyed dancing in her younger days - especially ballroom and square dancing. She was a member of the Ruffles & Beaus square dance club. Elizabeth leaves two daughters, Debra Louis and her husband Adolph (Randy) Halbach of Danielson; and Joyce Ann and her husband Dan Hannum of Brookings Oregon. She also leaves her partner of 40 years, Adelard Giard; her sister Irene Maynard of El Dorado Arizona; her brother David LaParle of Beverly Hills Florida, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, and her sister Louise in 2018. Private services were held.

Dennis Robert Edwards, 72



Woodstock - Dennis Robert Edwards, 72, died unexpectedly on September 27, 2021, at Bridgeport Hospital. He last resided at The Crossings East, New London, Connecticut, where he lived since 2015. Dennis was born in East Woodstock and was a graduate of Woodstock Academy, class of 1969. After graduation, he moved to the Groton/New London area and worked at Electric Boat in the janitorial department for many ears before becoming unable to

work. He is survived by his father, Francis “Howard” Edwards of East Woodstock; his brother, Wayne (Laurie) Edwards of Putnam; his sister, Sherry (Peter) Engh of East Woodstock; and aunts, uncles, nieces and a nephew. He was predeceased by brothers, Walter and Dale, his mother, Alma Marie (Baker) Edwards Rose, and his stepmother Pauline Jones Wonoski, Edwards. There are no public services at this time. A private burial will be held at a later date. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

Elizabeth Althea Terwilliger

Elizabeth Althea (Slater) Terwilliger of Central Village, CT, born on October 11, 1923, passed at the age of 98 from this earthly life into God’s arms on October 12, 2021. Elizabeth mothered and nurtured eight children with her husband Wesley Allen Terwilliger, who predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by Claudia Allen (Roman Jamieson) of Thompson, CT; Donna Normandin of Danielson, CT; Ann Gaudette (Roger) of Central Village, CT; Carol Erskine (Charles Goss, Jr.) of Coventry, RI; Linda Orkney (Roy) of Evans, GA; Wendy Cochrane of Plainfield, CT; David Terwilliger (Tammy) of Lexington, KY; and Paul Terwilliger (Aimee) of South Killingly, CT. Elizabeth’s love embraced the spouses of her children and also the late Charles Normandin, Jr. and Jack Cochrane. Elizabeth’s sister-in-law, Roberta (Terwilliger) Ritchie, knew her as her sister-in-love, which described their relationship over seven decades. Elizabeth was a loving and fun “child-magnet” to her grandchildren and their children. Elizabeth, the daughter of George and Mildred Slater, was born in Putnam, CT, grew up in South Killingly, was educated in the Killingly school system, excelling in clerical course work, and was offered the key to Becker College as a student. She chose employment at Killingly Worsted, Inc., which in later years led to positions at E.N. Curtis Transportation and Doring Labels, Inc., both in Killingly. Elizabeth and Wesley were known to say that they wanted lots of children, and they achieved that aspiration with their six girls and two

boys, bringing them up by Christian faith and example. As a member of the South Killingly Congregational Church Elizabeth taught and served a while as the Superintendent of Sunday School. She participated in adult Bible study groups and church retreats, made countless potato salads for church suppers, and performed in several Tunk City Hoopla productions. Elizabeth was a caring, thoughtful friend to many in the South Killingly community, and her children always knew that she would welcome their friends and offer sustenance and hospitality. In 1991, she went to a Life Spring retreat in Florida as “Betty”, came back as Elizabeth and published Come Drink from My Spring; Poems by Elizabeth. In 2006, Elizabeth and 19 other family members and friends took a cruise to Alaska, as she had expressed interest in seeing the state where her father, George Slater, had lived in the late 1800’s during gold rush years. For the past 22 years Elizabeth made her home with her daughter Ann and husband Roger Gaudette in Central Village, for which our family members are deeply grateful. Many happy times there comprise the memories of this quietly special woman who touched so many lives with her goodness. Elizabeth also leaves 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. A calling hour was held at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street in Danielson, CT on Tuesday October 19, 2021 from 10-11AM followed by a service at 11AM to honor Elizabeth’s life. Burial will follow at South Killingly Cemetery in South Killingly. Donations in Elizabeth’s memory may be made to: American Legion Ambulance Fund, Inc., 30 Norwich Road, P.O. Box 785, Moosup, CT 06354.

Ellen M. Ashton, 72

Putnam, CT — Ellen M. Ashton, 72, of Putnam, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at Bickford Healthcare. She was born in Webster, MA on February 7, 1949, daughter of the late Thomas Sterczala and Gladys Ashton. She changed her last name to Ashton in 1993. She was a graduate of Bartlett High School, class of 1967 and was captain of her softball team. Ellen attended Atlantic Union College for a year, and later graduated cum laude from Worcester State College with a degree in Elementary Education in 1979. She later attended David Hale Fanning Trade School as a nursing student and graduated in 1988. Ellen was employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse for over 26 years at Webster Manor and Webster House nursing homes. In her free time, she enjoyed activities at the local senior center and YMCA, watching the Hallmark channel, and spending time with her canine and feline companions. She also loved traveling and made trips to Florida,

Washington, D.C.; Lancaster, P.A.; South Korea, Ireland, the British Isles, and the Caribbean. Ellen was a faithful member of Quinebaug Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Christine Ashton and Deborah Wiik and her husband David, all of Putnam; her brothers, James Maynard of Sturbridge, MA, and William Sterczala of Worcester, MA, and her nephew and four nieces. In addition to her parents, Ellen was predeceased by her brothers, Thomas Sterczala and Arthur Maynard, and her sister, Charlotte Sterczala. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away—Revelation 21:4. Services will be private, at the convenience of the family. Windsor Locks Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.

George R. Axtell, 74

North Grosvenordale - George Axtell, 74, of North Grosvenordale, died October 23, 2021, in Hartford Hospital. Born in New London, Connecticut, he was the loving husband of Joan (Worrell) Axtell. George previously worked at Kaman aerospace and Laframboise Well Drilling. He loved watching the Red Sox and camping in New Hampshire. He was always on the go and enjoyed visiting friends and family, offering laughs and support. He loved his family above all else and his smile and sense of humor will be truly missed by them all. George is survived by his two sons,



Phillip (Amber) Axtell of Thompson, CT and George (Tracy) Axtell of Webster, MA; his two daughters, Lena (Gary) Fredericks of Dayville, CT and Annie (Toby) Ciukaj of North Grosvenordale, CT; three siblings, Jerry, Jim, and Rita; and 14 grandchildren, George, Ryan, Evan, Dylan, Mathew, Sybella, Amya, Jase, Ophelia, Margaret, Louis, Bennett, Liliana, and Henry. He is also survived by his loyal dog, Charlie. George is predeceased by his sister, Joanne. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with George and his family from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Friday, October 29, 2021, in Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church Street, Putnam, CT. A funeral service will follow in the funeral home at 12:30 pm. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Jeannette H. Renaud (“Meme”) 93

Jeannette H. (Morneau) Renaud (“Meme”) 93, of Brooklyn CT, went “home” to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at Windham Hospital, on Monday, October 11, 2021. She was born on December 7, 1927, to the late Paul and Theresa (LaRoach) Morneau of Southbridge, MA. She was one of fifteen children. She was raised and worked on her family’s dairy farm in Southbridge. She was married to the late Charles E. Renaud, Jr. on November 27, 1952, at St. Mary’s church in Southbridge and later moved to Brooklyn where she lived for more than sixty-five years. In addition to her husband of 55 years, she was predeceased by four brothers, Clarence, Paul (Peewee), Albert, and Maurice Morneau. She worked at the old Gant’s shirt factory in Wauregan, CT for many years where she was employed as a seamstress. She loved to crochet and knit most of her life. She enjoyed making things for her family and friends. She made the best homemade bread amongst many dishes and desserts she

spoiled her family with. She was a devout Christian and a communicant of St Joseph church, Dayville, CT. until it’s closing. She spent her life committed to prayer and helping others who were less fortunate. She never had much of life’s earthly possessions, but she always found a sale and was happy to share what little she had. She found her peace and joy in her faith in God. She devoted herself to the raising and care of her family and considered herself blessed. She is survived by her son Gerard C. Renaud and his wife Kim, along with her grandson Bryan G. Renaud and great-grandson Charles G. Renaud, all of Escondido, CA. She is also survived by her granddaughter Shawna Cronin, her spouse Meghan, and great-granddaughter Gabrielle Silvia, of Portsmouth, RI. She is also survived by her daughter Diane M. Beardslee and her husband William, along with their three sons, Ethan, Alex, and Colin, of Glen Head, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, November 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT, burial to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. Share a memory at Gagnonandcostellofh.com

Eastern student Erin Raymond of Pomfret Center brings “The Place That Made You” to the stage

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University’s Theatre Program presented its first production of the fall semester on Oct. 19-24 in the Proscenium Theatre. Directed by Theatre Professor Darcy Parker Bruce, “The Place That Made You” takes audience members through an altered narrative of a famous Bible story. Among the students who brought to play to stage was Erin Raymond of Pomfret Center, who majors in Theatre and was a member of the costume construction crew. This play is motivated by one of the most well-known Bible stories, “Jonah

and the Whale.” The story follows Jonah, who refuses to carry out God’s demands, so God sends a whale to swallow him. Jonah spends three days and three nights inside the whale and prays to God for help and redemption. Director Bruce uses this Bible story as a basis for creating her own spin on the tale. “This play is meant as a road map for every queer soul trying to find their way home,” said Bruce. “This play is also written in response to watching far too many members of my community move through thoughts of worthlessness and suicide.” “The Place That Made You” takes place in a small Connecticut town and observes Jonah as he struggles to find answers about his purpose in life the while trying to accept the death of his best friend. The ghost of the deceased best friend, Ben, returns to her childhood home to get her own answers and the small town is preyed on by a whale.



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OBITUARIES

Claire A. Johnson

Claire A. Johnson of Barton, Vermont died on October 13, 2021 in Barton, Vermont. In 1949 she married Marcus E. Johnson, Sr., of Woodstock, CT who died on December 26, 1981. She was born in Providence, RI on September 13, 1923, the daughter of A. Clarence and Frances (Horton) Ohlson.

She lived most of her life in Woodstock, CT until she moved to Christopher Heights, MA then to Vermont to be near her daughter. In her earlier years in Woodstock, she was active in Republican politics as Registrar of Voters and Vice Chairman of the Republican Town Committee as well as working for Republican Congressman Horace Seeley Brown. She was a star route mail carrier for South Woodstock, Woodstock, North Woodstock & E Woodstock post offices.



She was later Welcome Wagon Hostess for the local area. Before retiring, she worked for H & M Associates of E. Woodstock. She enjoyed sewing and knitting.

She leaves two children and their spouses, a son Marcus E. Johnson, Jr (Deborah) of Woodstock, a daughter Candace D. Puglise (Lowell Spink), granddaughters Paige Lavarney of VT, Carri Perna of PA, Terri Perna of CA and Kristina Johnson of MA, six grandchildren: 10 great grandchildren, a sister Sandra Margler(husband Lawrence) of Kilavea, HI, two nieces and a nephew of California. A dear companion William Adint, predeceased her.

Per Claire's wishes there will be no services. On-line condolences may be made at curtis-britch.com. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funeral Home, locally family owned and operated.

Michael P. Lajoie, 65

Mentor on the Lake, OH – Michael P. Lajoie, 65, died Monday, October 18, 2021, at University Hospital Cleveland Medical Center. Born in Putnam, CT, he was the son of Roland Lajoie of Dayville and the late Lillian (Labonte) Lajoie.



Mr. Lajoie worked for many years as a product support specialist in the fiber optic field in which he built relationships he cherished with clients and co-workers throughout the United States. He enjoyed riding around in his Porsche and was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. One of his favorite trips was spending time at Geneva on the Lake with his long-time girlfriend, Wendy and their dog, Sasha.

Michael is survived by his father,

Roland Lajoie, his two sons, Ryan Lajoie and his wife, Amanda of Thompson, CT and Jeffrey Lajoie and his wife, Danielle of Norwood, MA, his sister, Jacqueline Lajoie of Thompson, nephew, RJ Lajoie of Mentor, his two grandchildren, Rhett and Willa Rose Lajoie of Thompson, his girlfriend, Wendy Weigle of Mentor on the Lake, OH, her daughter, Chelsey Roush and her son, Brian Roush. He was predeceased by his mother, Lillian Lajoie and his brother, Robert Lajoie.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Michael's family from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale immediately followed by a graveside service in St. Joseph Cemetery, N. Grosvenordale.

For memorial guestbook please visit, www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Crafty experiences for holiday gifts

One of the challenges each holiday season is coming up with novel gifts for loved ones. For those who seemingly have it all and might not need another Santa sweater or fruit basket, an experience gift might be the perfect fit.

Giving experiences can be fulfilling for gifters and show recipients that the gift was given ample thought.

There are no shortages of experiential

to offer. However, people who enjoy arts and crafts may enjoy being on the receiving end of a crafty experience this year.

- Glass-blowing: Glass-blowing is an art form that turns molten glass into colorful and eye-catching pieces. Blown glass can be transformed into everything from wine goblets to ornaments. Instructors can teach gift recipients how to form glass into desired finished products and decorate them with swirls, patterns and colors. Check with local glass-blowing artisans (many are located in tourist centers and seaside towns) to find out if they offer experience gifts.

- Paint and sip: Paint and sip businesses are thriving, as scores of novice artists produce impressive artwork while sipping a glass of vino. A friend or a family member who aspires to be the next Bob Ross will likely enjoy a paint and sip gift.

- Farmhouse style crafts: Businesses that teach individuals how to create farmhouse crafts take them through the step-by-step process of turning raw wood boards and shelves into stained and stenciled farmhouse-inspired pieces. With clever sayings like "Home is where

our story begins" or "Smith Family, Est. 2019," it's never been easier to create custom pieces in just a few hours.

- Pottery: Pottery studios can now be found as stand-alone buildings or as franchised establishments in area shopping malls. Recipients can choose among various projects and walk away with a painted and fired treasure that can be displayed for years.

- Brewing: With the rise of craft breweries, apprentice shops have turned up across the country. A craft beer experience gift may be just what a budding brewer needs to start creating his or her own beers.

Craft-inspired experience gifts can be customized for people with a wide range of interests.



REPAIRS MADE TO ASKEW TRAIL



Photo Courtesy

In Eastford on Oct. 23, volunteers joined Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission members to repair the town's Askew Trail. The trail honors Eastford Elementary School Science and Math Teacher George Askew, who inspired students with his enthusiasm for the natural world. Shown are (l-r): Steve Ribeiro, Bruce Barlow, Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Mike Moran, Lory Kneeland, Theresa Becker, Frank Castagna, Mary Belden, Tom Hughes, Dale Warren, David Budd, Daniel Budd, David Jakubowski, Seth Budd, Tom DeJohn, Roger Wolfe, and Deb Lee. Ellsworth and Lee Co-chair the Commission.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Webex and in-person (masks required) at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT on the following:

ZRC 21-001: Request to change Zoning Regulations concerning conservation subdivisions. Applicant: David Held.

SRC 21-001: Request to change Subdivision Regulations concerning conservation subdivisions. Applicant: David Held.

Copies of applications will be available for review on the Town of Brooklyn website.

All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.

Dated this 14th day of October 2021. October 22, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

side setback facing house right, variance of 70' side setback facing house left. Approved with conditions

File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Beno, Chairman

October 29, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via a virtual WebEx Meeting and at the Clifford B. Green Community Meeting Room, Suite 24, 69 South Main Street on the following:

100421A Heather & Matt Allen (applicant) and David & Gail Allen (Owner), 0 Christian Hill Rd., Map 31, Lot 19, Excavation and construction of an agricultural pond and dry well. A copy of the application is available for review.

All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.

Richard Oliverson

Chairman

Dated this 12th day of October 2021

October 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Philip B Dean (21-00141) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 18, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jen Brown Dean, 19 Centre Pike Road, Eastford, CT 06242 Attorney:

TRACIE L. MOLINARO, ST ONGE & BROUILLARD, 50 ROUTE 171,

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October 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joan I Rumrill (21-00319) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 19, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Ronald Rumrill, WENDY JEANNE DAVIES (attorney for Ronald Rumrill), ROME CLIFFORD KATZ & KOERNER, LLP, 214 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06106, (860)521-7044

October 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bruce Schiferle (21-00350) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 18, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Megan K. Kramer, c/o MICHELE ANN PALULIS (attorney for Megan K. Kramer), ATTORNEY

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October 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Cynthia B. Lincoln (21-00384) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 20, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

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October 29, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On October 18, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for 10-21-11- Rocky Hill Road- David Elliot- driveway for new dwelling.

On October 21, 2021, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the following applications:

SP-M652-08-38- 150 Route 169-Woodstock Academy c/o Christopher Sanford- Map 6395, Block 64, Lot 11- Construction of 156 new parking spaces at the Loos Center for the Arts, with conditions.

651-07-37- 1015 Route 198- Carl and Patricia Noren- 1 lot subdivision and boundary line adjustment.

Dr. Jeffery Gordon, Chairman

October 29, 2021

In the Studio



CYNTHIA SAARI



Red Art Deco clock



Curtis & Dunning Banjo Clock. Circa 1820



Seth Thomas “Pillar & Scroll” Circa 1815



Joseph Ives, brass movement “Triple Decker”. Circa 1840



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

Today we’re visiting with area horologist, Pete Belmore. A horologist is one who is skilled in “the art of making instruments for indicating time” (Merriam-Webster dictionary). In case you were wondering where to get a special clock repaired or restored, Pete is the man for the job.

It all started in 1994 with a red, Art Deco 8-day wall wind-up clock found at a flea market. Intrigued by this broken timepiece, Belmore determined how to get it back in working order. In continuing to rescue more flea market finds, Pete began his research and hands-on repairs gaining knowledge and experience along the way. After years working with a great variety of, and an abundance of more complex old clocks, he eventually left the construction field to pursue clock repair full-time.

Pete, please give us a few examples of interesting repairs or restorations you’ve done.

Honestly, they’re all interesting to me. In a way, most of the repairs are similar, but seldom are they exactly the same. There’s always the possibility for variations of circumstances, and/or design configurations from one manufacturer to the next. I enjoy the challenge of adapting to whatever those variations may be. Sometimes this might involve a simple, minor change in technique, or possibly coming up with a completely new technique. Sometimes it might necessitate fabricating a special proprietary tool designed specifically for a certain task. I enjoy exercising my problem solving skills when they are needed to get the job done. Keeping in

mind, this all has to happen at a price that’s palatable to the customer.

Another situation that I find interesting is when something comes in that has parts missing. I like figuring out what the puzzle pieces need to do, and/or look like, and to utilize my engineering aptitude and come up with a solution.

Please share some photos of favorite pieces

What kind of tools are needed for the work you do? Any special equipment?

Well, the list of small hand-tools is endless. Special equipment that you simply can’t live without would include: a small lathe (for making and/or repairing small parts), an ultra-sonic tank, (for cleaning metal parts), a spring winder. Then there are more ordinary pieces of shop equipment such as a drill-press, bench grinder, hand-held drill, belt sander, etc. I’m sure I’ve left out a lot.

Clocks work by gravitational energy or coiled spring mechanism. What would be an example of each?

I’d say a spring driven clock is pretty self-explanatory. A “gravity” driven clock would be one powered by the slow descent of weights, attached by cable or cord or rope, to a drum in the clock’s gear-train, causing rotation. Another example of a gravity clock would be a water clock. A very simple device that measures the amount of water drained from one vessel to another, (in a simplified description). Some claim that the earliest water clocks go back as far as 4000 BC, in ancient China.

Do you have clock “favorites”?

I have a personal interest in U.S. made wood-movement clocks (late 1700’s to about 1840). In the mid-1700’s, as the approach of the American Revolution seemed imminent, clockmakers knew their supply of brass from England would soon be in jeopardy. As an alternative to brass, they turned to a locally available resource—hardwoods.

The transition was quite successful, and just a few years later, with the fulfillment of the famous “Porter

Contract”(1806-1809), Eli Terry perfected mass production of the wood-movement tall-clock in Salem CT. Terry, along with then woodworker employees, Seth Thomas and Silas Hoadley, produced 4,000 clock movements in just three years. This is a feat that would rightfully be considered impossible prior to employment of mass production. Terry went on to mass produce wood-movement shelf clocks, along with many imitators. This spawned the entire Connecticut clock industry that eventually employed thousands for a century to come. One could argue that this activity contributed in large part the entire industrial revolution in America.

I’m guessing it’s not uncommon to do repairs on previous repairs. Any comment?

You guess correctly. I am seldom impressed with the quality of previous repairs that I encounter. I have a theory on how and why much of what I see is not quite up to snuff. It is just a theory though, and I’ll leave it for another discussion.

I understand that there is an initial \$25 deposit to assess the condition of a clock for repair, which includes an estimate for actual repairs. To get started, a customer would contact you*, then bring the clock to the Antiques Marketplace, Jeremiah’s, or Arts & Framing in Putnam, for pick-up, correct? *(508)949-7985 or 1990rb4@gmail.com

It is not required that the customer contacts me first. They could simply deliver the clock to any of the establishments mentioned above, where contact information will be recorded, and deposit collected.

If the customer has questions or concerns about having their clock repaired, I would then encourage them to call me first. The \$25 “deposit” actually covers the cost of evaluating the repair requirements. This “evaluation” usually includes removal of the hands and dial, removing the movement from the case, usually some cleaning and even disassembly if necessary. This is somewhat time consuming, but with this approach I can conduct a comprehensive examination of the movement, and feel confident about giving the customer an accurate repair estimate that I know I can honor.

Once the estimate is complete, I would then contact the customer, discuss any potential options, and get their authorization before proceeding. If the cost is outside the budget of the customer, the clock would be reassembled and returned. Because the process of submitting an accurate estimate is somewhat labor intensive, if the customer should decide not to go forward with the repair the “deposit” is non-refundable. If the cost of the repair is deemed acceptable, all of the process described above is actually the beginning procedure to repairing the clock. So it could be said that the “deposit” is actually going toward the repair cost.

I should also mention that for customers that might have a tall-clock (A.K.A. Grandfather clock) that is in need of service, I do make house-calls. For this, I should be contacted directly via the previously mentioned phone number. (Please note, I cannot receive texts at this number.)

You are a horologist and a musician. In fact, folks in Putnam may recognize you busking downtown or performing elsewhere. Tell us about your music.

The “Reader’s Digest” version: I’ve been playing guitar since I was ten years old (in 1965). I was in several bands, and in-and-out of performing through the decades. A chance meeting with Jo-Ann Pierpont in 2013 led to the conception of “That Dollar’s Gone”. We are an acoustic duo, and have been performing at dozens of venues in and around northeast Connecticut (including several in Putnam), and south-central Massachusetts. Also, you may have spotted us busking in front of 85 Main (St.) in Putnam. We play all the crowd-pleasers from the 60’s through the 80’s, as well as a few more contemporary selections. Whatever is well-known, fun, and entertaining!

Last question: where is that red Art Deco clock now?

On my kitchen wall.
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Word of the day

The Porter Contract In June 1806, Terry was contracted by Levi G. and Edward Porter, Yankee Peddlers from Waterbury (later the home of the Radium Girls), to produce 4,000 clocks within three years. Terry hired and trained Seth Thomas and Silas Hoadley to work this new factory. By 1808, the first 1,000 clocks were finished, and by 1809, the final 3,000 were delivered. (thevintagenews.com)

Art Deco the predominant decorative art style of the 1920s and 1930s, characterized by precise and boldly delineated geometric shapes and strong colors and used most notably in household objects and in architecture

Busking the activity of playing music in the street or another public place for voluntary donations (Oxford Languages)

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

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Ghost

SPANISH: Fantasma

ITALIAN: Spettro

FRENCH: Fantôme

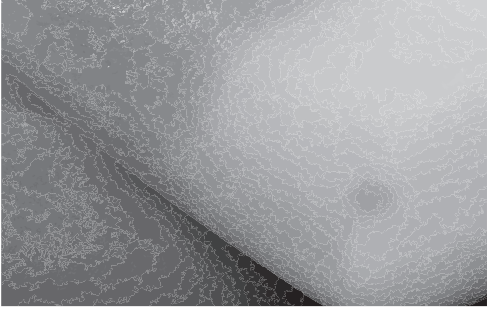
GERMAN: Geist

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High School Notebook

Woodstock’s Arends cruises to ECC Cross Country Title

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Maybe the third time really is the charm.

Woodstock Academy senior Linsey Arends captured the Eastern Connecticut Conference individual girls’ cross-country championship on Thursday, Oct. 21, covering the Norwich Golf Course layout in 20 minutes, 21 seconds. Arends finished 25 second ahead of the second-place finisher, Bacon Academy’s Jordan Malloy.

Arends finished third in this race as a freshman and lost to Malloy by a second two years ago. Junior Lauren Brule placed 10th in this year’s race for the Centaurs, while senior Leah Castle was 12th across the finish line. Woodstock Academy, as a team, finished second to East Lyme.

On the boys’ side, Woodstock Academy senior Ian Hoffman, running in his first ECC Championship, finished sixth overall, completing the race in 17 minutes, 41 seconds. Hoffman’s top-10 performance sparked the Centaurs to a fourth-place finish in the team portion of the championship.

Junior Vincente Bastura (18:40) finished 14th while freshman Christian Menounos (19:06) placed 20th for the Centaurs.

Football

Killingly High School remained undefeated, demolishing Montville High, 47-13, on the road on Friday, Oct. 22.

Killingly, which scored on three of the game’s first four plays, was led by sophomore Soren Reif, who scored three touchdowns, and senior Nathan Keefe, who found the end zone twice. Coach Chad

Neal’s team led, 34-0 at the end of the first quarter, 40-0 at half-time and 47-0 early in the third quarter.

Killingly (5-0) scored on the game’s first play from scrimmage, Keefe hauling in a 65-yard scoring strike from junior quarterback Thomas Dreibholz, who then tacked on the extra point, giving Killingly a quick 7-0 lead.

On Montville’s first play from scrimmage Killingly junior linebacker Alex Potapskiy intercepted a pass thrown by quarterback Chas Terni and returned it for a touchdown. The touchdown was called back due to a penalty that occurred after the interception, so the Killingly offense took over on the Montville 21-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Dreibholz and Keefe connected on their second TD toss in as many plays.

On the first play of Montville’s second offensive series, junior Noah Colangelo intercepted Terni and scored on a 36-yard pick six. The game was a combined five offensive plays old and Killingly led, 21-0.

Reif’s touchdowns came on runs of 18 and 22 yards, and a 21-yard interception return. Junior Colby Lopez also scored a defensive touchdown for Killingly — which scored three in the game — on a 25-yard fumble return.

Elsewhere, Woodstock Academy improved to 5-1 (3-0 ECC Division II) with a 33-0 pounding of winless Bacon Academy on Saturday, Oct. 23, in Colchester. Centaurs’ senior quarterback Ethan Davis threw first half touchdown passes of 11 and 25 yards to classmate Jackson Goetz and a 23-yarder to another senior, Parker Anderson. After intermission

Trevor Savoie added a 2-yard touchdown run and Braiden Saucier threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Carter Saracina. Savoie, Saucier and Saracina are all juniors.

The Quinebaug Valley Pride, a co-op team comprised of kids from Ellis Tech, Putnam, and Tourtellotte high schools, ran its record to 6-0 on Friday, Oct. 22, defeating the Bullard Havens/Kolbe Cathedral co-op team, 47-38, at the St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.

Boys’ Soccer

Ellis Tech’s hopes of posting an undefeated regular season were thwarted on Thursday, Oct. 21 when the Golden Eagles lost, 2-0, to Wilcox Tech of Meriden. The loss dropped Ellis Tech to 12-1-2. The defeat came after a pair of wins earlier in the week, 3-1 over Windham Tech on Tuesday, Oct. 19, and 2-0 over Tourtellotte on Monday, Oct. 18. All three games were played on the road.

Sophomore Cody Cramer scored all three goals in the win over Windham Tech. Classmate Cameron Fulone, who assisted on two of Cramer’s goals, scored both of the Golden Eagles goals against Tourtellotte. Cramer assisted on one of the goals, senior Sebastian Fauxbel, the other.

Girls’ Soccer

Woodstock Academy won both of its games last week, closing out a four-day span with a 6-1 win over Fitch High in Groton on Tuesday, Oct. 19 after traveling to Deep River to defeat Valley Regional, 3-0, on Saturday, Oct. 16. In the win over Fitch junior Grace Gelhaus scored two goals while senior Addy Smith added a goal on a penalty kick, and two assists. Freshmen Juliet Allard



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Woodstock Academy senior Linsey Arends needed just 20 minutes and 21 seconds to capture the girls’ portion of the ECC Cross Country Championships, held Thursday, Oct. 21, at Norwich Golf Course.

and Bella Mawson, and senior Ava Coutu also tallied for the Centaurs (5-7-2 overall, 2-2-1 ECC Division I). In the win over Valley Regional Gelhaus, Allard and Coutu all scored.

Volleyball

Woodstock Academy won two matches in two nights recently, defeating Coventry High, 3-2, on Thursday, Oct. 21, and Hartford’s Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA), 3-0, on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Set scores in the 4-13 Centaurs win over 10-5 Coventry were 25-23, 13-25, 25-21, 14-25 and 15-12. Freshman Liliana Bottone had 14 kills and 19 digs for WA while senior Annarose Avery had 25 assists and junior Ellie Nunes had 28 digs.

In the victory over SMSA Centaurs’ senior Aurissa Boardman (17 digs) had 10 of her 16 kills and junior Emily Goodell had a streak of eight service points late in the third set to spark a come-from-behind 25-20 win in the set. Woodstock won the first two sets, 25-22 and 25-18. Freshman Sophie Gronski had 13 assists for WA, while Avery added 10 assists.

Woodstock Academy’s two-game winning was snapped on Friday, Oct. 22, the 4-14 Centaurs losing, 3-0, on the road to Newtown High (13-5). Set

scores in the match were 25-20, 25-23, and 25-13. Boardman finished the Newtown match with 10 kills while Bottone had nine. Nunes recorded 17 digs.

Elsewhere, Putnam High improved to 4-9 with a 3-2 win over Killingly High on Thursday, Oct. 21. Set scores in the match were 25-16, 27-25, 23-25, 14-25, and 15-9. The Clippers also won the junior varsity match, prevailing 2-1 (25-21, 21-25, 16-14).

Field Hockey

The Pomfret School was 1-1 in a pair of games last week, defeating Suffield Academy, 2-1, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, before losing to the Williston-Northampton School, 3-2, on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Against Suffield the 5-7 Griffins rallied for the win, overcoming a 1-0 deficit on goals by senior Emma McLean and junior Tara Valas. Junior Maya Shocket assisted on the McLean goal while senior Cate Gallagher assisted on Valas’ game-winner. Scoring against Williston-Northampton were junior Grace Long and sophomore Philo Schorling. Long’s goal, (assisted on by Schorling) tied the game, 1-1. Schorling’s goal, tied the game, 2-2. Williston-Northampton netted the winning goal with 7:56 remaining in the game.

Nisbet puts on a show, but Killingly falls to Waterford in extra time

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The fleeting moments of individual battles within a team vs. team contest are sometimes more exhilarating than the overall game itself.

Such was the case on Saturday, Oct. 23, when the Killingly High girls’ soccer team hosted Waterford High on the turf field at the Killingly Athletic Complex.

Aryn Nisbet, Killingly’s junior goalie, found herself locked in a battle with Amarys Jimenez, Waterford’s sophomore striker. Twice in the final 12 minutes of regulation, the score knotted at 1-1, Jimenez unleashed shots that seemed destined to find the back of the net. On both occasions Nisbet seemingly appeared out of nowhere to snuff out each scoring opportunity.

Unfortunately for Killingly and its fans, however, Jimenez had the final word in her one-on-one duel with Nisbet, finally getting the ball past the goalkeeper four minutes into extra time, propelling the Lancers to a 2-1 overtime victory.

Jimenez’s game-winning shot came from 22 yards out, and like her other scoring chances, it was a quality shot, headed toward the upper right corner from the moment it left her foot. Nisbet was able to get her fingertips on the ball, which pushed it into the crossbar.

After going off Nisbet’s fingertips and the crossbar, the ball came straight down and the spin on the ball — from the shot itself, Nisbet’s fingertips and the crossbar — sent it just over the goal line.

The referee closest to the play sig-

naled that it was a good goal, but didn’t blow the whistle, so Nisbet quickly got to the ball and cleared it out. By then, however, it was clear to all involved and in attendance that the game was over and that the now 12-2 Lancers were headed back to Waterford with a choice victory.

“It was going upper corner and I tried the best I could to get up there,” said the 5-foot-4 Nisbet, who finished the game with 12 saves. “I got a piece of it and it hit the crossbar, but when it came down it just ricocheted the wrong way. The ref said it went over the line. I don’t think it did, but I might have a biased opinion.”

Killingly coach Jim Lackner confirmed that the rulebook states the ball has to go completely over the line. He acknowledged, though, that he didn’t have a great angle to see whether the ball went over the line or not.

“Completely over the line; that’s the tough part of the rule, completely over the line. I don’t know about that. I don’t know if that happened,” said Lackner, who added that his center back, senior captain Sophia Moore, confirmed that the ball did indeed go completely over the goal line. “Even if it didn’t go completely over the line, I could argue the call until I’m blue in the face but they’re not going to change it.”

Lackner was disappointed by, but philosophical about, the final play.

“We wouldn’t have even been playing overtime if it wasn’t for Aryn,” Lackner said. “She made a couple of fantastic saves in the second half. She kept us in the game.”

Killingly (8-5-1) tied the game, 1-1, in



Photos Jason McKay
Killingly’s Sophia Moore gets a knee on the ball in a clearing attempt.

the eighth minute of the second half, junior Casey Beauregard zipping the ball into the upper left corner off a perfect feed from senior Makala Dube.

Dube tracked down an over-the-top pass along the left sideline, dribbled down the end line toward the goal, stopped suddenly and shoveled the ball to a wide-open Beauregard, who artfully one-time the ball past Waterford goalkeeper McKenzie Gregory.

“We came into this game trying to focus on getting the ball wide, attacking the offensive end, getting around their outside backs and then cutting the ball back into the middle,” Lackner said. “That’s exactly what happened when we scored. When Makala had the ball on the end line I was yelling, ‘cut the ball back, cut the ball back,’ and she found Casey right out in front and Casey just hammered it in.”

Day Kimball Hospital Centreville Bank Golf Classic raises more than \$121,000

PUTNAM — The 37th Annual Day Kimball Hospital (DKH) Centreville Bank Golf Classic was held at the Connecticut National Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 10. Sponsors, golfers, and volunteers who participated in or supported this year’s event raised more than \$121,000, the net proceeds of which will benefit Day Kimball Healthcare’s continued growth.

“We couldn’t be more grateful or excited about the result of this year’s tournament, particularly when many so many organizations and individuals are still dealing with the challenges of the pandemic,” said Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. “This year more than ever, our DKH family of business partners, organizations, and community mem-

bers have stepped up in support of the hospital, making access to local, high quality healthcare a top priority in their philanthropic endeavors. It is humbling to say the least, to witness just how much our community recognizes the value of Day Kimball to this region and is willing to invest in its future.”

Tournament highlights included an

air-cannon ball shoot, a mid-day presentation and salute by the American Legion L’Homme Burdick Post 21 Danielson Color Guard escorted by the Manchester Pipe Band, and a tribute to all service personnel in honor of 9/11.

“The annual golf outing is a significant fundraiser for Day Kimball Healthcare,” said Kyle Kramer, chief

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executive director, Day Kimball healthcare. “We were excited to be able to continue the tradition of the tournament, and along with our generous partners at Centreville Bank, the legacy of raising funds needed to help us to provide the best possible services to those we care for. Over the years, this tournament has helped to make many things possible at Day Kimball Healthcare, and we are so grateful for our community’s continued support.”

Centreville Bank partnered with Day Kimball Hospital as the title sponsor for the fifth year in a row, contributing another \$25,000 toward Day Kimball Hospital initiatives over this calendar year. Centreville’s contribution included funding for the purchase of new equipment for the Townsend Emergency Medical Center and the Medical Surgical and Intensive Care Units at DKH, as well as support for Day Kimball Healthcare at Home and the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH.

“As a community bank, we know how important Day Kimball Hospital is to the people of Northeast Connecticut, as well as the level of support needed to ensure they can deliver quality care to those in need,” said Hal Horvat, president and chief executive officer, Centreville Bank. “We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish through this longstanding partnership between our organizations and look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our communities.”

Other major sponsors for the event included Cerner

Corporation, Colonial Health & Rehab Center of Plainfield, LLC and WIN Waste Innovations as Gold Sponsors; and Silver Sponsors Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Athenahealth, B & M Excavating Company, LLC, Downes Construction Co. LLC, Garfunkel Wild, P.C., NES Health, Northeast Development Company, Pinnacle Healthcare Consulting, Putnam Plastics, Reid & Riege P.C., Sherloq Solutions, Inc., and Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors. More than 160 other local and regional businesses and organizations, as well as individual community members and families participated in sponsoring the event to support the provision of healthcare in Northeast Connecticut.

Since its inception 37 years ago, the golf tournament has raised more than \$2,311,000 to support continued access to high quality medical care close to home in Northeast Connecticut by helping to fund technologies, facilities and care initiatives at the independent, non-profit community hospital.

For more information about the Day Kimball Hospital Centreville Bank Golf Classic, visit daykimball.org/golfclassic or call the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

2021 DKH Centreville Bank Golf Classic Results:

1st Place (53) Roger Noll, Sean Vigue, Pat Kozelka, Scott Vose

2nd Place (57) Jim Dandeneau, Deb Dandeneau, Ryan Dandeneau, Brad Rabitor

3rd Place (59) Eric Whittenburg, Steve Bibek, Bob Tetreault, Dave McNally

*USGA Matching Cards Lower Back 9 Score (28)



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2021-trophy-winners: (not in order by name) Walmart-North Windham team of Roger Noll, Sean Vigue, Pat Kozelka, and Scott Vose placed in first for gross results at the Day Kimball Hospital Centreville Bank Golf Classic held on September 10 at the Connecticut National Golf Club.



2021-skins-winners: (not in order by name) Gerardi Insurance Services team of Ed Desaulnier, Luke Desaulnier, Ron Jones, and Dick Baribeau placed first for skins with Ed Desaulnier hitting a hole in one.

2021 Closest to the Pin:
Closest to Pin #4 – Pat Kozelka (19 feet 1 inch)
Closest to Pin #7 – Bill Bailey (2 feet 10 inches)
Closest to Pin #9 – Peter Hoey (2 feet 10 inches)
Closest to Pin #11 – Chris

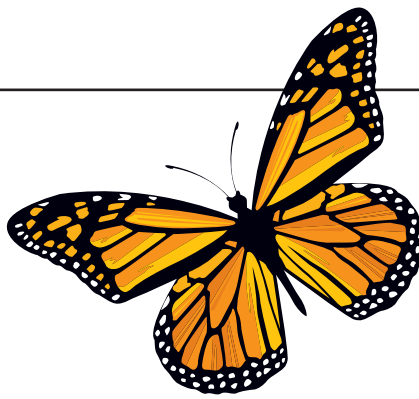
Landis (3 feet 11 inches)
Closest to Pin #15 – Ed Desaulnier (HOLE IN ONE!!)
Skins:
Hole in One on 15 – Ed Desaulnier, Luke Desaulnier, Ron Jones, Dick Baribeau

A VISIT TO
CANDY LAND



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The Killingly Public Library was home to a life size Candy Land event this week. The event occurred from Oct. 20 to the 30th. We had more than 100 visitors to the game! The children who played received a set of dice that would take them around the library to the Candy Land stations. When they finished the game, they were rewarded with a bag of treats. Most kids liked it so much they went around twice!



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