

New signs commemorate site of historic train wreck



Photos Jason Bleau

The ribbon is cut officially unveiling new signs along the site of the East Thompson Train Wreck.

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON – The town of Thompson held a special ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 3, unveiling signs that now mark the location of one of the most historic events in Thompson’s history, the Infamous Great East Thompson Train Wreck.

The 1891 wreck involving four trains along the New York and New England Railroad in East Thompson has become a popular talking point in 2021 espe-

cially with the upcoming release of a PBS special on the subject. The incident, which resulted in three deaths, is considered one of the most extensive train wrecks in American history but had once been forgotten as a piece of Thompson’s legacy. Now a new section of the Air Line Trail State Park rail trail will forever commemorate the events that occurred on that very spot.

The new section sits across the street from the

path that leads to the tri-state marker in Thompson and runs along the former location of the tracks where the event occurred. The trail is now marked with a series of signs commemorating the wreck including several transparent interpretive signs that, when examined from the front, overlay the area with a photo of what the path once looked like with the trails were in operation and when the accident took place.

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Woodstock encourages public input on American Rescue Plan funds

WOODSTOCK — From the Office of the First Selectman: The Town of Woodstock is working to ensure there are multiple ways for its citizens to provide input and ask questions about the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

At the Aug. 5 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, First Selectman Jay Swan proposed that the monthly third Thursday BOS meeting have an ARPA update added as a regular agenda item and move from 4 to 7 p.m. These meetings will be held via Zoom to encourage

greater participation, and people can watch at their convenience if they can’t make the meeting. This change begins with the Sept. 16 BOS meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A presentation and Open Public Forum regarding ARPA is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the Woodstock Middle School. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide suggestions, and weigh-in on proposed uses for ARPA funds. The forum will take place immediately following a Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m.

More information about the meeting can be found at <https://www.woodstockct.gov/town-clerk>.

In addition, questions, suggestions, or comments about ARPA funds can be sent to arpa2021@woodstockct.gov. Frequently Asked Questions, the BOS ARPA presentations, and more can be found on the News section of the town Web site, www.woodstockct.gov.

“We are actively seeking public input on how these funds should be allocated” states Swan. “We hope cit-

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Putnam clips Killingly behind total team effort

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — A total team effort.

That was the key to the Putnam High volleyball team’s 3-1 road victory over Killingly High on Friday, Oct. 1. Seniors Celenia Lopez (nine kills, three aces) and Autumn Allard (18 assists), and junior Emily St. Martin (eight kills, four aces) all played key roles, but every player who took the floor for the Clippers contributed to the win.

“Everyone was a part of it, for sure,” said Putnam coach Shea Ogle, whose team won the first two sets, 25-22 and 25-21, before dropping the third set, 25-15. “The third set showed us what happens when we lose energy as a team, and what losing that energy can do to our team. In

that third set we definitely lost the energy, we definitely lost the fight.”

Killingly (1-9) was on the verge of tying the match, 2-2, and forcing a fifth set. Killingly led, 24-20, in the fourth set but the Clippers (2-4) won seven of the final eight points to win the set, 27-25, and, in the process, close out the match.

“I was definitely surprised with how things turned around so quickly in the fourth set,” Ogle said. “In the fourth set our energy and our fight came back. That was the difference.”

Trailing 24-20, Putnam scored five straight points to take the lead, 25-24. St. Martin got the comeback started by sneaking in a well-placed drop shot just behind Killingly’s front line and

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History-based workshops “Wake the Dead” in Pomfret



Photo Courtesy

During last Saturday’s hike as part of “Waking the Dead” workshops, attendees gather around a cellar works where once a farmhouse dating to the late 18th century stood. The farming families that lived there in the 19th century sold their vegetables to the millworkers in Putnam.

BY MONICA MCKENNA
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POMFRET — History lovers hiked through a nearby forest Saturday, Oct. 2, to hear how 18th Century farmers set

up their early homesteads that eventually became the Town of Pomfret.

The hike led up hill and down dale in beautifully warm fall weather to a wooded spot that just 200 years earlier had been open farmland. A nearby cemetery was the burial ground for slaves who also tilled the local land.

“Waking the Dead” is a series of workshops during October designed for the curious to learn about the people and events that shaped this area of the Quiet Corner. The workshops will emphasize the role of Native Americans, especially the Mashamoquets and Nipmucs, and enslaved Africans whose contributions to local lore were usually overlooked.

“The Lost Village of Voices: A New Narrative” was the first of this month’s workshops that started at the Pomfret Community School. Donna Dufresne introduced the crowd to the names that will often appear for the white, Native American and African American families, names like Randall, Grosvenor, Thompson, Goodrich, Nightingale and

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Town of Plainfield provides \$53,000 in funding support for United Services



United Services President/CEO Diane Manning and Plainfield First Selectman Kevin Cunningham at United Services Dayville office on Sept. 27.

DAYVILLE — Plainfield First Selectman Kevin Cunningham visited United Services Dayville clinic this

week to deliver \$53,000 in funding support from the Town of Plainfield. “We are grateful for the Town of Plainfield’s support of the critical programs United Services provides to their residents,” said United Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning. “Their investment will assist us in continuing to meet the skyrocketing need we have seen in the last two years.” United Services, the non-profit, community-based outpatient behavioral health center and Local Mental Health Authority, has experienced dramatic increases across its programs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, with some programs operating at a more than 100 percent increase over pre-COVID times. United Services operates more than 30 programs under its one administration, including outpatient mental health and addiction services, parenting and family programs, youth programs, crisis programs, and community education and prevention programs. Plainfield’s support included \$3,000 in funding from the town’s FY22 general government budget. Each year United Services requests per capita support from its 21 towns for its programs. Additionally, Plainfield allocated \$50,000 from its share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 dollars. Those funds will support United

Services Crisis Response Program’s work in responding to emergencies in the community alongside Plainfield Police, as well as youth and family supports in the Youth Service Bureau and Kinship Care Program. “The town of Plainfield has always seen the value of services that USI provides to the region but in particular to the town of Plainfield,” Cunningham said. “We appreciate the cooperative efforts that USI, our residents and especially the Plainfield Police receive during these difficult times.” About United Services, Inc. United Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit and comprehensive behavioral health center, creating healthy communities throughout northeast Connecticut for more than 55 years by providing psychosocial, behavioral health, chemical abuse, primary care, care coordination, wellness and prevention services to the community, and employee assistance program services for business and industry. With 12 locations and a staff of over 200, United Services operates more than 30 separate behavioral health programs, including the only domestic violence shelter for women and children in the region. United Services, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit www.UnitedServicesCT.org.

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Pet Pals to host low cost rabies clinic

DANIELSON — Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, is holding a low cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Route 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line on October 23 from 2pm to 3pm. Cost is \$15.00 CASH per animal. Pre-registration and appointment is required. No walk-ins. For information, registration and appointment contact Pet Pals at 860-317-1720.

Cemetery Association to hold annual meeting Oct. 18

WOODSTOCK — The South Cemetery Association (Barlow Cemetery) will hold its biannual meeting at Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, Bradford Corner Road, West Woodstock. All who own plots or have interest are encouraged to attend. Masks required.

Day Kimball Healthcare to host free prostate cancer screening event

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) invites eligible men to a free Prostate Cancer Screening Event with urologist Stephen F. Schiff, MD, FACS, on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the urology medical specialty suite located at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in American men. Approximately one in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime. Early diagnosis of prostate cancer significantly increases the likelihood of survival. This free prostate cancer screening is open to eligible men who are unin-

sured or underinsured and includes a PSA blood test, medical history review and digital rectal exam by Dr. Stephen Schiff, follow-up with a nurse navigator, and education and information on the risks and symptoms of prostate cancer. Registration is required and appointments are limited. For more information and to determine eligibility for the free prostate cancer screening event, please contact DKH at (860) 963-3848. To learn more about urology services at DKH visit www.daykimball.org/urology. About Day Kimball Healthcare Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day

Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare’s comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

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EAST WOODSTOCK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DONATES TO TEEG

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The East Woodstock Congregational Church made a substantial donation to TEEG on Sunday, Sept. 26, as patrons loaded an assortment of frozen, refrigerated and fresh food items into the agency’s truck. Everything from frozen meat to dairy products, frozen and fresh produce and dry goods was included in the donation as churchgoers exited Sunday worship and immediately began unloading their vehicles. Over 150 pounds of frozen products alone helped fill TEEG’s Community Market freezer to serve clients. TEEG would like to thank the East Woodstock Congregational Church for their generous donation to support their local community.

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RAIN or SHINE EVENT

Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Presents FEARgrounds!

When: Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th

Where: Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

Times: Fairgrounds open at 5:00pm for ticket sales. Bonfire area opens at 5:00pm. Haunted Houses open at 6:00pm. Ticket sales and gates close at 9:00pm.

Price: \$10.00 per person

Includes 2 Haunted Houses and bonfire area!

Number of tickets limited each evening. \$5.00 bonfire area only.

Everyone entering “houses” will require a full admissions ticket. Masks are required inside the buildings only (covers for nose and mouth only, no full face Halloween masks.)

Ticket Venues: Hurme TV & Appliance, Danielson Surplus, Hank’s Restaurant, WINY Radio and the Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Dept. (Cash accepted at all ticket venues. Checks and Cards also accepted at our office)

Both houses will contain traditional Halloween themed scenes and characters and may not be suitable for some children. Please use your discretion when purchasing tickets. No refunds are given for purchased tickets.

Check out this event and all our upcoming programs and events at www.brooklynct.org or on our Facebook page at Town of Brooklyn Parks & Recreation. 860-779-3411 Option 7 Office address: 69 South Main St – Brooklyn, Ct

Check out our Face Painter, DJ and “Rings of Fire” Hula Hoop entertainer, food vendors & more at our bonfire area. And don't forget to purchase your t-shirt. IF you survive FEARgrounds!

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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Sept. 27: Baltimore Oriole (red colored), American Kestrel, Red-shouldered Hawk, Blackpoll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo, Lincoln’s Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Barred Owl, Solitary Sandpiper, House Wren, Catbird, Swainson’s Thrush. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.

The local impact of Prohibition

Dave Doiron sent an email in response to the mention of Prohibition in my Sept. 17 Killingly at 300 column. He thought I might like to share some of what his mother remembered with you.

“In her memoir my mother wrote a bit about the effects of Prohibition’s effect on the villages and on my dad’s family. My dad’s family originally lived in New Bedford, where my grandfather, Wilfred Doiron, had worked in the mills. Prohibition was to bring them to Goodyear. (‘Ma’ and ‘Pa’ was how Mom referred to my grandparents, Wilfred and Eugenie Doiron). I’m sending it just to give you a feel for Prohibition in the villages. I’m excerpting to try to keep things more focused. Dave’s mother wrote, We had Prohibition in those days, but people were allowed to make wine and homebrewed beer for their own consumption. Dad always made home-brew and bottled it in quart soda bottles. Occasionally, he would take a dozen bottles to Father Kost at the rectory. He always did this on a dark night so no one would see him...The Polish people made moonshine during Prohibition and would sell it secretly. I’ll never forget the first time I tasted this ‘white lightning.’ I was 17 and had gone to the “Polish



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Village” in Goodyear to visit Polish friends with Dad and Andrew. The moonshine was brought out and passed around. Dad told his friend to give me a small glass. I told him I didn’t want any, but Dad told me to taste it, that it was good. I took a mouthful and choked. I swear smoke was coming out of my ears! I couldn’t catch my breath! That stuff was about 150 proof, if not more — pure alcohol! The men roared. I was mad!! Needless to say, I never so much as smelled that stuff again. I don’t know how they could drink it! ”

His mother continued about her parents. “New Bedford was where Ma and Pa met, married and started to raise a family. Pa left the mills and worked as a bartender in a hotel; however, Prohibition forced him to return to the mills. Work in the mills was slowing down in the late 1920’s; people from New Bedford who had gotten jobs there passed the word back that the new Goodyear mill was providing plenty of jobs. The Doirons moved to Goodyear when Andrew was 12, and Pa went to work in the mill...When the effects of the Depression closed the Goodyear mill in the early 1930’s, Pa went to work in a factory in Mechanicsville. Andrew went to work at the store for Mr. Forcier. With the repeal of Prohibition, Pa left

the mill and went back to bartending; eventually he saved enough to buy his own tavern. It was called the Armory Tavern and was located next to the National Guard Armory on Commerce Avenue in Danielson.”

Once again, I thought that I’d extract some newspaper events from one hundred years ago. Here were a few things that were happening in the area in 1921. Several days ago I saw several turkeys on the neighbor’s front lawn so I smiled when I saw this article. “Groups of hunters were driven out of the woods and brush by a heavy rainstorm that swept out of the northwest Saturday afternoon and put an early ending to the first day of the open season on game birds. About every person who has a hunting license and a gun was out to try his luck, which was not really profitable in the great majority of cases. Many hunters returned empty-handed. One complaint was that the foliage is too heavy to permit good hunting as yet.” (Norwich Bulletin, Oct. 10, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com).

Leaf-peepers always hope for beautiful foliage in October. I guess 100 years ago was a good year for fall color. The same paper reported, “Following the rain and cold of the past few days, foliage all through this territory has taken on more brilliant hues, and this section of the county is now a riot of color. The Norwich Bulletin for Oct. 15 even told viewer where to look. “All the territory about the East Killingly section is now in a blaze of glorious autumnal foliage and motorists from this section are delighted with the routes thereabouts, especially in the Yosemite Valley region. Cold nights of this week have added the most wonderful touches of coloring to the trees and shrubbery in that section.” (p. 6; newspapers.com). Yosemite Valley is in the northeastern part of Killingly.

As more individuals acquired automobiles, road improvements became quite necessary. “It was stated by one of the members of the board of

selectmen that the road running past the town farm from Dayville Four Corners likely will be improved as a state aid highway. Improvement of this route will gave a shorter and more direct all state highway route between Danielson and Putnam.” (Norwich Bulletin, Oct. 16, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com). This is Route 12 past the town garage. That was all part of the town farm.

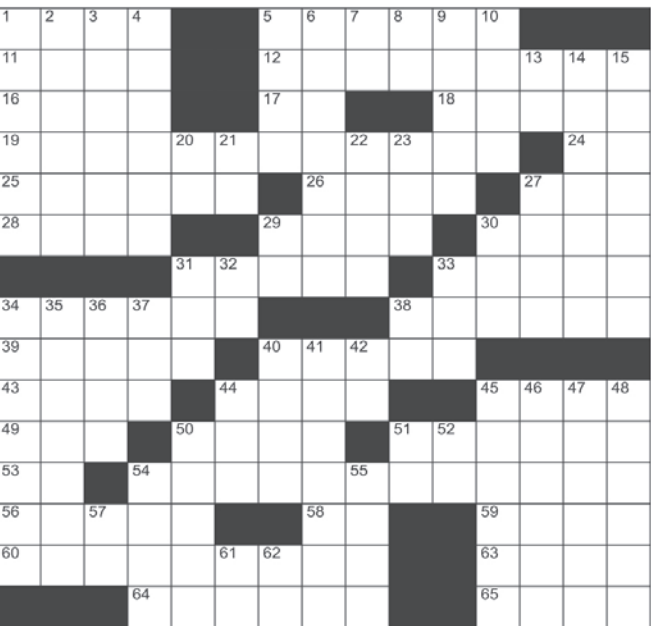
I just couldn’t resist clipping the next tidbit, as much for its bits of humor as anything. “While advertising pays, it is not always in good taste to pin an announcement of more or less public interest on the coat of your friend, that he may spread the news wherever he wanders. In line with this thought is the practice of stationing boys outside some of the churches in Danielson Sunday morning to distribute circulars telling of theatrical and other entertainments. An instance of this kind occurred Sunday morning and gave offence to hundreds of people, as has frequently been the case in the past. In accordance with the ideas of many Danielson residents, it may be stated that circularizing persons coming out of church from divine worship is regarded as decidedly bad taste. Every fair-minded person will agree that there is a time and place for most everything, but crowding into the very doors of a church to put out advertisements, whatever be their nature, is assuming too much and going too far and is meeting with the kind of opposition that spells loss instead of gain for those who have no respect for religion or those who practice it.” (Norwich Bulletin, Oct. 10, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com).

“Take me out to the ball game...” One hundred years ago, the beginning of October brought the World Series. “Fans were out in force Wednesday afternoon to hear the latest returns from the first World’s series games being played in New York.”(Norwich Bulletin, Oct. 16, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com). Who was playing? Two New York teams---the New

York Giants and the New York Yankees with Babe Ruth. The Giants won the Series 5 games to 3 at a time when the competition featured a nine-game playoff (Wikiikipedia). Who will win this year?

“On this day in sports: Oct. 5, 1921 the World Series featuring National League Champs New York Giants versus the American League Champs New York Yankees was broadcast via radio for the first time ever. The game, held at the New York Polo Grounds IV, was won by the Yankees who later lost the series 5 games to 3 to the Giants. In 1921 technology was a little pre-historic and the game was only able to be heard over 3 stations; KDKA from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, WBZ from Springfield, Massachusetts, and WJZ from Newark, New Jersey. Listeners of KDKA heard the game live from the Polo Grounds announced by sportswriter Grantland Rice, while fans listeners of WBZ and WJZ were subject to a broadcast from announcer Thomas Cowan, who recreated the games events from phoned in reports received from the Polo Grounds.” (https://730foxsports.wordpress.com/2010/10/05/on-this-day-in-sports-the-world-series-is-broadcast-on-the-radio-for-the-first-time/)

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian October 2021. Special thanks to Dave Doiron. For additional information email me at margaret-mweaver@gmail.com or contact the Killingly Historical Society at www.Killinglyhistorical.org. Leave messages for the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10-1. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Leg shank

5. A way to recognize

11. “VeggieTales” character

12. Getting out of by cunning

16. Mythological mountain

17. Atomic #18

18. Viscous liquid

19. 2010 Denzel film

24. 12th star in a constellation

25. Made better

26. Pouches

27. Nervous twitch

28. This (Spanish)

29. Tennis legend Bjorn

30. Hand (Spanish)

31. Afrikaans

33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)

34. Treated with kid gloves
38. Leascholder

39. Frogs, toads, tree toads

40. Popular dance

43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _

44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)

45. Mark

49. Health insurance

50. Custom clothing brand

51. One who makes suits

53. Execute or perform

54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting

56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels

58. Blood group

59. Imaginary line

60. Hopeless

63. Darken

64. Spoke

65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fit out

2. Football carries

3. Force out

4. Maintaining equilibrium

5. Sealed with a kiss

6. Type of container

7. Hollywood

8. We

9. Small freshwater ducks

10. Norse personification of old age

13. Says who you are

14. Candidate

15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits

20. Defunct language (abbr.)

21. Take too much

22. Iranian province

23. Records electric currents

27. _ and feathers

29. Beloved Mr. T character

30. More (Spanish)

31. Beverage
32. Promotional material

33. Green vegetable

34. National capital

35. To any further extent

36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node

37. Anger

38. Pound

40. Popular Yugo

41. Salt of acetic acid

42. Millihenry

44. Israeli city ___ Aviv

45. Make wider

46. Drink containing medicine

47. Acknowledging

48. Private, romantic rendezvous

50. Calvary sword

51. Disease of the lungs

52. 2001 Spielberg film

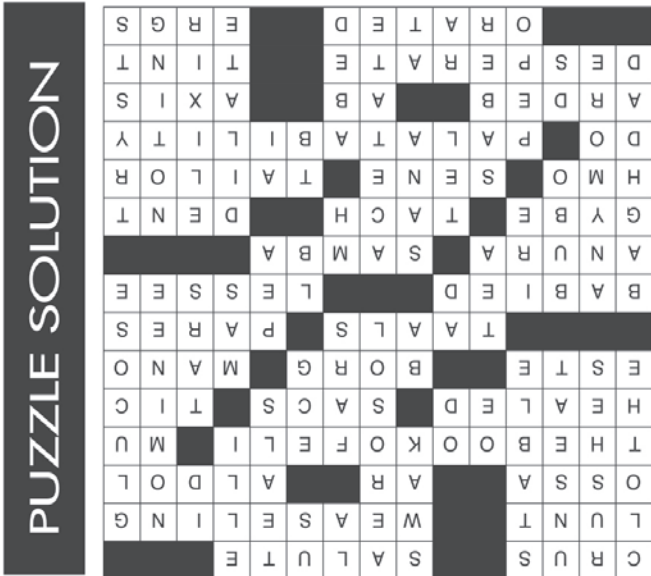
54. Fleshy, watery fruit

55. In one’s chambers

57. Set of information (abbr.)

61. Dorm employee

62. Indicates position



LOCAL VETERANS DONATE SUPPLIES TO POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Photo Courtesy

Pomfret Community School was a grateful recipient of school supplies from local veterans. The Danielson Veterans Coffee House and Pomfret Veterans delivered a truck load of supplies for the students. Among the donations were backpacks, binders, paper, pencils and pens. The students and teachers were very appreciative and wrote thank you’s to the veterans.



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Life-size Candy Land game at Killingly Public Library

KILLINGLY — Come and enjoy a Life Size Candy Land game at the Killingly Public Library Wednesday, Oct. 20 through Saturday, Oct. 23. The game will be available during business hours. Come to the library to experience a life size game of Candy Land. Stations will be set up around the library for family fun! No registration required. Visit www.killinglypl.org or call the library at 860-779-5383 for more information.

FCC Woodstock to host arts and crafts show

WOODSTOCK — The annual Arts and Crafts Show at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock Oct. 16 & 17, Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. More than 40 artists and crafters will be exhibiting.

What households with a stay-at-home spouse need to know about retirement

Married couples often decide together that one spouse should be the primary breadwinner while the other stays home to take care of family members. Although this often works out well for childrearing or eldercare responsibilities in the short term, it can present long-term retirement-planning risks for the stay-at-home spouse – without any income, he or she may not have a retirement savings plan of their own, and his or her Social Security benefit will be greatly reduced as well.

So to plan well for retirement, stay-at-home spouses and married couples should be aware of the options available and decide the best way to ensure that both will have the means to live well throughout retirement. Here's what to consider.

A stay-at-home spouse can have an IRA.

While it's obviously important for both spouses to try to contribute towards their own retirement, if you're a nonworking spouse, your options are limited. But there is one tool you should know about. The "spousal IRA" rules let a nonworking spouse fund an individual retirement account even with no earnings. With regular contributions over time, a spousal IRA could become an important source of retirement income.

How does it work? Normally, to contribute to an IRA, you must have compensation at least equal to your contribution. But if you're married, file a joint federal income tax return, and earn less than your spouse (or nothing at all), the amount you can contribute to your own IRA isn't based on your individual income; it's based instead on the combined compensation of you and your spouse.

The spousal IRA rules only determine how much you can contribute to your IRA; it doesn't matter where the money you use to fund your IRA actually comes from — you're not required to track the

source of your contributions. And one spouse does not need the other's consent to establish or fund a spousal IRA.

If the working spouse has a pension, there are important decisions to make.

Typically, in a traditional pension plan, a worker is entitled to a "normal benefit," which is payable for his or her lifetime and equal to a percent of final pay, assuming the plan participant works for a certain number of years and retires at a certain date.

To illustrate, let's assume Joe is covered by a pension plan at work, and his plan stipulates that Joe will get 50 percent of his final pay for life, given a 30-year work history and retirement at age 65. Joe's final pay was \$100,000, so he's entitled to a normal benefit of \$50,000 per year, payable over his lifetime and ending at his death (a single life annuity).

But in order to protect nonworking spouses, federal law generally provides for a qualified joint and survivor annuity, or QJSA, which stipulates that if Joe is married, the plan can't pay this benefit to Joe as a single life annuity unless his spouse, Mary, agrees. Instead, the benefit must be paid over Joe and Mary's joint lives, with at least 50% of the benefit continuing to Mary for her remaining lifetime if she survives Joe. However, because the benefit is potentially paid for a longer period of time — over two lifetimes instead of one — the participant's "normal benefit" will typically be reduced. Actuaries determine the exact amount of the reduction based on life expectancies.

A couple may choose to forego the QJSA feature as long as the spouse who is not the pension plan participant (in this case, Mary) signs off on the decision. But it's important to note that sometimes employers "subsidize" the QJSA,

in which case the plan doesn't reduce the benefit, or reduces it less than determined by the actuary — so it's important to know if your plan is subsidized in order to make an informed decision about which option to select.

Basically, the question comes down to this: should you elect a benefit that pays a higher amount while both spouses are alive and ends when the participant dies (a single life annuity), or a benefit that pays a smaller amount during the joint lives of both spouses but continues (in whole or in part) to the surviving spouse after the participant's death (a QJSA)?

You'll receive an explanation of the QJSA from the plan prior to the participant's retirement, which should include a discussion of the relative values of each available payment option. Carefully read all materials — one spouse should not waive his or her rights without fully understanding the consequences. And don't be afraid to seek qualified professional advice, as this could be one of the most important retirement decisions you'll make as a couple.

In the case of divorce, qualified domestic relations orders are an option

While we all hope our marriages will last forever, that's not always the case. The issue of how retirement benefits will be handled in the event of a divorce is especially critical for spouses who may have little or no retirement savings of their own.

If a couple divorces, the stay-at-home spouse can seek a "qualified domestic relations order" (commonly known as a QDRO), a state court order awarding him or her all or part of their spouse's retirement plan benefit. The spouse's plan is required to follow the terms of any order that meets the federal QDRO requirements. There are several ways to divide benefits, and how they are divided

can become complex. But the key takeaway here is that these rules do exist for the benefit of a nonworking or lower income-earning spouse.

Planning well to ensure you both live well in retirement requires action now

It can be easy to keep delaying retirement planning decisions until another day, but taking action now can make all the difference down the road. There's certainly a lot to consider and the many variables involved mean that there is no "one size fits all" plan. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we can help you to create the best plan for you, using our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process. Find out more at our website at whzwealth.com, or call us at (860) 928-2341 to get started.

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Putnam Boy Scout Troop plans popcorn fundraiser

PUTNAM — On Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Boy Scouts from Troop 25 will be at Tractor Supply Co. in Putnam selling popcorn in order to raise money for their activities and to benefit the Scouting program in Connecticut.

The Scouts will have a variety of products available including popping corn, microwave popcorn and bagged salted caramel, white cheddar, and kettle popcorn. This year's collection of popcorn products features healthier varieties as well as new flavors.

To learn more about the popcorn sale or to request that a Scout salesman comes to your door please contact Corina Torrey at 860-880-0185 or tech_girl01@yahoo.com.

Thompson Lions hold Steps for Shoes event

THOMPSON — The Thompson Lions Club held their annual Steps for Shoes event at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Sept. 26, raising money to provide shoes for local students next fall.

The event allowed walkers, runners, and bike riders to take to the speedway's legendary oval and road course with all of the proceeds being donated to TEEG who will utilize the funds to provide students access to new shoes in the fall of 2022 as part of the agency's annual Back to School Distribution. The event raised \$4,000 for the cause in 2021.

Awards were also given to stand-out groups and participants with trophies for the Largest Group awarded to the Thompson Democrats, Best Group Theme awarded to Color Us Fabulous, and Best Individual Theme to The TEEGlets.



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Thompson celebrates Community Day



Thompson Community Day volunteers pose for a photo during a pause in the afternoon's events.



Joseph Iamartino was named Thompson Volunteer of the Year.



Employees of Building Blocks, one of the town's premier daycares, enjoyed an afternoon at Thompson Community Day.



Tourtellotte Memorial High School Technology Education Teacher Mike Joyce shows off some of his students' works including a motorized bicycle.



The Groh family, who have a long history of service to Thompson, sold some of their home-made crafts during Community Day.



Riverside Park hosted a small car show to add a unique flair to Thompson's Community Day.



Tri-State Baptist Church provided free snow cones to guests.



The TMHS Modern Music Ensemble performs a modern classic as one of several local acts entertaining the crowd.



Morning Beckons Farm in East Thompson brought some special guests to Community Day, including some newly born members of their alpaca family.



RIGHT: Members of Troop 66 set up shop at Community Day in hopes of recruiting new scouts.

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Zombies invade Putnam for annual fashion show

PUTNAM – What started as a fun addition to First Fridays in Putnam has taken on a life of its own, an ironic statement really considering that the event is all about the undead. Putnam's annual Zombie Fashion Show kicked off the Halloween season on Oct. 1 with a stage and catwalk set up in Rotary Park as zombies young and old made their way out showing off their bloody and horrifyingly creative looks. Judges awards prizes for groups, adults, and children while themed showcases from the Complex Performing and Creative Arts Center and Bradley Playhouse added to the evening of spooky fun in Downtown Putnam.

Photos Jason Bleau



The Bradley Playhouse presented a sneak peak at their latest production,



The Complex Performing and Creative Arts Center dancers showed off their skills in full zombie makeup to help kick off the show.

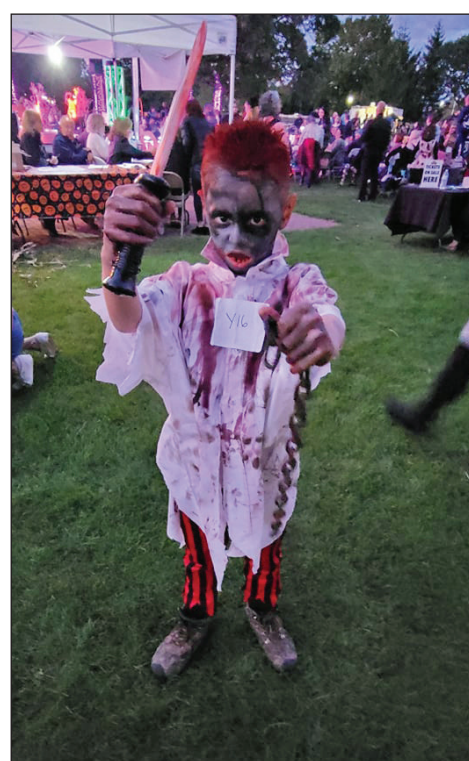


Liz and Rachel Hutchenson had a clown theme for their zombie look.



Lillie Marie the Maniac shuffles across the catwalk.

RIGHT: Snuggles to Zombie Clown makes her way back after showing off to the crowd.



Greysin Wright dressed up as his zombie alter-ego "Dagger."



The Gale family dressed up at Night of the Living Jedi embracing the looks of undead popular "Star Wars" characters.

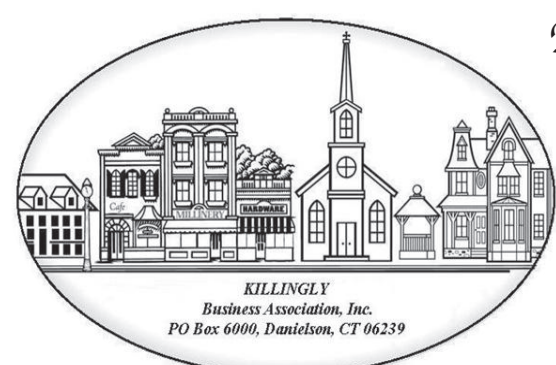


The Cheer For Fear squad awaits their catwalk debut.

(From left) Zombie Fashion Show judges Early Rosebrooks and Jamie Soroka, event coordinator Jennifer Brytowski, and third judge Matthew Desaulnier prepare for the big event.



A young zombie makes his way down the catwalk with a delicious brain in hand.



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EDITOR

Our love/hate relationship with leaf peepers

Fall is the second busiest tourist season in New England, after winter. Our region, as we all know, tends to see an influx of visitors from both in and out of state this time of year on their way to the Berkshires to engage in the autumnal ritual known as leaf peeping.

Most residents welcome these tourists graciously; however, when fall foliage hits, our true feelings emerge. There is a love/hate relationship with leaf peepers. We love them because they boost our economy, yet a part of us dislikes the disruption they bring with them, however minor it may be.

We prefer to have the city life far away from us; leaf peepers tend to bring that flare when they arrive. Some locals despise it; others are unphased. We appreciate that tourists appreciate where we live, however, we'll say it again — our true feelings show themselves right at the peak of foliage. After a brief break between October and November, before the snow falls, we all seem to be welcoming once more.

Fall has a certain feeling to it. The cool, crisp, dry air complete with the smell of apple crisp, leaves, wood fire, pumpkin spice and the sound of dry leaves racing along the sidewalks, make this the coziest season of them all. We pull on our sweaters and grab old books we haven't had a chance to finish yet and relish in the comforts of it all.

It is still warm enough to take long walks outside without getting too cold. There is nothing better than kicking the leaves on a wooded trail with a hot mug of Earl Grey tea in your hand. Fall evenings are even better. After a hard day at work, there is nothing more satisfying than cooking a nice fall meal, perhaps pumpkin squash ravioli or a nice roast vegetable soup. On occasion we like to replace the evening news with the sounds of vinyl, preferably, Cat Stevens, Paul Simon, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Frank Sinatra.

It is no wonder our corner of New England is a fall destination for many seeking to experience all that the season offers that feeds the soul. The highlight of course is the way the forest sets itself on fire with bright yellow, orange and red leaves.

Interesting to note: the term 'leaf-peeker' was first used last century before it was changed to 'leaf-peeper.' The term was spotted in Vermont newspapers as far back as the 1960's. 'Leaf-Peeper' was used during foliage time, in many headlines. Articles in the mid to late 1960's discussed alternate highway routes to make the trek north easier for tourists and would help to avoid traffic jams.

At first, the term 'leaf-peeker' or 'peeper' was used in a derogatory way, however now it is used to lure tourists who want to partake in leaf-peeper tours, or receive a leaf-peeper discount.

In New Hampshire, more than ten million visitors will enter the state during foliage season and will spend approximately \$1.5 billion.

We hope that you all take the time to slow down and enjoy Autumn before talk of Jack Frost nipping at your nose surfaces.

Kerttula for Town Council

To the Editor:

I am writing to enthusiastically support Kevin Kerttula for re-election to the Killingly Town Council for District 4.

First, I know Kevin personally, and he is of extremely high character and honestly and has been dedicated to serving the Town of Killingly as a Council member for the last four years.

Our state and country is at a financial tipping point due to massive out of control spending, crushing regulations, and unprecedented and unwarranted strangling of our economy via Covid-19 restrictions and executive orders the last 18 months by Ned Lamont and the cowards in the do-nothing Democrat run legislature. All of these things travel downhill to our town, and exact a crushing toll on our community.

Which is why we need strong fiscal conservatives like Kevin to look out for our best interest and fighting to maintain town services while pushing back on Hartford

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join me in re-electing Tammy Wakefield

To the Editor:

I am writing this in support of Tammy Wakefield for re-election to Killingly Town Council for District 1.

Tammy has been very dedicated to the Town of Killingly for many years. She is also a dedicated health professional as a Registered Nurse. She is knowledgeable regarding issues facing the Town of Killingly, and a valuable asset on the Town Council. She is passionate regarding her dedication

Kelly Martin will be an asset to our Board of Education

To the Editor:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Kelly Martin. I have known Kelly for almost 10 years, and consider her a good friend.

Kelly is a woman of character, determination, and loyalty. I would also describe her as very adaptable and capable. She is a hard worker, and takes pride in doing her best work, day in and day out. Kelly is the kind of person who endeavors to improve anything

Look toward the future — vote Ulla Tiik-Barclay

To the Editor:

My name is Scott Robinson, and I live in Danielson. I am writing this letter to endorse Ulla Tiik-Barclay for reelection to the Killingly Town Council.

I have known Ulla for about five years now, and have seen how passionate she is about the well being of our hometown. She is an extremely family oriented wife, mother and person. Ulla is a caring individual and is always looking to lend a hand to help others.

Kyle Napeirata has my vote

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to endorse Kyle Napeirata for the Killingly Board of Education.

Kyle is a longstanding member of the community and will do right by the students in this district. Kyle is a man of integrity. A true family man, he is trustworthy, dedicated and has a humble nature that supports moral excellence. He understands the importance of hard work and I fully believe He would be an asset to the Killingly Board of Ed. He

Charlene Cutler would make an excellent selectman

To the Editor:

Charlene Cutler would make an excellent First Selectwoman for Woodstock. She is a Connecticut native, and loves our town. She has the leadership experience, having managed The Last Green Valley for 17 years, and then serving as Executive Director of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor. She is a moderate, which appeals to me as an unaffiliated voter.

Cutler is also fiscally responsible. She has managed large budgets and grants, which will be critical as the town decides how to

Local elections matter

To the Editor:

As political signs dot town lawns, it's time once again to start thinking about why local elections matter.

Putnam is just one of many towns in the state where town leadership positions bring stark differences. Candidates should have experience in a variety of town matters, from budgets to municipal projects, and an understanding of how taxpayers can continue to thrive in Putnam.

Of special importance, Putnam voters must decide who represents their children's needs. A board of education should have experience maneuvering around ever-fluctuating classroom sizes, understanding state mandates

whenever and wherever possible.

Kevin supported the resolution to keep Hartford out of our local zoning rules via opposition to SB1024, which would usurp local decisions that are best made here in Killingly. These rules would have a major negative impact on both residential and commercial life here in the Quiet Corner with far away bureaucrats and city based legislators aiming to destroy the fabric of our small town.

Kevin supported a resolution reaffirming one of the most important rights clearly enshrined in both in Article 1, Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution, and of course the Second Amendment to the federal Constitution — the right of citizens to bear arms shall not be infringed.

As it is the town's largest expense, the Town Council has the duty and obligation to demand transparency and fiscal discipline for the Board of Education's annual budget. Kevin continues to support even greater transparency and accountability

to various issues addressed by the Town Council, and has demonstrated consistent participation in scheduled meetings.

I am asking you to join me in re-electing Tammy Wakefield for another term on the Killingly Town Council for District 1 on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,

MAUREEN MANN
KILLINGLY

she is involved with, and often succeeds in doing so.

I have no doubt Kelly will prove to be a valuable asset to any Board of Education fortunate enough to have her elected. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance or provide further information.

Sincerely,

LEEANN DUCAT
WOODSTOCK

She strives to make Killingly run better and more streamline. I believe she can be an instrumental person in the growth and economic development of the town of Killingly.

Ulla has an openness to ideas and brings common sense to the table. With those reason I believe Ulla Tiik-Barclay should represent Killingly again and help us look towards our future.

SCOTT ROBINSON
DANIELSON

has the business experience to make tough and thoughtful decisions along with the cordial temperament required to work with a diverse team of board members. I strongly believe that he will respectfully and peacefully lead, making the rights of parents and children's needs a priority. Please elect Kyle on Tuesday, Nov. 2 to the Killingly Board of Education.

Thank You,

GINA DANIS
KILLINGLY

best use over \$2 million in funding under the federal stimulus package. She is willing to compromise. Her communication skills are strong, and we could use more of that in Woodstock. She knows how to cooperate and take advantage of regional partnerships. And last, but not least, she respects and appreciates staff and volunteers. I'm glad she had the courage to run for this key position, and firmly believe she would bring about positive improvements in the Woodstock Town Hall.

E.Z. SMITH
WOODSTOCK

and budgets, and supporting curricula that will enhance students' lives in today's world.

This writer knows the importance of selecting the right people for these responsible positions. With their combined years of leadership experience, Scott Pempek and Gloria Marion are my clear choices for the Putnam Board of Selectmen. The Putnam Board of Education candidates come with years of service, not only as prior students of the Putnam school system, but also as educators. I look forward to casting votes for Chad Neal, Carrie Blackmar, Lauren Konicki, and Kevin Davis.

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for this budget to taxpayers while striving to deliver the best and most cost effective education to our kids.

And finally, Kevin will always support the most business friendly atmosphere possible in our town to attract and retain businesses of all sizes and types that are here to serve the residents of the town.

There are many difficult challenges ahead and strong headwinds to be fought so I ask you to support Kevin and the entire Republican team for Town Council and Board of Education on Nov. 2.

BRIAN GOSPER
KILLINGLY

Grateful for another Autumn

We went to Block Island for a few days with friends. They have E-bikes, which means they can engage an electric motor when going up steep hills. We rented regular bicycles. Soon, it was clear that my knees were throbbing, as I pedaled hard. My slow pace meant I'd be late for cocktails. I returned the bike. The next day we rented mopeds. Mine felt heavy and a bit scary. Brought that back, too. I wasn't prepared just as I am not prepared for autumn.

I love October. It is a month of birthdays for many friends, my brother and me. Every year, I think about the people with whom I will celebrate and those who are no longer here. It feels like beginnings and endings at the same time. The autumn color makes me feel grateful to live surrounded by beauty. The late afternoon light is so golden it looks like honey spread across newly mowed fields.

Every warm day is a treasure, as it is one more without frost and cold. Our little pup barks nervously into the darkness when the barred owls call from the woods. He snaps at the bees that move lazily on the sedum and surprises us both when he catches one. It's his first autumn, and while I have witnessed many, I am always overcome by a sense of undefined longing.

One day, probably soon, we will wake up to a world covered in a soft blanket of frost. The golden dahlias a friend gave us will be drooping and brown. The basil, which I should have harvested, will be black and useless. The mums and the asters will hang on, but the message is clear: summer is over, and whatever wasn't done will have to wait. There are bulbs to plant and feeders to set out, but another summer, an odd one by any estimate, is over. The human drama of life and death that we saw vividly on the news is being repeated in nature as it has for millennia. What we do is minor.

Anyone walking outside or mowing will find piles of acorns, hickory nuts and other wild nuts on the ground. The acorns are thick enough in places to cause a twisted ankle. This is probably because 2021 is a mast year, that is a time when trees produce a bumper crop of nuts. I read that arborists say the last mast year was in 2010 and that it is a cyclical event, not necessarily a portent of a bad winter to come. Too bad, as it could be another sign to add to caterpillar stripes as predictive elements. We humans like to think we know what's to come, and portents and superstitions provide a certain degree of comfort.

I'm ready to put my money on something weird happening with mushrooms, which are more abundant this year than ever. Foraging is a great way to stave off worries about food shortages and give people a reason to stomp around in the woods gathering crazy looking fungus. I don't think they fry up to be psychedelic, but they are certainly magical in the way they pop up seemingly out of nowhere.

My husband and I went back to the Hale YMCA because of our weak performances on bicycles. It was our first visit there in more than a year. Sunshine glinted off autumn leaves as I walked on the treadmill. Time is passing, I thought, but before the snow flies, there is time to get fit, feel lonely, and squirrel away some acorns for the months ahead.



NANCY WEISS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support your Democratic candidates

To the Editor:
My name is Brian Santos, Thompson resident and proud Democratic candidate for Planning & Zoning. I wanted to express my deep appreciation for my fellow nominees and our Thompson DTC Chair, Erica Groh. That appreciation is represented by their continued dedication and commitment to our Thompson Community.
When you have longstanding nominees such as Ken Beausoleil, Renee Waldron and Rene Morin on the ballot, it just oozes a history of perseverance, vision, devotion and love for our Town. I am blessed to be a part of this professional group and humbled by the opportunity to be one of its representatives. I am also thrilled to be named along-

side my fellow Democratic candidates Matt Herman, Geoffrey and Jessica Bolte, Robert LaChance, Larry Guillot, Shawn Brissette, David Johnson, David Poplawski, and my wife Heather Santos. Words cannot express how I feel about this talented and well diversified group of individuals that can absolutely help lead our town. I am looking forward to hearing everyone's thoughts and perspectives at the information meeting and excited to see a tremendous turnout from our community as well.
Thanks to all for the support as we work to make positive change to our town and our future.
MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT,
BRIAN SANTOS
THOMPSON

Lisa Grinsell will bring a fresh approach to the Town Council

To the Editor:
Please stop and take a minute to read about the person who wishes to represent you on the Town Council. Lisa Grinsell Danburg is a native of our town and a graduate of Killingly High School. Her family was well established and very well respected, and she has befitted from her upbringing. She brings with her volumes of experience from her career choices in food service, including a very successful catering business and then again as an entrepreneur as a Professional Organizer. After leaving the food industry, Lisa became a Life Skills Specialist and advocator for Special Needs Adults. With all this behind her, Lisa is will-

ing to give back to her town, the benefit of her knowledge and work ethic to the betterment of the Town of Killingly for growth and prosperity. Although I don't reside in District 2, I feel more than confident that Lisa Grinsell Danburg will bring to the Town Council table a fresh and energetic approach to all the issues that may arise. I can be confident in my endorsement of Lisa because of my experience as an elected official for the Town of Killingly and the Borough of Danielson. Lisa Grinsell Danburg is the right person to help lead our town!
ELAINE B. LIPPKE
DANIELSON

Ulla Tiik-Barclay for Town Council District 3

To the Editor:
I am a 25-year resident of Killingly and, with my husband Tom, have raised six children who were educate in the Killingly School system. I am seeking re-election to the Town Council and humbly ask for your vote this November.
Currently, I work at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and Pulmonary Function Technologist. I have a BS in Health Studies from Charter Oak State College and an MS in Management and Leadership from Western Governor's University. My parents are legal immigrants who fled Estonia prior to Soviet occupation in WWII, so I understand the heavy hand of government.
In August of 2020, I was privileged to fill a vacancy on the Town Council. Serving the community has been an enriching and rewarding experience. I am running for re-election because I want to help make our town a place where people want to stay, raise a fami-

ly, buy a home, start a business, and feel proud to be a part of the country charm of Killingly.
I am a fiscal conservative and a strong proponent of individual and parental rights, and agree with the Town's Resolution to support our Second Amendment rights.
I pledge to ensure all taxpayer funds are carefully and wisely spent, recognizing we citizens are taxed and regulated enough. I will work to ensure both town and BOE operations are transparent and held fiscally accountable.
I oppose forced regionalization of town services and will fight against any unfunded state mandates. I believe Hartford should stay out of our business and let local government manage our town as we see fit.
I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Thank you,
ULLA TIIK-BARCLAY
KILLINGLY

To see change, you sometimes need to be the change

To the Editor:
I'm Lacey Luneau, and I'm running for the Killingly Board of Education. I am a 10-plus-year resident of Killingly, and have worked locally as a PA at Day Kimball Hospital for the last 11 and a half years.
What's been happening in the Killingly school system isn't working, and it's time for a change. Sometimes to see a change, you have to be the change.
I'm not a politician, and a position on the board is really not about politics. It's about people who care about our kids and improving our education system- that is not partisan. We all want the best for our children, whether we are Independents, Republicans or Democrats. As a mom of four young kids who will go through the Killingly schools, I can assure you, this is my top priority. In fact, it's my only agenda. It's time to move past the "hot topics" that help someone win an election, and vote for someone who wants to make actual change once they hold the position.
I would be honored to be chosen to

represent our town, and to go to bat for the kids of Killingly. I want to work directly with our teachers, with our school staff, with our bus drivers, and with our parents. I want to look at the reasons why our teachers and administrators are leaving the district at alarming rates, why our schools get closed because of lack of transportation, what is happening with our school funding, where the money is going and how it can be used better. It's not about raising the budget every year, but making sure the money is going where it should be. It's time to improve our educational standards, our graduation rates and college acceptance rates.
It's time to hold the Board of Ed members accountable for the jobs they were elected to do.
We don't get change by voting the same.
Let's make some changes together. Our kids are our future.
I'd be so honored to have your vote this November.
LACEY LUNEAU
KILLINGLY

Brandon Gaudreau has my support

To the Editor:
I support Brandon Gaudreau for the Board of Education in Killingly. We went through Killingly High School as part of the same graduating class, and he's been a good friend of mine for many years as a result. I want to tell everyone reading this that he is extremely hardworking, keeps his word, and will absolutely bring common sense to the Board of Ed. You have my word because I know Brandon personally, and he never gives whatever is in front of him anything less than his total and best effort. When Brandon says he's an independent thinker, and that he won't indulge in foolish political games but focus on getting things done to improve the schools, he means it.
That brings me to my next reason for writing to endorse Brandon. It's great to simply say that you are above politics and that you only care about the school system because that is definitely something that Killingly needs right now. But those words don't mean anything if you don't actually explain any of your plans and ideas to improve that school system, if you have them

at all in the first place. With Brandon, it isn't just a convenient thing to say, and he's made it clear what he plans to do to make Killingly's schools the best they can be. Whether it is making sure everyone knows how to write a check and understand taxes before they enter the real world, or keeping politics out of classrooms and Board meetings, Brandon will tell you what he plans to do. And if he's elected, he will do everything in his power to make those plans into reality.
I have every bit of confidence in Brandon to do what he says he's going to do. I know that he will go to bat for the school system and taxpayers, and go to bat against people who would try to turn everything into a political game and create chaos and division. I urge everyone who lives in Killingly and who wants a hardworking, down-to-earth voice of common sense to vote for Brandon on Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Thank you,
SARAH PASQUALETTI
THOMPSON

Michelle Murphy will help move Killingly in the right direction

To the Editor:
My name is Dan Doyon. I'm new to Killingly, and I really like it here. I grew up in nearby Burrillville in the woods, and this still feels like home. I am a conservative registered voter in Killingly. I would like to endorse Michelle Murphy for Town Councilor at Large for Killingly.
I met Michelle (Shelly) through a close friend of mine six years ago. We became good friends when we realized we shared similar values. We are both hardworking blue collar people with strong views on limiting taxation, small government, patriotism, the 2nd amendment, and family. I work hard for my money as a carpenter, and I want to keep and enjoy as much of it as I can. I am frightened about the socialist direction

I see this country going in. I don't want to see all of my paycheck going to Uncle Sam.
One of the many things I found appealing about Shelly was her amazing life story. She has been through so many difficult challenges, really unbelievably hard things like something you might read out of a book, and still she has come out a productive, successful, and kind person. She has continued on with determination and ingenuity through it all. She is an honest straight shooter which is rare in these times. I feel these qualities would be an asset to the town, keeping it moving in the direction of the conservative views that I value.
DAN DOYON
DAYVILLE

Vote for a Better Killingly — elect Lisa Grinsell Danburg

To the Editor:
Driven by small town values, a sense of community, and the desire to give back to the town I was born and raised, I humbly ask for your vote to be our Killingly District 2 Town Council representative.
I am a Redmen graduate, and have a degree in Culinary Arts, I am a certified mechanic, and have a certificate in Forestry. I have spent several years as a Life Skills Specialist and advocator for Special Needs Adults.
My decision to seek office is founded on personal and community concerns due to the ever-encroaching industrial park that borders Lake Alexander. With the expansion of Frito Lay and the construction of the dreaded generator plant, I will be the voice of District 2 constituents to minimize any environmental impact to the pristine lake and surrounding areas. Economic development and the revitalization of downtown Danielson is necessary to

encourage new businesses, new jobs, and community pride.
I will conduct myself with integrity and commitment in all that I do for this beloved town. The decision to serve on the town council is driven by my desire to preserve, protect and promote our piece of the Quiet Corner.
I pledge to ensure all taxpayer funds are carefully and wisely spent, recognizing we citizens are taxed and regulated enough. I will work to ensure both town and BOE operations are transparent and held fiscally accountable.
I oppose forced regionalization of town services and will fight against any unfunded state mandates. I believe Hartford should stay out of our business, and let local government manage our town as we see fit.
I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Thank you,
LISA GRINSELL DANBURG
KILLINGLY

Paquin and LaBonte have Putnam's best interests at heart

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter as a resident of Putnam and active community member. I would like to point out two stellar candidates who are running for the Board of Selectman - Mr. Michael "Tow Truck" Paquin, and the Board of Education - Ms. Laure LaBonte.
Both Laure and Tow Truck are lifelong residents of Putnam, having been born and raised here. In addition, they are both dedicated, caring and involved members of the community. They give selflessly of their time, knowledge and experience in order to make sure that our community and Putnam residents are receiving the care, resources, and representation that they deserve in a variety of areas.
Laure attended school in Putnam before receiving her college degree through attendance Dean College and Eastern Connecticut State University. She currently serves on the Putnam WPCA Board and is an active volunteer with the local veteran group assisting in fundraisers, Veteran's Day programs, holiday programs and numerous other events. She's married to Brian Maynard who is the Chair of the

Republican Town Committee and has one son, Connor who is also attending Eastern Connecticut State University.
Tow Truck currently serves as Selectman, Town of Putnam, and is a small business owner of NEC Bodyworks Towing Division. Michael is also a huge community supporter and selflessly dedicates his time as a member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks and the Putnam Knights of Columbus. In addition to serving on the Board of Selectmen, Michael serves on the WPCA as Vice-Chair. He was a member of the Board of Finance since November 2019 until he recently resigned when appointed to fill a Republican Board of Selectmen vacancy in September 2021. Michael enjoys boating and, as a member of the Putnam Elks, he is involved in a number of charitable events, particularly, fundraising for the lodge's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner.
Please join me in voting for these two candidates to ensure that our voices and best interests are represented in our town.
Sincerely,
LISA-JEAN CLIFFORD
PUTNAM

Support a candidate who doesn't believe in being flashy

To the Editor:
We are in the throes of local election activity until Nov. 2 ends the claims, posturing, spin, and other campaigning techniques we are subject to almost daily. I want to say a few words about Thompson's race for first selectman.
The candidate I support is not flashy and self-promoting, but rather has a humble firmness to his conviction that Thompson deserves leadership that provides wise stewardship of taxpayers' funding. Upkeep of infra-structure, often relegated to the chopping block if town budgets need to be trimmed, is a priority for this candidate. He believes that providing emergency services and ensuring that each of Thompson's five fire companies can continue protective services uninterrupted by political posturing is the bottom-line most important function of the town's top official.
Combining this fiscal responsibility with prioritizing public safety, this candidate supported use of the federal money Thompson will be awarded-federal tax money we already paid-to repair the unsafe conditions at Community Fire Company. He was out-voted, and now the town of

Thompson is obligated to \$42,000 per month in ambulance coverage by a neighboring town's emergency service. The estimated cost for restoration of the fire company building is \$107,000. As a Thompson taxpayer, it looks like we need to have a less costly plan in place by December when the bill for ambulance coverage will approach \$126,000, almost \$20,000 more than the repair that this federal grant would have covered. This is not fiscal responsibility.
Finally, this candidate has a record of a steady hand for the town of Thompson over the past ten years, with quietly competent public service, no attempt to push himself to the center of attention about decision-making, a calm demeanor and a high level of integrity that extends to his expectations of those with whom he serves. Ken Beausoleil is genuine, honest and aspires to do his best for the town that he loves. He has my vote, and I urge my fellow Thompson voters to elect him as our first selectman.
Respectfully,
CLAUDIA ALLEN
THOMPSON

Killingly is my only agenda

To the Editor:
My name is Andrew Luneau, and I humbly request your support for Killingly Town Council District 5 in the upcoming Nov. 2 municipal elections.
I've been living in Killingly for over 10 years. I'm a Father of four, ages ranging from two to eight years old. I attended the University of Vermont with a Finance concentration and currently work as an insurance analyst. I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry, serving

two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Purple Heart recipient, awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Commendation medal(x3) and the Presidential Unit Citation resulting from valorous direct combat actions.
The past few years have showed us that we, the people of Killingly, cannot continue down the same road and prosper as a community, Killingly needs

More hot selling antiques



For today’s column, I’ll be discussing two types of antiques and collectibles that have been selling well recently. I discussed celluloid plastic in a previous column, and today I’ll focus on Bakelite plastic. Bakelite is harder and typically more colorful than celluloid. Bakelite was the first natural resin and was invented by Leo Hendrik Baekeland. According to Britannica,

Bakelite is “a hard, infusible and chemically resistant plastic.” Bright, colorful jewelry in various shapes were produced using Bakelite. Pins and bracelets are just two examples. Handles on kitchen serving pieces and teapots, coffee pots and cocktail shakers brightened up these metal objects. Other items made from Bakelite include game pieces, buttons, billiard balls, pencil sharpeners and even radios and telephones. You can often find Bakelite pins for under \$25, but some pins and other pieces of jewelry can be quite valuable. A Bakelite cream, red and blue bracelet fetched \$3,000 in 2009. An authentic opal and diamond Bakelite ring went for \$3,050 earlier this year. Isamu Noguchi was even commissioned to create a Bakelite baby monitor in 1937. A Bakelite “Radio Nurse” sold at auction for \$5,000 in 2013. A rare Fada Blue Bullet Bakelite Radio Model 1000 brought \$9,000 in 2014. A “Drink Coca Cola” Bakelite counter-top display dispensed “free matches” and had a striker so that smokers could light their cigarettes. It sold for \$20,250



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

last month. Valuable items manufactured by a Worcester company called O.C. White are very collectible and often overlooked. Industrial lighting has become very popular with decorators and those looking to give their homes a retro look. Vintage metal gooseneck desk lamps, swing arms or knuckle joints can be worth hundreds to collectors. Some of the most desirable industrial lights were made by O.C. White of Worcester, MA. O.C. White produced dental chairs, a universally adjustable tool for lathes and a posing chair for photos before patenting a “support for electric lamps.” O.C. White wall lamps with swing arms and green shades have recently sold in the \$200 range at auction. A dual lamp unit sold for \$850 and an O.C. White Industrial Long Arm Ceiling Light Fixture brought \$1,000. O.C. White is still in business in Thorndike, Mass. Their website says they are considering recreating some of their industrial lights from over 100 years ago and are looking for distributors. I hope this article helps to shed some light on these trending lamps.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is underway. Bidding ends on Oct. 20. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end on Nov. 9. We will be offering Rolex watches, gold jewelry, sterling silver, paintings, vintage comic books, sports cards and a wide range of objects from multiple estates. I’ll be discussing antiques and collectibles at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire on Saturday, Oct. 30. My “Evaluating your antiques” class will take place on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass. On Saturday, Nov. 13, I’ll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.

10 high impact tulips to delight your neighbors



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

Big, bold and beautiful, these dazzling tulips are sure to brighten your gardens and neighborhood. Include a few or all ten to create a colorful display throughout the spring that is sure to delight you and everyone who passes by. Welcome spring with Red Emperor, one of the earliest tulips to bloom. It’s not surprising it has remained popular for more than 80 years. Also known as Madame Lefebvre, this heirloom tulip features extra-large, bright red blooms with a golden yellow base. As the flowers mature, they can be up to seven inches across. From heirloom to flashy, it is easy to see why Monsella is one of the most popular tulips. The early blooming double flowers have fragrant layers of canary yellow petals with bold red stripes. A great choice for containers. As early spring tulips begin to fade, the mid-spring varieties take center stage. To help plan for continuous color throughout the spring, consult Longfield Gardens’ Planning Guide for Tulips.

Tulip Ad Rem has scarlet red petals edged in golden yellow. As with other Darwin Hybrids, the flowers are enormous and this one also has a nice fragrance. Blushing Apeldoorn is another mid spring bloomer with extra-large flowers. The blend of yellow, gold, orange and red on each flower make it a stand-out in any landscape. Plant the bulbs en masse to create a stunning display or pair them with daffodils to extend the show. Change things up in mid to late spring with the hot pink flowers of Cosmopolitan. The goblet shaped fuchsia flowers are held high on 18-to-20-inch stems. Be sure to plant extras for spring flower arrangements. Team up Cosmopolitan with the violet-blue flowers of Purple Flag. Or shake things up by pairing this lovely purple tulip with flowers that bloom in its complementary colors yellow and orange. As temperatures climb, the late blooming tulip Sky High Scarlet really shines. Its huge tomato red blossoms hold up well despite the heat that often shortens late spring tulip displays. You and your neighbors will enjoy watching the transformation of World Expression tulips. The flowers start out soft primrose yellow with scarlet red flames. As the blossoms mature, the petals whiten, and the flames deepen to a cardinal red.

Add a little Midnight Magic to your late spring garden. This double late tulip has multiple layers of petals in a blend of burgundy and garnet. Pair it with white for a formal look or energize the display by combining it with orange and yellow blooms. Be sure to cut a few of these large, rose-like flowers and enjoy their fragrance. End the tulip season with a blaze of color. Sun Lover features vibrant orange petals with stripes of deep orange and red. The flowers open wider and wider each day and are a dramatic addition to any bouquet. Order tulip bulbs in late summer for the best selection. Shipping starts in early fall and once the bulbs arrive, they should be stored in a cool, dark place until you plant. Tulips grow best when the bulbs are planted in late fall, after the first hard frost and before the ground freezes. Those in mild climates (zones 8-10) will need to pre-chill their tulip bulbs in the refrigerator for 10 to 14 weeks before planting in the garden. Once your tulip bulbs are in the ground, you can relax and wait for the beautiful spring tulip display. Your neighbors are sure to thank you for this colorful addition to the block.


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



Photo Courtesy

World Expression tulip’s flowers transform from a soft primrose yellow with scarlet red flames to a whiter version of the blossom with flames of cardinal red.

Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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

– Benjamin Franklin

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Greater than your circumstances

The author and neuroscientist Joe Dispenza has had a massive influence on my life. In his books, he writes about becoming greater than your circumstances. His work has had a profound impact on my thought processes and how I live my life. It’s easy to look at your current situation, compare it to where you’d like to be, recognize that it’s very far from your dreams, and then logically conclude that your dreams will never happen. When these thoughts occur, you’ve decided to believe your circumstances are too powerful to overcome. If your dream is to start a business, write a book, become an actor, professional athlete, go to college, or even make right an injustice in the world. Still, you’re stuck working a 9-5, can barely pay your bills, and surrounded by negativity, it’s logical to assume that your dream is impossible. You may not have the financing, the time, the energy, the support, the education, or the connections. You might have children, parents, and friends that need your help; you may have very little time for yourself. Even so, human beings can overcome their circumstances. We’ve seen this time and time again from people who maintain a clear vision of a future life they’d like to have and resolutely move towards that vision. If you can see a vision of the future that you’d like to experience and move

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towards that vision with unwavering faith; You can make it so. Even when your circumstances are overwhelming, even when the government is unjust and oppressive, you are able to rise above your circumstances and accomplish the impossible. Dr. Martin Luther King is one man who saw a vision of the future so clearly and believed in that vision long enough that he was able to make possible what seemed impossible. Dr. King’s external reality was that he grew up when blacks were openly considered inferior by the local, state, and federal governments. His internal reality, his vision for the future, was quite the opposite. He grew up in the Jim Crow era. When government laws, mainly in the south, openly mandated tyranny and hatred against black people. Dr. King once said, “Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.” Segregation, lynchings, church burnings, police brutality, attack dogs, powerful fire hoses spraying protesters to the ground, and citizens attending protests, holding signs that read, “we don’t want negroes in our schools!” were the circumstances Dr. King was expected to rise above if he was to accomplish his dream. Dr. King came into the public eye when Rosa Parks famously refused to

sit at the back of the bus. He came to her aid and helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted 385 days. During the boycott, Dr. King’s house was firebombed! This only served to strengthen his resolve. King said, “It all boils down to the fact that we must never allow ourselves to become satisfied with unattained goals.” Despite constant threats against his life, and many telling him his dream was impossible, he knew and acted otherwise. The power of his vision eventually convinced millions to join him in the Civil Rights Movement. He went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize, help to end the era of Jim Crow and see the beginning of desegregation. Tragically, he was assassinated in 1968 at the young age of 39. Becoming greater than your circumstances will always come with opposition, obstacles, much hard work, and in some cases, death. He once said, “Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances.” Dr. King’s life is a testament that we can rise above our present circumstances and achieve the impossible. If Dr. Martin Luther King was able to rise above ignorant beliefs about skin color, tyrannical government laws, endure the constant threat of death, and still accomplish his dream, what excuse do we have not to accomplish ours?



HOW LONG SHOULD YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH IN EACH BRUSHING SESSION?

ANSWER: TWO MINUTES

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

2		1	5
	3	5	14
0			12
8	13	10	

4	8	0
5	3	6
1	2	2
Solution		

THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

- **1927:** "THE JAZZ SINGER," THE FIRST FULL-LENGTH TALKING FEATURE FILM, DEBUTS.
- **1973:** EGYPT AND SYRIA LAUNCH ATTACKS ON ISRAEL, BEGINNING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR.
- **1979:** PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER RECEIVES POPE JOHN PAUL II AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

QRUTIS PTOETATOHS

Answer: Squirt toothpaste

New Word

GINGIVITIS

inflammation of the gums

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tooth

SPANISH: Diente

ITALIAN: Dente

FRENCH: Dent

GERMAN: Zahn

Did You Know?

EXPERTS RECOMMEND HAVING YOUR TEETH PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED TWICE PER YEAR. A DENTIST ALSO WILL PERFORM AN ORAL HEALTH CHECKUP AT EACH VISIT.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: ORTHODONTIC BRACES

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to American cheese.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 21 = E)

A. 7 18 21 21 15 21

Clue: Dairy food

B. 23 21 3 8

Clue: Make or become liquified

C. 16 6 4 26 22 13 7 18

Clue: Meal of food between bread

D. 17 21 3 3 19 22

Clue: Sunny color

Answers: A. cheese B. melt C. sandwich D. yellow

SUDOKU

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				1	3			
			9				1	5

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	1	3	6	4	9	8	7	2
8	2	4	3	1	7	5	9	6
1	4	3	2	5	8	6	9	7
3	6	9	8	4	1	7	2	5
4	5	1	6	2	7	9	3	8
6	8	7	1	3	9	5	4	2
5	1	6	8	9	2	7	3	4
8	3	9	4	7	5	2	6	1
7	2	4	3	6	1	8	5	9

ANSWER:

LEGALS

TOWN OF KILLINGLY/BOROUGH OF DANIELSON TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE

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

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **SECOND** installment of real estate and personal property, on the assessment of Oct 1, 2020 becomes due Oct 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on Nov 2, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00. The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. **ATTENTION:** You can pay via credit/debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklynct.org. Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector
September 24, 2021
October 1, 2021
October 8, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission continued the Public Hearing on PZC Application #21-23 from the August 23, 2021 recessed Public Hearing on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Auditorium, 785 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT and took the following action:
PZC Application #21-23 Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, 815 Riverside Drive, Amendments to the Town of Thompson Amended (effective date June 21, 2021) Zoning Regulations with respect to the proposed revisions to Sections Article 5A, Section 9 Shooting Ranges and Article 7, Definitions. **Article 5A, Section 9, Shooting Ranges and definition of Shooting Ranges in Definitions was denied. Remaining proposed definitions for Article 5A, Section 9 were approved, effective date October 22, 2021.**
File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Planning and Zoning Commission. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting
Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
October 8, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold 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.
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 1, 2021
October 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gisele I Cornell (21-00352)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 23, 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:
ALYSON R ALEMAN, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
October 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Roger D Duhaime, Sr. (21-00359)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 30, 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:
Randall S Duhaime, 20 Wetherell Hill, Woodstock, CT 06281 Attorney:
Attorney: WILLIAM H. ST. ONGE, 50 ROUTE 171, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281
October 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Diana Richard, AKA Diana L. Wood (21-00303)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 23, 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:
John E. Richard
c/o FRANK GERARD HERZOG (attorney for John E. Richard), BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-2429,
October 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bianca E. Rodriguez (21-00356)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 29, 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:
Robert M. Rodriguez, Jr.,
c/o Attorney Charles Norris, Chingo, Leone, Maruzo, 141 Broadway, PO Box 510, Norwich, CT 06360
October 8, 2021

TOWN OF KILLINGLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

A PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council shall be held, pursuant to Section 506 of the Killingly Town Charter, in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street in Killingly, Connecticut, on the 9th day, November 2021 at 7 p.m., at which interested persons shall be heard upon the following proposed ordinance:
ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,800,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WESTFIELD AVENUE SCHOOL, INCLUDING RENOVATIONS NEEDED TO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED,
Section 1. That the Town of Killingly appropriate TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,800,000) for costs associated with improvements to the Westfield Avenue School, including renovation of the former Vo-Ag wing and rear hall of the building to serve as a Community Center, substantially as presented in the Antinozzi Associates conceptual design dated August 30, 2021. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, site improvements, engineers' and other consultants' fees, administrative fees, legal fees and other professional fees, equipment, materials, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project and its financing. The Killingly Permanent Commission on Public Buildings shall determine the particulars and scope of the project and may reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.
Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,800,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,800,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of said General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
Section 4. That the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer shall sign the bonds, notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the bonds, notes or obligations. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or obligations. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds, notes or obligations; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds, notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or obligations.
Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.
Section 7. That the Town Manager, is authorized on behalf of the Town to apply for and accept state grants for the project. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes.
Section 8. That the Town Council, the Chairman of the Town Council, the Vice Chairman of the Town Council, the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Director of Finance, the Town Engineer, the Killingly Permanent Commission on Public Buildings and other proper officers and officials of the Town are each authorized to take any other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.
Section 9. That this Ordinance shall become effective on a date fifteen (15) days after publication of the title of this Ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Killingly after final adoption by the voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting and referendum called for such purpose.

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Jason Anderson
Chairman

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October 8, 2021

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Beauregard nets lone goal for Killingly vs. Norwich Free Academy

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — Less than four minutes after senior captain Sophia Moore urged her teammates to pepper the net with shots, Casey Beauregard scored the game's only goal, lifting Killingly High's girls' varsity soccer team to a 1-0 win over Norwich Free Academy, on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

"I told my team at halftime, 'I don't have any complaints with the way we're playing, we've just got to find a way to put a ball in the back of the net,'" Killingly coach Jim Lackner said. "And then, right before we went back out on the field for the second half, Sophia stopped the team and said, 'we've got to shoot the ball. We've got to get shots off.'"

Beauregard, a junior striker, was listening.

Senior defender Sage Lamparelli started the goal-scoring play, sending the ball from deep in Killingly's end to sophomore Laura Farquhar at midfield. Farquhar quickly got the ball to Beauregard, who gathered in the pass 40 yards from the goal and quickly sped toward the net.

Ten yards from the net Beauregard faked left, freezing NFA goalie Caitlin Daley, and pushed the ball to the right. The ball slowly rolled past the diving Daley and into the net.

"Laura sent me a really good ball and I just took it in. I didn't let [the defender] body me off and I was able to finish the play," said Beauregard about her fifth goal of the season. "I put just enough on [the shot] to get it past the goalie, but not too much to miss the goal. We really needed that goal. We had possession the whole first half but we just couldn't finish. Scoring so early in the second half changed the tone of the game."

Lackner said Beauregard's

ability to maintain possession while the NFA defender on the play was doing everything she could to separate her from the ball was the difference between scoring and not scoring on the play.

"That's a play where Casey knows she's got to be stronger on the ball and she was," Lackner said. "She didn't let the defender push her off the ball and then she just slid a phenomenal ball to the back post."

Lackner went on to explain that the goal was quintessential Beauregard.

"Casey probably runs six or seven miles in the course of a game. She's at her best when she's flying around the field. Because of that, I give her the freedom to go wherever she wants," Lackner said. "I took her out of the game for about five minutes in the first half, knowing I was going to play her the entire second half."

The Wildcats (1-3-3) had a chance to tie the game, 1-1, with 10 minutes remaining.

On a play inside the penalty box Aryn Nisbet, Killingly's junior goalkeeper, while battling NFA's Sadie Daniewicz, for possession of the ball, was called for an infraction on Daniewicz, which resulted in a penalty kick for Daniewicz.

After the game the official who made the call said that Nisbet, while trying to tackle the ball to get the ball away from Daniewicz, took Daniewicz's legs out.

"I got the ball," Nisbet said emphatically after the game. "I think a lot of times when keepers come out it's hard [for the official to see whether the keeper gets part of the ball] because it's so physical. That call can go either way. I think [the official] was just going off his best judgment."

Daniewicz's penalty shot banged off the left post and skit-



Emma Carpenter of Killingly gets her head on the ball while battling with an opponent from Norwich Free Academy.



Lyana Cuevas-Bott of Killingly sprints down the field with the ball while being chased by a defender.

tered away.

"I was really happy when I saw it hit the post; I knew she was going that way. When I saw it was going wide I knew the pressure was off," said Nisbet (eight saves, first shut-out of the season), who said if the ball didn't hit the post she was in a position to make the save. "I'm able to read how far a shot is going [in a certain direction] by the way the shooter moves her hips. So, if I knew it wasn't going to hit the post I would have been able to dive and push it wide."

Lackner said he was confident before the shot that Nisbet would make the save, if necessary.

"Aryn is fantastic. Just having her in net gets everyone energized. She is probably the player on the field I have to worry the least about," Lackner said, acknowledging Nisbet is a very active goalie. "Aryn is super aggressive, but I'd rather have a goalie like Aryn than one who is sitting back being passive."

Killingly improved to 4-3 with the win over NFA, but



Killingly's Casey Beauregard scores the game's lone goal in a 1-0 win versus Norwich Free Academy.

saw its record go back to .500 (4-4) two nights later (Friday, Oct. 1) due to a 1-0 road loss to Waterford High. The Lancers

scored the lone goal in that game with less than two minutes to play.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Woodstock Academy football wins wild affair

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

In a wild and wooly affair, Woodstock Academy defeated visiting Waterford, 30-29, thanks to the hands and feet of senior Jackson Goetz.

Goetz (six catches, 121 yards) tied the game, 29-29, with 66 seconds to play when he caught his third touchdown pass of the game, a 33-yard strike from quarterback Ethan Davis. Goetz then put the Centaurs' ahead, 30-29, with the

ensuing extra point.

Davis, a senior captain for WA, finished the game completing 17-of-28 pass attempts for 262 yards and three touchdowns. Davis' other TD tosses to Goetz covered 22 and 42 yards. Davis also found time to rush for 76 yards on 12 carries.

In addition to his three touchdowns, Goetz booted three extra points and a 36-yard field goal.

With the win Woodstock Academy

improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 play.

Boys' Soccer

Ellis Tech remained undefeated with a pair of wins, 3-0 over Tourtellotte on Thursday, Sept. 30, and 2-0 over Plainfield on Saturday, Oct. 2. In the win over Tourtellotte, sophomore Cody Cramer scored a pair of goals and classmate Cameron Fulone added a tally

as well. Junior Jack Piche and senior Sebastian Fauxbel picked up assists. Senior Goalkeeper Bret Gile (11 saves) recorded the shutout in net. In the 7-0-1 Eagles' win over Plainfield, Cramer and freshman Devon LaRoche both scored a goal, and Fulone and Fauxbel recorded assists. Gile made two saves en route to posting his fourth shutout of the season.

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VOLLEYBALL

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Chloe Yip of Killingly serves the ball up versus Putnam.

just in front of its back line. Killingly then made three unforced errors, which tied the game, 24-24, before Lopez put the Clippers ahead, 25-24 with a kill from the right side.

Killingly sophomore Hannah Grudzien (11 service points, six kills, five blocks and an ace) tied the set at 25-25, with a block that dropped on Putnam's side of the net. The Clippers' final two points of the match came courtesy a Killingly service error and a return that sailed long.

"I thought we were going to force a fifth set, but we couldn't get our serves over in the end," Killingly coach Fred Huhn said after the match. "That's really what it came down to. All season long it seems like service errors are what's plagued us. We can't seem to be able to put any service strings together. In the



With her back to the net, Ariana Hernandez of Putnam hits the ball back to Killingly's side.

third set Hannah had a string of eight service winners in a row. That was the difference between the sets."

The seeds to the Putnam's win over Killingly were actually planted two days earlier (Wednesday, Sept. 29), when the Clippers defeated visiting Wheeler High, 3-1.

"The way we performed against Wheeler was my proudest moment yet for my team," Ogle said. "We've won two in a row; we're starting to put it together. That said, I think we can bring it a lot harder than we did [against Killingly]."

"What made the Wheeler win so special was that we played smart and communicated with each other," Ogle continued. "Every single play was aggres-



Putnam's Autumn Allard sprints up to the net and gives the ball an ever-so-slight slap tap to get it up and over.

sive. It was just awesome to see. The girls weren't holding back, they weren't fearful of making that mistake. There was aggression behind every single play. Wheeler won the first set and then we won three straight. The second set score was 34-32. We really had to fight for that set."

Ogle believes communication has been a big part of the Clippers' win streak.

"The girls do a good job of communicating during the sets," Ogle said. "I always tell them communication is the key. In volleyball it's necessary to communicate. And, they've got to keep those positive relationships with each other. They have to know if we make a mistake, we've got to knock that play out of our heads and move on and keep that fighting mentality. My girls are a close team and a bunch of great girls."

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Woodstock Academy went 2-1 in three games last week. The Centaurs enjoyed wins over Valley Regional (3-0 on Saturday, Oct. 2), and Killingly High (5-0, on Thursday, Sept. 30) after losing to Stonington (5-1, on Monday, Sept. 27). Juniors Max Ferreira and Gabriel Viau and freshman Austin Byer scored for the 3-5 Centaurs in the win over Valley Regional. Senior Ryan Odorski (two goals) led WA's win over Killingly. Classmate Ty Morgan as well as junior Owen Tracy, and Byer also

scored in the game. Viau scored off an assist from Ferreira in WA's loss to Stonington.

Girls' Soccer

Junior Grace Gelhaus scored her seventh goal and added her third assist of the season in visiting Woodstock's 2-0 win over Burrillville, (R.I.) High, on Saturday, Oct. 3. The loss was the first for Burrillville (7-1-1) this season. After a scoreless first half, Gelhaus took a pass from Ava Couto and scored to put 3-5-1 Woodstock ahead, 1-0, in the 15th minute of the second half. With 10 minutes left in the game Gelhaus assisted on freshman Juliet Allard's fifth goal of the season.

Field Hockey

Woodstock Academy tied East Lyme, 0-0 on the road on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Centaurs' junior goalie Ava Basak and defensive player Ainsley Morse, Basak's classmate, both made saves late in the game to help the Centaurs (1-3-2, 1-2-2 ECC) to keep the game scoreless.

Elsewhere:

The Killingly field hockey team lost to Fitch, 3-0, on Thursday, Sept. 30, to fall to 1-6 on the season with nine regular season games remaining. Killingly has been led offensively by seniors Rhiannon Martin (three goals) and Hailey Radtke (two), as well as sophomores Gina Soraseun and Aila

Gutierrez (two goals each) and junior Shannon Breen (one goal). Defensively, senior goalkeeper Emma Barbeau made a season-high 10 saves against Stonington High on Tuesday, Sept. 28, in a 3-0 loss to the Bears.

Volleyball

Senior Annarose Avery recorded 32 assists, classmate Aurissa Boardman 20 kills and freshman Sophie Gronski 10 service points and four aces to lead undermanned Woodstock Academy past visiting Norwich Free Academy, 3-1, on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The Centaurs (2-6), lost the opening set (25-23), but then rallied to win three straight sets (25-21,

25-22, and 25-22). Because of illness and injury WA had just seven players available for the match against the Wildcats.

Cross Country

Undefeated Ellis Tech placed five runners among the top seven finishers in a 22-39 home course victory over Vinal Tech of Middletown on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Sophomore Tyler Parmentier won the race for the 3-0 Bears, finishing in a time of 20 minutes, 23 seconds. Also finishing in the top seven for Ellis Tech were sophomore Mason Hill (third, 22:44), senior Jackson Tassoni (fifth, 22:51), senior Owen Reinhart (sixth, 24:03), and junior Xavier Dietz (seventh, 24:35).

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change. Bipartisan polarized politics is a cancer at the local level

and has no business in our town. Blustering partisan rhetoric and fear mongering dog whistle issues are for Washington politicians, made to distract people from the real issues affecting Killingly.

We deserve more transparency and accountability. Whether it regards the proposed power plant that nobody seems to want but keeps being pushed onto us. To how our tax dollars are allocated in our town budget. Why did the town wait on the Community Project two years ago? It's price tag to taxpayers was \$10 million cheaper than the current proposal, so why did we wait? I will work with and BOE to help address why so many of our paraprofessionals, teachers, and staff are leaving our school system at an alarming rate. I will work for more transpar-

ency, efficiencies, and accountability across all issues.

We deserve a safe and clean community. Killingly has a list of natural resource that would make any town in Connecticut envious. From Alexander's Lake to the Quinebaug River Trail, from Old Killingly Pond to Ross Pond & Old Furnace State Park. As an avid triathlete, who uses these resources daily, we need to protect them and keep our community safe for future generations.

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