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Threats cancel KHS pep rally, force Code Yellow lockdown

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – A series of threats against the Killingly School district early in the month resulted in disruption to class time as well as canceling a pep rally that would have seen the Killingly High School football team off to their eventual championship-winning game.

The district received consecutive threats within a three day stretch from Dec. 8 through Dec. 10 which eventually forced the high school to take action. Superintendent Robert Angeli denounced the acts as disruptive in a letter to parents on Friday, Dec. 10. Angeli said the school went into Code Yellow

as a precaution after a social media threat was made against the school for that day.

“During the Code Yellow, the administration, School Resource Officer and police investigated the threat. As a result, the Code Yellow (was lifted) and KHS resumed normal activities,” wrote Angeli. “The frequent Code Yellow alerts this week at KHS, along with learning about the experiences of school in other Connecticut communities, has us feeling many emotions. Students wishing to speak with a support staff member can go to the school counselor.”

The threats came at the dawn of a new social media challenge popularized on TikTok where

students are encouraged to call in or post threats to their schools to disrupt class and possibly even cause the schools to close. However, it has not been confirmed that these threats were specifically related to the challenge.

Prior to the Dec. 10 threat, another threat had forced the cancellation of a pep rally to see the Killingly High School football team off to their championship game over the weekend. As of this report the district has not publicly disclosed the identities of any suspects. Should they be students, the suspect would not be of age to be identified in police reports or by the school district.

Stagnant offense hampers Killingly in loss to Bacon Academy

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — What a difference a year makes.

Last season the Killingly High girls’ basketball team didn’t lose a game, finishing the 2021 season 13-0. It was a year topped off with an Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Northern Division Tournament Championship, its second ECC title in as many seasons.

This year has not started as smoothly as last year ended. Killingly is 1-2 on the young season, its two losses coming in 48-hour span. After a season-opening 60-10 home win over Putnam High on Tuesday, Dec. 14, Killingly lost at Ledyard High, 59-46, on Thursday, Dec. 16, and then returned home to face Bacon Academy on Saturday, Dec. 18, where it was defeated by the Bobcats, 53-42.

“It’s a long season; we’re not packing it in yet,” Killingly coach Gina (Derosier) Lindberg said. “We’re a work in progress. The bottom line is we want to be better in March than we are now.”

The slow start is surprising to some, given Killingly has so



Photos Jason McKay

Hannah Grudzien of Killingly drives in for a layup after a Bacon Academy defender stumbles.

many key components of last year’s team back. All five girls who started against Bacon were in the starting lineup in last year’s ECC championship game against Windham High.

Lindberg said the slow start has nothing to do with team chemistry or a lack thereof.

“We have really good team chemistry. The girls all like

each other and they all want to win,” Lindberg said. “We’re just taking some lumps right now here at the beginning of the season. We have to build off of that.”

One difference between this year and two years ago when girls’ basketball in the ECC was broken into four divisions with

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POMFRET LIONS PROVIDE EYE SCREENING AT POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On Dec. 15, the Pomfret Lions Club, along with Tom Kohl, screening specialist from the Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions Club and Dr. Mitzi Davis, completed an eye screening at Pomfret Community School. Setting up at 8:15 AM, the team started screening around 8:30 a.m., wrapping up at about 12:40 p.m. Using two specialized diagnostic cameras, the team conducted 325 tests. The testing revealed 22 students who require follow up care and evaluation. Printed reports for each student were provided to PCS School nurse Ms. Lupien. Lions Club International has always been involved in sight related activities such as eye research, radio reading programs for the blind, and collecting and providing glasses for those who in need. Pictured, from left to right: Mike Collins, Hank Hague, Pomfret Lions Club, Dr. Mitzi Davis (in front) Tom Kohl, Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions. Peter Mann, Pomfret Lions Club. Not pictured are Jimi Gauthreau, Rich Huoppi, and Steve Delpapa, Pomfret Lions Club.

Danielson Airport receives grant through infrastructure law

BY JASON BLEAU
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DANIELSON – The Danielson Airport will receive a share of the funds allocated through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or IIJA. Congressman Joe Courtney announced the airport’s inclusion in the first round of IIJA funding for eastern Connecticut on Dec. 16 as one of three Connecticut airports receiving a combined total of \$612,000 between them. The other two airports are the Groton-New London Airport and Windham Airport.

The announcement caps off a big year for the Danielson Airport which also received a \$536,561 grant through the American Rescue Plan in July, also announced by

Congressman Courtney. In his Dec. 16 announcement Courtney also stated that the Danielson, New London and Windham airports will continue to receive increased FAA investments through the 2026 fiscal year.

“This is great news for our regional airports in Willimantic, Danielson, and Groton, and for all the local businesses and workers who utilize them,” said Congressman Courtney in a release. “Our regional airports are responsible for helping eastern Connecticut businesses from the Quiet Corner to the shoreline produce millions of dollars in economic output each year, and now funding through our bipartisan infrastructure bill is going

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Town Council examines ways to better advertise voting dates

BY JASON BLEAU
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KILLINGLY – The Killingly Town Council is exploring ways that the town can better inform citizens about upcoming referendums and elections after receiving complaints that the referendum concerning renovating the old high school on Westfield Avenue into a community center wasn’t properly advertised.

After Town manager Mary Calorio read comments from citizen Donna Bronwell expressing issues with the lack of information about the recent referendum the council members engaged in a larger conversation about the limits and methods of getting word out and educating the public of upcoming votes. Council Chair Jason Anderson said Bronwell is not

the only citizen who has approach the council about the issue.

“I have heard from several people in town who were displeased on the amount of information that went out regarding the vote on the community center project. It was posted on several places. We did have the signs at both the high school and the Westfield Avenue location during the municipal elections. The sign at the high school, when I got there at one point the information regarding the vote for the community center project was actually facing away from the entrance. I don’t know if it had gotten turn around while it was there and then later on I noticed somebody had turned it back around again because I guess people were wondering past

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What were you doing 50 years ago?

Christmas closing: Since both Christmas and New Year's Day are on Saturdays, the Killingly Historical Center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. It will be open on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Inclement Weather: If the Killingly Historical Center is closed due to inclement weather, an announcement will be made on WINY. If you are not sure, call the Center at 860-779-7250 after 10:15 a.m. on a regularly scheduled day. If you get the answering machine, the Center is probably closed.

Thank you so much to Alan Poirier for bringing his scrapbook from the 1981 Killingly State Championship football team to the Killingly Historical Center for us to photocopy. These materials greatly enhance our collection. We would also appreciate materials from the 1996 and 2017 Championship football teams. They can also be photocopied and the originals returned.

Bernie Mitchell, president of the Killingly Historical Society, has been wondering what ever happened to the bell in the Attawaugan school, which is now a residence on Country Club Road. If you know please, email me or call the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250. The Dayville School bell is now at the Killingly Middle School, and the East Killingly School Bell is in front of the VFW on North Road, the former school building.

Among the donations to the Historical Center that archivist Lynn LaBerge is cataloging are several more Danielson Federal Savings and Loan Society Farmer's Almanacs. These little tidbits are from 1976. "Capsules of Wisdom. An honest golfer is one who tells the 'hole' truth. A neighbor is someone who advises you on what to buy, so he can borrow it later. A broadminded person is one who can see both points of view--the wrong one and his own." Thought of the Year, "Adversity will either make us bitter or better!"

What were you doing 50 years ago, in December 1971? I decided to look at the Windham County Transcripts from that December to see how the

area was preparing for Christmas. The Dec. 2 issue had the following: "Santa Arrives in Town Today To "Light Up' Downtown Area. This afternoon at 4 p.m. the Christmas Season will officially begin in Danielson, after the Jolly Old Man, the one and only Santa Claus, will arrive at Davis Park to welcome children of the community and 'light up' the park and downtown area. The community has this year through the efforts of the Danielson Chamber of Commerce, a brand new array of Christmas lights... Today also marks the beginning of extended shopping hours in downtown Danielson. All stores will remain open Monday through Saturday, until 9 p.m., with the exception of Christmas Eve, when stores will close at 6 p.m."

How many of you recall when Danielson had a Salvation Army Store? "Gordon P. Moores, service unit director for the Southern New England Headquarters of the Salvation Army announced this week that the Danielson store officially closed on Tuesday... due to lack of personnel to operate it." (WCT Dec. 2, 1971).

Did your family ever participate in the Christmas Lighting Contest? "Chamber of Commerce Offers Cash Prizes for Community Christmas Lighting Contest. Thomas Ray, President of the Danielson Chamber of Commerce, announced today that the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a special Christmas Lighting Contest. In the spirit of Christmas, the theme will be 'Christmas Night.' All residents in the Killingly and Brooklyn communities are eligible to enter this Christmas Lighting Contest. First prize will be \$50; second, \$25, 3rd, \$15, and fourth prize \$10." (WCT Dec. 2, 1971)

Do you recall who the Killingly Town manager was in December 1971? "New Town Manager; Council assume



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duties on Monday. R. Gary Stenhouse, 28, will officially take over the duties of Killingly Town Manager on Monday morning December 8 the same day that the Killingly Town Council is scheduled to hold its organizational meeting. Mr. Stenhouse, who replaces Owen Bell, town manager here for more than thirty years, is a native of Westerly, R.I.... On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the new Killingly Town Council will organize at a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the high school. Taking the oath of office that evening will be re-elected members Edward Allard, Jr., Henry Misiaszek, Ronald Jussaume, and Karl Sieffert. Newly elected members in the nine-man council are Trent Pappas, Fred Ricci, Jr., Robert Chartier, George Wakefield, Sr., and Herbert Oatley." (WCT Dec. 2, 1971). How many of these individuals do you remember?

Fifty years ago, did you shop for the perfect live Christmas tree at the tree farm operated by Nils P. Tandberg on Slater Hill Road? Directions in the ad in that December 2nd issue read as follows: "Take Route 101 at Dayville Four Corners to East Killingly Blinker; at Acme Mill. Turn Right, keep right one mile. Slater Hill Road. "Norway Spruce Garden." Also "decorating birch wood for fire place and Yule logs.. Free Kling Card with every cut tree to preserve and keep it fresh and green." (I'm sure many remember when Acme was in East Killingly).

Many of you who have met me know of my deep love for Christmas music. One of my favorite songs is What Child Is This so I was curious about its author and the circumstances of its writing. According to Wikipedia ""What Child Is This?" is a Christmas carol with lyrics written by William Chatterton Dix in 1865, subsequently set to the tune of "Greensleeves", a traditional English

folk song in 1871. Although written in Great Britain, the carol today is more popular in the United States than its country of origin. The context of the carol centers around the Adoration of the Shepherds who visit during the Nativity of Jesus. The questions posed in the lyrics reflect what the shepherds were possibly pondering to themselves when they encountered Jesus, with the rest of the carol providing a response to their questions. At the time he was writing the lyrics to "What Child Is This?" in 1865, William Chatterton Dix was working as the manager of an insurance company. He was afflicted by an unexpected and severe illness that resulted in him being bedridden and suffering from severe depression. His near-death experience brought about a spiritual renewal in him while he was recovering. During this time, he read the Bible comprehensively and was inspired to author hymns like "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" and "As with Gladness Men of Old".

As the year 2021 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for reading this column. An extra thank you to those who have shared memories; please continue to do so. May everyone have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy healthy New Year!

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Day Kimball Hospital nationally recognized with an ‘A’ Leapfrog hospital safety grade

PUTNAM — For the second consecutive time, The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, awarded Day Kimball Hospital an “A” Hospital Safety Grade for achieving the highest national standards in patient safety. This national distinction recognizes DKH's achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital. Earlier this year, DKH was also honored with an “A” grade in the spring 2021 release of the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Grade.

“We are proud to again be formally recognized as a leader in patient safety – especially in a period so consumed by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. “Receiving the Leapfrog Hospital Safety ‘A’ Grade is affirmation of the relentless commitment our team makes to providing best-in-class patient care every day.”

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog

organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“An ‘A’ Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which this community should be extremely proud,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “I thank the leadership and workforce of Day Kimball Hospital for its commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times.”

To see Day Kimball Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

DKH takes pride in the excellence of care provided to its patients and the community. To learn more about all of Day Kimball Hospital's various safety and quality measures, visit www.daykimball.org/quality.

About The Leapfrog Group Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for-

ward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.


About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed 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 employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is daykimball.org.

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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 Dec. 13: Sora, Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Pheasant, Bluebird, Northern Harrier, Brown Creeper, Great-horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Carolina Wren, House Finch, Mockingbird, Junco, Peregrine Falcon, Common Grackle. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.



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A peregrine falcon brought its prey to the roof of a house in Pomfret recently.

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Northeastern CT Chamber announces award recipients

HAMPTON — The Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce is pleased and honored to announce the 2022 annual award recipients. The honorees will be recognized at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Gala scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20 at StoneHurst at Hampton Valley.

Civic Achievement Award - An award given to an individual or group for their broad-based involvement with clubs, civic groups, charities etc. over a long period of time.

This year's recipient is Mr. Peter Deary of Killingly.

Peter Deary is being recognized for a lifetime of dedicated service to a variety of organizations throughout northeastern Connecticut and beyond. Peter's community leadership has truly touched a myriad of community organizations. Currently, Mr. Deary is on his second term as a member of the Board of Directors at Day Kimball Healthcare. During that time, he served as Chairman of the Board from 2006 to 2008. He also co-chaired the Day Kimball Hospital's "Care in a Heartbeat" capital campaign steering committee which raised more than \$3 million for the Townsend Emergency Medical Center. Along with his family, Peter helped to raise more than \$2 million for the Day Kimball Hospital Deary Fund, which helps to pay for mammograms and cancer services for patients of northeastern Connecticut.

Deary has been a passionate supporter of Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) and joined the Board of Directors of the QVCC Foundation in 2013. In 2020, he served as President of the Foundation and assisted the organization in raising funds so all residents of northeastern Connecticut are provided the opportunity to attend the college regardless of their ability to pay.

On a more global scale, Deary played a pivotal role in the establishment of a foundation dedicated to assisting the Haitian people. For several years, the group organized mission trips to Haiti designed to help the people of the country by providing clean water and sanitary living conditions.

In addition, Mr. Deary spent 10 years on various fundraising committees for Camp Quinebaug-a summer camp for school aged children with developmen-

tal disabilities, more than 20 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northeastern CT Chamber of Commerce, 15 years on the Board of Governors of Quinnatisset Country Club and 20 years on the Board of Deacons at the First Congregation Church of Pomfret.

For all of his volunteer service, we are pleased to name Mr. Peter Deary as the recipient of the Civic Achievement Award.

George J. Racine, Sr. Humanitarian Award-An award given to a person in recognition of their dedicated involvement with a cause or activity; that which promotes concern for human welfare.

The Committee's selection for this award is David Foster of Hampton.

A Willimantic native, David "Lefty" Foster has become legendary for not only his long and illustrious musical career, but also for his caring and generous heart. For more than 30 years, he has served as a "beacon" of hope and support for many non-profit organizations in the Windham region. He set his sights within the Windham community with a focus of addressing issues of hunger, homelessness, poverty and support for people with disabilities.

One of those recipients, the Covenant Soup Kitchen, a 35-year-old institution that serves more than 150,000 meals a year for those in need has a special place in Foster's heart. He demonstrated a long-term impact for the Covenant Soup Kitchen when he played a pivotal role in raising over \$100,000 for the organization. Upon learning that the Covenant Soup Kitchen had a mortgage on their Valley Street property, he crafted a plan to reduce the financial burden by producing a number of Shaboo Reunion Concerts coupled with generous gifts from David and his wife, Marilyn, as well as a generous gift from the Lester E. and Phyllis M. Foster Foundation.

The Windham area Interfaith Ministries (WAIM) has felt David's generous heart. According to their Director, Victoria Nimirowski, "not only has he supported us financially by generously donating funds, but he also located and purchased a delivery truck for WAIM when he learned that our previous one was no longer road-worthy."

Currently, Foster is collaborating with the town to locate a building suitable to purchase for the Windham No Freeze Shelter. The Windham Region No Freeze Project is a nonprofit agency dedicated to the short and long-term survival of adults experiencing homelessness in the Windham community.

Other nonprofits in the area have also benefited from his many donations including Horizons, an organization whose mission is to create and sustain person-centered opportunities for people with developmental disabilities where they live, learn, work and play. According to Horizons' Executive Director and award nominator Chris McNaboe, David Foster has pledged a major donation for the construction of a new state-of-the-art dining hall on the campus of Horizons.

Windham Hospital realized the generosity of David and Marilyn Foster as well as the Foundation of Lester E. and Phyllis M. Foster Foundation when lead donations gifts were made to the hospital resulting in funds to furnish the Windham Hospital Oncology and Infusion Center. For all of these reasons and many more, David Foster is the Committee's choice for the George J. Humanitarian Award.

Community Champion Award – is presented to an individual, couple or organization that has made a substantive, yet unrecognized, contribution to our community. The award recognizes recipients who have influenced our community from behind the scenes with a positive attitude, a willingness to help in a variety of capacities, and a commitment to excellence. a

The recipient of the Community Champion Award is Monique Wolanin of Pomfret.

For the last 14 years, Monique Wolanin has been a tireless champion in serving the Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) Foundation and by extension the students who attend QVCC. As Director of Institutional Advancement, Wolanin has worked to grow the Foundation from a \$1.5 million organization to more than \$6 million today. Her work has ensured that the funding for scholarships remains strong and that the money raised stays in northeast Connecticut. She has led the Foundation and guided three pres-

idents and a new CEO to connect with the local community and keep QVCC robust, connected and focused on serving local students.

Wolanin introduced new learning opportunities to the college including a "Perspectives and Visions in Leadership" speaker series beginning in 2010. The series focuses on bringing world renowned leaders from the private, government and nonprofit sectors to campus to discuss business topics, corporate strategies, inspirational messaging and valuable lessons for students, faculty, alumni and members of the community.

Her creative approach and contagious enthusiasm at the college led to the creation of several innovative fundraising efforts including Donuts for Donations, The QVCC Spelling Bee and Monique's personal favorite, Tackle the Trail™. Currently in its eighth year, the race became an official full marathon in 2021 with runners coming from across the nation to participate. The race takes place on Connecticut's Airline **trail** starting in Windham and ending in **Putnam**, Connecticut. In 2021, she collaborated with the Hale Foundation and the NOW organization to expand the race to include TackleJR, a race for youth, ages two to 12.

Under her leadership, Wolanin has guided the long-standing QVCC Golf Tournament to new heights. In 2021, the tournament raised more than \$60,000 for the Foundation, an increase of \$45,000 since joining the foundation.

Wolanin's passion and enthusiasm for Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation is contagious. She has a single-minded focus of working each day to ensure that the funding for student scholarships stays strong and stays in northeast Connecticut.

We are delighted to award the 2022 Community Champion Award to Monique Wolanin.

Award recipients will be formally recognized at the Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Awards Gala on Thursday, Jan. 20. Individuals interested in attending should contact the Chamber at 860-774-8001.

EASTCONN to hold COVID-19 vaccination clinics

HAMPTON — Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccination Vans are coming to EASTCONN's administrative offices at 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, on Jan. 7 and 28 from 2-6 p.m. to provide no-cost, walk-up vaccinations to area residents.

The highly visible yellow Vaccination Vans, provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, are run by Griffin Health. Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available as well as boosters to all area residents without appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

All children must have a legal guardian present. Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance to receive a vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.

If you are receiving your first vaccine on Jan. 7, you may return for a second dose on Jan. 28. If you are receiving your first vaccine on Jan. 28, you will have to locate a second dose from another provider. For more information, please call Stefanie at 860-455-1505.

The DPH Vaccination Vans are part of the State's effort to vaccinate as many Connecticut residents as possible. More than half the state's population has received at least one shot since vaccinations began in December

2020.

For more information on vaccinations and COVID-19, visit ct.gov/covidvaccine.

At the clinic, we are accepting non-perishable food items for the EASTCONN food pantry that benefits our K-12 students.

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How to help your business do well by doing good

As a business owner, you have many priorities. Running a profitable and successful business is at the top of that list, of course. But you likely also want that success to help fuel the fulfillment of other goals, including supporting the causes you care about and the communities that help your business thrive.

As it turns out, you can make a real difference for your community while also building your brand and taming your taxes. How? Through smart and strategic charitable giving strategies. Here are four important steps to enable your business to do well while also doing good for others.

Choose causes that align with your personal passions and your business mission – you’ll build brand awareness and loyalty while impacting more than just your bottom line.

Business owners understand that passion breeds success. That’s true when it comes to business and also when it comes to giving back. So begin by thinking about the causes that mean the most to you personally. Then think about how those causes overlap with your business brand and mission. Find an organization that aligns with all three of those things, and you’ve got an ideal match.

You’ll get personal fulfill-

ment out of seeing the positive impact that you and your business can make. Your team will develop a deepened appreciation for your company’s mission as well as an increased sense of pride in being a part of it. And you’ll increase awareness and appreciation for what your business has to offer among your customers, prospective customers and the wider community.

Corporate social responsibility is also an increasingly important factor that consumers consider when deciding to whom they want to give their business. Not to mention the fact that giving back when you are able, however you are able, is the right thing to do even when no one is looking.

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If giving back financially isn’t currently possible – and even when it is – don’t underestimate the value of giving back through the donation of time and talents. Sponsor a company-wide paid day of volunteering, for example. Volunteering together for a common cause offers a great opportunity for team-building among your staff while also fostering positive relationships in the community.

You can also opt to allow your employees a paid day off to volunteer at an organization of their choosing at any time throughout the year. This is a great way to extend the impact your business has to a wider array of causes while also opening up opportunities for your team to network on behalf of your business.

Understand the tax deductions available when making financial charitable contributions.

When you do decide to support an organization with a

financial charitable contribution, it’s important to understand how to do so in a way that also provides you with the tax deductions your business is due.

First, make sure that the organization you are donating to is a qualified charitable organization under the IRS. You can use the IRS’s online “Tax Exempt Organization Search” tool (available at irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search) to check.

Next, make sure the type of donation you’re making is eligible for a tax deduction. Generally speaking, donations of cash, sponsorship of charity events and in-kind donations of property such as inventory or equipment are eligible for a deduction.

Finally, the limitations and ways in which you may take the tax deduction depend on a variety of factors, including what type of structure your business has (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, S corporation or limited liability corporation). You should talk with your tax professional and financial advisor to form a plan on how best to make charitable donations through your business, and to ensure you take all the steps you need to take in order to realize those deductions.

Make doing good in the community part of your business’s

long-term strategy for doing well.

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Interesting facts about winter



The winter solstice marks the first day of winter. For people residing in the Northern Hemisphere, Tuesday, December 21, 2021, heralds the official arrival of winter (the Southern Hemisphere’s winter solstice is on Sunday, June 20).

Though it’s common to think of the winter solstice as an event that spans an entire day, it actually occurs for just a moment — specifically when a hemisphere is tilted as far away from the sun as it can be.

Winter is widely known as the coldest time of the year in most locales, but that’s not the only thing that makes the season unique. Explore these other cold, hard facts about wintertime.

- The Earth actually is closest to the sun in December, even

though the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year. The amount of daylight hours has to do with the tilt of the Earth on its axis rather than its proximity to the sun.

- The Southern Hemisphere, due to having less land mass and a more maritime climate, tends to have milder winters than the Northern Hemisphere.

- According to Smithsonian, ancient Romans used daylight and darkness to determine the time. As a result, an hour in ancient Rome lasted 45 minutes in the winter and 75 minutes in the summer.

- Two islands, called Big Diomedé and Little Diomedé, are located in the Bering Strait, which divides Alaska from Russia. Big Diomedé is owned by

Russia, while Little Diomedé is owned by the United States. The 2.5 mile stretch between these two islands often freezes over in winter, technically making it possible to walk from the U.S. to Russia, according to Alaska Centers Public Land Information.

- Snow is common in many areas during the winter. The highest snowfall ever recorded in a one-year period in the U.S. occurred at Mount Rainier, in Washington. Between February 19, 1971, and February 18, 1972, 31.1 meters (1,224 inches) of snow fell.

- Russia remains the coldest country in the world during the winter. Canada and Mongolia are not too far behind.

- The largest snowflake ever recorded measured 15 inches wide. It was found in Fort Keogh, Montana.

- A city in Sweden uses light therapy in bus stops to help combat seasonal affective disorder during winter, when 19 hours of darkness are common.

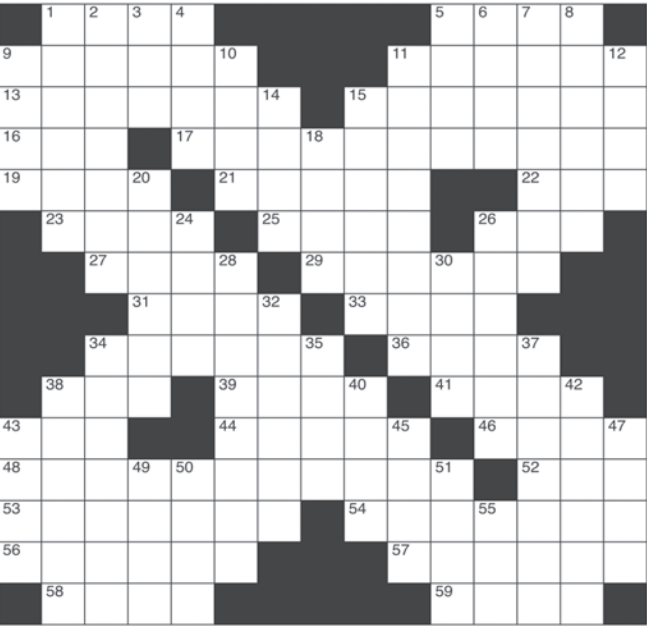
- Unlike hurricanes and other summer storms, winter storms are not named by the National Weather Service.

- Snowflakes are translucent, not white.

- No country in the Southern Hemisphere has hosted or applied to host the Winter Olympics.

- Most weather-related crashes in the U.S. happen on wet pavement during rainfall rather than during snow or sleet, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Winter might be seen as a cold period marked by dark days. But there’s still a lot of interesting things going on between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

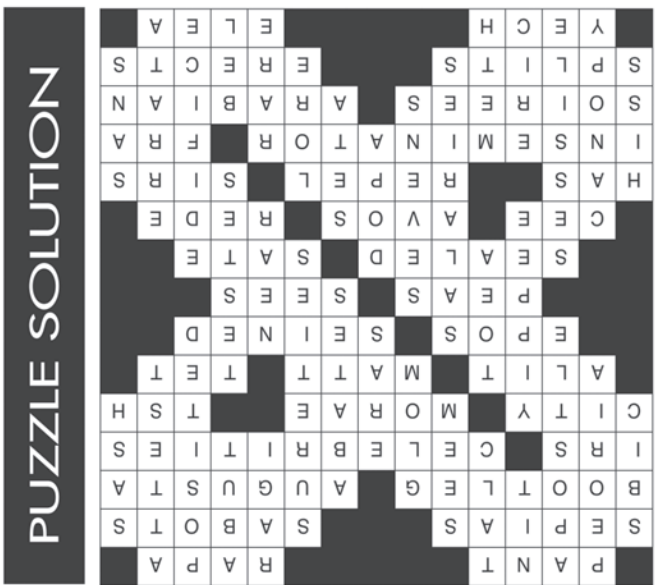


CLUES ACROSS

1. Breathe noisily
5. ___ Nui, Easter Island
9. Reddish browns
11. Simple shoes
13. Produce alcohol illegally
15. Home to famed golf tournament
16. Tax collector
17. Famous people
19. Urban area
21. Units of syllable weight
22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
23. Dismounted
25. Actor Damon
26. Vietnamese offensive
27. Retail term
29. Netted
31. Partner to carrots
33. Witnesses
34. Caulked
36. Satisfy
38. R&B performer ___ Lo
39. Monetary units of Macao
41. Give advice, explain
43. Possesses
44. Turn back
46. Gentlemen
48. One who fertilizes
52. Italian monk title (prefix)
53. Parties
54. Type of horse
56. Cuts in half
57. Raises
58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

CLUES DOWN

1. Illinois city
2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory
14. Steal
15. Becomes less intense
18. Geological times
20. Hooray!
24. Monetary unit
26. Male reproductive organs
28. Earnings
30. Close by
32. Small integers
34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
40. Stiff, hairlike structure
42. Print errors
43. To show disapproval
45. Body of traditions
47. Without
49. ___ Clapton, musician
50. Dangerous illegal drug
51. Infrequent
55. Sound unit



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Wreaths Across America event held in Thompson



The Wreaths Across America annual event in Thompson was held on Dec. 18. Jane Ellison of Thompson organizes the Thompson location each year. She is a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Connecticut Historical Society as well as local historical societies. This event is very meaning to her personally, as she has a son that was in the marines, a deceased father that served

in the navy, a deceased husband in that served in the navy, along with uncles, cousins, brothers-in-law and others that proudly served. She makes sure to honor each one every year. Many veterans joined this event, along with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, many guests, as well as Kate Anderson from TMHS and TMHS singers. The church bells rang in the distance to honor all those that have served.

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Popular toys through the years

“Being there for a child is the most noble thing a toy can do.” — Woody

Santa is preparing for his big night, which is just three days away. His elves are always busy working in the toy shop, year after year, and have created memorable toys, that always leave children wide eyed every Christmas morning. Some toys that children found under the tree more than 100 years ago are still popular today.

In 1920, just a mere 101 years ago, the hot toy for Christmas was the Raggedy Ann doll, that sold for \$1. Raggedy Ann and her brother Andy were created by a political cartoonist named Johnny Gruelle. In 1921, Lincoln Logs were the hot ticket. Lincoln Logs originally cost 50 cents.

Tinker Toys were first created in 1922, a toy that was a big hit in the 1980’s as well. In 1924, the Erector Set was a favorite. In 1925, the classic Teddy bear was a popular, and cost 79 cents.

Crayola Crayons date all the way back to 1926. Crayola means ‘chalk and oily’ in French. Noted is that the original crayons were created in 1903, and the box contained just eight colors. The Radio Flyer wagon came out in 1927 and cost \$2.99.

Yo-yo’s were all the rave in 1928, and cost just five cents. This toy dates back to 500 BC. In 1929, pop-up books became popular. In 1930 the Mickey Mouse doll hit stores. Mickey was discovered in the cartoon ‘Steamboat Willie’ that first aired in 1928. During Christmas in 1930, demand was so high for Mickey dolls that crafty mothers ended up creating their own.

Finger pain and sock monkeys came out in 1931 and 1932, respectively. In 1933, tin Marx wind-up toys were the new thing.

In 1935, it was the Shirley Temple doll that had little girls everywhere smiling on Christmas day. Monopoly first hit stores in 1937, inspiring decades of family meltdowns...excuse us, family fun. Some people still get excited if they land on Baltic Avenue.

The original view master that became popular in the 80’s, first came out in 1939.

In 1940, the Red Ryder BB gun cost \$5.00. Everyone loves a good Golden Book and in 1942, they cost just .25. In 1943, green army men became popular. The slinky (who didn’t have one?) first appeared under trees in 1945. In 1946, Lionel Trains cost \$30. Tonka trucks came out in 1947. The original Clue board game first appeared in 1949.

In 1951, Colorforms cost 25 cents. Colorforms were the invention of art students who liked to be artistic, sans the high cost of paint. In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head hit shelves for just 98 cents. Model cars became popular in 1953. In 1954, Scrabble hit stands and in 1955, Silly Putty could be found in stockings everywhere.

Play-Dough (can you ever forget that smell?) first came out in 1956. Barbie appeared in 1959. Anyone who could keep two Barbie shoes in one place for more than 24 hours was/is a special kind of person.

In 1960, the Etch A Sketch was created. A great toy if you had the patience for it. In 1961, even though it was winter, children everywhere wanted a Slip n Slide.

The Easy Bake Oven first appeared in 1963 for \$15. In 1964, G.I. Joe appeared for \$1.95. Twister appeared in 1966. The Lite-Brite and all its pieces first came out in 1967 for \$10. Hot Wheels came out in 1968 and LEGOs in 1969.

In 1970, Nerf balls were being thrown about in homes everywhere. Weebles were a hoot in 1971. In 1973, Shrinky Dinks were a blast. Stretch Armstrong was popular in 1976 and a year later, in 1977, the Atari hit stores. Skiing is by far the best Atari game invented, and Pitfall.

In 1982, He-Man was a hit, followed by My Little Pony in 1982. In 1983, the infamous Cabbage Patch Doll appeared, complete with all of their bizarre names. Even our Editor had one named ‘Merci Rhonda.’ The original Nintendo Entertainment System appeared in 1986.

In 1995, Beanie Babies took over toy stores everywhere. Some rare Beanie Babies sell for thousands of dollars today. Pokemon cards appeared in 1999. In the early 2000’s, it was Bratz dolls, Xbox 360’s and Playstations. In 2006, the Nintendo Wii almost seemed futuristic. In 2010, the first iPad appeared, and interestingly enough, in 2021, kids old and young have the new version on their Christmas lists.

We hope you all remember this holiday season, that we’re all just a bunch of big kids.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



Photo Melinda Myers
A container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few spring flowering bulbs planted pointed side up is all you need to create a colorful indoor garden.

Bring a bit of spring color indoors

Pot them up, give them a chill and enjoy spring flowering bulbs indoors or outside on a patio, deck or porch. This is a great way to enjoy any bulbs that didn’t make it into the ground this season or take advantage of late season discounts on bulbs.

Larger flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and alliums put on quite a display in your home or in a window box or container. Add some smaller bulbs like crocus, squills, and grape hyacinths to the mix for added beauty.

All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few bulbs. Shorter varieties work well or give taller varieties a bit of support with twigs or decorative stakes when displaying indoors.

Cover the bottom of the container with soil. Set several bulbs, pointed side up, on top of the potting mix. Set the tallest bulbs in the center surrounded by shorter varieties when creating a mixed garden. Place tulips with the flat side of the bulb facing out for a better display. Cover the bulbs and fill the container with potting mix.

Enjoy weeks of colorful flowers by selecting a variety of bulbs that bloom from early through late spring. Layer the bulbs to maximize your planting space. Place larger bulbs on top of the soil layer at the bottom of the container. The tallest of these will go in the center skirted by shorter varieties to maximize the display.

Cover this first layer of bulbs with potting mix, leaving just the tip of the bulbs exposed. Add smaller bulbs like squills, crocus and grape hyacinth bulbs to the next level. Plant them close together between the tips of the larger bulbs. Cover this layer with soil, leaving enough space for watering.

Water the freshly planted container thoroughly, then move it to a cool location, about 35 to 45 degrees for at least 12 to 15 weeks. This cold period is needed to initiate flowering in these bulbs. A spare refrigerator or in colder regions, an unheated garage works well. Or if the ground hasn’t frozen, sink the pot into a vacant space in the garden. This works for those gardening in areas where winter temperatures are cold enough to provide the needed chill. Mulch the soil once the ground starts to freeze with evergreen boughs. This will make it easier to remove the pot in early spring.



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

Eliminate this step by purchasing pre-chilled bulbs. These have received the needed cold treatment and are ready to pot up and grow indoors or outdoors in warmer regions. Check stored bulbs regularly for early sprouting and move to a colder location if needed. Water the bulbs in storage whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Once the cold treatment is complete, you can move the forced bulbs to their final location where you can enjoy the spring flowers. Place the container in a cool location with bright indirect light indoors. Water thoroughly as needed and watch for flowers to appear in about four weeks. Remove one pot a week from cold storage to extend your enjoyment.

Monitor spring growing conditions before moving forced bulbs into outdoor planters. Once the weather is suitable for bulbs to sprout and grow outdoors, it is safe to move forced bulbs into the landscape.

When they are done flowering, you can compost the bulbs or for those suited to your growing conditions add them to the garden. Remove the faded flowers and water the plants like your houseplants or other container gardens. Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering plant fertilizer or apply a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer. This helps replenish the nutrients used in flowering.

Move indoor forced bulbs outdoors as soon as the danger of frost has passed. Those in containers outdoors can remain in the pots until the foliage fades or the garden is ready for planting. Or store the bulbs in a cool dark place for summer and plant in fall with other hardy bulbs. Then be patient as it can take two years for these to flower.

Forcing spring flowering bulbs is a great way to add beauty to your indoor décor; patio, balcony, or deck. They also make a great gift for gardeners of all experience levels.

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

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Pomfret’s Margaret Washburn re-elected VP of Society of Soil Scientists

POMFRET CENTER — Margaret Washburn, Registered Professional Soil Scientist, was re-elected to the office of Vice President of the Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England at the Society’s 2021 annual meeting on Dec. 8.

Ms. Washburn, owner of Washburn Wetland Consulting LLC, holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Connecticut in Agronomy. Practicing in Massachusetts and Connecticut, Ms. Washburn specializes in wetlands delineation and wetlands permitting. Washburn Wetland Consulting LLC celebrated 25 years in business this year. As Vice President of the Society, Ms. Washburn assists with organizing events aimed at the advancement of soil science as it relates to soil classification, mapping and interpretation and the promotion of the professional interests of soil scientists in the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Ms. Washburn also presently serves the Town of Brooklyn in her capacity as Wetlands, Zoning and Blight Enforcement Officer.



BEYOND THE PEWS
BISHOP JOHN W. HANSON

“I can just see them: spell-bound, wide-eyed, mouths gaping and minds whirring. People of varying occupations, ages, races and socioeconomic backgrounds who had one thing in common - they had never heard anything like they were hearing from the unkempt, long-haired mountain man who was leaning back in his chair, gazing into space, describing a remote mountain scene he claimed to have seen with his own eyes. He told of a place where the mud bubbled, the air smelled like rotten eggs, deep blue-green pools of water nearly boiled and streams of water unpredictably jetted higher than the trees - and all this smack dab in the middle of frozen patches of ice and snow. At first his audience was amazed, even mesmerized, but soon many became skeptical. Why? Because they had never seen anything of the sort.” (“Unexplained,” John Hanson, 2017)

It was later proven that John Colter was telling the truth. What he told the world about in 1806 is now seen and enjoyed by millions of people, each year, as they visit Yellowstone National Park. He experienced it as an adventurer. He was on the forefront of the American frontier. If someone like him had never ventured into the unknown, it would still be unknown.

We, too, are pushing into a frontier. The last few years have been challenging - to say the least. Almost everyone in the world has seen and experienced things they didn’t expect. We have survived (and possibly grown) in spite of the difficulties, but not without a toll. It is not uncommon for such demanding life experiences to “take the wind out of our sails.” The arduous, risky, unpredictable mountains and valleys of life are intimidating and thrilling at the same time. It is an adventure, and we must decide how we will live it. We can view the unknown future, with all its potential tragedies and triumphs, as frightening, or we can see it as adventurous.

The Biblical view of this adventure, that we call life, is that it was meant to be an amazing journey that takes us places no one has been to before. For those who have committed their lives to Christ, it need not be scary, because we do not go into the future alone. In fact, much of what we see unfolding around the world has been predicted and recorded in Scripture. That same Scripture comforts those who trust in God, by assuring them that the new territory that we will encounter in 2022 can be embraced as a foray into the unknown, under the direction of the One who knows all things.

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OBITUARIES

Victor A. Beaudry, 68

YOUNG HARRIS, GA - Victor A. "Vic" Beaudry, 68, formerly of North Grosvenordale, CT, passed away at home on December 4th, 2021. He leaves his loving wife, Janice Perry; his children, Julie N. Beaudry Owens and her husband John, David Thompson and his wife Tabitha, and Noah M. Beaudry;

by his grandchildren, Sadie, Jack, Gabriella "Gabby," Cameron, EJ, Leta, Sissy, and Elaina; his aunt, Lorraine Jarosz; several nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor J. and Dorothy (Audette) Beaudry.

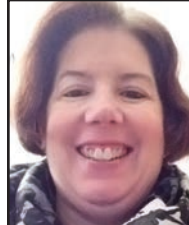
Vic was a gentle giant, kind and easy to get along with. He made many friends along the way, from Connecticut to Georgia. An animal lover, he had room in his

heart for all creatures, especially his dog Daisy, "his baby." He loved his motorcycle "Thelma" and his 1970 Dodge Super Bee. He could fix anything with a motor. He was an animated fan of NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, Sr., and Chase Elliot. Among his other interests, he loved food. He was well known for his "Chowdah Fest," the annual clambake he held for all his family and friends. Nothing came close to the love he held for his granddaughter Gabriella or "Gabby," the light of his life and the reason for his move to Georgia from Connecticut. Nevertheless, his heart was still open to all who were a part of his life and will be missed by the many who knew him. Ride with the angels now, Vic.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Local arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA. www.websterfunerals.com

Terri Churchill, 49

Terri (King) Churchill, 49, of Killingly passed away Monday December 13, 2021, surrounded by her family after a battle with illness.



Terri was born in Tucson, AZ on April 12, 1972, daughter of Charles King and the late Janet (Bessette) King. She was the wife of the love of her life, married 27 years to Harold Churchill.

Terri worked at Daniel's Pharmacy and Big-Y Pharmacy. She loved and was involved with go-kart racing at

tracks including Thompson Speedway. Terri also volunteered for many years with the Killingly-Brooklyn Midget Football. Besides her husband, she is survived by two children Courtney and Ryan Churchill and grandson Dakota Churchill. Terri is also survived by her sister Sherry King and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Calling hours were held on Saturday December 18, 2021, from 9 - 11 AM at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Terri's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. tillinghastfh.com

Evelyn Richards Russell, 101

Evelyn Richards Russell died on December 6, 2021 at the age of 101. She was born July 6, 1920, to Claire and Ernest Richards of Putnam, Connecticut. She attended schools in Putnam and graduated from Putnam High School. She entered college as a major in French, but switched

to her passion in life which was music, graduating with a degree from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

It was while attending college in Boston that she met the love of her life, Aldo Russell. They married in 1943 in Putnam. Al was a captain in the Army and they moved to Oklahoma while he was stationed there. They returned to Connecticut after the war and eventually built their family home at Putnam Heights.

Evelyn worked as a music educator while Al developed the family business into the City Beverage Company. The couple had two sons, Mark and Jesse. Evelyn was devoted to her family and to her community in Putnam. She was president of the Womens Club and volunteered in many community projects and events, but she always had a home-cooked meal for her family in the evenings.

Evelyn was very active in supporting the Day Kimball Hospital. She and her good friend, Gertie Margolick, presented annual events to raise funds for the hospital. "The Caberet" was one which showcased her musical talents

as well as those of the hospital staff.

Evelyn and Al's home was a center of social and intellectual life in Putnam. There were regular bridge matches. Evelyn was a crackerjack bridge player. Other gatherings in the evening featured stimulating discussions with prominent town members. Besides bridge, Evelyn enjoyed traveling with her husband, traveling far and wide to many corners of the world. Evelyn and Al enjoyed a long retirement together. They spent their winters in Redington Shores, Florida, and their summers at their cottage at Webster Lake in Massachusetts, Evelyn's favorite place.

Evelyn is predeceased by her husband of 58 years. She is also predeceased by her two brothers, Paul and Jim, by her son Mark and by her niece Jan. She is survived by her son Jesse Russell and his wife Leslie, her granddaughter Jessica Hernandez, her grandson Evan Russell and his wife Kristen, her nieces Cynthia Wood and Barbara Eslinger, and her great grandchildren Juliana Hernandez, and Megan, Benjamin and Kathryn Russell.

The family would like to thank the staff of Virtua Rehabilitation in Berlin, New Jersey for the excellent care they provided her in the last years of her life. They will all miss her daily serenades on the piano.

A graveside service will be held in the spring. Arrangements are by Smith and Walker. Contributions may be made in her memory to the development fund of the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Connecticut.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT on the following application.

PZC Application 21-41- Applicant – Robert Werge and Petitioners – Statement of Request for Approval of Designation of Scenic Road, all of Lowell Davis Road or the portion of Lowell Davis Road from I-395 to Wilsonville Road according to Town of Thompson Ordinance 10-042 and Connecticut State Statute 7-149a.

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
December 17, 2021
December 24, 2021

TOWN OF KILLINGLY TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE

The third quarter installment of taxes as well as the supplemental motor vehicle tax for the Town of Killingly and the Borough of Danielson becomes due on January 1, 2022, the second installment of sewer use charge is also due January 1, 2022. Taxes will become delinquent on February 2, 2022, Sewer Use charges will become delinquent on February 1, 2022, and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and

installment.

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-4:30pm Tuesday 8-5:30pm Friday 9-11:30am. By mail at; 172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239, online on our website www.killingly.org or use our drop box rear of the building by the handicap entrance. Dated at Killingly this 24th day of December 2021
Mrs. Patricia Monahan C.C.M.C.
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
December 24, 2021
January 7, 2022
January 28, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes, sewer use bills, and motor vehicle supplemental taxes listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **January 1, 2022**. Payment must be postmarked or brought into the office by **February 1, 2022**, to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **February 2, 2022**, on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes not paid by **February 1, 2022** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326. The Tax Collector's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The town hall will be

closed on Fridays.

The office will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 30, 2021 and will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022, for the New Year's Day Holiday and on Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
Woodstock, Ct 06281
December 24, 2021
January 7, 2022
January 28, 2022

The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals

will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. held at the Clifford B Green Meeting Center 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT and via WebEx on the following applications:

ZBA 21-008 Sherry and Gary Greene, 215 Stetson Road, Map 2 Lot 6, RA Zone, proposal to vary the Zoning Regulations Sections 1.D.2.1-4 and 3.A.3.2.4 in order to use a camping trailer as a dwelling in a front yard until the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the new permitted house.

Interested persons may appear and be heard. Written communications will be accepted. A copy of the application is available on the Town of Brooklyn Website. WebEx meeting information will be included on the January 4, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda.
December 24, 2021
December 31, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Stephen La.Fremere (21-00417) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree

dated December 8, 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.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Judith LaFreniere,
246 Valentine Road, Pomfret, CT 06259
December 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The second installment of Real Estate bills listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List become due and payable to the Witches Woods Tax District on January 1, 2022.

Payments must be postmarked by February 3, 2022 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on February 4, 2020 on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and a half percent per month or a minimum charge of \$2.00 per tax bill, in accordance with Section 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or the interest. (Section 12-130 C.G.S.) If you did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-974-1354 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326.

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SPORTS
HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

ECC honors flood in for
Killingly, Woodstock Academy football players

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) recently announced its 2021 football honors. Coaches selected the award winners, including Player of the Year and all-stars, as well as honorable mention, sportsmanship, and scholar-athlete recipients. Local athletes honored are listed below, by sport.

Division II Player of the Year: Ethan Davis, quarterback, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Offensive All-Stars: Davis; Carter Saracina, receiver, Woodstock Academy; Jackson Goetz, receiver, Woodstock Academy; Everett Michalski, lineman, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Defensive All-Stars: Huck Flanagan, lineman, Woodstock Academy; Evan Roy, lineman, Woodstock Academy; Silas Standson, linebacker, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Special Teams All-Star: Wyatt Thienel, place-kicker, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Honorable Mention: Braiden Saucier, receiver, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Scholar-Athlete: Keenan LaMontagne, Woodstock Academy.

Division II Sportsmanship: River Favreau, Woodstock Academy.

Division III Player of the Year: Jack Sharpe, running back, Killingly High.

Division III Offensive All-Stars: Sharpe. Thomas Dreiholz, quarterback, Killingly High; Ben Jax, receiver, Killingly High; Soren Rief, running back, Killingly High; Nate Keefe, tight end, Killingly High; Noah Russell, lineman, Killingly High.

Division III Defensive All-Stars: Terrence Allen, lineman, Killingly High; Keith Perry, linebacker, Killingly High; Seth

Dootson, linebacker, Killingly High; Trevin Russ, cornerback, Killingly High.

Division III Scholar-Athlete: Ryan Miller, Killingly High.

Division III Sportsmanship: Justin Baker, Killingly High.

Boys' Ice Hockey

Sophomore Noah Sampson scored two goals and assisted on two others while classmate Don Sousa added two goals and an assist in Woodstock Academy's 8-3 season-opening win over the Eastern Conn. Eagles at the Rose Garden Ice Arena in Norwich on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The teams combined for seven first-period goals, but the Centaurs scored the last four in the final two periods to earn the victory.

Girls' Ice Hockey

Senior goaltender Mia Dang made 33 saves for Woodstock Academy, but the Centaurs were unable to produce any offense in a season-opening 3-0 loss to a co-operative team from Burrville, R.I., at the Jahn Ice Rink at Pomfret School on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Rachel Palmer, Isabelle Besser and Kelsey Wilson all scored for the Broncos, while Avery Moriarty recorded two assists.

Girls' Basketball

The Woodstock Academy girls' basketball team went 1-1 in its first two games of the season, defeating visiting Montville High, 40-33, in overtime, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, after losing its season-opener to visiting Windham High, 54-45, on Monday, Dec. 13.

In the win over Montville, sophomore Kayla Leite hit the tie-breaking 3-pointer 55 seconds into the overtime period and the Centaurs held the Indians scoreless for the rest of the game. Junior Alex Cloutier led Woodstock Academy with



File Photo

Killingly High's Jack Sharpe was named the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division III Player of the Year.

10 points while classmate Leila MacKinnon and freshman Eva Monahan added eight points each.

In the loss to Windham, the Centaurs were outscored by the Whippets, 8-3, in the final three minutes, 16 seconds, six of those points coming from the free throw line. MacKinnon led Woodstock, scoring 15 points, while Monahan added 12, eight coming in the third quarter.

Elsewhere: Junior Liliana Wong Kam scored a game-high 11 points, all in the second half, and senior Jordan Daoust added eight points, six coming in the first half, to lead Ellis Tech to a 35-21 season-opening victory over Vinal Tech on Friday, Dec. 17, in Middletown.

Also contributing to the winning cause for the Golden Eagles, who led, 20-2 at half-time, were senior Mackenzie Ruley (four points), sophomores Kylie Damble (four points, 12 rebounds) and

Brooke Montecalvo (four points, four steals) and freshman Sadie Murray (four points, nine assists).

Boys' Basketball

In its 60-48 road win over Woodstock Academy, Waterford High broke open a one-point game at the half with a 17-0 third-quarter run. The Lancers' Sean O'Connell scored seven of his game-high 23 points in the third-quarter blitz, and the senior forward, in the game, was 9-for-11 from the free throw line. Senior Ethan Davis paced the Centaurs with 16 points while junior Brandon Nagle added 11.

Prep School Basketball

Woodstock Academy went into its holiday break on a high note, defeating visiting Winchendon School, 81-64, on Friday, Dec. 17. Jan-Viljam Homanen poured in 35 points — 21 in the first half — to lead the Centaurs' Blue team to

the victory. Craig Wilson added 18 points for 7-6 Woodstock Academy while Eddie Fisher tossed in 11.

On Thursday, Dec. 16 Woodstock's Blue and Gold teams combined forces to defeat First Love Christian Academy of Washington, D.C., 71-55, in a holiday tournament game held at the South End Community Center in Springfield, Mass. Diovion Famakinde led the Centaurs with 13 points while Promise Oporum and Dominic Strothers each added 12.

Both WA teams were undermanned because of illness and holiday departures.

The Centaurs' Gold team began the week by defeating visiting Winchendon School 87-61 on Sunday, Dec. 12. Jalen Bradberry led five Woodstock Academy players who scored in double figures with 15 points. Tyshawn Trail and Jamine Charles each added 12 while Strothers and Famakinde both tossed in 11.

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divisions 1 and 2 and divisions 3 and 4 playing each other in a postseason tournament is Killingly has been moved from Division 3 to Division 2. As a result Lindberg's team will compete in the division 1-2 tournament at the end of the season.

Killingly plays the other four ECC Division 2 members (Ledyard, Bacon, Woodstock Academy and Waterford) twice, and ECC Division 1 members Norwich Free Academy, Fitch and East Lyme once. Killingly pays Division 1 New London twice.

"We're playing up with the big boys this year. There are lessons to be learned," Lindberg said "Ledyard and Bacon Academy, I believe, will be two of the top teams in the ECC."

Killingly started strong against Bacon Academy, jumping out to leads of 7-2, 11-7 and 15-8, before finishing the quarter with a 15-11 advantage. Sophomore Hannah Grudzien (a team-high 14 points) scored six points in the first quarter, while senior Emma Carpenter finished the period with five points.

Killingly led, 19-14, with five minutes remaining in the first half. The Bobcats, however, closed the quarter on a 11-3 run to take a 25-22 lead into the locker room at intermission.

"Momentum is a big part of the game of basketball and it shifts sometimes," Lindberg said. "We had a 15-8 lead and I felt we were ready to build on it, ready to run away with the game and weren't able to. It's frustrating."

Officiating can sometimes have a hand in the

shift in momentum in a game. Twenty-two fouls were called on Killingly in the game, 10 in the first half. Bacon Academy finished with 13 fouls, six in the first half. When asked about the discrepancy Lindberg had no comment.

The game was also turnover filled. The Bobcats turned the ball over 18 times, 10 in the first half, while Killingly coughed it up 17 times, 10 in the first half.

Bacon Academy (3-0) opened the second half with a three-point play by senior Emma Mancuso (eight points) to push its lead to 28-22, but Killingly scored six straight points to tie the game, 28-28, with 4:50 remaining in the third quarter. Grudzien scored all six Killingly points in the run, on two short in-lane jumpers and a pair of free throws.

After the Bobcats grabbed a 31-28 lead

Carpenter drove the lane and laid the ball in to pull Killingly to within a point, 31-30, with 3:30 left in the quarter. Bacon Academy, however, closed the period with a 13-3 run to lead, 44-33, as played headed to the fourth quarter. Killingly was unable to cut the Bobcats' lead to less than 10 points for the remainder of the

game.

"I think we came out strong. Defensively I think we were phenomenal in the first half. We gave them a job to do and they did it," Lindberg said. "We don't have any complaints about the way we played defense."

"Offensively, the first quarter, I think, was great. In the second quar-

ter we were a little stagnant. We were back on our heels. The wind was taken out of our sails a little bit and I think we just didn't bounce back at that point in time," Lindberg continued. "But the team didn't give up. They fought. But when you're in foul trouble it's difficult."



Killingly's Sophia Moore searches the floor for an opening while the Bacon defense attempts to guard her.



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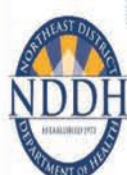
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the sign wondering where to vote and I guess the 'vote today' sign was on the opposite side of it," Anderson said.

Town Manager Calorio explained that there are specific limitations the town has to follow. Once a date is set for a vote or referendum state regulations prevent Killingly or any community for using town funds to pay for advertising. While Calorio has worked with several local outlets, including the Norwich Bulletin and WINY 1350 AM, to try and inform the public there are limits to what the council can do to help spread the word.

"We use the methods that are available to us and in some communities they do look to access phone trees and they have community groups that help making phone calls to remind people to vote and stuff like that. That's not necessarily something that we have established here in Killingly. Maybe it's something that we look to garner or harness within our community as far as activating those resources in the future. I'm open to any recommendations, suggestions or ideas

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to help them grow and become even more efficient—that means increased economic activity, more output, and more jobs. From increased runway capacity to overdue tarmac upgrades, our local airports have a list of projects they're ready to get started on, and the new infrastructure bill means they can finally gear up and get going. Great to see the wheels moving forward for them and for eastern Connecticut.”

about how to get information out. The more engagement the better," said Calorio.

Selectman Ed Grandelski said he too had been informed by citizens that they were underinformed about a recent vote, but his complaints concerned the town election in November. Grandelski noted that the Westfield Avenue referendum was actually even more clearly advertised than the more important town election although the elections did see a higher turnout.

"The digital display boards were out a week in advance to vote Tuesday, but at the same time with the referendum you have 'vote' with a date. So, in some ways we spend more effort to put on the referendum for the Westfield Avenue school than we actually spend on the most important election that we have," said Grandelski. "The highway department puts out signs a week in advance, 'vote Tuesday.' That's by direction. I mean there should be some more information out there. It doesn't say what it's for. Nobody knew there was a municipal election, it was 'vote Tuesday.' Come two weeks later

there was a referendum where there was slightly more information on the digital sign boards, but I think we have to do a better job of putting signage out for our regular elections, our budget vote, and put some dates on it, put it out earlier than one week in advance with some more specific information.”

Town Manager Calorio explained that the town had played with adding more detail to the “vote Tuesday” signs in the past however they found that putting too much information on those signs was distraction to drivers.

"They human eye and brain can only absorb so much information when you're passing by. It eventually got boiled down to 'vote Tuesday' and it gets put out on Wednesday the week before just to let everyone know they have a vote coming up and trigger they have to vote Tuesday," she said.

Calorio didn't dismiss the idea of including more detail on future signs.

The council tabled the discussion for a future meeting, potentially delving deeper into the matter when they set their yearly goals for the council in January.

Through the first year of the infrastructure law the Danielson airport will receiving \$158,000 in FAA infrastructure grants. The funds will be utilized to acquire easements necessary as part of obstruction removal projects to clear the way for improvements to the airfield and future expansion. Windham Airport is receiving the same exact amount in their grant for similar improvements while the Groton-New London Airport will receive \$296,000 in its grant for purchase new equipment and improved safety, efficiency, and snow removal capabilities.

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