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Eastford turns out for Memorial Day



Eastford's oldest veterans (l-r) Richard Cooley & Loren White were driven in a mustang provided by Bowen's Garage.



Eastford Second graders sing patriotic songs.



Photos Adam Minor

Eastford color guard.

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTFORD — Eastford's Memorial Day brought out 200 people to honor the fallen with a parade and ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. Eastford's American Legion Post 203 organized the event.

Children in wagons and on decorated bicycles, folks driving vintage tractors and classic cars, families walking, and five trucks of Eastford Independent Fire Co. No. 1 formed the parade from Eastford Elementary School to the Ivy Glenn Memorial, cheered

along the way by spectators lining the streets. In addition to the laying of a wreath at the monument that bears the names of those who have served, a bench was dedicated in honor of SSgt Joseph Phaneuf II, KIA Dec. 15, 2006, in Afghanistan. Patriotic music was provided by Eastford Elementary second graders and the Eastford Singers. Young Isaac Torcellini played taps. Stephen Bowen drove the town's oldest veterans Richard Cooley and Loren White in a mustang convertible.

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Local organizations receive Summer Enrichment grants

BY JASON BLEAU
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REGION — Several Northeastern Connecticut organizations have been named among over 230 recipients of the 2021 Summer Enrichment Grants awarded through the Connecticut State Department of Education.

The CSDE announced the awardees on May 26 which will provides \$8.6 million to served over 96,000 students statewide this summer. Over 300 applications were received and only 235 were named grantees of either innovation or expansion grants.

"These grants will go a long way toward achieving our administration's goal of ensuring that all students in Connecticut have access to summer enrichment experiences that supple-

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Favreau a constant performer for Centaurs' lacrosse team

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy boys' lacrosse team defeated visiting Montville, 12-5 on Saturday, May 22, to finish the regular season with an 8-6 record. The real story of the game, however, was the Centaurs' Guerin Favreau.

The senior, in just three seasons, scored 200 career points, including 88 (62 goals, 26 assists) this season. In 2018, his freshman year, Favreau finished with 40 points (23 goals, 17 assists). As a sophomore he scored 72 points (43 goals, 29 assists).

Favreau scored 12 goals in Woodstock Academy's final two games of the regular-season — the Centaurs also defeated Waterford, 9-4, on Thursday, May 20 — while teammate Jonah Libby scored four times in the two games, which



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As of May 30, Woodstock Academy senior Guerin Favreau (right) has 214 career points (135 goals, 79 assists).

Day Kimball Healthcare reports earnings, accomplishments and challenges

PUTNAM — In lieu of the Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) Annual Corporators Meeting due to the ongoing public health concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, a prerecorded state of affairs video update from members of the DKH executive leadership team was produced to share highlights, recognitions, and accomplishments from the past fiscal year.

"Despite the challenges 2020 brought, Day Kimball came together as an organization in extraordinary

ways to weather the COVID-19 pandemic," said Janice Thurlow, chairman, Day Kimball Healthcare Board of Directors. "We look back at a year unlike any other and we see the obvious — financial volatility, leadership changes, and COVID-19. We also see successes that can be overshadowed in such a tumultuous year. We've seen tremendous achievement with provider recruitment and engagement; increased focus on quality and patient safety; expanded access to clinical ser-

vices; and much more."

In his remarks, DKH Chief Executive Officer, Kyle Kramer, summarized highlights from the healthcare system's fiscal year, including the ability to quickly adapt and creatively innovate to meet the challenges and solve the problems presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID-19 has proven that challenging times drive innovation and that unforeseen problems inspire previously unimaginable solutions," said

Kramer. "As COVID-19 reached our community in early March of 2020, we adapted quickly to the rapidly evolving situation, implementing critical changes to our operations and plans for a strong recovery, while delivering safe and efficient care to all those who count on us."

"As cases began to rise across the state, Day Kimball's administration activated our hospital incident com-

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The Witness Stone Project



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Yesterday, June 3, I had the privilege of attending the dedication, in front of Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson, of a “Witness Stone” for Cuffee, a slave whom Mary Danielson purchased in February 1728/9.

“What is a Witness Stone?” you ask. The following is from the Project’s Web site: “‘Only by coming to terms with history can we free ourselves to create a more just world.’ – Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard’s 28th president, at The Universities and Slavery: Bound by History Conference at Harvard University on March 3, 20.”

These words embody the underlying motivation of the Witness Stones Project. In order for our communities to grow to the extent to which they reflect our ideals of justice and equality, it is essential for us to acknowledge and confront the painful times in our history when we have not lived up to those ideals. Through remembrance and reconciliation, we will be able to navigate a path toward healing and growth. It is with this in mind that the Witness Stones Project seeks to restore the history, and honor the humanity and contributions of the enslaved individuals who helped build our communities.

“Inspired by the Stolpersteine project in Germany (and with their blessing), we bear witness by installing a marker which recalls an enslaved individual at a site of significance, such as where they lived, worked, or prayed. We cannot change the past, but we can, through this project, give a voice to the voiceless by uncovering their stories. We partner with local schools and historical societies to assist students in researching the history of an enslaved individual from

their community and reconstructing the memory of that person through the written record. Ultimately the students, along with the community, will install a commemorative Witness Stone.” (witnessstonesproject.org/what-is-the-witness-stones-project/).

Project founder Dennis Culliton of Guilford had been contacted by two teachers from Killingly High School, Joe Lewerk and Michael Craig, about doing the project in Killingly. As fortune would have it, Dennis had come across Cuffee while researching Guilford slaves. The Hugh Hall Account Book at the Massachusetts Historical Society contained the record of his sale. (https://www.masshist.org/database/736). Dennis noted, “The reason why it was important for Hugh Hall to keep these records was to keep from paying an import tariff for slaves implemented by the Province of Massachusetts.” We are fortunate since they provide information that we would not have had.

Mary Danielson was the wife of James Danielson, formerly of Block Island, who was the first known colonial settler in the southern section of Killingly, and probably its largest original resident landowner. According to tradition he had seen the fertile, triangular floodplain between the Quinebaug and Assawaga (Five Mile) Rivers while participating in King Philip’s War, ca. 1675/6. Already a landowner and resident of Mashomoquet (the future Pomfret; a portion of Brooklyn was once Pomfret), Danielson purchased approximately 2000 acres which extended from the junction of the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers to Lake Mashapaug (Alexanders Lake) in 1707. He supposedly soon constructed a fortified house on the eastern side of the Quinebaug although he may have maintained residences on both sides of the river for a while. A deed written Febr. 23, 1709/10 refers to James Danielson and wife Mary of Mashomoquet; one on May 16, 1713 gives their residence as Killingly (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 1, p. 14; 42). He was one of the original male

members who “united in church fellowship” when Killingly’s first church (Congregational) was organized on October 19, 1715. In her “History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vo. I,” Ellen D. Larned mentioned that he had been dismissed from the church in Woodstock which indicates that despite the travel difficulties in attending church, he had associated with the nearest established one, perhaps while he was residing in Mashomoquet (p. 170).

James Danielson died Jan. 22, 1728 and was interred in the burying ground on his farm where his infant grandson James (son of Samuel) had been laid to rest (now known as Old Westfield Cemetery).

His inventory included five Negro servants: Cesar, Ziproah, Dinah, Hannah, and Jethro (valued at 600 pounds of the 725 pound total for the five). (Windham Probate, Volume 2, p. 48). No existing records have been located that tell what happened to these individuals.

James Danielson, son of the above James, resided in Lebanon, Connecticut. He died in 1752 and also owned slaves. Interestingly, his heir, younger brother Samuel Danielson, Esq. of Killingly, was left two Negro male slaves--Nacman (hard to read) and Crisis. (Connecticut, U. S. Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999, case 1059; Ancestry.com). When Samuel Danielson, Esq. of Killingly died in October 1786, he still owned slaves*, which were mentioned in his probate in the above database. They went to his son Samuel. In the 1790 census that Samuel owned three slaves and also had five free non-whites in his household. (Probate date 7 June 1786, will papers, p. 175; * number of slaves not given). No slaves are listed for him in the 1800 census.

It is interesting that Mary Danielson, a female, purchased the slave Cuffee, but she was apparently a wealthy widow by this time. In fact, The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman, pastor of Westfield Congregational Church noted that she donated a silver communion cup to the First Church of Killingly in 1732 (the

ancestor of Westfield Congregational Church). Mary Danielson survived her husband by a number of years, dying Feb. 23, 1752. She was interred near her husband James in the old section of Westfield Cemetery in Danielson. Probate records indicate that she died intestate and no inventory was listed. (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104566904/mary-danielson; Connecticut, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999 (case 573).

As for Cuffee, himself, Dennis Culliton mentioned that the name “Cuffee” is of West African origin and was a name often given to a male African born on Friday. So far Dennis has been unable to find out more about his life. He wondered, “Was Cuffee’s name changed?” We might never know. Still, this Witness Stone in Killingly recognizes Cuffee’s enslavement and is a reminder of his contribution to the town when Killingly was still a young community.

We cannot change the fact that slavery was part of Killingly’s past. However, we can say again and again that we do not want it or racism to be a part of the present or its future. Change can begin through each one of us. It’s not that hard! To quote Fr. John J. O’Neill, the pastor of St. James Church, “BE KIND!” Hopefully, that in itself will be a catalyst for positive change.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, May 2021. Special thanks to Dennis Culliton, The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman, and Rev. John J. O’Neill for contributions this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

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allowed Libby to finish the regular season with 28 goals.

BASEBALL

The Killingly High baseball team won a pair of games in the final week of the regular-season, defeating Plainfield, 4-1, on Saturday, May 22, and New London, 1-0, on Thursday, May 20.

In the win over Plainfield, Jay Grzysiewicz recorded a complete-game win, allowing no earned runs while striking out nine. Cole Lavigne, Bo Yaworski, and Nate Keefe all had two hits each in the game. Ben Jax added an RBI double.

Against New London, Yaworski needed just 79 pitches to twirl a three-hit shutout and strike out 13. Tate Larrow’s RBI single in the fourth inning, scoring Jacob Goodman with the lone run of the game, was all the offense Killingly and Yaworski would need to pick up the victory.

Woodstock warmed up for its ECC Tournament appearance with a 9-2 win over Ledyard on Thursday, May 20. Hamilton Barnes went 4-for-4 at the plate, Jacob Hernandez had three hits

and Trey Ayotte drove in three runs to back the seven pitching of Jon Smith and give WA its – at the time – seventh straight win.

SOFTBALL

Killingly High closed out the regular season on Saturday, May 22 with a wild and wooly, come-from-behind 11-10 win over Plainfield. Killingly entered the bottom of the seventh inning trailing Plainfield, 10-7.

Elizabeth Marcoux started Killingly’s bottom of the seventh, game-winning rally with a leadoff walk in the bottom of the seventh. Marcoux advanced to second base when the next batter, Charlotte Morrisette grounded out to first; Marcoux then advanced to third base on a wild pitch, thrown during the at-bat of the next hitter, Cadence Kirkconnell, who ended up walking.

With runners on first and third with one out, Casey Beauregard, Killingly’s leadoff hitter, struck out. Emma Carpenter was the next batter, and she walked to load the bases. Up next was Hannah Cozza, Killingly’s No. 3 hitter. During Cozza’s at-bat Marcoux scored on a passed ball to cut the Plainfield lead to 10-8. Kirkconnell advanced to third on the passed ball, Carpenter to second. Cozza then drilled a line drive to

right field, scoring Kirkconnell and Carpenter to tie the game, 10-10. Lexi Faucher, the cleanup hitter was then intentionally walked, giving Killingly runners on first and second with two out and the score tied, 10-10.

Up next was Izzy Robbins. During Robbins at-bat Cozza advanced to third and Faucher to second on a passed ball. Robbins then grounded to the Plainfield shortstop, who mishandled the ball allowing Cozza to race home with the winning run.

Faucher pitched 6-2/3 innings, striking out 10. She also belted a three-run homer. Cozza singled, doubled and tripled in the game.

Woodstock Academy closed out its regular season slate of games with a 5-1 win over Windham on Saturday, May 22. Madison Martinez drove in two runs and Lexi Thompson, Delaney Anderson and Meg Preston all had two hits for the Centaurs.

BOYS’ GOLF

Woodstock Academy closed out its regular season with a 5-2 loss to East Lyme on Wednesday, May 26. The east Lyme match was preceded by wins over Stonington, 5-2 (on Tuesday, May 25), and Griswold, 7-0 (On Thursday, May 20). The victory over Stonington was the 250th career win for Rich Garceau,

the Centaur’s longtime coach. Chris Thibault (4-over-par 40) was the medalist in Woodstock’s win against the Bears. Kyle Brennan (4-over-40) cared the low round against the Wolverines.

GIRLS’ GOLF

Woodstock Academy won two matches in three days, defeating Suffield, 176-256 on Wednesday, May 26, and Norwich Free Academy, 182-235, on Monday, May 24. Mia Dang and Kaily LaChapelle tied for medalist honors against Suffield (5-over-41s), while Dang fired a 3-over-39 against NFA.

GIRLS’ TENNIS

Woodstock Academy finished perfect in ECC Division 2 regular-season play (8-0) with a 7-0 win over visiting St. Bernard on Friday, May 21. Sara Cutillo, the 9-2 Centaurs’ lone senior, was honored prior to the match, after which she went on and won her No. 4 singles match.

Killingly closed out its regular season with a 6-1 win over Lyman on Thursday, May 20. Singles winners for Killingly were Taylyn Lemoine, Julia Purcell, and Rachel Sanchas. Doubles winners were Ava Johnson-Payton Cathell, Nicole Cicchetti-Marcy Ferraj, and Jessica Long-Caitlin Oleszewski.

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ment their school activities, especially for those over the last year who have lost out on in-person classroom experience during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Gov. Ned Lamont said in a statement.

Acting Commissioner of Education Charlene Russell-Tucker stated the grants are an investment to expand access to summer enrichment with an emphasis on children and communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Thank you to our grantees for their commitment to ensuring Connecticut children will benefit from access to high-quality, engaging, and hands-on experiences to continue learning every day, everywhere,” said Russell-Tucker.

The Justice Resource Institute in Thompson was the local grantee of an innovation grant for \$50,000, the minimum award under that segment of the program. These grants are awarded to organizations to assist them in providing innovative summer enrichment programming at free or low costs. The Justice Resource Institute was one of 25 organizations across the state to earn the grant which also included the Plainfield Recreation Department.

Northeastern Connecticut was more represented in the list of Expansion Grants. These funds were awarded to 210 organizations to expand their existing summer enrichment opportunities and increase access for children to summer camps or programming. Three local organizations all received \$25,000 each. They were the Eastford Elementary School, Killingly Parks and Recreation’s Camp Wallaby Summer Activity Program, and the YMCA Woodstock Day Camp.

Poetry readings at

Roseland Park Sunday

WOODSTOCK — Free poetry readings will take place this Sunday, June 6 in the amphitheater at Roseland Park! The park is located at 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock.

Four featured poets will read, including National Beat Poet Laureate (2020) Paul Richmond, founder of Arts by the People Paul Rabinowitz, and authors Dina Stander and Karen Warinsky. The readings will be from 2-4 p.m., and will include an intermission and an open mic segment as time allows. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Wine will be served.



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Beck named Employee of the Month at Westview Health Care Center

DAYVILLE — Jonathan Beck has earned the distinction of Employee of the Month at Westview Health Care Center this May. As a member of the talented and trusted team that forms Westview’s Support Services Department, his role is multi-faceted. He performs many different jobs during a given week at Westview; often fulfilling multiple responsibilities in a single day.

Since the beginning of Jon’s employment at the Dayville skilled nursing facility, he has established himself as an important contributor to their efforts. With prior experience in health care settings, his broad knowledge of mechanical design, and his keen eye for interior and exterior aesthetics, he has a firm understanding of his role in maintaining Westview’s nationally-ranked status in the industry.

According to Beck, he is always fascinated by the way things work and considers himself to be like a sponge for information whenever he encounters new knowledge. Jon has gained a variety of certifications along his vocational journey. These educational assets range between machine-based licenses, life-saving measures, and workplace team-strengthening programs. Earlier in life, Beck worked in plastic manufacturing, specifically, in the process of extrusion. This skilled labor career even led Jon to take opportunities working in other countries as a government contractor. Due to his work in other health care facilities, he is also certified to perform CPR and use AED devices if the need ever arises. He firmly believes that his accrued knowledge and experience is meant to be shared with others.

Presently, he and his significant



Jonathan Beck

other, Shirley, live in Norwich. They share a large family together, consisting of daughters Courtney, Ashley, Mackenzie, stepdaughter Carley, and stepson David. He beams with joy any time he has an opportunity to tell someone about their accomplishments. Beck is an extremely proud father and an extremely proud grandfather as well. He cherishes his children’s children and considers his time among the six of them as one of his favorite activities. In addition to his active days working at Westview, Jon enjoys active rounds of golf; enjoying the sport at places as

close as a course near his home or as far away as some of the world’s most beautiful golf destinations. When he was a student at Rhode Island’s Westerly High School, he began playing in their school band, and ever since then he has loved performing music for people. Not only has he built “jingles” for companies to use in their advertisements, but he literally built a guitar at one point. Jon played multiple instruments in several bands over the years (recalling the performance frequency as nearly every weekend, at times) and still plays guitar every night to preserve that creative

talent.

Beck’s time working abroad promoted his passion to see new places whenever he has the opportunity. One of his grandest life adventures manifested as a motorcycle journey across America; riding from coast to coast and back again. On that trip, so much of his enjoyment came from seeing all of the unique parts and parcels of the United States along the way. It is clear when talking to Jon: throughout his life’s pathways he has always valued human interaction. This attribute accompanies him every day at Westview. It is evidenced in his daily greetings to everyone he encounters and further confirmed by his reaction to this employee distinction.

“I’m super, super proud to work here, and I wear a smile for my whole shift,” said Beck. “I was totally surprised by this recognition among such a great staff. Thank you to my coworkers—I love working with the best! All of the ‘Westview Warriors’ get the job done!”

Westview Health Care Center’s Administrator David T. Panteleakos knows that the function of a 103 bed inpatient and outpatient skilled nursing facility benefits from a great deal of flexibility from the Support Services Department.

Regarding Jon Beck’s selection as Westview’s May Employee of the Month, Mr. Panteleakos remarked, “Jon makes great contributions to Westview every day that he is here at our facility and we are very fortunate that he joined our team. He has shown a strong skill set addressing given situations as well as anticipating upcoming needs.

Congratulations to Jon — a well deserved recognition.”

Courtney praises bipartisan support of Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney joined 314 other lawmakers in the House of Representatives to pass a bipartisan bill geared towards establishing rights to reasonable workplace accommodations for pregnant workers.

H.R. 1065, also called the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, would require private sector employers with more than fifteen employees to make reasonable accommodations for job applicants and worker dealing with known job limitations due to pregnancy or other related conditions including childbirth. Courtney was a co-sponsor of the Bill as a senior member of the Hours Education and Labor Committee and called the Act a potential great step forward for improving quality of life for pregnant workers.

“Congress needs to focus on working

across the aisle to strengthen America’s workforce, and today, I was glad we came together to pass the bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act,” said Courtney in a statement where he complimented the bipartisan effort to pass the bill. “According to the most recent data, nearly ninety percent of first-time mothers in the U.S. worked during their last trimester, and over sixty percent of workers say they’ve witnessed pregnancy discrimination on the job. Protecting working moms and growing families isn’t a partisan issue—people shouldn’t have to choose between their family’s financial security and a healthy pregnancy, especially not while we’re working so hard to get our economy and our lives back on track. Our bipartisan bill would finally establish the right to reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers and would do so in a way that’s flexible and reasonable for employers. The new Senate majority has a chance to help us get the job done this year, and

they should take our bipartisan bill up for a vote immediately.”

According to census data, 88 percent of mothers worked during their last trimester and women make up the sole or co-breadwinners in more than half of American households. While there are laws protecting the rights of those who are pregnant or disabled the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act seeks to affirm guarantees that pregnant workers have the right to reasonable accommodations without jeopardizing their pregnancies. The Act has been widely accepted by voters across the country in surveys and has earlier the support of numerous worker, civil rights and business organizations.



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TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Dang helps lead Woodstock Academy golf team to ECC championship

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — For the second year in a row and the seventh time in the 10-year history of the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) girls' golf championship tournament, Woodstock Academy emerged victorious.

The Centaurs, undefeated during the regular season, finished the tournament, held Thursday, May 27, with a total score of 175. East Lyme finished a distant second, at 221.

Junior Mia Dang led a four-player parade at the top of the leaderboard, navigating her way around Quinnatisset Country Club in a score of five-over-par 41. She was followed by teammates Kaily LaChapelle, Alex Vaida and Ciara McKinnon. LaChapelle fired a 44 while Vaida and MacKinnon carded 45s. All four golfers were named ECC All-Stars.

BASEBALL

Senior Bo Yaworski recorded his third no-hitter of the year, leading 18-2 Killingly High to a 10-0 win over visiting Bacon Academy (11-7) on Wednesday, May 26.

Yaworski struck out seven and walked one in the game.



Courtesy Photo

Woodstock Academy junior Mia Dang, shown here teeing off in an earlier match this season, was the medalist at the ECC girls' golf championship tournament.

Killingly took control of the game early, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning. Yaworski helped his own cause by belting a three-run double in that seven-run first inning. Chris Jax finished the game with two hits while Trevin Russ and Cole Lavigne both contributed two-run singles.

Eighth-seeded East Lyme upset top-seeded Woodstock Academy, 5-3, in the quarterfinal round of the ECC Tournament, on Wednesday, May 26. The Vikings (10-6) scored their five runs in the first four innings. Jackson Goetz and Jacob Hernandez each delivered an RBI for the 16-5 Centaurs, who had only four hits but stranded 10 base runners.

SOFTBALL

Second-seeded Woodstock Academy, playing in its first ECC Division 2 Championship, were defeated by top-seeded Griswold High, 2-0, on Wednesday May 26, in Jewett City.

The 17-4 Centaurs used a pitching combination of Mackenzie Leveille (six strikeouts) and Lexi Thompson that allowed the 17-3 Wolverines

just three hits. Griswold, however, made the most of those hits. Leveille had two hits for the Centaurs and Marissa Mayhew tripled.

Woodstock advanced to the title game by defeating third-seeded Killingly, 7-1, in the semifinal round on Tuesday, May 25, despite the fact Killingly jumped out to a 1-0 first-inning lead on the strength of an RBI single by Lexi Faucher.

Killingly (15-5), which recorded four hits in the first inning, had only one the rest of the way as Centaurs' pitcher Lexi Thompson settled down and finished with 12 strikeouts.

Woodstock Academy took the lead for good in the second inning, going ahead 3-1 on RBIs by Leveille and Meg Preston, and a run that scored on a Killingly error. Sophomore Madison Martinez belted her

first high school home run, a two-run shot, in the fifth inning.

Killingly advanced to the semifinal round of the tournament by defeating Wheeler High, 12-3, on Monday, May 24. Faucher picked up the complete-game win in the circle, striking out seven while allowing four hits. Casey Beauregard and Emma Carpenter each recorded three-hit games.

BOYS' LACROSSE

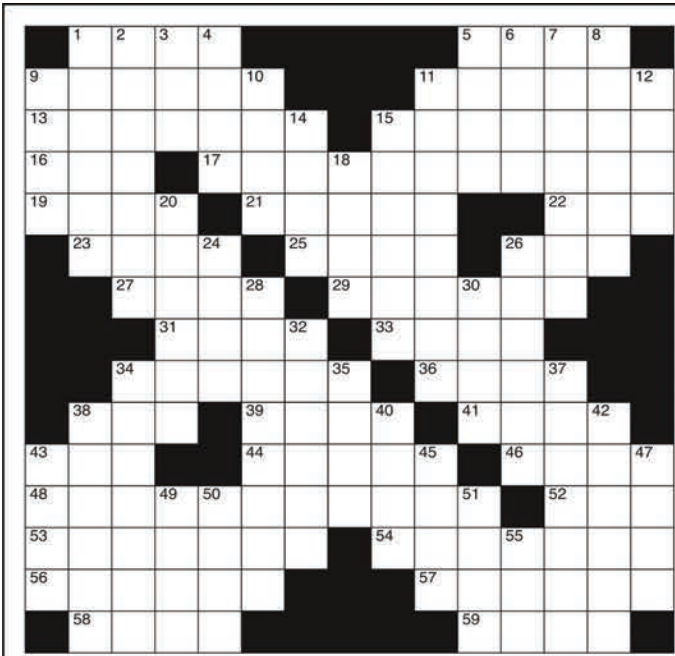
A day after losing the ECC Division 2 Championship, 4-3, to Waterford High, Woodstock Academy defeated Norwich Tech-Windham Tech, 15-1, in the opening round of the Class M state tournament on Friday, May 28.

Jonah Libby scored four goals for the Centaurs (10-7) and added an assist while Elijah Saine, Zach Gessner, Guerin Favreau (four assists) and Jacob Jurnovoy all scored twice. With the win Woodstock Academy, the No. 12 seed, advanced to play at fifth-seeded Watertown in a Class M first-round game on Wednesday, June 2.

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Woodstock Academy may not have won the regular season crown, but a victory in the ECC Division 2-3 championship made up for the disappointment the team was feeling.

Woodstock Academy defeated Griswold, 121-1/2-116, behind the performance of senior Adam Schimmelfennig, was named Athlete of the Meet after winning both hurdle events and being a member of the winning 4x100-meter relay team. Ethan Aspiras finished first in the 3,200-meters for the Centaurs while Keenan LaMontagne won the discus.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to "flows"

5. French industrial city

9. Diagrams

11. Diplomat

13. Hires

15. Hawaiian island

16. Set aflame

17. Very happy

19. Blue dye

21. Small terrier with short legs

22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

23. Northern pike genus

25. Expression of annoyance

26. Female deer

27. Casella and Kellerman are two

29. Actor's lines to audience

31. Days (Spanish)
33. Close a person's eyes

34. Cloaked

36. Comedic actor Rogen

38. It's all around us

39. Neutralizes alkalis

41. Native people of New Mexico

43. No seats available

44. Famed "Air Music" composer

46. Fit of irritation

48. Psychic phenomena

52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin

53. Seed used in cooking

54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn

56. Samples food

57. In a lucid way

58. Stair part

59. Adieus

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth

2. A Christian sacrament

3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)

4. Turn away

5. Impersonal

6. Shortly

7. Indigenous Alaskans

8. Subtle difference of meaning

9. Sicilian city

10. Put in harmony

11. Administrative divisions

12. As happily

14. Horse mackerel

15. Muddy or boggy ground

18. Monetary unit of Italy

20. Construction site machine

24. 22
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers

28. Earnings

30. Insect repellent

32. Runner-up

34. Musician

35. Serious or urgent

37. Esteemed one

38. Where rockers play

40. Work furniture

42. Greek prophetesses

43. Quantitative fact

45. Missing soldiers

47. Minute

49. This (Spanish)

50. Maintain possession of

51. Assault with a knife

55. Holiday text message greeting

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Members of the Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions are pictured here, along with volunteers cleaned up Water Street in Danielson on May 22. More than 10 bags of leaves were bagged, trash was collected and removed.

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Putnam police
recover weapon while
investigating alarm

PUTNAM — On May 27 at 9:59 p.m., Putnam Emergency Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a firearm being discharged inside a building at 106 South Main St., Putnam.

Putnam Police responded to the residence, secured the scene and initiated an investigation. During the course of the investigation, a firearm was seized. Currently, this incident appears to be an isolated incident with no ongoing threat to the public. No injuries were reported.

This investigation remains open and active, and as such, no additional information will be released at this time.

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Putnam Legion post receives donation from Jewett City Savings Bank

PUTNAM — American Legion Post #13 was presented with a \$10,000 donation last week by the Jewett City Savings Bank. This is our largest single donation ever in the history of our post. The check was presented by Kevin Merchant, President and CEO, Diana Rose, Senior Vice President, Mike Alberts, Vice President and Amanda Heibel, Branch Manager. Graciously receiving the check for the American Legion Post #13 were Brian Maynard-Commander, Mike Vassar-Senior Vice Commander and Eric Quinn-Finance Officer.

These funds will be included in money raised for our annual golf tournament, which takes place on Sept. 3. The timing of the donation coincides with the renaming of the golf tournament to the Henry Breault Medal of Honor Recipient Golf Tournament. This donation is genuine symbol of our community giving back to a town with a rich history of military service.

All donations to Post #13 stay local and help support American Legion scholarships, banners throughout

town, Boys and Girls State, Tri-Town baseball, veteran affairs and rehabilitation.

The members of American Legion Post #13 sincerely thank everyone at Jewett City Savings Bank who made this possible.

The Jobs for New England Recovery Grant Program was offered by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston to member financial institutions to assist small businesses and non-profit organizations that have experienced significant losses due to the pandemic. As a



member, Jewett City Savings Bank was able to reserve grant funds for eligible organizations in the Bank's service area. Jewett City Savings Bank focused its support to those organizations that

had limited opportunities to participate in other funding sources that become available through the CARES Act and other government programs.

New Interact president ready to roll!

PUTNAM — The new Putnam Rotary Interact Club President, Amayah Chavez, is excited about her coming year.

At the May 25 induction and awards ceremony, Chavez said she'd like the Interact Club to continue its volunteer efforts at TEEG, Daily Bread, the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign and Relay For Life -- and she'd also like to work with the Lion's Leo Club on community projects and see a presence on social media.

Chavez, a junior at Putnam High School, received her Interact Pin and was handed her meeting gavel by Putnam Rotary President Kristen Willis.

Willis thanked past president Brayden Cutler, a senior at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, for his hard work keeping the Interact Club alive during the pandemic. Cutler was there in spirit due to a school commitment.

Interact Advisor Roberta Rocchetti gave T-shirt awards to Abby and Emily St. Martin for the top Relay For Life Daffodil sales and Distinguished Service Citations to Kaylin and Talia Tremblay, Sierra Girard, Ryley Myers, Amayah and Laylah Chavez, plus Kevin Davis and Marcy Dawley for their volunteer work under extremely difficult conditions at the Food Truck Festival at Roseland Park.

Interact Advisor Marcy Dawley said, "The trio of Putnam Connecticut Rotary Club, Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club and Interact Club vowed



Photo Courtesy

New Interact President Amayah Chavez with her gavel.

to continue hand-in-hand working together along with other like-minded groups. We're about lifting each other up in northeastern Connecticut."

Kevin Davis, Rotaract president, said he enjoyed working with the Interact Club this year and looks forward to working with Amayah and the club in 2021-2022.

Alyssa Arends of Brooklyn named to Quinnipiac Dean's List

HAMDEN — Alyssa Claire Arends of Brooklyn has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester of 2021 at Quinnipiac University.

Students who excel in scholarship by earning a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C are recognized by earning a spot on the dean's

list. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis (A through C) to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least 6 credits during a semester.

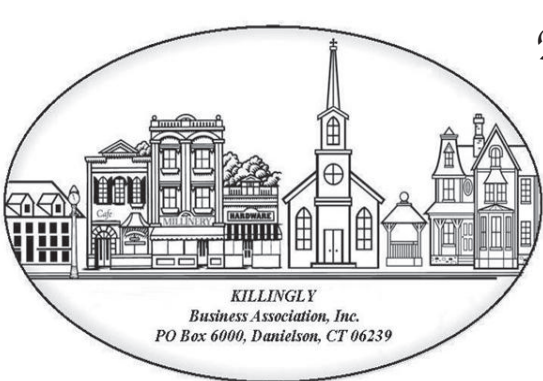
Riley MacNeil graduates from College of Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Riley MacNeil, of Pomfret recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of Charleston.

MacNeil was among more than 1,400 students who received degrees.

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A history of Memorial Day

When Memorial Day was first celebrated in the aftermath of the Civil War, it was known as Decoration Day. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000 — the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act,” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. During the Great War (also known as the First World War), 116,516 Americans died, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America traveled over the holiday weekend, and two and a half million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago you can find the largest parades in the country. Because of the three-day weekend, many Americans were expected to throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Black, blue, and bruised — a nation scarred by a dangerous man

To the Editor:

Some Americans may think that we dodged a bullet, literally and figuratively, when Donald Trump lost the 2020 election. But now is not the time for complacency or crawling back under the covers. Like any predatory criminal, he is lurking in the corners of the American psyche, continuing his role as the divider in chief. Remnants of his rending of democratic values and the erosion of the Constitution can be seen in misguided chatter on a local community Facebook pages. The recent arrest of a high school student who posted racist comments about a fellow student has tickled the outrage of those who continue the racist narrative of Donald Trump who found the Constitution inconvenient unless it benefitted him.

Ironically, there is a sudden flutter of interest in the First Amendment when it comes to protecting racist behavior, bigotry and hate speech. This phenomenon is akin to the flurry of Second Amendment rights rhetoric and the spikes in gun sales every time some crazy white dude commits a mass shooting. As Governor Newsom of California recently said, “What the hell is wrong in America?”

What is wrong with us, indeed. Our fragile democracy took a beating during the Trump administration and our Constitution remains bruised and battered by the continued attacks by those who drank the Trump Kool-Aid. It appears they care little for the Constitution except when it can be used as a convenient weapon to protect the white supremacist narrative.

One must wonder. Where were these constitutional converts when Colin Kaepernick and other NFL players exercised their first amendment rights to kneel for justice? Where was the outrage when Trump threatened to turn military troops on peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters? Where were they when Trump systematically chipped away at the free press by manipulating truth with “alternative facts” and spreading the Big Lie, one of many attempts to replace the press with state propaganda? Where was their so-called religious sensibility when he threatened to close down Mosques, torture and deport Muslims even if they were born citizens? And yes, where were they when Trump threatened to overturn the 14th Amendment, that final rule that protects the rights and citizenship of African Americans, Native Americans, and naturalized citizens of the United States? Clearly not on the side of justice for all.

Our entitlement is our undoing. We tend to take our rights of citizenship, the freedom of speech, religion, and a free press for granted. Few are aware that we teetered close to the edge of losing it all, as exemplified during the 2015 campaign when Trump vowed to overturn the fourteenth amendment. This is the amendment which finally promised equality for African Americans in 1868, putting to rest the argument that Blacks were not citizens and therefore did not have constitutional rights. How is it possible that a man who knew nothing about the Constitution, American history, and who had obvious fascist, racist and autocratic leanings (the antithesis of a democratic republic), would weasel his way to the presidency? Did no one notice the fingers crossed behind his back when he took the oath of office to protect and uphold the Constitution? Of course, his main focus in overturning the 24th Amendment was the clause about citizenship. It was aimed at illegal immigrants and their children who were born in the United States. Still, the audacity to try to overturn one of the most important Constitutional amendments through an act of congress or executive order was in itself an act of treason. Not his first, and certainly not his last.

If not for the 14th Amendment, we would not have overturned segregation or the Jim Crow terrorism in the South. It gave the federal government the power to step in when

individual states infringed upon the rights of citizens. Section 3 of the 14th Amendment focuses on rebellion, prohibiting anyone from being elected or appointed to a state or federal office after engaging in rebellion or treason. No wonder Trump hated one of the most sacred amendments in the Constitution!

Without the 14th Amendment, our First Amendment rights would be rendered impotent. Before the Civil War and the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, the Federal Government had little power to intercede with state laws on behalf of citizens. The Constitution had not yet been fully tested in federal courts, and citizenship was yet to be defined. As early as 1836, southern states reacted to the overwhelming number of petitions from white abolitionists in the North with a gag rule making it illegal to even mention anti-slavery in Congress. Later, southern states passed anti-sedition acts making it illegal to hold anti-slavery meetings or even possess anti-slavery propaganda. Clearly, the first amendment rights of abolitionists (even white males who enjoyed full citizenship) to petition the government were infringed upon. Yet they could not challenge their case in the Federal courts. Anti-federalists ruled the day and State rights prevailed. Prudence Crandall’s own brother, Reuben, was arrested and tried for seditious libel for having used The Liberator to wrap his belongings when he moved from Connecticut to Washington, D.C. First amendment rights were not used in his defense.

The impotence of the federal government to protect First Amendment rights before the 14th Amendment was played out in countless court cases from Prudence Crandall up to Dred Scott. Anti-slavery activists used the Constitution and first amendment rights to argue for the freedom of enslaved Africans and the rights of Free Blacks to an equal education, or the rights afforded to other American citizens. In the Dred Scott case, the ruling judge, Roger Taney was part of the Southern slave-holding aristocracy. He was the fifth Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. His final opinion stated that “all people of African descent, free or enslaved, were not United States Citizens and therefore had no right to sue in federal court”. He went on to write that the Fifth Amendment protected slave owner rights because enslaved workers were their legal property. If Donald Trump and his white supremacist tribe had succeeded in overturning the 14th amendment, it would have been the final unraveling of democracy.

And yet we remain confused. While the coverts of convenience duke out the meaning of free speech on social media and in the fascist court of Fox “news”, we forget that our Constitutional Rights do not protect us when we break the law. We are supposedly a nation of laws (depending on the color of one’s skin). It is against the law to yell “Fire!” in a movie theater. And even though the Declaration of Independence (which inspired the writers of the Constitution) emphasized the inalienable right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” it is still against the law to steal and murder. Yet the fire that burns in the belly of the uber right has been stoked by the illusion that our Constitutional freedoms protect us from the law itself. First Amendment rights such as freedom of speech have become the centrifuge of extreme conservatives igniting the NRA and white supremacist groups to commandeer social media. And because we Americans hold sacred first amendment rights such as Freedom of Speech, we have tolerated a culture of hate for too long. Liberals, moderates and the media have remained blatantly silent while the maniac who once occupied the White House is holed up in his dark corner yelling “Fire!”

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The joy of anticipation

Anticipation. That’s the word I was looking for as I waited for friends to arrive at the door. After a year of limited interactions, I am eager to engage in a larger world. The thought of entertaining around our dining room table, abandoned for more than a year in favor of eating in front of the television, is energizing. We thought we’d cook a simple Sunday night supper, but it became more elaborate. The anticipation of spending an evening with people we love was delightful. Anticipation is almost as good as it gets.

Several years ago, we visited the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. Many painting reminded me of my childhood. One piece, entitled “Coming and Going,” shows a family, probably in the 1950’s, piled into a station wagon. Four kids, Grandmother in the back seat, a dog and two parents are shown setting off on vacation. They are clearly excited. The second panel shows the return – everyone, including the dog, looking tired, dirty and ready to squabble. Sometimes, the best part of travel is anticipation.

The wedding industry is booming, including the added outreach of zoom. Recently our daughter watched a friend’s wedding in Arizona. We are invited to an in-person wedding in October, and I can’t wait to go. I’ve heard local wedding venues are filled with couples who postponed their nuptials. I hope they have fun planning the event and pondering every detail. Weddings are about anticipation as the actual event flies by.

Mt. Chocorua is the site of a memorial service we will attend. Our friend, a devoted hiker, died months ago. In her honor, we will climb the peak where her daughter will distribute some of her ashes. I look forward to hearing stories about late friend and sharing a sense of hope that her memory with live on. In a year where many people died, it feels right to commemorate their lives in whatever ways seem best.

Life gives as often as it takes away. I’m anticipating several births. My goddaughter is having a baby as is the daughter of a close friend. Both mothers- to-be already know a great deal about their unborn children. The knowledge is heartening as they look forward to the births. The real challenges of parenting begin when a unique human being looks up into its mother’s eyes for the first time in hope and expectation.

We are ready to travel again and have begun looking at brochures from OAT (Overseas Adventure Travel) and Road Scholar. My hiking group is researching an adventure in the Azores. We’ve booked family vacations in Vermont and Cape Cod. I’ll visit relatives in Arkansas. I’m anticipating the joy I’ll feel walking into an airplane or scampering down a new trail.

My anticipation pales in comparison to what Brood X cicadas must feel. They have waited 17 years to emerge for a very short party. Maps indicate that they will stay clear of here, thank goodness. Meanwhile, as Carly said: “We can never know about the days to come/But we think about them anyway.” Anticipation.



NANCY WEISS

The importance of family traditions

Family traditions are meaningful to me. The older I get, the more important it is to preserve these annual happenings in hope that they will be passed down through generations. One of these traditions for our family is barbecued pork spare-ribs on Memorial Day. This year, I’m teaching my nephew, son-in-law, two sons and oldest grandson the recipe and methods. I’m sure they may add their



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special tweaks to the recipe but I’m confident the basics will remain.

I was 13 years old when my dad called me over to the grill and began teaching me. It may have been the first time my father spoke to me and treated me as an adult. Cooking ribs in the Moore household was serious business and I felt a sense of pride that my father was entrusting me with this almost sacred responsibility. I didn’t understand it

then, but from that day forward, ribs on Memorial Day were my responsibility, and has been since that moment.

I realized a few months ago that I’ve waited too long to pass the “tongs” off, so this holiday weekend was important. It represented a “changing of the guard” for our holiday tradition.

Cooking for me is an art form. There are specific techniques that create the repeated desired results. Over the years, there have been slight changes in methods and ingredients. I’m sure this next generation will do the same. I’ve added a few ingredients to my cooking pallet

and have slowed the cooking process down to create a more tender result, but over the last decade, the recipe and process had reached the point, that in my mind, created the perfect slab of Moore Family barbecue spareribs.

And of course, the barbecue jokes or “dad jokes” begin. “Why should you never BBQ on your roof? The steaks are too high.”

For those of you who enjoy cooking, I barbecue ribs in three basic steps. First, I remove the membrane from the bone side of the ribs and apply a rub

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Searching for wilderness

BY DENNIS BLANCHETTE
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“Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit.” – Edward Abbey

We hiked up Mt Washington one day on a whim about 10 years ago and couldn’t walk for three days afterward. Thus began Janet’s love affair with hiking. “Let’s climb Mt Washington again,” she said recently, “except we’ll start 8 miles north of it.” My reply must have been somewhat affirmative because the next thing I knew I was in New Hampshire getting ready to hike the Presidential Range – 6 peaks, 19 miles, 3 days. Lying in bed at the Econo Lodge in Lincoln, I was reading “Where You’ll find Me - Risk, Decisions and the Last Climb of Kate Matrosova by Ty Gagne. The book is a fascinating analysis of how bad luck and a series of miscalculations lead to her death near Madison Spring Hut in February, 2015. It was eerie as I read about the places she struggled and finally died and realized we’d be retracing her footsteps the next day. Except in September, not the middle of winter.

The next morning a shuttle bus dropped us at the Appalachia Parking Lot at the north end of the trail. A few feet in we saw the first of two signs echoing the warnings given in the guidebooks about dangerous weather conditions. We proceeded south, in T shirts, under sunny September skies to Madison Spring Hut, dropped off our packs and made a quick summit of Mt. Madison.

As if to prove the signs and guidebooks right, Thursday was raining and cold. We decided to spend the day at the

hut, reading and watching hikers come and go. Those that left soon came back, wet and miserable. Later in the day hikers started arriving from the south, looking worse than homeless dogs after a hurricane. One Appalachian Trail (AT) through-hiker told us that it had been snowing and they had to shelter from the lightning on Mt Washington.

The weather cleared the next day and we set off for Lake of the Clouds hut, with a short detour to the top of Mt Adams, second highest of the presidential summits. The views across the Great Gulf to Mt Washington were spectacular. We followed the AT to Edmands Col and then summited Jefferson. This section is completely above tree line, offering outstanding views on a good day and unending misery on a bad day. The slopes are mild, crossing wide grassy areas strewn with rocks and known as “lawns.” From Jefferson the AT leads past Mt. Clay to Mt Washington. At 6288 feet it’s the highest peak in New England, but a “pygmy by world standards.” Nevertheless, it has a reputation as the “most dangerous small mountain in America.” Over 140 people have died on its slopes due to the constantly changing extremely harsh weather conditions.

Mt Washington was first mentioned by Giovanni de Verrazzano around 1524, although not by that name. Viewing it from the ocean, he called it a high interior mountain. For all we know he could have been looking at Mt Jefferson. In 1819, Abel and Ethan Crawford were the first to blaze up to the summit of Mt. Washington along what is now known as the Crawford Path. This was later turned into a bridle path, in hopes of attracting tourists. But the hike was still strenuous and the weather still potentially fatal. With

tourist dollars gleaming in their eyes, the New Hampshire State Legislature granted Gen. David O. Macomber of Middletown, the charter for the Mount Washington Road Company. He built a private carriage road on the east side of Mt Washington that opened in 1861. It is now the Mt Washington Auto Road, famous for the number of bumper stickers that it generates.

Sometime during construction of the carriage road, Sylvester Marsh climbed Mt Washington from the west side with a friend, and got caught in a snowstorm. The logical response for most people would be to try it again in better weather. Sylvester Marsh decided that a railroad was the answer and invented a mountain climbing train. The NH legislature laughed at him, but knowing they could figure out a way to tax it, they allowed him to proceed.

The first recorded death on Mt Washington was 29-year-old Frederick Strickland. He set off for the summit in the fall of 1849 without food, water or gear, dressed in pants and a tie and was found dead several days later of hypothermia. In the fall of 1885 23-year-old Lizzie Bourne attempted to outdo Mr. Frederick by trying to reach the summit without food, water or gear, while wearing a dress.1 Lizzie proved his equal, freezing to death short of the summit and becoming the first woman hiker to die on Mt Washington and its second recorded fatality.

Mt Washington is surrounded by cirques formed by glaciers. This was in the days when glaciers did things other than melt. One of these cirques is the infamous Tuckermans Ravine, site of epic spring skiing pilgrimages. Skiers and snowboarders hike for hours up the nearly vertical headwall and fling

themselves off in hopes of one short but epic run down. Why they do this is one question. The bigger question is who was this guy Tuckerman and why did he have a ravine named after him? Turns out that Edward Tuckerman was a botanist with two BAs and an MA, along with degrees from Harvard Law and Divinity Schools. Employed as a professor of botany, he still found time to wander the slopes of Mt Washington collecting plants and writing papers about them. In Latin. Mostly about lichens. He did not accept prevailing thought that lichens are a combination of fungi and algae.

We crossed under the cog railroad and descended to an extremely crowded Lakes of the Clouds Hut. Saturday began cold and windy as we headed down Crawford Path. The clouds below us streamed through the narrow mountain gaps like great white rivers in the sky. We crossed Eisenhower and Pierce, and arrived back at Highland Center, where the journey had begun 4 days before.

Accessible to all by foot, car, bike, and railroad, Mt Washington has undoubtedly succeeded as a tourist destination, along with the surrounding peaks and huts. Maybe too successfully. Tourism is an activity that is best in moderation. But the wilderness that Edward Abbey wrote of still exists out there on the trails between the peaks and huts. You just have work a little harder to find it.

1. There is no proof of what she wore. Historians draw this conclusion because “that is what women wore in those days.” However I would point out that Dutch Kate wore men’s clothes when she crossed the Chilkooot Pass in 1887.

Mortgage interest rates are plunging – should you refinance?



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With mortgage rates dropping in recent weeks, you may be wondering if the time is right to refinance. There are a number of reasons for refinancing. Perhaps you want to lower your monthly payment or shorten the length of your loan, potentially saving money on interest over time. Or perhaps you’d like to cash out on the equity in your home in order to finance home improvements, pay for a child’s college education, or pay off debt.

Whether your goal is to better your long-term financial health or to pay for important shorter-term goals, it’s important to understand all the costs and benefits before you move ahead with refinancing.

When should you refinance? It used to be said that you shouldn’t refinance unless interest rates were at least 2 percent lower than the interest rate on your current mortgage. However, even a 1 to 1.5 percent differential may be worthwhile to some homeowners.

In addition to interest rates, you should also consider the length of time you plan to stay in your current home, the costs associated with getting a new loan, and the amount of equity you have in your home.

Ultimately, it may make sense to refinance if you’re certain that you’ll be able to recoup the cost of refinancing during the time you own the

home. So, it’s important to do the math ahead of time and calculate your break-even point (the point at which you’ll begin to save money after paying fees for closing costs). Ideally you should be able to recover your refinancing costs within one year or less.

No cash-out versus cash-out refinancing

No cash-out refinancing occurs when the amount of your new loan doesn’t exceed your current mortgage debt (plus points and closing costs). With this type of refinancing, you may be able to borrow up to 95 percent of your home’s appraised value, depending on the type of loan requested and other factors.

A cash-out refinancing occurs when you borrow more than you owe on your existing mortgage. In this case, you are often limited to borrowing no more than 75 to 80 percent of the appraised value of your property. Any excess proceeds remaining after you’ve paid off an existing mortgage can be used in any way you see fit.

Cash-out refinancing has certain advantages. The interest rate that you’ll pay on the mortgage proceeds will usually be less than the interest rate on the other debts (e.g., car loans, personal loans, credit cards, and even some student loans). Moreover, the interest paid on your refinanced mortgage is generally tax deductible, whereas the interest on consumer debt is not.

There are also disadvantages to cash-out refinancing. With a cash-out refinancing your refinanced mortgage is secured by a lien on your home. As a result, if you can’t make the mortgage payments, the lender can foreclose on your home

and sell it to pay the mortgage. The costs associated with refinancing

While refinancing can often save you money over the life of your mortgage loan, this savings can come at a price. Typically, you’ll need to pay an assortment of up-front fees, including points and closing costs. However, some lenders offer “no points, no closing costs” refinancing, which roll the costs into your overall loan balance or charge a higher interest rate. Typical closing costs include the following: application fee; appraisal fee; credit report fee; attorney/legal fees; loan origination fee; survey costs; taxes; title search; and title insurance.

Are there any tax advantages with refinancing?

If you pay points when you refinance your mortgage, you may be able to deduct them. In order for points to be deductible, they must have been charged by your lender as up-front interest in return for a lower interest rate on your loan. If the points were charged for services provided by the lender in preparing or processing the loan, then the points are not deductible.

When deducting points, keep in mind that unlike points paid on a loan used to purchase a home, points paid on a refinanced loan usually cannot be deducted in the year that you paid them. Instead, the points may need to be amortized over the life of the loan. For example, assume that you refinanced to a \$300,000/30-year mortgage loan and paid \$6,000 in points. You would be able to deduct 1/30 of those points each year over the 30-year loan period, or \$200 per year.

The one exception to the

amortization rule is if part of your refinanced loan is used to make improvements to your primary residence. In that case, you may be able to deduct the portion of the points that is allocable to the home improvements in the year that the points are paid. In addition, if you choose to refinance again or sell your home in the future, you can generally claim the entire unamortized deduction that remains.

For more information on the deductibility of points, you can refer to IRS Publication 936. As for other costs you may have incurred from refinancing, such as recording, title search, appraisal, and attorney’s fees, they are not deductible. Furthermore, unlike costs associated with a home purchase, costs associated with a refinance cannot be added into the cost basis (value) of your home for income tax purposes.

A word on refinancing and the Making Home Affordable Program

The Making Home Affordable Program (MHA) was created by the Obama administration in an effort to stabilize the U.S. housing market. The MHA offers a number of programs that are designed to meet the various needs of homeowners, including a program that enables homeowners to refinance their mortgages to a lower rate even if their home has decreased in value. For more information on the MHA, visit www.makinghomeaffordable.gov.

Weigh the benefits and costs carefully – including how refinancing will affect your current financial health and long-term goals.

Refinancing can be a smart move if the end result helps

you to achieve your financial and life goals. But there’s a lot to consider beyond the interest rate. For example, cashing out on your home’s equity now may mean you won’t have it as an asset to lean on when you retire. So be sure to consider your total financial picture and your long-term goals when deciding whether or not to refinance.

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of salt, pepper, smoke paprika and brown sugar. I then slowly smoke them with apple wood for three hours. Next, I wrap the ribs in aluminum foil and apply a little apple cider vinegar, butter and honey and place back on the grill for two hours. Then the final step is to unwrap them, put on a thick coating of sauce and put them back on the grill. Check them every fifteen minutes or so, making sure they do not overcook and dry out.

The weekend was everything I hoped for. My students took the process as serious as I hoped they would, and next year, it will be their responsibility. The ribs were a bit rushed because the teaching process set us back a bit and as such, they were not as tender as usual. Next year will be better. I’ll just sit back, watch, try to keep my mouth shut and enjoy a responsibility-free holiday for the first time since I was thirteen.

Ribs of course are not what’s most important for this holiday. Another tradition is sharing the importance of why we celebrate

Memorial Day. So many have given so much and it’s important not to forget their ultimate sacrifice.

So, what are your family traditions? A Utah woman felt so strongly about her family fudge recipe that she had it engraved on her tombstone. Is there something you hold so dear that it’s important to you to continue after you’re gone? It’s never too late to begin.

And maybe it isn’t passed down to you from generations before.

Maybe it begins with you?

Oh ... one last dad barbecue joke ... “My dad always said he would go to his grave with his famous BBQ rib recipe. On his death bed, he had me lean in to tell me the secret ingredient.

That’s when I knew it was Thyme.”

Laughter is brightest when food is best.

Irish Proverb

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ing a strategic partner to help provide the best care possible to Northeast Connecticut residents and to weather changes in the health care industry. A strategic partnership would bring a combination of key technologies and best practices to drive financial improvement.

We are pleased to share that we are one step closer to formalizing a relationship with a larger health system that will keep Day Kimball at the forefront of health care innovation, and we look forward to the day we can announce where we are headed. Our future is bright and we are confident that the strategic direction we pursue will lead our organization and the communities we serve to a better tomorrow.

To view Day Kimball Healthcare’s 2021 state of affairs

video update, produced in partnership with Woodstock Academy, and the Loos Center for the Arts, and for other highlights and achievements from DKH’s 2020 fiscal year annual report, visit www.daykimball.org/annualreport.

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 www.daykimball.org.



Ceremonies were led by American Legion Post 203 Lt. Cdr. Michael Moran and Cdr. David Olsen.



Eastford Veterans (l-r) Roy Adams, Russell Mayhew and Michael Moran marched.



Lincoln Budd always brings one of his vintage tractors to the parade, this year to provide transportation for American Legion Post 203 Cdr. David Olsen who provided cadence on his drums for the marchers.



Eastford Independent Fire Co. volunteers Jason Albrecht, Zac Bertram and Jeannine Spink marched ahead of the EIFC's five fire trucks.



Loring White salutes the American Flag.



Eastford Singers (l-r) Beverly and Bruce Lindemann, Micah, Julia and Paul Torcellini sang patriotic songs.

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mand structure to communicate, coordinate, and collaborate with one voice across our organization,” added John Graham, M.D., chief medical officer and vice president of quality and medical affairs, and incident commander, Day Kimball Healthcare. “We had to make major changes. We closed clinics, delayed non-emergency surgeries and treatments, and quickly scaled up telehealth services across our system. The overall response of our staff to COVID-19 clearly showed their com-

mitment to our community and to each other. In an incredible display of teamwork, they took on new roles and responsibilities as the situation rapidly emerged and changed.”

Financial review
Day Kimball Healthcare has experienced positive operating margins in recent fiscal years, reflecting the community need for critical healthcare services and patients’ desire to stay local for high-quality, personalized care. The healthcare system’s fiscal year 2020 budget called for an operating gain of just over \$400,000 which would have marked the third consecutive year of generating positive operating margins.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, patient volume declined as expenses increased, negatively impacting the organization’s fiscal year 2020 operations and overall financial performance. To help address the financial hardships hospitals were facing across the country, the federal government issued Provider Relief Funds. Day Kimball received \$2.6 million of federal stimulus funds which only covered a small portion of incurred losses.

“Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, we are working hard to return to profitability in fiscal year 2021,” said Paul Beaudoin, chief financial officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. “Patient activity began to improve during the last four months of the 2020 fiscal year as we began to resume select proce-

dures and services that were delayed due to executive orders related to the pandemic.”

Beaudoin added that DKH’s engagement with Denver-based Pinnacle Health Consulting has identified ways to improve organizational efficiency and opportunities to develop service lines in areas where market share could be stronger.

Quality of care
In his remarks, Kramer highlighted a number of distinctions and designations for quality care earned during the last fiscal year, including:

· Day Kimball Hospital achieved the 5th lowest hospital-wide, 30-day readmission rate in Connecticut according to a report from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

· Day Kimball Hospital was one of only three hospitals in the state to receive a net incentive payment for 2020 in CMS’ Pay for Performance programs, which seek to improve patient safety and experience by basing Medicare payments on the quality of care provided, rather than on the quantity of services performed.

· According to Day Kimball’s results measured by Press Ganey, the health

care industry’s most widely used approach to collecting stakeholder perspectives, the Maternal Child Health department has ranked in the 99th percentile overall every year for the past five years.

· In another result measured by Press Ganey, Day Kimball ranked in the 99th percentile for providing an estimate of costs to patients receiving outpatient services.

Looking ahead
Kramer also underscored the unique challenges facing small, independent community healthcare systems like Day Kimball.

“The health care industry is changing quickly, and we need to look at how we can shape tomorrow’s health system through clinical and technological innovation in order to make Day Kimball stronger for our community. It is evident that health care will continue to be capital intensive as our community grows and the trend of delivering care closer to home accelerates,” he said.

The Day Kimball Healthcare Board of Directors remain committed to find-

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QVCC congratulates Class of 2021

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College congratulates the following students who recently graduated with the Class of 2021.

Brooklyn
Nicole Abbott, Aidan Anderson, Stephanie Bellows, Erin Berube, Angelique Caouette, Hannah Cloutier, Shane Dort, Ariel Flounders, Brett Graveline, Delaney Guimont, Zachariah Lehoux, Taylor Nicholson, Michelle Parmeter, Natalia Reali, Joseph Schley, Megan Shippee, Sarah Travers, Bethaney Tucker, Geoffrey Vallone, Rebecca Vincent, James Walters

Danielson
Tyra Bergstrom, Emily Cioe, Kaya Cooper, Dylan Everson,

Chelsey Fisher, Michael Flaherty IV, Kerri Fulton, Courtney Greene, Tamarin Kelley, Jennifer Kent, Candice Koolhaas, James Morowski, Kayla Picciarelli, Carlos Poch, Kevin Polaina, Megan Reynolds, Miranda Snell, Kaileigh Somers, Brandon Wallace, Emily Watling, Mya Windrow, Brianna Worden, Katie Zannini

Dayville
Carolyn Anderson, Brendon Auger, Liliana Baraybar, Richard Demars, Reid Dumas, Nicole Durand, Daniel Espeseth, Alexander Grenon, Lauren Hyatt, Gabriela Irving, Emily Keeling, Jordyn Malarkey, Angela Maynard, Isabella Notarantonio, Jarrica Rainville, Heather Souza,

Brandon Steen, Tayler Tracy

East Killingly
Bryan Highley

Killingly
Elizabeth Downey, Bethany Oliver

North Grosvenordale
Tyler Baker, Laura Durand, Matthew Durand, Adrienne Guerin, Sylwia Helwig, Ashley Klein, Stephanie Medine, Jakob Skaradowski

Plainfield
Tyler Ahearn, Kathryn Ballou, Jessica Bedard-Plummer, Andrea Filbert, Taylor Gageby, Makayla Kneeland, Cassandra Miller, Kevin Murphy, Christensen Nguyen, Nicholas Perreault,

Alexis Price, Joshua Sandage, Alexis Sangillo, Jennifer Spinney, Cameron Verrette, Renee Vezina, Nicole Wilcox, Patricia Wilson, Rijon Zekiri

Pomfret
Dawn Libby

Pomfret Center
Daniel Harrington, Angela Short, Lacey Wood, Eric Yost

Putnam
Jason Barber, Ashley Bonnette, Kevin Champagne, Kelly Chausse, Taylor Copeland, Zachary Davis, Samantha Delp, Michael DiColella, Trenten Haddock Gould, Sarah Hernandez, Natalie Ionkin, Mark LaMountain, Heather Montie, Abigail Poirier, Jeffrey Reed

Jr., Katrina Suibielski, Aislin Tracey, Breana Weidele

Thompson
Megan Bates, Roxanne Booth, Francesca Cicarelli, Kaitlyn Morton, Julia Paquette, Michael Salisbury, Michael Southwell III

Woodstock
Seth Benoit, Kayleigh Bradrick, Willard Brin, Abigail Brosseau, Danette Busby, Hunter Campbell, Antonia Carminati, Devin Foisy, Julia Fox, Marshal Gohn, Joseph Gottlieb, Christopher Harris, Seth Kelly, Cameron Lotter, Lillian Mandeville, Dylan Martin, Margaret Noe, Jolisa Peabody, Tristan Raszka, Eric Tellier, Christian Wolfe

Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass. — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 Bachelor of Arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College’s Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year’s address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

A distinguished career diplomat with 35 years in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield

reminded graduates that their education has equipped them to make a positive difference in the world and to do everything in their power to keep hope alive.

“Class of 2021: I have hope - I have light in my eyes - because of you,” Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield told the graduates. “When I think of your promise, your potential, I swell with pride. With your Holy Cross mentors and role models by your side, I believe you will become men and women for others. I trust you will go where you are needed. And graduates, I know you will keep hope alive.”

In addition to Thomas-Greenfield, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Michael Collins ‘77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and senior vice president for the health sciences for the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Collins also offered a reflection for the Class of 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

Sydney Fisher, of Pomfret, Magna Cum Laude

AlexMurphy, of North Grosvenordale, Cum Laude

About Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

LEGALS

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

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via a Web Ex Meeting on the following: 041321D A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 37, Lot 17 and Map 37 Lot 20/21, Wetlands crossing for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic system, well, minor grading.

A copy of the application is available for review.

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

Jeffrey Arends
Chairman

Dated this 12th day of May 2021

May 28, 2021

June 4, 2021

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

The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Web Ex on the following application:

1. ZBA21-001 Shawn and Stacy Olson, 10 Hillside Drive, Map 46, Lot 42-1, R-30 Zone; Addition of a 2-car garage with mudroom/breezeway. Front yard setback of 50-feet cannot be met.

2. ZBA21-002 Eileen McKenna, 301 South Street, Map 45, Lot 2-3, R-30 Zone; Installation of 24-foot round above ground swimming pool installed where there was an existing swimming pool. Side yard setback of 30-feet cannot be met.

Interested persons may appear and be heard. Written communications will be accepted. A copy of the application is available on the Town of Brooklyn Website. Web Ex meeting information will be included on the June 7, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Commission Agenda.

Dan Ross, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

May 28, 2021

June 4, 2021

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

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 0255 on the following Application:

ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, Block 7, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16-foot side yard setback to build a 36’ x 21’ detached garage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Beno, Chairman

May 28, 2021

June 4, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On May 20, 2021, Woodstock Planning & Zoning Commission granted approval for #648-04-32 – 115 Center Cemetery Road – Theresa Goulet & Tim and Danielle Heersink – new activity on a scenic road.

Dr. Jeffrey Gordon.

June 4, 2021

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

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ZBA Application #21-02-Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotoir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recycler’s yard or motor vehicle recycler’s business.

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

June 4, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and rendered the following decisions:

PZC Application #21-09 Applicant Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, 815 Riverside Drive, Amendments to the Amended Planning and Zoning Regulations Approved on 9/15/2020. Accepted as amended without Items 1, 1A, and 8.

PZC Application #21-10 Applicant Shelley Ashton-Briggs and Jeffrey Briggs owner of 30 West Thompson Rd, Map, Lot, Block, Zone RRAD requesting a Special Permit for Wedding/Event Venue Business, according to the Town of Thompson Amended Regulations, Article 4A RRAD, Section 2 Table of Permitted Uses #17. Approved with conditions.

PZC Application #21-12 Applicant Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a Rawson Materials, of 6 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT property owner River Junction Estates, LLC,. 204 Munyan Road, Putnam., Ct 06260 for Gravel Mining at property located at 0 East Thompson Rd, Map 154, Block 5, Lot 10, Zone, RRAD creation of a 3.5+/- acre pond. Approximately

120,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel will be removed from the site to create the pond. Continued to PZC Regular Meeting on June 28, 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

June 4, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission at their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom rendered the following decisions:

PZC Application #21-08 - Applicant Neil P. LLC, Property Owner of 520 Riverside Drive, Map 85, Block 95. Lot 10A, Zone DMRD, New Retail Building with “Grandfathered” Drive-Up Window Special Permit that runs with the Land (Special Permit 2012-02 Approved 11/26/12). Approved with condition.

PZC Application #21-16 – Applicant, French River Materials, Owner, Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a Rawson Materials, 307 Reardon Road LLC, Map 156, Block 8, Lot 7, Zone I, renewal of gravel mining operation, to excavate sand and gravel. Approved

PZC Application #21-17 - Applicant & Owner – Northeast Sand and Gravel, Owner John Mercier, at 659 Riverside Dr. (access drive is North of Grosvenordale Post Office), Map 63, Block 58, Lot 15/P, located in R-40 Zone District for renewal of Gravel Mining Permit to excavate sand and gravel. Approved with condition.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman

June 4, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 7:45 p.m., for application #650-05-34 – 1920 Route 198 – Benjamin Marinelli – Map 5709, Block 01, Lot 18-1 – 2-lot re-sub-division to be held in Meeting Room 1 at the Woodstock Town Hall.

Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.

June 4, 2021

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Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Beno, Chairman

June 4, 2021

**LIQUOR PERMIT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

This is to give notice that I,

DONNA L. COPELAND

17 DECUBELLIS CT.

PUTNAM, CT 06260-3224

Have filed an application placarded 05/25/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT CATERER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:

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DAYVILLE, CT 06241-1223

The business will be owned by:

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May 28, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Leon N Gothreau, Jr (21-00165) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 24, 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:

Elaine Richmond, 348 Freedley Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Attorney: THOMAS A BORNER, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Arlene Helen Altmeier (21-00190) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 25, 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.

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The fiduciary is:

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400 North Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

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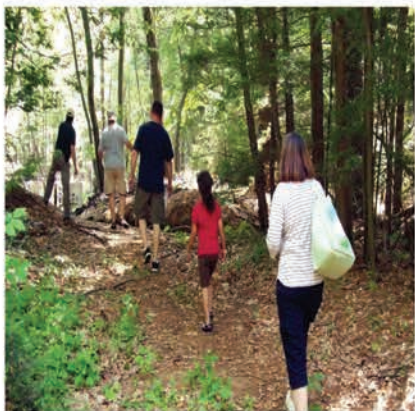
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Ronald: “I would love to meet the architect of this incredible building. As a former volunteer fire department member I feel very safe and secure here. We have already made great use of the space. There’s a room where we can entertain guests, and that works well for the gatherings we like to host.”

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