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Killingly voters approved bond for Westfield Ave. renovations

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – Killingly voters overwhelmingly approved a proposed investment in the old Killingly High School at 79 Westfield Ave., which will see the facility partially repurposed for a new Killingly Community Center.

A total of 500 voters cast their ballots on Nov. 16, with 323 voting in favor of appropriating \$27.8 million to renovate the building, while 176 voted against the initiative. The project follows years

of discussion over the future of the community center which currently sits in another old school building on Broad Street a facility with its own share of issues that would require town investment to resolve.

While a public hearing a week prior to the vote saw mixed reactions from the public on whether or not to invest town money into the renovations, the overwhelming opinion seemed to be that repurposing the Westfield Avenue school was a good move with or without state grants. The vote approved bonding

that will pay for around \$15 million in roof and brick work and around \$13 million in other upgrades.

A public presentation on the project in October detailed the potential renovation revealing the plans go far beyond simply the recreation department. The Westfield Avenue school currently houses some of the school district offices, an EASTCONN special education day treatment program, and a food bank. It does not appear any of these entities will be relocating as a result of the renovations. The floor plan included repur-

posing old classrooms for storage, camp activities, fitness programs, offices and other uses and adapting the old vocational agricultural program entrance as a main entry point. Renovations that will be required at the site include roof and window replacements, HVAC and boiler system upgrades, and ADA compliance upgrades. Updates to security and the parking lot are also included in the project. No date has been set for when work might commence on the renovations.

Thompson prepping Nip Sculptures

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON – Over the last year, Thompson residents may have heard about the Nips Program and fish sculptures slated to make an appearance in Riverside Park in the not-too-distant future. The upcoming art installations are geared toward recycling the miniature bottles usually reserved for alcoholic beverages, which are a common form of trash along town roads, into something more



Photo Jason Bleau

Mary R. Fisher Elementary School art teacher Sara Furbush shows of one of the fish statues that will soon make its home in Riverside Park during Thompson Community Day in October.

positive for all to enjoy along one of the most ventured locations in the center of town.

For several months the Thompson Economic Development Commission has been discussing the Nips Program and sculptures, revealing in July that the Board of Selectmen had approved moving forward with the project and that \$1,500 had been raised through private donations. In September, it was revealed that Mary R. Fisher Elementary School art teacher Sara Furbush along with Tourtellotte Memorial High School shop teacher Michael Joyce has completed designs for the sculptures. A crowd-funding campaign in August contributed over \$5,000 to the cause, enough money to allow the town to apply for a matching grant of \$4,500 to fund the initiative. The sculptures will incorporate over 48,000 nip bottles collected over five months through the “Nips for Holiday Cheer” buyback program in 2020. One of the initial sculptures has since made an appearance at Thompson Community Day.

Thompson Director of Planning & Development Tyra Penn-Gesek has been helping with the project including cleaning nips at her home for use in the sculptures. She has also provided many of the updates to the EDC over the months. During her most

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‘A dream come true’ for Pomfret’s Black

HOCKEY STAND-OUT WILL SKATE FOR UCONN



Photos Courtesy

Jake Black is congratulated by his Johnstown teammates after scoring a goal this season.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

POMFRET — A dream that first took hold of Jake Black during his Griffin Youth Hockey days came to fruition recently when the 19-year-old town resident officially committed to attend the University of Connecticut, where he will be a member of the Huskies’ Division 1 men’s ice hockey program.

“I’m just so pumped; playing Division 1 college hockey has been a lifelong dream of mine,” Black said during



Jake Black in his Griffin Youth Hockey days.

a phone interview from Johnstown Pa., where he is a member of the Johnstown Tomahawks, a junior hockey team in the North American Hockey League (NAHL). “So, to finally commit, it’s just a dream come true.

“It’s definitely extra special to be able to commit to UConn because not many Connecticut kids have had the opportunity to play for UConn,” Black continued. I’m a home-state kid. I was born and raised in Pomfret. I’ve lived in Pomfret my whole

life.”

Black chose UConn from a list of interested schools that included Brown and Bentley — both schools offered scholarships — as well as Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, Niagara, Long Island University, Canisius and American International.

“UConn had everything I wanted,” Black said. “There’s obviously the hockey — they’re a top 25 team in the country and they play in Hockey East, one of the best

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Day Kimball’s Canines for Cancer Care raises more than \$10,000 for Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) put its “best paw forward” when it held Canines for Cancer Care presented by SPIROL International on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds, raising over \$10,000 to benefit the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Hospital.

This inaugural event celebrated survivors, honored canine caregivers and those battling cancer, and memorialized loved ones lost to this disease. Attendees of the two-legged and four-legged variety vis-



Photo Courtesy

Kristen Willis, Director of Development, Day Kimball Healthcare with local artist Lisa Andrews, who shared her story of companionship with her Chocolate Lab Libby during her breast cancer treatment at Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital.

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Killingly’s 1981 championship football team



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Newly arrived at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center: Copies of “Images of America Killingly” by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer. This first book of Killingly photos has been out of print but is now available just in time for Christmas. Copies are \$20 if purchased at the Center; \$25 for postage and handling if the book must be mailed. Copies will be available during regular Center hours on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Checks accepted but not credit cards. Please send a letter with your name, address and a check for \$25 if you wish to have a copy mailed to you. No phone orders, please. Stop in and check out the other items that are for sale including postcards and maps.

Although my youngest child, Gabriel Weaver, graduated from Killingly High School with the class of 2000, I still like to follow the accomplishments of the athletes. I’m hoping that this year’s football team is able to win a State Championship. I know it takes more than a great team and good coaching; it takes a bit of luck for everyone to stay healthy. My family and I were fortunate to attend the Class M Division II Championship football game when Killingly beat Hand 14-7 on Dec. 5, 1981. Oh, was I cold! In fact, it began to snow before the end of the game. Brrr!

Perhaps you were a member of that 1981 team. The following roster was in the sports file at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society. Gerald Kopfman,

Joseph Kennedy, Eric Rieman, Michael Ricci, David Heroux, Paul King (Capt.), Shawn Brennan Scott Zahansky, Vin Zurowski, Joseph Kettelle, Stephen Carito, Chris Chabot, Bruce Beausoleil, Matt Ben, David Scott (Capt.), Steven Baranski, Jeff Carroll, Jeff Fortin, Terek Kennawi, Steven Panteleakos, Scott Jellison, Jerry Renaud, Chris Marr, Richard Auger, Michael Kieltyke, Edward Larrow, George Nichols (Capt.), David Lobusch, Kyle Kettle, James Phillips, David Robey (Capt.), Greg Grauer, Greg Mursko, Scott Singleton, Greg Moore, William Cyr, Michael Royce, Michael Cresoimanno, Alan Poirier (Capt.), Daniel Lagaoe, Mark Dauphinais, Steven Collison, Lee Gunderson, Jon Kuchy, Dennis Bove, James Grezesiah, David Schiferle, Jeff Lavelle, Jeff Zahansky, Tim Trudo, Scott Oatley, Michael Oatley, Paul Orzulak, Brian Rhodes, David Smith. Head Coach: John Krot; Assistant Coaches: Stuart Neal, Eugene Blain, Jim Lamoureux, Bob Chalifous, Gary Brine; Athletic Director: Nelson King, Jr.; Principal: David Cressy.

While looking for materials on this team in the Center’s historical files, Lynn LaBerge and I discovered that there is very little on the team in the Sports File, including no articles from the Championship game. (The Windham County Transcript stopped publishing its paper in 1977). If any of you have some articles we can photocopy (while you wait), please consider bringing them to the Center. It would be greatly appreciated.

As November draws to a close, I thought I would again go back in time to see what was happening in the Killingly area. The Nov. 22, 1911 Norwich Bulletin had a short article about one of the newer factories in Danielson. Keep in mind that automobiles were in their infancy. “Cotton for Auto Tires Being Made at Plant of Connecticut Mills Company. The plant of the Connecticut

Mills company, at Industrial place, continues to run evenings, the goods manufactured being a very heavy cotton fabric of special weave for the use in the construction of automobile tires. Few mills in the country make this cloth. The other mill at Industrial place has been idle since vacated a few months ago by the American Oil Engine company.” (p.10; newspapers.com). See “Images of America Killingly” by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 38, 39 for early 20th century photos of Industrial Place. (Papers were no capitalizing the word company).

Do you take for granted the ability to grab your cell phone and quickly make a phone call in an emergency? Such was not the case in the early 1900’s when many households did not even have phones. Note the differences in Danielson in 1918. One had to run to the nearest call box to report a fire. “At 1:40 Friday morning the fire department was called for a blaze at the home of Mrs. Thomas Ward, near Water Street, in the rear of the St. James church property. The fire, which it is believed started from the chimney, ate its way in between partitions so the firemen had to cut through to get at it. The blaze was extinguished, however, before the building was seriously damaged, so the loss will be only a few hundred dollars. The alarm for the fire was pulled in from Box 25, at the corner of Water and Main streets, but the box number did not ring in, the steam siren sounding only one long blast. This fact puzzled the department members somewhat, but there was little delay on that account.” (Norwich Bulletin, Nov. 30, 1918, p. 8; newspapers.com).

I know many of you have gone hunting at one time in your life. Did any of you ever hunt for “coons?” “The most successful coon hunting party that has been out this season came in Sunday morning with four of the animals, all taken after one ‘bark-up’. The coons

weighed in total about fifty pounds. Hiram S. Franklin, William Franklin, Charles Franklin, and William Ross were among the Danielson men in the party.” (Norwich Bulletin, Nov. 28, 1911, p. 10; newspapers.com).

For years, football rivalries have been part of the Thanksgiving holiday. In 1911 the sport of the day was basketball. “Danielson and Putnam teams will play basketball in Putnam Thanksgiving afternoon. The Danielson team will be made of the players that made such a good showing as a team last year. In the evening some of the local players will go to New London to take part in a game to be played in that city.” (Norwich Bulletin, Nov. 28, 1911, p. 10; newspapers.com).

As I was reading articles in the above 1911 newspaper, the following caught my attention since I live just south of Putnam Heights. “Russell T. Shippee, 62, and Mary McLaughlin, 24, were married at Putnam Heights where they will reside, Sunday evening, by Attorney Charles L. Torrey acting as a justice of the peace.” (N.B., Nov. 28, 1911, p. 10; newspapers.com).

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conferences in Division 1. But it’s more than that. It’s a great school academically, I love the campus and I love the coaching staff. It seemed like, for me, the perfect spot to play hockey and go to school.”

While some teenagers get to realize their dream of playing Division 1 hockey, few get to do it so close to where they grew up. The drive to home games for Paul and Sue Black — Jake’s parents — will be 18 miles, and on most days take less than a half-hour to complete.

“Growing up my family and I traveled really far for hockey. Now I’m going to play in college and it will be the shortest drive my parents have had in a long time,” said Black, a right-handed right winger. “They were pumped when I told them I was going to commit to UConn; they were wicked happy. It’s been a long journey and they are as excited as I am with my decision. They can’t wait to go watch me play games at UConn.”

The shortest drive, hockey-wise, for Black’s parents came when he was

3 years old and they enrolled him in Pomfret’s learn to skate program. It’s led the family on a long journey.

“After completing the learn to skate program I went all the way through Pomfret’s Griffin Youth Hockey program. I was probably in that program until I was 8 years old,” the 19-year-old Black said. “Griffin Youth Hockey is the only town hockey program in Northeast Connecticut.”

When Black did finally decide where he was going to continue his academic and athletic careers, the first call he made — after informing Huskies’ hockey coach Mike Cavanaugh — was to his older brother Ryan, at Babson (Mass.) College. Ryan Black, a senior forward for the 4-1-2 Beavers, leads the team with five goals and five assists in seven games.

“My brother has been a huge role model for me and someone I’ve definitely looked to for advice throughout this whole process,” said Black, who committed to UConn on Thursday, Oct. 28. “He’s been my biggest supporter. He was so excited, so happy for me.”

In 2018 the 5-foot-11, 175-pound Black transferred from Woodstock Academy to The Winchendon School, a Massachusetts prep school located on the New Hampshire border. Black played for the Wapitis for two seasons, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. He would have played a third season with the team, had it not been for COVID-19 and the accompanying global pandemic.

Black played in 50 games for Winchendon, scoring 52 points (23



Jake Black of Pomfret will be playing collegiate hockey for the University of Connecticut.

goals, 29 assists).

In 18 games so far this season — as of Saturday, Nov. 20 — with the Tomahawks, Black has scored 15 goals and assisted on nine others. Johnstown’s record after 18 games was 9-7 with an overtime loss and a shootout loss.

“I’ve had a really good start to the year,” said Black, who at one point had scored 11 goals in 11 games. “This league is a grinding type of league. I think playing down here has been good for my development as a hockey player.”

Local students named to Dean’s List at Stonehill College

EASTON, Mass. — To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

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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 Nov. 15: Golden-crowned Kinglet, Raven, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Brown Creeper, Pileated Woodpecker, Great-horned Owl, Barred Owl, Wild Turkey, Carolina Wren, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Junco. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.

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American Legion Post #13 remembers Veterans Day



World War II United States Army Air Corps veteran and American Legion Post #13 member Carl Eisen (r) is presented a plaque by Post #13 Commander Michael S. Vassar. Eisen was honored on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, in a ceremony at Marley's Pub in the Black Dog Restaurant in Putnam.

PUTNAM — Marley's Pub at the Black Dog Restaurant in Putnam was overflowing with patrons on hand to remember and celebrate veterans on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11. The event, organized by the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam and supported by Craig Gates owner of the Black Dog, has been held annually since 2010.

This year, Post #13 honored three veterans, bringing the total in the 12-year span to 26 honored individuals who have served during World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Lebanon-Grenada, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan, and other Middle East conflicts up to

and including the War on Terror.

The 2021 honorees were World War II veteran Carl Eisen, Vietnam veteran Peter M. LeClair and John W. Kirchner, a Vietnam veteran who was honored posthumously. Eisen served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 in the European Theater of Operations in Italy. He was a radio operator mechanic on the B-24 Liberator. Discharged at the rank of corporal, Eisen received the WWII Victory Medal, the European, African, and Middle Eastern Theater Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters, the Balkans Campaign Medal, the Army Air Corps Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He's a member of American Legion Post #13.

LeClair was called to serve his country in 1966 at the height of the Vietnam War. A Military Policeman who was part of the 1st Cavalry Division, he was shipped to An Khe in the Highlands of Vietnam. His unit was assigned to escorting convoys of food, ammunition and medical supplies to the troops fighting in the Pleiku region. He's a member of American Legion Post #13.

"Every man I served with in Vietnam was there to serve our country. We were there to win the war," LeClair stated proudly.

He was discharged at the rank of Spec 4.

Kirchner, a member of the United States Marine Corps, served two tours in Vietnam and received two Purple Heart awards. The six-foot, seven-inch Kirchner, affectionately known to his fellow troops as "Tree," was actively engaged in the Tet Offensive as a Marksman Sniper. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged in 1973 at the rank of Sgt. – E5, Kirchner died in 2020 suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. His plaque was accepted by his

daughter Candice Kirchner.

"Honoring veterans on this night is always the most memorable portion of our program. As American Legion veterans this program is very meaningful to us and the recipients and their families. It's a very small way of extending our thanks to those who served defending our freedom," said Michael Vassar, Post #13 Commander.

The program, which included celebrity bartending by local well-known individuals, and an auction and raffle, raised more than \$19,000 for the Post. The funds are used to support the many activities of the Post, including two scholarships, the high school Constitutional Oratorical contest, the TriTown American Legion Baseball Program, Boys State, veteran families during the holiday season, Americanism programs in the Putnam Middle School and numerous other local charitable causes. Along with the Post golf tournament and the charity club, the Veterans Day event is the largest fundraiser of Post #13. The American Legion is based on four pillars – Care and Rehabilitation of Veterans, support of the defense of our country, Americanism and Children and Youth.

"The American Legion of 2021 is an organization of veterans of all ages, working together as partners in the Putnam community. We support and coordinate our activities with the Putnam government, the Putnam Business Association and other veterans' groups. We're proud of the positive role we play in our community," noted Vassar.

Any veteran, who served a minimum of one day on active duty and was honorably discharged, is eligible to belong to The American Legion and Post #13. Anyone with that criteria are urged to contact Vassar at 860-428-6580 or by e-mail at michaelsvassar@yahoo.com or the Post e-mail a legionpost13@gmail.com.

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recent update on Nov. 21, she told the EDC that the sculptures are coming along nicely providing more details into how these new additions to Riverside Park will become a permanent part of the center of town.

"The bases are made of EPS foam, but they are going to be very durable. They're going to have the steel pipes in them to pin them to the ground," Penn-Gesek said. "The nips are going to be filled with colored symmetric grout and the bodies of the fish are going to be coated in fiberglass mesh and concrete. These things aren't going anywhere once they're on the ground."

She further stated that the nips themselves will be attached with boat epoxy, making them difficult to remove. While the sculptures aren't indestructible, they will be difficult to damage and are designed to stand the test of time without contributing to any ongoing trash issues in the park.

"These things are not going to come apart on their own," Penn-Gesek added.

There is no exact date when the sculptures will be added to the park, although past reports indicated the sculptures would be completed without a year's time. With that in mind, citizens can likely look forward to a few new, creative and colorful additions to the center of town in 2022.

Eastern to host first student film festival

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University's Department of Performing Arts will celebrate the creativity of its students at the first-ever Eastern Film Festival on Dec. 3 and 4. Films will be showcased both evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Instructional Proscenium Theater.

The students' films address topics including COVID-19, antiracism, poetry, life changes and more. The festival is broken up into four categories: "Covid and Me," "Changes," "Poetry Films" and "Anti-Racism and Social Justice." The short films were made over the course of two years and several film-making courses led by Professor Brian Day.

Students navigated a number of pandemic-related challenges and restrictions during the making of their films, including the initial stay-at-home order and ensuing social isolation in the spring of 2020. The resulting films were produced without the help of fellow students and with whatever equipment the students had on hand at home.

"Film is a very powerful creative tool because it connects through entertainment and can impact audiences profoundly," wrote Day in the festival's program. "These projects help teach students to be mindful and conscientious filmmakers."

Tickets are free for Eastern students upon completion of a short survey; \$5

for other students and groups of 10 or more; \$12 for Eastern faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens; and \$20 for the general public.

To purchase tickets, please visit www.easterntct.showare.com/film2021

To see the festival trailer: <https://vimeo.com/646724739/ffcb053115>

For more information about this production please visit: <https://www.easterntct.edu/theatre/productions/film2021.html>

For any questions regarding the performance or ticket reservations, please contact the FAIC Box Office at (860) 465-5123 or email theatreboxoffice@easterntct.edu.

BOROUGH OF DANIELSON
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION
DECEMBER 1st – 7:00 pm

The Borough of Danielson invites all residents and businesses in the Borough of Danielson to a Public Engagement Session on December 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Danielson Fire Station 2nd floor meeting room located at 47 Academy Street, Danielson.

The purpose of the engagement session is to present information on the American Rescue Plan Act to the residents of the Borough. Suggestions from the residents on the usage of the funding received by the Borough of Danielson are welcomed while staying within the guidelines set by the United States Treasury.

We will also be hosting a Microsoft Teams Meeting for those residents that are unable to attend but would like to participate. Please contact the Borough Administrator at 860.428.0442 or by email to duchesneau.b@boroughofdanielson.org for information on how to join the meeting.

Local veterans invited to Breakfast with Santa

PUTNAM — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse invites all active duty military personnel and veterans with children ages eight and younger to come have breakfast with Santa Dec. 5 from 8-11 a.m. at the Putnam Elks Lodge, 64 Edmond St.

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High School Notebook

Eastern Connecticut Conference All-Stars announced



Photo Courtesy

Linsey Arends, the No. 1 runner on the Woodstock Academy girls' cross-country team, was named a Division I All-Star by the Eastern Connecticut Conference recently.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) recently announced its 2021 fall season — with the exception of football — honors. Coaches in each sport select the honorees and the awards in some sports, but

not all, include all-stars, honorable mentions, sportsmanship and scholar-athletes. Local athletes honored are listed below, by sport.

Girls Cross Country

Division I All-Star: Linsey Arends (senior) Woodstock

Academy; Julia Coyle (sophomore) Woodstock Academy.

Division I Honorable Mention: Carah Bruce (junior) Woodstock Academy; Lauren Brule (junior) Woodstock Academy; Leah Castle (senior) Woodstock Academy; Sydney Lord (junior) Woodstock Academy.

Division IV All-Star: Kiera O'Brien (senior) Tourtellotte; Audrey DiFilippo (sophomore) Tourtellotte.

Scholar-Athlete: Castle; O'Brien; Elizabeth Conway (sophomore) Killingly.

Sportsmanship: Lord; Audrey DiFilippo (sophomore) Tourtellotte.

Boys Cross Country
Division I All-Star: Ian Hoffman (senior) Woodstock Academy.

Division I Honorable

Mention: Vincente Bastura (junior) Woodstock Academy; Christian Menounos (freshman) Woodstock Academy.

Division II All-Star: Zalden Rukstela (sophomore) Killingly. Scholar-Athlete: Rukstela; Ethan Gardner (senior) Putnam; Jackson Santos (freshman) Tourtellotte; Seamus Lippy (senior) Woodstock Academy.

Sportsmanship: Bastura; Rukstela; Nathaniel Pearsall (freshman) Putnam.

Girls Volleyball

The Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) recently announced its 2021 girls' volleyball all-star and honorable mention award winners. Many players were recognized for their efforts on and off the court, including Woodstock Academy senior Aurissa Boardman, who was named to the ECC's Division I All-Star team.

Girls' Soccer

Division I First Team: Forward – Grace Gelhaus (junior) Woodstock Academy.

Division I Honorable Mention: Kayla Leite (sophomore) Woodstock Academy; Macy Rawson (freshman) Woodstock Academy.

Division II First Team: Defender – Sophia Moore (senior) Killingly.

Division II Honorable Mention: Laura Farquhar (sophomore) Killingly; Ayrn Nisbet (junior) Killingly.

Division IV First Team: Midfielder – Hanna Leclair (junior) Tourtellotte.

Division IV Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Minarik (senior) Tourtellotte; Peyton Richard (sophomore) Tourtellotte.

Boys' Soccer

Division II First Team: Defender – Noah Page (junior) Woodstock Academy.

Division II Honorable Mention: Midfielder – Manny Vidal (sophomore) Woodstock Academy.

Division III Honorable Mention: Forward – Ethan Lackner (junior) Killingly; Midfielder – J.R. Simoneau (senior) Killingly.

Division IV First Team: Defender – Karson Bates (senior) Putnam.

Division IV Honorable Mention: Midfielder – Jacob Benzie (junior) Putnam.

Field Hockey

First Team: Midfield – Aila Gutierrez (junior) Killingly; Goalie – Emma Barbeau (senior) Killingly.

Honorable mention: Offense – Hailey Radtke (senior) Killingly.

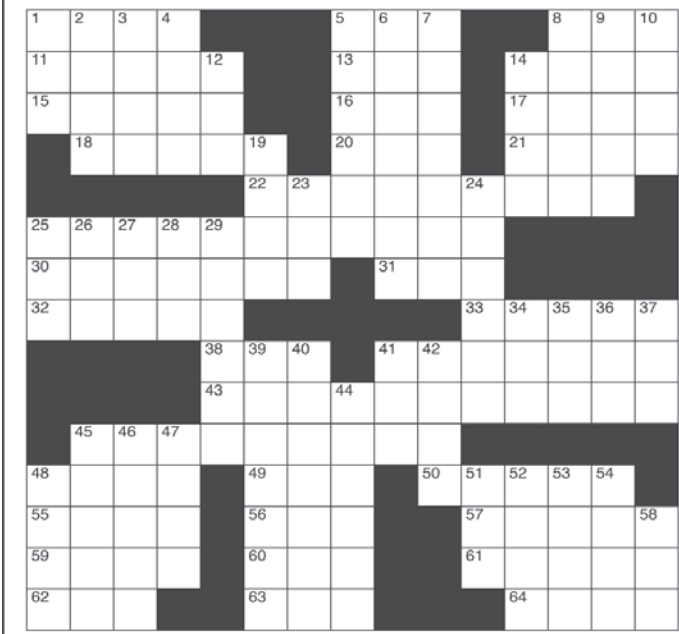
Sportsmanship: Rhiannon Martin (senior) Killingly; Elaina Borski (senior) Woodstock Academy.

Scholar-athlete: Lily Gutierrez (senior) Killingly; Sofia Murray (senior) Woodstock Academy.

In other news:

Prep Basketball

Woodstock Academy played its third Power 5 Conference Tip-Off Tournament game in three days and, after a slow start, picked things up in the second half to post their fifth straight win, 92-69, over visiting Bridgeport Prep, on Sunday, Nov. 14. Woodstock Academy put the game away with a 19-4 run to open the second half. Tyshawn Trail led the Centaurs with 20 points while center Jayden Webley added 14 points.

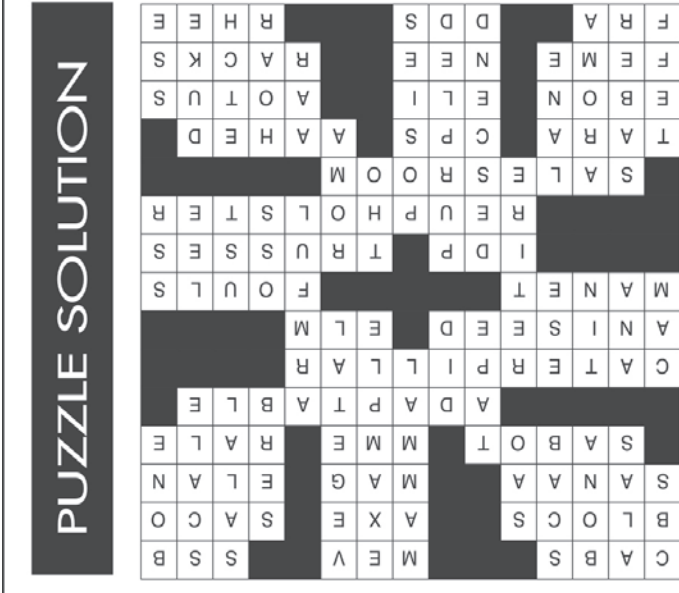


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
- 8. Single-strand break
- 11. Combinations of countries
- 13. Cutting tool
- 14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- 15. Actress Lathan
- 16. Chatter incessantly
- 17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Woman (French)
- 21. Abnormal rattling sound
- 22. Able to change
- 25. Future butterfly
- 30. Used in cooking and medicine
- 31. A street for nightmares
- 32. French modernist painter
- 33. Dishonors
- 38. Integrated data processing
- 41. Frameworks
- 43. Apply new materials
- 45. Where merch is displayed
- 48. American figure skater Lipinski
- 49. Cycles per second
- 50. Oohed and ____
- 55. Dark olive black
- 56. Peyton's little brother
- 57. Plant in the bean family
- 59. A wife: ____ covert
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arranges balls on the pool table
- 62. Title of Italian monk
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Dan Rather's old network
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. ____ fide (Latin)
- 4. Sign of healing
- 5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
- 6. Model
- 7. Of or relating to plants
- 8. Plant of the heath family
- 9. Where to weigh something
- 10. Internal structure
- 12. ____ Paulo, city
- 14. South Slavic person
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Have already done
- 24. As much as one can hold
- 25. Auburn legend Newton
- 26. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 27. Beloved dog Rin Tin ____
- 28. Midway between east and southeast
- 29. Call it a career
- 34. Former CIA
- 35. American time
- 36. Confederate general
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Travel downward
- 40. Made red-blue
- 41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
- 42. Capital of Italy
- 44. Small bunches of flowers
- 45. Calvary sword
- 46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
- 47. A well-defined track or path
- 48. Cereal used to make flour
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. Engrave
- 54. Famed men's basketball program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



Rachel Ullstrom signs with University of Richmond



THOMPSON, Conn. — Rachel Ullstrom, a Marianapolis senior from Auburn, signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the University of Richmond last Thursday.

As a student, athlete, captain, and leader on campus, Ullstrom has, as Kirsty Leedham, Girls' Varsity Basketball Head Coach, noted, "left her mark [...]" — in the classroom, on the cross country

team, on the basketball team, and, most recently, as a valuable member of the Campus Activities Board [...] Rachel is someone who has always led with her actions — bringing a positive attitude to whatever is in front of her, and serving as a role model to those around her. She encourages her peers, in and out of the classroom, and motivates them to push themselves out of their comfort zones."

Despite last season's scheduling limitations due to COVID-19, "Rachel smiled through it all and took everything she could gain from whatever it was we were doing. I am so excited to see her back out on the court wearing a Marianapolis jersey. [As the] first four-year player I've had the honor of coaching, she has spoiled me with her energy, her grit, her love for the game [...] I am so excited for her journey beyond this season as a Richmond Spider, but she has some business to take care of as a Golden Knight first!" proclaimed Leedham.

On signing with the University of Richmond, Ullstrom said, "As a child, I always dreamt of playing basketball in college, and I'm so grateful for this opportunity to play at Richmond. I'm looking forward to being able to play on such a successful team in the Atlantic 10, and to be coached by an amazing and accomplished coaching staff [...] I knew I wanted a college that prioritizes academics, as well as offers a successful basketball program. The University of Richmond offers both, as well as a beautiful campus and basketball facilities."

The University of Richmond, located in Richmond, Va., is a Division I school playing in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

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Day Kimball Healthcare receives \$25,000 from Putnam Plastics Corporation



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Putnam Plastics Corporation recently donated \$25,000 to support the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Fund at Day Kimball Hospital. Pictured left to right: Kristen Willis, Director of Development, Day Kimball Healthcare; Jayme Dandeneau, Oncology Nurse Navigator, Day Kimball Healthcare; Ryan Dandeneau, President, Putnam Plastics; Kyle Kramer, Chief Executive Officer, Day Kimball Healthcare; Jim Dandeneau, Chief Executive Officer, Putnam Plastics; Marci Seney, Manager of Marketing, Advertising, and Creative Services, Day Kimball Healthcare.

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare has received a \$25,000 donation, from Putnam Plastics Corporation, a leader in advanced extrusions and assemblies for minimally invasive medical devices headquartered in Dayville, to support the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Fund of Day Kimball Hospital

(DKH) for direct patient care and services. These funds will allow for enhancements to Day Kimball Hospital's Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center and will help support Caitlyn's Cupboard, a hospital-based food pantry established to address malnutrition and food insecurity

among patients treated in the Cancer Center. "Day Kimball prides itself on its ability to offer integrated, comprehensive care that is close to home," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "As you can imagine, it's even more critical for patients who are faced with a cancer diagnosis. This gift will assist us with enrichment of our cancer services by providing resources that allow us to continue investing in the latest technologies, equipment, and therapies, and give our talented and skilled team of professionals the necessary tools to accommodate patient volume and a diversity of patient procedures and services." "We're so grateful for this very generous gift in support of our cancer patients and the valued partnership that we've enjoyed with Jim Dandeneau and the Putnam Plastics team for more than two decades now," said Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. "We're honored to have been chosen as one their priorities and to join them in their ongoing commitment toward improving the quality of life in Northeast

Connecticut." Founded in 1984 by owner and Chief Executive Officer, Jim Dandeneau, Putnam Plastics has been providing polymer technologies to the medical device industry to improve the quality of life. Ryan Dandeneau, the current president of the family owned business is helping to take the company to greater heights while carrying forward the legacy of his father in more ways than one. "Putnam Plastics is happy to support DKH's Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Fund with this donation," said CEO, Jim Dandeneau. "Not only is our organization committed to manufacturing life-saving medical devices that can be found in medical facilities worldwide, but we are committed to supporting our community as well. The local oncology services provided by Day Kimball Hospital's Cancer Center is critical to many who live in the Northeast Connecticut area." The hematology/oncology unit at the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital brings together a group of specialists and medical services to provide comprehensive cancer diagnosis

and treatment right here in Northeast Connecticut. DKH's national accredited Cancer Care program exceeds the standards established by the Commission on Cancer. To learn more about cancer care at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit www.daykimball.org/cancercare. For more information about the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Fund, contact the DKH Development office at (860) 928-7141. 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 website is daykimball.org.

Killingly police attribute increased calls to “non-reportable” incidents

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – The town of Killingly has seen a sharp increase in police-related calls over the last year, a fact that doesn't surprise Town Manager Mary Calorio considering the impact of COVID-19 in 2020. Calorio presented law enforcement statistics to the Town Council during a Nov. 9 meeting where it was noted that calls increased by roughly 500 compared to the same quarter in 2020. Looking at the most recent quarter, Calorio noted that seven of Killingly's eight officers responded to a significant number of the local calls while the eight officer's numbers were lower because they are a school resource officer. "Last quarter, our crew handled a third of the overall calls, over 1,000 calls," said Calorio. "I know that they've been handling more complex investigations throughout this time period as well. We are definitely seeing that growing trend." However, it's not just the more intricate investigations that have the numbers up. After Town Council Chair Jason Anderson noted the roughly 500-call increase over the same quarter last year Calorio said this is a trend many law enforcement agencies are seeing due in part to individuals being more willing to get police involved in more minor disagreements. "I think all law enforcement across the board has been seeing an increase in calls. People are more readily wanting to call the police and bring police into interactions. They do have a lot more of a call volume and there's also been

more motor vehicle (calls). A lot more people are out on the roads, and they've been trying to do more enforcement," Calorio said. "There's a lower tolerance level, just in general. People have a much lower tolerance level and they're easily triggered to escalation and so law enforcement has been brought in more frequently." Council member Raymond Wood II, who works at the Basic Life Supervisor

for KB Ambulance, corroborated Colario's conclusions speaking from experience that his calls have also increased over the last year due in part to more minor incidents. "We have seen, especially in the last six months, a dramatic increase in call volumes for fire, EMS and police. We've all seen it. That's definitely part of it," Wood said. "Our police officers sometimes have to play referee between

neighbors and God bless them for it." While the numbers are up, it's also important to remember that the limitations of COVID-19 dramatically impacted the need for law enforcement interference in 2020. Calorio stressed that the increase is not a sign of a "crime wave" but that many of the incidents are deemed "non-reportable" with the vast majority of the calls simply being officers moderating civil disagreements.



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Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” opens Dec. 3 at Bradley Playhouse

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse has the perfect way to usher in the holiday season. Please join us as we present the beloved holiday tradition – “Irving Berlin’s White Christmas, The Musical.” The show opens Dec. 3 and runs for three weekends. You will have a White Christmas, no matter what the weather is outside.

Performances are Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students.

Irving Berlin wrote the music and lyrics for “White Christmas,” and the book was written by David Ives and Paul Blake. The show first appeared as a film in 1954, which starred Bing Crosby as Bob Wallace, Danny Kaye as Phil Davis, Rosemary

Clooney as Betty Haynes and Vera-Allen as Judy Haynes. The musical premiered in St. Louis in 2000.

After World War II, former servicemen Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song and dance act. They meet Betty and Judy Haynes, who are also singers, and follow them to their Christmas booking at an inn in Vermont, where they discover the establishment is owned by their former commanding officer, General Waverly. Business is not good, so the four decide, with the help of Martha and the General’s granddaughter, Susan, to put on a big show to draw in patrons and help the General. Of course, there is plenty of singing and dancing, with a little romance thrown in for good measure.

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formance of “White Christmas” is co-directed by Tonya Leigh Brock and Madeline Jaaskela. Diane Pollard is the Music Director, and Keri Danner is the Choreographer. Dan Healy appears as Bob Wallace and Jon Simmons is Phil Davis. Playing their romantic interests are Christine Healy as Betty Haynes and Brenna Griswold as Judy Haynes. General Waverly is played by Mike Griswold, LaDelle Arnold is his concierge, Martha, and his granddaughter, Susan, is played by Sophie Marcus. They are supported by an enthusiastic singing and dancing ensemble.

For the safety of patrons, cast, crew and volunteers, The Bradley Playhouse is following the Covid protocol accepted by most local entertainment venues. Proof of vaccination or

negative Covid test must be provided to gain entry, and masks must be worn at all times. For more detailed information please view our full Covid Policy on our website or contact us at 860-928-7887.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made with a major credit card online at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling 860-928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance, or at the door if available. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is always a good idea.



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Laurie Neal as Rhoda, Jon Simmons as Phil Davis and Shannon Casey as Rita.

NOW & Grill 37 Cooking Clinic powered by Putnam Area Foundation



PUTNAM — On Monday, Nov. 15, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) partnered with Chef Ian of Grill 37 to host a Free Family Dinner & Healthy Cooking Exposition powered by the Putnam Area Foundation. The evening began with a complimentary family dinner followed by a cooking demonstration and question and answer segment for adults with Chef

Ian. While parents were learning how to utilize an entire chicken for multiple different meals, children ages two to 14 worked with the NOW staff and volunteers building baked stuffed apples and veggie pizzas. This event was limited to 12 families of any size, totaling more than 40 people.

Following the family dinner, a drawing took place for one lucky family to

win the event door prize of a brand-new Crockpot. All of the families left the demonstration with a \$25 gift card to purchase the ingredients needed to replicate the yummy and healthy family-friendly dinners that Chef Ian demonstrated. Families were also given a healthy recipe packet and educational materials regarding childhood nutrition, health, and wellness.

NOW Executive Director, Tayler Shea, commented, “I am beyond grateful for Chef Ian of Grill 37 for donating his time and knowledge while welcoming all of the families into his restaurant and the Putnam Area Foundation for funding this event and making it possible.” Shea continued “Children and families were given a unique opportunity at this clinic to form bonds with other families over a delicious dinner, learn new healthy cooking habits, and head home with the resources needed to begin implementing these healthy habits.”

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.

Photos from the NOW & Grill 37 Healthy Cooking Clinic were captured and provided by Valentine Iamartino, NOW Board Member.

For more information on future events and programs offered by NOW, visit www.NOWinMotion.org.

Hard-fought but fun trivia contest nets \$7,500

PUTNAM — The Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club’s 9th annual Trivia Night tip toed through the decades, had fun, but more importantly raised \$7,500 recently.

The funds go toward five \$1,000 scholarships, according to Rotaract President Elle Goslin.

The highly competitive, yet fun-filled event also provides donations to local nonprofits.

The event had 15 teams ranging from 5-8 members, raffle baskets donated by local businesses and residents, and

decade-themed trivia.

Goslin said, “We are blown away by the success of this event since it was the first one back in person since 2019. We want to thank all of our sponsors, Tayler Shea and Shannon Fagan (Trivia Night co-chairs), our entire QVR Rotaract club, and our fantastic trivia teams; without them, this event would have never happened. We cannot wait until next year’s 10th Annual Trivia Night!”

Winners included:
1st place: The Decade Destroyers

(Deanne Fagan, Shawn Fagan, Karen Hayes, Steve Hayes, Tina Chahanovich, and Steve Chahanovich)

2nd place: Swamp Yankees – the Putnam Rotary Club (from left: Scott Pempek, Fred Chmura, Rande Chmura, Jake Dykeman, Elizabeth Williams, Joelle Guillot and Steve Adams).

3rd place: Members Only (James Newman, Chris Viens, Kim Newman,

Jessica Gervais, Brent Bussey, Danny Perez, Lauren Perez.

Costume Contest Winner: Byrnes Broads

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First place team The Decade Destroyers (Deanne Fagan, Shawn Fagan, Karen Hayes, Steve Hayes, Tina Chahanovich, and Steve Chahanovich).

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Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? In school, they taught us in 1621, the Pilgrims and the indigenous people of North America became friends. They had a big dinner with Jennie-O Turkey, Stove Top stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, followed by a generous portion of Marie Callender's pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream... oops, I think I got that wrong... Forgive me if you've heard this story before. I didn't know the details until researching this week's edition. In 1620, one hundred and twenty English and Dutch religious separatists hoped to find religious freedom and new

opportunities by sailing to The New World. Along their way, they fought against freezing temperatures, very high winds, and seas so high they had to turn the ship to face the wind to slow the boat down. Below the deck were cramped quarters, with all of them living in a space the size of a tennis court, only eating hard biscuits, dried meat, and beer which equaled about four hundred calories a day. The pilgrims were treated like cargo and only allowed up top to catch a little fresh air occasionally. At Many points throughout the three-thousand-mile trip, they thought they would die. The voyage lasted sixty-six days, and they arrived in Massachusetts Bay. Upon landfall, they found an abandoned Native American Village of the Patuxet tribe that was wiped out from smallpox spread by earlier contact with Europeans. They decided to make this place their home

since it was already built for human habitation. During their first winter, they lost half of their numbers, including thirty women of childbearing age; only around fifty remained. After the winter passed, a young Native American walked into their village and said, "Welcome!" His name was Samoset, and remarkably he spoke broken English! Samoset knew a Native American named Squanto who spoke English very well. It turns out that Squanto was a Patuxet, spoke perfect English with a British accent. He was kidnapped by Captain Thomas Hunt in 1614 and sold as a slave to the Spanish. He was brought to Spain and eventually to England, where he may have met Pocahontas. Finally, he came back to his homeland, and to his horror, found the Patuxet people were wiped out by smallpox. The pilgrims didn't know how to survive in their new

surroundings. If it had not been for the kindness and generosity of Squanto, who taught the pilgrims how to live off the land, they wouldn't have made it through another winter. Imagine how grateful they were for Squanto; he was an answer to their prayers. Squanto could have easily hated them and had them killed or let them die out of spite for being kidnapped by a British sea captain and sold into slavery, but instead, he had compassion and helped them; what a great man he was. Exactly Four Hundred years ago, in 1621, the colonists and Native Americans celebrated the first Thanksgiving. Because of Squanto, the colonists had a successful harvest; out of gratitude, they invited Squanto and a nearby tribe known as the Wampanoag to celebrate. For three days, Squanto, the Wampanoags, and the colonists ate a feast of deer, birds, corn, and more. The real hero of

Thanksgiving is Squanto, who taught us that when we forgive and help each other survive, racial division can fall away. Even though hardships remain, I'd venture a guess that very few of us have endured what our early ancestors endured on their sail to the new world, what the African American ancestors endured during the era of slavery, what the Native American ancestors went through during the Native American wars with the US Government, and the many hardships all of our ancestors have faced of all races. Even the poorest among us live in abundance when compared to them. This Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to be thankful for what we have and recognize the Squanto's in our own lives who taught us to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!

United Services celebrates long serving staff with annual dinner

WOODSTOCK — After a COVID hiatus last year, United Services once again recognized long-serving staff and welcomed new board members with its Annual Dinner Thursday at The Mansion at Bald Hill. United Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning reflected on the tumultuous past two years, which has brought record increases to United Services behavioral health programs, and recognized the agency's staff and board for their creativity and innovation to continue to serve the community. United Services is the non-profit, community-based outpatient behavioral health center and Local Mental Health Authority for northeastern Connecticut. The agency operates more than 30 programs under its one administration, including outpatient mental health and addiction services, parenting and family programs, youth programs, crisis programs, domestic violence programs and community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1964, United Services marked its 57th anniversary this year. "Meeting our communities' needs has always been at the heart of everything we do," said United Services President/CEO Diane Manning. "In northeastern Connecticut, that has always required creativity and innovation, and luckily for us we have a board and a staff that are always ready to answer that call." United Services elected new board leadership for the 2021-22 year as well as five new members at its annual meeting Wednesday. United Services' new board leadership includes chairman Diane Sauer of Storrs, and vice chairman Peter Manilow of Willington. Carol Kent of Canterbury will continue to serve as the



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United Services recognized several staff for their longevity with the agency at its annual dinner next week. Photographed from left are United Services President/CEO Diane Manning, Technology and Security Manager Joshua Wolfburg, Client Access Specialist Cheryl Vargas, Executive Assistant Lydia Basnight, Director of Information and Technology Joshua Longiaru, Clinical Informatics Manager Zachary Dauphinais and Senior VP/CFO Rob DeVerna. board's treasurer and Linda Parsons of Brooklyn will be the new board secretary. Newly elected to the United Services Board of Directors were Kevin Bernier of Woodstock, Dr. Roland Lupien of Dayville, Dr. Carlita Cotton of Mansfield Center, Christopher Dooley of Brooklyn and Terry Berthelot of Mansfield. Returning board members include Terri Pearsall of Putnam, John Deary of Pomfret Center, Anne

Konczakowski of Windham, Michael Turano of Canterbury, Jeanne Nuhfer of Columbia, Sandra Flores-Gonzales of Glastonbury, Valentine Iamartino of Thompson, and Stephanie Harrington of Chaplin. United Services also honored retiring board members Idun and Preston Green of Eastford and Todd Pearsall of Woodstock, all of whom served six years on the board. United Services staff were honored

for their long-standing service to the organization. As the agency did not hold an annual dinner in 2020, longevity recipients for the past two years were honored Thursday. Celebrating 25 years was Physician's Assistant Jackie Wackerman. Celebrating 20 years with the agency were: Executive Assistant Lydia Basnight, Senior VP/CFO Rob DeVerna, Case Manager Teresa Ducharme, Windham Area Support Services Manager Sandra Pambuku, Case Manager Kerrie Sisavat and Client Access Specialist Cheryl Vargas. Director of Information and Technology Joshua Longiaru, Medical Records Secretary Denyse Jones, Child Advocate Patti-Sue Brown, Community Living Counselor Debra Sullivan and Family Services Manager Tina DuVall all marked 15 years with the agency. United Services also recognized 14 employees who have been with the agency for five and 10 years. About United Services, Inc. United Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit and comprehensive behavioral health center, creating healthy communities throughout northeast Connecticut for more than 55 years by providing psychosocial, behavioral health, chemical abuse, primary care, care coordination, wellness and prevention services to the community, and employee assistance program services for business and industry. With 12 locations and a staff of more than 200, United Services operates more than 30 separate behavioral health programs, including the only domestic violence shelter for women and children in the region. United Services, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit www.UnitedServicesCT.org.

Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair back in person

POMFRET — The annual Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair is back in person for 2021. It will be held on Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christ Church in Pomfret, one mile south of the Vanilla Bean on Route 169. Masks will be required inside to ensure community safety. The Saint Nicholas Fair is well known for offering holiday gifts at great prices and supporting many area charities and agencies. There will also be an On-line Silent Auction Nov. 17 – Dec. 1. Auction purchases should be picked up in person at the Fair on Dec. 4. If you want to shop local this year and give back to your community, visit the Saint Nicholas Fair both online and in person.

Last year, the Silent Auction raised more than \$6,000 to support community outreach. Auction items this year include gift certificates donated by local businesses and numerous other items to bid on. You can also purchase take-out lunch items for pick up on Dec. 4. The auction is accessible at www.biddingowl.com/ChristChurchPomfret. It goes live Nov. 17 at noon and closes on Dec. 1 at noon. There will be no sit-down luncheon at the Fair this year, but take-out is available for delicious Chicken Salad, Potato Leek Soup, and Chili, while supplies last (pre-orders through online auction are encouraged). The In-Person Fair features

holiday gifts for everyone on your list! This year, gift booths will include a Holiday Bakery, Chocolate Extravaganza, Vermont Cheese, Cookie Booth, Crafts, a Bottle Board, the Toy Box, gently used items at the "Give It Again" booth, plus holiday plants and wreaths. All proceeds from the Saint

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Thanksgiving through the years

From 1621 to the present, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren't many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving, however one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp) and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment," wrote Henry David Thoreau in 1856.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A rallying cry for the dissatisfied

To the Editor:

So now there's the chants of [expletive] Joe Biden (a.k.a. "Let's Go Brandon!") being heard across the nation that has become the cry of the dissatisfied. But of course, none of the same was ever directed at President Trump, right? One good example of that is when squad member Rashida Tlaib said: "We are going to impeach that [expletive]"... but just overlook that.

I do agree that profane signage that can be seen by children crosses the line, but isn't also the sexually explicit (LGBTQ) books and literature that's being shown in (certain) schools today? But pay no attention to that either. And please don't be concerned about what your kids are now being taught in schools, don't think that you have any say in their education, and don't dare speak out against it at school board meetings unless you want to be labeled as a "domestic terrorist" by Biden's idiot Attorney General (Garland) and possibly face investigation by the FBI.

It was said over and over (in editorials here) that Donald Trump was the reason for a national divide, but how about the Biden regime? And wasn't one of Biden's campaign promises that he was going to get covid under control? How many of you fell for that line, and are we now going to blame the Delta variant and the fact that vaccinated people are getting covid on Trump? Say what you want about the issue, but you'll never convince me that forced vaccine mandates causing people to lose their jobs, along with the actions of AG Garland aren't fueling that divide.

Offense was taken when Ned Lamont was called a dictator and compared to Hitler, but that was, of course, okay when the same was directed at President Trump. Like investigating the American people who speak out at school board meetings and forcing people to get a shot against their will isn't something a dictator would do?

And please get over your Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) already! Trump isn't the president anymore, and if you really believe that Biden's never told a lie,

I have a bridge to sell you. The Biden administration has done absolutely nothing about the border crisis, they've strained relations with our overseas allies, they've armed the Taliban, and I suppose we shouldn't be concerned about what effect this record inflation will have on us. I'd also like to know how many of you are mindlessly buying into this fantasy that everything they propose will be totally paid for by somebody else? Yup, blame the Republicans all you want for being obstructionists, but yet again, just ignore the fact that the Democrats constantly did the same to Donald Trump. Also, don't bother mentioning the dissatisfied democrats fighting against Biden's inflationary policies and that a bunch of them won't be seeking mid-term reelection.

Is a red wave coming in the 2022 midterm elections? (You've seen the results of this November's elections.) It didn't take long, but it's evident that the American people have already had enough of the damage caused by the Biden administration, the Democratic party, the left and their woke garbage, them constantly playing the race card and blaming white supremacy, this multiple gender nonsense, cancel culture, and of them trying to tell us what we can or cannot say or do. Is there any wonder that Biden's approval rating is at an all-time low, and that a worthless Kamala Harris's is even lower? Yes, there's now definitely a cry of the dissatisfied - and it's here to stay and it's going to get a lot louder - Let's Go Brandon!

So before you Biden/Democrat party cheerleaders make that mad-dash run to the keyboard to make your rah-rah-rah responses, you need to check out Bill Maher's "The Messaging Czar: A message to Democrats." Watch it and you'll also be thanking Mr. Maher for "telling it like it is."

I'll now digress and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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NORTH GROSVENDOR DALE

Does that apply to blood drives?

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the Killingly Schools Board of Education shamefully voted down a much needed vaccine clinic that was to be held at the high school on Friday the 19th.

Opponents of the clinic cited many reasons why it should not be held, many directly out of the QAnon handbook. It seems that national politics and ideology has breached our local governments and clouded the rational and critical thinking of many of these folks. Killingly has one of the highest transmission rates per capita of Covid in the entire state. Killingly is also one of the poorest towns in the state (last ranking was 164 out of 178). This clinic would have served hundreds of underserved and low income citizens in the area.

The arguments against the clinic were chock full of misinformation and lies, but one argument in particular stood out to me when a local parent (I am assuming) stood up and said that "medical procedures do

not belong in our schools." An interesting argument, considering we consistently have blood drives at the high school. That being said, I am officially proposing we disallow all future blood drives in any of our schools moving forward. If holding a vaccine clinic at the high school will, as one public speaker put it "apply pressure to students to get the vaccine", then surely having these blood drives is applying pressure to those same students to donate blood...and my God we don't want that.

I trust the Board of Education in Killingly will take this matter seriously and add it to a future agenda and put it up for public discussion. After all, we need to do everything we can to continue to make Killingly the laughing stock of the entire state.

RICK MILLER
DANIELSON

Gift spring blooms for the holiday



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Give the gift of spring this winter to gardeners and non-gardeners alike. A pot of tulips, daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs is sure to brighten a dreary winter day and elevate the recipient's mood.

Spring flowering bulbs need 12 to 15 weeks of temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees to initiate flowering. This happens naturally in areas with cold winters. Bulbs are planted in the fall, receive the chill they need, and add welcome color to the spring garden.

Those in warmer climates, typically zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill bulbs that don't need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.

No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate

a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix, and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener's Supply Company's Months of Bloom. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright location to extend their bloom time. Once the plants are done blooming, you can add them to the compost pile.

For those that prefer to enjoy them a second season and beyond, provide some post-flowering care. Remove the faded flowers and move the container to a sunny window. Keep watering thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it's a great way to extend



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the enjoyment of a holiday gift.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Hospitality

For the first time in ages, friends stayed overnight at our home. I enjoy getting the guest room ready, planning meals and things to do during their stay. I look at their room with a critical eye and make a note to buy some better towels. I search for pet hair or dead ladybugs and wonder why I never sleep in the room. Hospitality has a long history in human relationships and as we step up, once again, after a long hiatus, there is a moment to consider the guest, the hosts and the times we have been one or the other. We are in the season of hospitality.

Most cultures value hospitality. The Bible has a number of verses about entertaining guests, who perhaps might be angels. The sacrament of sharing bread and wine is on the surface a form of hospitality. Eastern cultures treat guests with great care and share as much as they can. The Odyssey is brimming with examples of hospitality extended to Odysseus as he makes his journey home. A friend tells of the kindness of strangers when she made a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. The best moments of hospitality, both giving and receiving, are unexpected.

My husband and I were guests recently at a hotel in West Hartford. It is rather swish, but mid-week not too pricey. We arrived after a lovely meal in Litchfield and found that the clerk would not get off the phone to check us in or make eye contact. Sometimes when there is less business, people become less hospitable. They lose the flow of welcoming and fall back into their individual pursuits. All the amenities in the world don't make up for human attention.

I had a small glimpse of the pressure of the "hospitality business" when we turned one of the houses on our former residence, an antique farm, into a B&B years ago. My husband assured me that there was a tax advantage, but for me it was sheer terror. When a guest arrived, I wanted to hide under the dining room table. I was certain the place was not clean enough, comfortable enough or met their unknown expectations. For some people, I was right. I compared myself to Janet McCobb, once the owner of Cobbscroft. She was the quintessential hostess of a country B&B.

Our friend, recently widowed, needed a change of pace. We found hospitality everywhere. From Dan Nagy at Watercure, who offered an impromptu tour of his distillery, to Jill and Kurt at Sharpe Hill Vineyard, who shared thoughts and tasty wine, to elegant Anja, where Frank Racette greeted us with a song he always plays for me, she experienced real hospitality. We were in public places, but the vibe was personal.

My daughters reminded me that sometimes extending hospitality is hard when one is young and raising children, but in my memories, those were often the happiest times. Everyone was eager for a break from the demands of daily life and a dinner party or a weekend elsewhere was a gift from heaven. It was time to experiment with "fancy dishes", often Julia Child's, and haul out the wedding china. I hope when everyone is vaccinated these moments return.

Hospitality goes both ways. One needn't be a gourmet cook to have people over. Order pizza. A small house is often the coziest and no one needs to play one-upmanship. If you are invited over, just return the invitation, even if it feels intimidating.

The holidays are about light overcoming darkness. Real hospitality is the hallmark of the season.



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NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A step toward sanity

To the Editor:
Short and sweet!
Nov. 19, 2021: Today, our country has taken a step back toward sanity and hope for our justice system. Lady Liberty has lifted her lamp a little high-

Killingly voters just got the bait and switch

To the Editor:
On Tuesday, Nov. 16, Killingly voters took to the polls once again just two weeks after general elections. This time, the town was voting on a Capital Budget Referendum to bond \$27.8 million to move the Community Center to the 79 Westfield Ave. (old high school) location which would also, undergo major required renovations. Or so that's what was sold.
No more than 36 hours after the referendum was passed, Town Council Chair Jason Anderson was at the Killingly Board of Education meeting, asking for \$100,000 from the school's non-lapsing account for repairs to the Westfield Ave. elevator. As I watched the meeting, I, along with almost every member of the BoE, was shocked and confused. "Didn't we just ask taxpayers to pay for that yesterday?"
Mr. Anderson went on to explain there are "many other parts of the building that could use work," were not included in the \$27.8 million dollar price tag. What? When questioned, he advised it was determined that elevator repair would be excluded from the proposal. Why? What else was excluded? Textbook bait and switch.
The taxpayers of Killingly were led to

er, and it glows a little brighter toward the goal this great republic was founded on-- freedom, liberty and justice for all!
SHELIA-ANN BURNS
THOMPSON

believe that the \$27.8 million price tag included all the renovations required to Westfield Ave. to maintain its future use. That's what was presented in the four WINY talk show appearances, and three public meetings. Why didn't the town manager specifically identify the other parts of the Westfield Ave. that could use work, not included in the price tag, but would need funds for repair? Taxpayers deserve to know why, and what else was excluded that the town will be asking taxpayers to fund.
Which comes to my last point. Why is the town trying to take money from the school's budget to try cover gaps in their proposal? Does the town believe because the schools have a balance in their non-lapsing fund, they're entitled to it? I mean, it's not like our schools couldn't use it to help pay better salaries for paraprofessionals, bus drivers, teachers, staff etc. I mean, it's not like Killingly High School has a history of retention issues, transportation issues, below average graduation rates, test scores, and cost per student funding...

ANDREW LUNEAU
DANIELSON

The 'innocent' party is now the last one standing

To the Editor:
Much of the world views America as a violent place, and Americans as hot headed cowboys where mass murders seem to be the norm, and where guns are worshipped as a God given right (find this one in the Bible, please). Last week's exoneration of Kyle Rittenhouse serves only to bolster this argument.
In this case, a 17 year old with no experience in law enforcement, crowd control, or conflict mediation is allowed to carry an AK-47 in the midst of a chaotic crowd protest on the pretext of protecting complete strangers' property and then shooting three people killing two of them. How can this possibly be condoned?
Sure, we can see the first victim baiting the poor teenager who could have simply turned and walked away. A police officer would have pointed his gun and issued a warning. But in the case, Mr. Rittenhouse stood his ground, as is his right under Wisconsin state law, and then discharged his firearm when Mr. Rosenbaum lunged at him.
But what of the next two victims? Mr. Rittenhouse took off. The two concerned citizens, having just witnessed what to them appeared to be a cold blooded murder, tried to disarm what to them was a dangerous assailant. One was killed and the other wounded and a jury accepted this based on the law. But what kind of society can stand by such a rule?
In the future, if one should witness a shooting, it would then give pause to whether one should just let shooter run off and potentially attack someone else. Pursue them and risk becoming the guilty party under the law. What would have been the legal result if one of Mr. Rittenhouse's pursuers, who also had a gun of his own, shot the teen and called it self defense because the latter was pointing his rifle?
Then there is the case of Ahmaud Arbery. The defense is using a similar strategy. Here, an unarmed young man is out for an afternoon jog when a truck with two men tries to run him off the

road. One gets out with a gun. Ahmaud tries to get the gun away and is shot dead. The shooter is arguing he feared for his own life. I don't know about you, but if a stranger points a gun at me and if I had the chance, I would do the same thing. Apparently, the dead cannot have feared for their lives.
It would seem that the only innocent person is the last one standing with the smoking gun. And with stand your ground laws, anyone who literally or figuratively feels threatened is under the law allowed to use lethal force.
So now we can have teenagers armed with military assault weapons freely roaming the streets. Individuals too young to smoke or drink or vote or to serve in the armed forces. Those too young to even purchase a gun themselves, but can be given one by someone older. No need for a background check. They can be unsupervised. We are expected to respect a child's judgment should they kill. What if two of them faced off against one another? The victor could just claim to be the victim.
I find it inconceivable that the founding fathers believed that Americans carrying machine guns on the streets was advantageous to our country. Murders then were rare, and mass murders non-existent. Weapons were needed as part of a local militia to protect against both foreign and potential domestic forces as a failsafe to prevent an infant republic from being co-opted by a nefarious government. And hunting will always be part of our culture.
The Kyle Rittenhouse decision makes America a much more dangerous place. It gives credence to any nut job of any age playing Rambo. The devil has been unleashed. We are becoming a first world country with third world streets, where anyone with no formal training can carry any weapon they choose, either in secret or in the open, and using it as they see fit.
God help us.

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Top year-end investment tips

Just what you need, right? One more time-consuming task to be taken care of between now and the end of the year. But taking a little time out from the holiday chores to make some strategic saving and investing decisions before Dec. 31 can affect not only your long-term ability to meet your financial goals but also the amount of taxes you'll owe next April.
Look at the forest, not just the trees
The first step in your year-end investment planning should be a review of your overall portfolio to see if you need to rebalance. If one type of investment has done well, it might now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you originally intended. To rebalance, you would sell some of that asset class and use that money to buy other types of investments to bring your overall allocation back to an appropriate balance. Your overall review should also help you decide whether that rebalancing should be done before or after Dec. 31 for tax reasons.
Also make sure your asset allocation is still appropriate for your time horizon and goals. You might consider being a bit more aggressive if you're not meeting your financial targets, or more conservative if you're getting closer to retirement.

Know when to hold 'em
When contemplating a change in your portfolio, don't forget to consider how long you've owned each investment. Assets held for a year or less generate short-term capital gains, which are taxed as ordinary income. Depending on your tax bracket, your ordinary income tax rate could be much higher than the long-term capital gains rate, which applies to the sale of assets held for more than a year.
For example, as of tax year 2021, the top marginal tax rate is 37 percent, which applies to any annual taxable income over \$523,600 (\$628,300 for married individuals filing jointly). By contrast, long-term capital gains are generally taxed at special capital gains tax rates of 0 percent, 15 percent, and 20 percent, depending on your taxable income. (Long-term gains on collectibles are different; those are taxed at 28

percent.)
Your holding period can also affect the treatment of qualified stock dividends, which are taxed at the more favorable long-term capital gains rates. You must have held the stock at least 61 days within the 121-day period that starts 60 days before the stock's ex-dividend date; preferred stock must be held for 91 days within a 181-day window. The lower rate also depends on when and whether your shares were hedged or optioned.
Know where to hold 'em
Think about which investments make sense to hold in a tax-advantaged account and which might be better for taxable accounts. For example, it's generally not a good idea to hold tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds, in a tax-deferred account (e.g., a 401(k), IRA, or SEP). Doing so provides no additional tax advantage to compensate you for tax-free investments' typically lower returns, and generally turns that tax-free income into income that's taxable at ordinary income tax rates when it's withdrawn.
Similarly, if you have mutual funds that trade actively and therefore generate a lot of short-term capital gains, it may make sense to hold them in a tax-advantaged account to defer taxes on those gains, which can occur even if the fund itself has a loss. Finally, when deciding where to hold specific investments, keep in mind that distributions from a tax-deferred retirement plan don't qualify for the lower tax rate on capital gains and dividends.
Make lemonade from lemons
Now is the time to consider the tax consequences of any capital gains or losses you've experienced this year. Though tax considerations shouldn't be the primary driver of your investing decisions, there are steps you can take before the end of the year to minimize any tax impact of your investing decisions.
If you have realized capital gains from selling securities at a profit (congratu-



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lations!) and you have no tax losses carried forward from previous years, you can sell losing positions to avoid being taxed on some or all of those gains. Any losses over and above the amount of your gains can be used to offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income (\$1,500 for a married person filing separately) or carried forward to reduce your taxes in future years. Selling losing positions for the tax benefit they will provide next April is a common financial practice known as "harvesting your losses."
Time any trades appropriately
If you're selling to harvest losses in a stock or mutual fund and intend to repurchase the same security, make sure you wait at least 31 days before buying it again. Otherwise, the trade is considered a "wash sale," and the tax loss will be disallowed. The wash sale rule also applies if you buy an option on the stock, sell it short, or buy it through your spouse within 30 days before or after the sale.
If you have unrealized losses that you want to capture but still believe in a specific investment, there are a couple of strategies you might think about. If you want to sell but don't want to be out of the market for even a short period, you could sell your position at a loss, then buy a similar exchange-traded fund (ETF) that invests in the same asset class or industry. Or you could double your holdings, then sell your original shares at a loss after 31 days. You'd end up with the same position, but would have captured the tax loss.
If you're buying a mutual fund or an ETF in a taxable account, find out when it will distribute any dividends or capital gains. Consider delaying your purchase until after that date, which often is near year-end. If you buy just before the distribution, you'll owe taxes this year on that money, even if your own shares haven't appreciated. And if you plan to sell a fund anyway, you may help reduce taxes by selling before the distribution date.

Before buying a mutual fund or ETF, don't forget to consider carefully its investment objectives, risks, fees, and expenses, which can be found in the prospectus available from the fund. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.
Work with a financial professional to guide your short-term investment decisions and long-term financial strategy
There's a lot to consider when it comes to year-end investment planning, and even more when creating a solid long-term financial strategy. You'll also need to watch for any upcoming changes to the tax code that could have an impact on your 2021 taxes. It's best to work with a trusted financial professional who can advise you on the best course of action for your particular situation, needs and goals.
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North Grosvenordale resident to have role in Dean College production “I Hate Hamlet”

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Liv Cunha of North Grosvenordale has earned the role of Assistant Stage Manager in the Dean College production of “I Hate Hamlet,” beginning Thursday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 5.
Andrew Rally, a young and successful television actor, relocates to New York, where he rents a marvelous, gothic apartment. With his television career in limbo, Rally is offered the opportunity to play Hamlet onstage, but there's one problem: He hates Hamlet. His dilemma deepens with the entrance of the

ghost of actor John Barrymore, who arrives intoxicated and in full costume to the apartment that once was his. In this play by award-winning author Paul Rudnik, the contrast between the two actors, the dissipated Barrymore, whose Hamlet was the greatest of his time, and Rally, the television star, leads to a wildly funny duel over women, art, success, duty, television, and yes, the apartment.
“I Hate Hamlet” is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The Dean College production of “I Hate Hamlet” will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central St., Franklin, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
Dean College welcomes families and guests over the age of 12 to all our performances, provided patrons have complied with all COVID-19 safety guidelines, including masking indoors and showing proof of vaccination.
To learn more about the show and all

safety policies, and to purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.
Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

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Robert W. White, Jr., 61

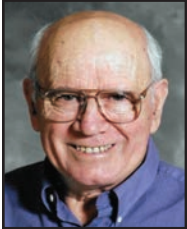
OXFORD – Robert W. White, Jr., 61, of Bird Court, died Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, after being stricken ill at home. He was predeceased by his wife, Linda S. (Bylund) White of Oxford who died in 2017. He is survived by two sons, Neil R. White and his girlfriend Kerri Connors of Danielson, CT, and Chad M. White of Oxford; his mother, Carol A. (Skeates) White of Oxford; his brother and best friend, David P. White and his fiancée Michelle Broadard of Webster; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Robert W. White Sr., and lived in Oxford for many years and Dudley for 10 years, before moving



back to Oxford in 2006. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1978. Mr. White was a baker at Automatic Rolls of New England for over 25 years, retiring in 2017 to care for his son, Chad. He loved the outdoors, working in his yard and was an avid NASCAR fan. He enjoyed all of the Boston sports teams. Most important in his life was his family, and he will be lovingly remembered as a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend to many people. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Monday, November 22, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Life Skills, 44 Morris St., Webster, MA 01570

Raymond A. Laporte, 86

Putnam – Raymond A. Laporte, 86, of Putnam, CT passed away gently in his sleep on Wednesday, November 10th in Putnam. He was the beloved husband of Claire (Charron) Laporte. Born in Moosup, CT, he was the son of the late Frederick Laporte and Alphonsine (Belanger) Laporte. Ray was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather who always placed others' needs before his own. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Michael, his wife, Gail, and their two sons, Gino and Gianni. He was always thankful for two supportive brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law and loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Arlene (Laporte) Vezina, and three brothers, Francis, Donald, and Richard. He attended All Hallows School and Plainfield High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served aboard two heavy cruisers, the USS Newport News CA 148 and the USS Salem CA 139, the flagship of the 6th fleet in the Mediterranean. After his Naval service, he worked



as a surveyor for William Pike of Danielson. He was then employed by the State of CT Highway Department for 22 years. During Michael's youth, Ray was a manager in Putnam Little League and was active in St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 21 as the Charter Representative. He also volunteered in the food booth at St. Mary's Circle of Fun during its first 17 years. Since the day he married Claire, he was a constant worshiper at St. Mary's Church and was a greeter there for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 13 and an Honorary Life Member of Cargill Council #64, Knights of Columbus and had a passion for golf. Favorite pastimes were watching the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots, UCONN Women, playing word games, and meeting friends for morning coffee. Ray loved to travel and take cruises having traveled in Europe, Greece, the Caribbean, Canada, and extensively throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, but his favorite destination was to Phoenix to see his grandsons. Services for Raymond are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

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Grace L. Marcy, 94

Putnam – Grace L. (Letters) Marcy, 94, of Charles St., formerly of Woodstock, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2021, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She is the loving wife of the late Donald Marcy who died on May 5, 2005. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Frank H. and Tempest (Smith) Letters. Mrs. Marcy worked as an operator for the Bell Telephone Company for many years. Grace was a member of the Congregational Church of Putnam. She loved to play the organ, sing, read, work in her garden, knitting and loved her special cockatoo, Charlie Brown. Grace is survived by her brother, Ralph Letters of MI; her sister-in-law Barbara Paige of Woodstock; her neph-



ews William Halford Letters of VT; Frank Gardner Letters, of UT; David Brandon Letters, of Michigan; her niece Patti Noren of Woodstock and nephew Jeffrey Paige, also Scott & Pam Redfield and Christine Hart Matte, and many great grand nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Funeral Service in the Congregational Church of Putnam, 175 Main St., Putnam at 10:30a.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Burial will follow in Grove Street Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. Memorial donations in Grace's memory may be made to the Congregational Church of Putnam, P.O. Box 463, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy S. Morrison

East Hartford - Nancy S. Morrison passed away peacefully on November 9, 2021 at Hartford Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born in Oak Park, Illinois on April 22, 1926 to George Sutherland and Hazel (Morganweck) Sutherland. Nancy attended Washington College in Maryland and graduated from Eastern Connecticut State College with a degree in teaching. She married the late Dr. John E. Morrison in 1947 until his death in 1980. Nancy and John lived in Vienna Austria for several years and resided in Norwich, CT for 30 years before Nancy moved to Pomfret, CT in 1985. She is predeceased by 3 sisters and 3 brothers including her twin brother George and her Daughter Alice Ligourie. She is survived by her children Mary Jo Morrison, Laura Morrison and her partner Jon Parley, Thomas A. Morrison and his wife



Debra, James Morrison and his wife Judith, Jonathan Morrison and his wife Annette as well as her six grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Nancy worked as a teacher in Norwich and a tutor at the Rectory School in Pomfret, CT. She was an avid reader, a gifted and creative artist. She enjoyed teaching art to her fellow residents at the Seely Brown Retirement Community. In 2014, the art room at Seely Brown Village was dedicated to her. She enjoyed birding, gardening, and sewing. Nancy had many friends in Pomfret and was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church. All are welcome to attend a mass for Nancy to be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Pomfret, CT on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with a private burial to follow. In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution in her name to Rectory School, 528 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT 06258 (rectoryschool.org/giving/donation-form)

Jack H. Berry, 89

Jack H. Berry, 89 years old, of Brooklyn, CT passed away November 15, 2021. He was born September 7, 1932, in Milstead, GA, son of the late Bert and Ruth Berry. He is survived by his loving children Suzanne Faucher and her husband Paul, David Berry, Robert Berry, William Berry, Kimberly West and her husband John, James Berry and his wife Karla, and Anne Cunneen and her husband Todd. He also leaves behind 22 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and



seven great-great-grandchildren. Jack was predeceased by his loving wife Barbara, sons Thomas and Jack, daughters Pamela and Annette and grandson Sean Berry. Jack served in Austria during the Korean War. He loved his weekly crossword puzzles, a challenging game of Scrabble, singing, talking politics and working in his yard. He was a wonderful, sweet man and was loved by all who knew him. Burial will be private. There will be no calling hours. tillinghastfh.com



Woodstock Middle School honor roll

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. **Grade 6** High Honors: Carolina Ahearn, Ryder Benoit, Ayla Calabrese, Georgia Cross, Nathaniel Drake, Jax Golden, Scarlett Hogarty, Daniel Jameson, Abigail Keser, Zoe Laffert, Abigail Manning, James McHugh, Kaitlyn McQuiston, Stella Puchalski, Patrick Raftery, Kaitlyn Teal. Honors: Drake Abdulloviski, Isabella Amlaw, Rhys Asikainen, Evan Boucher, Ava Carlone, James Carlone, Zoe Cloutier, William Collige, Colby Deary, Alexander DeCarli, Charlotte Donovan, Roan Donovan, Ava Eaton, Caroline Ethier, Henry Griffin, Sophia Groves, Davis Jette, Kaitlyn LaBonte, Elijah Laprade, Kaylee Letourneau, Haven Magnan,

Teagan Maloney, Tristen Maloney, Oliver Moulton, Owen Murdock, Colbie O'Connor, Abel Rigney, James Silva, Lily Smock, Cole Swabby, Caroline Walen, Muhammad Zameer. Recognition: Jacob Bickoff, Keegan Brown, Zachary Dusoe, Caydem Herlihy, Hailee James, Emma Mairson, Wyatt Matulis, Oliver Pierce, Teaghan Roche, Dylan Syriac. **Grade 7** High Honors: Sydney Betty, Brayden Bottone, Lorelai Fish, Robert Graham, Samuel Greene, Brady Hebert, Kelsey McNeil, Landon Murdock, Keegan Porter, Leah Thibodeau, Chole Vogt. Honors: Mia Auger, Owen Benedict, Collin Charette, Kaylyn Converse, Lyla Cowles, Brayden De Oliveira, Matthew Dearborn, Amelia Ditzel, Arianna Fox,

Maylie Ganas, Julia Guimont, Nathan Jezierski, Blake Kudzal, Samuel Lindsay, Brendon Lundt, Tyler Odorski, Jessica Palmerino, David Proctor, Rita Anne Rawcliffe, Drew Rhault, Alexee Richter-LaMarre, Blake Robida, Bella Stillitano, Adrian Vargas, Cayden Worth. Recognition: Tess Anderson, Charlotte Caisse, Patrick Fox, Jake Henderson, Molly Mead, Brady Paul, Damien Redman, Julia Tellier. **Grade 8** High Honors: Anthony Beaudreault, Vaughn Buzak, Scarlet Delaney, Abby Ditzel, Emma Eaton, Campbell Favreau, Isadora Graham, Maura Hart, Eli Manning, Katelyn McArthur, Ivar McDonald, Alec Nunes, Diya Patel, Thatcher Paterson, Lucas Quercia, Kaylee Saucier, Samantha Smyth, Wynter Worth

Honors: Bree Antaya, Aiden Bachand, Adelyn Cournoyer, Nathaniel Couture, Avery Danis, Jackson Dorez, Harrison Durand, Jackson Durand, Riley Faber, Emma Forcier, Jenna Forcier, Beatrice Foronda, Henry Forrest, Siobhan Hart, Kolbie Iacuele, Sadie Johnson-Teed, Bailee Latour, Payton Leite, Spencer Mayo, Giulia Musumeci, Aidan O'Connor, Vayda Payne, Nathan Rauls, Zachary Rodriguez, Ellary Sampson, John Short, Ella Simoes, Jocelynn Sirrine, Abigail Stevens, Luke Thompson, Abigail Towne, Sadie Wood. Recognition: Alexis Beausoleil, Sara Forcier, Andrew Landreville, Grace Lescault, Eden Lusignan, Gianna Musumeci, Connor Racine, Kerrigan Reynolds, Zaria Richter-LaMarre, Kayla St. Louis, Caralyn Tellier

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ited over 25 crafters and vendors, took survivor and memorial laps around the Fairgrounds, watched a canine agility demonstration by the Department of Corrections, and enjoyed music provided Tim Daley and Daley's DJ Service. “We sincerely thank everyone who attended along with their canine companions for their participation in this new event, and we deeply appreciate all the generous support that we received

from our donors, sponsors, crafters, vendors and volunteers who helped make it a success,” said Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. “No one should have to worry about the cost of cancer care or forgo vital screening or treatment services simply because they cannot afford it. The NECT Cancer Fund of DKH is so important to help those in our community battling cancer and their families, and it is community support and participation in events like this that help make this kind of assistance possible.” Presenting sponsor SPIROL

International contributed \$2,500 to the event, completing their \$5,000 pledge of matching funds raised through the company's 2020-21 Employee Giving Program which has been dedicated to the NECT Cancer Fund for the past three years. “SPIROL International Corporation and its employees are proud to continue our relationship with DKH and the NECT Cancer Fund,” said Matthew Bartlett, Manufacturing Manager and Co-Chair of SPIROL's Employee Giving Program. “This past year has been challenging. Through the combined efforts of SPIROL and DKH we are very happy to see funds raised continue to increase and go towards such a worthy cause.” Joining SPIROL were WIN Waste Innovations as a “Leader of the Pack” sponsor, followed by Centreville Bank as “Best in Show”; “True Companions” bankHometown and Fetch, LLC; “Tail Wagger” Killingly Building Products; and “Best Friends” Desmarais & Sons, Inc., Gerardi Insurance Services, and Rawson Materials. Originally founded by a local family in honor of a loved one lost too soon to breast cancer, today the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Hospital provides financial assistance to more than 200 neighbors in need each year. Assistance is used to help pay for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to

access needed medical care. Through charitable contributions of local businesses, community members, and various philanthropic events, more than \$1.3 million has been raised for the Fund since its inception in 1989. The Fund has helped saved lives and supported patients like local artist, Lisa Andrews. At the event, Andrews, who was successfully treated for breast cancer at the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital, shared her story of companionship with her chocolate lab, Libby, throughout her cancer journey and survivorship. For more information about the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Hospital and cancer care services at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit www.daykimball.org/cancercare. 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.

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COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Webex and in-person (masks required) at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT on the following: **ZRC 21-002:** Request to change Zoning Regulations concerning adult cannabis. Applicant: PZC.

A copy of the application will be available for review on the Town of Brooklyn website, Land Use and Town Clerk offices.

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

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State of Connecticut
Department of Consumer Protection
450 Columbus Blvd, Ste 901
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November 19, 2021
November 26, 2021

BOROUGH OF DANIELSON
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION
DECEMBER 1st – 7:00 pm

The Borough of Danielson invites all residents and businesses in the Borough of Danielson to a Public Engagement Session on December 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Danielson Fire Station 2nd floor meeting room located at 47 Academy Street, Danielson.

The purpose of the engagement session is to present information on the American Rescue Plan Act to the residents of the Borough. Suggestions from the residents on the usage of the funding received by the Borough of Danielson are welcomed while staying within the guidelines set by the United

States Treasury.

We will also be hosting a Microsoft Teams Meeting for those residents that are unable to attend but would like to participate. Please contact the Borough Administrator at 860.428.0442 or by email to duchesneau.b@boroughofdanielson.org for information on how to join the meeting.

November 26, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF KILLINGLY

Notice is hereby given that the Professional Agreement between the Killingly Board of Education and the Killingly Administrators Association for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT.

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut, this 18th day of November 2021.

Elizabeth M. Wilson
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November 26, 2021

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