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Johanna Lada

A centenarian birthday celebration

DAYVILLE — On Saturday, Oct. 3, Johanna Lada celebrated her 100th birthday at Westview Health Care Center, and the occasion was marked with as much revelry as possible.

Well-earned praise came to Lada throughout the week, in many different forms; culminating with the presentation of the official State of Connecticut Centenarian Citation that Saturday, her actual birthday.

To describe Lada's life experiences is to describe a classic American tale. Her father came from a Russian occupied part of Poland, and her mother came from a German occupied part of Poland. The whole family made the brave move to emigrate from Europe and travel to America in her childhood; her parents, five sisters, and a brother living in tenement housing (today known as Three Rows) in

North Grosvenordale. As a youth, her educational years were spent at St. Joseph's School, and later, Tourtellotte High School. During The Great Depression, Lada recalls that her family held closely together and always reminded themselves that they had all that they ever needed.

At the age of 18, Lada joined the Women's Army Corps and received a stationing in Jackson, Miss. There she performed clerical work at a garage that repaired heavy-duty Army trucks, logging the details of the maintenance performed. As soon as the war ended, Lada and her other friends in the effort applied for discharge. The Allies declared victory. Lada received her honorary discharge, and along with her sister Bernice and her spouse, headed to New York City for the big celebration.

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Day Kimball Putnam Bank Golf Classic supports COVID-19 Response Fund



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Walmart-North Windham team of Roger Noll, Scott Vose, Sean Vigue, and Pat Kozelka placed in first with a score of 57 for gross results at the Day Kimball Hospital Putnam Bank Golf Classic held on Sept. 11 at the Connecticut National Golf Club.

PUTNAM — The 36th Annual Day Kimball Hospital (DKH) Putnam Bank Golf Classic was held at the Connecticut National Golf Club on September 11. Sponsors, golfers, and volunteers who participated in or supported this year's event raised more than \$113,000, the net proceeds of which will benefit the DKH COVID-19 Response Fund which provides critical sup-

plies, equipment and resources in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"In a very difficult time in healthcare, it was amazing to see the combination of dedicated donors, hospital staff, volunteers, community members, and business partners come together in light of the COVID-19 pandemic to help us exceed all expectations in achieving our fundraising goal," said

Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. "We are incredibly grateful for the supporters of our Golf Classic who play an enormous role in helping us continue to provide high quality, safe care to our patients and their families during the pandemic and beyond."

Changes, such as tempera-

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Putnam celebrates the spookiest of seasons

PUTNAM — The Town of Putnam, along with the Putnam Business Association, have been working with Nomad Digital Consulting and Jennerate, LLC to provide viewing entertainment for the community in light of the many cancellations due to the global pandemic.

During the month of October, the combined event committees have worked together to pay homage to the Great Pumpkin Festival and Zombie Fashion Show while including

the Scarecrow Contest and a new fall Sand Sculpture.

The Sand Sculpture is a new addition that will highlight fall favorites from the Pumpkin Festival and Zombie Fashion Show. Handcrafted by Sandtasia and sponsored by Jewett City Savings Bank, Rawson Materials and Donny D's Custom Landscaping, this 10'x10' work of art will be displayed between the Putnam Public Library and the new Putnam branch of Jewett City Savings Bank.

The Scarecrow Contest returns this year featuring more scarecrows than ever before! Unique scarecrows created by individuals, businesses, groups and organizations can be viewed along Main Street, Union Square, Rotary Park and the River Trail. Applications to sign up for the Scarecrow Contest can be found at:

<https://pbadiscoverputnam.wufoo.com/forms/2020-fall-scarecrow-contest/>

Pop-Up Putnam is an open-

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Buffone bags four-figure prize to open Sunoco World Series



Matthew Wiernasz — Courtesy

Belchertown, MA's Christopher Buffone was all smiles after capturing the \$1,000 winners prize in the Sunoco World Series Street Stock Open.

THOMPSON — Belchertown, Mass.'s Christopher Buffone was both good and lucky on his way to the \$1,000 win in the Street Stock Open at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Friday, Oct. 9. Buffone inherited the lead with less than two laps remaining in the 25-lap feature and took the victory on the first night of the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

The youngster had surrendered the lead to Pascoag, R.I.'s Chad Baxter on the 17th circuit. With laps winding down, it seemed Buffone could only watch Baxter drive off into the night. However, as the field entered turn one after getting the two-to-go signal, Baxter's engine went up in a cloud of smoke. His loss was Buffone's gain as

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Tales from 300 years ago



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WEAVER

Since I’ve been doing newspaper extracts the off and on the past few weeks, this week I thought that I would pass along a few of the tales that I’ve come across concerning the early inhabitants of Killingly and other Northeastern Connecticut towns. Some of these earliest settlers had life-changing, memorable experiences. These “pioneers” in the wilderness of that day were a hardy, brave lot. I would not have done so well.

Have you heard of “Old One Thumb?” One of Killingly’s and Putnam’s earliest inhabitants, Joseph Leavens was the stepson of Peter Aspinwall, one of the earliest inhabitants of both towns arriving about the beginning of the 18th century from Woodstock. “The valley of the Quinebaug, extending from the Great Falls, now in Putnam, to Lake Mashapaug (Alexander’s Lake), and known as Aspinock, had ...attracted the attention of Woodstock’s business

men. Turpentine was gathered here in large quantities from its numerous pine trees by that noted trader, James Corbin. James and Joseph, sons of John Leavens, were thus employed by him in 1700. The younger brother, Joseph, on one occasion, strayed off alone, and while felling a tree was suddenly attacked and wounded in the thumb by one of the original proprietors of the soil—a venomous rattlesnake. No help was near, the young man was in imminent danger, but with great coolness and presence of mind he hacked off the bitten thumb with his axe and then dispatched his assailant.” The Native Americans that roamed through the region named him, “Old One Thumb.” (Larned, Ellen D., History of Windham County Connecticut, Volume I, p. 161-2). Joseph became one of the most respected individuals in the new town of Killingly serving as a justice of the peace for many years. Unfortunately, later in life his home (vicinity of present-day Hurry Hill in Putnam) and the contents were burned. He lived to a ripe old age dying in 1773.

James Leavens, brother of Joseph, in addition to his home farm, purchased land near the Rhode Island border on a little brook that fed into the Five Mile River. He soon established a sawmill which he conveyed to Isaac Cutler about 1709.

Joseph’s brother Peter moved to what became Killingly from Woodstock with the other family members near the beginning of the 18th century but had passed away prior to 1710. He may have been one of the earliest individuals buried in Killingly’s first cemetery, now situated in Putnam, called Aspinwall Cemetery after his stepfather Peter Aspinwall, who donated the land. (The cemetery is on the west side of Route 12 on Nancy Drive and contains the remains of a number of Killingly’s and Putnam’s earliest inhabitants).

Killingly’s early women also had their share of trials and tribulations. Larned noted that the wife of Benjamin Bixby, who built a house on the east side of the road to Boston in the far northern part of Killingly (now Thompson), was unfortunate enough to be shot. “On one occasion, Mrs. Bixby, when alone,

refused to give liquor to a drunken savage*, whereupon he shot her in the thigh, wounding her severely. The outrage greatly alarmed the inhabitants of this remote Border-land...and a report of it was speedily sent to the Governor and Council, who immediately took measures for the discovery and punishment of the perpetrator...Scarcely had the unfortunate Mrs. Bixby recovered from this misadventure when she was ‘visited by the awful providence of Heaven’—being struck by lightning in a terrific thunder shower and very seriously injured and disabled.” (p. 169). (*Unfortunately, many of the 19th century authors referred to the Native Americans using terms that would now be offensive. Note my use of quotation marks. The description is not mine. Suffice it to say that in the late 17th and early 18th centuries in Northeastern Connecticut’s history, there were Native Americans in the area).

Ellen Larned also relates a tale in connection with James Danielson and his 1707 acquisition of the land between the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers in present-day Danielson. “Mr. Danielson had served in the Narragansett war, and his name appears on the list of officers and soldiers who received the township of Voluntown in recompense for their services. Tradition tells us that he passed through the Whetstone Country on an expedition against the Nipmucks, and stopping to rest his company on the interval between the rivers, was so pleased with the locality that he then declared that when the war was ended he would settle there. Nothing more is known of him until thirty years later when he buys the land from the junction of the rivers extending upstream to the middle of the long interval.” (p.163-4). Of course, this fertile land was some of the best in the area.

Are you a long-distance hiker? One fearless female took moving in her own hands, I should say feet, and set out on foot by herself to find the cabin her husband was building for them in the remote wilderness of the Abington section of what would be Pomfret. According to Susan J. Griggs in “Folklore and Firesides in Pomfret, Hampton, and Vicinity,” “In the

autumn of 1698, Sarah Horrel Goodell left the friendly village of Woodstock, following the Path alone, far out into the wilds of the Nipmuck wilderness, seeking the cabin that she had been told by friends her husband was making ready for her. He had left for this new country in the early spring. Receiving no tidings of him, she resolved to join him so taking her spinning wheel, she traversed the lonely trail from Roxbury, Mass., depending upon chance ‘lifts’ from fellow travelers along the way. She could not be prevailed upon to remain overnight at Woodstock, but, spinning wheel in hand, she hurried on through the forest gloom. South of Woodstock lay the Mashamoquet in the Nipmuck Country, the future town of Pomfret...The path...led over Ragged Hill in the western section...she traveled the rocky trail, ragged and steep, down through the valleys, over the brooks and on for many a weary mile, until at last, as the last rays faded in the west, she came to the little clearing, and there, by the side of the ‘way,’ she found her cabin home.” (p. 107).

There are a number of other tales of early inhabitants of Northeastern Connecticut so perhaps I’ll include them in a future column. Be sure to write down your family stories and pass them on to family and friends. You’re welcome to email them to me.

The mail and answering machine are being checked although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed. Please send your membership renewals to P.O. Box 265 Danielson, CT 06239.

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ture checks and social distancing measures, were implemented to help the golfers that attended not only enjoy the day, but also stay safe. A special highlight from the tournament was a salute by the American Legion L’Homme Burdick Post 21 Danielson Color Guard escorted by the Manchester Pipe Band to all service personnel in honor of 9/11 and to the essential workers who have provided care, comfort, safety and sustenance throughout the pandemic.

Putnam Bank, a division of Centreville Bank, partnered with Day Kimball Hospital as the title sponsor for the fourth year in a row, contributing another \$25,000 toward Day Kimball Hospital initiatives over this calendar year.

“We are proud to show our support for this great event, especially

in a year when so many locally have been impacted by the pandemic,” said Hal Horvat, president and chief executive officer, Centreville Bank. “The work that Day Kimball Healthcare does is essential in the community and Centreville Bank is looking forward to continuing to develop our relationship and expand the impact we can make in Eastern Connecticut.”

Other major sponsors for the event included Putnam Plastics Corporation and Wheelabrator Putnam, Inc. as Gold Sponsors; and Silver Sponsors Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Athenahealth, Colonial Health Rehab Center of Plainfield LLC, Downes Construction Co. LLC, Garfunkel Wild P.C., NES Healthcare, Northeast Development Company, Reid & Riege P.C., SHERLOQ Solutions, and Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors. More than 260 other local and regional businesses and organizations, as well as individual community members and families participated in sponsoring the event to support the provision of healthcare in Northeast Connecticut.

Since its founding 36 years ago, the golf tournament has raised more than \$2,190,000 to support continued access to high quality medical care close to

home in Northeast Connecticut by helping to fund technologies, facilities and care initiatives at the independent, non-profit community hospital.

To learn more about the DKH COVID-19 Response Fund visit www.daykimball.org/giving/covid-19-response-fund.

Golf Classic Results

Gross results: First place with a score of 57 the Walmart-North Windham team of Roger Noll, Scott Vose, Sean Vigue, and Pat Kozelka; second place (on matching cards) with a score of 59 was Rawson Materials team of Jeff Rawson, Eric Shulman, Mike Greene, and Justin Miele.

Net results: First place with a score of 41.5 was the Wireless Zone team of Joe Salan, Dave Haggett, Josh Paul, and Brian Cloud; second place with a score of 43 was the team of Gary Breton, Doug Campbell, Ralph Kelly, and Kenny Lemire.

Closest to the pin honors went to Jesse Weitknecht, Jeff Simpson, Ryan Dandeneau, Mark Parker, and Scott Vose.

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



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POLICE LOGS

Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following recent arrests.

Ryan McCabe, age 34, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 11 for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief.

Nicholis Below, age 22, current address unknown, was arrested on Oct. 12 for Larceny in the Third Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the Third Degree.

Mallory Kunz, age 31, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 13 for Violation of a Protective Order.

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Make your meals just a bit more special with homegrown garnishes. You invest time and money growing, purchasing, and preparing quality ingredients. But do not stop there. Add a nutritional and decorative flair as you plate your meal by adding a garnish of homegrown herbs. Parsley is a traditional garnish that is usually left behind on the plate. But the dark green leaves should not be ignored. This herb is high in Vitamin C and A, has cancer and inflammatory disease fighting qualities, and promotes heart health. A perfect fit for your healthful eating goals. Although the curly varieties add texture to your plantings and plate, you and your guests may find the milder flavor of the flat leafed variety more palatable. All this and it helps freshen your breath too.

A sprig of mint looks good next to or on top of most desserts. Its cool flavor will help settle your stomach – an asset when we overindulge. Like parsley, it is high in Vitamin C and A and helps in the fight against cancer and inflammatory diseases. In addition, it relieves breathing problems.

And the best part; both are easy to grow right in your kitchen window. Start by purchasing healthy plants from your local garden center or the produce



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section of your grocery store. Plant them in separate containers or together with other herbs in a larger pot. Either way, make sure the container has drainage holes and a saucer to protect the windowsill or furniture it sits upon. Gently loosen any tangled or girdling roots before planting your herbs in a well-drained quality potting mix. Plant them at the same depth they were growing in their original pots.

Grow these and other herbs in a sunny window. Add a grow light to boost productivity or grow your garden in lower light locations. New LED plant lights are now more affordable and use less energy. Water the soil thoroughly after planting and whenever it is slightly dry. Be sure to pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to avoid root rot. Another option is to add pebbles to the saucer, elevating the container above any excess water that remains.

Use kitchen shears or pruners to harvest the herbs. Cut mint just above a set of leaves and parsley at the base of the stem. Trim the sprigs as needed to dress up your holiday meals.

Your guests will be thrilled and more likely to take a bite of these healthful



An indoor windowsill herb garden with parsley, basil, and lemon thyme. Photo Melinda Myers

garnishes when they discover you grew them yourself.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has 30 years of horticulture experience and written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers is the host of *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers’ website is www.melindamyers.com.

Day Kimball Healthcare welcomes new hematologist/oncologist

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) is pleased to announce that Alejandro Carvajal, MD, fellowship-trained medical hematologist/oncologist, has joined the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

“We are very excited to welcome Dr. Carvajal to our growing cancer care team at Day Kimball Hospital,” said Cheryl Petrarca, director of surgical services, cancer services and maternal child health, Day Kimball Healthcare. “Dr. Carvajal will help meet an important need in our community and expand the expertise that our health system offers.”

Dr. Carvajal graduated Cum Laude from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. with a bachelor of science in biology in 2010. He earned his medical degree from St. George’s University School of Medicine, True Blue, Grenada in 2014.

Dr. Carvajal completed his residency

in internal medicine in 2017 at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, R.I. and Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass. He received an additional three years of clinical training as a fellow in hematology/oncology at Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, N.Y. and Northport VA Hospital, Northport, N.Y. in 2020.

Dr. Carvajal is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology, the American College of Physicians, and the American Medical Association. He has conducted clinical research in the field of oncology. In addition to English, Dr. Carvajal is conversant in Spanish.

In his free time, Dr. Carvajal can be found participating in outdoor activities, sports, and playing jazz piano and the drums. Prior to medical school, he played drums in a band and published a full-length album.

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.

Dr. Carvajal is accepting new patients by referral and looks forward to working closely with his patients to provide patient-centered, quality cancer care. To schedule an appointment, call 860-963-6425. For more information about cancer care at Day Kimball Healthcare visit www.daykimball.org/cancer-care or call (860) 963-6425.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

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



Alejandro Carvajal, MD

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air market throughout Putnam’s Downtown spaces welcoming weekend visitors to discover unique artisan and merchant offerings. This six-week series is held on Saturdays from Sept. 19 – Oct. 24 from noon – 4:30 p.m. Vendors feature handmade items; vendor spaces are spread far apart through town to offer plenty of physical distancing for shopping. For more information, please visit: <https://www.discoverputnam.com/popupputnam>

Putnam is “Creepin’ It Real” with another new feature that that will give visitors a ghoulish welcome into Downtown. Propped up above the Welcome to Putnam sign, this 10’x4’ hand-carved sign gives a nod to the fall season and can be appreciated at any time.

The Great Pumpkin makes an appearance for 1 day only: Oct. 17. It will be displayed in Rotary Park in front of the Bandstand. Folks are encouraged to enjoy Rotary Park for viewing the pumpkin; it makes a perfect location for a photo opp! Scarecrows and Pop Up Putnam vendors will also be in Rotary Park that day. Vendors will be open from noon – 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 17.

Take A Drive through Putnam! Putnam offers many seasonal displays that are sure to please all ages. Shops, restaurants and businesses are open and eager to celebrate the season!



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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — After helplessly watching last year’s senior class of spring season student-athletes not get to enjoy the pomp and circumstance that is a Senior Day game due to COVID-19 and the coronavirus pandemic, Woodstock Academy field hockey head coach Lauren Gagnon pondered throughout the summer about how to make sure that didn’t happen to her team — if there was a season at all.

“I was talking to our senior parents throughout the summer; we knew this season was going to be a bit funky,” Gagnon said. “But we wanted to make sure our kids had the best opportunity possible to have some sense of normalcy and experience what they could this season.”

So, Gagnon decided, if there was to be a season, her 12 seniors were going to get the full senior experience, even if they didn’t have a full senior year to experience it, starting with having a Senior Day to begin the season, rather than end it.

Seniors on the Centaurs’ roster this season are: Alexia Adams; Amanda Bond; Rachel Canedy; Sarah Delaney; Eliza Dutson; Kaily LaChappelle; Avery MacNeil; Olivia Ott; Meg Preston; Maddie and Liz Silberman; and Alex Vaida.

“That was really our focus. The spring senior athletes missed out on that and we didn’t want that to happen to these players in the event

FIELD HOCKEY HONORS SENIORS TO START — NOT END — SEASON



Woodstock Academy’s 12 seniors walk onto the field through an arch made of field hockey sticks prior to the Centaurs’ Oct. 1 game with Norwich Free Academy at the Bentley Athletic Complex. Coach Lauren Gagnon decided to honor her seniors with Senior Day on the first home game of the season, not the last, as is tradition.

Photo Courtesy — Woodstock Academy Athletics

things went sideways pretty quickly once the season started,” Gagnon said. “There were too many unknowns to leave it up to chance. So, our thinking was why not celebrate our seniors when we can. So, we started the season off on a bright note by getting to honor them.”

The Centaurs’ Senior Day festivities went off without a

hitch — more or less.

“It was a little bit wonky trying to get permission for everything,” Gagnon said. “It was a little bit more rushed than we would have liked it, but our parents are absolutely tremendous; they even got the seniors’ gifts ready in time.”

Topping it all off was a decisive 4-0 victory over Norwich Free Academy on Oct. 1. Seniors Alexia Adams and Rachel Canedy each scored a pair of goals.

“It was nice to get our first-game jitters and our senior-game jitters out all at once,” Gagnon said. “You know they’re going to be a wreck emotionally when the senior game is played late in the season, and they’re always a little bit jittery in the first game anyway, so why not do it all at once, get it over with, and move forward.”

Woodstock’s early-season record evened off at 1-1 following a tough, 3-2 loss to Fitch on Oct. 8 in a game that was decided in the final minutes.

Boys’ soccer

The Centaurs’ have opened the season firing on all cylinders, scoring 21 goals while jumping out to a 4-0 record. Woodstock has defeated,

in order, Ellis Tech (8-0), Windham Tech (3-1), Killingly (10-0) and Tourtellotte (8-0).

In the win over Tourtellotte, six different players scored. Junior Ty Morgan paced the Centaurs’ win over Killingly with three goals, while senior Eric Phongsa added two and classmate Richard Hickson contributed three assists.

Morgan scored a pair of goals in Woodstock’s win over Windham Tech — its closest game, score-wise, on the young season — while senior Huck Gelhaus added the insurance goal late in the game.

In the Centaurs’ season-opening win over Ellis Tech, Phongsa scored three times and added an assist, while Hickson and Gelhaus each added two goals.

Girls’ soccer

After suffering a heartbreaking season-opening 3-2 double-overtime loss to Killingly, the Centaurs have rebounded with three straight wins, the most recent a 7-0 Senior Day home victory over Tourtellotte on Oct. 9.

Senior Peyton Saracina, who leads the team with seven goals, scored twice to lead a balanced Woodstock offensive attack that delivered a 5-0 half-

time lead. In the Centaurs’ 3-2 victory over Killingly on Oct. 6, Saracina scored the game-winning goal with 30 seconds left off an assist, her second of the game, by sophomore Grace Gelhaus.

Woodstock’s first win of the season, a 6-0 victory over Windham Tech, came back on Oct. 3. In that victory Saracina, Gelhaus and Kayla Leite all scored twice. The goals for Leite, a freshman, were the first two of her high school career.

Cross country

For the Woodstock Academy boys’ and girls’ cross-country teams, the season-opening meet against Ellis Tech on Thursday, Oct. 7, was twice as nice. The boys streaked past the Golden Eagles 19-44, while the girls raced to a 15-50 victory.

In the boys’ meet, senior defending Eastern Connecticut Conference individual champion Ethan Aspiras led a parade of Centaurs across the finish line, covering the course in 18:17. He was followed by sophomore Vince Bastura (third), junior Seamus Lippy (fourth) and sophomore Max Auker (fifth).

In the girls’ meet, sophomore Brooke Bergevin (20:55), junior Linsey Arends (23:26) and sophomore Lauren Brule finished 1-2-3 for the Centaurs.

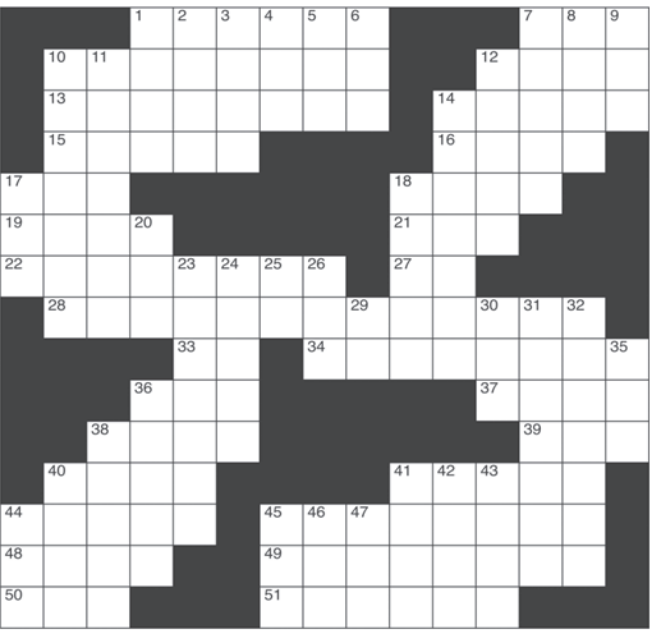
Girls’ volleyball

The Centaurs opened the 2020 season by winning three of their first four games, including the season opener, a 3-0 victory over New London on Oct. 1.

After a hard fought 3-1 loss to Griswold the following night — Woodstock’s second straight road game in 24 hours — the Centaurs returned to the friendly confines of the Main Court of the Alumni Field House on Oct. 7, where they enjoyed a 3-0 win over Killingly.

The Centaurs made it two wins in a row on Oct. 9 with a 3-0 road victory over Killingly.

Woodstock (3-1) has been led this season by a trio of seniors — outside hitter Gabby Garbutt (58 kills and 43 digs), defensive specialist Marissa Mayhew (99 digs) and setter Tabby Bezanson (50 assists, 36 digs). In addition, Junior Aurissa Boardman has added 52 kills and 27 digs to the winning cause.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lunar crater

7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)

10. Fruit

12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu

13. Organism that grows without air

14. Heals

15. A book has one

16. Open

17. Twitch

18. Plant of the mint family

19. Soon

21. Witch

22. Long, mournful complaint

27. Killer clown film
28. Keeps us occupied

33. Influential lawyer

34. Formation of concepts

36. Insecticide

37. Swiss river

38. Actress Lucy

39. Unit of g-force

40. Can repel attackers

41. Essential oil used as perfume

44. Cut into small pieces

45. Mexican agricultural worker

48. Best pitchers

49. Benign tumors

50. Danish krone

51. Looms above

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a map of

2. Cain and —

3. Dried-up

4. Corporate exec (abbr.)

5. Trading floor hand gesture

6. Strongly alkaline solution

7. Yemen capital

8. Military leader (abbr.)

9. Maintains possession of

10. Afternoon show

11. Imaginary being

12. Rearrange

14. Holy person or sage

17. — Mahal

18. Backbone

20. Brooklyn hoopster

23. Intervened

24. Extremely angry
25. Indicates position

26. Chinese surname

29. Potato state

30. When you think you’ll get there

31. — Falls

32. Bullfighters

35. Born of

36. Small fishes

38. “Father of chemical warfare”

40. Waste matter

41. Skin disease

42. Scandinavian mythological god

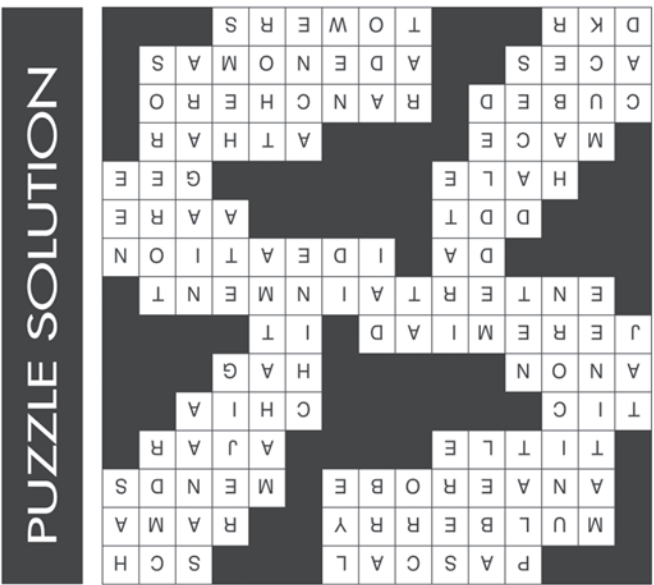
43. — and haws

44. Villain

45. Tell on

46. Difficulty

47. Not old



Tour de Quiet Corner: a virtual fun ride

DANIELSON — The Quiet Corner Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (QC NEMBA) is holding its annual fundraiser as a virtual guided tour of six different riding locations in northeast Connecticut from Oct. 15 to Nov.15. After downloading the Trailforks app, anyone can follow 13 different planned routes with a smartphone. Routes range from a 6-mile novice loop at Mansfield Hollow to a 22-mile expert beat-down in Pachaug State Forest. QC NEMBA welcomes donations to help support its efforts to maintain trails (for all trail users) and advocate for recreational trail use in the Quiet Corner.

The Tour de Quiet Corner features at least one route in each of the following riding locations: Old Furnace State Park, Goodwin State Forest, West Thompson Dam, Mansfield Hollow State Park, Pachaug State Forest and Nathan Hale State Forest. Every route on Trailforks offers parking locations, mileage and elevation, suggested riding level, places to eat and area bike shops. Participants will have a chance to make a donation to support the chapter.

QC NEMBA is also offering great raffle prizes (including wool socks, shirts, neck gaiters and gift certificates for eats & drinks from our generous sponsors—see them on Trailforks links) to anyone who makes a donation and rides all 6 parks. Please share pix & adventures on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/QuietCornerNEMBA> and Instagram @QCNEBMA. The Facebook event post is <https://www.facebook.com/events/2413682608940613/>. To enter the raffle, send your Trailforks logs to qcnemba@gmail.com by November 15th. Take a ride to northeast Connecticut and see



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Christopher Jr., Pitkat book big paydays on Sunoco World Series Saturday

THOMPSON — Wolcott’s Mike Christopher, Jr. and Stafford’s Woody Pitkat took it to the bank with a pair of big victories at the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing on Saturday, Oct. 10. Christopher passed Chase Dowling with 10 laps remaining to win the \$5,000 top prize in the Budweiser Modified Open 75 while Pitkat copped a \$4,800 total winner’s purse for dominating the ACT-type Late Model Open at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.

It was the first career victory in a Tour-type Modified for Christopher, whose late uncle Ted is the all-time winningest driver at Thompson Speedway. Christopher and his Tommy Baldwin Jr.-owned team combined a fast car with a well-played midrace strategy to come on strong and top the 31-car field on a busy Saturday at the Sunoco World Series.

Bethlehem, NH’s Dowling earned the pole under the American-Canadian Tour “plus-minus” system by passing five cars in his heat race. The young lion set the early pace, easily driving away after a pair of early cautions. But Christopher was coming on strong behind him, moving under Joey Cipriano for the second spot on lap 23 and catching Dowling a few circuits later.

The duo remained nose-to-tail until the third yellow at lap 35 for Glen Steger’s turn-four spin. Most of the lead lap cars elected to pit during the caution to pit for fresh right-side tires. Christopher’s team went one step further, switching the left-side tires and giving up track position in exchange for a better-handling race car.

Dowling restarted fourth behind the three cars that did not pit and tore past all of them within a lap of going back to green. Two more cautions shortly thereafter — one when Todd Owen’s engine expired on lap 42, and another when Josh Zentek spun out on lap 51 — helped Christopher’s charge back through the field.

When the sixth and final yellow came out on lap 53 for a multi-car tangle in turn four, Christopher was up to third. He disposed of Keith Rocco on the restart when Rocco had trouble getting back to speed, then set his sights on Dowling. With the pair approaching slower traffic and lap 65 going on the scoreboard, Christopher made his move, diving inside Dowling for the lead entering turn one. The earlier strategy then truly paid dividends as Christopher pulled away from an increasingly loose Dowling to pocket the \$5,000 payday.

Dowling settled for second with Rocco completing the podium. Cipriano ran strong all night to take fourth. Matt Swanson inherited the fifth spot after Andy Shaw was disqualified for an illegal carburetor. Dave Ethridge, Trevor Bleau, Eric Goodale, Brett Meservey, and Max Zachem rounded out the top-10.

In the 50-lap Late Model Open feature, Pitkat started on the pole after posting a “+4” in qualifying. The many-time Thompson Speedway winner darted away early as Ryan Lineham, Nicholas Johnson, Jake Johnson, Derek Gluchacki, and others duked it out behind him.

Salem, Mass.’s Tom Carey III soon cut through the pack from his eighth starting position and was closing on Pitkat when the only caution flew on lap 19 for Jimmy Renfrew, Jr.’s stalled machine. Carey glued himself to Pitkat’s bumper following the restart and seemed poised to make a run. As the laps wound down,



Windham, Maine’s Bobby Timmons took home the \$2,000 cash prize for winning the 350 Small Block Supermodified Open.

though, Carey started to fade a bit. Pitkat, meanwhile, remained strong and crept away in the Jeff Hartwell-owned Ford. Pitkat’s wire-to-wire win netted him the \$2,000 base purse plus another \$2,800 in lap leader money.

Carey ended up second with Jake Johnson third. Gluchacki fended off Matthew Lowinsk-Loh at the finish line for fourth. Ryan Morgan, Mark Jenison, Lineham, Michael Mitchell, and Travis Jurcik also earned top-10 finishes.

Windham, Maine’s Bobby Timmons III also earned a four-figure payday in the 350 Small Block Supermodified Open. Timmons first grabbed the lead from Rich Eaton on lap two of the 30-lap feature. Auburn, New Hampshire’s Mike Netishen then entered the picture, and after dueling side-by-side with Simmons for several circuits, Netishen secured the point on lap seven.

Timmons wasn’t done, though, and stayed in lockstep with Netishen. Just after getting the halfway signal, Timmons dove below Netishen entering turn three to take the lead back. The veteran Maine racer then motored off into the night for the win and a \$2,000 cash prize. Netishen finished second followed by Stephen Duphily, Michael Bruce, and Eaton.

Mendon, Mass.’s John Zych Jr. was the fastest NEMA Midget of them all as he took the 25-lap Sunoco World Series feature. Zych started fifth and grabbed the lead from Mike Horn just before a lap-eight caution for fluid on the race track.

Kingston, Mass.’s Randy Cabral moved into second on the restart and started to put the pressure on. However, during the second caution on lap 11 for Andy Lunt’s spin, Cabral suddenly shut down and went pit-side.

Roxbury’s Chase Dowling then passed Todd Bertrand for second after the green lights came back on. Dowling tried to catch Zych as the duo pulled away from the pack, but could never mount a serious charge as Zych earned the win.

Bertrand held off Avery Stohr for third. Ben Seitz, Horn, Jake Trainor, Doug Cleveland, Richie Coy, and Paul Scally completed the top-10 finishers.

Antrim, New Hampshire’s Desmond Skillings took home all the marbles in the North East Mini Stock Tour main event. Skillings, one of several drivers in championship contention entering the 20-lap NEMST season finale, started on the front row and went back-and-forth early with multit-tim Emerson Cayer.

Three cautions in the first two laps slowed the early going — the third of which eliminated title contender Cody Leblanc when he spun in turn three and got nailed head-on. Skillings finally took control from Cayer on the third restart and then held off a last-lap bid from Oxford, MA’s Nick Anderson for the victory. Matt Sonnhalter, Cayer, Mike Viens, Jake Rheame, Roger Ducharme, Kevin Cormier, Dave Trudeau Sr., and Gordon Farnhum finished third through 10th.

By winning the race, Skillings also came from behind to win the championship. Erin Aiken, who entered the night as the point leader, could do no better than 11th in the rundown. The bonus point Skillings received for the win gave him the title by that margin.

Harwich, Mass.’s Doug Meservey Jr. and Brewster, Mass.’s Brett Meservey made it a family affair in a Pro 4 Modified barnburner. Doug Meservey, Jr. blasted beneath Cody Rose entering turn three to grab the lead on lap 3 of the 22-lap Harry Kourafas, Jr. Memorial. Easton, MA’s Rob Richardi was right behind him with Doug’s cousin Brett joining the fray a few circuits later.

The trio went neck-and-neck the rest of the way with both Richardi and Brett Meservey making multiple attempts inside Doug. Neither could make it stick and Meservey, Jr. survived the battle to take the victory. Richardi was third with Randy Cabral and Doug Meservey St. completing the top-five.

Warwick, R.I.’s Ryan Vanasse picked up his second win of the year in the 35-lap Exit Realty Pro Truck Challenge feature. Vanasse was running third behind Randy Burr and “Dangerous” Dave Koenig with laps winding down when Koenig’s engine went up in flames on the backstretch.

The resulting yellow set up a five-lap dash to the checkered flag. Vanasse got the jump outside Burr on the restart, and although Burr hung tough, Vanasse eventually cleared him and beat the multi-time winner to the finish by a few car lengths.

Point leader and defending champion Gerard Giordano Jr. finished third after a last-lap scramble. Connor Souza, Emma Monahan, Brandon Plemmons, Lucas Leone, Jim Boyle, Jason Ferreira, and Rick

Ashaw completed the top-10.

Seven other divisions held qualifying as part of Saturday’s program, including the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour. Six-time champion Doug Coby of Milford earned the pole for Sunday’s Sunoco World Series 150, putting down a fast time of 19.233 seconds as the last car out in time trials. Orchard Park, N.Y.’s Patrick Emerling will line up second on Sunday with current point leader Justin Bonsignore of Holtsville, N.Y. slated to start third.

The 58th Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park concludes on Sunday, Oct. 11. The ISMA Supermodifieds start the action at 12:15pm while the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour crowns its 2020 champion in the Sunoco World Series 150 beginning at approximately 4:00pm. In between are feature events for the Pro All Stars Series Super Late Models, Sunoco Modifieds, Samuel Adams Limited Sportsmen, Truly Hard Seltzer NEMA Lites, and Twisted Tea SK Light Modifieds.

General admission tickets and pit passes will be available at the gate. For those who can’t make it to the track, Speed51.TV is offering a live pay-per-view broadcast of all divisions except the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

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Lutz takes Sunoco World Series win as Bonsignore secures Modified title

THOMPSON — Miller Place, N.Y.’s Craig Lutz ended the 2020 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on the highest of highs with his second win of the year at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Sunday, Oct. 11. Lutz swiped the lead from Jon McKennedy with seven laps remaining and hung on to win the 150-lap event at the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing as Holtsville, N.Y.’s Justin Bonsignore secured his second series championship.

The 26-year-old Lutz earned his fourth career Whelen Modified Tour win and first at the historic Thompson Speedway. For the 32-year-old Bonsignore, the title was the capstone on a 2020 season where he finished no worse than fifth at any event.

Six-time champion Doug Coby, who was the only driver who could catch Bonsignore entering the Sunoco World Series, started on the pole and led the first 30 laps. Chelmsford, Mass.’s McKennedy then surged ahead of him entering turn three and paced the field unto the fourth caution flag at lap 73 for Dave Sapienza’s spin.

Nearly all the lead lap cars chose to pit for right side tires at that point with Andover, N.J.’s Calvin Carroll assuming the lead by staying out. Following another yellow on the restart for a Ronnie Williams spin, Norwalk’s Ron Silk sliced to the lead for a circuit before Bonsignore then blasted to the lead on lap 88.

The championship was then decided on a lap-97 restart. Silk eagerly leapt to the lead while Lutz tried to move around Bonsignore for second entering turn three. The duo wiggled, Kyle Bonsignore checked up, and the accordion effect ended with Coby in the turn-four wall, which put an end to his day. Since the lap wasn’t completed, Bonsignore went back to the lead by rule, and Silk was assessed a pass-through penalty for jumping the start.

Lutz successfully overtook Bonsignore on the next green flag and paced the field until caution number nine. It was McKennedy who got the jump on the lap-138 restart for his second stint at the front. Sapienza pounded the turn-one wall a lap later for the 10th and final yellow. Lutz took advantage of his second chance, putting a crossover move on McKennedy out of turn two and wrestling the lead back with six laps to go.

McKennedy had time to take another shot, and with three laps to go, he backed off entering turn three to set up a potential slingshot off turn four. But Silk, who had steadily driven back to third after serving his penalty, got into the back of McKennedy. The contact threw McKennedy off just enough for Lutz to get away for the victory.

Justin Bonsignore finished fourth to officially clinch his second Whelen Modified Tour title in the last three years. His cousin Kyle was right behind him in fifth. Sam Remeau took sixth while Woody Pitkat came back from a mid-race flat tire to finish seventh. Carroll,

Patrick Emerling, and Tyler Rypkema completed the top-10.

McKennedy did start the afternoon with a winning by getting the best of Rowley, Mass.’s Chris Perley in the closing laps of the ISMA Supermodified event. McKennedy started third in the 50-lap feature and got to the rear bumper of polesitter Perley following the race’s only yellow at lap 4.

Perley, McKennedy, and Ronnie Williams then ran away from the field. McKennedy got alongside Perley Multiple times on the frontstretch, and the duo even banged wheels entering turn one just past halfway with both hanging on for dear life.

With the 10-to-go signal in sight, McKennedy got his opportunity. The leaders came up on a pair of lapped cars, and as Perley struggled to find a way around them, McKennedy dove to the bottom off turn four. The multi-time Modified champion finally completed the pass entering turn one and pulled away over the final 10 circuits to win on Sunoco World Series Weekend for the second straight year.

Perley took second with Williams third in his first-ever ISMA Supermodified start. Mike Ordway, Jr., Anthony Nocella, Otto Sitterly, Ryan Locke, Daniel Connors, Kyle Edwards, and Dave Danzer completed the top-10.

Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model point leader D.J. Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire strengthened his bid for a fourth championship by winning the World Series 75. Shaw, who had finished second five times this year without a victory, started outside pole and got the jump when Brandon Barker had trouble at the initial green flag.

Rowley, Mass.’s Eddie MacDonald was right behind and looked below Shaw several times before getting around the outside in lapped traffic on lap 29. Shaw kept MacDonald in his sights, and after a pair of yellows at lap-42, he roared back around him on the outside. MacDonald then fell into a three-way battle for second with Derek Ramstrom and Ray Christian III. By the time MacDonald escaped their clutches, Shaw was long gone on his way to the victory.

Christian got around Ramstrom late in the going to take the third spot. Johnny Clark, Ben Rowe, Corey Casagrande, Gabe Brown, Barker, and Kate Re finished fifth through 10th.

Berlin’s Keith Rocco triumphed for the 288th time in his storied career by capturing the 30-lap Sunoco Modified feature. Rocco started third and secured the lead on lap four after trading crossover moves with Troy Talman. He then put a bit of a gap on the field as Todd Owen, Ronnie Williams, and Brian Narducci tussled for the second spot behind him.

Williams and Owen were slowly gaining on Rocco when Joe Allegro, Jr. spun to bring the caution out with three laps to go. On the restart, Owen and Narducci got together coming down the backstretch. Owen hit the wall hard with Tyler Leary and Paul LaPlante piling in,



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Ryan Waterman captured the victory in the 20-lap Samuel Adams Limited Sportsmen feature.

bring out a red flag for clean-up. Rocco then held off Williams on the final sprint to sweep the season series at Thompson.

Narducci chased the front two across the finish line. Talman, Eric Berndt, Max Zachem, Jeff Malave, Andrew Molleur, Woody Pitkat, and Allegro completed the top-10.

Kingston, Mass.’s Randy Cabral ended his busy Sunoco World Series weekend by topping an intense three-way duel for the victory in the 25-lap Shane Hammond Memorial for the Truly Hard Seltzer NEMA Lites. Jim Santa Maria ran away in the first half of the caution-free event before Cabral and Avery Stoehr reeled him in. Cabral ducked inside Santa Maria in turn three to take the top spot on lap 16.

P.J. Stergios and Richie Coy followed Cabral around Santa Maria as Stoehr stalled out. The front three then went wing-to-wing over the final five laps for the coveted World Series victory. Stergios made one last bid on the final lap, but Cabral had just enough to hang on. Coy came in third followed by Santa Maria and Stoehr.

Danielson’s Ryan Waterman ran off and hid from a hard-charging Samuel Adams Limited Sportsmen pack to win their 20-lap season finale. Waterman started on the outside pole and took the lead from Lawrence Barnett on the second circuit.

Four cautions slowed the event, including one for a five-car pile-up with six laps to go. The field got its shots at Waterman, but the veteran had the upper hand each time, riding the outside line to the victory.

Uncasville’s Brandon Plemons fended off a last-lap challenge from Zachary Robinson for second. Troy Waterman, Barnett, Al Stone III, Nikolas Hovey, Charles “Hank” Stott, Kevin Mason, and Walter Hovey followed them to the finish line.

Norwich’s John O’Sullivan spoiled an upset bid by Paul “Buddy” Charette to win the 20-lap feature for the Twisted Tea SK Light Modifieds. O’Sullivan was running second to Charette as part of a four-car lead pack when Tyler Chapman and Derek Debbis, the third- and fourth-place runners, made contact entering turn one with two laps to go. Chapman ended up head-on in the turn-two wall to bring out the red flag.

On the restart, O’Sullivan got the break off the inside line and sped away to a World Series victory. Charette clung to second despite a hard charge from Shawn Thibeault. Nathan Pytko and Ethan Derocher rounded out the top-five.

The Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park oval track racing season is now complete. The annual Don Hoenig Flea Market is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6 through Friday, Nov. 8. More information is expected to be announced over the coming weeks regarding the 2021 racing seasons.

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Estate Planning — An introduction

There are various aspects of financial planning that you should consider while developing your strategy. In the last few articles during “financial planning” month, we have discussed the basics for creating your financial planning foundation and tips for sticking to your strategy. This week, we’re going to dive a little deeper into one specific area of financial planning that is often overlooked – estate planning. It can be difficult to think about what happens to your possessions when you pass. Nonetheless, estate planning is an important aspect of your strategic financial plan.

Estate planning is a process designed to help you manage and preserve your assets while you are alive, and to conserve and control their distribution after your death according to your goals and objectives. But what estate planning means to you specifically depends on who you are. Your age, health, wealth, lifestyle, life stage, goals, and many other factors determine your particular estate planning needs. For example, you may have a small estate and may be concerned only that certain people receive particular items from the estate. A simple will is probably all you’ll need. Or, you may have a large estate, and minimizing any potential estate tax impact is your foremost goal. Here, you’ll need to use more sophisticated techniques in your estate plan and should work with the right professionals to build a plan.

To help you understand what estate planning means to you, the following sections address some estate planning needs that are common among some very broad groups of individuals. Think of these suggestions as simply a point in the right direction, and then seek professional advice to implement the right plan for you.

Over 18
Since incapacity can strike anyone at any time, all adults over 18 should consider having:

A durable power of attorney: This document lets you name someone to manage your property for you in case you become incapacitated and cannot do so.

An advance medical directive: The three main types of advance medical directives are (1) a living will, (2) a durable power of attorney for health care (also known as a health-care proxy), and (3) a Do Not Resuscitate order. Be aware that not all states allow each kind of medical directive, so make sure you execute one that will be effective for you.

Young and single
If you’re young and single, you may

not need much estate planning. But if you have some material possessions, you should at least write a will. If you don’t, the wealth you leave behind if you die will likely go to your parents, and that might not be what you would want. A will lets you leave your possessions to anyone you choose (e.g., your significant other, siblings, other relatives, or favorite charity).

Unmarried couples
You’ve committed to a life partner but aren’t legally married. For you, a will is essential if you want your property to pass to your partner at your death. Without a will, state law directs that only your closest relatives will inherit your property, and your partner may get nothing. If you share certain property, such as a house or car, you might consider owning the property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. That way, when one of you dies, the jointly held property will pass to the surviving partner automatically.

Married couples
For many years, married couples had to do careful estate planning, such as the creation of a credit shelter trust, in order to take advantage of their combined federal estate tax exclusions. A new law passed in 2010 allows the executor of a deceased spouse’s estate to transfer any unused estate tax exclusion amount to the surviving spouse without such planning. This provision is effective for estates of decedents dying in 2011 and later years.

You may be inclined to rely on these portability rules for estate tax avoidance, using outright bequests to your spouse instead of traditional trust planning. However, portability should not be relied upon solely for utilization of the first to die’s estate tax exclusion, and a credit shelter trust created at the first spouse’s death may still be advantageous.

Married couples where one spouse is not a U.S. citizen have special planning concerns. The marital deduction is not allowed if the recipient spouse is a non-citizen spouse, but a \$157,000 (in 2020, \$155,000 in 2019) annual exclusion is allowed. If certain requirements are met, however, a transfer to a qualified domestic trust (QDOT) will qualify for the marital deduction.

Married with children
If you’re married and have children, you and your spouse should each have your own will. For you, wills are vital because you can name a guardian for



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your children and not to your spouse. If minor children inherit directly, the surviving parent will need court permission to manage the money for them. You may also want to consult an attorney about establishing a trust to manage your children’s assets.

You may also need life insurance. Your surviving spouse may not be able to support the family on his or her own and may need to replace your earnings to maintain the family.

Comfortable and looking forward to retirement

You’ve accumulated some wealth and you’re thinking about retirement. Here’s where estate planning overlaps with retirement planning. It’s just as important to plan to care for yourself during your retirement as it is to plan to provide for your beneficiaries after your death. You should keep in mind that even though Social Security may be around when you retire, those benefits alone may not provide enough income for your retirement years. Consider saving some of your accumulated wealth using other retirement and deferred vehicles, such as an individual retirement account (IRA).

Wealthy and worried
Depending on the size of your estate, you may need to be concerned about estate taxes. Estates of \$11,580,000 (in 2020) are effectively exempt from the federal gift and estate tax. Estates over that amount may be subject to the tax at a top rate of 40 percent.

Similarly, there is another tax, called the generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax, that is imposed on transfers of wealth that are made to grandchildren (and lower generations). The GST tax exemption is \$11,580,000 (in 2020) and the GST tax rate is 40 percent.

Whether your estate will be subject to state death taxes depends on the size of your estate and the tax laws in effect in the state in which you are domiciled.

Elderly or ill
If you’re elderly or ill, you’ll want to write a will or update your existing one, consider a revocable living trust, and make sure you have a durable power of attorney and a health-care directive. Talk with your family about your wish-

es, and make sure they have copies of your important papers or know where to locate them.

The reality of estate planning
Though you may be hesitant toward estate planning or you don’t think you need to, you should consider meeting with an estate planning professional to begin the process. If anything, creating a will allows your possessions to be properly distributed according to your wishes. There are more complex aspects of estate planning, but the basics can apply to everyone. For more information about the importance of estate planning, and additional financial planning resources, visit our Web site, www.whzwealth.com/resources. Our team regularly discusses estate planning goals of our clients as part of our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process. We also work to bring in the appropriate legal and tax professionals to help as needed.

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The death of civility



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I always marveled when watching film clips of British Parliament as they would shout, boo, and speak over any person at the podium they disagreed with. I always thought it was rude and was certain we’d never act that way in the USA. Boy ... was I wrong!

The level of civility we enjoyed in our past has been shattered, and I’m afraid may never return.

How’d we get here?
One side will always blame the other, but don’t jump too quick. The left squarely blames President Trump, but it began developing long before him. Think back to President Bill Clinton and the Monica Lewinsky scandal. The GOP House decided to impeach President Clinton, knowing they could not get the Senate to agree. They proceeded anyway (much like the Trump impeachment) to score political points and to embarrass the President.

When George W Bush was elected, the left didn’t forget and took revenge. Through surrogates, President Bush was

labeled stupid, uneducated, incompetent, and worse. The vitriol was shocking. Fast forward to the election of President Obama. The anger among politicians and the nation turns up a few notches, and the temperature of the debate rises. Contrary to some who claim otherwise, I don’t believe it was racially motivated, but instead a widening separation of ideology. The politicians were slowly moving away from the use of surrogates, and the name calling became personal and direct.

Next, we elected a businessman who promised to “drain the swamp” (it is a swamp), and it has now not only become fashionable to call each other names on Capital Hill and the media ... it’s become acceptable ... it’s encouraged. It’s a disgusting mess.

Adults on both sides acting like spoiled children.

Of course it’s wrong, and both sides know it. They can’t stop pointing their finger at the other side long enough to acknowledge the problem and join to fix it.

We reap what we sow.
What are we teaching our children through this example of name-calling hyperbole? We are already seeing the fruits of our lack of civility play out in the streets and on the news. Brick-throwing, neighbor-

hood-burning, looting, extreme violence, and murder are a few of the products of the example set on both sides of the aisle. It’s becoming acceptable to do anything to anyone you may disagree with.

For partisan reasons, a few will disagree, but I point to President Ronald Reagan as the “gold standard” of civility and eloquence. Forget your political ideology and focus only on the civility of his rhetoric. Where is our next Politician of civility? Will there ever be another?

A few weeks ago, I said optimistic people do not act this way, and it’s true. When you believe something better is possible, your mind and body conspire together to make the optimistic vision you see, a reality.

Want to positively impact the future of our nation and world? Raise a generation of optimistic children. Want to bring back civility to our nation? Nurture a positive and optimistic attitude in the classroom.

Last year, I spent time substitute teaching to help a local school district. I encountered a sense of helplessness and pessimism in most students. I experienced firsthand the vulgar language and name-calling that will follow them into adulthood if something doesn’t change within our educational system and in our homes.

I don’t think civility is dying in our country, it’s being killed.

What should we do? We need to launch “The American Institute for Positivity and Optimism in Education.” In this center there would be an effort to educate parents on the long-lasting and positive impact of optimism in their lives and lives of their children. This center would also educate teachers on how to instill optimism into their students’ lives.

We also must move our higher education institutions back the center where students can hear competing voices and make choices for themselves. As of now, most of our colleges and universities have become centers of indoctrination

where only one side is heard. Differing thought is not tolerated. There can’t be civility without inclusion and acceptance of others and their differing pints of view.

I’m out of space for today’s column, but you certainly get the picture.

I choose to continue to fight for and preach the benefits of living an optimistic life.

Will you join me?

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Body language never lies

Mark Twain once wrote, “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.”

There has been a great deal of chatter in town about transparency in national politics. While we like to focus on the facts, it’s been clear that as of late, facts are hard to decipher in the current climate. Misinformation runs rampant and several individuals stated that they just don’t know what to believe anymore. This led us to discussions regarding the FBI and how law enforcement personnel can spot tells, if someone is being untruthful.

According to body language experts, there are tells to let you know if a person is being dishonest. There are exceptions to the rule of course, but this tidbit of knowledge may come in handy or may serve as a bit of fun the next time you’re in a group setting.

Facial expressions, verbal cues and body language are said to give away a person who is fibbing. Experts say that these cues are due to chemical and physical reactions or nervousness.

If you are trying to decipher whether or not a person is fibbing, it helps to know how they act under normal circumstances. This way, you can determine if any responses are simply idiosyncrasies or tells.

The eyes say everything. Look for incessant blinking. Normally a person will blink up to six times every 60 seconds. If an individual is lying, they might blink five or six times very quickly. Further, pay close attention to how long a person closes their eyes mid conversation. If someone has closed their eyes for up to two seconds, they could be lying to you.

At some point, we’ve heard the notion that a person is lying if they look up and to the right, however this depends on whether or not the person is right or left handed. If a right handed person looks up and to the left, they are searching their memories and likely are being truthful. If they look up and to the right, they are searching their imagination, and preparing to create an answer. Keep in mind that some people could look straight ahead when trying to recall a memory.

FBI experts say that if you ask a person about something they have heard, their eyes will move towards the left ear. If eyes shift to the right, a lie could be coming. Eyes will move down and to the left if the memory is about one of the five senses. Again, eyes will move down and to the right if a person is about to lie. You can also tell if a smile is genuine if wrinkles form by the eyes.

Lying could cause a person’s face to itch. Watch to see whether or not a person is scratching their face while in conversation. Mouths tend to become dry when a person is lying as well. Lips that are pinched and colorless could also give away a person’s mistruths.

A person may begin to sweat as well or blush. Blushing is the result of the release of adrenaline.

If someone is being truthful with you, they will typically shake their head in unison and in agreement with what they are telling you. However, the opposite is also true. If a person is shaking their head in disagreement with what they are saying, likely you are being lied to.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dauphinais is the clear choice

To the Editor:
To my fellow citizens in the 44th District, I am calling to your attention and asking for your support, vote for our current member of the House of Representatives, Anne Dubay Dauphinais, in the Nov. 3 election.

Anne has worked tirelessly at improving our town and consistently demonstrated this by her 100 percent attendance, voting record, and public awareness campaigns. She has demonstrated during her consecutive terms to be an effective legislator and watchdog for her district. Anne embodies the philosophy,

“of the people, by the people, and for the people,” more than any candidate, ever. To me, the choice is crystal clear.

With your vote on Nov. 3, we all can help our 44th District and the great State of Connecticut, by re-electing Anne as a proven, tried and true Representative for all of our collective voices.

Sincerely and without reservation,

JOSHUA LYON
DANIELSON

Support a proven leader: Christine Rosati-Randall

To the Editor:
In her years of service, Christine Rosati Randall has been a proven champion of our teachers and children. She has been named a ‘Children’s Champion’ by the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance two times, and she led the passage of legislation to support developmental screenings to help our students.

There is such an uphill battle to secure special education students the support they need in every school, I’m proud to support a leader

who knows how to take real action to improve educational outcomes in our state. She also works to support families by connecting parents with resources in healthcare, and fought to lower property taxes. Vote for the leader who shares our values: strengthening our educational resources and supporting families in eastern Connecticut!

MEGAN JACOBS
PLAINFIELD

Dan Champagne gets my vote!

I endorse Dan Champagne for Senator. He is a proven leader who has served his Country and the State of Connecticut his entire life. I commend him for his service of 5 years in the Army National Guard and 22 years as a Police Officer.

Today, he continues to serve his community as the Mayor of Vernon and as Senator. Dan has represented his constituents well by fighting for key issues including, but not limited to, preventing tolls on our roads and tax increases. Dan’s support of our First Responders, veteran’s and seniors in our area has shown his heart to serve the people of Connecticut and he serves them well. With endorsements by the National Federation of Independent Business and by Connecticut Realtors, and countless citizens in Connecticut, I add my name to the list of those who endorse Dan Champagne for Senate. We need more people like Dan in office who truly care about the people. Please show your support for Dan this November.

Regards,

DWIGHT RYNIOWICZ
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Re-elect Dauphinais

To the Editor:
I believe that most of my fellow citizens can agree that we are at a tipping point in the history of our state. The job losses from the COVID-19 lockdown combined with perennial budget shortfalls are pushing us closer to the brink of bankruptcy.

We can continue with the status quo and pander to the public sector unions and hope the federal government will bail us out. But what if they don’t? It’s quite amazing that the Governor can declare emergency measures but not stop an across the board 5.5 percent pay increase for state employees. He said his hands were tied because of the union contracts. So, who runs this state? He had

no hesitation when forcing thousands of our citizens out of work and no shame in spending 300 million dollars to keep his biggest supporters happy!

Anne Dauphinais is dedicated to pushing back against this insanity. Is her opponent? I think you all know the answer to that question.

That’s why this “Unaffiliated” voter strongly endorses the re-election of Anne Dauphinais for State Representative in District 44!

Sincerely,

DOUG HUEY
KILLINGLY

This election is about character

To the Editor:
This Presidential election has many very important issues: Covid-19, the economy, unemployment, racial unrest, Supreme Court appointments, healthcare, immigration, etc., but I believe the most important issue this election is more fundamental — character.

Joe Biden is a “Career Politician,” and just like everyone else who fits that description (Democrat or Republican), he has his share of “baggage.” Biden is more than qualified to be president, but just as important as his capabilities is the fact that he’s a good, decent person. He grew up with the same working class values that most of us did, and feels strongly about family and doing what’s morally right for all Americans. Is he perfect? Hell no, he’s a flawed human being like all of us, but he’s not afraid to admit when he’s wrong, or to correct mistakes that he’s made.

Donald Trump isn’t a “Career Politician,”

but he’s already proven he’s not qualified to be President. Just as important as his lack of capabilities, is the fact that he’s not a good, decent person. Trump has lived a life based on greed and deceit, focused only on his own self interest. His life-long legacy of failed personal relationships and businesses could be a reason to pity him, if it wasn’t for his dishonesty, arrogance, and total lack of compassion. Trump is a pathological liar who is so morally bankrupt, that he sees nothing wrong with giving White Supremacists and Neo-Nazis the “benefit of the doubt” as long as it might help him. Donald Trump is a danger and an embarrassment to our great country. Anyone who can feel good about voting for him needs to take a long, hard look in the mirror.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

We need Anne Dauphinais’ voice in Concord

To the Editor:
On Nov. 3, I’ll be voting for Anne Dauphinais, incumbent in the 44th District.

Anne puts 110 percent effort into everything she does, and takes the time to truly understand issues being brought to the House floor for vote. In a time when state and federal politics often reflect the power and greed of the office holders, Anne is in it for all the right reasons. Connecticut needs more voices like Anne’s in Hartford.

As a special education teacher, Special Olympics coach, and member of a local school board, I appreciate Anne’s strong support for our students, especially those with special needs. I’ve seen Anne cheering on athletes at Special Olympics events, listening and asking

the hard questions at school board meetings, and advocating for people with special needs during sessions in Hartford.

Anne’s common sense and work ethic are second to none. We in Northeastern Connecticut are lucky to have her “in our corner.”

Anne’s fiscally conservative, and, unlike many in Hartford, Anne understands intended and unintended consequences of bills before she votes. Anne has the vision to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Join me in voting for Anne Dauphinais on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

DOUG FARROW
DANIELSON

Memories keep our loved ones alive

I’ve just celebrated another birthday. They come faster every year, but beyond the mere sense that time feels more fleeting than it once did is the knowledge that many people who were once part of my life are gone. It is a simple fact that as we grow older individuals we once knew die or we lose track of them, never to see them again. Today, I stopped time to think about special people who passed through my life.

I heard the song “Danny Boy” on the radio recently. It is a fine old overdone tune. It is a tear-jerker. I read that it is an Irish ballad, written in 1910 by an English man perhaps about a son going off to war or leaving in the Irish diaspora. It made me think of a classmate of mine, Skippy Geer. We were in four grade and we were being taught to sing “Danny Boy.” Skippy burst into tears. A boy. In tears. In four grade, over a song. I don’t know why he cried and I can’t ask him. He died at a fairly young age some years later in a construction accident. Whenever I hear the song, I recall his face, red from tears and embarrassment, but filled with deep emotion.

My mother died the summer between my sophomore and junior years of high school. I went back to school and tried not to miss a beat. I was the editor of my class yearbook and the advisor was Stan Scraba, my typing teacher. Mr. Scraba lived near the school and with his wife, Joan, had five children. They were a busy family with sports and events, but several times they invited me for dinner. I was delighted. At home my father and I ate at a quiet, orderly table. At Scraba’s they passed around bowls of food and everyone talked at once. It was a glimpse of another way of life.

In college, I did my best to slack off and often succeeded, but I was on track to go to law school with a major in political science. One semester I signed up for a course without taking the prerequisites and the professor called me out in front of the class, all males, except for me and one other. Max Thatcher, was tall, bald, a childhood classmate of Richard Nixon, whom he disliked, an expert in classical music and political theory. He became my advisor for pretty much the rest of his life. He arranged job interviews for me and chewed me out when he thought I was lazy. He toasted me at my wedding and gave me career advice and courage.

When I indulge myself with writing about the people I can’t forget, I also wonder about the people whom I’ve touched. I hope that somewhere along the line I said something affirming or intelligent or even just useful that helped another person. Through the years I’ve written mounds of recommendations for people for jobs, awards and scholarships. Some helped, I think. I hope a few meals, notes, calls, gifts, eulogies and connections have been supportive too. It is the least I can do in exchange for all that has been extended to me.

Some days, I worry about the future, not for myself as much as for the next generations. At moments when I recall the past or look squarely at the present, I see a great web of people and their actions that made and still make my life meaningful. I’m not alone. By remembering people, we keep them alive, and time stands still.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lisa Thomas has my vote

To the Editor:
I strongly support Lisa Thomas for State Senator of the 35th District. Lisa has a deep command of the issues that matter to all of us in Eastern Connecticut. As a teacher for over 35 years, Lisa understands public education. She's committed to protecting the environment and our natural resources and has been active with the Coventry Lake Advisory and Monitoring committee and The Last Green Valley. To better understand the dangers that our first responders experience, Lisa participated in a practice burn. She supports local farming, equity and diversity, small business growth, and the needs of the elderly.
At a time when we're all practicing social distancing, Lisa has been connecting with voters because the people in this district are important to her. She takes the time to listen

while making phone calls. She's door knocking every day to meet people in person (practicing physical distancing, of course). She's hosting Zoom sessions with subject matter experts to keep voters informed, covering topics that include school reopening, absentee ballots, gender equity, and farming and agriculture.
With more than 10 years of experience serving on the Coventry Town Council, her years of advocacy, and her work with the State Democratic Committee, Lisa will be ready on Day One to fill the role of State Senator. Lisa will serve our district with passion and unrelenting energy, be responsive to all constituents, and continue her work in promoting Eastern Connecticut.
Lisa Thomas has my vote!

CAROLYN G. ARABOLOS
COVENTRY

Dauphinais stands for what is right

To the Editor:
If you oppose defunding the police, re-elect Anne Dauphinais as our State Representative for the 44th district.
When the so-called Police Accountability Act was being rushed through the General Assembly, Rep. Dauphinais stood, with a small number of her colleagues, for the police. She knew that this atrocious bill would result in gutting small local police departments (like Killingly and

Plainfield) and make it next to impossible to hire new or keep veteran officers. Anne continually stands up to represent the voters in her district, voting for law and order, voting against the one-man rule of Gov. Lamont, and protecting our Constitutional Rights. If you want your voice heard in Hartford, re-elect Anne Dauphinais.

MIKE BROUGHTON
PLAINFIELD

In support of Anne Dauphinais

To the Editor:
The first time I met Anne in 2016, she asked me, "How do you think things are going in Connecticut right now?" The question is just as powerful now as ever, with our Governor not yet ceding the emergency powers granted to him in March. Anne was vocal in her opposition to this recent five-month extension of Lamont's powers, which last through the start of the next legislative session. I agree with her - Legislators need to have a seat at the table in decision making process. We need checks and balances during this difficult time, and the Quiet Corner should not be ruled by executive proclamations from one person in Hartford.
Anne is hardworking, and has a 100 percent voting record - she does not pass on the difficult votes. She is guided by the voice of the voters and her principles. My neighbors and the people I bump into around town want less taxes, less restriction on business and personal freedom. Many people are struggling to make ends meet as the pandemic has

impacted many jobs. Anne has been unwavering in her support of the working class.
I also find her support of law enforcement much needed in these times when some in national political office are yelling to defund the police. In the last session she has voted in support of several bills that strengthen local law enforcement. I also appreciate her work on the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Caucus. Anne is connected to her community.
I know Anne as a kind person who is always willing to lend an ear. She is a fantastic mother, grandmother, and a good neighbor. She has been a nurse, a social worker for the Department of Corrections, and has worked in private industry. She is our public servant and understands that the voice of the people she represents is more important than a rubber-stamp political machine in Hartford.

DOUGLAS GEORGE
DANIELSON

This pandemic calls for true leadership

To the Editor:
Back in 2016, the Villager printed a letter I wrote about the similarity between presidential campaigns and job interviews. I pointed out that Donald Trump had no prior public service experience, and that it might be difficult for him to change from private-sector one-man-rule to fairly and adequately fill the highest public office in the U.S.
Unfortunately, Mr. Trump's performance has surpassed my wildest imaginings of incompetence, intemperate language and confusion about just who it is that he serves. He governs like a misguided CEO, a tragic fit to our democratic republic. Clearly, his past experience did not prepare him in any way for the crucial leadership demanded of him.
During this COVID-19 pandemic, his decisions have left us all more vulnerable to exposure and transmission in no small part because of his open reluctance-and at times, outright refusal-to wear a face covering and practice physical distancing. This message has reverberated throughout our nation to contribute to already-existing disagreements and to brand our fellow citizens as democrats or republicans according to whether or not they follow CDC, expert epidemiologist, or Northeast District Department of Health recommendations and requirements.
Unfortunately, one way Mr. Trump's erroneous leadership has filtered down to our own Connecticut state representatives is in their participation in state capitol demonstrations against executive orders issued by Gov. Lamont. You may argue with the course he chose, but Connecticut is one of the safest states in our country when compared to those states that followed the example and wishes of the President, some officials openly ridiculing face coverings and those who wear them-even though for the protection of others.
The «let «em play» protest in Hartford last month, in particular, horrified me. State representatives Dauphinais and Hayes appeared near the Capitol steps standing next to each other (not six feet apart) with no face coverings, advocating contact football for high school students. (The photo I saw was on WINY Facebook news feed.)
It is deeply upsetting that our young

people have had to sacrifice the traditional sports programs that they love and have worked hard for excellence. But we need to respond intelligently to this new set of facts. Contact sports are not safe at this time-as the numerous COVID cases among professional football athletes have shown. Why would we subject our young people to such a risk, not only for themselves but for the loved ones they may unwittingly infect?
During World War II, housewives left their homes to work in ship-building and aircraft factories, and managed to care for their families as single parents. Men who could not serve overseas for some reason took on whatever needed to be done here at home to keep things running and civilized. Sugar, butter and gasoline were rationed. Cities had blackouts with residents installing black curtains to keep any light from exposing possible enemy planes to night-time targets.
Traditionally known as «the greatest generation,» these heroic ancestors must be rolling over in their graves to see the fuss being made about the relatively simple measures now required to stop this pandemic.
It truly pains me to point this out, but Republicans largely have backed the President's irrational and unsafe Coronavirus behavior. Those of his party who do not defend him have remained silent. As we know from past world history, silence can be deadly. The very safety measures that the President has ridiculed and spurned are the measures needed to end this pandemic and bring us through to safe re-opening.
Responding effectively to the threats of the coronavirus is important to each one of us. We can be examples of self-discipline and civic responsibility for our young people by supporting them, listening with respect to how this is for them, and reminding them that they can be our next «greatest generation» by showing strength, character and unselfishness. These trials can unite every student who has had his or her life significantly interrupted and create a bond of understanding and respect.

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Larry Groh has earned my trust

To the Editor:
Larry Groh has earned my full support and trust during an election where mudslinging has become the norm. He takes the high road, and will reach out to help Democrats and Republicans alike when they need his guidance and expertise.
Larry has been a lifelong member of the Thompson Community and fully comprehends the geographic challenges faced in region. We are known as the quiet corner but many of us feel we are the forgotten corner. Larry will work diligently to bring business, jobs and opportunity to the district. He has shown countless times, his dedication, ability, desire and leadership skills to be the man we need for change in our communities.

Larry Groh has worked in the prison system and understands the issues faced by a disenfranchised population. He is keen at balancing both sides and finding the solution somewhere in the middle. One sided politics is being bred from above but Larry does not desert his convictions in order to find personal gain. Larry is a man of ethical standing. He will bring a very much needed positive outlook to our community. Larry Groh Jr. is the best candidate to represent the 51st District of Connecticut. as your State Representative. Please join me in voting for Larry Groh Jr. this election day on Nov. 3.
Respectfully,

PATRICIA A. DONNELLY MS
THOMPSON

We have thrived under Dauphinais' leadership

To the Editor:
I make an appeal to the people of Plainfield and Killingly to re-elect Anne Dubay Dauphinais as our State Representative.
She is an avid supporter of our local law enforcement and opposed the Police Accountability Bill which puts an end to qualified immunity for officers. Police officers have a tough enough job without the added burden of having to second guess their every move which could put them and the public in jeopardy.
She opposed Gov. Lamont continuing the unilateral rule of the state by executive order with no oversight from the legislature and forcing his power upon the 3.5 million state residents without input from the state representatives. The purpose of a legislature is to have checks and balances and should not be at the control of one state leader.
Anne has been a vocal opponent of the violent mobs that have destroyed

large swaths of major cities across the country with vandalism against symbols of our history, local businesses and even federal buildings. She believes our history should be preserved, good or bad, and that it should stand as a representation of how far we have come and what we can strive to improve on for the future.
Anne is not blown about by the political winds around her but remains steadfast to her conservative convictions of a limited government, personal responsibility and love of country.
I believe Plainfield and Killingly have thrived under her leadership, and I hope you will all join me in re-electing Anne Dubay Dauphinais as our State Representative for the 44th District of Connecticut.
Kind Regards,

JESSICA SURPRENANT
DANIELSON

Dauphinais is the right choice for us

To the Editor:
I am writing to endorse Anne Dubay Dauphinais once again to represent the 44th District of Plainfield/Killingly. I cannot think of a finer person that I might write an endorsement letter for.
I have personally known Anne for close to 30 years, as our children attended school with her children, involving us in many related functions together. Anne is a fun loving, honest, articulate and morally led public servant that I am honored to also call a good friend.
Anne's credentials as a dedicated public servant for Plainfield and Killingly over the past four years have been exemplary and speak for themselves. She is a tireless worker for residents of both towns and brings not only professionalism and determination to make things better for us, but she is also guided by her consistent and honorable moral fortitude...taking moral action even in circumstances where pressure is applied to omit any moral obligation to do what is right.
Anne has shown support for our local law enforcement and supported bills to help prevent illegal firearms traf-

ficking; she supports protecting our unemployment fund, and she also supports practical bills that help farmers and those in the cottage foods industry, and yet these are just a sampling of where Anne has shown her support. Her dedication and professionalism are a positive voice for our area. Other than her integrity and dedication, if I had to choose the one character trait I value most about Anne, it is her desire to truly listen to those she represents. A trait that society seems to have lost somewhere along the way in a sea of people who are not keen on listening to others' perspectives...that is not Anne. Being an avid reader of post-Civil War history, to quote American historian Dean Jackson on the importance of listening: "Listening is an art that requires attention over talent, spirit over ego, others over self."
Simply put, Anne Dauphinais is an excellent choice to once again serve the needs of our area.
Sincerely,

SUSAN M. BARRY
DAYVILLE

We need to rid ourselves of Trump

To the Editor:
I won't belabor the titanic irony of Trump's getting Covid-19 or the abysmal stupidity of his leaving the hospital early (perhaps because the hospital wouldn't allow delivery of Big Macs).
In spite of what all is going on, we must not forget the immense threat that Trump's fascism is to our Republic. Merriam-Webster defines fascism, "a political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition."
We fought a war to rid the world of fascism. Over 290,000 soldiers died in combat in that effort. Now we have a jackass who would deny all that sacrifice and lead us into that horrid world by insidious corruption and denial of the basic principles of the Republic.
Trump is clearly a fascist putting whites above all others. He talks of "good genes," "good DNA," and "our people." On Sept. 18, he said to a rally, "You have good genes. A lot of it is about the genes, isn't it? Don't you believe? The racehorse theory. You think we're so different? You have good genes in Minnesota." These are his words, not mine, and they are frightening. This advocacy of eugenics is a basic tenet of fascism.
Recently, he signed an Executive Order establishing the 1776 Commission to promote "patriotic education", essentially a state mandated curriculum. This is exactly what dictatorial regimes always do, i.e. use the schools to subvert truth and distort children's minds.
Trump is again calling for his attorney general to indict Biden for the unspecified "greatest political crime in

the history of our country." "Where are all of the arrests?" he whined. He said Barr "is not doing enough to deliver results." Just another fascistic move - jail your opponents.
During the debate, Trump refused to disavow white supremacists. Indeed, Trump instead gave them credibility by saying, "Proud Boys - stand back and stand by." Now the Proud Boys and other alt right groups have threatened civil war if Trump is defeated. Trump is not calling out these treasonous threats. Indeed, it is exactly what a fascist would encourage.
And let's not forget his efforts to subvert voting. Trump has said "get rid of the ballots" referring to mail-in voting. He threatens to question vote validity. The Texas governor decreed that there be only one absentee ballot box in each county. Well, that certainly makes things easier for voters, doesn't it? Trump's call for poll watchers can easily lead to voter intimidation. Fortunately, most states have rules about what "observers" can do and Trump has no power over these.
Trump's refusal to commit to a smooth transition if he loses is a blatant authoritarian move to solidify a fascist regime and clearly would be treason.
He continues to attack the First Amendment concerning a free press. He has advocated violence against reporters which has been borne out. At his rallies he has said, "Beat'em up" and "throw them out." At a rally on Sept. 15, Trump spoke about how good the police have been in attacking journalists. When he talked about a reporter being hit by a rubber bullet, he said "when you see it, it's actually a beautiful sight." His words, not mine. How can our President revel in violence done to his own citizens and still be worthy?

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Creation Church celebrates 20th week outdoors

THOMPSON — This past Sunday, Creation Church celebrated its 20th consecutive week of outdoor Worship Services on their front lawn. Pastor Bernie Norman says, “The Lord has been incredibly gracious to us this past summer and fall with such beautiful weather each weekend. We had 125 people in attendance this past Sunday morning with 20 children in our Creation Kids program following an all-day, outdoor Women’s Retreat the day before with for 50 women! Several weeks ago, we also held an outdoor wedding and reception for 40 people on a Saturday afternoon. We have truly

been blessed.” “And,” Pastor Norman continues, “it has not been without adventure. We had some squealing tires one Sunday morning and a near car accident up above us on West Thompson road. We have many motorcyclists who pass by and many cars that beep at us each Sunday. We lost our tents last week in the microburst windstorm that hit the area. They were blown twenty feet high and over our telephone lines into the field which is adjacent to our property. A man holding onto the tents at the time was quick enough to let go, although he, too, was swept into the field with the

60-70 mile an hour wind gust!” The church will remain outdoors for two more weeks and then head indoors for services beginning Nov. 1. There will be a 9 a.m. Worship Service and a 10:30am Worship Service with a thorough cleaning between each service. “We are allowed to have up to 60 people (50 percent of our capacity) for each service. All who attend will be required to wear face masks and be socially distanced,” said Pastor Norman. “As always, a live stream of the service will be on our church Facebook page and YouTube page for all who cannot or decide not to attend.”

Creation Church presently offers a Women’s Bible Study on Thursday evenings both live and via Zoom and a Men’s Bible Study on Saturday mornings called Men’s Fraternity at 8 a.m. in their new fellowship hall. In addition, the church’s Youth Group called The Rock meets every other Sunday night at the church at 6:30 p.m. Creation Church is a non-denominational Christian church located at 47 West Thompson Rd. in Thompson. For more information, go to the church’s Web site at www.creationchurch.org.

LIONS INDUCTED IN MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP



Photo Courtesy

At our Oct. 6 Thompson Lions Club meeting, we inducted a member into the Melvin Jones Fellowship. This is one of the highest awards that a member can receive. Since our inception in 1953, only 15 members have received this honor. The recipients were Lenny Genest (left) and Merrill Robbins (right). The awards were presented by the Melvin Jones Committee, District Governor Frank Rowe, and Thompson Lions Club President King Lion William “Bill” Juzwic. Lions International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award (LCIF) is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community for which it serves.

Day Kimball Healthcare to offer free mammogram screening day

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare’s (DKH) Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center invites eligible women to a free Mammogram Screening Day in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield. To be eligible for a free mammogram, a woman must be 40 or more years of age and have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months. For more information and to determine eligibility for the free screening day, please contact Jayme Dandeneau, RN, BSN, Oncology Nurse Navigator by phone at (860) 963-3848 or email jdandeneau@daykimball.org. Registration is required. Appointments are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Multiple safeguards have been put in place at the Plainfield Healthcare Center to protect both staff and patients including masking requirements for employees and patients, social distancing measures, visitation restrictions, frequent cleaning of all areas, and symp-

tom screening before building entry. To learn more about cancer care services at DKH visit daykimball.org/cancercare. For more information about diagnostic imaging at DKH visit daykimball.org/diagnostics. For more information and guidelines about returning to care at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit daykimball.org/return-to-care. About Day Kimball Healthcare Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield and Putnam, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Conn., Day Kimball HomeMakers, and Day Kimball Medical Group. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare’s comprehensive network offers more than 1,100 employees including nearly 300 associated, highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

Assessment notices going out in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN — The Town of Brooklyn will be finishing up with the Oct. 1 revaluation, conducted by Vision Government Solutions within the next few weeks. Assessment notices are expected to be mailed on or shortly after Nov. 7. These notices will contain the new property assessment. Property owners should retain these notices as there will also be information on how to schedule an informal hearing with a representative of Vision Government Solutions. Due to Covid-19, these hearings will

be by phone only. Appointments will be scheduled directly with Vision Government Solutions. Do not call the Assessor’s Office to schedule appointments. Do not apply the current tax rate to your new assessment. Doing so will result in an inaccurate calculation of future taxes. The new mill rate will be determined as part of the budget process in the spring of 2021. As always, the assessor’s office is available to answer questions taxpayers may have regarding the assessment and revaluation process.

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Duun O'Hara of Woodstock enrolled at St. Lawrence University

CANTON, N.Y. — St. Lawrence University welcomed Duun M. O'Hara as a member of the Class of 2024.

St. Lawrence University welcomed nearly 625 new students to the community this fall, including 596 members of the Class of 2024. The newest Laurentians comprise one of the most diverse classes in St. Lawrence history. First-year students come from 32 states, Washington, D.C., and 33 countries, while 14 percent of the class are U.S. students of color and 10 percent are international students. First-generation college students comprise nearly 20 percent of the Class of 2024.

The defining characteristics of St. Lawrence students—inquisitive, supportive, and passionate—are already evident in the new cohort. With

81 percent having participated in community service and 79 percent taking part in leadership activities, this class has already demonstrated they prioritize others and are eager to step up, take action, and tackle the big issues facing local and global communities.

At St. Lawrence, each first-year student participates in the University's nationally-recognized First-Year Program (FYP), one of the oldest living-learning programs in the country. The FYP helps students make successful transitions from high school to college. Students live together as a cohort and are taught by faculty teams, developing the writing, speaking and research skills needed to be successful in college and beyond. Students continue to hone these skills in a spring First-Year Seminar.

Fall semester classes began on Aug. 26.

About St. Lawrence University

Founded in 1856, St. Lawrence University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of about 2,500 students located in Canton, New York. The educational opportunities at St. Lawrence inspire students and prepare them to be critical and creative thinkers, to find a compass for their lives and careers, and to pursue knowledge and understanding for the benefit of themselves, humanity and the planet. Through its focus on active engagement with ideas in and beyond the classroom, a St. Lawrence education leads students to make connections that transform lives and communities, from the local to the global. Visit www.stlawu.edu.

Changes in store for Putnam holiday parade

PUTNAM — WINY Radio 1350 AM/97.1 FM and the town of Putnam will be re-formatting the 19th year of our traditional Dazzle Light Parade.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we will be hosting a reverse parade which will be held at Murphy Park at 61 Keech St. in Putnam. We invite the public to travel in their cars through an assembly of floats and entries that will be invited to form a holiday parade experience at the Murphy Park grounds. Cars will enter from the former National Guard driveway and exit at the gate in front of Murphy Park.

Floats and entries will be invited by the parade committee and limited to 50

participating groups. This year, we will not be honoring a Grand Marshall, but instead we will be asking the public to consider making a donation of food or money to the Northeast Connecticut food pantries. As the public exits the park, there will be an optional donation drop-off location across the street from the park exit.

WINY Radio 1350 AM/97.1 FM will be hosting a live Holiday Radio performance in their studio that the public can tune into while they travel through the park.

We have decided to welcome the holiday season with the Holiday Dazzle Reverse Invitational Parade.

Foodshare event planned at Woodstock Fairgrounds

WOODSTOCK — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, the Town of Woodstock, and American Legion Benson-Flugel Post 111, Woodstock, announce a community foodshare event, "Farmers to Family," in cooperation with the Woodstock Agricultural Society Oct. 21 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds main entrance at noon. Thirty-pound boxes of food will be available to all.

Pet Pals hosting rabies clinic

DANIELSON — Pet Pals is holding a low cost rabies clinic on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2 – 3 p.m. at Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, 616 Wauregan Rd. (Route 12), Danielson. \$15 cash per animal. Call for an appointment at 860-317-1720. No walk-ins. All pets must be on leash or in secure carrier. Bring prior certificate if available.

New recovery home opens in Putnam

PUTNAM — Quiet Corner Cares is pleased to announce the opening of Kasia's Hope, a sober recovery home that will be available to women seeking a safe, nurturing environment.

On Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Board of Directors and Staff invite the community to attend the opening of Kasia's Hope House.

In April of 2019, Brigitte Jurczyk and Karl Kuhn, Jr. had an idea to establish a local recovery home for women in the community. Their idea has become a reality in a few short months. Having lost her daughter to a drug overdose, Brigitte has turned her grief into a cause that would honor the memory of her daughter, Kasia by establishing a local recovery home for women. Karl Kuhn Jr. shared in the vision of creating a sober home, having experienced recovery in a men's sober house.

Attributing his recovery to long term

residential care, Kuhn stated, "The recovery house I lived in after my initial treatment saved my life."

In October of 2019, United Services Inc. had an apartment house in Putnam that looked promising to QCC and was able to negotiate the purchase of the property at 79 Woodstock Ave. in Putnam.

With the help of a \$50,000 dollar grant Quiet Corner Cares was able to purchase the Woodstock Ave. property and establish its first Sober Living Home, in memory of Kasia Jurczyk.

The local community has responded with an outpouring of generosity contributing many of the necessities needed to furnish the home. Several businesses and individuals have "adopted" rooms in the home and continue to support the efforts of Quiet Corner Cares to provide suitable housing for women seeking to change their lives.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE ON THE COMMON



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On Oct. 11, Joe Iamartino, President of the Thompson Historical Society, gave a very interesting and educational historical tour of the Thompson Common to a very well attended audience. The event concluded with Sen. Mae Flexer awarding citations to the Suffrage100 Thompson Committee members of Thompson that volunteered all year and provided free events to residents of the area to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of women's right to vote.

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If you need any further proof of his complete absorption of fascism, on June 23, 2019, the President declared that the Constitution gives him "the right to do whatever I want as Preesident." Not hardly, Pilgrim.

For religious people who support Trump, recall Jesus saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be the sons of God." No one with a sense of conscious and an understanding of

this can say that Trump has been a peacemaker. It is overwhelmingly proven that he spews venom, hatred, dissention and division. He is incapable of bringing peace and bringing people together.

We need to rid ourselves of this dictator and the Republican Congressmen/women who are complicit and co-conspirators in this attempt to overthrow our Republic.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM


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As for our upcoming election, I believe the Democratic candidates for state office—Larry Groh, Jr.; Christine Rosati Randall; Sen. Mae Flexer—have shown the kind of leadership we need in northeast Connecticut. Promoting opposition to public health measures

will only prolong this COVID nightmare. Representatives who listen to medical professionals, such as Day Kimball Hospital's Dr. Graham, instead of Republican party leadership will bring us safely through this pandemic.

Respectfully,

CLAUDIA ALLEN
THOMPSON



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Donald R. Robitaille, 81

BROOKLYN – Donald R. Robitaille, 81, of Anderson Rd., died Tuesday, October 6, 2020 in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of 60 years to Diana (Manttari) Robitaille. Born in Norwich he was the son of the late Ludger and Mildred (Burns) Robitaille.

Don worked in various textile mills throughout the area, and his last job was at the Brooklyn Transfer Station. He was a member of the Central Cycle Club and the National Rifle Association. Don's President was and always will

be "Charlton Heston."

He is survived by his sons, Russell Robitaille, Carl Robitaille and his companion Phyllis Baribeau and family, Eric Robitaille and his wife Jennifer and granddaughter Hannah; his two sisters, Carol Hebrét and Sandra Maiato; a niece Desiree Manttari; and his best friend and companion, his cat, Tootsie Roll. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Robitaille.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Don we will see you again in Heaven.

Margaret M. Weiss, 62

WOODSTOCK– Margaret "Meg" Weiss, 61 of Woodstock Meadows, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2020. She was the beloved wife of Patti Howell. Born in Manhattan, NY, she was the daughter of the late Albert E. and Hellen E. (Brady) Weiss.

Meg grew up in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, NY. She was a 1976 graduate of Killingly High School where she excelled in all the sports that she played. She was quoted as saying, "Life is the most exciting sport of all." That was Meg! She was the "star basketball player" and captain her senior year for K.H.S. She was also on the field hockey team for the school and was an incredibly talented softball player, "She could throw a ball a mile!" Meg went on to graduate from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1981. She worked as a residential cleaner for herself and for N.E.P.S in Woodstock. She was very dedicated to her clients and took great pride in all the work that she did for them. Meg was a true, dedicated, and loyal friend to all that she met, still having friends from kindergarten, high school, college and beyond. She took great pride in her

role as the President of the Woodstock Meadows Condo Association for 12 years. She was patient, kind, funny and always went above and beyond to help all the residents, her friends.

In addition to her wife Patti, Meg is survived by her brothers, William Weiss and his wife Michelle of Killingly, Albert E. Weiss, Jr. and his wife Kathy of Springfield, MA; and James V. Weiss of Ledyard; her nieces and nephews, Kristine, William Jr., Jennifer, Margaret, Karen, Allison, Nicholas, Katie, and Jared; and many great nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her special four-legged friends, Nickel and Penny who miss her dearly; and so many close friends. Meg was predeceased by her brother, the late Edward W. Weiss.

Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020 at St. Joseph Cemetery, 350 Hartford Pike, Dayville, CT 06241. The Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, and due to Meg's love of animals, she would have been very grateful if you made a donation in her name to the Riley Farm Rescue, 109 Preston Rd, Brooklyn, CT For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Joseph "Pete" Peterson, 77

Joseph "Pete" Peterson, 77, of Putnam, CT passed away Friday, October 9, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT. Born September 5, 1943 in Worcester, MA, son of the late Joseph and Katherine (Sampson) Peterson. Joe was the beloved husband of Cassandra "Sandy" (King) Peterson. They were married in 1981.



Joe worked for Cullinan Engineering for 20 years and then worked for the city of Worcester's Department of Engineering as a Civil Engineer, retiring after 28 years. He was a lifetime member of the Flotilla 1001 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and an active member of the Putnam Aspinock Historical Society. Joe loved saltwater fishing and researching the genealogy of his family. He played in

the Windham County Men's Dartball League for many years.

Joe leaves his wife Sandy Peterson of Putnam, CT; his sons Jesse Peterson of Putnam, CT and Cameron Peterson and his wife Erin of Ronkonkoma, NY; his sister Carol Peterson and her spouse Ann Cooney of Worcester, MA; his nephews Ken Peterson of Worcester, MA and Tom Peterson of Jefferson, MA. Joe was predeceased by a brother Kenneth Peterson.

Calling Hours will be Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM with a Funeral Service at 5:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Putnam Aspinock Historical Society, PO Box 465 Putnam, CT 06260

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Richard "Dick" L. Turcotte, 93

PUTNAM– Richard L. Turcotte, 93, of Church St., passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. He was the loving husband of Jeannette Turcotte for 69 years. He was lucky enough to marry the "girl next door."



Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Albert and Mable (Danielson) Turcotte. Richard was a United States Navy Veteran who served during World War II. After serving his country, he worked as a sales manager for Mathieu Ford, Cormier Larrow Plymouth and he also worked as a machinist for Burmer Tool and Die and Gobeille Tool. Richard enjoyed golf and woodworking.

Richard is the oldest living past commander of the American Legion Post #13, a lifetime member of the Putnam Elks, VFW Post #1523 and a

past President of the Putnam Lion and Putnam Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by his sister Ruth Stevenson and her husband Todd; his nephews, Jeffery Brassard and his wife Laurie, James Brassard, Robert Brassard, Peter McLearn and his wife Gwenn, Douglas Turcotte and his wife Susan; his nieces, Debra Hodge and husband Jim, and Donna McLearn, and Holly Brassard; grandnephew, Brandon and great niece Brittany.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Dick at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Tri-Town American Legion Baseball, Attn: Everett G. Shepard III, P.O. Box 262, North Grosvenordale, CT. 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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the latter sped to a thrilling victory in his first-ever start at Thompson Speedway.

Incredibly, it was the third time one of Buffone's challengers had been waylaid by mechanical troubles. Buffone earned the pole by charging from 12th to 4th in his qualifying race, netting him a +8 under the "plus-minus" system. After leading the first seven laps, Buffone gave way to Candia's Jimmy Renfrew Jr., who came from seventh on the grid to sweep underneath him.

Coming out of turn two on the 10th lap, though, Renfrew's car shut down, handing the lead back to Buffone. A caution then came out for an unrelated incident involving Ed Flanagan Jr.'s stalled car. Renfrew's teammate Alby Ovitt, a many-time 8-cylinder Street Stock winner, lined up alongside Buffone for the restart. But Ovitt shut down as well after the green, taking another contender out of the

running.

After trading some paint on the next restart, Buffone led a five car breakaway with Baxter, Corey Hutchings, Devon McConologue, and Kyle Gero. Baxter made his move on the 17th circuit, sticking his nose out front and then clearing Buffone a lap later. The final yellow flew with five laps to go when Flanagan again stalled his automobile. Baxter easily handled Buffone when the green flag flew, but his engine could not go the distance, letting Buffone snatch the win.

Hutchings grabbed second followed by McConologue and Gero. Christopher Smith, Corey Fanning, Shawn Monahan, Jon Porter, Paul Williams, and Don Perry completed the top-10.

Like Buffone, Sterling's Jared Roy also made the most of some good fortune to get the win in the Thompson Mini Stock feature. Roy took the green flag in fourth for the 20-lap main event. Entering turn two on the first lap, though, polesitter Dave Trudeau drifted high and

looped it. Second- and third-place starters Tommy Silva and Steve Michalski made hard contact trying to avoid him, sidelining both for the night.

As a result, Roy suddenly found himself in the lead. He darted away from the pack once, then did so again following another yellow on lap nine for Jeff Mazzella's spin. Trudeau tore back through the field and tried to chase down Roy in the closing laps. He could get no closer than three car lengths, though, as Roy capped the season with a victory.

Trudeau finished second. Chris Taylor came in third while Dave Trudeau Jr. topped a dogfight with Russell Barboza for the fourth spot.

Ben Levangie of Plymouth, Mass. went wire-to-wire to win the 15-lap Vintage Modified Open feature. Hauppauge, N.Y.'s Mark Miller moved up to second early and was gaining on Levangie at the halfway mark.

However, as the field came down the backstretch for the ninth time, Miller's engine expired and set him to the pits. It was smooth sailing from there for Levangie as he won by half a straightaway over Unionville's Gary Byington. Bobby Gegetskas completed the podium.

Rick MacDowell of Sheffield, Mass. held off a snarling pack of Senior Tour Auto Racers Late Models to win the 15-lap feature. MacDowell got the jump

over Nassau, N.Y.'s Robert Keefner following the race's only caution at lap five when Bob Seward shut down in turn three. He then led a multi-way battle down the stretch with five cars under a blanket at the front.

Housatonic, Mass.'s Joseph Keefner chased MacDowell over the final laps, but could not do anything with him and crossed the finish line in second right on MacDowell's bumper. Bob Guyon, Joe Henderson, and Gary Moore rounded out the top-five.

Alan Zemla made the trip from Windham, ME worth the drive with a victory in the Senior Tour Auto Racers Modifieds. Zemla went nose to nose with Higganum's Skip Swiantek throughout the 20-lap event as the top six ran door-to-door and bumper-to-bumper.

Swiantek poked a wheel out from entering turn three multiple times, but Zemla came back each time, beating him the checkered flag by a few feet. Thomas Trempe edged Gregg Massini for third with Darryl Dutch taking fifth.

The 58th Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing continues Saturday, October 10 at 2:15pm. Fourteen divisions will be in action at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park with the Budweiser Modified Open 75 and ACT-type Late Model Open 50 highlighting the card. Features are also scheduled for the 350 Small Block Supermodifieds, Exit Realty Pro Truck Series, North

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Yes, that celebration in that famous photograph. She was there. “It was so crowded!” she recalls. Settling in to civilian life, Lada moved to Providence, R.I. She spent some time there with her sister Sue and brother-in-law Ed, and ultimately settled her own roots in the Ocean State. Almost every weekend in-between her working days, Lada would spend time at her sister’s beach house along East Matunuck Beach in South Kingston, R.I.

The themes of family and good humor reign supreme throughout Lada’s life, and this was exemplified when she was asked about “her secret” for reaching 100 birthdays, replying, “I don’t know; it’s my secret!”

While in Rhode Island, Lada took a course in shorthand; leading her to a clerical position of recording dictation, typing letters, and corresponding en masse. She recalls her job at mechanical manufacturer Sealol in Warwick, R.I., as well as working for IBM Equipment producing daily reports about repair work for military & commercial transports. She worked with the “computers” of the time to manually input repair details to a comprehensive database using punch cards and a form of photo scanning to compile all of the data into a single catalogue.

As a lifelong reader, Lada was delighted to see the Centenarian Citation and read its details upon receipt. The golden sun was at her back when she first glanced at the bold, calligraphic text on the document—it literally and figuratively lit up her face.

Joining Lada this day was her niece, Anne LeBeau, and her husband Bob LeBeau. State Sen. Mae Flexer (Killingly) also visited the Dayville skilled nursing facility to present the beautifully-framed official Connecticut General Assembly Citation exclaiming Lada’s birthday as a monumental moment. Rightfully taking the role of V.I.P., Lada was the last one brought out for the socially-distant photograph—accompanied by Vicki Ericson, Westview’s Assistant Director of Therapeutic Recreation. One of Johanna’s most endearing qualities exhibited during this small gathering for the Centenarian Citation. Even though Johanna has a generally quiet way, she possesses the ability to own the moment when given the opportunity. Senator Flexer remarked to Johanna that due to the circumstances she regretted not being able to stay and have a longer chat about her life story, perhaps sharing a cup of tea.

“I’ll make sure to return for your 101st birthday next year!” Flexer remarked. Lada coyly replied, “Well...I expect to be here!”



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