

Westfield Avenue plans take shape as vote approaches



Projections of what the front of the new Killingly Community Center could look like at Westfield Avenue.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – The potential renovation of the old Killingly High School on Westfield Avenue goes to the voters next month and public information sessions are being held throughout October to prepare voters for the big decision.

The first of three public informational meetings was held on Saturday, Oct. 9 where citizens were presented with the conceptual plans for the renovations of the Westfield Avenue facility which is currently utilized for school district offices, storage for a local food bank, an EASTCONN special education day treatment program and other purposes. In 2018, Killingly worked with a firm to provide a cost analysis of the projected cost of renovations to the current Community Center on Broad

Street. In March of 2019 the Town Council requested the Town Manager evaluate existing building options for the center which has experienced a variety of infrastructure issues including water heating problems, pipe failures, air conditioning issues in the theater space and even a squirrel infestation. In March of 2021, the Town Council officially requested that the Community Center be added to the renovation plans for the Westfield Avenue building rather than renovating Broad Street or building a completely new facility.

A PowerPoint presentation has been made available on the town's website and Facebook page showcasing the proposals for converting the old school into a Community Center including designating the old classrooms on both floors for

storage, camp activities, fitness programs, offices, and other uses. Several building improvements would need to be made on Westfield Avenue including work to the roof, windows, HVAC and boiler system, electrical and fire panels, and ADA compliance changes. All of these would be required with or without the move of the Community Center. Essentially the project would see much of the school converted to a variety of civic, learning, meeting and public gathering facilities meeting current uses while also expanding the use of the old classrooms to other community programs.

The cost projections presented included comparisons to building a new facility altogether for roughly \$50 million, renovating the

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Students beautify Windham during Day of Caring

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University's Center for Community Engagement held its annual Day of Caring special event on Oct. 2. In collaboration with the University of Connecticut (UConn) and sponsored by United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, the Day of Caring deployed student volunteers throughout the Windham community to fulfill gardening, cleaning, maintenance

work and other beautification projects.

With 68 Eastern students and 17 UConn students, the day began at 8:30 a.m. with a gathering at Eastern's Clock Tower to hand out event t-shirts and determine assignments.

The Day of Caring was organized by CCE Special Events Coordinator Lexie Mastroianni '21.

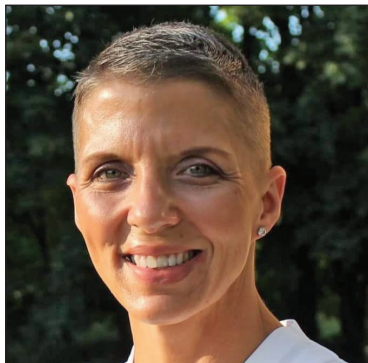
"Due to COVID-19 we were all

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Familiar candidates highlight First Selectman race in Thompson



Ken Beausoleil



Amy St. Onge

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON – Thompson's 2021 election day will see familiar faces contending for several boards and commissions as voters decide on the new or continuing leadership of the most northeastern town of the Quiet Corner on Nov. 2.

The big decision of the day

will, of course, be for First Selectman with incumbent Republican First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge seeking reelection and her fellow board member and longtime Democratic candidate Ken Beausoleil looking to retake the First Selectman seat he previously held. St. Onge, who is in her

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Killingly girls' soccer gets over hump, defeats rival Plainfield

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY – Often in high school girls' soccer seasons, a team that seems to have an uneven beginning finds its stride in midseason and goes on a run that leads to the postseason where, as everyone knows, anything can happen.

Killingly High looks like it may very well be on one of those runs.

Killingly entered its home game against Stonington High on Tuesday, Oct. 12, having won three consecutive games and four of its last five to improve to 7-4. Killingly's three-game win streak started with a 6-0 win over Fitch on Tuesday, Oct. 5, a victory that was followed by a 2-0 win over rival Plainfield High on Thursday, Oct. 7, and a 2-0 victory over Stonington on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The highpoint of the winning streak was the win over Plainfield; Killingly hadn't defeated the Panthers, who entered the season with a 6-3 record, in six years.

After a scoreless first half Killingly found the back of the net twice in a four-minute span of the second half.

Senior Emma Carpenter staked Killingly to a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute of the second half, scoring her third goal of the season on a direct kick from 25 yards out. Carpenter bent the ball around the wall of players Plainfield set up about 10 yards from the goal, the ball curving away from Panthers' goalie Olivia Dagenais and into the left side of the net.

The goal appeared to be the result of a perfectly placed shot by Carpenter. Unfortunately, her plan was not to send

the shot so wide to the left.

"Before I took the shot I looked over at coach [Jim Lackner] so he could tell me where to place it," Carpenter said. "We both noticed that when Plainfield set up its wall they left a space open on the end and we thought I might be able to curve the ball around them and into the goal between [Dagenais] and the near post."

"I ended up getting too much on the shot and it just kept on curving and ended up going in the net by the far

post," Carpenter continued. "So the shot didn't go the way I planned, but hey, a goal's a goal and we really need one at that point. What I do know is the shot felt great when it left my foot and even better when it went in."

Less than four minutes later, with 25 minutes, 28 seconds remaining in regulation, junior Jada Neri scored her first goal of the season, off assists from

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Photo Ken Powers

Killingly players, from left, Aryn Nisbet, Emma Carpenter and Jada Neri, along with coach Jim Lackner, show off their "Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness" T-shirts after beating Plainfield High for the first time in six years.



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The South Killingly Congregational Church



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Killingly Historical Center Hours to Change: Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Killingly Historical Center will again be open Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in; look at the exhibits; renew memberships. We hope to see you. Masks suggested.

I imagine that a number of you have heard that the South Killingly Congregational Church will be closing. The closing service will be held Sunday,

Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. inside the Church. All are welcome. Masks will be available.

South Killingly was one of the last sections of the town to be settled since its land, purchased by Plainfield individuals from Owaneco prior to the Killingly's incorporation, was held in common and was not divided for many years. According to Ellen D. Larned's "History of Windham County, Connecticut," Jacob Spalding of Plainfield was the first known white settler of the purchase. By the 1730's sufficient families had moved to the area that they requested the permission to hire a minister during the winter months. The long trek to Killingly's First Society meetinghouse (to the east of Route 21, a little south of the present Killingly-Putnam town line), was almost impossible during the snowy months. In 1735 the request was granted.

The early 1740's saw the Great Awakening, a period of religious revival and great division among the old churches. According to a brief history written in 1876 by Rev. William Beard, "a small congregation of devout citizens split apart from the towns ministry and formed, under the kindly auspices of their beloved 'King George of England' the South Killingly 'Separatist Church.' Beard continued, "At the time of their

beginning, "The Separatists were much spoken against in the Connecticut Colony, 'based upon their differing beliefs...Short days after the founding of the Separatist Church, a furious conflict was upon the countryside. Sadly, on the day set to ordain their first minister (Windham), the honored man was not among them, but in Windham Jail, arrested for preaching contrary to the law."

Church history seems to place the first South Killingly church of the 1740's a little west of the present edifice on land that had been deeded by William Short to Samuel Wadsworth, the pastor of the congregation. The present edifice was erected in 1837 and was dedicated in January 1838. For additional information about that and a more detailed church history see "The South Killingly, CT Congregational Church 1746-1996," Marcella Houle Pasay, editor & researcher which can be found at the Killingly Historical Center. Obviously, there is too much information to include in this column.

Donna Perkins was kind enough to prepare the following list of the pastors of the South Killingly Church for this column. "Samuel Wadsworth (1747-1762), Thomas Dennison (1762-1765), Eliphalet Wright (1765-1784), Israel Day (1785-1826), John N. Whipple (1832-1834), Alvin Underwood (1834-1835), Thomas Williams (1838), George Langdon (1842-1844), Isaac Day (1846), Joseph Ayer (1849-1856), David Breed (1860), Ezra Kinney (1867-1869), William Atwater (1869-1873), William Beard (1873-1896), William S. Beard (1896-1897), Charles H. Pease (1897-1899), J. Elliot Bowman (1899-1900), Joseph White (1901-1902), William Star (1902), Nelson Bailey (1902-1904), Donald Cowling (1904-1905), Harvey Lawson (1905-1906), Virgil W. Blackman (1906-1910), Miss Lydia Hartig (1910-1912), Harry B. Goodsell (1912-1917), Miss Lydia Hartig (1917-1918), Walter B. Williams (1919-1923), Henry A. Coolidge (1929-1949), Hubert Topliff (1950-1951), Clarence Hodgkins (1952-1954), Robert C. Cooper (1955-1972), Robert Fichter (1972-1977), Kenneth Teed ((1978-1980), Lawrence Bernier (1980-1998), Frank Perkins (1999-2015), Kevin Williams (2016-2018), Bonni Piccione (2018-2021?). In March 2020 the church closed for services due to the Coronavirus.

Killingly Historical Society board member Carol Ryley Cooper grew up in South Killingly, and kindly shared some of her fondest memories of the church. "In looking at some old things I had, I have a book about Rev. Robert Cooper. He started as the minister of South Killingly Congregational Church in Feb. 1955. He would have been minister to 5 churches, so dropped the Line Baptist Church and started at South Killingly still keeping Rice City, Foster Center, Summit Baptist and United Protestant of Sterling, all with running his own business too. He and his family lived in South Killingly having bought the old parsonage. I moved to South Killingly in 1958...South Killingly Church was the center of activity in our small rural section of town. A one-room schoolhouse had been on the same property as the church but had been torn down and all the children were now

bussed to Killingly Memorial School. The church had another large building' The 'Community House'. All the families gathered at the church, no matter what religion you were; if you were a South Killingly kid you came to 'Young Peoples'. It was a group for preteen to teenagers, run of course by Rev. Cooper. Your entrance fee each week was to learn and recite, by memory, a verse of the Bible, only one not allowed was 'Jesus wept'. That became the joke; one boy was always trying to sneak that one in. We played baseball, football, and all kinds of games in the field between the church and cemetery. We also went to the stockcar races, roller skating, ice skating, etc. sang in the choir and met up with kids from the other churches led by Rev. Cooper. The highlight of many years was the 'Hoopla', a variety show put on by Mrs. Cooper. Virginia Cooper was a wonderful organist and led everyone in songs and skits. The Cooper house on the corner of Cook Hill and Halls Hill was the center of activity always. Eventually I married (one of the Cooper boys) of course in that church. Later on after having our 3 boys, we became leaders of the 'Young Peoples' group. Rev. and Mrs. Cooper continued on as ministers until their retirement, enriching many people's lives, I can say from my many years involved with the South Killingly Church I am sad to see it closing. Over the years, many other ministers with their families took care of the church and the church took care of them. South Killingly is a small part of Killingly but a wonderful part; I know, I've lived here most of my life."

For those of you who had or still have a connection to the South Killingly Church, please share your memories. They are treasures that should be preserved for posterity. Email me or stop in at the Killingly Historical Center. Thank you.

Walktober Events continue: Saturday, Oct. 16. Walk & Talk: History of Racism and Abolitionists in Brooklyn. Federated Church of Christ. 10 a.m.-noon. Featuring Joan Dimartino (Prudence Crandall Museum) and Dennis Landis (Unitarian Universalist Society). 15 Hartford Pike, Brooklyn. Park in church lot. 860-774-9817.

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

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Many people think of investment planning as something you only do leading up to retirement. But it's just as important to plan well after retirement too although the focus is very different – investment planning in retirement is more about spending – specifically how you spend – than it is about saving. Your goal now is to maximize your savings and assets so they can provide for the lifestyle you want for as long as you need. Here are three major things to consider during this time.

Decide how much to withdraw

A key factor that determines whether your assets will last for your entire lifetime is the rate at which you withdraw funds. The more you withdraw, the greater the likelihood you'll exhaust your resources too soon. But if you withdraw too little, you may have to struggle to meet expenses, and you could also end up with assets in your estate, part of which may go to the government in taxes. So it's vital to estimate an appropriate withdrawal rate for your circumstances, and determine whether you need to adjust your lifestyle and/or estate plan.

Your withdrawal rate is typically expressed as a percentage of your overall assets, even though withdrawals may represent earnings, principal, or some combination of the two. For example, if you have \$700,000 in assets and decide a 4 percent withdrawal rate is appropriate, the portfolio would need to earn \$28,000 a year if you intend to withdraw only earnings; alternatively, you might set it up to earn \$14,000 in interest and take the remaining \$14,000 from the principal.

An appropriate and sustainable withdrawal rate depends on many factors including the value of your current assets, your expected rate of return, your life expectancy, your risk tolerance, whether you adjust for inflation, how much your expenses are expected to be, and whether you want some assets left over for your heirs. You'll probably need some expert help to ensure that this important decision is made carefully.

Decide which accounts to withdraw from first

Many retirees have assets in various types of accounts—taxable, tax-deferred (e.g., traditional IRAs), and tax-free (e.g., Roth IRAs). Given a choice, which type of account should you withdraw from first? It depends on a number of factors.

If you will not be leaving assets to beneficiaries, the answer is simple in theory: withdraw money from a taxable account first, then a tax-deferred account, and lastly, a tax-free account. This will provide for the greatest growth potential due to the power of compound-



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ing. In practice, however, your choices may be directed by tax rules, because retirement accounts (other than Roth IRAs) have minimum withdrawal requirements beginning by April 1 of the year following the year you turn age 72. Failure to do so can result in a 50 percent excise tax imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution that you failed to take.

If you will be leaving assets to beneficiaries, it's more complicated. If you have appreciated or rapidly appreciating assets, it may be more advantageous for you to withdraw from tax-deferred and tax-free accounts first because these accounts will not receive a step-up in basis at your death and your heirs could face a larger than necessary tax liability. However, if you intend to leave your entire estate to your spouse, it may be better to withdraw from taxable accounts first because spouses are given preferential tax treatment with regard to retirement plans – the funds in the plan continue to grow tax deferred, and distributions need not begin until the spouse's own required beginning date.

Balance safety and growth with the “two bucket” approach

To ensure a consistent and reliable flow of income for your lifetime, you must provide some safety for the principal in your investments. This is why retirees typically shift at least a portion of their investment portfolio away from riskier high-growth investments to more secure income-producing investments. Unfortunately, safety comes at a price – reduced growth potential and erosion of value due to inflation.

One solution may be the “two bucket” approach. Determine your sustainable withdrawal rate (see above), and then reallocate a portion of your portfolio to fixed income investments (e.g., certificates of deposit and bonds) that will provide you with sufficient income for a predetermined number of years. You would then reallocate the balance of your portfolio to growth investments (e.g., stocks) that you can use to replenish that income “bucket” over time.

Be sure that your fixed income investments will provide you with income when you'll need it. One way to accomplish this is by laddering. For example, if you're investing in bonds, instead of investing the entire amount in one issue that matures on a certain date, spread your investment over several issues with staggered maturity dates. As each bond matures, reinvest the principal to maintain the pattern.

As for the growth portion of your investment portfolio, common investing principles still apply: diversify your holdings, invest on a tax-deferred or

tax-free basis if possible, and monitor your portfolio and reallocate assets when appropriate.

Continued investment planning in retirement is critical, but can be complex.

It's a good idea to consult an attorney who specializes in estate planning as well as a trusted financial advisor for help in creating and managing the best strategy for your particular situation. When it comes to living well in retirement, one size does not fit all. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we help our clients to create a plan that best meets their individual needs and priorities through our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process. See how we can help to create a plan for you at our website at whzwealth.com, or call us at (860) 928-2341 to get started.

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current Community Center on Broad Street for an estimated \$41.7 million or renovating Westfield Avenue and moving the Community Center for a projected requested authorization of \$27.8 million. That final \$27.8 million is what will go before the voters next month. Taxpayers are encouraged to attend a Nov. 9 public hearing at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, followed by a special town meeting that same night at 8 p.m. which will adjourn to a machine vote to decide the fate of the proposal on Nov. 16. Two more public hearings are also scheduled for this month, one on Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Killingly Town Hall and one on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at the current Community Center on Broad Street.



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St. Mary Church to host Yuletide Festival

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The carotenoid and xanthophyll pigments assist the chlorophyll in capturing light and producing sugar during the growing season. The beta-carotene contributes to the orange and orange-yellow fall color. Lutein is the most prominent xanthophyll pigment producing bright yellow fall color. There are over 80 different pigments in these two categories contributing to the variations in fall color.

The tanins in leaves contribute to the golden and brown fall colors. These are thought to discourage animals and insect pests from feeding on the leaves and help defend the plants against disease organisms.

At the same time, these plants begin to create an abscission layer between the leaf and stem. This barrier prevents the sugars produced in the leaves from mov-



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ing down into the roots for storage. Purple and red fall color, from the anthocyanin foliar pigments, is produced when sugars build up and are trapped in the leaves. This results in brilliant red and purplish-red fall color. Some of these pigments are present during the growing season and can be seen in new growth and mature leaves of some plants. These add color to the garden, help protect the plant cells from high light damage, and may discourage animals and insects from dining on the plants.

Warm, sunny days followed by cool nights without a hard frost mean more sugar and better red, orange, and purple fall color. Sufficient soil moisture helps keep the leaf color bright for a longer period of time. Leaf color fades, turns brown and leaves drop from the tree more quickly during dry fall weather.

Fall foliage is not restricted to deciduous trees and shrubs. The leaves of many of our favorite perennials also turn brilliant colors in the fall.

Solomon's seal and hosta leaves turn a beautiful yellow, echoing the fall flowers of witchhazel and yellow leaves of ginkgo and quaking aspen. The delicate heart-shaped leaves of barrenwort, botanically known as Epimedium, turn red in fall.



Photo Melinda Myers

Each fall as the days shorten, deciduous shrubs and trees like this Arctic Jade Korean Maple begin their transformation as the plants produce less chlorophyll.

Some of the leaves drop in fall like most trees and shrubs. Others will persist through winter and drop as new leaves and flowers appear in spring.

Perennial geranium and *Bergenia* leaves turn reddish-purple in fall. Both will persist, adding color to the winter and early spring garden.

Brighten up the fall landscape with the fine texture and amber-gold fall foliage of Angelina sedum and willow amsonia.

The fluffy white seed heads of our native little bluestem complement the coppery-red fall color that persists throughout the winter.

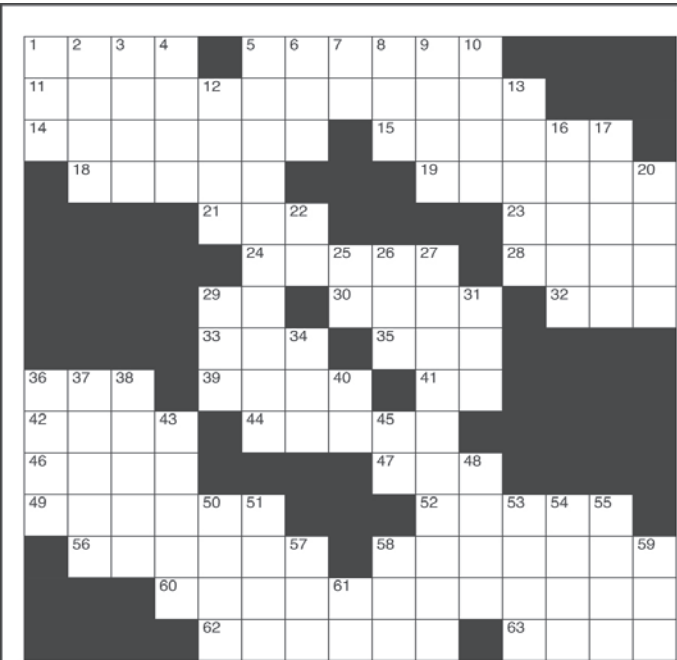
Genetics determine the color each plant tends to produce in fall, while weather and the plant's health influence

if and how intensely the color will be expressed. Consider fall color when adding plants to the landscape. Then provide proper care to keep them healthy and looking their best throughout the year.

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

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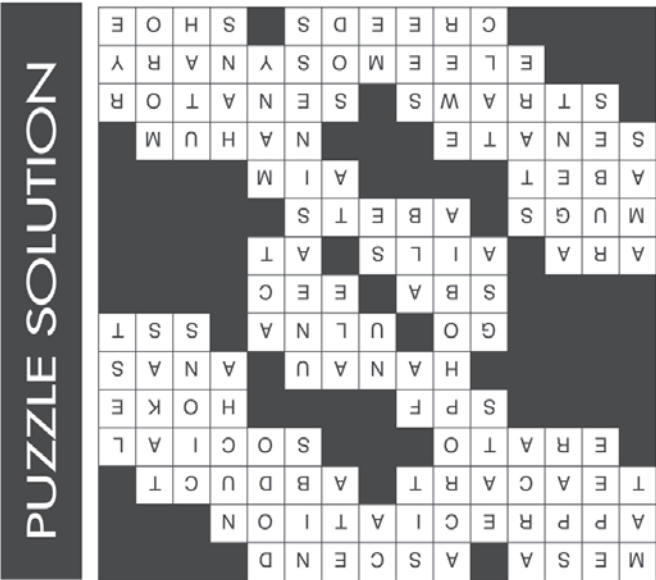


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- 15. Kidnap
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- 19. A type of media
- 21. Sunscreen rating
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. German town devastated in WW2
- 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- 29. Leave
- 30. Forearm bone
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Helps little firms
- 35. Defunct economic organization
- 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- 39. Feels ill
- 41. Indicates position
- 42. Beverage containers
- 44. Assists
- 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
- 47. Purpose
- 49. Group of elected officials
- 52. Hebrew prophet
- 56. They help you drink
- 58. Lawmaker
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Doctrines
- 63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Where wrestlers work
- 2. Dueling sword
- 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
- 5. Fear of heights
- 6. What some tell their dog
- 7. The Golden State
- 8. When you expect to get there
- 9. Pointed ends
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Feeds
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Descendant
- 17. Small boats found in Turkey
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 26. Brew
- 27. Feeling of anxiety
- 29. Young girls group
- 31. Perform on stage
- 34. White clerical vestment
- 36. Popular musical awards show
- 37. Bumpkins
- 38. One who acts on another's behalf
- 40. Direction
- 43. Look at with fixed eyes
- 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
- 48. A large number of
- 50. Type of powder
- 51. Large jug
- 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
- 54. American state
- 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- 57. Witness
- 58. Landscapers lay it
- 59. Type of bread
- 61. Of I



Day Rd. A lifelong nature lover, Nancy spends a significant amount of her time photographing the natural environment and landscape surrounding her home in the northeast corner of Connecticut. She is an advocate for preserving the beauty of wild places and her portfolio reminds us that travel to far-off destinations is not a requirement for wildlife and landscape photographers.

Mark & Beverly Davis Guitar Duo Concert

Friday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. – at the Center, 218 Day Rd.

Mark and Beverly Davis have performed together since 2001 and have performed at many international festivals in Europe and Australia. The duo is well known locally for the intensity of their performances and ability to communicate with the audience. The program of classical guitar duets will include Elizabethan lute music, Baroque works by Vivaldi and Scarlatti, as well as beloved Ed Flower compositions based on traditional British Isles folk songs. Call 860-928-4948 to register. Mask and COVID vaccination required. Fee: \$10 CAS members; \$20 non-members.

Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstration

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.

This exciting program should be a memorable experience. Observe Andy and fellow banders capture and band migrating Saw-whet Owls. See these amazing tiny owls up close. Bring your camera. Please register by emailing arzenikiewicz@ctaudubon.org Fee: \$20 CAS members; \$30 non-members.

Artwork & Book Sale

Monday, Nov. 15 to Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Center at Pomfret will start the annual holiday nature store shopping spree with a sale dedicated to books and artwork. A variety of book themes will include birds, nature, gardening and outdoor adventure. Watercolor and oil paintings, prints and photography, both framed and unframed, will be available. Get your holiday shopping started!

Annual Holiday Nature Store Monday, Nov. 22 to Thursday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Following the artwork and book sale, the Center at Pomfret's full selection of holiday goods and unique

items will be offered for your shopping pleasure. You never know what treasures you may find!

Citizen Science Volunteer Monitoring Program:

Introduction to Mammal Tracking

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd.

Get a taste of the tracking experience while learning about our program. Volunteers monitor various sites in CT on the lookout for track and sign of fisher, river otter, mink, moose, black bear, and bobcat. Begin or continue training to become a wildlife monitor by attending training hikes that suit your schedule. Registration is required. Contact paulcoughlin@charter.net Fee: \$25 members/\$35 non-members.

Winter Bird Walk

Tuesday, December 28 at 1 p.m.

We'll check various locations for wintering bird species. We hope to find Horned Lark, winter finches, various raptor and duck species. Meet at the Center. Please register by emailing arzenikiewicz@ctaudubon.org Fee: \$10 CAS members; \$20 non-members.

Hike Nightingale Forest South

Thursday, December 30 at 9 a.m.

Join Andy on the trails of this large Wyndham Land Trust preserve that can only be accessed with a guide having special permission. We'll see an old graveyard in the middle of the forest, a large glacial erratic, and the site of an old farm. Please register by emailing arzenikiewicz@ctaudubon.org Fee: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

Programs at TRAIL WOOD

93 Kenyon Road, Hampton, CT 06247

860-928-4948 ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home

Volunteer Day at Trail Wood Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to noon

Please join us to help make Trail Wood ready for winter. It's time to rake and put the gardens to bed. No experience necessary. Bring gloves, rakes, clippers or spades, if you have them. Meet at Trail Wood, 93 Kenyon Rd. in Hampton.

Full Beaver Moon Walk and Campfire

Friday, November 19 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Walk to the Trail Wood beaver pond and enjoy the evening by a campfire. Register by emailing TrailWood@ctaudubon.org

Free to CAS members; \$5.00 non-members.

Programs at Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret 218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center (860)928-4948 ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Oct. 4: Blackpoll Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Solitary Sandpiper, American Kestrel, Merlin, Cooper's Hawk, Phoebe, House Wren, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Parula Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.



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online, but now, getting back into the community and having actual volunteers onsite is great,” said Mastroianni, who was a student leader during her undergraduate days at Eastern.

After picking assignments, the students departed in vans to locations across town, including the Garden Club of Windham, Windham Textile Museum, Willimantic White Water Partnership and more.

The Garden Club of Windham is located on High Street and is a large area filled with bushes. It is one of the first things drivers see when they get off the nearby highway. Students were equipped with gloves, shovels and wheelbarrows to pull, dig and make spaces for native plants.

“Since 1997, the Garden Club of Windham has been one of our staple volunteering efforts on campus,” said Nick Diaz ’22, president of the student leadership organization MALES. “MALES is about growing as professionals and young adults.”

“Volunteering gives us an opportunity to bond together and see Willimantic,” said Yenifer Serrano ’22, president of the student leadership organization FEMALES. “Our club is based on leadership, community service and being professional while preparing for the real world. This club gives members the chance to work with children and the community.”

The Windham Textile and History Museum, also known as the Mill Museum of Connecticut, is a non-profit that provides the community with a historical museum, library and archive. Students painted and fulfilled maintenance tasks for the nonprofit organization. Given Willimantic’s frog history, students spray painted amphibian footprints along the premises. They also painted new arrows to signal drivers where to enter and exit and added a new coat of paint to the ramp leading to the building.

“We’ve partnered with Eastern for several years now,” said Kira Holmes, the executive director of the museum.

ELECTION

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first term at the head of the table of Thompson’s highest elected board, is joined by Susanne Witkowski for the second consecutive election as the two look to continue their success from 2019. Boausoleil, who has served on the board for ten years including four as First Selectman, is joined by a new face to town politics on the Democratic ticket with Matt Harmon, a lifelong Thompson resident and 2003 Tourtellotte Memorial High School graduate.

The Board of Selectmen race will be the most dramatic contest on the ballot however with most of the remaining positions uncontested. Renee LaPalme-Waldron and Rene J. Morin are endorsed by both parties to return at Town Clerk and Tax Collector respectively. Two democrats, Laurent Guillot and David Johnson, are the only candidates on the ballot for two Board of Finance seats. Four candidates are contending for two seats on the Board of Education. Democratic incumbent Shawn Brissette is joined by fellow party members Jessica Bolte and Heather Santos on the ballot while Matthew Polsky is the sole Republican candidate. Erica Ellison-Groh and Bob Pederson are the only candidates running for the two available Board of Assessment Appeals seats and have been endorsed by both parties on the ballot and Anna Naum and Robert LaChance are also endorsed by both parties as they seek the two open seats on the Library Board of Trustees. Democrat Kirby Cunha is the sole candidate for an open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Republican Paul Lenky is the only candidate for an opening for a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate.

The only other major contested elections on the ballot aside from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education are for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Water Pollution Control Authority. For Planning and Zoning there are five candidates seeking to fill three opening seats. Three Democrats are on the ballot, incumbents David Poplawski and Brian Santos along with Geoff Bolte, as are two Republicans, current commission vice-chair Randolph Blackmer, Jr. and Kies Orr-Layack. Republican Alvin Smith is the only candidate for an open Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate seat. The Water Pollution Control Authority has two open seats with three candidates, Democratic incumbents H. Charles Obert and Adrian LaPalme and Republican chal-

“It’s great to have the students because we always need an extra hand.”

The Willimantic White Water Partnership is a non-profit organization that preserves the trails and area around the Willimantic River. Students planted various trees such as crabapple, sunflowers, perennials and other native plants around a map of the Willimantic Trail Hub.

“It’s been quite a collaboration of many people helping,” said White Water Park Community Organizer Jean de Smet. “It’s always exciting to me to see everyone pulling together to volunteer.”

United Way will be assembling literacy kits for students in the Windham area in hopes of encouraging a love for reading. United Way is a non-profit organization with 15 locations throughout the state and 1,800 locations across the world. Their mission includes youth success, family financial security, access to health and basic needs.

“What we do is we look at the whole person, and we address barriers that prevent people from having equitable outcomes for success,” said United Way Marketing and Communications Manager Kate Blackburn. “We’re really passionate about ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed in school. Another part of our mission is ensuring every family has the opportunity to achieve financial stability.”

The CCE is widely known throughout the Windham area. With the many volunteering programs and special events, the CCE has fostered trust from community members. The CCE provides resources to build a culture of civic responsibility and engaged learning at Eastern. The CCE creates sustainable and effective relationships with community partners that benefit the local community, provide students with valuable life and employability skills and support faculty in developing high-impact curricular practices. Opportunities are available in tutoring and mentoring in area schools, juvenile and adult rehabilitation, programs focused on cultural awareness, hunger and homelessness, animal rehabilitation, and health and wellness.

lenger Stephen Nickerson, seeking election.

Thompson’s 2021 town election will take place throughout the day on Tuesday, Nov. 2. District 1 will vote at the Thompson Library, District 2 at the Town Hall, District 3 at the Quinebaug Fire Station and District 4 at the East Thompson Fire Station. For more information voters can visit the Registrar of Voters page on the Town of Thompson Web site, www.thompsonct.org.

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Lapsley holds annual Fall Festival

POMFRET – As one of the most popular orchards in the region Lapsley Orchard in Pomfret was the perfect place to bring the local community together as they held their annual fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 9. The orchard not only allowed for apple and pumpkin picking but also provided hayrides, lunch options courtesy of the Pomfret Lions,

and showcased how many of their products are made including candy apples and apple cider. It was a fun fall evening for all as countless guests from all across the tri-state area turned out to enjoy a little piece of Quiet Corner culture and embrace the fall atmosphere in full.



Photos Jason Bleau

The Pelletiers of Brooklyn start their picking at the orchard.



The Dore of Plainfield found the perfect Pumpkins to complete their fall look.



Guests got a firsthand look at the process of making apple cider the old-fashioned way and got to sample the results.



One of the most popular activities of the day, a hayride brought families on a tour of the orchard grounds.



Members of the Pomfret Lions Club cook up some grilled eats for visitors to the Fall Festival.



A large group of festival visitors make their way through the orchard.



Lapsley Orchard employees serve up one of the orchard's most popular treats, apple cider doughnuts.

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sophomore Laura Farquhar and senior Makayla Dube, to push the Killingly lead to 2-0.

“Laura crossed it left to right and Dube got a touch on it, it came to me and I just shot it in,” Neri said. “They were a few players in the box and I think [Dagenais] might have got her fingertips on it, but it went in so I’ll take it.”

All that was left after the Killingly offense did its job was for junior goalie Aryn Nisbet to do hers, and she did, making five second-half saves,

thwarting every potential scoring run Plainfield sent her way.

“Plainfield’s my hometown so there’s a rivalry angle to every game we play against them, said Nesbit, who finished with 11 saves. “We haven’t beaten them in six years so this was a huge win for us. We all came to play today; we were all juiced up. It was good to see our energy get as high as it did in this game.”

According to several Killingly players, Lackner gave a particular stirring halftime speech.

“I don’t know how stirring it was,” Lackner said with a laugh. “I just told them that we had to come out better in the second half with our touches and that we needed to fly around a little bit more.

“I told the girls if they control the midfield we lose. If we control the midfield we win,” Lackner continued. “At halftime I also asked them if they were sick and tired of losing to Plainfield. I said, ‘how bad do you want it? Show me right now. I want to see the team I’ve expected to see all year. Come out with some fire and passion and go get it.’ And that’s exactly what they did.”

In Killingly’s win over Stonington junior Emma Girardin scored in the first half and sophomore Illyana Malarkey scored in the second. Malarkey assisted on Girardin’s goal and junior Casey Beauregard assisted on Malarkey’s goal. Nesbit posted her third straight shutout in the game, finishing with seven saves.

In the win over Fitch Beauregard scored two goals and assisted on two others. Laura Farquhar also netted a pair of goals and sophomores Sherrie Simoneau and Spencer Chviek also scored. Recording assists for Killingly were Beauregard, Carpenter, Girardin, Neri, and Malarkey.

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An orchard employee prepared candy apples for sale in full view of guests.



The Sutcliff, Crowley and Houle families of Brooklyn and Rhode Island enjoyed a day at the festival together.



In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

“In the Studio” is a newer feature for the Villager Newspapers. The Quiet Corner is home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this semi-weekly series, we’ll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We’ll also learn some “artspeak” terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those “artist words”.

Today I have the pleasure of conversing with interdisciplinary artist, Jess Porzuczek. You may know her as the Interim Program Coordinator for Visual Studies at QVCC, and Instructor of Art History and Studio Art there.

In her passion for the arts, Jess has created an “art practice”—a career about using multiple artistic methods to find the fitting materials to express thoughts, feelings, ideas, and events. Using photography, fiber and plant techniques, or other two- or three-dimensional approaches, Jess works to guide students and the larger community in discovering the joy and power in understanding art as a tool for communication, connection and healing.

Jess, I understand that you attended QVCC yourself and later pursued a Master’s Degree in Fine Arts at the University of Hartford, Hartford Art School. What motivated you to further your art studies?

I began to find my voice as an artist at QVCC early on and the school offered me a valuable foundation to build from that served me well through my BFA and MFA. By the time I was ready for grad school I knew I wanted to focus deeper on my interest in blending my worldview and my creative work. Nomad MFA was an immersive experience that surrounded me with artists who were interested in creating work that had impact on others, that talked about issues and engaged the public, that considered and confronted our biggest challenges. I learned so much from them all and I’m grateful for that outstanding experience.

Please tell us about your “Lost Knowledge: Vanishing Histories” project.

This was a project that was conceived as both a teaching tool and an art object. Its primary focus is to call attention to topics I’m passionate about by means of transparent images attached to the glass panes of a seed starting greenhouse. The three that I have created so far speak to issues such as seed sovereignty, American family farms, and the unknown diversity in apple varieties. They have been interactively shown in galleries, public spaces and also have

been used in life science classrooms to inform elementary school students about these issues and to instruct them on how to start seedlings. Each one comes with a seed starting kit for student use and curriculum for teachers to share with students. It’s a great way for kids to connect to the natural world. Now that kids are back in school, I’m looking forward to sharing them again with educators. [note: visit www.jessicaporzuczek.com for details]

You have described your philosophy to me using the motto from the design offices of Charles and Ray Eames, The Best for The Most for The Least. Would you elaborate on that?

Yes, it is a creative and life philosophy that I deeply admire. Essentially what it means is to create with the best materials, that reaches the most people, for the least amount of cost. Meaning it is accessible to all. I like art that has impact on others. That speaks to and for everyone and has the possibility of contributing to a more livable future.

What does your main workspace look like?

I am fortunate to have a great studio space that is adaptable to the variety of creative practices that interest me. From natural dyeing, sewing, printmaking, photography, I have space that can accommodate these focuses. I also share my studio with creative friends often. I love collaborative creative environments and sharing the space with others.

You have a garden in your native Killingly home which is very important in your life, yes?

Yes, I have been a gardener for almost 20 years now. It is a large part of my life. Connecting with the land and nurturing plants is something I find deep purpose in. In recent years learning how to grow and process natural dye plants has allowed me to bring my garden into the studio which has been transformative for my art practice, especially through the isolation of the pandemic.

I loved your article in Connecticut Food and Farm Magazine about solar dyeing. It really does sound like a magical process. I’ll include a link below and ask you to tell us about it here as well.

I was honored to be asked to contribute to the summer edition of Connecticut Food and Farm Magazine this year. The article is about solar dyeing with marigolds. It is a simple process that anyone can do with a mason jar, fresh or dried marigolds, a piece of natural cloth of your choice and some sunny summer days. Marigolds are just one of the many plants that you can get pigment from by placing out in the sun and is an easy process for kids and beginner natural dyers.

https://issuu.com/connecticut-foodandfarm/docs/connecticut_food_and_farm_magazine_summer_2021

Running the QVCC Gallery is another one of your functions at the College. Please tell us about upcoming shows and how to visit the Gallery.

Now that we are back on campus I’m happy to share that beginning in October we have a full roster of shows booked through May. This semester we have



three shows planned, a faculty show, a local veteran’s show and the student art show that we host at the end of each semester to celebrate the accomplishments of our art students. We are excited to be back exhibiting creative work by those in our community. Feel free to check out our gallery website for more details. https://qvcc.edu/happenings/spirol_art_gallery/

Last question: 3 “must-haves” in your studio?

*Others
Music
Incense*

Thank you for spending some time with me today. I look forward to visiting the QVCC Gallery soon.

Word of the day

Experiential or immersive art is art that requires the viewer or visitor to activate a space where the work exists, primarily in an installation or public space; it can also describe individual works of art that require participation from the viewer.

<https://www.igi-global.com/dictionary>

A purposeful life is when you are moving towards a big goal in your life that aligns with your values, passions and makes you happy. This is harder than it sounds because finding your purpose in life is not always easy.


<https://www.trackinhappiness.com>

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized framework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. Significant projects include costume work for the Santa Fe Opera, and framework demonstrator at the Peabody Essex Museum. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.



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Eastern’s ‘Big Read’ program kicks off with “The Artist as Witness”

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University will kick off its National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read program with the exhibition “The Artist as Witness” from Oct. 18 - Feb. 1, 2022, in the Art Gallery. The exhibition features works by master artists, participants in the Prison Arts Program and local college students, and is meant as a visual companion to the University’s Big Read program surrounding the graphic novel “The Best We Could Do” by Thi Bui.

An opening reception will occur in the Art Gallery on Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. with a talk by Jeffrey Greene, coordinator of the Prison Arts Program by Community Partners in Action.

Eastern is one of 61 organizations nationwide selected to receive the NEA grant, which will support a months-long community reading program. Eastern’s Big Read selection, “The Best We Could Do,” is an illustrated memoir that chronicles the author’s parents’ life before and during the Vietnam War, their escape from Vietnam, and their eventual migration to the United States as refugees.

“‘The Artist as Witness’ presents a group of artists whose work has a laser

focus on conflict and suffering, commentaries on injustice, and provoking social change,” Julia Wintner, art gallery coordinator and co-organizer of Eastern’s Big Read program. “It brings together nine artists working from the 1930s to today. Each artist produces consciously political art in response to specific events or circumstances; their work is characterized by figurative representations of people and actions.”

The three-part exhibition features master artists Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Kathie Kollwitz, Elise Engler and Rowan Renee; incarcerated artists Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Lee Jupina Sr. and Michael Reddick, who participated in the Prison Arts Program; and a new student work in response to the book “The Best We Could Do.”

For more information on Eastern’s Big Read program and to see a calendar of events, visit <https://www.easternct.edu/big-read/>.

The Art Gallery is located in the Fine Arts Instructional Center and is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and weekends by appointment. For more information, contact wintnerj@easternct.edu or visit www.easternct.edu/art-gallery.

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We appreciate our local police

Support for police should not be political. Yet here we are. Over the past few days, we have thought a lot about our local police departments, and they truly deserve a shout out of appreciation. Reporters, editors and all of us in the media work very closely with our local officers. We could not do our jobs without their help.

What we have come to know is that police officers are democrats, republicans, independents or simply don't affiliate with any political party whatsoever. The current climate would lead you to believe that if you support police, you're affiliated with one party. This could not be further from the truth.

We see the police logs every week, we know how much stress our officers face on a daily basis, and to make things a bit more challenging, many of our local departments are short staffed.

Our police officers do so much more than we think. The day-to-day tasks do not come without some sort of stress, whether they are dealing with someone with a mental health issue, confiscating drugs, chasing someone who doesn't want to be caught and putting their lives at risk every single day. They are shouted at, assaulted, and disrespected daily. Sure, this comes with the job, however it doesn't mean that it should, or that it doesn't get taxing. Oftentimes it's the same culprits day in and day out they deal with, and we're not sure how they remain calm and professional while doing so, but for that we say thank you.

After an arrest, or any sort of incident, it doesn't end there. There are calls from family members, or those who were arrested, court dates, collecting written testimony and being a part of some tough family situations as well. Responding to motor vehicle accidents that end in tragedy, or all of the other situations that we only see in movies, is actual real life to our officers. Just because we don't see what's happening every day in the lives of our police, doesn't mean that it's not happening.

Of course, there are officers in other states and cities that abuse their power, however that is not the case in our smaller communities. Police reform is needed in those places and has been for decades, however we consider ourselves lucky to live in a place where our officers are all top notch. Many officers would agree that police reform is needed.

Being a police officer is a career that has long been praised as a high honor, only to be filled with selfless brave women and men who simply want to keep our communities a better, safer place to live in. Follow our lead and show your local police they are appreciated. We see you, and we thank you.

LETTERS POLICY

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Woodstock Republicans show leadership working for you

To the Editor:

Elections matter. This year's Woodstock town election is important.

Others talk about what they will do if elected, but there is more than just using a hashtag slogan. Actions speak louder than words. Woodstock Republicans have shown strong leadership through common sense actions working for you: moving our community forward; guiding the town through the COVID-19 pandemic; encouraging participation of everyone in town and keeping them informed; developing fiscally responsible budgets, having A+ town financial audits, and keeping taxes low; providing needed public services; supporting strong public education; preparing wisely for the good use of American Rescue Plan Act funds; working toward housing needs; advocating for

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Andy Whitehead has my vote

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Andy Whitehead on Nov. 2 for Killingly Town Council.

Andy brings the type of thinking, planning, and financial responsibility that Killingly needs. I like the fact that he's been a lifelong resident of the town, is a business owner, and

has raised a family in Killingly. I've personally known Andy for over ten years. He's the type of person that's always eager to listen, learn, and help.

Sincerely,

KEN O'CONNOR
KILLINGLY

Vote Democrat for Putnam Board of Education

To the Editor:

Elected members of the Board of Education have a very important role in the community. They are responsible for the educational future of all the students. It's not a once a month meeting position. There are various committees that need their attention and attendance is a priority. Elected members should not have a personal agenda on how

the educational system should be run.

I'm confident that the following candidates are well qualified and will work hard for the students of Putnam. On Nov. 2, please vote for Chad Neal, Kevin Davis, Carrie Blackmar and Lauren Konicki.

BOB GARCEAU
PUTNAM

Let's keep Brooklyn's schools outstanding

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Brooklyn's Democratic candidates for the Board of Education: Samuel Bonfante, Melissa Perkins-Banas, Nathan Richards and Ailla Wasstrom-Evans.

These candidates offer both experience and an eagerness to help get our school system through the ever-increasing challenges they face. Making sure our students are able to learn in a safe, healthy and stable environment is a priority. They know how important

effective communication with the administrative staff, teachers and parents is and will promote active participation wherever possible.

Our schools in Brooklyn are outstanding; let's continue to keep them that way! Please join me in voting for the Democratic candidates for Board of Education. Vote on Nov. 2!

RICK IVES
BROOKLYN

Vote for Chad Neal

To the Editor:

Please join me in voting for Chad Neal to the Board of Education, on Nov. 2. He is the best choice for the position.

I have observed Chad as a team leader and player for the Putnam High School Football team, where he was a student.

Chad has a child who currently attends Putnam Elementary School.

He has been a successful athlete and coach in Putnam. He has experience teaching and

tutoring in the Putnam Public Schools. He is very aware of what the system needs, and its strengths.

Chad is a highly qualified candidate, and he is devoted to education.

Please consider voting for Chad Neal for Board of Education on Nov. 2.

WILLIAM ZAMAGNI, JR.
PUTNAM

Asking for your vote

To the Editor:

I am asking for your vote to continue to serve on the Pomfret Board of Education in the November election.

I am a 40-plus-year resident of Pomfret, and I know our Community School and our High School system are the heartbeat of our vibrant community. For many of us, it is the reason we moved to Pomfret.

I am the proud parent of two graduates of the system. I have spent over 47 years in the same industry, founding Cableworks 36 years ago. I am retired and "board ready" to serve you on the Pomfret Board of Education.

I previously served on your board for six

years. I have been actively involved with Roseland Park, Pomfret Lions, Woodstock Academy, CT Association of Boards of Education, and the Northeast Chamber of Commerce. I am excited and committed to continuing to move our educational process forward for a brighter future for all our students in Pomfret. Education is too important to vote by party lines-I am asking all Pomfret voters for your support.

Vote for John Rauh in the November election.

JOHN RAUH
POMFRET CENTER

My fellow candidates deserve appreciation

To the Editor:

My name is Brian Santos, Thompson resident and proud Democratic candidate for Planning & Zoning. I wanted to express my deep appreciation for my fellow nominees and our Thompson DTC Chair, Erica Groh. That appreciation is represented by their continued dedication and commitment to our Thompson community.

When you have longstanding nominees such as Ken Beausoleil, Renee Waldron and Rene Morin on the ballot, it just oozes a history of perseverance, vision, devotion and love for our town. I am blessed to be a part of this professional group, and humbled by the opportunity to be one of its representatives. I am also thrilled to be named alongside my fellow Democratic Candidates Matt

Herman, Geoffrey and Jessica Bolte, Robert LaChance, Larry Guillot, Shawn Brissette, David Johnson, David Poplawski, and my wife Heather Santos. Words cannot express how I feel about this talented and well diversified group of individuals that can absolutely help lead our Town. I am looking forward to hearing everyone's thoughts and perspectives at the information meeting, and excited to see a tremendous turnout from our community as well.

Thanks to all for the support as we work to make positive change to our town and our future.

Much love and respect,

BRIAN SANTOS
THOMPSON

All politics is local

Lawn signs are popping up across our region at nearly the same pace as mushrooms. The placards are often printed in the colors of the flag, and dot area intersections and private property. In my informal survey, I note that many do not mention the political affiliation of the candidates. The office being sought is in such a small type as to make it nearly illegible. Name recognition is the more important thing. In our area where there is no daily newspaper, although some good weekly ones, getting one's name out by using good old-fashioned signage works well.

It's impressive that so many people are running for various local offices. Windham County is an amalgam of small towns where local government is viewed as close to the people and important. People run when they think they can make a difference and that their efforts matter. They run when they are asked by their neighbors and friends and toss their proverbial hats in the ring when party leaders or cohorts interested in similar issues urge them to step up. They run when they think it will be exciting, connect them to their community, make them respected big shots, hate the people currently in office or love them.

A few may be looking for a good reason to go out at night instead of staying home. A number believe it is an obligation as a citizen to stick one's nose into the fray. Whatever the reason, people run for office to get a sense of belonging, feel in the know about local issues and perhaps even keep down taxes or promote special areas of spending. Running for and holding office is a fine way to make friends and an excellent way to make enemies. It's a way to gain respect for others who show special insight and useful skills as well as an opportunity to learn who is a wind bag and who always comes through with thoughtful, practical solutions.

For many years, the League of Women Voters was a key organization in promoting voter registration and meet the candidate nights. The group covered ten towns in the northeast corner and was emphatically bi-partisan. Every year at the Woodstock Fair, the LWV set up a booth on the porch of the main building and demonstrated to people who dropped by the make-up of the upcoming ballot. It was a fine way to learn about the various pesky ballot questions that turn up in Gubernatorial election years. I last encountered the LWV when touring our state capitol with visitors. There was no contact information for our area on the website, which is too bad as it was a useful group.

My father was the first selectman in our town for several years. At the time, the bulk of responsibility related to local roads. He and a citizen came to loggerheads over the fellow's driveway. The man was so angry he hid in our barn to wait to confront my dad. He scared me when I went to feed my pony. My mother, furious, grabbed her rose clippers and walked the old man into the road where he dared not move. Local politics was too local for her someday, although harassment from constituents was rare.

Many names on local political signs are familiar. Those seeking reelection or from well-known families attest to the continuity of town leadership. New people crop up and plunge into the fray. Regardless of who they are, what party endorses them, or why they are running, they are the truest part of the saying - "All politics is local."



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kevin Gaudreau deserves your vote

To the Editor:
As the Chairman of Killingly’s Board of Assessment and Appeals (BAA), I write to urge Killingly residents to vote for Kevin Gaudreau for BAA this November.
Kevin has been serving on the BAA for four years and is experienced in the property tax laws and state/town property valuation process.
More importantly, his thirty years of experience as a small business owner and an auctioneer offers him insight and experience as to the actual value of property, not a town accountant’s view of the assessed value. This experience is invaluable. Assessing the value of

property, a primary duty of a BAA member, few have more experience at this task than Kevin.
Kevin understands citizens are taxed enough already, and as your BAA representative will continue to ensure that citizens with tax disputes are treated with respect and fairly. It is their money, and Kevin is happy to let them keep it.
I urge Killingly voters to vote for Kevin Gaudreau for BAA on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

DALE DAUPHINAIS
KILLINGLY

Join me in voting for Earl Rosebrooks

To the Editor:
My name is Brian Maynard, and I am not only a resident of Putnam, I am also the Chair of the Putnam Republican Town Committee. I am writing to show my support for Earl Rosebrooks, who is running for the Putnam Board of Education. Earl grew up in this area, and now lives in Putnam, where he has been involved in our community for over 20 years. He has a BA in Business from the University of Connecticut.
Earl is a local business owner, Fluid Coating Technology Inc. and as such, he is experienced and knowledgeable in all financial aspects - to include budgets, staffing concerns, health issues and brings a direct, fiscal conservative approach to the many challenges facing our school system today. Earl’s experience in successfully running a business through challenging times is exactly the perspective we need to navigate in a responsible, informed and pragmatic way for the success of our school system.

Heavily involved in our community as a volunteer and active contributor of his time, knowledge and experience, Earl is a member of the Putnam Business Association where he served as the president from 2015-2017 and continues to serve as an executive member. He also serves on the board of directors for the Northeast Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Sons of American Legion, American Legion golf committee, ARC golf committee and is a board Member Emeritus for Northeast Opportunities for Wellness. One of his sincere passions is assisting with the local food drives where he works in conjunction with the Danielson Veteran’s Coffee House and the Town of Putnam.
Please join me in voting for Earl for the Board of Education this November. Sincerely,

BRIAN MAYNARD
PUTNAM

Brandon Gaudreau knows what public service is about

To the Editor:
Since he’s my brother, I’ve known Brandon Gaudreau for all my life, and I can’t think of anyone better to be a member of the Killingly Board of Ed. That’s why I am writing to publicly support him in his campaign for that position, and why I think everyone who lives in Killingly should vote for him, no matter if they are Republican, Democrat, Independent, or even a member of some other party. This is because it is not about wanting a political party to win an election with Brandon. It’s about doing the right thing and getting those right things done.
Doing a good thing lasts a long time. Party “control” of things like Congress, the White House, and yes, even school boards, changes all the time, but positive accomplishments and changes for the better are always there to stay. Brandon knows this, and that is something I think is really admirable in people who run for office, even when I’m not related to them!
Brandon has always been very detail-oriented, curious, dedicated, and driven. I’ve never known a challenge or problem that he has not gone at full-force and wanted to know everything about, and he does not let roadblocks easily stop him and make him give up. He always finds ways to solve a problem, no matter what it takes. He will work on the Board of Ed to not just bemoan, but identify the root causes and drivers of problems like low test scores, staff shortages, safety hazards,

and budget problems.
Brandon will not just identify the details and pat himself on the back, however. After he knows the problem root-to-stem, he will take that knowledge and create solutions based on it that will work for everyone, in his effort to, as he puts it, make Killingly Schools the best district in the area. He’ll find ways not just to identify the causes of, but to stop low test scores, improve safety to prevent bad things and tragedies from happening, make sure there aren’t staff shortages anymore, and so on. And if conditions prevent the problem from being fixed, then he will see if he can’t first create those conditions that make fixing it possible.
Brandon is also frugal by nature, so all of this will be done with the knowledge that this is not free money the Board of Ed is working with – it’s the people’s money, and they not only deserve the best bang for their buck, but that they need and deserve the lowest taxes possible. This is how he has operated in his personal, professional, and academic life, and it is how he will work as a member of the Board of Ed. That’s what public service is all about, and that’s why I encourage everyone to vote for Brandon, someone who knows that this is what public service is all about, for the Killingly Board of Ed on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

BEN GAUDREAU
ROGERS

Killingly Public Schools: Spending a dime to save a nickel

To the Editor:
This is in response to Killingly Public Schools Superintendent Robert Angeli’s statement he released this past Monday. Due to his and the current Board of Education’s failed leadership, the mediation process with the Killingly Paraprofessionals Union will now go to binding arbitration.
It’s well known that the Killingly Public School system underpays their teachers, staff and paraprofessionals compared to their contemporaries in neighboring school systems. Starting pay for a newly certified paraprofessional is roughly \$14.50 in Killingly, while in neighboring Putnam and Brooklyn, it’s over \$17. Well known and nothing done about it, since we obviously care more about mascots and uniforms than fair wages that feed families.
How’s that saying go — spending a dime to save a nickel. That’s what’s happening here. This is what the cur-

rent BoE and Superintendent do not understand. Arbitration is expensive. Lawyers are expensive. Not valuing our employees is expensive. Turnover is expensive. Anyone with the basic level of understanding human resources will tell you that turnover, if left unchecked, is detrimental to staff morale and can sink any organization. And it will be our kids who need the life preservers.
Below are a couple of statements from the Superintendent’s press release that stood out to me. Quite frankly, I find them embarrassing as a resident of Killingly with children in the school system.
In response to the bus driver, the statement reads, “It simply a response to a driver crisis.” So, by that logic, if there is a driver crisis then we’ll pay fair wages? So we need a Para crisis in order to receive fair wages. Ok, well there is a Paraprofessional shortage not only in Connecticut but across the

I’m not running, but I have an insider opinion

To the Editor:
My name is Ernest Lee. I’m an outgoing town councilman. Yes, I’m not running again, but I know clearly who I have no reservations endorsing this election.
My first (and last) time serving as a Town Councilman has been mostly rewarding, and definitely an eye opening experience. I have found those serving on the board are good people doing what they feel is right.
At times, some play politics, and at times I’m not sure exactly where some are coming from. But I have zero reservation fully endorsing Patty Larrow George for re-election. It is true that she and I have not always seen eye to eye on every subject over the last two years, but I’ve found her to be intelli-

gent, caring and above all honest. She listens, makes logical arguments and is willing to consider alternate perspectives. She digs for details like no other and is determined to always find the facts. Even when we disagree, it’s for subjective reasons, not because of holes in her research, facts or logic. Nothing irritates me more than dealing with those that practice partisan politics; make decisions based upon emotions or faux science or those with personal axes to grind. She does not subscribe to any of those failings. I hope she gets re-elected. She is a dedicated servant with the best intentions of the town in her heart.

ERNEST LEE
KILLINGLY

Elect Ailla Wasstrom-Evans to Brooklyn Board of Education

To the Editor:
Once again in November, we will have an opportunity to select those individuals we wish to have represent us. This honor and privilege has become an even greater responsibility during these uncertain and challenging times. Those of us who do not have children attending school forget that the education we provide in our community is the primary beneficiary of our local taxes. We forget that the education we provide represents our future as a community - locally and globally. I am writing to you today to remind myself, and you, how important those Board of Education seats will be in this next election. I am writing to you today to ask you to vote for an exceptional candidate - one who just may have the most outstanding qualifications of any I have seen in my decades of voting in Brooklyn — Mrs. Ailla Wasstrom-Evans.
Mrs. Wasstrom-Evans is a lifelong member of the Brooklyn Community. An excellent student herself going through the Brooklyn Schools, she has chosen to raise her young family and pursue her career as an attorney in the

community she loves. As a member of the Conservation Commission for six years, she is familiar with the workings of local government. As an attorney specializing in estate planning and land conservation law, she is familiar with legislative language and mandates and can provide valuable guidance as to what the state and federal governments require and what is local jurisdiction. She understands the role of the BOE as responsible to the entire community of Brooklyn, including but not limited to those with school age children.
Ailla Wasstrom-Evans is the best choice for Brooklyn. Her thoughtful, caring, intelligent demeanor, her willingness to be open to all sides of an issue, her commitment to making decisions that reflect what is best for the entire community are apparent in everything she does. I have had the great good fortune of knowing and working with Ailla both as a student and as a colleague. Don’t pass up this opportunity to have her work for you. Sincerely,

SHARON L. LOUGHLIN
BROOKLYN

Murphy for Killingly Councillor at Large

To the Editor:
My mother and grandmother were very involved in politics in the town of North Smithfield, R.I., where I grew up. They both supported the Democratic Party. I myself have never been very interested in politics. As time goes on, I realize there are things I like and dislike about both parties. I strongly believe that few things in life are all black and white. I believe much of life is grey. I feel politics should be based more on supporting policies and not parties.
I would like to endorse Michelle Murphy (Shelly) as Killingly Town Councillor at Large. I have lived in Killingly for seven years. My friend Shelly is running for Killingly Town Councillor at Large. It is for this reason that I have finally registered to vote for the first time in Killingly. I will vote for Shelly not only because she is my friend, but because she is passionate and capable in everything she does. I believe in her.
I met Shelly after the loss of her brother several years ago. Shelly and her brother share many wonderful and kindhearted qualities: both extremely hard workers that would give you the shirt off their backs and the last dollar in their pocket without ever looking for anything in return. Knowing the Murphys has been a blessing in my life.

Shelly contributes so much of herself to the things she believes in. Whether it is her community, her church, her job, the people she is close to, strangers and stray animals alike; she is selfless in her efforts to help in any way she possibly can. She has this passion, because she has had to work so hard to get where she is in life, overcoming several indescribable hardships.
Shelly is one of the most authentic people I have ever met. She wins people over simply by being her true self. Knowing Shelly as I do, I believe she can offer support and knowledge that will aid our community to maintain all that is good, and help make the things that are working well work even better. She is fair and able to view situations from all different perspectives. She isn’t running for office to impress anybody. She is running because she wants to help the community. I know that Shelly will do what is ethically and morally correct regardless of the situation. I know she will be an asset to the community, in the same way that she is an asset and a dear friend to me. This is why I endorse Michelle Murphy (Shelly) for Killingly Town Council at Large.

LORI BOURGAULT
DAYVILLE

country, so if you want a crisis, you’ll get one. Especially if teachers and said bus drivers join the crisis, or strike. Tell me again how a crisis is fiscally responsible to taxpayers?
“It’s important to note that all paraprofessionals were compensated throughout the school closures due to the COVID Pandemic.” What do you want a medal? Essentially, this statement reads, “we paid you through the pandemic, so you should be thankful.” Paying them through the pandemic is called doing the right thing. It’s called being empathetic and taking care of people who take care of our children. It’s called valuing their position and skills they contribute to our school system. Something that has been missing in the KPS system for a few years. But no, this was said as a sort of humble brag, that Paras should be happy with the scraps they got. It also shows a level of incompetence, ignorance, or straight untruthfulness. Fact is, it was

Governor Lamont who ordered school staff to be paid during the shutdown with executive order #7R issued on March 31, 2020.
All of this over 50 cents per hour. That’s right, a 50-cent increase per hour. The Superintendent and the BoE (and their taxpayer funded lawyers) have been offering 14 cents per hour, so a 1 percent increase, that doesn’t even cover inflation. Starting pay at the Killingly Target is \$15 per hour regardless of position. Target, a multinational corporation with over 400k employees value their employees more than KPS values their paraprofessionals. We should be ashamed of that... Killingly needs more accountability, Killingly needs change.
Andrew Luneau
Danielson – Killingly District 5

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Pomfret School supports local community with donation to Day Kimball Hospital

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Regardless of the sport, October is often about the grind of the fall season. For the Pomfret School field hockey team, however, it's also about supporting the local community.

To that end the Griffins have raised \$2,000 to support the life-saving work being accomplished at Day Kimball Hospital.

Because the team reached its fund-raising goal, it celebrated with a denim and pink dress-down day in school on Friday, Oct. 1. The team then wore pink on Saturday, Oct. 2 in its game with the Canterbury School.

On the field the Griffins are surging, having won three of their last four games to even their record at 4-4 overall and improve to 4-3 in the Western New England Preparatory School Field Hockey Association (WNEPSFHA). Pomfret most recently won two games in three days, going on the road to defeat Kingswood-Oxford School, 2-0, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, and beating visiting Ethel Walker School, 4-3, on Friday, Oct. 8.

The Griffins' previous wins this season came on the road against the Hopkins School (4-0 on Saturday, Sept. 25) and Marianapolis Prep (7-0 on Thursday, Sept. 30).

Senior Cate Gallagher and junior Grace Long scored in the win over Kingswood-Oxford with Long also assisting on the Gallagher goal. Freshman goalie Keira O'Brien posted her third shutout of the season in the victory.

In the win over Ethel Walker, Pomfret led, 2-0, at halftime, thanks to a first-quarter goal by Long, who was assisted on the play by junior Tara Valas, whose first career goal, with 4:14 left in the first half, doubled the Griffins' lead to 2-0.

Pomfret pushed its lead to 4-1 with less than four minutes to play. Gallagher scored with 20 seconds remaining in the third quarter, off an assist by senior Carter Lockwood, to give the Griffins a 3-1 lead. Gallagher then scored her second goal of the game with 6:51 left in the game. Ethel Walker scored twice late in the game to account for the 4-3 final.

The win over Ethel Walker marked the first time this season Pomfret



The Pomfret School field hockey team, which raised \$2,000 for Day Kimball Hospital, sits before its game with the Canterbury School on Saturday, Oct. 2 with the international symbol which signifies that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Photo Courtesy

scored a goal in each quarter in the same game. Long leads the Griffins — who have had 11 different players score this season — in scoring, with eight goals, while Gallagher is second with five. Lockwood's seven assists is tops on the team.

Football

Woodstock Academy scored six touchdowns in the second half of its game at Montville High, soundly defeating the 0-4 Indians, 56-28, on Friday, Oct. 8.

Senior fullback Tyler Green (10 carries, 78 yards) scored on touchdown runs of 1, 4 and 8 yards for the 4-1 Centaurs. Classmate Ethan Davis (6-of-10, 60 yards) tossed scoring strikes of 9 and 20 yards to fellow senior Jackson Goetz, who has caught six touchdown passes this season.

Davis, who finished with 172 rushing yards on 7 carries, also scored on a 73-yard touchdown run.

Late in the game junior Trevor Savoie (6 carries, 89 yards) scored on a 20-yard run. Fellow junior Austin Amlaw topped off WA's scoring frenzy with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 38 seconds to play in the game.

Boys' Soccer

Woodstock Academy went 1-0-1 last week, defeating Bacon Academy, 2-1 in overtime on Friday, Oct. 8, after playing East Lyme to a 0-0 double overtime tie on Wednesday, Oct. 6. The Centaurs are 3-0-1 in their last four games, a streak that dates back to Sept. 30, improving their record in the process to 4-5-1 overall and 2-2 in ECC Division II play.

Junior Max Ferreira lifted WA to the overtime road win against the Bobcats, scoring on a diving header three minutes into extra time off a cross from senior Collin Manuilow. The Centaurs rallied from a 1-0 deficit, sophomore Lukas Krupp scoring with 30 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime. In its scoreless tie with East Lyme, junior goalkeeper Brian Jameson recorded two saves.

Elsewhere:

Sophomore Cody Cramer scored a pair of goals to help lead Ellis Tech to a 3-1 win over visiting Windham Tech Tuesday, Oct. 5. Freshman Devon LaRoche also scored for the 8-0-1 Golden Eagles. Senior Everett LeBlanc recorded an assist in the game and Golden Eagles' senior goalie Brett Gile posted

the win in net, making five saves.

Girls' Soccer

On Senior Day (Saturday, Oct. 9) Woodstock Academy battled visiting Ellington High to a 0-0 tie.

Junior Fiona Rigney recorded four first half saves for the 3-6-2 Centaurs while sophomore Rebecca Nazer came up with a pair of second half saves. Honored during Senior Day festivities were upperclassmen Stella Brin, Ava Coutu, and Addy Smith.

Boys' Cross Country

Ellis Tech improved to 4-1 on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Mansfield (Conn.) Hollow State Park. The Golden Eagles defeated Windham Tech in the dual meet but, unfortunately lost to Prince Tech. Ellis Tech's top finisher in the race was senior Jackson Tassoni, who covered the course in 21:48.

Elsewhere:

Woodstock Academy placed 15th at the Wickham Invitational in Manchester on Saturday, Oct. 9, senior Ian Hoffman leading the Centaurs across the finish line in the medium varsity race 28th place, covering the 5,000 meters in 17 minutes, 44 seconds. Leading up to the Wickham WA split a double dual meet on Oct. 5, defeating Plainfield, 15-50, and losing to Fitch, 27-29. Hoffman finished third in the race for the 5-2 Centaurs.

Girls' Cross Country

Woodstock Academy's Linsey Arends checked the box on one of her goals for the season, breaking the 20-minute mark, at the Wickham Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 9. The senior finished the 5K race in 19 minutes, 56 seconds, placing fourth overall and leading the Centaurs to a third-place finish in the medium varsity race. Woodstock junior Lauren Brule (24th) and sophomore Julia Coyle (39th) also finished in the top 40. Heading into the Wickham WA (6-1 overall, 1-1 in the ECC's Division 1) swept a double dual meet at Haley Farm State Park in Groton, defeating Fitch 19-39 and Plainfield 15-50. Arends won the race in a time of 16:51. She was followed across the finish line by Coyle (second) and junior Carah Bruce (third).

Tompkins provides enough firepower to lift St. Bernard by Tourtellotte

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte High girls' soccer team battled valiantly against visiting St. Bernard High of Uncasville on Friday, Oct. 8, but the Tigers simply could not match the firepower the Saints brought to the pitch.

St. Bernard sophomores Angelica Tompkins and Sienna Sferrazza scored all of the Saints' goals in a 6-2 victory over Tourtellotte. With the loss the Tigers fell to 2-6-1 on the season, while St. Bernard improved to 7-1-1 with the win. After beginning the season 0-1-1, the Saints have won seven straight games.

Tompkins, whose teammates call her "Jelly" — an obvious play on the second half of her first name — scored two goals in each half. It was the first time in her career, according to St. Bernard coach Shane Clarke, that Tompkins has scored four goals in one game. Both of Sferrazza's goals were scored in the second half.

"She's a really good player," Tourtellotte coach Deb Spinelli said when asked about Tompkins. "I haven't seen a kid with a combination of that much speed and that much power. And she's relentless. We don't have anybody we can match up with her because of her speed."

Tompkins put St. Bernard ahead, 1-0, in the 10th minute of the game. The 5-foot-6, 140-pound 16-year-old gathered in an over-the-top kick from Saints goalie Chloe Jennings and dribbled the ball to within 10 yards of the goal. She then pushed a shot to the left that Tourtellotte goalkeeper Alivia Dalpe got a hand on, but couldn't prevent from rolling into the net.

The Tigers tied the game, 1-1, in the 23rd minute, sophomore Peyton Richard scoring on a right-to-left shot from about 15 yards out.

St. Bernard regained the lead, 2-1, with nine minutes left in the first half. Tompkins again charged into the 18-yard box, got Dalpe to believe she was



Photos Jason McKay

Tourtellotte's Mackenzie Minarik gets her head on the ball while a St. Bernard defender attempts to rush in for the steal.

going to attempt to score by shooting at the near post before sending a shot to the far post, the ball curling just enough to slip inside the far post.

The Saints' relentless offense quickly increased their lead at the start of the second half, scoring twice in the first three minutes. Tompkins made it 3-1 on a right-to-left shot that hit the far post and bounded into the net. A minute later Sferrazza pushed the St. Bernard lead to 4-1 by rushing into the attacking zone, faking a shot to the left and then scoring into the right side of the net.

Tourtellotte cut the Saints' lead to 4-2 in the fifth minute of the second half, junior Hanna Leclaire scoring on a shot from 40 yards out that hit the crossbar, and then Jennings, before going into the net.

Tompkins' fourth goal of the game, which increased the St. Bernard lead to 5-2 in the 15th minute of the second half, was a right-to-left shot from just inside

the end line. The shot somehow avoided missing the near post but was able to then curl inside the far post. Sferrazza accounted for the 6-2 final with her second goal of the game, scoring on a medium-range shot with nine minutes remaining.

"I thought when we tied it up in the first half, 1-1, it gave us a little boost," Spinelli said. "The kids started to believe at that point. Before the game my team was very nervous to play this team, but I think that showed my players that they could play with this team."

"We've had a tough year getting the kids going. We've had kids sick, and we've had kids injured," Spinelli said. "My lineup today was completely different than anything we've put out on the field so far this season. Every day it's like I'm moving checkers around."

Despite her frustration, Spinelli sees the silver lining in such a rough beginning.

"The good thing is all my



Tourtellotte's Hanna Leclaire scores a goal on a free kick from long range.



Tara Heffernan of Tourtellotte fights for possession of the ball with an opposing team member.

players are learning multiple positions," Spinelli said. "The bad thing is we don't have a cohesive group that is used to playing with each other in specific positions. If you play with the same people over and over again, you develop an expecta-

tion of the players around you. You know how they're going to react; you know how they're going to play a ball. We just don't have the cohesiveness, yet, that we need to have to be able to compete with teams like St. Bernard."

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OBITUARIES

Roland A. Houle, 73

Roland A. Houle, 73, of Danielson, CT went to the arms of the Lord on October 4, 2021 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. He was born June 29, 1948 in Putnam, CT, son of the late Arlene (Labonte) Deasy and Francis Deasy. Roland was the beloved husband of Flora (Mullen) Houle. They were married on September 11, 1971 at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, CT.



Roland was a Sergeant in the US Army during the Vietnam War, serving as a Scout Dog Handler. Along with his dog Krieger, Roland was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for ground operations against hostile forces. He was proud of the lives they saved together. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 2650 in Danielson, lifetime member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks 574, and a lifetime member of American Legion Post 13 in Putnam. He was a very proud husband, dad, and p  p  re; his family,

friends, and cats were his life. He was an avid reader, and a connoisseur of fine coffee. Roland was employed at American Optical in Putnam for 13 years. He was proud to be a member of the 1980 start-up team and the first manufacturing employee hired at Frito-Lay in Killingly, where he retired after 33 years.

Roland leaves his wife Flora M. Houle of Danielson, CT; his daughter Linda Spooner and her husband Joshua of Sturbridge, MA; his daughter Karen Houle and her husband Craig Dauphinais of Danielson, CT; his granddaughters Paige Spooner and Violet Spooner; his brother Daniel Deasy and his wife Patricia of Plainfield, CT; his brother Joseph Deasy and his wife Barbara of Brooklyn, CT; and his sister-in-law Roberta Mullen of Rogers, CT. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law's life partner Patrick Galvin.

He is truly loved and will always be missed.

A private graveside service was held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Donations in Roland's memory may be sent to Second Chance Animal Services in East Brookfield, MA. Share a memory at Gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Richard James Harrington, Jr.

Richard James Harrington, Jr. of East Killingly, CT and lately of Fort Myers, FL passed away from complications from COVID, September 24, 2021, surrounded by the tender love of his family.



Rick was an alumnus of Assumption College in Worcester, MA, serving the children and families as a school psychologist for the town of Killingly throughout his thirty-eight-year career. For the past twelve years, he ran a Blues jam each Sunday at Cady's Tavern in Chepachet, RI, attracting artists and music-lovers from around the country. As a talented Blues musician, Rick won the Connecticut Blues Challenge before moving to the final round of The International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN in 2008, and won the Boston Blues Challenge in 2010.

But, Rick was so much more than his titles and his accolades. These were only manifestations of how he saw the world and the gentle regard with which he approached others. Many have described him as a true gentleman; high praise indeed in times where authentically gentle spirits are much needed and so very rare.

Rick always loved cars. He loved driving them, talking about how they were made, what each said about the owner, and the era from which they came. He loved going to the drag races all over the country with friends. Car shows and car auctions were an endless source of fascination. He also was a great food-lover. Rick often said that his four favorite words were "All You Can Eat." No buffet ever made money when he was in attendance. This zest for living saturated every fiber of his being.

It was with this sense of celebration that Rick approached all of his relationships. He enthusiastically embraced the idea that life was really about making memories. He loved to

travel, dance with his wife, wear goofy hats, and read stories to his grandsons. His favorite adventures may have been simple ones, but he very much savored these times with his family and closest friends, and he recalled them often in the quiet of after-dinner conversations.

In retirement, he took up golf. He stank. But in characteristic good humor, he wore the banner of 'Most Improved' each season with pride. There was no question that his true love, his genuine joy, and his greatest gifts were found in his music, and he heavily subscribed to the idea that this language of the soul had the power to heal. This was arguably Rick's life mission-to engage in the compassionate endeavor of alleviating, if only for a few moments or a few hours the suffering of others. Whether as a good listener, a committed friend, or as a gentle role-model of how one can be in the world, he shone. In this, he was an authentically powerful man.

Rick is predeceased by his father, Richard Harrington, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Monique (Arsenault) Harrington, his daughter, Megan (Harrington) Corrado and her husband, Daniel Corrado, and his two grandsons, Willam and Henry, of Thompson, CT. His mother, Gerda (Koehl) Harrington, of Hendersonville, NC, his sister Patricia (Harrington) Graham and her husband Earl Graham of Hoschton, GA and his brother and his wife, Kevin and Lucy Harrington of Hampton, CT, along with his nieces and nephews, also mourn his loss.

Socially distant funeral services were held Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street Danielson, CT. In lieu of flowers, the Rick Harrington Scholarship Fund has been created to benefit Killingly High School graduates seeking to pursue a college degree in Music. Donations can be made payable to Killingly Public Schools, 79 Westfield Ave, Killingly, CT, 06239, attn: Christine Clark.

Natalie Lois Coolidge, 88

Natalie Lois (LaFantasie) Coolidge, 88, born to the late Edmond and Ruth Lafantasie, June 6, 1933, at the Sunshine Maternity Home in Oneco, Connecticut, gained her angel wings on Saturday, October 9, 2021.



She was a graduate of Killingly High School in 1951 and married the love of her life, the late Arthur A. Coolidge of Killingly, in a candlelight service on January 1, 1953. They had 23 happy years before his passing in March 1975.

Natalie and Arthur had 5 children and after Arthur's passing, she was blessed with 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Natalie had a love of numbers and kept books for many businesses including her own for a good portion of her life including in later years a craft business called Nat's Gnome Home.

Almost twenty years of banking, Natalie worked her way from teller to Assistant Vice President. Her position was non-traditional for a woman at that time, as she was the first female loan officer and branch manager of the bank.

Natalie was also a genius with words and writings and had a lot of fun with puns. She was well known for them as many will attest to in her Facebook posts and has passed on the tradition with her family.

Genealogy was Natalie's true passion as she traveled the world both digitally and in person to explore the connections with each other. She is a published author who has written various historical journals and books and recently published during the pandemic, a 704-page story of the four families to leave her legacy, passion, and love

for genealogy with her family.

Some of her many hobbies included puzzles, crafting, quilting, sewing, needlework and the most recent over the past two decades painting, but her most favorite past time was reading. She would spend hours combing through a good book. During her last few months, she actually read over 100 digital books through the Killingly Public Library.

Her love for learning was a life-long endeavor. She wrote in her book, I have always remembered the words of my grandmother, Christina Smith. She said, "You will never grow old as long as you have your curiosity." She could truly say she had never been bored or not been able to find something to do because she had been interested in so many things.

Her last pearl of wisdom is to always find the humor in any situation. Laughing is a healthy thing and laughing at ourselves is good for us. Don't take yourselves too seriously, smile often, and pass it on. Even near the end she was able to give the nurse a big smile to let us know she still lived by that motto.

Natalie is survived by her son Wayne Coolidge and wife Deborah of Killingly, daughter Lauri Smith and her husband Robert of Maine, son George Coolidge and his wife Isolde of New Mexico, daughter Lisa Coolidge Manley and husband Eddie of Manchester, son Steven Coolidge and wife Dawn of Killingly and her brother Edmond LaFantasie and wife Beatrice of Florida along with her 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday October 20, 2021, at 11:30 AM at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson, CT. Burial will follow in South Killingly Cemetery. tillinghastfh.com

Arline M. Langlois, 84

Arline M. Langlois, 84, of Putnam, CT passed away Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Westview Nursing Home in Dayville, CT. She was born December 16, 1936 in Webster, MA, daughter of the late Armand and Stella (Sniadach) Arpin. Arline was the beloved wife of the late Norman E. Langlois, they were



married July 2, 1955. Arline was a member of Most Holy Trinity Church and St. Mary Church and was a devoted Catholic. She was a graduate of St. Louis High School in Webster, MA, where she was a cheerleader for the basketball team. Arline was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed family gatherings especially around the holidays and spending time with family. Arline was a great baker and loved to shop in her early years. She leaves her children Darren Langlois of Putnam, CT and Norma

Jean Nilo and husband Terry of Woodstock, CT; her grandchildren Jeffrey Langlois, Jason Langlois and wife Leah, Brittney Serra and husband Freddy, Anna Pingitore and partner Dennis Deary, Antonio Pingitore and wife Miranda. Her great grandchildren Emma and Libby Fischkelta, Jase and Aria Pingitore, Gavin and Grace Langlois. Arline was predeceased by a son Brian E. Langlois, he died January 18, 2021, brothers Arthur Arpin, Armand Arpin, Jr. and Ronald Arpin.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Westview for all the loving care she received through the years.

Calling Hours were Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT, burial in Elmvale Cemetery, Woodstock, CT. In lieu of flowers donations maybe to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. Share a memory at Smithandwalkerfh.com

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“You can’t win an argument”

A famous quote of unknown origin says, “A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still.”

A year ago, I talked to my good friend in Los Angeles, and he told me about two of his friends who stopped talking to him; they blocked his phone calls and text messages.

He was upset; He knew them for over twenty years; they stopped talking to him because of too many heated political arguments. He ended the conversation by telling me he was done with

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their friendship forever.

Recently, I’ve been flipping through the book “How to Win Friends and Influence People” by Dale Carnegie.

I read the book in college, and for about two of his friends who stopped talking to him; they blocked his phone calls and text messages. He was upset; He knew them for over twenty years; they stopped talking to him because of too many heated political arguments. He ended the conversation by telling me he was done with

I don’t know about you, but since 2015, I’ve heard of many political arguments ruining long-established

friendships. I’m embarrassed to admit that I, too, have become entangled in many of these types of discussions; I’ve learned some hard lessons.

Dale Carnegie says in his book, “You can’t win an argument; you can’t because if you lose it, you lose it; and if you win it, you lose it.”

How is that possible? How can you win an argument and still lose?

Of course, you can win an argument. You can shoot holes in your friend’s viewpoint and burn all their logic to the ground. You can show them facts and figures and walk away feeling like you

just won a significant debate, thinking proudly to yourself, “I showed them a thing or two!” What you don’t realize is that you lost.

Benjamin Franklin said, “if you argue, rankle, and contradict, you may achieve a victory sometimes, but it will be an empty victory because you will never get your opponent’s goodwill.”

What’s more important? Keeping your friendship intact or boosting your ego?

As the old saying goes, “you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.” Some of us have to learn the hard way; I know I have.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffery A. Ethridge, 54

Jeffery A. Ethridge, 54, of Dayville, passed away October 2, 2021 at Hartford Hospital after a long battle with MENS-1. Jeffery was born at Day Kimball on July 5, 1967, son of Joseph and Patricia Ethridge of Dayville.



Anyone that knew Jeff knew that he loved work, family, friends, the lake, his beloved Harley, Wall Street, hockey, the Red Sox, talking politics and America! Jeff started working at the Grinde Group in Woodstock when he was 16 years old, and he loved this job and his co-workers. He made life-long friends and learned the value of great day's work as well as being introduced to one of his other passions the stock market. Jeff would always talk about his time there with great affection and loved to share stories of his time in the barn pulling annuals, building fences for the cows, and doing miscellaneous work around the property.

When Jeff was 20, he started working at Frito-Lay and continued there until he was no longer able to work in 2009. Frito-Lay was one of Jeff's passions and even after his brain injury in 2009, he loved to talk and share stories about his experiences and friendships there. Jeff was fully devoted to Frito and bragged about every minute he worked there. He loved his co-workers, the experiences he gained from traveling for Frito and he loved working his way up through the company. Jeff was so proud of his time at Frito and missed it every day that he was not able to work. We thank you Brian, Dave and Monty for keeping in touch and we want you to know that we are all thankful that you got in one last lunch.

Simply put, Jeff loved his family. Jeff was a wonderful husband, son, brother, stepdad, uncle, and papa who always gave insight and tried to share life lessons to help others learn. Jeff was never too shy to tell you that he was proud and "amazed" of you. Jeff had an amazing ability to calm you when the world was scary, and you thought things would get bad. Jeff would look at you and say, "it's going to be okay" and then explain it so everyone could understand. Jeff leaves behind his crazy and wonderful cousins, Jimmy, Tom, Todd, and Janel. Jeff loved his cousins and thought of each one of them as the brothers and other sister he never had.

Jeff was blessed to be able to spend his summers at Alexander's Lake where he played like kids should play! Jeff swam, sailed, picked blueberries at the sandbar, played king of the dock, kick the can, sang at campfires, roll-

er-skated, played mini golf, marbles and loved getting ice cream when the ice cream man came by. Jeff had his summer family: Spike, the Kingsley's, the Ames, Meme, and Stocche and had numerous nights where he would sit by the campfire singing camp songs, lighting fireworks and toasting marshmallows. Jeff loved rainy days because he was able to go inside the Kingsley cottage to play pitch or Rummy 500 on the porch. Jeff loved the lake and found it to be one of the most peaceful places on earth with his summer family/sisters.

Jeff eventually got his beloved Harley and how he loved this bike. Jeff loved the chrome, the noise and the ability to be free. Jeff loved driving with Tom and Brian and was on his Harley whenever he could be. Eventually Jeff was no longer able to drive due to seizures, but he talked about his bike every chance he had, always trying to get you to buy him one more Harley shirt when you were on vacation.

Over the past 40 years, Jeff battled against a silent killer MENS-1. At the young age of 15, Jeff was diagnosed with a tumor that would forever change his life. Jeff faced each medical challenge with the bravest of spirits and handled each situation with strength and courage. It wasn't until the loss of our father that he faced his greatest test. Jeff was always ready to share his story for the medical community to learn about his illness, however in the end it was an unknown curve ball that would take Jeff from us all. Jeff was one of the bravest people we knew, always handling each diagnosis or situation with ease, saying that he was the lucky one because he wasn't a soldier who was injured in war. Jeff will be missed everyday, but his life will be continued on through all the memories we each have. We love you Jeff and know you are happy to be back with Joe mama (Dad) again.

Jeffery is survived by his mother Patricia, wife Renee Martel-Ethridge of Danielson, sister Lee and her husband Fred, and nephews Beck and Grayson Weber of Essex. He also leaves behind step daughters Jacqueline Martel and Jennifer Provost, his grandchildren Madilyn, Kaelyn, Karlee, Jaxson, Jace, and Jaylah Rae, and his dogs Kemmie and Harmony.

Calling hours for Jeff were held on Thursday October 7, 2021, from 6-8 PM at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson. A graveside service will be held on Saturday October 16, 2021 at 11 AM at Eastford Cemetery in Eastford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeff's memory can be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation <https://t2t.org/> or Marine Toys for Tots <https://www.toysfortots.org>. tillinghastfh.com

Thure M. Oja, 97

Brooklyn – Thure M. Oja, 97, passed away at Day Kimball Hospital on October 6, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Irja (Kiviniemi) Oja to whom he was married for 77 years.



Thure was born in Whiting, IN on June 29, 1924 but spent his teenage years in Finland, his parent's home country. Upon his marriage to Irja, he returned to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, CT, but Finland was always in his heart. During his early years, he owned a poultry farm, built houses, and bought real estate. He had great work ethics and drive and eventually built his first Motor Inn, The Starlight Motor Inn and Restaurant in Niantic, CT followed by the Seaport Motor Inn and Jamm's Restaurant in Mystic, CT and the Sturbridge Coach Motor Lodge in Sturbridge, MA.

Thure loved dancing, sailing his sunfish on Lake Alexander, sailing or motorboating in Noank, CT where he had a second home on the waterfront. He especially loved vacationing in Florida at his condominium or traveling to Finland and Scandinavia.

Thure cherished his family above all else. He was a devoted and generous Dad and he will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Irja, who was always by his side and his daughters, Sheila Dillon (Tom) of Mystic, CT, Tuula Burell of Mansfield, CT and her son, David

Mathieu (Lori) and children Katie and David, Jr.; Irene Reidemeister (Carl) and their children Pamela Guari (John) and their children Haley Tiffany, Matthew Tiffany, Jack Guari and Madeline Guari; Jim Tourtellotte (Kelly) and their children Lydia and Alison; Carl C. Reidemeister (Kathy) and their children, Kristy Varsen (Matthew) and Kevin Reidemeister (Cailey) and Eric Reidemeister (Eugenia) of Boynton Beach, FL and their children Marisa and Ryan. He is also survived by his sister, Toini Chabot and her children Diane Lynch, Deborah Crook (Alan), Denise Chabot and Darcy Dema (John) and his sister in-law, Reeta Oja and her children, Aarne and Maria and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Matti and Anna Oja and by his brothers, Aarne, Edward, and Rudolph.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Thure's family from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021, in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A Funeral Service will take place at 12:00 p.m. in the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main St, Thompson, CT with burial to follow in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Thure's memory may be made to either Emanuel Lutheran Church, 83 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 or the Finnish American Historical Society, 76 North Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT 0633. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Theresa A. Theriaque

Theresa A. Theriaque left this earth on October 1, 2021. She was the daughter of the William and Alma (Laporte) Lamothe.



Theresa was born on August 5, 1927 in West Thompson, CT. She was predeceased by her mother, father, brother Norman and grandson Charles Currier. Theresa worked for many years as an upholster for Jens Risom Design. She once fabricated a chair for Lyndon B. Johnson's office when he was President. She worked other positions in manufacturing. During her partial retirement, she held a position at Ames Department Store where she made many friends. Years later she received her GED after starting her family. Theresa was a Communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam, CT.

Theresa was an avid gardener with two green thumbs. Her yard was always impeccably groomed and her in door

plants flourished as well. She enjoyed sewing for many years and was always asked to assist with mending for others. Theresa was an accomplished cook and enjoyed entertaining. She was a member of the Brooklyn Senior Center for years and was always willing to help out there.

Theresa is survived by her daughter Linda White of South Carolina, Cathy Martel and her husband Scott of Danielson, CT and Norma Currier and her husband Charles of Arizona. Her grandchildren Cathy Erskine of Washington, Justin White, Jr. of Putnam, CT and Ashley O'Brien of Danielson, CT. Her great granddaughters Valerie and Julie Erskine of Washington and a great grandson Cody White of Putnam, CT. Theresa was also a great-great grandmother to Sophie White of Putnam, CT. Theresa's presence and quick wit will be missed. Her family will cherish her memory. May she rest in peace. Funeral Service are private. Share a memory at Smithandwalkerfh.com.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT on the following applications.

1. PZC Application #21-31 Applicant Inn Acquisition Associates, Andrew Silversen and property owner of 286 Thompson Hill Road, Map 103, Block 40, Lot 2, Zone, Thompson Common Village District, TTCV, requesting a Public Hearing for a 2-lot re-subdivision, Subdivision Regulations, Article 111, Section 4A, 1.

2. PZC Application #21-32 Applicant and property Owner, Wojciech of 1574 Riverside Drive, Map 55, Block 65 Lot 14, Zone, Thompson Corridor Development District, TCDD, requesting a Public Hearing for construction of Commercial Building, Light Manufacturing, Zoning DONERegulations Article 4E, Section 2-24.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
October 15, 2021
October 22, 2021

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1. PZC Application #21-28 Applicant Kristina Thorne, property owner Cody McCall, at 24 Border Trail, Map 164, Block 26E, Lot 26E, Zone RRD, Requesting a Permit with Site Plan Review for an in-home family daycare, Zoning Regulation Article 4A, Section 2-6. Tabled to October 25, **2021 PZC Regular Meeting.**

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4. PZC Application #21-33 Applicant Ken Loiselle (Rte 193 LLC) and property owner of 49 Thompson Road, Map 87, Block 53, Lot 8, ZONE Thompson Commercial Development District, TCDD, requesting a Permit with Site Plan Review for construction of an additional food and beverage service establishment, Event Barn, Zoning Regu-

lations Article 4E, Section 2-12. **Tabled to October 25, 2021 PZC Regular Meeting.**

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
October 15, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Judith A. Toth (21-00180) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 28, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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October 15, 2021

NOTICE OF SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION REGISTRATION

The Registrars of Voters for the town of Woodstock will be holding a corrections session to complete the preliminary registry list on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 9am to 8pm. Session to be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, lower level, 415 route 169, Woodstock, CT.

Registrars Of Voters
Katlyn Gugliotti
Jessica Mccomiskey
October 15, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary M Foley (21-00369) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 6, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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October 15, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lilhan Eva Bisson (21-00340) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 5, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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Putnam, CT 06260
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Day Kimball Healthcare names Employee of the Month for September

PUTNAM — Leanne Lafleur, pre-admission testing coordinator at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month for September by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Lafleur, who has been in the healthcare field for 25 years, began working at Day Kimball Hospital in 2009. In her role, she is responsible for performing a wide range of administrative duties in support of the pre-admission testing department.

According to Lafleur’s supervisor, Rachelle Davis, clinical manager of ambulatory care, Day Kimball Healthcare, “Leanne is an instrumental component of the pre-admission testing department, demonstrating organizational skills, professional knowledge, and time management. She displayed team work and flexibility when scheduling and assisting at the COVID-19 testing site was added to her responsibilities last year. Multiple departments rely on her productivity and measurable results. Leanne is a valued and appreciated part of the Day Kimball community.”

In response to being named employee of the month, Lafleur said, “I am both surprised and humbled to have been recognized by my peers as employee of the month.”

When asked what she likes most about her job, she shared, “I like the challenge and knowing that we’ve done

everything we can to help our patients. I respect and admire my coworkers for all of their hard work and dedication, and for taking good care of our patients. It is a pleasure to work with each and every one of them.”

Lafleur was born and raised in North Providence, Rhode Island, and currently resides in East Putnam, Connecticut with her husband, Kyle, and their two children, Adam and Brynn. She earned her medical administration degree from Katharine Gibbs College in Providence, Rhode Island and received her certified nursing assistant degree from Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson.

Day Kimball Healthcare’s employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

“The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino has been focused on taking care of the people that serve within our community, and we appreciate everything Day Kimball Healthcare does,” said Foxwood’s Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships Roy Colebut-Ingram. “Supporting meaningful employee recognition programs like that at DKH is just one way that we feel we can express our appreciation.”

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day



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Day Kimball Healthcare’s Employee of the Month for September 2021, Leanne Lafleur, pre-admission testing coordinator, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode

Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare’s comprehensive network employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

Loos & Co., Inc. engineers present at Killingly High School Career Center



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Career center staff and Loos & Company engineers highlight Career Pathways in manufacturing
L to R: Dr. Robert Polselli Engineering Teacher and Robotics Coach, Tania Hebert Job Shadow Coordinator, Anna McDonald Engineer, Donna Grant Career Center Coordinator, Brad Leach Engineer, Jordan Caye Engineering Technician, Ashleigh Novy Engineer.

KILLINGLY — Pomfret’s Loos & Company is committed to connecting with the local community through outreach activities such as community service, monetary donation, and education. To contin-

ue that effort, four engineers visited Killingly High School Career Center to conduct a presentation on employment opportunities in manufacturing.

This presentation was held

as part of the school’s Career Pathways program, aimed at helping students translate their general interests to future job prospects. Through job shadows, training courses, and other events, KHS intro-

duces students to enthusiastic employers like Loos & Co., Inc.

“It was great to have an opportunity to speak to high school students with an interest in manufacturing,” said Anna McDonald, one of Loos & Company’s presenters.

The engineers explained elements of their troubleshooting and engineering processes, highlighting concepts that students learn directly in the classroom. They also provided examples of products produced at their Pomfret Center facility, described their everyday activities, and answered questions about the different positions available.

“My hope is that our presentation gave some insight into how gratifying a career in manufacturing can be,” McDonald enthused.

“A lot of emphasis is placed on exploration and investigation,” said Donna Grant, Killingly High School’s Career Center Coordinator. “Our program helps position kids to be ready for college, military and workforce paths by guiding them through opportunities that align with their interests.”

Students begin their Career Pathway journey during fresh-

man year, where they gain exposure to a wide range of vocations. By junior and senior year, they narrow their interests and attend classes targeted toward their desired occupation. They choose from 29 different pathway options, such as Business & Finance and meet with companies corresponding to their specialty. This particular presentation reached students focusing on engineering, manufacturing, and industrial design pathways.

For an in-depth look at Killingly High School’s Career Pathways program, visit <https://www.killinglyschools.org/killingly-high-school/classrooms/career-center>. For a look at the different ways Loos & Company engages with the local community, visit <https://www.loosco.com/corporate/community-commitment.php>

Loos & Co., Inc. headquartered at 16B Mashamoquet Road in Pomfret Center, is the industry leader in the wire and cable industry. More information about Loos and current job opportunities is available at www.loosco.com.

Tourtellotte Student Spotlight: Brayden Akana

Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributes to the school and community.

October’s Student Spotlight honoree is senior Brayden Akana. Brayden was nominated by his peers Michaela Vandi and Leah Demers.

In Brayden’s nomination, Michaela stated, “Brayden always has a positive attitude toward everything and is always putting a smile on everyone’s faces.”

Leah shared, “Brayden is always smiling and is kind to everyone. He is always willing to help with whatever he can.”

When speaking to other students at TMHS, Jimmy Dinoia mentioned, “Brayden is a great person all around. He is a hard worker, he is friendly, and he always has a smile on his face. He is respectful to all of the teachers and staff and represents the kind of student many people strive to be.”

Kyle Busha said, “Brayden always tries to make everyone feel included.”

Joseph Poplawski stated, “Brayden is a good friend. Wherever I see him in the hallway, he is always smiling.”



Jonathan Ferraro said, “Brayden is such a good person because he always puts effort into everything he does in life and in school, no matter how hard the task is. While doing this, he shows kindness to everyone he talks to, even if he has never met you. Brayden is a

great person to represent Tourtellotte because he represents the person the school wants you to become.”

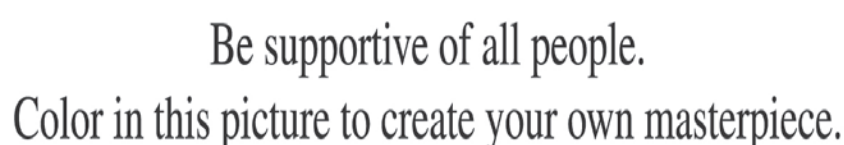
About his friendly nature, Brayden says, “I try to make as many people smile as possible in order to spread happiness because I feel that can collec-

tively impact people day to day.”

Besides being an excellent student, Brayden is a member of the TMHS Baseball Team. Outside of school, Brayden plays for the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Team. He has also volunteered for the Northeast Opportunities for Wellness at their baseball clinic. Brayden’s accomplishments include becoming Zone Champs in Tri-Town American Legion, getting the “Above and Beyond Award” in Mathematics for excellent effort and attitude, and making the varsity team for baseball at Holy Name in his freshman year.

About his future, Brayden states, “I have all sorts of plans and ideas for my future and plans also change. Right now, I am trying to come to a decision about what I am going to do. It would be nice if I could become a Game Warden Officer later on in life. But there are so many other paths I could go down.”

Finally, Brayden’s message to his school and community is, “I know people hear it all the time, but do not ever give up and work hard. In school and outside of school, it all pays off, and always keep your head up because the happier you are, the smoother life goes and the better food tastes.”



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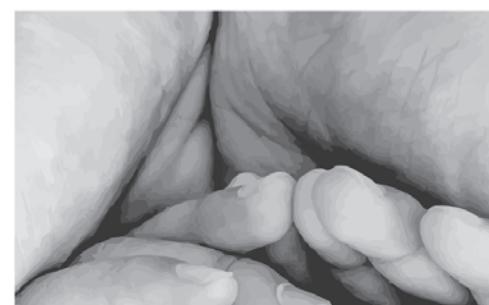
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(Hint: 15 = L)

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B. 21 12 4 19 24

Clue: Sweetener

C. 21 19 15 18

Clue: Sodium chloride

D. 14 26 10 8

Clue: Cooking appliance

Answers: A. flour B. sugar C. salt D. over

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

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ANSWER:

Rocco plays his cards right for Thompson 300 win



Photo Courtesy

Berlin's Keith Rocco bagged a prize of more than \$20,000 for winning the Thompson 300 as part of the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

THOMPSON — Berlin's Keith Rocco played a winning hand worth more than \$20,000 by making a late charge to win the Thompson 300 on Sunday, Oct. 10 at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. Rocco bounced back from a spin to take the lead from Jon McKennedy with 18 laps remaining in the event's first edition since 2005 as part of the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

It was the final twist in an event that saw drama from the drop of the green. With 15 lead changes among eight drivers and compelling stories throughout the field, it was a fitting return for the legendary Modified event.

McKennedy was the dominant car in the first stage, leading 84 of the first 100 laps before the race's third caution for a Ronnie Williams spin. Mike Christopher, Jr. took the lead on the restart just before a turn-two pile-up that put Dave Sapienza, Williams, Andy Jankowiak, and Noah Korner out of the running while wounding several others.

Things settled down in the middle stage as teams plotted their pit stops and tried to plan the best strategy around the caution flags. McKennedy dropped back near halfway with a loose spoiler, which allowed Ron Silk, Justin Bonsignore, and Anthony Nocella to take turns at the front. After making repairs during a pit stop, McKennedy worked his way back to the front, snatching the lead from Nocella with just over 100 laps to go.

Reigning NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champi-

on Bonsignore outgunned McKennedy to regain the point after Eric Goodale hit the turn four wall on lap 217. McKennedy then took it back following caution number 12 on lap 248 and started to pull away.

But with 28 laps to go, Rocco — who had been noticeably off the pace during the most recent green flag run — looped his #57 in turn four. Rocco turned the misstep into an opportunity by ducking onto pit road during the ensuing yellow for fresh tires along with Chris Pasteryak, Andrew Krause, Tommy Barrett, and Paul "Buddy" Charette — who had just gotten back on the lead lap after being three laps down at one point.

When the race resumed, Rocco and Charette both went into overdrive. Rocco was already up to fourth when Nocella's car shut down six laps later for another caution, and after slicing to the second spot on the restart, he went after McKennedy. The multi-time Modified Racing Series champion parried Rocco's first pass attempt with a crossover move, but Rocco made it work the second time to take the lead on lap 282.

McKennedy settled into second with Silk, Doug Coby, and Charette on his tail as they all tried to figure out their final move. But as the field got the 10-to-go signal, McKennedy's car shut down, eliminating him from contention. Rocco easily got the break on the final restart and pulled away to claim the victory and the \$20,000-plus prize.

Charette made a bold move

inside Silk the final time through turn three to claim an unlikely second-place finish and a large prize of his own. Nocella rebounded to take fourth. Matt Swanson, Coby, Andrew Krause, Barrett, Pasteryak, and Bonsignore rounded out the top-10.

Branford's Jonathan Puleo capped his first year in the Sunoco Modifieds by holding off Saturday's Triple Crown Series winner Todd Owen for an upset victory. Puleo grabbed the lead from Troy Talman on lap 6 of the 30-lap feature with Keith Rocco following his tire tracks to second. But instead of Rocco making a move on the youngster, it was Puleo pulling away as Rocco fell into the clutches of Owen.

Joe Allegro, Jr. and Adam Gada did a tandem spin out of turn four on lap 19 to bring out the first caution, and after rain sprinkles caused a brief delay, the field re-racked for a restart. Ronnie Williams shot around the outside of Owen at the green flag and pulled alongside Rocco in turn three. But coming out of turn four, the two got together, and Williams rode the frontstretch wall to the start-finish line. Rocco's car was also torn up with both forced out of the event.

Puleo and Owen lined up door to door on the new restart, and Puleo again got the advantage. Owens pressured him the rest of the event and took one last peek inside the final corner but could not stop Puleo from getting his first Sunoco Modified victory.

The second-place finish for OwengavehimtheTripleCrown Series championship. Despite ending the race in the garage, Rocco won the season-long title, which is his ninth Thompson Speedway track championship and fifth in a row. Troy Talman came home third in the feature followed by Andrew Molleur, Mike Christopher Jr., John Lowinski-Loh, Joe Allegro Jr., Chase Cook, Tyler Barry, and Teddy Hodgdon.

Candia, New Hampshire's P.J. Stergios took a dominating victory in the 25-lap NEMA Lites feature. Stergios moved to the front early and faced some initial pressure from Randy Cabral, who had won the NEMA Midget and Pro 4 Modified features the night before. But his bid for a weekend trifecta was denied as Stergios marched off and left him behind in a caution-free race.

The best battle was a fracas for fourth between Jake Trainor, Richie Morocco, Richie Coy, and Jim Santa Maria. Plainville, Mass.'s Morocco eventually broke out of the tussle and stole third from Kyle Valeri with two laps left for good measure. Valeri ended up fourth with Trainor, Coy, Santa Maria, Mikey Pernisiglio, Dylan Coutu, and Joey Bailey the balance of the top-10.

Woodstock's Paul "Buddy" CharetteprecededhisCinderella Thompson 300 run by grabbing his third win of the year in a wild 25-lap SK Light Modified feature while Newtown's Anthony Bello secured the championship. Following an opening-lap incident that saw Tyler Chapman smack the backstretch wall, Charette made a three-wide move on the restart to snatch the lead. Bello followed him through and eventually muscled past Charette for the lead on the 15th circuit.

Charette tried to counter a lap later, and when the two bumped entering turn one, Tyler Barry shot under both. A trio of lap 21 crashes then mixed up the field more than a blender as top runners Jonathan Puleo, Nathan Pytho, Steve Kenneway, and Jason Chapman were among those suffering misfortune.

On the third incident, where Albert Ouellette was sent to the inside wall, Barry also suffered a flat tire that forced him out of the event. That handed the lead back to Charette, who held off a charging Bello and Josh Carey over the final four-lap sprint. Puleo recovered to take fourth with top-10 finishes also going to Meghan Fuller, Mike Mitchell, George Besette, Jr., Amanda West, Jason Chapman, and Daltin McCarthy.

Dave Trudeau and Jared Roy maneuvered through a similarly chaotic 20-lap Mini Stock feature to claim the race win and the championship, respectively. Trudeau and Steven Michalski headed an 11-car lead pack early before Michalski and Roy bumped racing for the second spot. That sent Roy spinning out of turn four with eight laps complete and put both drivers to the rear of the field.

Scott Michalski and Tim Taylor got past Trudeau on the restart as Steven Michalski and Roy tried to race their way out of the back. Taylor swiped the lead from Scott Michalski at halfway as they left the pack behind. But when Scott tried to retake

the point with three laps to go, he lost the handle in turn four and spun to bring out the caution. Taylor and new runner-up Charles Canfield then tangled in turn two on the restart as the field scrambled around them.

With that one-two punch, Trudeau suddenly found himself back in the lead — and he didn't let it slip away this time. After Russell Barboza lost power on the second lap-17 restart, Trudeau beat out Rick "The Rocket" Laflesh and Steve Michalski on a green-white-checked finish for the victory. Roy took fourth to lock up the championship. John Bavalocco, Nadine Coates, Dylan Decoster, William Schoeler, Jeffrey Martin Jr., and Kyler Davis completed the top-10.

The 2021 oval track season at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is now complete. More information about the 2022 season will be released over the coming weeks. Please visit www.acttour.com/thompson-speedway or www.thompsons Speedway.com for updates.

The American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series crown their 2021 champions at Seekonk Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. A trio of "Haunted Hundred" main events are on the card today with the Tri-Track Open Modified championship event joining the fendered divisions. \$30 for adults, \$10 for kids ages six to 12, and free for kids ages five and under. A live pay-per-view will be available on Speed51.TV.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

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Upcoming events at the Killingly Library

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Public Library is excited to announce the following events this month.

Look Up! Explore Our Universe
Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. - noon
We will be stepping into the cosmos and begin to explore the science and technology that has been developed to answer life's greatest questions. We will be constructing our own satellites, exploring galaxies, and be visited by a NASA subject matter expert!

Pretty Evil New England
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
Registration Required
Join us for a Virtual Author Talk with Sue Coletta. Nineteenth-century New England was the hunting ground of five female serial killers. In Pretty Evil New England, examine the overwhelming urges that propelled these women to take the lives of a combined total of more than 100 innocent victims.

Exploring Evil
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.
Registration Required
Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society presents, Exploring Evil, a detailed discussion of demonic afflictions, their myths, and truths along with evidence.



Day Kimball Healthcare celebrates life with cancer survivors

WOODSTOCK — More than 160 cancer survivors and their families attended Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, Sept. 12 at Roseland Park in Woodstock.

The celebration featured music by the Extraordinary Rendition Band from Providence, Rhode Island which provided an upbeat atmosphere where those who are currently fighting cancer and those who are survivors, along with their families, celebrated the power of music and support in healing.

Guests enjoyed the ambiance of Roseland Lake, ice cream provided by the Deary Brothers, beer & wine by Pomfret Spirits, a barbecue lunch by the Putnam Lions Club, and a blessing by Day Kimball Healthcare's Reverend Jonathan Scott. The event was made possible through the hard work of DKH's Oncology/Hematology staff and the generous support of the community.

"This event recognizes survivors and families for their courage and supports them in their efforts to return to a happy and fulfilling life," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "It's an opportunity to celebrate not just the survivors, but also our compassionate and skilled staff in the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital who all work together to provide the best possible care to our patients and their families throughout their cancer journey."

At the event, Michelle Donahue, hematology-oncology manager at Day Kimball Hospital, was presented with the Unsung Hero Award in grateful recognition of her outstanding dedication, service, and leadership to DKH's Oncology program.

Donahue, who began her career at DKH in 2015, has continuously demonstrated her dedication and commitment to the hematology-oncology department and its patients. In her role as hematology-oncology manager, she works closely with a multidisciplinary team including board certified hematologists-oncologists, certified oncology



Photo Courtesy

Members of Day Kimball Healthcare's hematology-oncology department at Day Kimball Healthcare's Cancer Survivors Da

nurses, and nurse navigators to ensure every patient receives the best care and support possible during their cancer treatment.

"Michelle has always been an exceptionally bright nurse," said Sharon Bell, hematology-oncology clinical coordinator, Day Kimball Hospital. "With the time and effort she puts into our Cancer Center, you would never know that she has her own family – a two year old son and newborn twins – to tend to when she gets home. For all of this and so much more, Michelle is in undeniable asset."

Over the past year, Donahue has gone above and beyond the duties of her position. "Michelle has had the foresight and intelligence to take on her leadership role during a time of uncertainty and change. She stepped up and rebuilt our team through her hard work, ded-

ication and in-depth knowledge of the standards we need to maintain our accreditation," added Bell.

For more information about cancer care at Day Kimball Healthcare visit www.daykimball.org/cancercare.

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Throughout her time at Westview, Jill maintains constant enthusiasm for her profession as a Registered Nurse and she is always excited to help others join Westview's team of quality patient care professionals.

Her student-centric approach and 'coaching' style of teaching is the catalyst that empowers her students to become the most caring and confident healthcare professionals they can be. Working alongside her former students as active members of Westview's health care team is Jill's greatest joy.

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