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David Brown

## EASTCONN Selects New Principal To Lead Quinebaug Middle College

Danielson, Conn. - EASTCONN is pleased to announce the appointment of David Brown to the position of principal at its Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) public magnet high school. "We're delighted that David has joined our QMC team," said Diane Dugas, EASTCONN's Director of Leading and Learning. "His energy and his professional background in science, project management and educational leadership, as well as his experience with magnet schools and

personalized, competency-based learning, make him a wonderful choice to lead QMC." Brown's appointment takes effect on July 1. He will replace QMC Interim Principal Sheldon Neal. "At my core, I value inclusion, equity and acceptance," Brown said. "My focus this year is to build strong relationships, foster collaboration and strengthen academic programs. I look forward to the challenges of tomorrow and, with that, I am excited for the

future of QMC. Together we will continue to move forward and find new ways to achieve academic greatness and create lasting high school memories." Brown has worked for New London Public Schools since 2015, holding a variety of positions, including Diversion Leader-in-Residence; SRBI Instructional Coach; 21st-Century After-School Site Co-Coordinator;

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### Dutson, Favreau garner Outstanding Senior Athlete of the Year Awards at Woodstock Academy



Photos courtesy Kelly Trivella

Woodstock Academy boys' Senior Athlete of the Year, Guerin Favreau, was presented his award by athletic director Sean Saucier at the Centaurs' Senior Athletic Awards Night.



Woodstock Academy girls' Senior Athlete of the Year, Eliza Dutson, was presented her award by athletic director Sean Saucier at the Senior Athletic Awards Night recently.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy 2020-21 athletic year is officially over. The exclamation point of a sports year like no other came when the Centaurs held their annual Senior Athletic Awards Night recently at the Loos Center. The highlight of the night was the announcement of the Outstanding Senior Athletes of the Year, Guerin Favreau and Eliza Dutson. Favreau, the recipient of the boys' award, was a standout in hockey and lacrosse. Dutson, the recipient of the girls' award, excelled in field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse. Favreau finished his lacrosse career with 218 points. This season he scored 71 goals and assisted on 35 others. Favreau's hockey career was an abbreviated one; the Centaurs played only a handful of games this season. His junior year on the ice, however, he finished with 33 goals and seven assists. In the fall Dutson was just the third player in the history

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## Festival Celebrates Traditional Greek Dishes



Cooks serve up a variety of traditional Greek dishes during the annual Greek Food Festival

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON – For over 60 years the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson has hosted a celebration of its culture with a Greek Food Festival bringing traditional Greek dishes to the masses. In 2020 the event had to be adapted to a drive through format due to the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival returned to its normal celebratory format on June 26 and 27, 2021 welcoming the public back to mingle, enjoy

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ason Bleau Photos

Spiro Haveles, President of the Holy Trinity Church, volunteer Maria Elsamini and cook Anastasia Balis pose for a photo in between serving customers at the annual Greek Food Festival

## IT'S STORYTIME AT WEST WOODSTOCK LIBRARY!



Photo by Carol Davidge

Library Storyteller Susan Stern (shown here) is preparing one of her storytelling puppets for

last week's Storytime, just one of many activities for children at the West Woodstock Library. Registration for events is essential as space is limited. For infor-

mation about events and how to register, sign up for the library newsletter by emailing Ms Sue at: susandstern@gmail.com.

## Brooklyn town library welcomes Elizabeth Swagger

Elizabeth Swagger, a Brooklyn resident and graduate of the Brooklyn School system has recently been hired as the new Library Director at the Brooklyn Town Library. She replaces Catherine Tucker who retired after serving as Library Director for just over 33 years. She has already begun a library-wide weeding and reorganizing project to create more space. She is hoping to create enough space for there to be child-sized furniture in the children's section. The timing of her hiring thrust her immediately into events such as summer reading for children, for which she has already purchased Nutmeg books, and meeting a June 30th deadline for an ARPA grant. That deadline was already beat and the grant has been approved. The results of Elizabeth's energy and enthusiasm are



Elizabeth Swagger

already visible in the beginning changes you will see when you stop in to welcome Elizabeth to her new job.

# Philanthropist Betty Hale named Robert C. Knox Jr. YMCA Distinguished Leadership Award recipient for 2020



Left to right: Harold Sparrow, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Hartford; Betty Hale, 2020 Robert C. Knox, Jr. YMCA Distinguished Leadership Award recipient; Amanda Kelly, Executive Director, Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center

The 2020 Robert C. Knox Jr. YMCA Distinguished Leadership Award recipient Betty Hale is a tireless advocate for residents of Northeast Connecticut and the driving force behind getting the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center built. She envisioned a community center where families could participate in healthy activities in a supportive environment and through her passionate work, this vision has become a reality. Her continuing commitment to the Y and the communities it serves is the reason she was selected to receive the YMCA of Greater Hartford's most prestigious award.

The YMCA of Greater Hartford honored Betty Hale at the association's board meeting on June 15. Harold Sparrow, President & CEO, YMCA of Greater Hartford presented the award, the highest honor the YMCA of Greater Hartford pays

to its volunteer leaders who exemplify the ideals of the non-profit and their dedication to preserving the responsibilities and opportunities the Y has to offer.

For Betty, philanthropy has always been about helping her community. Betty's leadership, vision, and philanthropic investments led to the construction of the Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center, the first full-service YMCA to serve Northeastern Connecticut. Betty is a leader and influencer. One could easily argue that it took a village to build the Hale YMCA, and Betty was the mayor of that village.

"Betty has been an exemplary volunteer, philanthropist, visionary, and dedicated member of our Y community. It is with huge gratitude that we honor her passionate work with this distinguished award for the impact she's had the Northeast Connecticut community and the Hale YMCA." Said Harold Sparrow, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Hartford.

At 91, Betty shows no signs of slowing down and is still actively involved in looking for new ways the Y can help the community. One successful program Betty champions offers free swim lessons to all 2nd grade children in Putnam and she is an advocate for expanding accessibility to

summer day camps and classes to help students and families succeed.

"I deeply appreciate receiving this award," said Betty. "To help promote the arts, culture, and healthy living opportunities for children, families and seniors is important to me. There are always more needs in the community that come up that by working together the Y can help meet.

About YMCA of Greater Hartford: Established in 1852, the YMCA of Greater Hartford is a charitable association open to all and committed to helping people develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body. This commitment is reinforced by our belief in living out universal values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We will be the premier charitable organization, building lifelong success for all by advancing Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. In 2020, the YMCA of Greater Hartford served 59,000 community members, and provided \$66,000 in financial assistance so that everyone we serve could have access to life-saving swim lessons, life-changing summer camp, life-rebuilding cancer recovery programs, and so much more. [www.ghymca.org](http://www.ghymca.org)

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## Springfield College Recognizes 2021 Graduates

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/25/2021)--Springfield College Recognizes the following local 2021 graduates:

Jordyn Staveski of Woodstock, CT has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Allison Tupaj of N Grosvendale, CT has earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in Physical Therapy.

Springfield College concluded its 2021 Commencement Weekend ceremonies with eight separate in-person ceremonies at Stagg Field on the Springfield College main campus, four on Saturday, May 15 and four on Sunday, May 16.

"To the Class of 2021, I congratulate you and I thank you, you have made us proud in more ways than we can count," said Springfield College President Mary-Beth Cooper. "Please remember

to stay connected to us and to each other. Through the Springfield College network, great things can be accomplished. And remember to come back and visit us. You will always have a home here. All the best as you continue your journeys."

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanities philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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# Putnam Rotary Club announces Paul Harris award winners

PUTNAM --- The Putnam Rotary Club recently bestowed Rotary’s highest honor on seven local people.

The Paul Harris, named for the founder of the Rotary Club, recognizes the behind-the-scenes service of Rotarians and community members.

Bill and Terri Pearsall received the award for their selfless work to help feed the community. They work tirelessly at Daily Bread in Putnam, according to Rotarian Karen Osbrey, who nominated them. The couple is instrumental in the Thanksgiving Baskets that help more than 300 families. They also chair the Empty Bowls fund-raiser and they started the free Thanksgiving dinner for those who would not have a Thanksgiving otherwise. It started at their home more than 30 years ago and when the need grew, the dinner moved to the Congregational Church of Putnam. Along the way they have been members of many organizations including Aspinock and the Arts Council. Bill Pearsall is Putnam’s town historian.

Kristen Willis, immediate past president of the club, received a Paul Harris. Rotarian nominator Marc Archambault called Willis a “fearless leader” who didn’t let a pandemic stop the club’s good works. “Every week was a challenge and every week she rose to the challenge,” Archambault said. And the

community’s needs were met.

Ben Williams, better known as “Big Ben,” was awarded a Paul Harris. More than 4,000 acres of open space has been preserved for future generations under his leadership, said Sarah Heminway, director of the Connecticut Audubon of Pomfret Center, who has worked with Williams for many years. He is a proud Marine, she said and a lifelong educator. She added he’s instrumental in the creation of the new Audubon center. Williams, in thanking the Rotary, said he was honored. “What we have here is so rare and so precious and the community ‘gets it,’” he said. He vowed to continue to be a “cheerleader for the natural world.”

Emily Barnes, who serves her community through the Putnam Rotary Club’s Rotaract Club, as a volunteer “market master” for the Putnam Saturday Farmers’ Market, and in many other roles, received a Paul Harris. Rotarian Delpha Very, who nominated Barnes for the award, called her thoughtful and honest. “You always see the real Emily.” She spends nearly every weekend in service to her community, she said, as a Rotaract member, the farmers’ market master and more. Barnes also takes care of the calendar at Daily Bread --- no small feat.

Rotarian Pam Brown, who nominat-

ed Tom Pandolfi for his Paul Harris, recounted Pandolfi’s service in Vietnam as a Green Beret and his service to veterans, whether it’s guardsmen or reservists or veterans. He was instrumental in the success of the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse. That organization serves all northeastern Connecticut towns. The group’s meetings are now held every week and 40 to 70 veterans take part each week. Pandolfi helps veterans navigate complex issues that plague veterans and was the spark that grew into the Foodshare program that has fed thousands of northeastern people for the last 15 months. Brown said, “He is an example of the Rotary motto ‘Service Above Self.’”

Rotarian Rachael Johnston was chosen to describe the contributions of the next Paul Harris winner, her husband Shawn Johnston. She recounted his involvement in the community from an early age including coaching and, at 11, his first foray into politics, licking envelopes for a candidate for state rep. Little did he know, she joked, that he would be a state rep later in life, serving his constituents with independence and integrity for 16 years. Service is a core part of him. After retiring from Eversource after 33 years, he turned right around and joined nonprofits in service to the community.

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## Bracken Library announces July schedule

The summer hours for the Bracken library are Tuesday 9am to 3pm Thursday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 12pm

Discount passes available to: to Mystic Seaport 50% off, Old Sturbridge Village 50% off, Roger Williams park zoo \$3.00 off per person Free admission to CT Old State House, U.S.S. Constitution and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. These passes are for all Woodstock residents.


Please make note that the Library will be closed for vacation July 3rd and July 15th thru the 26th

Summer reading and childrens activity will be announced at a later time.

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PUTNAM ROTARY CLUB  
ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Putnam Rotary Club June 22 inducted its new officers and Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 year. The Putnam Rotary Club paused its good deeds briefly to pose for a group photo. New Rotary President J. Scott Pempek is third from the right in the first row.

## Dayville Resident Named to Spring 2021 Semester Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN, MA (06/25/2021)-- Dean College is pleased to announce that Nancy Lavallee of Dayville has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees,

## Local Artists juried in the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts exhibition

Thompson artists, Donna O’Scolaigh Lange and Ann C. Rosebrooks’ paintings have been juried into the 110th annual exhibition of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts. The show can be viewed on the CAFA website from June 26–August 14.

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associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

## Evan Lancaster graduates

## from Anna Maria College

The below Thompson resident graduated with the Class of 2021 from Anna Maria College.

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# 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 we’re talking with artist Beth Johnston.

**Hi Beth. I saw your encaustic paintings last year on Main Street during a “Pop-up Putnam” event and became very intrigued with your work.**

**Can you please explain for us what “encaustic” means in terms of paintings and describe the process?**

The word is derived from a Greek word meaning “to heat or burn in” (enkaustikos). The process starts with melted beeswax to which a hardening agent is added (called Damar). Pigments are added for color. The wax is then applied to a surface and each layer of wax is then fused to the previous layer with heat. Adding layers of wax creates texture, the illusion of depth, and embeds objects into the painting. Today the basic tools used are heat



Broken Connections

guns, butane/ propane torches, natural hair brushes, carving tools, and heated surfaces (pancake griddles, electric skilllets). Materials like shellac, India ink, pastels, paint sticks and much more are also used by many artists.

The process will vary depending on the vision of artist. Representational paintings, like landscapes and portraits, can be painted but often the paintings are more abstract or expressionistic. Sculptural work is also possible.

**I understand that this is a very old form of work, dating from the painted ships of Troy and Egyptian mummy portraits. What is different about the technique today?**

At its core, it has not changed much. It is the creative minds of artists that have taken it to new levels. Wax is amaz-



Honeycomb

ingly versatile, and it can do more than just act like another painting media. I’ve embedded pages from old books, buried nails in the wax, scrapped back top layers to reveal the colors of bottom layers, used drywall mud to create a relief with wax layers on top. The possibilities are almost endless.

**You’ve worked in other painting mediums, yes? What is it about encaustic that appeals to you?**

Yes, for many years I painted in oils. I find that encaustic media allows me to be much more creative. I will have an understanding of what I want to convey and then decide what is the best way to capture that in a painting.

**I see on your website that you studied at RISD\*. Is that where you first saw hot wax paintings?**

I first saw the media at an art festival. I was fascinated by the visual depth and the textures a particular artist was able to create. Some pieces were smooth as glass and others were almost sculptural. Her work also had many layers that drew me into the painting and held my attention. It wasn’t until I moved to a home with a cement floored basement (forgiving of spills) that I really got to explore the media on my own.

**What sort of subjects do you favor in your encaustic work?**

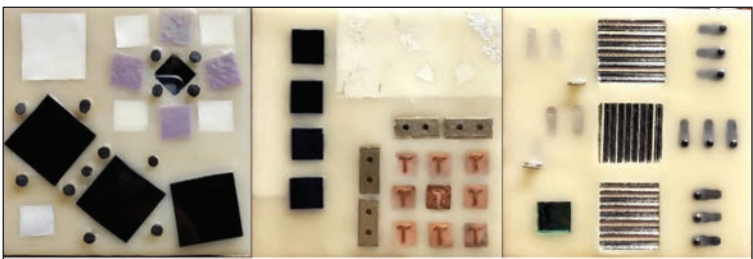
My encaustic work is abstract and I use various techniques to convey a message, my feelings and observations; sometimes I just have fun with it.

**What are you working on right now?**

My current series conveys “structure”. I’m using building materials like drywall mud, glass tiles and metallics-like nails. These pieces are more precise and less organic, to emphasize the importance of structure in how these materials are usually used.

**How would you describe your workspace in 10 words or less?**

Utilitarian – lots of electric



Structural Triptych

outlets, griddles, blow torches, a fire extinguisher.

**Would you consider encaustic painting three-dimensional?**

Definitely. Depending on how I apply the wax, I can achieve some amazing textures. I often see people reach out to touch my paintings but then pull back. I will then encourage them to enjoy the textures, whether smooth or chunky. Wax can easily be buffed. I’ve also used cheese cloth as a base and shaped the warm wax into a bowl.

**Do encaustic paintings require special care?**

Yes, they don’t do well in extreme temperatures. They can tolerate warm temperatures, but when it gets above 125°, the painting will start to melt. It will crack when below zero, so ideal temps are 40-120° F. Encaustic paintings take about a year to cure and may develop a “bloom”, or a dull haze, on the surface until the curing process is completed. This can be buffed using a soft, lint free cloth to bring back the shine, like shining an apple. Some people have said they prefer the matte finish.

**Is there a piece which you consider particularly successful, or a “favorite”?**

I really enjoyed the process creating “Broken Connections”. It was done for a symposium on Cerebral Spinal Fluid disorders and involved reviewing CSF research articles, studying diagrams of the spine and nervous systems. I created a “spine” using drywall mud and incorporated many techniques to capture the essence of fluids, nerves, cells and abstracts from the research. The process was as enjoyable as the painting.

**Please share some photos of your work and tell us about them.**

Broken Connections: 12x24” on wood panel in floating black frame.

Drywall mud covered in wax. Shellac used to create a “netting” effect, nerves and cells added by carving into the wax or dripping layers on top. Snippets of research articles added using a print transfer.

Honeycomb: 12x12” on wood panel in floating black frame

Incorporated pages and images from an 1895 book on beekeeping into multiple layers of hexagon/honeycomb shapes.

**Structural Triptych:** Three 4x4” paintings on wood panels, unframed

Glass tiles, carpet tacks, sterling silver leaf, jewelry findings and other metal embedded in many layers of wax.

**Are there any upcoming shows or other places to see your work?**

Locally in Putnam, some of my oil paintings can be found at The Windows Gallery, Arts & Framing, and the Courthouse Bar and Grill. In South Kingstown RI, I have some encaustic work at South County Art Association. On July 10th and 11th, I will have a booth with mostly encaustic paintings at the Wickford Art Festival in Rhode Island. Studio visits can be made by appointment. I can also be contacted and my work viewed through @BethJohnstonArt on Instagram and Facebook

**Thank you so much for sharing your insights and talent with us. I’m going to put the Wickford show on my calendar!**

## Word of the day:

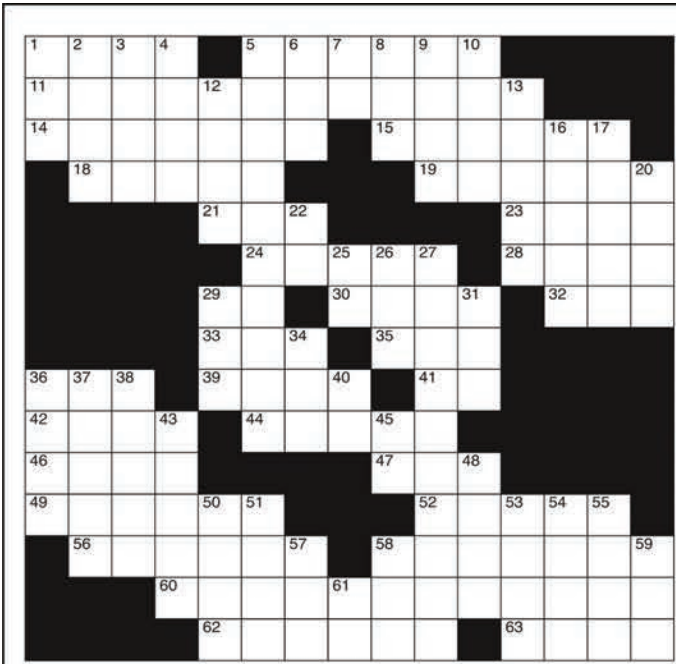
Encaustic paintings are created with pigments mixed into hot wax dating to the 1st Century AD. Encaustic painting lost favor to tempera paints in the Middle Ages which did not require heat.

Tempera paints mix pigments with egg yolk, milk, plant gum (or other binders). (www.encausticpaints.com)

\*encaustic mummy portrait work can be seen at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) art museum

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*About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized flame-work glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitationals. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.*



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Trigraph
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Driver’s licenses and passports
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Military flyers
- 42. Raincoats
- 44. Type of community
- 46. Feature of worm’s anatomy
- 47. In the center
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Saying things again
- 62. Periods in history
- 63. Hyphen

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel or eject
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Subdivision of cenosespecies
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T’s character on “The A-Team”
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Jerry are two
- 20. Affirmative!
- 22. Potato state
- 25. “The First State”
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Mosque prayer leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.’s father
- 43. Scad genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. “To the \_\_\_ degree”
- 59. Residue
- 61. It keeps you cool



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## Hughes earns degree from Cornell University

Emily Hughes of 232 Old Colony Road in Eastford graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on May 30, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Engineering. She graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and has accepted a position as an Associate Scientist with Pfizer, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## Roberts receives degree from UMass Lowell

Lindsay Roberts of Putnam graduated Summa cum Laude from UMass Lowell. Lindsay majored in Sound Recording Technology and received a Bachelor of Music Degree as a part of the class of 2021. Lindsay is currently interning in Dallas, Texas at Sound Cadence Studios as an audio engineer. She will be attending University of Colorado Denver in the Fall where she will be majoring in Audio Forensics.

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Eastford's Pollinator team (l-r) Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Ralph Yulo, Joanne Warren and Mary Belden displayed ways to help bees and other important living things on June 26 at the local Post Office.

**BROWN**  
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Board of Education Policy Committee Chair; and Freshman Academy Coordinator. He was a UConn Joule teaching fellow while a science teacher in New London's Science and Technology Magnet High School.

Prior to 2015, Brown worked as a science teacher and curriculum fellow at Achievement First, Amistad Academy in New Haven. He was for several years a coastal restoration ecologist at the Nature Conservancy, as well as a visiting scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to that, Brown was a graduate fellow and geospatial analyst for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He previously worked as a marine aquarist at Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Conn.

Brown's research into shoreline and aquatic restoration and preservation can be found in federal publications. Funded by competitive grants from education foundations, and state and federal agencies, he has conducted

# Woodstock Rolling Independence Day Celebration

Woodstock Rolling Independence Day Celebration  
July 4th 2021  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM  
The Benson-Flugel Post 111 American Legion, Inc. is celebrating Independence Day a little differently again this year. We are holding a rolling parade this year. We will start at our Post at 22 Stone Bridge Road and will drive to the East Woodstock green and from there to the green near the Woodstock Academy. Please decorate your vehicle (motor vehicles licensed for public roads only) in a patriotic manner that will stay on as you are driving (we don't want litter in our beautiful town).

We will start to line up on Stone Bridge Road at 12:30.

The route of march is:

- Right onto Roseland Park Road
- Bear left onto Dugg Hill Road 2.2 miles
- Turn left onto Woodstock Road 3.2 miles
- Turn right onto Prospect Street 3.7 miles
- Turn left onto Dr. Pike Road 3.9 miles
- Go around the green
- Turn left back onto Woodstock Road 4.0 miles
- Turn right onto Dugg Hill Road 4.6 miles
- Turn right onto Child Hill Road 5.9 miles
- Turn left onto Academy Road 7.1 miles
- End at the Town green 7.4 miles

Park onto the green for a short ceremony.

# Eastford team wants to help pollinators

By Carol Davidge

On June 26, members of Eastford's Pollinator Pathway Committee gathered at the town Post Office to encourage all of us to assist our world by local actions. "Pollinators are respon-

Leslie Lavallee of Thompson delivered native plants Milkweed, Blackeyed Susan, Coreopsis and Yarrow for the Eastford Pollinator team's display on June 26.

sible for the production of about 75 percent of our food and flowering plants. We are excited to bring the Pollinator Pathway to Eastford. Many people that I spoke with mentioned that they are seeing less bees in their yard. Other pollinators including butterflies, moths, birds and bats are also on the decline," said Joanne Warren, who chairs the Conservation Commission's pollinator efforts. Eastford has joined 85 Connecticut and New York towns to create corridors of

flowers and trees that help these endangered beauties that are so critical to our everyday lives. "As our pollinators have co-evolved with our native plants, providing natives are the best option to help them thrive. Many people have an interest and we are here to support them with information and resources," said Joanne. For information about how you can help, visit Pollinator-Pathway.org. For local information, E-mail: ProtectCT@gmail.com



Eastford's Mary Belden (left) and Joanne Warren (right) talked with Tyler Singleton about ways to help bees and other pollinators during a program on June 26.



Sue Kimball and Rich Begliomini of Dancing Frogs Farm in Woodstock provided the Eastford Pollinator Committee with Butterfly Weed from their pollinator garden (shown here).

research into coastal erosion control, artificial reefs and the protection of shoreline habitats.

Brown holds a certificate in Educational Leadership (092) from Sacred Heart University; a master's in Environmental Science from the University of New Haven; a bachelor's in Earth Science from Eastern Connecticut State University; and is certified to teach both biology and gen-

eral science. He also holds a graduate certificate in Geospatial Information Systems (GIS Mapping) from the University of New Haven's Graduate School of Environmental Sciences.

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QMC. About 160 students in grades 9-12 are currently enrolled in QMC's STEM-infused, Humanities-rich program of studies. Motivated QMC students can graduate with both a QMC high school degree and an associate's degree from QVCC.

To learn more about QMC, visit [www.eastconn.org/qmc](http://www.eastconn.org/qmc) or contact David Brown at [dbrown@eastconn.org](mailto:dbrown@eastconn.org).

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# Pop Up Putnam



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Pourings and Passages, which opened its new location on Main Street in Danielson this year, was on hand with beautiful jewelry, charms and other goods for sale throughout the day.

PUTNAM – The town of Putnam held its second Pop-Up-Putnam event of 2021 bring local crafters and businesses to Rotary Park and the surrounding streets on June 26 for a morning and afternoon of community togetherness. Music, a community art painting, and displays of craftsmanship from across the region provided plenty for guests to enjoy. While some appreciated the sights and sounds of the day others walked away with one-of-a-kind items hand made by some of the finest crafters around.



The staff of the Putnam Lions food trailer hard at work preparing a delicious burger



The Windows Art Gallery offered visitors a chance to be a part of an interactive fireworks art mural adding their own special touch to the product as they walked through Rotary Park



Wayne Sinclair and his band provided musical entertainment for the June edition of Pop-Up-Putnam



Erin's Market and Refiller doesn't sell its products in containers, rather visitors could bring their own to fill as part of the businesses mission to reduce waste



Sawmill Pottery showcases Raku in the park demonstrating ceramics fire techniques every hour



233 Pottery in Brooklyn displayed many of its handmade goods including ceramic mugs and wooden birdhouses



The Last Green Valley brought an educational display for Pop-Up-Putnam including some ones of local species

# Veterans Aren't Penalized For Active Engagement In The Workforce

Congressman Joe Courtney announced his support for the Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act (H.R. 3443), by Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA) bipartisan The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act is aimed at better supporting com-

bat disabled servicemembers and their ability to participate in the workforce, and would ensure combat disabled veterans do not lose their Social Security disability benefits (SSDI) in cases when earned income exceeds \$1,310 per month.

“Combat disabled veterans aren’t getting a fair deal right now, and I want to thank Congressman Scott for pulling together this bipartisan group to make it right,” said Rep. Courtney. “As it stands now, combat disabled veterans who make more than \$1,310 a month are at risk losing 100% of their SSDI benefits. That is patently absurd, and it’s an unacceptable way to treat these veterans who sacrificed for our country. We shouldn’t make our combat disabled veterans choose between a meaningful career, or keeping their SSDI benefits—they deserve better. The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act would raise the threshold to the maximum statutorily allowed level of \$2,190, and would help our vets to keep excelling as valuable members of our community and workforce, without being penalized for success. I’m proud to co-sponsor this bipartisan effort.”

Combat disabled veterans who earn an income more than \$1,310 per month lose 100% of their SSDI for being active-

ly engaged in the workforce. This unacceptably low limit deters workforce participation and disincentivizes injured veterans from pursuing jobs, promotions, or working overtime. H.R. 3443 would raise the current monthly disability benefit for combat disabled veterans from \$1,310 per month to \$2,190 per month, the statutorily allowed maximum level. Additionally, it would ensure combat disabled veterans do not lose their SSDI benefits in cases when earned income exceeds the new threshold. The bill introduces a 4 to 1 offset, eliminating the SSDI benefits cliff by gradually reducing benefits only after a veteran’s salary rises above \$2,190 per month. You can find more information on substantial gainful activity thresholds on the Social Security Administration’s website here.

The Purple Heart Freedom to Work Act is supported by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blind Veterans Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Military Veterans Advocacy, and the Fleet Reserve Association.

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# DECD visits QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center

DANIELSON – A visit to The Quinebaug Valley Community College Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTC) was part of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), David Lehman’s tour through Killingly. Hosted by Killingly Town Manager, Mary Calorio, a QVCC alum, and the Killingly Economic Development Director, Jill St. Clair, Lehman had the opportunity to hear, first-hand, the impact the AMTC has in the community and region.

QVCC Director of Advanced Manufacturing, Steve LaPointe, and Assistant Director, of Advanced Manufacturing, Jodi Clark, provided a tour of the 10,000 square foot center and expounded upon the success of the program and continued demand for graduates by local and regional business partners. While visiting Putnam Plastics and United Natural Foods Inc., in the Killingly Industrial Park, Lehman had the opportunity to meet graduates of the program who offered high praise for the program. LaPointe stated, “Our stu-

dents and graduates not only have fun learning while learning skills in our programs, they continue to succeed in their real-world experiences. They have careers that have a foundation with what they learned at QVCC. We keep in touch with our graduates and it’s a great feeling to see them succeed and add to the growth of Northeast Connecticut.” LaPointe added, “We have opportunity for additional growth by expanding our programs to Willimantic and hope to see this become a reality sooner than later.”

Calorio stated, “We are an innovative area and are here to help retain our local businesses and help them with expansion and unlocking space for new growth.” St. Clair added, “Growth and expansion stems from education. We have the pieces here and just need to make the connections. This is a special program.”

Also joining in on the visit were Connecticut State Senator Mae Flexer, Northeast Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Betti Kuszaj, and Shawn Johnston, a QVCC alum.



For more information on the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, contact Steve LaPointe, slapointe@qvcc.edu or 860.932.4111.

Left to Right: Mary Calorio, Jill St. Clair, Jodi Clark, Steve LaPointe, Commissioner David Lehman, Mae Flexer and Shawn Johnston

# Thompson, Putnam, Pomfret and More Team Up to Promote the Air Line State Park Trail

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• The Air Line State Park Trail is a 12-mile trail that runs from the northern terminus in Portland, ME to its southern terminus in Thompson, CT. The trail is a mix of dirt, gravel, and paved paths. It is a great way to see the beautiful scenery of the region and to get some exercise. The trail is open to all ages and abilities. It is a great way to spend a day in the outdoors. The trail is a great way to see the beautiful scenery of the region and to get some exercise. The trail is open to all ages and abilities. It is a great way to spend a day in the outdoors.

The Town of Thompson recently took the lead in a regional partnership of seventowns to promote the Air Line State Park Trail. Encompassing roughly 80 miles of trails in two states, crossing 12 Connecticut towns from the northern-most point in Thompson to its southern terminus in Portland, the Trail also continues into Massachusetts under the name “Southern New England Trunkline Trail.” The seven partner towns received match funding from the Eastern Region Tourism District to produce a series of attractive, durable, fold-down map-brochures (z-cards), promoting the many recreation opportunities within the participating communities along the trail. All of the design work has been completed, and each of the partner towns has received their supply, with the results exceeding expectations!

The Air Line Trail is the very defini-

tion of a regional attraction, given the number of towns it crosses as it winds its way across the state. Each of the towns it traverses has a distinct character, from very rural communities with strong agritourism attractions to those with busier downtowns featuring breweries, antiques shops and restaurants. The towns that came together to create the new tourism maps are Thompson, Putnam, Pomfret, Hampton, Windham, Columbia and Portland. Agriculture and conservation advocacy non-profit CT Resource Conservation & Development Area also acted in partnership, as the leaders of the overarching program to develop and promote the entire Air Line Trail.

Look for copies of the map at local Town offices and other select locations

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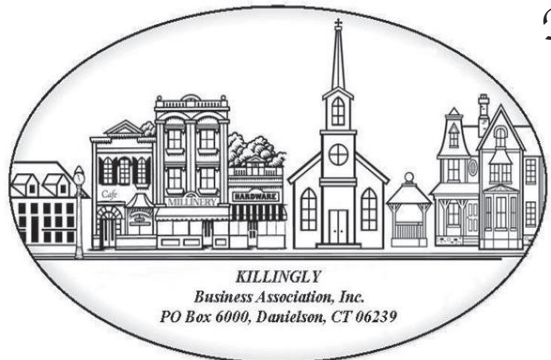
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# “What would Barry say?”

When sitting down to write this Editorial, this Editor had heavy on her mind her old mentor from the radio days, Barry Lunderville who has since passed on, or as he called it “taking a dirt nap”. Barry owned radio stations in NH and worked for CBS out of Boston. He was especially great to talk to when discussing small town politics and joked, “Well between us girls,” During one particular time of discord, he passed this poem along and it is one that is read often, especially when thinking, “What would Barry say?”

*If*  
BY RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kamala Harris is a disgrace

To the Editor  
Kamala Harris (aka: «the laughing hyena,» ha ha ha) is a disgrace to the position of Vice President of the United States. She was appointed by President Biden to be the border czar but she basically told her boss that she'll do what she wants to, and that she'll do it whenever she wants to. But instead of planning to go to the actual problem spots at the border, she made trips to Guatemala and Mexico to talk about what she referred to as the “root cause” of the immigration problem. Really, and what did that accomplish? Also, during those trips she was met by protestors carrying signs and shouting: “Kamala go home!” (I wonder if she was laughing when that happened? ha ha ha.) However, one definite cause of the current crisis at our border, and for the record number of undocumented migrants that have arrived there this year, is that you - and your boss - have done absolutely nothing to stop it! Even one of her fellow Democrats said this administration's handling of the border situation has made the party look “weak”. And of course she's blaming Donald Trump by saying it was an “inherited problem,” but there was no situation of this magnitude at all when Donald Trump was President now was there?  
This laughing hyena lied about ever being to our southern border. She lied to reporters when she said shed been there, and when they called her out and said: “No, you haven't,” madam hyena laughed and responded: “And I haven't been to Europe either,” (ha ha ha). How can this woman be so brash and ignorant? In addition to lying straight to their faces, she also lied to and laughed at the American people! If this had been the case with Donald Trump or Mike Pence, CNN would have had a field day with it. It is a good thing for her however that the liberal, biased news media has stopped tracking her lies and that they are on her side. It's been said that Harris being elected as the first “woman of color” to become the VP of the USA was his-

### Put our children first

I thought maybe this would get some attention since emails have gone unanswered, and there is not much time for phone conversation. I also know there are many many families that feel the same about what I am going to bring up and I want to let them know they are not alone. I am a parent in town. My family along with everyone's has been dealing with the last year/year and a half the best we can. It has been very up and down with guidelines always changing and businesses and schools trying to keep up with it all. We did not agree with the guidelines set for the schools so we pulled our children completely and decided to homeschool them, which in all honesty was quite amazing even though a very new thing for us. There are many reasons why we might choose to do it again, the smallest reason would be covid guidelines. However, there are also many reasons why I would love to send my kids BACK to school. My children miss their friends they had made there over the last few years. Yes, we made sure to get together with other homeschool families this year but most of their favorite people were physically in school. Another reason is simply that my children need a bit of a break from each other. Being around your siblings 24/7 can be tough, especially when all kids are under the age of 8. They are young. There has been a lot of sibling “rivalry” this year haha and I know it's because they have been with each other every single moment of every day. I think the break of being in school would benefit them greatly. In order for us and these other homeschool families to want to send their kids back, the first step is to unmask our children. I am part of a Connecticut social media group of over 8000 people who want masks off their little ones. It is time to let them breathe again, and to let them see their teachers faces again. Masks for teachers at this point should be optional, but they need to be gone for children. When I hear the term “mask breaks” I cringe. Let's call them what they really are, they are breathing breaks and I cant believe we are doing that to children. So much has come out about this virus, some really compelling things having to do with Fauci and lies about where the virus came from, masking and social distancing. He said it right from the beginning if you recall, that healthy people should not be wearing them. Then he changed his mind multiple times (ask yourselves WHY?). Most of us know that children are the LEAST affected by this strain. In fact they have been referred to as “buffers” because they rarely catch it and

toric, but her lies, neglect, and failure to do her assigned duties is a slap in the face to the people of color as well.  
Is President Biden now going to take a cognitive test? If so, I hope he passes it because if Kamala Harris was to ever become the POTUS, we'd certainly be going from bad to worse. She was the first person to drop out of the presidential race because nobody wanted her and yet she may become the POTUS without ever receiving one single vote.  
As I write this, Harris has only gone to El Paso, Texas, which is hundreds of miles from the real border trouble spots. I would think that she'd be planning to visit with the ranchers and farmers along the border who've actually been affected by these migrants, and I doubt that Harris will tour the detention centers down there which have been nicknamed, Biden's bungalows. Why did she all of a sudden decide to even make that trip, and did Donald Trump scheduling a visit to the border have anything to do with it? Okay, so she finally headed in the direction of the southern border months after being assigned the task as border czar, and after that maybe she'll go to Europe? (But they'll most likely tell her to go home also, ha ha ha.)  
And to all you folks that still have Trump derangement syndrome (TDS), I still haven't seen any mention about this «great job» that the Biden administration and the democrats are doing. If you consider this «woke» nonsense, cancel culture, critical race theory being taught in schools, rising prices, disrespectful little brats representing our country in sports, (biological) men competing in womens sports, a bunch of whatever that still don't know what bathroom to use, and a squad of anti-American politicians as something that's great for this country; having TDS seems the least of your problems.

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dont really spread it. I am aware via a staff member that at one of our schools it was only adults that contracted the virus, and through contact tracing it was shown they did NOT catch it at school. We have these poor children separated by plexi glass, 6 feet (oh wait now its 3ft right? lol) unable to leave their room for most everything except the bathroom, and unable to see the mouths of the teachers trying so hard to teach them. I have worked with children for 20 years, they NEED to see verbalization. They need to see expression. What has been done to them in the name of a virus with a 99.9% recovery rate is unacceptable. In the beginning of all this when no one really knew what was going on, it was understandable. But it has been long enough. We know a lot more now. They are removing the plexi glass in places, masks are optional most everywhere now and businesses are making the decisions on that finally. For those that are choosing to be vaccinated, that option is there. We recently just found out that the WHO is NOT recommending these vaccines for children under 18, so I hope schools aren't waiting until they do, especially since they are experimental and most parents aren't comfortable letting their children be part of that. Lamont's emergency powers should be up 7/20 (face it they should have been up months ago) it is time to UNMASK OUR CHILDREN. It is really the one thing keeping many of these children home. For the parents that are too nervous to speak out, I know many of you and to those I don't, you must say something. Go to the board and get involved. Am I correct in hearing that certain measures are being kept in place because of funding the government is giving our schools? Just like with Common Core, that would mean the schools could say no, but then they lose funding. I understand that the school budget is always an issue, but we shouldn't be sacrificing our children's physical and mental health for extra funding. Send emails, call the school, get involved with the board, write to our governor, etc... search on social media for the Unmask Our Children groups. I know there are many of us, including many teachers and staff that want these kiddos breathing fresh air again, not their hot breath all day (catch that article about the parents that sent their kids masks in for bacteria testing? YUCK!) Please Woodstock, do the right thing this Fall. Put the children first.

ANNI LEE  
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# What's next?

What's next? What's next? That's the question that pops up everywhere I turn. Perhaps it is because we are attending memorial services or “Celebrations of Life” for lost friends. Perhaps it is because we are out in the world again and wonder what we missed. Perhaps it is feeling that after a long pause, it is time to chart a new path. Whatever the reason, and there are many, it is time to consider – What's next?  
Three friends came for lunch the other day. We worked together for decades and have stayed sporadically in touch. I'm the elder in the group, but now we have all left fulltime employment. We discussed the paths we are taking. One, an editor, volunteers at a nearby raptor rehabilitation center. She cleans cages and goes with the birds to schools and birthday parties. Another, an academic counselor, tutors low-income children in Middletown. A third has honed her math skills to help her son work toward his associates degree. Each one is engaged in worthwhile activities, but we talked about what else there might be.

I think many of us are itching to use whatever time we have left to do good deeds, but also to enjoy ourselves, grow, be engaged, and not waste time and effort on things, people or activities we don't want, don't need or don't really like. The question is, how to sort it out and move forward.

We met friends at a concert on the lawn at Roseland Cottage last week. It was the first time in ages that we've heard live music. The night was beautiful and the Latin music was lively. The singer had a fine voice, but even more, she enjoyed performing. The other musicians did too.  
I wanted to be that singer. I wanted to shake a tambourine or play the saxophone. I wanted to feel the complete engagement the performers felt. I know nothing about the details of their lives, but I know that in the time they spent in the shade of an historic home, they were utterly alive and focused. They enjoyed the audience and the moment.

Every morning I read “Today in Connecticut History” on line by Walter Woodward, State Historian. As an aside, I served on a board with Walter and know he would welcome input from readers on events in Connecticut history. A post this week focuses on the anniversary of the collapse of the Mianus River Bridge on June 28, 1983 at 1:30 am. Imagine what it must have felt like to fall into a river. Imagine the sensations of the people in the shattered condos in Surfside, Florida. We know that life is finite, but for those individuals, the end came in a catastrophic manner, without time to plan. Their lives were gone in a flash. I hope they had moments of remembering the best things they ever did in life.

Eric Barker, author of “Barking Up the Wrong Tree”, writes about people who are concerned with “generativity”, i.e. focusing on future generations and making the world a better place. They are the happiest. It's what we've been told and foundational in most religions. We have better lives if we help others have better lives.

We are ready for the difficult past to lead to something better. It's time to answer – What's next? with gratitude for being here, with a sense that although life is fleeting, we can make it better. In the quiet moments of memorial services, our minds hear the music and our hearts feel sad, but there is still time to grow and be “generative”.

## Federal money needed for cultured-meat research

To the editor,  
Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan should support government funding for cultured-meat research. For those who don't know, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughter. It's better for public health, the environment and animal welfare. This revolutionary protein eliminates the

danger of zoonotic viruses making the leap to humans in our food system. Moreover, it requires a fraction of the greenhouse gases to produce that raising livestock does. Finally, ending the slaughter of sentient beings is a straightforward moral good.  
For these reasons and more, we need federal money for cultured-meat research

— to help reach price parity and develop whole-cut products, like cultivated steaks and filets. This is too urgent to leave to the private sector.

JON HOCHSCHARTNER  
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# Check In On Your Finances Before Checking Out for the Summer: 5 Critical Steps to Take Right Now



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At the start of the year, you likely set some goals for yourself, including financial goals such as saving for retirement, a child’s college education, or an upcoming large purchase such as a new home or car. With half the year behind us (and summer vacations ahead that blur into busy autumn activities and the holidays), now is the time to review those goals once again and make sure you’re still on track to meet them.

Particularly in a year as unusual as 2021 – as the world emerges from the pandemic and its many effects on the financial markets to the job and real estate markets, to more personal changes in priorities and lifestyle – it’s likely there have been at least some changes in your life or finances since January.

Here are five key strategies to review and reassess right now to ensure your plan for 2021 is still on track to have you investing well and living well through the end of this year and beyond.

1. Review and re-assess your financial goals and budget.

Take a look at your income and budget to see if the numbers still match up, or if they need some adjusting. Are you earning more or less now than you were at the start of the year? Have your cost-of-living expenses increased?

If you’re earning less or your expenses have increased, you’ll need to update your budget accordingly. Ideally, you’ll do this by reducing your flexible, or discretionary, spending in order to stay on track with your savings goals. Remember the handy 50/30/20 budgeting rule of thumb – whatever your take home income is, allocate 50% to your everyday bills and basic needs, 30% to wants like meals out and entertainment, and 20% to savings for future goals and emergencies.

If you’re earning more now than you were at the start of the year, or if your expenses have decreased, it’s just as important to update your budget accordingly. Don’t just let those extra funds default into discretionary spending; put them to work for you by saving or investing more instead so that

you can Live Well beyond the present moment.

2. Review and rebalance your investment portfolio.

Similar to reviewing and adjusting your budget, it’s extremely important to review and adjust your retirement plan and other investments at the mid-year point as well. If after the above budgeting exercise, you find that you have more money than before available for retirement savings or other investments, be sure to add that additional money to your automatic contributions each month. If you’re 50 or older, consider making catch-up contributions to your retirement plan.

If on the other hand you have less available to invest, talk with a financial advisor – we can strategize ways to help you make up the shortfall. Depending on how long you have until your goal retirement age, you may want to switch your investments to those that carry more risk but offer greater potential for growth.

There’s also the possibility with the way the market has performed in recent months, that it has caused your investments to have a larger allocation to stocks. You’ll want to talk with your financial advisor about what changes to make in order to bring your investments back into balance again. Just remember, investing well to live well is a marathon, not a sprint. Keeping a strategic investment plan today will yield the best results in achieving your long-term goals for tomorrow.

3. Do a dry run of your taxes now to avoid any surprises at tax time.

Pretty much everyone dreads the prospect of owing a large sum at tax time. But if you take a look at your taxes now to determine if any adjustments are necessary, you’ll have a much better chance of avoiding that unhappy situation.

Use last year’s tax return as your starting point. Then, factor in any gains or losses to your income (through both earnings and investments) since January, as well as whether there have been any changes in the tax deductions you can take. Also consider whether or not you’ll expect any changes to your income or deductions in the next half of this year. This will give you an idea of what your tax liability will be for 2021. (You can also use the 1040 Tax

Calculator on our website at [whzwealth.com/financial-calculators](http://whzwealth.com/financial-calculators) to estimate your expected tax liability.)

Then, check your withholding (you can check it using the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Are you tracking to have more or less than your expected tax bill taken out of your earnings by the end of the year? If so, adjust the amount of federal or state income tax withheld from your paycheck accordingly, by filing a new Form W-4 with your employer. If your income has increased and you’re on track to owe more, consider diverting that increased income into tax-advantaged savings like your retirement account, a 529 college fund, or a health savings account (HSA). You’ll reduce your tax bill while saving even more for the future.

4. Check your FSA or HSA accounts.

Speaking of health savings accounts – if you have one, or if you have a flexible spending account (FSA), check in on your balance.

HSAs are a great way to save in a triple tax deferred way if you participate in a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The contributions reduce your taxable income, the money in the HSA grows tax deferred and if you take it out for qualified medical expenses it is tax free. After age 65, you can withdraw any money in your HSA for any reason without penalties. You can contribute up to \$7,200 for a family in 2021 and if over age 55, that number is \$8,200. HSAs can carry over from year to year and from employer plan to employer plan. HSAs are a great way to save on taxes and grow money for health care needs now and later in life.

FSAs for the most part must be used before year end (there is a carry over allowed amount of \$550.) However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act signed into law in December, 2020, temporarily allows you to carry over any unused FSA funds at the end of 2021, if your company has chosen to opt in to this carry-over; be sure to check with them. Are you contributing enough to cover your anticipated needs through the end of the year or are you contributing too much? Consider adjusting your contribution to match your needs through the end of the year.

5. Check your credit.

Many people have had their financial plans derailed over the last year, which may have resulted in missed payments on loans and credit card bills. But even if you didn’t suffer these setbacks, it’s a good idea to be aware of your credit score and to check your credit report periodically for any inaccuracies that could be negatively affecting you.

Everyone has the right to a free report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies each year. You can access yours at [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com). Review your report, dispute any inaccurate information, and assess the damage that may have been done to your credit due to missed payments in the last year. Once you’re fully aware of where you stand, you can begin the work of repairing your credit and getting back on track with your financial goals.

Plan Well and Invest Well, so you can Live Well

All of these steps are part of our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ process. Financial health, wealth building, and the life goals that building wealth allows you to achieve are a direct result of Planning Well and Investing Well. They require careful strategy, constant review and adjustment and long-term commitment – but the payoff is priceless. Find out more about our process and how we can guide you through your own personalized strategy for Living Well and reaching your goals at [whzwealth.com](http://whzwealth.com).

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BEYOND  
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At first, he was disappointed, then angry. His trainer told him he would lose ten pounds and feel better in days. The gym had parted him from his hard-earned cash with the promise that their exercise/diet program, if properly followed, would set him free from sluggishness and obesity. He was now enduring his third day of health-food and exercise. So far he was only feeling grouchy and sore. As he and his buddy wheezed and sweated on side-by-side treadmills, he complained to his trainer,

“This doesn’t feel like freedom to me!”

Two weeks later, however, he was fifteen pounds lighter, feeling better than he had in years, and he wasn’t even all that sore. He could honestly say he was living free. His buddy had quit on the fourth day, and was still complaining about being over-weight and chronically tired.

Freedom isn’t free; it takes discipline. It is often achieved counter-intuitively through self-restraint or by choosing to take the steeper path. Jesus invites people to follow Him to a place where they can live free. Jay E. Adams described that freedom like this:

The Christian is free from all

other human beings. He does not have to live over against others, controlled by their actions and responses. Rather, he lives according to Christ’s commands. This is Christian freedom. It is a freedom unknown by others. It is not just when others do the things that we like that we act properly toward them; we are free to do good even when they don’t because our actions are not dependent on their responses. It is the Lord Christ when we serve!

It is easy to associate freedom with the ability to do whatever we want, but ultimate freedom is the ability to do the right things and to not do the things that hinder us from living free.

With God’s empowerment living free can be a reality. The Bible says it like this:

“And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death...Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.” (Romans 8:2)

Living morally and responsibly is not heavy and restricting; it is liberating. Living free can be described as living in the light. With God as coach and empowerer, obedient believers are blessed to live a better life. St. Paul explained, “He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his

people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.” (Colossians 1:12)

Those who want to rise above addictions, depression, vengefulness, and purposelessness, can simply accept God’s help and do the work of applying biblical principles in their lives. At first it may not seem to work, but eventually they will find themselves living free.

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WEAVER

I HAVE BEEN FLOCKED! I am beginning this column on June 21, the first day of summer, and when I get up from my chair, I can look out the window to a small flock of pink flamingos in my front yard. Just thinking about them gives me a smile and a chuckle. I had seen some flamingos a few weeks ago on Grove Street in Putnam, so they were in my memory bank. BUT I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE FLOCKED! I learned that this is a fundraiser for an organization named Northeast Opportunitites for Wellness whose goal is to bring “Northeast Connecticut Kids Opportunities for Wellness Through Fitness, Nutrition, and Sports.” For additional information go to [info@NOWinMotion.org](mailto:info@NOWinMotion.org). Why not flock a friend and help a worthwhile organization at the same Time?

Since this is a column that is near the Fourth of July, I always like to reflect on the Revolutionary time period and the early history of our country. During the Revolutionary period the inhabitants of this area were quick to respond to the needs of the people of Boston after it was blockaded by the

British in 1774. The following appeared in the July 7, 1774 Norwich Packet: “At a Meeting held at Brookkyn, in Pomfret, on Tuesday the 28th Day of June, 1774. After choosing Col. Israel Putnam, Chairman, the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to and subscribed. We the Subscribers, of the Parish of Brooklyn, being fearfully (?) affected with the Feelings of Humanity towards our fellow Countrymen, the Citizens of Boston, as well as for our own and the Liberties of all America... (as a Non-Consumption of any Kind of British and East India Goods) A Subscription is now opened in this Town for the Relief of such poor people at Boston, as may be distressed by the baneful Influence of the late Acts of the British Parliament; Two Hundred and Ninety-three Sheep, some Cash, and a Quantity of wheat, Corn, etc. are already subscribed.” ([genealogybank.com](http://genealogybank.com)).

The men who drafted the resolutions were already feeling that their liberties were being abridged. (We) “Think it a Duty which we owe ourselves and Posterity, to contribute all that lies in the Power of so small a Number towards the Salvation of our Country, and as a Non-Consumption of any Kind of British or East India Goods, is the only Way we can at present conceive of to effect it, do solemnly resolve and engage as follows: I. That those Rights and Privileges, both civil and religious, which were obtained by our worthy Ancesters (sic), at a great Sum, and handed down to us their Posterity, we will maintain and preserve inviolate,

even at the Risque (sic) of our Lives and Fortunes, in Spite of the united Combinations of Earth and Hell.

II. That we will not Purchase or bring into this Parish, now cause to be brought in by any Persons for or under us, any Kind of Goods, of the Growth or Manufacture of the Island of Great Britain-Ireland, or the East-Indies, excepting Bibles, Pins, Needles, Gunpowder, Lead, Flints, German Steel, Apothecary’s Drugs, Spices, and Window Glass) from and after this Time, until the Act for blocking up the Harbour of Boston, and other Acts imposing Duties and Taxes on America are repealed...” (July 7, 1774 Norwich Packet )(Do you find the list interesting?)

Killingly was quick to follow suit and on “June 29th expressed herself with unusual fervor: “At a meeting of the inhabitants of Killingly, having taken into consideration the dark and gloomy clouds which hang over and threaten the liberties of this, our native country, in general: the distressing circumstances of Boston, In particular-their harbors blocked up, but off from all commercial trade

and dealing on which they depended for a supply of bread...we have thought it proper to pass the following resolves--1. That we will choose a Committee of Correspondence to meet with the committees chosen by the neighboring towns...2. That we will not purchase any goods of linen or woolen manufacture imported from Great Britain, and will break off all trade with the Indies if it be thought best by

the committees in general Congress. 3. That we will to the utmost of our power encourage manufactures amongst ourselves....These resolves with the preamble to be published in the Providence Gazette.. Voted an chose a committee to take in subscriptions of the inhabitants of this town for the benefit of the poor of Boston, in sheep or otherwise...Voted to choose Joseph Torrey and Daniel Davis for this committee.” (Ellen D. Larned, History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vo. II, Bicentennial edition, p. 127).

As you know even after the blockade ended, the situation escalated to all out war, with General Israel Putnam often in the thick of things. I also found this interesting letter in the Norwich Packet. It had been reprinted from the Philadelphia Packet and was written only one day after the Declaration of Independence, which is why I’ve included it. “To the Printer. By publishing the following Translation of a Letter written by a French Officer now in the Service of the States of America, to a French Nobleman in Paris, you will oblige. Your’s F. P. My Lord, Philadelphia, July 5, 1776 . After the permission you were pleased to grant me to come to this country, I am at last arrived; not without many dangers and great expence (sic). I found here a happy people, averse to oppression, without any spirit of sedition, active and laborious, with all the necessary qualifications required to the foundation of a powerful republic, able to sup-

# EDUCATION

## Joseph P. Lewerk Awarded National Fellowship

Joseph P. Lewerk, a teacher at Killingly High School, in Killingly, CT has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Alexandria, VA in its thirtieth annual fellowship competition. A total of 57 fellowships were awarded in 2021. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government, and civics in the nation's secondary schools, as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged "Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights," the fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Joseph P. Lewerk's course of study toward a master's degree. That program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

Joseph P. Lewerk was selected for a James Madison Fellowship in competition with applicants from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the nation's island and trust territories. The fellowship-funded by income from a trust fund in the Treasury of the United States and from additional private gifts, corporate contributions, and foundation grants- requires its recipient to teach American history, American government or civics in a secondary school for at least one year for each year of fellowship support. The award is intended to recognize promising and distinguished teachers, to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government, and thus to expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation's constitutional heritage.

Founded by an act of Congress in 1986, the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation is an independent establishment of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. Additional information may be found at [www.jamesmadison.gov](http://www.jamesmadison.gov).

## Local Residents named to Spring 2021 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. (Grassroots Newswire) June 28, 2021 - The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Spring 2021 semester. \* Summer Chaponis, a junior mathematics & economics major from Woodstock (06281) and a graduate of Woodstock Academy. \* Sofia Jendrewski, a junior psychology & elementary education major from Woodstock (06281) and a graduate of Woodstock Academy. About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. Our closely connected community delivers internationally-respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country's best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.

## Putnam Resident Graduates from Curry College

MILTON, MA (06/29/2021)-- Curry College is pleased to announce that Olivia Braithwaite of Putnam received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Commencement exercises on May 23, 2021.

On a summer-like day, Curry College honored 687 graduates from the Class of 2021 in its 141st Commencement celebration. The ceremony, including Olivia Braithwaite of Putnam, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree, was live-streamed from the Walter M. Katz field to approximately 2,300 family members, friends, alumni, faculty and staff, among other Curry community members.

The in-person ceremony was especially memorable after a year of gathering restrictions and social distance, and the program celebrated graduates with a number of awards and honors.

Presiding over the second Commencement exercise this weekend, Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. recognized the graduates for their success in trying times. "This is a celebration of all that we have overcome, it is a celebration of all that we have achieved despite the challenges and tragedies of this time. Once again, Curry students have persisted, persevered, and succeeded."

In his address, Class Orator Melvin Wells '21 of Hamden, Conn., asked the audience to reflect on their time at the College as preparation for their future success. "Although the future is unknown and not promised, there is one thing that is guaranteed. The lessons, the experiences, the ups, and the downs that you had here at Curry College were worth it and provided us with the tools and knowledge to be successful at anything we apply our hearts and minds to."

Marking the momentous milestone in-person and on-campus was treasured by the graduates and their families, says Grace O'Neil '21. "Today is so special to me because I get to have my parents with me as I cross the stage. I know that I couldn't have done this without them."

Brandon Clay '21 agrees with the sentiment. "This ceremony symbolizes the embarking of a new journey, and the start of our careers," he says. "It feels so amazing to be able to gather with all of my close friends and family during such a hectic year. Being able to commemorate all of the achievements that we all accomplished at Curry College feels amazing. I can truly say that not only have I made lifelong friends here, but I have been a part of one of the greatest campus communities ever."

About Curry College  
Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 15 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program. Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu).

## UT Student Leah Maher, of Danielson, Connecticut, Earns Dean's List Honors

TAMPA, FL (06/28/2021)-- Leah Maher, of Danielson, Connecticut, earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2021 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

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NOTE: You are receiving this press release because the student or their parents are from your area. This press release above was prepared for: Editor - Killingly Villager.

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## Local students receive diploma from Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. – Joah Daniel Moss of Plainfield (03781) received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Norwich University at the May 1 commencement ceremony in a hybrid of virtual streamed and in-person events held campus-wide in accordance with Vermont pandemic guidelines and with the Norwich community's health and safety as the highest priority. Norwich University was honored that Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark A. Milley gave the commencement address to the Class of 2021 in recorded remarks. Milley is the military's senior-most ranking member and serves as principal adviser to President Joe Biden, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin III and the National Security Council. The Class of 2021 includes approximately 447 students from 32 undergraduate programs and one master's program: 437 bachelor's degrees and 10 Masters of Architecture as well as 18 International students from 10 countries on five continents. There were four separate commencement ceremonies, two each running simultaneously in Shapiro Fieldhouse and Kreitzberg Arena at 9 a.m. and noon. Graduates include future military officers, law enforcement officers,

engineers, nurses, and many who will go on to graduate school, jobs in the federal government, athletic training, construction management, cyber security and numerous public-service sectors. The Class of 2021 consisted of 169 civilian students and 268 students in the Corps of Cadets. Milley shared with Norwich graduates that both his parents fought in WWII, and shared details of notable Norwich alumni who distinguished themselves in service to the nation. "You're about to graduate from an institution that has taught strength of character and leadership and perseverance," he said. Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States. Norwich is one of our nation's six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). [www.norwich.edu](http://www.norwich.edu)

## Ian T. Sullivan Graduates from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/29/2021)-- Ian T. Sullivan of North Grosvenordale (06255) graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor.

On Sunday, May 16, the University conferred degrees to over 160 graduates receiving masters, law, and doctorate degrees from its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy, and School of Law.

In his remarks, President Robert E. Johnson charged the Class of 2021 to go out as global citizens and transform the world. "This journey that took place over the course of the last year has prepared you for that next stage and step in your life as you leave Golden Bear country and go out into the world," he said congratulating the graduates as they join the more than 48,000 alumni of the University. "There were times where we could not necessarily see the end, but we made it. Each and every one of you hung in there. You are now prepared for the next step in your life. You are prepared for the journey."

The graduating class hailed from 27 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Graduates were also from Canada, China, and India.

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# QVCC to Require Vaccinations for On-Campus Students

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON – Quinebaug Valley Community College will require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend classes in person this fall.

The announcement comes after the Board of Regents for Higher Education voted to require all students in on-campus activities at Connecticut State College and Universities (CSCU) be fully vaccinated. The Board released a statement shared through the QVCC website where interim President of CSCU Dr. Jane Gates addressed the decision.

"If you plan on attending class or extracurricular activities in-person, you must first get vaccinated. The vaccines that are currently authorized in the United States are safe, highly effective,

and critical to resuming normal operations at our campuses this fall," Dr. Gates said "If you have not already done so, now is the time get vaccinated. With more infectious, more severe variants becoming more and more prevalent, getting your shot is the best way to protect yourself and your family."

The Board of Regents policy doesn't require that all employees be fully vaccinated but does give Dr. Gates the authority to impose that requirement. Those discussions are expected to take place with the unions before the start of the school year. The QVCC website provides access to the Connecticut Vaccine Portal to assist students and staff with acquiring their vaccinations. The school also stated that additional information on how students can document their vaccination status will be forthcoming before the start of the fall semester.

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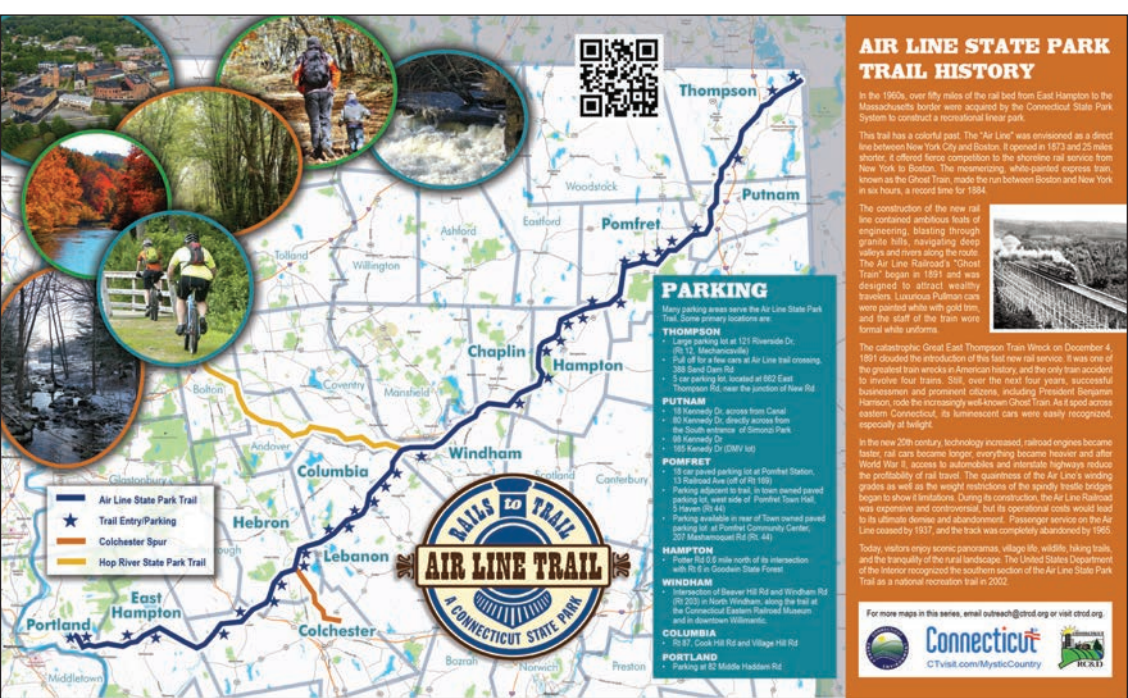
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throughout the region. For each partner, a version of the z-card was created to promote the unique tourist attractions, restaurants and outdoor recreation activities within that town, from Fort Hill Farms in Thompson; to the Goodwin Forest in Hampton; to Brownstone Quarries National Historic Site in Portland. QR codes will also take visitors to linked pages featuring local restaurants, breweries, museums, events calendars and more.

Jim Bellano, Director of Economic Development for participating town Windham says of the project: “What makes this Z-card project so exciting is that the Airline Trail is, in the truest sense, a regional asset. The map allows us to showcase the

length and breadth of the trail while still providing the opportunity to highlight the individual assets of each town.”

For more information, or to request copies of the z-maps: Thompson: Tyra Penn, Director of Planning & Development: planner@thompsonct.orgor 860-923-9475 x130 Putnam: Delpha Very, Director, Putnam Redevelopment Agency: delpha.very@putnamct.usor 860-963-6834 Pomfret: Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman: Maureen.Nicholson@pomfretct.govor 860-974-0191 Windham: Jim Bellano, Director of Economic Development: jbellano@windhamct.comor 860-465-3062 Portland: Mary Dickerson, Development Planner: mdickerson@portlandct.orgor 860-342-6727



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## University of New Hampshire’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 Semester

DURHAM, NH (06/24/2021)-- The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2021 semester.

Cassandra Sleboda of Danielson, CT for earning Highest Honors

Kayla Gaudreau of Eastford, CT for earning High Honors

Katherine Dalimonte of Pomfret Center, CT for earning Highest Honors

Emily Lengyel of Pomfret Center, CT for earning High Honors

Austen LeDonne of Woodstock, CT for earning Honors

Haley Armstrong of Woodstock, CT for earning High Honors

Nathan John of Woodstock, CT for earning High Honors

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

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## Cassandra Sleboda of Danielson, CT named to the University of New Hampshire’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 Semester

DURHAM, NH (06/24/2021)-- Cassandra Sleboda of Danielson, CT has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for earning Highest Honors for the spring 2021 semester. Sleboda is majoring in Animal Science.

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## Brooklyn, CT Resident, Thomas Nurse Named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s Spring 2021 Dean’s List

WORCESTER, MA (06/24/2021)- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Thomas Nurse, a member of the class of 22 majoring in Robotics Engineering, was named to the university’s Deans List for academic excellence for the spring 2021 semester.

A total of 2,148 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2021 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on

open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 17 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. [www.wpi.edu](http://www.wpi.edu)

## Zanauskas graduates from Anna Maria College

The below Woodstock resident graduated with the Class of 2021 from Anna Maria College.

Katie L. Zanauskas, Bachelor of Science

Owen Ritzau, Elijah Saine, Clayton Singleton, Alexis Zagrodny

GRADE 11:

Claire Anderson, Parker Anderson, Alison Benoit, Morgan Bentley, Angela Bradley, Nico Burgio, Neil Camara, Nicole Davidson, Sage Eno, Ian Frankhouser, Shannon Gagnon, Marrin Gorgone, Morgan Hardacker, Gwenith Hendrickson, Taewoo Kim, Seamus Lippy, Hailey McDonald, Christina Mozzi, Jason Ofcarcik, Donela Perzichino, Sara Rogerson, Eliza Simpson, McKenna Starr, Silas Strandson, Sadie Susi, Sven Vale, Norman Warcholik, Emily Wyrostek, Kamila Wysocki, Chase Young, Talia Zuidema

GRADE 10:

Riley Balanovich, Ava Basak, Daniel Chenail, Alexandra Cloutier, Amanda Currie, Grant DeParasis, Baden Eaton, Jared Eaton, Ava Edwards, Ella Favreau, Grace Gelhaus, Maximiliano Gonzalez, Matthew Gouin, Keira Hawkins, Kaiden Keddy, Emma Korsu, Jack Marshall, Elias Newall-Vuillemot, Lillian Rossi, Noelle Sallum, Davis Simpson, Grace Smith, Mackenzie Starr, Linzhuoran Sun, Adam Thompson, Jack Tyler, Adrianna Veloce, Xiaodan Wang, Bella Webb, Nicholas Webster, Melissa Zea

GRADE 9:

Elizabeth Adams, Delaney Anderson, Ryan Bradford, Troy Daviau, Riley Dupont, Hayden Fontaine, Jacob Lizotte, Zachary Majewski, Rebecca Nazer, Savannah Ortiz, Nicholas Saunders, Elijah Smith, Sawyer Stewart, Ramaya Talabert, Lucas Theriaque, Henry Wotton

Sydney Lord, Rori Mackenzie, Dylan Mayo, Makayla Mayo, Elizabeth Morgis, Carter Morissette, Ella Musumeci, Magdalena Myslenski, Angela Newell, Alyson Niemiec, Lindsay Nuttall, Jillian Plouffe, Sophia Quinn, Celeste Robbins, Alexa Rock, Aubrey Rumrill, Natalia Sarette, Adele Schmidt, Kenzie Sellers, Gianna Smith, Isabella Sorrentino, Camilla Tahirova, Patrick Webster, Liam Wilcox, Cooper York, Zimo Zheng

GRADE 9:

Carleh Avery, Natalie Bell, Emily Bergman, RYANNE Bourbeau, Madison Brown, Anthony Buckner, David Bunning, Danielle Cabassa, Timothy Caissie, Emerson Dalton, Leah Danis, Benjamin DaSilva, Timothy Engstrume, Aiden Finch, Joaquin Fraga, Aiden Gagnon, Hailey Gagnon, Nicolas Goncalves, Allison Griswold, Hunter Haynes, Jada Hernandez, Sophia Hernandez, Cade Jones, Kaitlyn Lanctot, Hunter Larson, Samuel Lescault, Sarah McArthur, Samantha McDowell, Cameron McNally, Brendon Molina, Mia Pannone, Brynn Perry, Samantha Richmond, Joshua Rilling, Jordan Sands, Apphia Schley, Simon Steendam, Jessica Stolarek, Talia Tremblay, Josiah Vadeboncoeur, Shaun Wall, Alicia Wynkoop, Christopher Yuetner, Mathew Zheng

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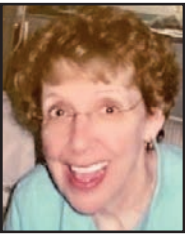
Kaylee Arpin, Zachary Banning, Sierra Bedard, Timothy Billings, Glenn Boies, Steven Bratu, Rachel Canedy, Justin Cave, Sarah Delaney, Eliza Dutson, Travis Jewell, Noah Keaten, Wonwook Lee, Nathaniel Majewski, Lexi McCullough-Murphy, Kathleen McDowell, Isah Mohammed, Nikita Nezhin, Dante Poth, Megan Preston,



# OBITUARIES

## Beverly Ann Negip, 79

THOMPSON - Beverly Ann (Valade) Negip, 79, of Thompson, CT and most recently Fort Myers FL, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2021 in Fort Myers, FL. Mrs. Negip graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School (1959). At Tourtellotte 'Bev' played basketball all four years. She captained the basketball team her senior year and was also voted best athlete along with her future husband Ed. Bev's senior year-book quote foretold what was to come "She's witty, she's wise and a good sport too, Anything in math she's able to do." She received a Bachelor of Science degree at Central Connecticut State University (1963) and Master of Science degree from Eastern Connecticut State College (1973). Mrs. Negip's field of study was, yes, mathematics. She fulfilled her destiny as a teacher for her entire adult life. Most of her career Mrs. Negip taught high school mathematics at her high school alma matter in Thompson, Ct. Even in retirement she could not put down her passion for teaching and spent several years as a math tutor at the Rectory School in Pomfret, CT. If you knew Bev, you know that when she wasn't teaching, she was proba-



bly talking on the phone. Bev loved to visit and talk with her close circle of friends and remained close with many former students. But the time spent with her family and grandchildren was what 'Grammy' most treasured. Born in Webster, MA, Beverly was the daughter of the late Joseph and Sylvia (Hicks) Valade. She was the loving wife of the late Edward Negip; mother of the late Judith (Negip) LeVine (1969-2006) and the sister of the late Joseph Valade. Beverly is survived by her son, David Negip and his wife Kate of Fort Myers, FL; son-in-law, Charles LeVine, Jr. of Windham, NH; brother, Charles Valade of Sutton, MA; sister, Marie (Valade) Czechowski of Webster, MA, several nieces and nephews; and four grandchildren, Charles, Nathan, Katherine and Madeline. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Beverly's family from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, CT with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, CT, 06260. Her burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of America - [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org). For memorial guestbook, please visit [www.GilmanandValade.com](http://www.GilmanandValade.com).

## David J. Tupaj, 80

David J. Tupaj, 80, of Putnam, CT, passed away at home Sunday, June 13, 2021, surrounded by family. He was the husband of Alice (Landry) Tupaj for 60 years. They were married on Sept. 3, 1960 at St. Jean the Baptist Church, Warren, RI. After moving to Putnam they became members of St. Mary of the Visitation in Putnam, CT. Born in Providence, RI, he was the son of the late Stanley and Mildred (Bullock) Tupaj. Mr. Tupaj was the owner of Dave's Haul Away in Warren. He had also worked at Luther's Repair Shop in Warren and the East Bay Mental Health Clinic for 20 years in maintenance as well as a forklift operator for Almacs for 10 years. He enjoyed yard sales and working on projects in his yard. He was a member of the IOOB and also the Jacques Cartier Club. He loved going to



the ocean to feed the seagulls and watch the waves with his son David and Nick. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Greg Tupaj and his wife Lori of San Diego, CA; a daughter, Sandra Lozeau and her husband Tom of Putnam, CT; a brother, Daniel Tupaj of Woonsocket, RI; a sister, Barbara Olean of Oregon; and one grandson, Nicholas Cardente of Bristol, RI. He was the father of the late David Tupaj and brother of the late Stanley "Hawk" Tupaj and Jasper "Bill" Tupaj. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 9 AM from Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 AM in St. Mary of the Bay Church, 645 Main St., Warren. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, June 16, from 3 to 7 PM in Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren. Burial will be private. For information/online condolences, visit [www.wjmsmithfh.com](http://www.wjmsmithfh.com).

## JohnChristopher Cartier-Johnston, 39

Brooklyn - JohnChristopher Cartier-Johnston, 39, of Allen Hill Rd passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at his home. He was the son of Susan (Scraba) Johnston and Mark-William Johnston of Alexander's Lake, Dayville, CT. He was born in Putnam, CT and a 1999 graduate of Killingly High School. He was co-captain of his football team and anchored the offensive line. He went on to work for Par Electric as a lineman and crane operator over the past ten years. He leaves behind his sister, Daniel Bedard and her husband Matthew Bedard; and nephew, Thomas Bedard. JohnChristopher also fondly leaves



many Scraba, Johnston and Cartier uncles, aunts and cousins. Predeceased by his father, the late John Edward Cartier; grandparents, Stanley and Joan Scraba, Jack and Jeannette Cartier. In lieu of flowers to honor the memory of JohnChristropher, please send donations to Wyndham Land Trust, Cartier Preserve, P.O. Box 302, Pomfret Center, CT 06259. Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service for JohnChristopher at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St, Putnam, CT. The Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements. For memorial guestbook, please visit [www.GilmanandValade.com](http://www.GilmanandValade.com).



## Ronald Gilbert Desaulnier

Ronald Gilbert Desaulnier passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at home with his loving family at his side. He was born on April 8, 1948, the son of William and Alice (Hall) Desaulnier. Ron grew up in Woodstock and was a graduate of Woodstock Academy, later attending QVCC. He was a 20 year Veteran of the Connecticut Army National Guard, retiring with a rank of Master Sergeant, and worked for many years at Colt's Plastics. At the time of his death he was working at Artube of Great Neck, New York, a place he has enjoyed working for more than 20 years. A lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, he also enjoyed watching the UCONN Women's Basketball team as well as his favorite football team the Dallas Cowboys. His family was important to him and he held many family reunions at his home in Thompson. He was often heard saying "I'm going to New Jersey" where he spent with his son

Michael and his family. He was also fortunate to have had many wonderful friends he enjoyed spending time with and "tinkering" with cars and cutting wood with his brothers. Ron is survived by his son Michael, daughter-in-law Leanne, and granddaughters Charlotte and Chloe of New Jersey. He also leaves his two brothers Dennis and his wife Pamela of Eastford, David and his wife Pati of Putnam; two sisters Beverly Spink and her husband Paul of Brooklyn and Joanne Woodfall and her husband Gordon of Amesbury, MA; and 10 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his son Mark, and his significant other Jean Pappas. Ron's family will receive relatives and friends Sunday, June 27, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT. Family and friends gathered at the Funeral Home at 9:30 AM. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery Putnam, CT. Donations to the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, ATTN Charlie Milewski, PO Box 3, Danielson, CT 06239. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## F. Gordon Lyon, 81

F. Gordon Lyon of Eastford peacefully passed away, surrounded by family, on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at age 81. He was born Frederick Gordon Lyon to Arthur JJ Lyon and Mary "Molly" Holmes Lyon in Norwich, CT, on September 8, 1939. He graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1957, and then attended and graduated from Eastcoast Aero Tech. Gordon is survived by his wife (Barbara), son (Michael), grandchildren (Hannah and Joshua), brother (Arthur H Lyon), brother-in-law (Bob Dexter), and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. As a Vietnam War veteran of US Navy Air, Gordon also worked his farm on Lyon Hill Road in Woodstock for 20 years, and for 35 years



in the Experimental Department at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, CT. After his retirement, he spent several years in the Maintenance Department at Pomfret Prep School. Gordon was a history enthusiast, enjoyed fishing, and traveling across the US, into Canada, along with several trips to visit family in the UK. Gordon was an engaging person, who viewed new faces as a friend he had yet to meet; had a quick, dry wit; and is often remembered for his genuine, deep-belly laugh. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time with his grandchildren, playing Uno with them, enjoying Hannah's artwork, and helping Josh try to catch the big bass at Crystal Pond. He will be missed. A private family remembrance will be planned. In lieu of gifts or flowers, Gordon's family would be honored to have donations directed to the CT Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Boulevard Suite 4B, Southington CT, 06489, "In Memory of Gordon Lyon". Share a memory at [SmithandWalkerfh.com](http://SmithandWalkerfh.com)

Linda Sue (Robinson) Wilmot, 73, passed away April 9, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT from complications of pneumonia. Daughter of William A. and Mary (Agee) Robinson, Linda was born and raised in North Hollywood, California. She attended Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana, graduating in 1968. Linda lived in the Midwest for 25 years, primarily in Richmond, IN where she started her family and met husband Bill Wilmot. In 1990 Linda completed her long journey eastward when she moved to Pomfret, Connecticut. Living in an 18th-century home in New England let her pursue a longtime interest in historic restoration. She loved music, antiques, and gardening, passions she expressed through business while owning an antique store in Centerville, IN in the 1970s and running A Cottage Garden, a Pomfret nursery. Linda was possessed of a kind heart and determined spirit. Living with MS

for 30 years, she met her many difficulties with courage and grace. Devoted to her family, she knit it together with bonds of concern and love. Her absence is deeply felt by those who survive her: sons Jeffrey Alexander of Philadelphia, PA, Ryan Alexander of Upton, MA, William Wilmot of Belmont, MA, and Gregory Wilmot of Pomfret, CT; daughters-in-law Dyna Alexander, Cindi Alexander, and Elizabeth Gray; grandchildren Kylie, Adam, Juliet, Calder, Rowan, August, and Noah; and Howard & Karen Wilmot of St John, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Willard J. Wilmot, and brothers Wade Norman and Don, Billy, and James Robinson. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 10 AM at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock in Woodstock, CT. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National MS Society.



## Linda Sue (Robinson) Wilmot, 73

**Jeanne Elaine Lucier**  
*My beautiful Wife from*  
**July 4, 1963 – June 10, 2019,**  
*what a marriage!*

I love you then, I love you still, I always will.  
While in the Lord's Kingdom forever. Happy  
Anniversary of 58 years in Heaven darling.

*Your Husband,*  
**Joseph George Donald Lucier**

## Allison Tupaj of N Grosvenordale, CT Earns Doctor of

Physical Therapy from Springfield College SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/25/2021)~ Allison Tupaj of N Grosvenordale, CT has earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in Physical Therapy from Springfield College for studies completed in 2021. Springfield College concluded its 2021 Commencement Weekend ceremonies with eight

separate in-person ceremonies at Stagg Field on the Springfield College main campus, four on Saturday, May 15 and four on Sunday, May 16. "To the Class of 2021, I congratulate you and I thank you, you have made us proud in more ways than we can count," said Springfield College President Mary-Beth Cooper. "Please remember to stay connected to us and to each other. Through the Springfield College network, great things can be accomplished. And remember to come back and visit us. You will always have a home here. All

the best as you continue your journeys." Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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## ROUNDUP

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of the girls’ field hockey program to be a First Team All-State selection. She was also named to the Academic All-State field hockey team. Dutson was a charter member of the girls’ ice hockey program at WA and was the team’s leading scorer in her junior season, finishing with six goals and four assists.

Other award winners included:  
Comeback Player of the Year Award: Jacob Hernandez.  
CIAC Scholar Athlete Awards: Megan Preston, Brynn Kusnarowis, Gabe Geyer, Ethan Aspiras.  
Woodstock Academy Coach of the Year Award: Jason Gerum, softball.  
Woodstock Academy Assistant Coach of the Year Award: Chris LaPointe, football and baseball.  
Centaur Award: Hernandez and Marissa Mayhew.  
Athletic Director’s Award: Zach Brody and Lucy McDermott.  
Evelyn and Arthur Weinmann Award: Preston.  
Hannah Green Memorial Award: Ciara MacKinnon.  
NFHS Award of Excellence: Olivia Ott and Adam Schimmelpfennig.  
Warren Soccer Awards: Kusnarowis and Geyer.  
Spellman Tennis Award: Stefan Chervenkov.  
Bertand Golf Awards: Maria Santucci and Don Sousa.  
John Suleski Jr. Memorial Golf Awards: Alex Vaida and Kaily LaChapelle.  
Centaur Nation Person of the Year Award: Denzel Washington.  
Centaur Nation Media Award: Greg Smith.  
Athletes were also honored for the number of years they participated in sports at Woodstock Academy. Those who participated in 12 athletic seasons at WA were:  
Sydney Couture (Girls Soccer/Girls Basketball/Unified Sports/Girls Indoor and Outdoor Track); Dutson (Field Hockey/Girls Ice Hockey/Girls

Lacrosse/Girls Outdoor Track); Kileigh Gagnon (Volleyball/Girls Ice Hockey/Girls Lacrosse); Santucci (Field Hockey/Girls Soccer/Girls Ice Hockey/Girls Golf) Peyton Saracina (Girls Soccer/Girls Basketball/Girls Lacrosse); Geyer (Boys Soccer/ Boys Ice Hockey/Boys Lacrosse); Hernandez (Football/Boys soccer/Boys Basketball/ Baseball); Eric Phongsu (Boys Soccer/Boys Indoor and Outdoor Track).

**LEGION SEASON UNDERWAY**  
The American Legion baseball season has begun and Tri-Town, based on a doubleheader sweep on Saturday, June 26, of Jewett City — 3-2 in the first game and 6-1 in the second game — stands at 3-2.  
In the first game against Jewett City, Jack Merrill (Central Connecticut State University, North Grosvenordale) led the way, going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and a run scored, while Brady Monahan (Woodstock Academy) was 2-for-3 and Riley O’Brien (Woodstock Academy) added a hit and an RBI. On the mound Cameron L’Hruxue (Ellis Tech) picked up a complete-game win, allowing two runs on seven hits while striking out eight and not walking a batter.  
In the second game against Jewett City Brayden Akana (Tourtellotte High) wielded the hottest of several hot bats, going 3-for-4 with a walk, two RBI, two runs scored and three stolen bases. Merrill added two hits, two walks, two stolen bases and three runs scored. L’Heureux chipped in with a two-run homer while Kaden Murphy (Woodstock Academy) had a hit and an RBI. O’Brien picked up the complete-game win, allowing a run on three hits while striking out six and walking three.  
Tri-Town’s other victory came in the team’s season-opener, a 12-1 win over Moosup, On Wednesday, June 23. Murphy had a big night at the plate and on the bump, going 2-for-2 with a run scored and picking up the win with a three-strikeout, one walk and no earned runs effort. Merrill only went 1-for-3 in the game, but the hit was a big one — a three-run homer.

## Conor Quinn Graduates from Ithaca College

ITHACA, NY (06/28/2021)-- Conor Quinn of Putnam (06260) graduated from Ithaca College with a BS in Television-Radio.  
About Ithaca College  
Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 5,000 students, the college offers

## FESTIVAL

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adult and child-friendly beverages, partake in raffles and, of course, enjoy some fine Greek recipes passed down from family to family for generations.  
Spiro Haveles, President of the Holy Trinity Church, said the event is a yearly tribute to their culture and has proven to be a popular way to bring members of the church and the general public together for a fine evening of outside dining with a Greek flair.  
“We’re keeping the tradition going. All our volunteers are here. We’re very thankful for all the people that keep our tradition going throughout the years. Everyone comes out year after year and we try to put out the best food we can here,” Haveles said.  
Dishes included a wide array of offerings from Greek style chicken to a lamb shank dinner, moussaka, pastitsio, and even a Greek sampler featuring a little bit of everything on the menu. Maria Elsamini, a volunteer at the event, said people come from across the tri-state area to enjoy the festival and the members of the church are thankful to have them be a part of their celebration. “People know we’re here and the food is delicious. They look forward to the next event,” “We like to open this up to everybody in the community and people are

more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.  
Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation’s top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

coming from all over Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. They know the minute this event is taking place,”  
The festival also served as the last for Father Nick Milas who is retiring from the church after 36-years. While bittersweet, Father Nick, as the church members call him, said the event is a shining example of the church’s sense of community. “Our staff and our president here, Spiro, are so generous and so open hearted. People feel very happy and comfortable to be here and be a part of this,” Milas said. “It gives us a connection and what it allows us to do is bring the next generation in.”  
The annual Greek Food Festival will likely live on for years to come as younger members of the church have stepped up to be a part of the event and keep the tradition alive. Spiro Haveles said everyone involved is proud to be able to continue to share their cultural dishes passed down for generations with the community every summer. “This is our culture and how we grew up. Our moms and grandparents brought us to this. We’re just keeping the tradition going with the food and the atmosphere,” Haveles said. “It’s almost like a reunion bringing all the people together for over 60 years. Our kids have grown and are now taking it over so it’s a very happy occasion every year.”

## WEAVER

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port itself without the assistance of Europe. ..Perhaps, my Lord, you will not consider these things in the light I do; but this country might be the greatest market for our manufactures...I was surprised to see their troops exercise and manoeuvre (sic) as well as they do; and were they not animated by the love of liberty, they would be an unparalleled prodigy; but when that takes place, all wonder (probably ceases). I visited many of their fortifications which have been raised with amazing celerity. ...I was accompanied in this tour by several General Officers, particularly by Majors General Putnam and Gates, and a member of Congress...I have the honour, my Lord, to enclose you the declaration of indepen-

dency, published yesterday by the Honourable Congress of the United American States, and to prevent the danger of my letter miscarrying, shall send it by duplicate.” Unfortunately I could not find the author of the letter, but it says much about the tenor of the times. (Norwich Packet 8/12/1776;genealogybank.com).  
For the past few years this time of year I have been trying to read something that is related to the Revolutionary War period. Since Benedict Arnold has Eastern Connecticut connections, being born in Norwich January 14, 1741, my curiosity about his service led me to choose Nathaniel Philbrick’s Valiant Ambition, George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution. I’ve never done well with descriptions of all the battlefield maneuvers, but Philbrick includes numerous

maps, which make the battles much easier to envision. I’m only about half-way through but am learning so much. If you haven’t read it, and enjoy military history, it’s a good read.  
I’m sure you’ve heard much about General Israel Putnam, but did you know that his son served with him? “Born in 1742 to Israel and Hannah Putnam, Daniel Putnam served his father’s aide during the Revolutionary War and lived at Putnam Elms from 1791 until his death in 1831. General Washington, in the winter of 1779, ordered an escort of 6 dragoons and an NCO who stayed with General Putnam and Daniel. The Second Dragoons served a full troop with General Putnam from August 1777 until he took leave of the army. At all time, Daniel would have seen and been with them. The Queens

their counterpart of the above. Much more. The Putnam Elms if located at 191 Church Street, Brooklyn, CT.

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, June 2021. Special thanks to Ida Ranson and Mary Brown for the Dragoon Living History material. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06239*

# LEGALS

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**  
On June 22, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for application 06-21-02 – Kevin Baker – 46 Beaver Dam Road – new patio.  
July 2, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
On June 24, 2021 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued with conditions for work in the 100-foot upland review area: Application # WAA21014, Town of Thompson, intersection of Blain Rd & Riverside Dr (Route 12) (Assessor’s Map 63, Block 95, No Lot #) - reconstruction of the Blain Rd intersection with Riverside Dr.; Application #WAA21015, Carol Moser & Richard Colburn, 20 Island View Dr.) Assessor’s Map 143, Block 16, Lot 41) - construction of a 14’ X 20’ addition to an existing house; and Application #WAA21016, D.H. Copeland Builders, 119 New Rd (Assessor’s Map 154, Block 3, Lot 21) – construction of a driveway for a new single family home.  
Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent  
July 2, 2021

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
July 13, 2021**  
A PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council shall be held, pursuant to Section 506 of the Killingly Town Charter, in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street in Killingly, Connecticut, on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at which time interested persons shall be heard, public comment can also be submitted to [publiccomment@killinglyct.gov](mailto:publiccomment@killinglyct.gov) before 2pm the day of the meeting, upon the following ordinance:  
Ordinance # X21-  
**ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE FROM EDWARD J. GRECZKOWSKI OF A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FOR THE PROSPECT AVENUE SEWER RE-**

**PLACEMENT PROJECT**  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that the Town authorizes acceptance of the Permanent Construction and Maintenance Easement for the PROSPECT AVENUE SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT for property in substantially the same form as described in “Schedule A” as attached hereto, granted to the Town by Edward J. Greczkowski to provide for construction associated with replacement and maintenance of the Sanitary Sewer Lines on Prospect Avenue.  
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into any contracts or agreements related to the acceptance of the Easement and to have said Easement filed with the Town Clerk’s Office.  
KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson  
Chairman  
Dated at Killingly, Connecticut this 8th day of June 2021  
July 2, 2021

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN  
PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Webex and in-person (masks required) at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT on the following:  
**SD 21-002:** Subdivision Application to create two buildings lots at 53 Proulx Street (Assessor’s Map 41, Lot 85), 1 acre, R-10 Zone, Applicant: A. Kausch & Sons.  
**SD 21-003:** Resubdivision Application to create four building lots at 111 Day Street (Assessor’s Map 42, Lot 32), 6 acres, R-30 Zone, Applicant: CNG Holding, LLC.  
**SD 21-004:** Resubdivision Application to create two building lots at Almada

Drive and Paradise Drive (Assessor’s Map 21, Lot 6), 104 acres, RA Zone, Applicant: Paul Lehto.  
Copies of applications are available for review on the Town of Brooklyn website.  
All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.  
Dated this 21st day of June 2021.  
Michelle Sigfridson  
Chairman  
July 2, 2021

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**  
The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 7:45 p.m., at Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room 1, for applications SP-M2-96-04 – 130 Brockway Road – GED Enterprise, LLC dba Bradford Standing Seam – modification to a special permit and SP-650-06-35 – 1438 Route 171 – Jamie Reynolds & Jordan Wells – special permit for dog kennel.  
Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.  
July 2, 2021  
July 9, 2021

**TOWN OF THOMPSON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
*The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and took the following actions:*  
ZBA 21-02 Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotonir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recy-

cler’s yard or motor vehicle recycler’s business. Continued from June 7, 2021  
ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, Block 7, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16-foot side yard setback to build a 36’ x 21’ detached garage. Rescheduled from June 7, 2021 to July 12, 2021  
ZBA 21-04 – James Brazel & Susan Waters, Owner of Record 53 Wrightson Drive, Map 153, Block 17, Lot 14, Zone LD, request a variance to the Town of Thompson Amended Regulations, Article 4G, LD District, Section 3, Dimensional Requirements, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure. Applicant placement of the detach garage is on roadside of house. Accepted for a Public Hearing on July, 12, 2019  
File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Beno, Chairman  
July 2, 2021  
July 9, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Robyn C. Leo (21-00216)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated June 18,, 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:  
James Mikolajczak,  
c/o NICHOLAS A LONGO  
(attorney for James Mikolajczak),  
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Pete Lajoie was drafted into the United States Navy in 1943. As Pete went off to boot camp and gunnery school, his brother Jim felt compelled to enlist himself into the Navy in solidarity. They may not have served aboard the same ships, but the gesture meant the brothers' loyalty to each other was stronger than one of the greatest generational threats. Both men returned to Northeastern Connecticut after impressive service details in World War II's Pacific theater.

In the decades to follow, Pete and Jim remained close in life, labor, and leisure. Pete and his wife continued to live in North Grosvenordale while Jim and his wife settled in nearby Danielson. Jim's experience in engineering led him to a job at one of Connecticut's leading submarine manufacturers, and a few years later Pete joined him at the company. When the two men retired, they moved to the same village in Florida with their wives; living there for almost 30 years. When some of the Lajoie brothers' lifelong friends told them about their plans to move to Country Living at Westview Commons, they also decided to make the deluxe facility their next tandem destination.

Pete's daughter, Jacqueline, is pleased to see this chapter of her father and uncle's lives going so well at Westview Commons.

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Tues 6/22	1 - 2pm	TEEG Food Distribution at Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Rt. 169, Wdstk
Wed 6/23	3 - 5pm	WINY Radio, 45 Pomfret Street, Putnam
Thurs 6/24	3:30-6:30	Sterling Town Hall, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco
Sun 6/27	12:30 - 3	High Pointe Church, 1208 Thompson Road, Thompson
Tues 6/29	9 - 11am	Baker's Dozen, 765 Norwich Road, Plainfield
Tues 6/29	3 - 6pm	United Services, 1007 Main Street, Dayville
Wed 6/30	2 - 4pm	TEEG, 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenordale
Wed 6/30	3 - 6pm	Project PIN, 23 Village Center Circle, Moosup
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