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Killingly Public Library awarded \$32,800 to support reopening efforts

KILLINGLY — On Oct. 7, Gov. Ned Lamont was joined by Interim State Librarian Maureen Sullivan to announce that his administration is dedicating \$2.6 million of Connecticut's Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the state's public libraries as they continue to make health and safety improvements and offer more services to residents amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Governor made the announcement at the Raymond Library in East Hartford. Others in

attendance were Sarah Morgan, the library director; Marcia Leclerc; Congressman John Larson; Connecticut Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona; Doug Casey, Executive Director of CEN; and the East Hartford Superintendent of Schools, Nathan Quesnel. Dawn LaValle, Director of the Division of Library Development, and the person who will administer the program, joined Sullivan in representing the State Library.

The Governor said the funds will be distributed

among 65 libraries across Connecticut based on their size and the number of residents they serve each year, which will allow much of the funding to be allocated to target those that serve low-income urban and rural communities. The funds are anticipated to be largely used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, signage, and furniture.

Killingly Public Library was awarded a

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Courtesy

WOMEN IN ART

The Vanilla Bean Cafe, operating for 31 years, has always been a friend to artists and musicians. Serving fresh, locally sourced foods, the Bean hosts monthly art shows and music concerts (now via FB Live and Zoom). The current exhibit, "Expressions and Attitudes" features seven friends who love to paint together and share their art with the community. From top left: Ann C. Rosebrooks, Karen Lechene, Donna O'Scolaigh Lange, Lisa Sarant, Bethanne Gentile, Jean Arcand, and Carol Sansoucy. The show will run through Nov. 30.

Family protects wildlife habitat in Thompson



Courtesy

Long Pond, an ecologically sensitive site, has been protected by the Wyndham Land Trust since 2017.

THOMPSON — The families of Katherine Weiss and the late John and William Weiss, recently donated a 13-acre property to the Wyndham Land Trust. The donated land connects to the land trust's Long Pond preserve in the northeast corner of

Thompson and increases its size to 113 acres. "The land has been in the Joslin and Weiss family for more than one hundred years," said Katherine Weiss. "We wanted to donate it to a worthy organization that could protect the land for future generations and preserve the wildlife habitat."

Long Pond and its surrounding wetlands sit just south of the Massachusetts state line and form the source of the Five Mile River. Much of the land

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QVCC Foundation supports Northeast Connecticut despite COVID-19 climate



DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation successfully ran two in-person fundraising events this fall to ensure residents of Northeast Connecticut

have access to an affordable higher education at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, the 28th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament, chaired

by Foundation member and QVCC alumni Mark Light '03, was held at Connecticut National Country Club, in Putnam, CT. Although there was a reduced field of golfers,

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High School Roundup

KILLINGLY GIRLS' SOCCER WAITS TO RETURN TO PITCH, WHERE SUCCESS HAS BEEN FOUND

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Hoping to pick up where it left off. That's the mindset of the Killingly High girls' soccer team as it prepared to return to action after a two-week shutdown due to COVID-19 and the global coronavirus pandemic.

Killingly last played Oct. 17, when it defeated Windham Tech in Willimantic, 11-1. Killingly improved to 4-1 with the win, its third straight.

Killingly was scheduled to resume practicing Monday, Nov. 2. The team's first game back was slated for Tuesday, Nov. 3, when it was to host Parish Hill. Killingly was also scheduled to

play Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Woodstock Academy, Thursday, Nov. 5, home vs. Windham Tech, and Saturday, Nov. 7 at Windham.

Killingly head coach Jim Lackner said following the game with Parish Hill the team was planning to hold Senior Day Festivities.

The game against Woodstock Academy was to be the third meeting between the teams. Killingly opened the season Oct. 1 by defeating the Centaurs, 3-2, in double overtime, on a goal by Emma Carpenter. Five days later Woodstock Academy defeated Killingly, 3-2, on a goal by Grace Gelhaus with 30 seconds remaining in

regulation.

Killingly's success this season — in addition to Woodstock Academy it has defeated Putnam, Parish Hill and Windham Tech — has been keyed by its seven seniors, five of which are starters. Upperclassmen on the team are Abbie Burgess, Grace Nichols, twin sisters Kaleigh and Maddie Hopkins, Abbie Norgren, Taylen Lemoine, and Hannah Sigmund.

"These girls have played together for a long time; they're a very cohesive group," said Lackner, now in his sixth year leading the team. "They work very well together on the field; they

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ACT & PASS announce Outlaw Open Modified Series for Thompson in 2021

T H O M P S O N — The high banks of Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park will roar once again in 2021. American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) have announced a six-event schedule for the coming season that features the new Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Series.

The Outlaw Open Series consists of half a dozen high-paying events for Tour-type Modifieds that are expected to attract the top teams in the region. The series begins at the 46th annual Thompson Icebreaker from Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 11. A 150-lap, \$10,000-to-win Outlaw Open Series event will highlight the weekend card.

The stakes get even higher at the season-sending 59th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing from Friday, Oct. 8 to Sunday, Oct. 10. ACT and PASS have organized the return of the historic Thompson 300, which was last contested in 2005. A \$20,000 minimum prize has been posted for the winner of the 300-lap showdown.

In addition, ACT and

PASS are selling \$50 lap sponsorships for the Thompson 300. All laps that are sold will award the full \$50 to the leader of that lap. This means a driver could earn up to \$35,000 that weekend.

Four other events are scheduled in-between the Icebreaker and World Series. The additional race dates are Wednesday, June 16; Wednesday, July 7; Wednesday, Aug. 11; and Wednesday, Sept. 8. These dates were chosen to minimize conflict with other tracks and series in the region, allowing teams and fans to attend as many events as they wish.

The Outlaw Open Series features at the Wednesday events will pay at least \$5,000-to-win and potentially more. Furthermore, drivers and teams that attempt to qualify for all six events will be eligible for potential provisional starting spots at the Thompson 300.

"We think the Outlaw Open Modified Series is going to be huge for teams and fans," ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. "The open-event model for the Modifieds has gotten a lot of trac-

tion in recent years, and we got to see it first-hand at the most recent World Series. We're especially excited for the return of the Thompson 300. Somebody will be walking away with at least \$20,000 that weekend, and it's going to take the intensity to a whole other level."

Thompson Speedway's local divisions will also be part of all six events, including the Sunoco Modifieds, Late Models, Limited Sportsmen/Street Stocks, SK Light Modifieds, and Mini Stocks. Although details are still being finalized, ACT and PASS officials hope to organize special events for the local divisions throughout the summer, giving each class a chance in the spotlight.

A variety of touring series and open shows will also be part of the Icebreaker and World Series weekends. More information regarding all events will be announced over the coming weeks.

"The most important part of all of this is that Thompson oval track racing will continue," PASS owner Tom Mayberry said. "We were very satisfied with how the



Matthew Wiernasz — Courtesy

Six big-money Tour-type Modified events are now planned at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park for the 2021 season as part of the Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Series.

Thompson 150 and World Series went in 2020, and those events showed the appetite is still there for racing in eastern Connecticut. With those events to build on, we think the excitement for Thompson Speedway is going to be even bigger in 2021.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@act-

tour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

For technical information concerning all PASS divisions, and for media or marketing questions, please contact passrac@roadrunner.com or visit www.proallstarseries.com. Don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow on Twitter @PASSSLM14 to keep up with breaking news as it happens.

For general Thompson Speedway inquiries, call (860) 923-2280, email oval@thompsonspeedway.com, or visit www.thompson-speedway.com. You can follow Thompson Speedway on Facebook and Instagram at @ThompsonSpeedway or on Twitter at @ThompsonSpdwy.

ACT Performing Arts Magnet High School to Host virtual open house

WILLIMANTIC — Prospective high school students and their families are invited to attend EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) Performing Arts Magnet High School Virtual Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. The event will take place on Zoom.

The Open House Zoom session will be hosted by ACT Principal Sarah Mallory, who will provide a detailed overview of ACT's academics and arts opportunities, followed by a Q&A. Find the Zoom link at www.eastconn.org/act. Pre-registration is not required.

ACT is currently accepting applications for 2021-2022 from academically motivated students who seek intensive study in the performing arts. Interested students may call ACT at 860-465-5636 or visit www.eastconn.org/act to download an application.

Housed in Willimantic's historic Capitol Theater at 896 Main St., ACT enrolls approximately 150 students from 41 towns in its four-year,

NEASC-accredited, interdisciplinary and arts-infused academic program; ACT has a 96 percent graduation rate. Each grade-level enrolls about 35 students, making ACT an intimate, highly personalized learning environment.

In addition to enrolling in academic classes, prospective ACT students may select a major around which their arts education will be focused. The five arts disciplines available for study include Acting/Vocal Performance, Audio/Video Production, Creative Writing, Dance, and Theater Production (costuming, lighting and set construction).

Students have daily creative experiences in ACT's state-of-the-art facility, which features a fully equipped theater, a scene shop, audio/video editing suites, dance studios, a costume shop, a café, classrooms, and more.

Partnerships with Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) and Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) allow qualified ACT upperclassmen

to enroll in college classes and earn free college credits through the state university system, while still attending ACT.

Throughout the year, students in all grade levels have multiple opportunities to participate in professional-quality performances that showcase their artistic talents.

Over the years, dozens of ACT students have won contests and awards in state and nationally renowned arts competitions, such as Scholastic's Art & Writing Awards contest; UConn's Connecticut Writing Project; the DMV-Travelers Teen Safe Driving Video Contest; the Quiet Corner Film Festival; and the national Future of Technology Essay Competition, among others.

EASTCONN, which administers ACT, is a public, non-profit Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut's schools and communities since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org.

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Killingly Grange hosting pork dinner

DAYVILLE — Killingly Grange No. 112, located at 801 Hartford Pike in Dayville, will be hosting a fundraising dinner Saturday, Nov. 7 from 5-6:30 p.m. featuring Pat's Pork.

The dinner menu includes pork loin, potatoes, and vegetables with coffee or tea and dessert for \$12. Limited seating and takeout are available.

For more information, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KillinglyGrange or call (860) 455-8390 and leave a message.

VILLAGER ALMANAC At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Oct. 26: Pine Siskin, Purple Finch, House Finch, Goldfinch, Black-throated Green Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, American Pipit, Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Hermit Thrush, Robin, Marsh Wren, Barred Owl, Great horned Owl, Saw-whet Owl, Ring-necked Pheasant.

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QVCC to host virtual Veterans Day ceremony

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will celebrate Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11 with a virtual ceremony, highlighting the addition and dedication of 18 new bricks to the Veterans Garden. The virtual ceremony will also include greetings from QVCC’s Dr. Rose R. Ellis and several local legislators.

Messages from legislators include Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Mae Flexer, Congressman Joe Courtney, Representative Anne Dauphinais, and Representative Pat Boyd. The Presentation of Colors will be done by the American Legion of Putnam, CT and the musical selection will be performed by Linda Colangelo.

Over 400 bricks already lie in QVCC’s Veterans Garden, which was built in 2010 with the goal of having a place where local veterans could be honored and remembered for their service. The new bricks added this year honor the following servicemen and servicewomen:

- SPC5 Bruce Allen Waterman
US Army, Vietnam
- SGT Paul A. LaJeunesse
US Army
- Joseph Dziki
USMC, World War II
- James L. Ayers
US Army, World War II
- SP5 John W. Warner
US Army, Vietnam
- George J. Thivierge
US Army, Korea
- SPC5 VJ Ward
US Army, 1966-1968
- Lester E. Day
US Army, World War II
- SGT E. Spooner
Operation Freedom, 2012-2013

- Dennis J. Matteau
US Army, Vietnam
- Ray Porier
US Air Force AMISTCL, AF12501599
- Darrell E. Stevens
US Navy, Vietnam, 1970
- David A. Griffiths
USAF, THS, 1965-1970
- George E. Marczac
US Coast Guard, Vietnam
- ENCM John D. Lord
US Navy, Vietnam
- Al Orlomoski
US Army, 1946-1949
11 AB, JAPAN
- Steven F. Orlomoski
US Air Force, 1979-2013
- Floyd R. Merriman
US Army, 75 INF, World War II

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Phyllis La Belle — Courtesy

FEEDING POMFRET FAMILIES

During the month of October, Pomfret Community School was a distribution organization for “Farm to Family,” the USDA grant-funded program that provided more than 100 packages of food to Pomfret families each week. The boxes contained 5 lbs. of meat, 5 pounds of dairy, 13 pounds of produce and a gallon of milk. The school would like to thank M&J bus drivers for their support transporting the food and teacher Ryan Ericson for giving his time on Wednesdays to facilitate the distribution operation. Here, Lesa Landry, Head Bus Driver for M&J Bus Company, hands box to PE Teacher Ryan Ericson.

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CBD expert to speak at Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse

PUTNAM — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is pleased to announce our guest speaker for Nov. 10 will be Jeff Fitts from CBD Releaf Center, 243 Kennedy Dr., Putnam.

The popularity of CBD is at an all time high, and slingshotting upward. More and more people have come out with success stories when using CBD. They sell the highest quality and most popular brand on the market KOI Products. Koi CBD does not contain any THC, which is the chemical that impairs functionality. It is used for arthritis aches and pain relief, back and neck pain relief and it relieves pain from minor muscle aches to sore muscles and strains to keep you active!

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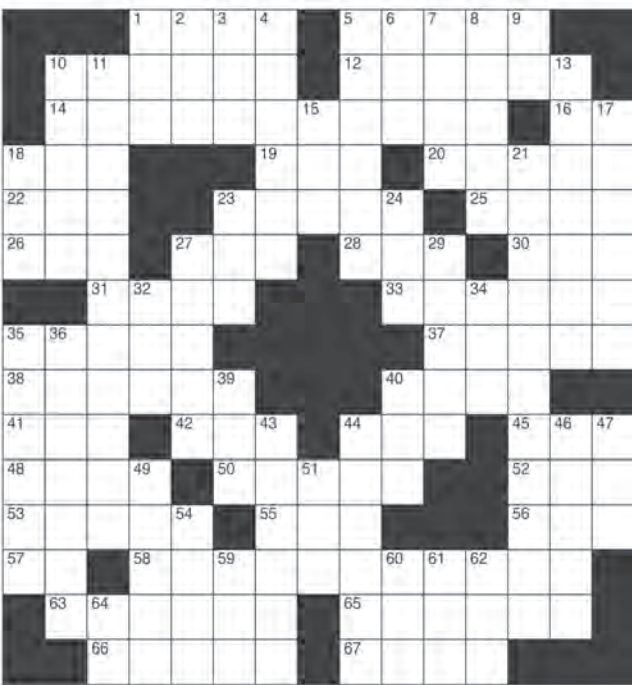
WILLIMANTIC — More than 1,150 first-time and transfer students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University for the fall 2020 semester. Among the new Eastern students are:

Courtney Ennis of Dayville, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Business Administration.
Josephina Keith of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.
Lauren King of Woodstock Valley, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Exploratory Education.
Jonathan Lepire of Dayville, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Environmental Earth Science.
Jackson Lopes of Dayville, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Health Sciences.
Rylee Lopes of Dayville, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Psychology.
Ryan Noll of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Business Administration.
Susan Round of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Environmental Earth Science.
Amirah Samuel of Danielson, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Elementary Education and Art.
Jared Tidwell of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Accounting.
Benjamin Torre of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Business Administration.
Allyson Wetherell of Brooklyn, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Secondary Education and Mathematics.
Tyra Bergstrom of Danielson, a full-time junior who is majoring in Psychology.
Anna Hill of Brooklyn, a part-time junior who is majoring in Sociology.
Maxim Ionkin of Daneilson, a full-time junior who is majoring in Accounting.
Sherry Lowe of Brooklyn, a full-time junior who is majoring in Business Administration.
Rebekah Perez of Brooklyn, a full-time junior who is majoring in Social Work.
Kayla Picciarelli of Danielson, a full-time junior

who is majoring in Business Administration.
Eliezer Violette of Dayville, a full-time junior who is majoring in Psychology.
Heather Vogt of Brooklyn, a full-time senior who is majoring in Political Science.
Oluwatodimu Akindude of Dayville, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Health Sciences.
Adam Anastasio of Brooklyn, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Political Science.
William Grennan of Killingly, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Business Administration.
Grace Hebert of Killingly, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Criminology.
Molly Johnson of Brooklyn, a part-time sophomore who is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Sociology.
Alexandra Sleboda of Danielson, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Biology.
Madalin Wilcox of Brooklyn, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Elementary Education and Political Science.
Camella Zermeno of Danielson, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Criminology.
Samantha Huff of Putnam, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Sociology.
Daytona MacDonald of Putnam, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Social Work.
Andrew Hesson of Putnam, a part-time junior who is majoring in Mathematics.
Aidan Ciquera of Putnam, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Sport & Leisure Management.
MacArthur Monahan of Thompson, a full-time freshman who is majoring in History.
John Walsh of Thompson, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in History.
Danielle Chaput of Woodstock, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Biology.
Brian Chokshi of Pomfret Center, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Finance.
Tony Denaro of Pomfret, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Computer Science.
Cassidy Fortier of Pomfret Center, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Business Administration.
Evan Gianfriddo of Woodstock, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Music.
Paula Hernandez Aulet of Eastford, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Elementary

Education and Spanish.
Nathaniel Johnson of Eastford, a part-time freshman who is majoring in New Media Studies.
Lauren King of Woodstock Valley, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Exploratory Education.
Joshua Lavitt of Woodstock, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Criminology and Sociology.
Bryce Reck of Woodstock, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Criminology.
Amirah Samuel of Danielson, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Elementary Education and Art.
Isabella Symington-St. John of Pomfret Center, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Biology.
Evan Wood of Woodstock, a full-time freshman who is majoring in Exploratory/Undecided.
Lauren Perry of Eastford, a full-time graduate student who is majoring in Secondary Education.
Tyra Bergstrom of Danielson, a full-time junior who is majoring in Psychology.
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Kayla Picciarelli of Danielson, a full-time junior who is majoring in Business Administration.
Kaylea Bessios of Woodstock, a full-time senior who is majoring in Mathematics.
William Grennan of Killingly, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Business Administration.
Alexandra Sleboda of Danielson, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Biology.
Aidan Stewart of Woodstock, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Exploratory STEM.
John Underwood of Woodstock, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Business Administration.
Camella Zermeno of Danielson, a full-time sophomore who is majoring in Criminology.

The new students come from all six New England states and 10 other states, as well as Saudi Arabia, Mexico, China and India.
This year's freshman class, set to graduate in 2024, is among the strongest in Eastern's history. Their average high school GPA is 3.4 (up from 3.0 in 2014); 41 percent are from the top 25 percent of their high school class (up from 28 percent in 2014); and 13 percent are from the top 10 percent of their class (up from six percent in 2014).



CLUES ACROSS

1. Upright post on a boat

5. Sentimental person

10. Native American tribe

12. Wear away

14. Where you're going

16. Doctor

18. Popular Chinese dialect

19. One point east of due south

20. Northern sea duck

22. Note

23. Wives (law)

25. Trigonometric function

26. A way to communicate (abbr.)

27. Swiss river

28. No (Scottish)

30. Commercials

31. Large instrument

33. ___ Chantilly, ___ de Menthe

35. Small, saclike cavities
37. High and thin in tone

38. Treat extremely well

40. Famed track star Usain

41. Secure web connection (abbr.)

42. Rob of energy

44. Paving material

45. Cool!

48. Tip of Aleutian Islands

50. Indicates silence

52. Water in the solid state

53. Security interests

55. Popular hoopster Jeremy

56. Shed tears

57. Low frequency

58. Harmful bacterium

63. Common language: lingua ___

65. Standards of perfection

66. They consist of two parts

67. A detailed description of design

CLUES DOWN

1. More (Spanish)

2. A subdivision of a play

3. Japanese title

4. More jittery

5. Fabric

6. Luke's mentor ___-Wan

7. Cleaving tool

8. Ancient city of Egypt

9. 36 inches

10. Farewell

11. Second to last

13. Improved by critical editing

15. Defensive weapon (abbr.)

17. Fancy attire

18. ___ Farrow, actress

21. Completely opposed

23. Supervises flying

24. Pouch

27. True firs

29. Mistake
32. Computing platform (abbr.)

34. Snake-like fish

35. Greatly horrify

36. Despicable person

39. Tell on

40. Ballplayer's tool

43. Central Brazilian town

44. Court game

46. Land

47. "The Partridge Family" actress

49. Retract a statement

51. Data executive

54. Capital of Yemen

59. Portable computer screen material

60. Electronic data processing

61. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley

62. Resinous substance

64. Rural delivery



Courtesy

LEGION PITCHES IN WITH COVENTRY FOOD SHARE PROGRAM

The American Legion District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre of Post #13 – Putnam, worked with Coventry Post #52 at its bi-monthly Food Share distribution program on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Coderre (front right) is pictured with Legionnaires, volunteers and Food Share staff.

Education Professor Mark Fabrizi edits The Leaflet

WILLIMANTIC — “The Leaflet,” a journal edited by Eastern Connecticut State University Education Professor Mark A. Fabrizi, has been named a recipient of the 2020 Affiliate Journal of Excellence Award by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Each year, NCTE recognizes journals and their editors for representing excellence in their publications. This will be the 25th year of the award since its establishment in 1995.
The winning journal must be a magazine-style publication (print or online) that provides information regarding English language arts education. Fabrizi, associate professor and assistant chair of the Education Department, has spent his career focused on English education. He is a former high school English teacher of 18 years, and now teaches at Eastern with a focus on English methods, literacy and education.

Journals in the running for the award are judged on physical appearance, content, layout and organization. The articles within the journal are judged on writing quality, coverage of important issues regarding the English education community, evidence of research, and variety of writing styles such as poetry and book reviews.

Each year the award winner is announced at the 2020 NCTE Annual Convention. This year the convention will take place virtually, with more than 400 sessions on a variety of topics, and a combination of live, scheduled and on-demand content. The official announcement will be hosted on Nov. 22 during the affiliate roundtable breakfast.

To learn more about the NCTE Affiliate Journal of Excellence Award,

visit <https://ncte.org/awards/affiliate-journal-awards/>.

PUTNAM POLICE LOG

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following recent arrests.
Carla Hetu, age 27, of Thompson was arrested on Oct. 25 for multiple counts of Failure to Appear.
Joshua Reynolds, age 29, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 28 for Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Mischief, and Resisting Arrest.
Albert Bruso, age 52, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 1 for Operating Under the Influence and Failure to Obey a Stop Sign.
Philip Lombardo, age 28, of Danielson was arrested on Oct. 15 for Creating a Public Disturbance.
Oliver Ramos, age 31, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 19 for Disorderly Conduct.
Nathan Cordell, age 23, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 24 for Operating Under the Influence and Operating Under Suspension.
Laquan Matthews, age 28, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 24 for Criminal Violation of a Protective Order.
James Clark, age 40, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 24 for Unlawful Dissemination of an Intimate Image.
Mark Racine, age 33, of Putnam was arrested on Oct. 24 for Disorderly Conduct.

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Rotary Club supports Pomfret library expansion

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club members unanimously pledged \$5,000 in support of a local library’s expansion plans.

“It’s an opportunity for the Putnam Rotary Club to be of service to the community,” said club President Kristen Willis.

The club voted to pledge \$5,000 over five years for an addition to the Pomfret Public Library.

“This was a good thing for the club to put its stamp on,” Willis added. “It’s impactful for the community.”

Rotarian Marc Archambault gave the club an overview of the project and the fund-raising efforts. He serves as a vice chairperson of the library’s Building for Community committee, along with his wife Mary Archambault.

Originally, the goal for the addition was \$500,000 but in typical Rotarian



The addition to the Pomfret Public Library on the right side of the building in this artist’s rendering.

fashion Archambault upped the goal to \$750,000 for a “cushion.”

To be awarded a State Library grant, the project must have 70 percent of funds in hand by November 2021. Archambault said that the committee will hit that goal by the end of this year. Getting the grant early will allow them to “get the ball rolling” with plans and more earlier. The addition to the 1911 building will include 2,000 square feet of community space, designed and furnished for flexible use; a lounge and café; conference room and archives; a great room that extends out onto a patio; activity space; restrooms; an art gallery; and rooms for booking after hours and technology.

Archambault said the addition is projected to be finished by 2023 “but it’d be awfully nice to get it done earlier.”

EASTCONN Early Head Start & Head Start accepting applications

WILLIMANTIC — EASTCONN’s Early Head Start and Head Start programs are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

Early Head Start and Head Start are federally funded child and family development programs that provide a comprehensive support system to children, prenatal to age five, who reside

in Windham county. Income eligibility guidelines apply.

EASTCONN Early Head Start and Head Start programs are free and provide high-quality early childhood programming, including small class sizes, a low child-to-staff ratio and family engagement in their children’s learning. A developmentally appropriate curriculum, based on the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards, is used in conjunction with medical, dental, nutritional and social service supports.

Early Head Start serves children, birth to age three, pregnant women, and their families. Options include center-based (Killingly and Plainfield) or home-based programming (Windham

and all of northeastern Connecticut). Services for pregnant women include home visits, support with accessing medical and dental care and a newborn well-child visit by a health professional.

Head Start serves children, ages three to five, in Killingly, Plainfield and Putnam. Children are given the opportunity to participate in learning experiences that promote social and emotional development and appropriate academic skills. Transportation may be available.

Applications are accepted year-round, and can be found online at www.eastconn.org/head-start or by calling EASTCONN Enrollment Coordinator Jen Snyder at 860-455-1586. Families may also request a facility tour, as appropriate, or a home visit for help with the application.

EASTCONN is a public, non-profit Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut schools and communities since 1980. Visit www.eastconn.org.

Register now for Spring late start courses at QVCC

DANIELSON – The Spring 2021 semester will begin on Jan. 22; however, Quinebaug Valley Community College will offer a variety of accelerated late start courses, beginning in February and March in addition to the traditional 15-week full semester format

These late start courses are taken in an accelerated format, allowing students to earn necessary credits in a condensed time frame. Courses will begin the weeks of February 22 and March 22 and end the week of May 17.

The Spring 2021 late start courses include Advanced Medical Coding, Medical Records Management, Entrepreneurship, Health & Wellness Promotion, Intro to Mass Communication, Intro to Philosophy,

Investing in Health Careers, Literature & Composition, Principles of Managerial Accounting, and Recent Discoveries in Science I.

To see the complete list of late start offerings: Visit my.comnet.edu Select: Search for

Course Offerings Select Term: Spring Term 2021 Select College: Quinebaug Valley CC Select (Open or (C) Closed: Click Open Select Course Level: Check Credit Click Get Courses and look for any course title

starting with “LS:” Register online at QVCC.edu/register or book a Virtual Advising Session at QVCC.edu/advising. Not a QVCC student? Apply for free as a new or transfer student! Visit QVCC.edu/apply-now.

Raouf Mama joins distinguished faculty group

WILLIMANTIC — Raouf Mama, professor of English at Eastern Connecticut State University, was named a CSU Professor by the Board of Regents of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) System at its Oct. 15 meeting. Mama joins History Professor Anna Kirchmann and French Studies Professor Michele Bacholle as Eastern’s three CSU Professors.

“This latest recognition is well deserved and reaffirms Dr. Mama’s talents and scholarship,” said Eastern President Elsa Núñez. “We are very proud of him for being named a CSU Professor, which is the highest recognition faculty in our state university system can achieve. Dr. Mama has inspired Eastern students for decades with his ability to bring literature alive. He is also known throughout the world for his enchanting storytelling and his commitment to preserving the folklife of his native Benin.”

Mama is recognized for sharing folktales in the Fon, Yoruba, French, and English languages of Benin in western Africa. His first book of stories, “Why Goats Smell Bad,” published in 1998, won a “Storytelling World Award” for the story “How Hare Drank Boiling Water and Married the Beautiful Princess.”

In 2001, Mama’s second collection of folktales, “The Barefoot Book of Tropical Tales,” was recognized by The Bank Street School of Education as one of the Best 10 Illustrated Children’s Books of the Year.

In 2005, Mama won the Distinguished Immigrant Award in the United States. In 2008, his collection of Benin folktales, “Why Monkeys Live in Trees,” won the National Multicultural Children’s Book Award. In 2009, Mama was honored by his native country with Le Trophée Kwabo (The Kwabo Trophy) in recognition of a teaching, scholarly and creative record of distinguished merit.

Mama was awarded the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Maclands Fellowship in 2011, a fellowship sponsored by the European Union. In 2012, he won Eastern Connecticut State University’s Distinguished Professor of the Year Award. He is the best-selling author of “Pourquoi Le Bouc Sent Mauvais,” the French version of his first collection of folktales, “Why Goats Smell Bad.” “Pourquoi Le Bouc Sent Mauvais” is required reading in Benin’s secondary schools.

In 2019, Mama was awarded the Trophy

of Merit by the Benin National Teachers of English Association. This past summer, Mama published three new books - “Tropical Tales” with new illustrations; “Contes Tropicaux,” the French version of “Tropical Tales”; and “La Jarre Trouée,” a retelling of another classic Benin story.

Kailey Bennett makes Goodwin Dean’s List for Spring 2020

EAST HARTFORD — Kailey Bennett has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean’s List for Spring 2020.

Kailey, a student from Danielson is one of 986 students to make the Dean’s List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance.

Dean’s List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University congratulates Kailey on making the Dean’s List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

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Local students named to Goodwin University’s Dean’s List

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University announces 986 students achieved Dean’s list status for the Spring 2020 session.

Kailey Bennett from Danielson Makes Goodwin Dean’s List for Spring 2020

Melissa Choquette from Brooklyn Makes Goodwin Dean’s List for Spring 2020

Brianna Benoit from Dayville Makes Goodwin Dean’s List for Spring 2020

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NOW celebrates selection as Stop & Shop Community Bag Program beneficiary

PUTNAM — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) has been selected as a beneficiary of the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program for the month of November.

The Stop & Shop Community Bag Program, which launched in May 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work.

NOW was selected as the November

beneficiary of the program by the store leadership at the Stop & Shop located at 60 Providence Pike, Putnam. NOW will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Putnam store during November, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

“NOW is very excited to be chosen for the Community Bag program,” said Sarah Wolfburg, NOW Executive Director. “This has been a difficult

year for fundraising and we are grateful to have a new way to raise funds and awareness for our youth wellness programs and scholarships. We have some great events planned for the winter months and have engaged in new partnerships and programs to promote wellness to children in the 10-town area and the funds from the Community Bag program will be a big help.”

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. is a non-profit human service organization dedicated to the promotion of

youth wellness. NOW provides education in nutrition, and instruction in fitness and sports, regardless of family access to financial resources. To learn more about NOW and how you can get involved, visit www.nowinmotion.org.

For more information on the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program, visit stopandship.bags4mycause.com.

bankHometown promotes Brooklyn’s Sorel to Assistant Branch Manager



Lisa Sorel

BROOKLYN — bankHometown recently promoted Lisa Sorel to assistant branch manager of the bank’s Brooklyn, Conn., office.

Sorel, a resident of Brooklyn, joined bankHometown in 2005 as a teller and was most recently the teller supervisor in the Brooklyn office. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Connecticut State University.

About bankHometown

Founded in 1889, bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts, and has \$1.2 billion in assets and 16 branch-

es located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2019, the bank and foundation donated more than \$328,000 to nearly 270 organizations. Over the last four years, the program has donated more than \$1.1 million. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.

Woodstock Toy Collection set for Nov. 14

WOODSTOCK — The 15th annual Woodstock Toy Collection to benefit local area families this coming holiday season, one of the largest events of its kind in northeast Connecticut, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Toy Collection is sponsored by the three Woodstock Fire Departments: Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association Station 76, Muddy Brook Fire Dept. Station 75, and Bungay Fire Brigade Station 77, plus Community Fire Department Station 81 in North Grosvenordale.

This year’s event again features two drop-off locations: WVFA Station 76 at 399 Route 169 in South Woodstock, and Community Fire Station 81, at 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

Donors are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys in their original packaging appropriate for infants to teens. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase additional toys. Last year’s event raised a record 1,106 toy donations, plus \$8,116.44 in cash donations.

“Our goal is to top that record this year,” said WVFA Fire Chief Eric Young.

All toy donations are given to local schools and organizations in the surrounding area.

“Over its first 14 years, more than 9,200 toys were donated to the Toy Collection,” EMT Iris Arsenault of Woodstock EMS, event coordinator, said.

“We are excited to have a second drop-off point at Community Fire Dept. Station 81 again. This year will be an especially tough year for families and the need will be greater than ever,” she said. “Please help us make a difference for those in need.”

Donors who can’t make it to the Toy Collection on Nov. 14 can drop off their donations at one of the fire departments until Saturday, Nov. 28.

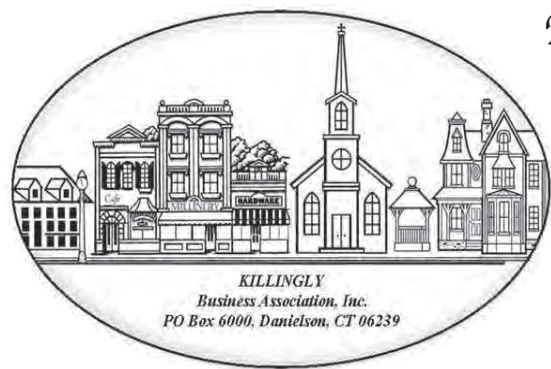
Due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 and CDC Guidelines, precautions will be taken to maintain social distancing. Face masks will be required for everyone’s safety. Personnel will guide individuals upon their arrival when making their donations on this day.



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HAPPY TRAILS

Recently, BSA Boy Troop 66 and BSA Girl 1066 had their “Happy Trails” camp out. The camp out took place at Camp Waldron in North Grosvenordale. The scouts logged many service hours while cleaning a portion of the Orange Trail, which is part of the Quinebaug River Trail. The scouts had a great time being outdoors and learning new skills. If you are looking for a youth activity that involves the outdoors and learning great life skills, scouting is a fabulous opportunity. Troop 66 and 1066 meet on Thursday nights at 108 Mountain Hill Rd., North Grosvenordale. Please feel free to stop by and see what scouting can do for your child.



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Bradley Playhouse Virtual Variety Show to benefit veterans' organizations

PUTNAM — The Bradley Playhouse Virtual Variety show, broadcast LIVE on The Bradley Playhouse Facebook Page and Web page, www.thebradley-playhouse.org, on alternate Fridays, is doing a Tribute to our Veterans on Friday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

In conjunction with Ron Coderre, District Director for the American Legion and Missy Meyers Vice President of the Putnam Rotary, we are offering a night of patriotic music performed by our wonderful Bradley Performers, including dedicated Veteran supporter and performer, Linda Colangelo, Education and Communications Coordinator for the Northeast District Department of Health, and Maurice "Moe" Coderre, whose credits include singing the Star Spangled Banner at Fenway Park and other notable venues. The highlight of the evening will be interviews with eight local veterans from World War II through our terrorism conflicts and include one from Mayor of Putnam, Barney Seney.

All of this is being done to honor our veterans and to raise funds for the following veterans' organizations:

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All proceeds will be collected by The

Bradley and distributed directly to these groups. Our website currently has started the fundraiser with a goal of \$5000. So far, we are at \$1,020 thanks to

a very generous donation from Downes Construction LLC.

Kayla Goulette named to Goodwin University's President's List

EAST HARTFORD — Kayla Goulette of Dayville earned a place on Goodwin University's President's List for the Spring 2020 Session. The Spring 2020 President's List includes 327 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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Ken McNeil examines Scottish literature

WILLIMANTIC — Kenneth McNeil, professor of English at Eastern Connecticut State University, has authored a new book that charts the transatlantic movements of Scottish literature in the Age of Revolution. The book, "Scottish Romanticism and Collective Memory in the British Atlantic," is published by Edinburgh University Press.

"The book provides an in-depth examination of Scottish Romantic literary ideas on memory and their influence among various cultures in the British Atlantic," said Barbara Liu, chair of the English Department. Liu said McNeil's book breaks down Scottish Romanticism into distinct writing modes (memorials, travel memoir, slave narrative, colonial policy paper, emigrant fiction) and contexts (pre- and post-Revolution America, French-Canadian cultural nationalism, the slavery debate, immigration and colonial settlement).

McNeil reveals why we must add collective memory to the list of significant contributions Scots made to culture of modernity. "Scots, who were at the vanguard of British colonial expansion in North America in the Romantic period, believed that their own nation had undergone an unprecedented transformation in only a short span of time," said McNeill. "Scottish writers became preoccupied with collective memory, its powerful role in shaping group identity, as well as its delicate fragility."

Leith Davis, professor of English at Simon Fraser University, said, "McNeil adroitly de-centers the time and space of 'Romanticism' by placing Scottish literature of the long 19th century in dialogue with British imperial projects in North America, Africa and the West Indies."

For more information, visit <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-scottish-romanticism-and-collective-memory-in-the-british-atlantic.html>.

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“There are many kinds of strength”

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was en route to give a speech in Dallas, Texas. He was assassinated before reaching his destination. Already written, was a speech he was to deliver at the event.

Here we are 57 years later, reading his words that call for unity and peace. We have taken portions of out due to space, however our hope is that this decades old speech will translate into 2020.

The speech reads as follows: “This Nation’s strength and security are not easily or cheaply obtained, nor are they quickly and simply explained. There are many kinds of strength and no one kind will suffice.

“Ignorance and misinformation can handicap the progress of a city or a company, but they can, if allowed to prevail in foreign policy, handicap this country’s security. In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America’s leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason — or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality and the plausible with the possible will gain the popular ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem.

“There will always be dissident voices heard in the land, expressing opposition without alternative, finding fault but never favor, perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility. Those voices are inevitable. But today other voices are heard in the land — voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality, wholly unsuited to the sixties, doctrines which apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory and that peace is a sign of weakness.

“We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will ‘talk sense to the American people.’ But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this Nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense.

“Above all, words alone are not enough. The United States is a peaceful nation. And where our strength and determination are clear, our words need merely to convey conviction, not belligerence. If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help.

“I have spoken of strength largely in terms of the deterrence and resistance of aggression and attack. But in today’s world, freedom can be lost without a shot being fired, by ballots as well as bullets. The success of our leadership is dependent upon respect for our mission in the world as well as our missiles — on a clearer recognition of the virtues of freedom as well as the evils of tyranny.

“Finally, it should be clear by now that a nation can be no stronger abroad than she is at home. Only an America which practices what it preaches about equal rights and social justice will be respected by those whose choice affects our future. Only an America which has fully educated its citizens is fully capable of tackling the complex problems and perceiving the hidden dangers of the world in which we live. And only an America which is growing and prospering economically can sustain the worldwide defenses of freedom, while demonstrating to all concerned the opportunities of our system and society.

“My friends and fellow citizens: I cite these facts and figures to make it clear that America today is stronger than ever before. Our adversaries have not abandoned their ambitions, our dangers have not diminished, our vigilance cannot be relaxed. But now we have the military, the scientific, and the economic strength to do whatever must be done for preservation and promotion of freedom.

“The strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions — it will always be used in pursuit of peace. It will never be used to promote provocations — it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes.

“We, in this country, in this generation, are — by destiny rather than by choice — the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of ‘peace on earth, good will toward men.’ That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength. For as was written long ago: ‘except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.’”

OPINION
 Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tolerance

To the Editor: Tolerance: trying to see arguments, suggestions through others’ eyes - be she/he of any ethnic, or color background. All of us come to our realizations via our experiences, advice, education, and exposure to others’ observations. Be willing to accept these thoughts for one’s own edification to pass on to others:

friends, relatives, children... It will all eventually blend together for a common goal for us all.

We need more tolerance!

SUSAN WHEELER
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We must come together to fight COVID

To the Editor: As this is being written prior to Tuesday’s election, these thoughts are not in response to that outcome. Because politics has nothing to do with our response to the worldwide pandemic that is becoming more real in our surrounding towns of Killingly, Woodstock, Plainfield, and due north in Webster.

Lots of moaning has been heard about divisiveness and politicizing of almost every aspect of our lives. This pandemic was especially politicized, to the detriment of all and the deaths of many. Regardless of which candidates have won this week, COVID-19 is still with us, and medical and public health professionals have stated that it will not go away on Nov. 4. Oh, how we all wish that would happen!

And that is what I want to point out: no one wants this pandemic to continue killing people, separating us from loved ones and creating uncertainty about whether a small business will survive, whether it is really safe to send our children to school, whether it is OK to hold the hand of a dying friend in hospice.

So each individual needs to choose every day, at many different junctures, how or whether to interact with each other. COVID-19 does not care who is infected-it is a non-human organism with no investment in outcomes except to keep spreading among us, living in our bodies whether we are aware of it or not.

When you choose to «exercise your constitutional right» to do as you please, thoughtlessly breathing on those around you, it keeps the spread of this virus alive. I am not a health professional, but Dr. Graham at Day Kimball Hospital is. Northeast District

To the Editor:

Patrick Henry is surely rolling in his grave right now if not rolling his eyes. His famous quote “Give me liberty or give me death” has taken on an entirely new meaning in the Covid 19 era with a president who refuses to follow CDC protocol for masks and insists on holding large rallies and events without social distancing. Even after holding what appears to have been a “super-spreader” event and contracting the virus himself, Trump continues to mock his opponent Joe Biden for wearing a mask. Trump has used the tragedy of over 200,000 deaths to further wedge his political divide by turning a health crisis into a political agenda. To further his agenda, he has deliberately egged on the uber right-wing extremist groups to arm up in the name of liberty, as if he, a draft-dodging spoiled little rich boy would know anything about patriotism.

These are not normal times. Remember when we used to reach across the aisle in church and extend the hand of peace? It didn’t matter if you were republican or democrat, African American, Hispanic, straight, gay, immigrant or refugee. There was no “other”. That is until Donald J. Trump entered the political scene and made it his mission to divide us by race, gender, class, ethnicity, and religion. Of course, he has only brought to the surface what was hiding behind the mask of “God and Country” all along. Trump’s fragile and narcissistic ego is heavily influenced by the likes of Steve Miller, the white supremacist who wormed his way into a top advisory position, and the conspiratorial radio banter of Alex Jones and Rosh Limbaugh. Together, they have brainwashed Trump and his base with racist, anti-immigrant, and fascist commentary, thus inspiring Trump, and his sycophantic supporters to sow the seeds of hate across America. They should all be tried for sedition.

This is not my father’s republican party. It’s no wonder that some conservative and moderate republicans are jumping ship and joining the ranks of The Lincoln Project this election. Donald J. Trump and his right wing, white nationalist and extremist politics is an insult to those who have lived and stood by American values, both conservative and liberal. He has left the country bankrupt in morals and bereft in grief. A narcissist right down to the bones who would rather sacrifice hundreds of thousands of lives for the sake of a teetering economy and the votes of a motley crew of white supremacists and homeland terrorists.

A few weeks ago, we learned that the FBI intercepted a plot by a militia group to kidnap the Governor of Michigan, a Democrat. Michigan is among the many states where white militias of heavily armed men and a few women with a nationalist and white supremacist bend have been accelerated by Trump’s rhetoric and coded tweets. When a group of armed militias stormed the Michigan State Capitol in the spring, protesting the Covid 19

lockdown, Trump’s response was “Liberate Michigan!”

First of all, these white militia groups, and their obsession with the second amendment are not what the writers of the Constitution had in mind when they spoke of “the right to bear arms”. In the context of the 18th century, they had only recently rid themselves of a tyrannical king, who, frankly, was a big buffoon (not unlike Trump). With a newly formed national military force established in 1789, the fledgling United States of America had to rely upon local militia groups to be ready to bear arms should an attempt be made by Britain to overthrow the government, or in the unimaginable scenario, a sitting president incited revolution. They certainly did not imagine that America’s demise would come down to a group selfish and ignorant entitled white people who don’t want to be told to wear a mask during a global pandemic.

This is an irrational state of affairs. These white militia groups are not patriots. They are terrorists with an agenda to start a civil war which means they are treasonists. Many of them are hell-bent on a racial war. It’s no wonder they have adopted Trump as the poster boy for division and hate.

In what democratic country in the world would a sitting president be allowed to egg on white militia groups to engage in civil war against a state or province? Trump’s response, “Liberate Michigan,” would have been viewed as an act of sedition were Americans not numbed by the constant twitter and insane comments. Crazy has been normalized and reduced the Presidency to that of an errant fifth-grade boy, evoking a wry smile and shake of the head. After all, “boys will be boys,” and “kids say the darnedest things”.

Yet by not taking him seriously and chastising him, we have sent him the message that it’s O.K. to dismantle our civil rights, erode the Constitution, and destroy democracy. And so, he continues to push the envelope. During protests that were threatened by street violence instigated by the Proud Boys, a far-right anti-immigrant group, Trump told them to “stand back and stand by” as if he was their Grand Chancellor. And for what purpose would he tap out that morse code to the far right than to incite revolution and a coup should the elections not go his way? How is it that he has not been arrested for treason for his words if not his actions? These are not “good people” who have infiltrated and usurped the republican party. America has been overshadowed by some kind of evil spreading like wildfire across the land. In our own back yard, we have local businesses who refuse to comply with Covid-19 protocols to wear masks. Under the same guise of pseudo libertarianism, freedom and patriotism, they stand with the president by refusing to do the one thing that might bail out the economy, which is to wear a mask

When Hollywood comes to town

I settled on to the couch with my old cat to watch “One Royal Holiday,” a Hallmark movie filmed in our area. It seemed a bit early for Christmas fare, but with Halloween nearly snowed out and a continuing pandemic keeping us under wraps, why not start Christmas nearly two months ahead? Besides, I wanted to see familiar places elevated to magical levels by the miracle of Hollywood. I wasn’t disappointed.

The plot is loosely this: Anna, a beautiful local girl, who works as a nurse in Boston in a cardiac unit, offers a stranded

threesome a place to stay when their travel plans are disrupted by a blizzard. Anna is on her way home to celebrate Christmas with her widowed father (in most films, the mother has to be dead) who owns an inn, which happens to be an easily recognized amalgam of The Inn at Woodstock Hill and The Mansion at Bald Hill. The Queen and Prince of Galwick and their friend/bodyguard arrive at the Inn and join in the holiday celebrations with romantic and heartwarming results. The Queen is likeable and kind and the Prince is haughty and odd until his heart is melted by beautiful Anna.

The story is a bit hard to take, but no matter. The scenery is familiar, and there are moments when the faces in the crowd look just like people we know, because we do. I read that if it hadn’t been for Covid the filming company would have used more locals as extras, which would have added to our fun.

I waited patiently for the parade scene. I love the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam and a friend told me Putnam Elks Club members speedily assembled their charming Santa’s sleigh in the heat of summer for the movie. I wanted to slow down the film and admire each float for the triumph of community spirit they represent. They aren’t props. They are expressions of common purpose.

The characters in the story whisked passed Woodstock Academy and shopped at the Christmas Barn. The location scouts for Hallmark must have thought they had hit the jackpot when they spotted the hilltop and the near perfect arrangement of houses, barns, trees and vistas. A few shots of the center of Putnam were mixed in to give “Kentsbury” a slightly larger feel.

When I heard about the filming, I drove around Woodstock Hill on a hot summer morning to see the “snow” that was convincingly spread all over the grounds of the Inn at Woodstock Hill. It was amazing. It looked real and it disappeared without a trace.

Years ago, when the Inn at Woodstock Hill was a private residence, I had tea with Mrs. Gardiner Richardson in the sitting room. Although Mrs. Richardson was a formal person with strong opinions, I think she would have secretly loved to have royals stay at her home, even if they were merely actors. While the house has been changed through the years, it still exudes elegance and comfort. As an inn, we can all enjoy its charms and imagine the Richardson’s quietly descending the stairs.

The plot of the movie was cheesy. The pace was slow and predictable, but the overall effect for those of us who live here was uplifting, affirming and soothingly familiar. We know the area is beautiful, but sometimes a camera lens makes it clearer. Perhaps “One Royal Holiday” is the beginning of movies filmed in northeastern Connecticut. If so, bring on the magic of fake snow, beautiful actors, and sappy dialogue. Just highlight the uniqueness of this place.



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WHZ Year-End Planning Playbook

BY LEISL L. CORDING

Although 2020 has been an eventful one, from pausing some goals to shifting normal routines due to the pandemic. November has consistently been the month to begin to organize your finances for the upcoming new year. As you may recall last month, we walked you through key strategies that are helpful when it comes to understanding your whole financial picture and building your financial foundation towards accomplishing your long-term financial life goals. This month Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors will help you look ahead, with strategies you should consider, helping you through your journey of achieving your financial and personal goals. Some of the 10 items in this article may be more important for you than others as each situation is different.

1) Max out retirement contributions. Are you taking full advantage of your employer's match to your workplace retirement account? If not, it's a great time to consider increasing your contribution. If you're already maxing out your match or your employer doesn't offer one, boosting your contribution to an IRA could still offer tax advantages. Keep in mind that the SECURE Act repealed the maximum age for contributions to a traditional IRA, effective Jan. 1, 2020. As long as you've earned income in 2020, you can contribute to a tradition-

al IRA after age 70 and a half—and, depending on your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI), you may be able to deduct the contribution.

2) Refocus on your goals. Did you set savings goals for 2020? Evaluate how you did and set realistic goals for 2021 based on your forward-looking income situation. If you're off track, how do you develop a plan to get back on track. Are you using the right professionals to help?

3) Spend flexible spending account (FSA) dollars. If you have an FSA, note that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) relaxed certain "use or lose" rules this year because of the pandemic. Employers can modify plans through the end of this year to allow employees to "spend down" unused FSA funds on any health care expense incurred in 2020—and let you carry over \$550 to the 2021 plan year. If you don't have an FSA, you may want to calculate your qualifying health care costs to see if establishing one for 2021 makes sense.

4) Manage your marginal tax rate. If you're on the threshold of a tax bracket, you may be able to put yourself in the lower bracket by deferring some of your income to 2021. Accelerating deductions such as medical expenses or charitable donations into 2020 (rather than paying for deductible items in 2021) may have the same effect.

Here are a few key 2020

tax thresholds to keep in mind:

The 37 percent marginal tax rate affects those with taxable incomes in excess of \$518,400 (individual), \$622,050 (married filing jointly), \$518,400 (head of household), and \$311,025 (married filing separately).

The 20 percent capital gains tax rate applies to those with taxable incomes in excess of \$441,450 (individual), \$496,600 (married filing jointly), \$469,050 (head of household), and \$248,300 (married filing separately).

The 3.8 percent surtax on investment income applies to the lesser of net investment income or the excess of MAGI greater than \$200,000 (individual), \$250,000 (married filing jointly), \$200,000 (head of household), and \$125,000 (married filing separately).

5) Rebalance your portfolio. Reviewing your capital gains and losses may reveal tax planning opportunities; for example, you may be able to harvest losses to offset capital gains.

6) Make charitable gifts. Donating to charity is another good strategy worth exploring to reduce taxable income—and help a worthy cause. Look at various gifting alternatives, including donor-advised funds as a tool to potentially better manage your donations.

7) Form a strategy for stock options. If you hold stock options through your employer as part

of your compensation plan, be sure to develop a strategy for managing current and future income. Consider the timing of a nonqualified stock option exercise based on your estimated tax picture. Does it make sense to avoid accelerating income into the current tax year or to defer income to future years? If you're considering exercising incentive stock options before year-end, don't forget to have your tax advisor prepare an alternative minimum tax projection to see if there's any tax benefit to waiting until January.

8) Plan for estimated taxes and required minimum distributions (RMDs). Both the SECURE and CARES acts affect 2020 tax planning and RMDs. Under the SECURE Act, if you reached age 70½ after January 1, 2020, you could now wait until you turn 72 to start taking RMDs—and the CARES Act waived RMDs for 2020. If you took a coronavirus-related distribution (CRD) from a retirement plan in 2020, you'll need to elect on your 2020 income tax return how you plan to pay taxes associated with the CRD. You can choose to repay the CRD, pay income tax related to the CRD in 2020, or pay the tax liability over a three-year period. But remember once you elect a strategy, you can't change it. Also, if you took a 401(k) loan after March 27, 2020, you'll need to establish a repayment plan and confirm the amount of accrued interest.

9) Adjust your withholding. If you think you may be subject to an estimated tax penalty, consider asking your employer (via Form W-4) to increase your withholding for the remainder of the year to cover the shortfall. The biggest advantage of this is that withholding is considered to be paid evenly throughout the year instead of when the dollars are actually taken from your paycheck. You can also use this strategy to make up for low or missing quarterly estimated tax payments. If you collected unemployment in 2020, remember that any benefits you received are subject to federal income tax. Taxes at the state level vary, and not all states tax unemployment benefits. If you received unemployment benefits and did not have taxes withheld, you may need to plan for owing taxes when you file your 2020 return.

10) Review your estate documents. Review and update your estate plan on an ongoing basis to make sure it stays in tune with your goals and accounts for any life changes or other circumstances. Take time to:

- Check trust funding
- Update beneficiary designations
- Take a fresh look at trustee and agent appointments
- Review provisions of powers of attorney and health care directives
- Ensure that you fully understand all of your documents

Be Proactive and Get Professional Advice This time of the year does get very busy, with holidays back-to-back, it is easy to miss out on what could be important financially. Start planning now so you don't find yourself scrambling at year-end. Although this list offers a good starting point, you may have unique planning concerns. As you get ready for the year ahead, please feel free to reach out to us to talk through the issues and deadlines that are most relevant to you. Check back with us next week as we share more strategies to keep you ahead of year-end financial planning.

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Armistice Day

Next Wednesday, Nov. 11, marks the 102st anniversary of the formal cessation of fighting in World War I. Although we now refer to it as Veterans Day, this day was originally entitled Armistice Day to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. "Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. But, according to Thomas R. Gowenlock, an intelligence officer with the US First Division, shelling from both sides continued for the rest of the day, only ending at nightfall. The armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days and had to be extended several times. A formal peace agreement was only reached when the Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year. The date is a national holiday in France, and was declared a national holiday in many Allied nations" in addition to the United States. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:First_



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"At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. ..Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have died while in military service" (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Day).
I looked in extracts that Marilyn Labbe had compiled of back issues of the Windham County Transcript to see what mention had been made of Armistice Day activities. 1933 was a milestone year in Danielson/Killingly in terms of celebrations honoring those who had fought in World War I. The Armistice Day celebration included the dedication of the World War memorial in Davis Park. (WCT, Oct. 12, 1933). The boulder, which formed the basis for the World War Memorial monument, had been placed at Davis Park in September. "An eight wheel trailer was used to transport the huge stone,

estimated to weigh approximately forty tons" (WCT Sept. 14, 1933). The boulder had come from the property of Charles Dixon of North Main Street. In May it was "selected by the memorial committee of Merrill C. Smith, Post V. F. W., of which Thomas Beckett was the chairman... Commander Henry C. Myers and members of the committee have also consulted bronze experts with respect to the tablet which will adorn the monument, bearing the names of all Killingly men who served during the World War." (WCT May 25, 1933).
The Nov. 16, 1933 Transcript reported, "(A)Throng of 15,000 at Armistice Day observance here. Veterans celebrate with biggest parade in history of Danielson. Horse-Drawn vehicles and old cars reminiscent of past generations." An earlier Transcript wrote of the fund-raising efforts for the World War I memorial to be placed in Davis Park. "The block dance conducted Friday evening at Davis Park by Merrill C. Smith Post, V. F. W., for the benefit of the World war memorial fund, was a marked success, the net proceeds being \$47.73. The evening was beautiful, though

rather frosty, and a large throng gathered at the park, where Reynolds Street, brilliantly illuminated, had been roped off for the dancing, enjoyed by many couples to music furnished by the Plainfield military band." (WCT Nov. 2, 1933).
Since I'm working on this article on Halloween morning, while I watch huge clumps of snow fall from the trees, I found the following interesting. "The snow, which held off until the Armistice Day exercises had been completed, began falling about six o'clock Saturday evening and spread a damp blanket of about four inches depth, greatly hampering traffic. Machines were stalled on Dark Lantern hill and at the State Armory, where a dance was in progress, efforts to move parked cars resulted in such a tangle that it was hours before the crowd could get away. Snow clung to windshields and made road surfaces very treacherous, but no serious accidents were reported in this immediate vicinity. November has been an unusual month with some half-dozen snowfalls." (WCT, Nov. 16, 1933). Note the last sentence! I hope we're not in for a similar November. The armory was located where Deary Gymnastics is now.
While I was scrolling back through the Transcripts to find information about the boulder used for the memorial stone, I came across several interesting tidbits. Since we recently changed the clocks to Standard Time, it seemed appropriate

to include this first one, "Autumn will be here and the days will shorten appreciably on Sunday, 24 September for at 2.01 o'clock that morning the death knell of daylight saving time for 1933 will ring out the reckoning of hours will return to the standard system." (WCT Sept. 21, 1933). I'm sure most of you recall when we changed the clocks back before Halloween.
Did you know that there were croquet clubs in Northeastern Connecticut in 1933? "The Danielson Croquet Club and the Moosup Club played their match games Sunday afternoon at Moosup, the score being tied at 3 to 3. The Danielson Club will play a match game with the Putnam club Sunday afternoon at Putnam." (Aug. 31, 1933). If you know where any of these matches were held, or if you have relatives who played on these teams, please email me. It's always good to add to our files on recreational activities.

Membership program: Due to Covid-19, our membership program will be held virtually on Saturday, November 21st at 7 p.m. Chelsey Knyff, a textile historian, historical lecturer, and one of the curators to "Unlacing the Corset Unleashing the Vote" will be presenting on women's suffrage. If you are interested in attending the Zoom lecture, please email your email address to director@killinglyhistorical.org by November 14. The presenter will send you a Zoom link an hour before the lecture begins on November 21. After

the program there will be a question and answer period for the audience.
The new membership year for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society began June 1. If you have not renewed your membership, please send your renewal to P.O. Box 265 Danielson, CT 06239. The mail and answering machine are being checked although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed.
D o n a t i o n s are still being accepted during Covid. If you have something to donate, please call the Center at 860-779-7250. Someone will get back to you in a week's time to make arrangements. Preserving your treasures still remains important despite Covid-19. Thank you again for your generosity.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November, 2020. Special thanks to Marilyn Labbe for the Transcript extracts. For additional information email me at margaret-mweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329

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and treat each other with respect.
Who knows what the elections will bring in this contentious era? These are not ordinary times and extraordinary times require extraordinary courage. I know there are a few old-fashioned republicans left who care about their community and their neighbors and are willing to reach across the aisle with their pen. Even if it is just this once.
Tomorrow, I will drive to Putnam to visit my

96-year old dad in the nursing home, wearing a mask and practicing social distance. Even though he doesn't like what he would call "all this happy horseshit", he doesn't complain about the mask because it's a health thing, not a political thing. I will drive past all the Trump signs and the vacant Biden signs which have been stolen. There are the shared "Liberty Trees" where neighbors try to out sign each other. My favorite is the one with a sign at the bottom of the tree that says, "Everybody sucks." All in good humor, ban-

tering politics with folks who are a little to the left or right of each other. And hopefully, after Tuesday, Nov. 3, the signs will come down, hands will reach across the aisle and America will settle back toward some kind of normalcy. But then again, I will have to drive by the house with several big Trump banners, a "Back the Blue flag," and a battered and tired old American Flag wedged beneath a confederate flag. And that about says it all.

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Are your pocket watches valuable?

We often come across pocket watches when handling local estates. Some can be worth as little as a dollar while a rare one could sell for millions. In this column, I'll offer a brief history on pocket watches and some information on evaluating your pocket watches.

A German locksmith named Peter Henlein is credited with inventing the pocket watch in the early 1500's, according to Britannica. The early watches were large and didn't keep very accurate time. An article in the Atlantic quotes a passage from Alexis McCrossen's book "Marking Modern Times: A History of Clocks, Watches, and Other Timekeepers in American Life." She writes that in the 1700's "people want to start carrying the time around with them; they're not content just to look at the public clocks in whatever village or town they might end up in." Improved timekeeping became a necessity. In 1843, elections in Pottsville, Pennsylvania were disputed because the towns people didn't

synchronize their clocks and the time to close the polls was disputed, according to the Smithsonian Magazine. The Atlantic reported that the "advent of the railroad, factories, and electricity, and the standardization of time zones in Europe and the United States—i n c r e a s e d demand around the world for watches." Factories in Waltham, Mass. and elsewhere produced watches to meet the demand. The Atlantic reported that "on July 9, 1916, The New York Times puzzled over a fashion trend: Europeans were starting to wear bracelets with clocks on them." It wasn't much longer before this "fashion trend" reached the United States and wristwatches became more popular than pocket watches.

An important factor in pocket watch valuation is the material that the case is made from. The most valuable cases are



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typically made from gold. Most gold cases produced in the United States were 14-karat or 10-karat. James Boss invented gold-filled cases, which were created from sheets of gold bonded to another metal. Gold filled cases have much less gold than solid 10-karat or 14-karat cases, but they have more gold than gold plated cases, which have only a small percentage. Cases were also made from sterling silver (0.925 percent silver) and coin silver (nine tenths of a percent). Cases marked silveroid, silverine and oresilver contain no actual silver.

After a train collision in 1891, the railroads created pocket watch standards in 1893 which required watches to have at least 17 jewels. Watches needed to be accurate within 30 seconds per week. The Santa Fe Railroad later increased the minimum to 19 jewels. Usually, the more jewels in a pocket

watch, the greater the accuracy and value. Additional factors affecting value are the age and condition of the watch.

Recent auction results show average gold-filled 17 jewel, 19 jewel and 21 jewel pocket watches selling in the \$100 range. An older key wind gold-filled Waltham watch in excellent condition brought \$850 in October. A 14-karat gold watch by the Columbus Watch Co. in its presentation box with a fob (chain) fetched \$2,000 last month.

Some pocket watches bring even greater sums at auction. A rare A. Lange & Sohne 18-karat 1903 gold German watch with an enamel dial and enamel design on the case sold for 440,000 (\$513,00 U.S.) in 2016 and a Patek Philippe Grande Complication 44 jewel 18-karat gold went for 520,000 (\$607,000 U.S.) in 2014. Another Patek Philippe sold even better in 2014: The Henry Graves Supercomplication sold for \$24 million. I'm sure the winning bidder will never be late for any appointments.

We have a pocket



watch collection, along with gold estate jewelry, sterling silver, art, a Red Cross poster collection and many other antiques and collectibles from New England estates in our online auction ending November 17th. Visit www.centralmassauctions.com for a link to

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The popularity of gardening is at an all-time high and people are discovering its many benefits. Some want to grow safe and nutritious food, others are boosting the beauty of their landscape, and many are turning to gardening to relieve stress. With the holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect opportunity to support new and experienced gardeners with a thoughtful garden-related gift.

Help small space gardeners expand their growing space and reduce maintenance with self-watering elevated cedar planters. Elevated gardens add garden space to a balcony, deck or patio while raising the garden bed to a comfortable and easily accessible height. The self-watering system makes gardening easy with proper, less frequent watering to ensure success.

Do the same for indoor plant enthusiasts with stylish terrariums, plant stands, and lighting features. Terrariums are still popular, creating a decorative means for providing the moisture and humidity tropical plants need. Copper and



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rot resistant mango wood terrariums (gardeners.com) add a new and decorative twist to this traditional growing system.

Plant stands allow your favorite indoor gardener to maximize any available space. Shelves filled with greenery help improve indoor air quality, reduce stress, and can elevate one's mood. New modern metal plant stand designs add a modern vibe to the indoor garden display.

When space is at a premium, give the gift of vertical gardening accessories. Birdcage planters provide a unique way to display tropical or seasonal flowers. Lower them to tabletop level to use as a centerpiece or decorative element in seasonal indoor displays.

Don't overlook the cooks in your life that may be intrigued by mov-

ing their garden indoors. Keep them stocked with fresh herbs and vegetables. Increase their growing space and needed light with a gift of energy efficient LED grow lights in an attractive stand like the Oslo customizable LED Grow Lights. For those with very limited space, consider an organic kitchen caddy planter kit. A windowsill or countertop herb garden is a great way for anyone to add garden-fresh flavor to winter meals.

Make gardening a fun and accessible experience with the help of a deep seat kneeler that when flipped over, converts. Or add storage and mobility with a Deluxe Tractor Scoot with Bucket Basket. The handle allows you to easily take your tools and garden scoot with you to every corner of your landscape.

And don't forget the stocking stuffers. Who doesn't need extra plant tags, ties and gloves? Consider replacing the stocking with a colorful Tubtrug. These flexible lightweight tubs are per-

fect for harvesting garden produce, collecting weeds or transporting anything from one space to another.

The gift of gardening provides lifelong benefits. Supporting family and friends with useful tools and equipment can increase their gardening enjoyment and success. And don't forget to add a few of your favorite garden related items to your gift list. You'll eliminate the stress and guesswork for the giver and you both will appreciate a gift that provides years of function, beauty and memories.

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

The death of iceberg lettuce

I think we've heard enough about politics for a lifetime. I know I have, so I think it's important to talk about something totally different but almost as important ...

It was here, then gone. It was everywhere, then vanished off our plates.

I was always a big salad eater. Give me a pile of iceberg lettuce drenched in thousand island dressing and I was satisfied. Add red onion, bacon bits and boiled egg and I was delighted. I could easily make a meal of a salad. The all-important base to this delicious dish was lettuce ... real lettuce ... the only lettuce ... iceberg lettuce.

I miss it. Who took it and where did they put it? Why is it gone?

Finding a salad of ice-



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berg lettuce these days is like searching for the Holy Grail. I know it exists but for some reason, it's now hidden away. Instead, we are left with what looks like inedible debris, discarded when weeding a garden. As if someone decided to keep the weeds and discard the produce, iceberg has disappeared. Thistle, twigs, and a little bark thrown in for texture has replace the traditional lettuce. But weeds? That's not a salad. And what is Kale anyway? Arugula schmugula! I wasn't asked if I

wanted it. One day I had a plate full of beautiful iceberg lettuce, and the next day, unattractive greens that taste worse than they look took its place. How do we reverse this trend? Who hatched this dastardly plot?

While lamenting the disappearance of my beloved iceberg lettuce, someone said, "It's gone because it was nothing. Do you know iceberg lettuce has negative calories? It takes more calories to digest and burn them in our bodies than they provide!"

That's a negative? Really? You mean by eating iceberg lettuce you can lose unwanted pounds without dieting? I thought most people ate salad because they wanted to lose weight. And if

iceberg has negative calories, how does that make it bad? Doesn't that make it a desired miracle food?

For me, iceberg is a tasteless delivery system that moved dressing from my plate into my mouth. It was there to add bulk and make me full, while transferring dressing, bacon, and other delightful treats onto my tongue. But now, I'm stuck with a bitter and fibrous mixture of unidentifiable leaves that add calories and interfere with the tastes that I love. You can't pour enough dressing on this stuff to kill the bitter taste.

I can still buy iceberg in my produce department and do, but when dining out, I want iceberg.

So, tonight, I'm in Iowa City, Iowa for my

cancer immunotherapy tomorrow at the Holden Cancer Center. Arlene and I stepped out to a restaurant that was highly recommended. There wasn't much on the menu that caught my eye. I ordered a gyro sandwich. Normally it's a lamb and beef combination with onion and tomato, covered in Tzatziki sauce on pita bread. It's a simple sandwich that I think is hard to mess up ... but it happened. It came as a wrap that was stuffed full of various greens looking more like the above noted garden weeds. I had two bites and pushed it aside. It was awful. Like most unwanted vegetation, these weeds apparently are pervasive. They are spreading out of salads bowls and are becoming

infested in sandwiches. What next? In our ice cream?

Someone must stop the madness before it's too late.

I've learned in life that fads and styles come and go and are usually cyclical. If so, I'm eagerly awaiting the return of real lettuce. I'm hoping for the best. My fingers are crossed. Is it coming back? Will it ever?

I can only hope ...
#SaveIcebergLettuce!

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grant in the amount of \$32,800 to support reopening efforts. The funds will go towards increasing our LAN and WIFI access. In addition, new furniture will be purchased for reconfiguration of the library’s space allowing patrons to safely utilize our computers and internet. This funding is in addition to the Lamont administration’s Everybody Learns initiative to increase broadband infrastructure and

to create public Wi-Fi hotspots that offer free internet access. Many of these have been placed at libraries across the state. “Libraries offer critical services for the public, including reliable Wi-Fi, access to computers and laptops, supportive learning materials and resources, and librarians who are trained in helping residents access key services,” said Governor Lamont. “Most importantly, libraries provide safe and quiet spaces for people to work and study, which is critical to many people who do not have

the environment to do this at home. Especially during this difficult time, libraries and the work of so many generous librarians have played a critical role in supporting K-12 and post-secondary students with remote learning.” “This investment in our public libraries will enable their leaders and staff to extend and enhance the services and programs that are so valued and important to their constituents and communities,” said Interim State Librarian Maureen Sullivan.

“Public libraries have always been places that support education and self-directed learning. They are now a critical community resource for virtual learning.” “We are grateful for this opportunity to extend our services as we are committed to helping our community. We want to be able to provide a safe space for everyone without restricting access to resources. The pandemic has limited our patron’s ability to visit us in their usual way. This opportunity not only allows the Killingly Public Library

to increase our capacity and expand our services, it also acknowledges the fact that libraries are vital to a thriving community. The Connecticut State Library has worked diligently to make this opportunity happen. They have been our greatest ally in vocalizing what all librarians know to be true. Libraries are at the heart of a strong community. We are especially thankful for the Governor in recognizing the key role libraries play in people’s lives,” said Claudette Stockwell, Library Director.

Learn more about the Everybody Learns Grants to Public Libraries at libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/dld/ELgrants. About the Connecticut State Library Division of Library Development The Connecticut State Library Division of Library Development (DLD) provides leadership, funding, education, and statewide services that enhance a local library’s ability to deliver high-quality library service to their community.

ROUNDUP

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always seem to know exactly where their teammates are going to be and what they need to do to get them the ball at the right time.”

Serving as captains of the team are Burgess and Nichols. Burgess (11 goals) is the team’s leading scorer. She entered the Parish Hill game (Nov. 3) with 67 career goals. If she scores three more times this season, she will become Killingly’s all-time career goals-scored leader. Nichols, who starts at center defender for Lackner, it a two-time All-State selection. Burgess, who starts at striker, earned All-State honors last season.

Kaleigh Hopkins starts at wing for Killingly, Lemoine in net (where she splits time with sophomore Aryn Nisbet), and Sigmund at center

defender. Also contributing to Killingly’s winning ways are juniors Carpenter, Sophia Moore, Sage Lamparelli and Makala Dube, and sophomores Casey Beauregard and Lyana Cuevas.

Killingly finished the regular season last year with a 10-3-3 mark. It advanced to the Division 1-2 final of the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Tournament, where it lost to Plainfield in a game decided by penalty kicks, and then to the second round of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) state tournament.

Elsewhere in girls’ soccer, Woodstock Academy won its sixth straight game, defeating visiting Parish Hill, 7-0, on Monday, Oct. 26. Gelhaus, a senior, junior Stella Brin, and sophomore Peyton Saracina all recorded two goals and one assist for the 6-1

Centaurs.

The victory was the second in three days for WA, which defeated Windham Tech, 7-0, on Saturday, Oct. 24, in Willimantic. In the win over the Mighty Tigers Gelhaus scored three goals and assisted on two others, while Saracina netted a pair of goals and added an assist. Junior Adeline Smith also scored in the game, to go along with three assists.

Gelhaus leads the team in scoring with 16 points (eight goals, eight assists), while Saracina has 15 (13 goals, two assists). Smith is next with 10 points (three goals, seven assists), followed by Brin (four goals, three assists).

Boys’ Soccer

Woodstock Academy remained undefeated, thanks to a 4-0 win over visiting Windham Tech on Saturday, Oct. 24. Senior Eric Phongsa scored twice — once in

each half — to lead the 7-0 Centaurs. Classmates Huck Gelhaus and Matt Marshall also scored in the game.

Phonga leads the team in scoring (14 points) and goals (9). Gelhaus is second in scoring with 11 points (seven goals, four assists), while senior Richie Hickson (four goals, four assists) and junior Ty Morgan (seven goals, one assist) both have eight points on the season.

Cross Country

The Woodstock Academy boys’ and girls’ cross country teams both improved to 5-0 on the season with matching 15-50 wins over visiting Windham Tech on Saturday, Oct. 24. Centaurs’ senior Ethan Aspiras was first across the finish line, covering WA’s South Campus course in 18 minutes, 27 seconds. He was followed by teammates Max Auker and

Hans Rynhart. Brooke Bergevin (21:12) was the girls race winner with Linsey Arends in second and Iris Bazinet third.

Volleyball

Woodstock Academy lost for just the second time this season on Monday, Oct. 26, dropping a hard-fought 3-0 decision to visiting Lyman Memorial. Game scores were 25-19, 25-20, 25-20. Senior Tabby Bezanson paced the 5-2 Centaurs, recording 24 assists, while classmate Gabby Garbutt had 14 kills. The Bulldogs (8-0) have not dropped a set all season.

Woodstock’s statistical leaders by category are: kills — Garbutt (68), junior Aurissa Boardman (61), senior Amelia Large (33); digs — senior Marissa Mayhew (122), Garbutt (59), Bezanson (43); aces — Mayhew (19), Garbutt (18), Boardman (13); service points — Garbutt

(62), Bezanson (52), Mayhew (52), Boardman (33); assists — Bezanson (99), junior Annarose Avery (33), Mayhew (8); blocks — Large (7); senior Sierra Bedard (3); Garbutt (1).

Field Hockey

Seniors Eliza Dutson and Olivia Ott both scored first-half goals for 4-2 Woodstock Academy, which defeated visiting Waterford, 2-0, on Monday, Oct. 26. Ott staked the Centaurs’ to a 1-0 early in the first half and then Dutson closed out the scoring on the final play of the half, scoring off a penalty corner.

Ott is tied for the team lead in scoring with five points (all goals). Senior Rachel Canedy also has five points (three goals, two assists), while classmate Alexia Adams has four (three goals, one assist), and Dutson has three (one goal, two assists).

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who followed COVID-19 protocol, the generosity of sponsors, players and volunteers shined as \$40,000 was raised at the outing. The first-place team, with a score of 54, included Bill Bartholic, Kevin Cole, Joe Markley, and Christian Sarantopoulos. Special thanks to Platinum Sponsors bankHOMETOWN, Foster Corporation/Putnam Plastics, and Jeff and Lindsay Paul/Whitcraft Group.

An early rainstorm gave way to crisp, clear skies on Saturday, October 17 for the seventh annual Tackle the Trail™ race. The field included 46 individual runners and 39 teams running 20-miles on the Airline Trail from Windham to Pomfret. The first-place winner was

Eric Blake, West Hartford, with a time of 2:01:44 and the first-place female was Brittany Telke, Bristol, with a time of 2:43:00. For the second year in a row, the 5 man team, Hartbeat Track Club, came in first-place with a scorching time of 1:49:47. For 2021, Tackle the Trail™ will grow to include a marathon, a ½ marathon and relay team options. The race, always the 3rd Saturday in October, will end in Putnam, CT. The event raised \$50,000 thanks to the support of racers and sponsors, including 2020 race sponsor Whitcraft Group. Tackle the Trail Race Director Monique Wolanin stated, “There is no doubt that it would have been easier to cancel this year’s race. However, that is NOT whom we are. Team Tackle, led by Foundation member Lynne Comtois, consisting of over 100 volunteers including: QVCC

Faculty, staff, foundation members, alumni, scholarship winners and community members made this race happen.” For race information, including pictures, go to www.tacklethehtrail.org.

Support from both events continue to enable students to have a debt-free education at QVCC. Questions regarding the race or other opportunities to support QVCC students should be directed to Monique Wolanin, Race Director/Director of Institutional Advancement, mwolanin@qvcc.edu or 860-932-4174.

Photos Attached:

Eric Blake, bib 6, first place Tackle the Trail winner

Sneakerama, Worcester, Mass. sponsor and teams

Team Average Joes: One of six teams from Whitcraft Group, Eastford and

South Windsor

The QVCC Foundation Mission is to raise funds so all residents of north-east Connecticut have the opportunity to attend QVCC regardless of income and to support educational excellence, technological advancement, and professional development at the College. The Foundation also serves as the Regional Advisory Council to the College.

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on the preserve has been mined for sand and gravel during the last century. The open areas generated by the mining are now recovering nicely and, coupled with the extensive wetlands, are home to many plant species that are uncommon in Connecticut. “The 13 acres donated by the Joslin and Weiss family gives the land trust ownership of an entire bog at Long Pond,” said land manager Andy Rzezniakiewicz. “The bog contains a rare plant community that includes native Atlantic White Cedar and Black Spruce. Some rare insects and butterflies are known to inhabit this type of habitat.” The Wyndham Land Trust now protects over 100 parcels in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling almost 5000 acres. The land trust can be reached by emailing info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or by calling (860) 963-2090. More information can be found at www.wyndhamlandtrust.org.

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Local students named to Goodwin University’s Dean’s List

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University announces 460 students achieved Dean’s list status for the Spring 2020 session.

Kayla Goulette from Dayville
Kayla Murby from Dayville

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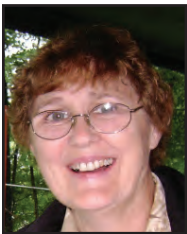
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OBITUARIES

Anna M. Gallant, 71



Anna M. Gallant, age 71, of Danielson, CT, formerly of Trumbull, entered into eternal rest peacefully on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at CT Hospice. She was born in Milford, CT. on September 16, 1949 as the loving daughter of the late William and Irene (Rivnyak) Gallant.

Annie earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT. In 1991, she then earned her Sixth-Year Professional Diploma from Southern CT State University.

Annie began her teaching career at Plainfield High School in Plainfield, CT, teaching history. Her love to teach young students led her to become a Guidance Counselor at St. Bernard School in Uncasville, CT., for 19 years. Annie then went on to teach and counsel at Parish Hill School in Chaplin, CT.

She loved the N.Y. Yankees and Bowling. Annie was the President of the Connecticut Women's Bowling Association for 3 years. She participated for 40 years in the Women's National Bowling Championships. In 2008, she was inducted into the

Connecticut Women's Bowling Hall of Fame. Annie loved life, and her spirit will always be with her loving family and friends.

She will be sadly missed but will remain forever in our hearts.

Her loving family includes her sisters Irene A. Gillette of Felton, DE and Sharon A. Bosley of Beacon Falls; her friend and roommate Karen Cronk of Danielson, CT; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and relatives were invited to attend a walk through visitation on Monday morning, November 2, at Miller-Ward Funeral Home, 260 Bank Street (Rt. 67, across from Klarides Village) from 9:00 am until 10:15 am. A Funeral Service in Celebration of Anna's life will follow at 10:15 am in the chapel of the Miller-Ward Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 am at St. Michael RC Church, 25 Maple St, Beacon Falls. Interment will be at the family plot at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Trumbull. Due to COVID-19, guests will be asked to wear masks and to adhere to social distancing requirements at all times.

To light a virtual candle or to leave condolences online, please visit www.millerwardfuneralhome.com

Jasmine E. Norton, 45



CHEPACHET, RI—Jasmine E. Norton, 45, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Born in Hamilton, Bermuda on October 25, 1975, she was the daughter of Paul J. Norton and Hannelore (Fulton) Wiik.

Jasmine graduated Summa Cum Laude from Quinebaug Valley Community College in 1997, earning her Associate's degree in Accounting. She went on to work as an accountant and bookkeeper for many years.

Jasmine enjoyed Madonna, Broadway musicals, gardening, antiques and yard sales, and according to her mother, "she was always looking for good deals." She was forever a cat lover, and will finally see Nosey and Snoopy once again. She loved watching The King of Queens, and reminiscing over photo albums and home videos with her family. In her free time, her favorite thing to do was spend time with her two girls.

Jasmine had such a presence in any room she walked into; she was beautiful, funny and very smart, with a heart of gold. She was the most selfless individual – always the first to offer help to others, even at times when she had very little. Her drive and determi-

nation were an inspiration to many, and her positive energy was infectious to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents and stepfather John Wiik, Jasmine is survived by her daughters: Kayla H. Norton and her fiancé Dylan Gendreau of Moosup, Connecticut, and Carly J. Millette of Woodstock, Connecticut. She is also survived by her brother Joshua Norton of Norwich, Connecticut, her grandmother Elisabeth Fulton of North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, and her dearest friend Lisa N'Chonon of Pomfret Center, Connecticut. She also leaves behind countless aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jasmine's family from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Gilman Funeral Home located at 104 Church St., in Putnam, Connecticut. Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Gilman Funeral Home and Jasmine's family request that a facial covering be worn at all times, and that all social distancing guidelines be observed.

In lieu of flowers, it is the family's wishes that any memorial donations, for Jasmine, be made to the following 501-c non-profit charitable foundations: Shatterproof, SAMHSA, and Helping Others Live Sober.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Bernyce Eleanor Musto, 89



NASHUA- Bernyce Eleanor Musto, 89, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, October 29, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Domenic Musto who predeceased her on March 17, 2016.

Bernyce was born in Roslindale, Massachusetts on August 11, 1931, and was the daughter of the late Walter and Beatrice (Norris) Anderson.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed as an Administrative Assistant for the Town Clerk in Killingly, Connecticut. A position she dearly loved and missed.

Bernyce was a devoted mother and wife, always putting her family's needs ahead of her own. She was a peacemaker. Everyone loved her and she will forever be remembered for her smile, laugh, outgoing personality and her ability to make friends everywhere she went. Bernyce enjoyed the simple things in life; holidays, vacations with her family, rides in the car, playing cards, bingo, a good fish dinner, ice cream and game shows. Everything stopped at 7PM for Wheel of Fortune. She was an avid animal lover. For the past several years of her life, Bernyce fought and overcame multiple medical setbacks. Her will to remain alive and with her family sustained her through the worst of times. She was a strong, amazing woman.

Her children and friends are heartbroken and devastated by the loss.

She is survived by her seven children, Domenic Musto of Hendersonville, TN; Mark Musto and his wife Darlene of Nashua; Stephen Musto of Colorado and his significant other, Linda, Lynne Musto-Pesa and her husband Pat of Harvard, MA; David Musto and his wife Debbie of Woodstock, CT; Paul Musto and his wife Denise of Rye, NH; and Lori Shaw and her husband Norman of Nashua; her 17 grandchildren, Adam Musto, Ryan Musto and his wife Lauren, Jacqueline Musto, Stephen Musto, Gregory Musto, Holly Musto, Matthew Musto and his wife Kacie, Madison Pesa, Pat Pesa, David Musto, Jessica Musto, Jordan Musto and his wife Sophie, Kelsey Musto, Joshua Shaw, Jacob Shaw and his significant other, Barbie, Haley Shaw, and Jayden Shaw. She is also survived by her ten great-grandchildren and her beloved pet Riley.

In addition to her husband, Domenic, she was predeceased by her brother Walter "Sonny" Anderson Jr.

Due to COVID, all services are being held privately. Arrangements entrusted to the care of ROCHETTE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, 21 Kinsley Street, Nashua. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bernyce's name to the Nashua Humane Society, 24 Ferry Road, Nashua, NH. To leave an online condolence, story, or message please visit www.ANCTIL-ROCHETTE.com

Arnold W. Smith, 93



WOODSTOCK- Arnold W. Smith, 93, passed away October 22, 2020 in his home.

He was born February 18, 1927 in Springfield, MA, son of the late Arnold and Doloris (Ardizzoni) Pagnoni and was predeceased by his loving wife of 62 years Doris M. (Lemire) Smith.

He leaves behind his daughter, Laura Bonola, his son, Craig Pagnoni and his wife Colleen, his daughter Kathleen Smith, his son Brian Smith and his wife Hope, also his grandchildren; Michael, Anthony and Alexandra Bonola, Christopher Smith and his wife Heather, Ashley, Tyler and Kendyll Smith and great grandchildren; Carly and Chase Smith and Colton Lajoie, close friends; Linda Froneberger, Elaine Guerin, and Donna Stoliker. Arnold served in the U. S. Army Air Corps during WWII.

In his younger years he worked as

a steeplejack, he then became an advertising salesman, winning multiple awards until his retirement.

He and his wife were world travelers, seeing over 30 countries, he also enjoyed researching his 'genealogy' back to Italy. He also enjoyed playing Trivia and being the smartest person in the room.

A Special 'Thank You' to DKH Hospice care givers; Stacy, Kelly, Joanne, Lynn, Lois and Renee. Your care and compassion meant the world to us.

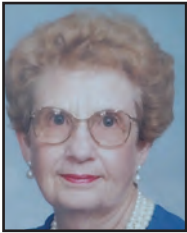
There are no calling hours and services will be private.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME AND LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is Honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net



Doris Mildred Champagne, 96



Doris Mildred (Rundell) Champagne, age 96 of Danielson, Connecticut passed away peacefully at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam on October 25, 2020.

Doris was born March 2, 1924 to Charles and Mildred (Davis) Rundell in Norwich Connecticut and grew up in Plainfield where she graduated from Plainfield High School in 1942.

She was a member of the Federated Church of Christ in Brooklyn as well as member of the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Doris was also a member of the Mayflower Society and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Doris lived a full life as a wonderful and caring mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend.

She loved to cook and bake, kept a neat, organized home, was skilled with her knitting needles and never missed watching the UCONN women play basketball on television.

She enjoyed spending time in her garden and her twice weekly card games with her lady-friends at Westfield Village.

On the top of her list of favorite things to do was spending time with her family and friends.

Doris was a loving mother to Cassandra Leach and her husband Robert of Brooklyn Connecticut, Charlene Champagne of Laconia, New Hampshire and Charles Champagne and his wife Doreen of Plainfield, Connecticut.

She was a dedicated sister to her siblings Lucy (Rundell) Stuyinski and her husband James of Brooklyn, Connecticut and her two brothers Ray and Wayne Rundell also of Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Doris was always happiest while in the company of her 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Doris is pre-deceased by her parents, Charles and Mildred, her great grandson, Andrew Leach and the father of her children, Roger Champagne.

She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Funeral services are private and for immediate family only.

Those wishing to honor the life and memory of Doris are requested by the family to share random acts of kindness as kindness can be contagious and changes everything.




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NOW to host free youth wellness clinic series with the Hale YMCA in November

PUTNAM— Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) and the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center have partnered to host a series of free youth wellness clinics during the month of November. The clinics are designed to introduce a variety of activities and topics to children encouraging whole body wellness. Each event will focus on a set age group and will include physical activity with discussions on emotional wellness topics.

The first clinic in the series will be held on Sunday, November 8th from 10 a.m. to noon for children ages six to 10. Staff members from both

the Hale YMCA, NOW and other community partners will offer 25-minute activities for participating children focused on Tai Chi, Bullying Prevention, Karate, and Nutrition & Fitness. NOW & the YMCA welcome volunteers Lisa Marie Rivera (LCSW) from Silver Linings Counseling and Master Daryl Laperle from Danielson Martial Arts Academy to assist with the November 8th Clinic.

The series will continue on Sunday, Nov. 15, and conclude on Sunday, Nov. 22. Other topics and activities to be explored include: Yoga, Managing Emotions, Body

Combat, Meditation, Zumba, Hygiene, Self Defense, and Diversity & Inclusion.

NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg commented, “We are very happy to be working with the YMCA on this clinic series. This is a true collaboration, with staff from both organizations leading activities and planning the format of each event. Now more than ever, it is important to encourage children to prioritize emotional and physical wellness. Our goal with this clinic is to provide children with resources that can support them in self-care.”

To ensure the safety of all children and vol-

unteers, there will be a registration cap of 25 children for each event. Upon entering the YMCA facility, waivers and temperature checks will be required for admission to the clinic. All children and activity leaders will also be required to wear face coverings for the entirety of the clinic. A full list of requirements and guidelines is available on the event registration form.

The Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center, part of the Greater Hartford YMCA, provides pro-

grams to the Northeastern Connecticut community. 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 their belief in living out universal values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in

area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.

To learn more about the clinic series, or to register, visit: www.NOWinMotion.org.

VFW Auxiliary announces kick-off of annual Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest

REGION — VFW Auxiliary Post 1523 is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's annual Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$31,500 in national scholarships.

Students must submit an original two- or three-dimensional piece of artwork. Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted. The entry must have completed during the current 2020-2021 school year and the application must include a teacher or supervising adult's signature.

Students begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to

District competition (if applicable) with District winners advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners compete for their share of \$31,500 in national awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded a \$15,000 scholarship. National first-through tenth-place winners are featured in VFW Auxiliary Magazine and on the VFW Auxiliary website. All state winning entries will be held and displayed and judged at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention that will take place July 31-August 5, 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The VFW Auxiliary started the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in 1979 to recognize

up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth. Approximately 4,000 students participate each year and in addition to \$31,500 in national scholarships, local and state VFW Auxiliaries throughout the nation award more than \$150,000 in Patriotic Art scholarships every year.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary 1523 by March 31, 2021. Interested students, parents and teachers should contact Lisa Salisbury at vfwauxiliaryputnamct@gmail.com for more information.

To download an application visit https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-2021_VFW-Patriotic-Art-Brochure-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf

Red Cross assisting Plainfield family displaced by fire

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross is helping one family – three adults, no children — after a fire yesterday on Spaulding Road, Plainfield. The Red Cross provided assistance to meet the family's immediate needs. Responders included: Sue Bolen and Eldon Griffiths.

The Red Cross is also providing comfort kits containing personal care items such as toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving supplies and other items a resident might need when suddenly displaced from their home by a fire. In addition, a recovery envelope containing information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup; notification of important contacts; dealing with damaged items and more was provided.

Those affected will connect with Red Cross caseworkers in the coming days to work on a longer-term recovery plan. The Red Cross is able to provide assistance through the generosity of our donors and the commitment of our volunteers.

For more information about the Red Cross visit www.redcross.org and for information on our home fire preparedness campaign visit: <http://www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit> or call 1-877-287-3327 and press option 1.



Courtesy

CLEANING UP

On Sunday, Oct. 25, Pack 66 of Thompson went on a nature hike. During the trek, the scouts and their parents did a huge community service by collecting trash along the way. It was a lovely day to be outside enjoying the foliage and everyone had a fabulous time. The following evening the Pack got together and enjoyed a campfire with ice cream cone smores. All the scouts told scary stories around the fire and had a ghost of a time. If you are looking for a great way to get your child outdoors and learn excellent life skills, please feel free to contact us at cubpack66@gmail.com or come and visit Pack 66 at 108 Mountain Hill Rd., North Grosvenor Dale. Meetings are typically every other Monday night from 6 to 7 p.m.



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LEGALS

Town of Eastford Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Notice of Decision

On October 22, 2020, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission made the following decision:

- **File # 20-007 Carl & Kathleen Winkler, 9 Lake Road, Eastford, CT. Remove existing structure and deteriorating foundation. Rebuild on existing footprint and add 2 car garage. APPROVED with conditions UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **File # 20-009 Peppertree, LLC, Ashford/Westford Road, Eastford, CT. Construction of 12 one bedroom cottages on slab foundation with on site septic systems and shared well. DECLARATORY RULING OF NO JURISDICTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT.

Dated at Eastford this 27th day of October 2020.
Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
November 6, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission at its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 beginning at 7PM via Zoom, rendered the following decisions:

Application PZC #20-22 – Property Owner Gloria and James Fogarty of 373 Old New London Rd, Salem, CT request for property at 401 Ravenelle Rd, Map 40, Block 88, Lot 169, Zone RRAD, 2 Lot Subdivision. Approved with amendment and waiver.

Application PZC 20-23 – Property Owner, David Blake of 29 South Shore Rd, Thompson, CT, request to build a residential dwelling at 31 South Shore Road, off an unaccepted Road per

Town of Thompson Ordinance Article 4, Feb. 26, 1973. Approved with condition.

File may be reviewed on the Planning and Zoning Website, in the Zoning Office, or the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
November 6, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the October 13, 2020 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following application was approved with conditions: Application # SUB20039, Gloria & James Fogarty, 171 Brickyard Rd., Assessor's map 40, block 88, lot 169, conceptual approval of 3 lot subdivision.

On October 22, 2020 the following wetlands agent approval was issued with conditions: Application #WAA20038, Joseph Kelly, 0 Lowell Davis Rd. (Assessor's map 120, block 30, lot 3A), minor grading, a proposed well and a foundation drain in the 100-foot up-

land review area for a new single family home.

George O'Neill, Chair
November 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Matthew V Clark (20-00375) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 29, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
LeAnn Clark
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82 CHELSEA HARBOR DR.,
NORWICH. CT 06360
November 6, 2020