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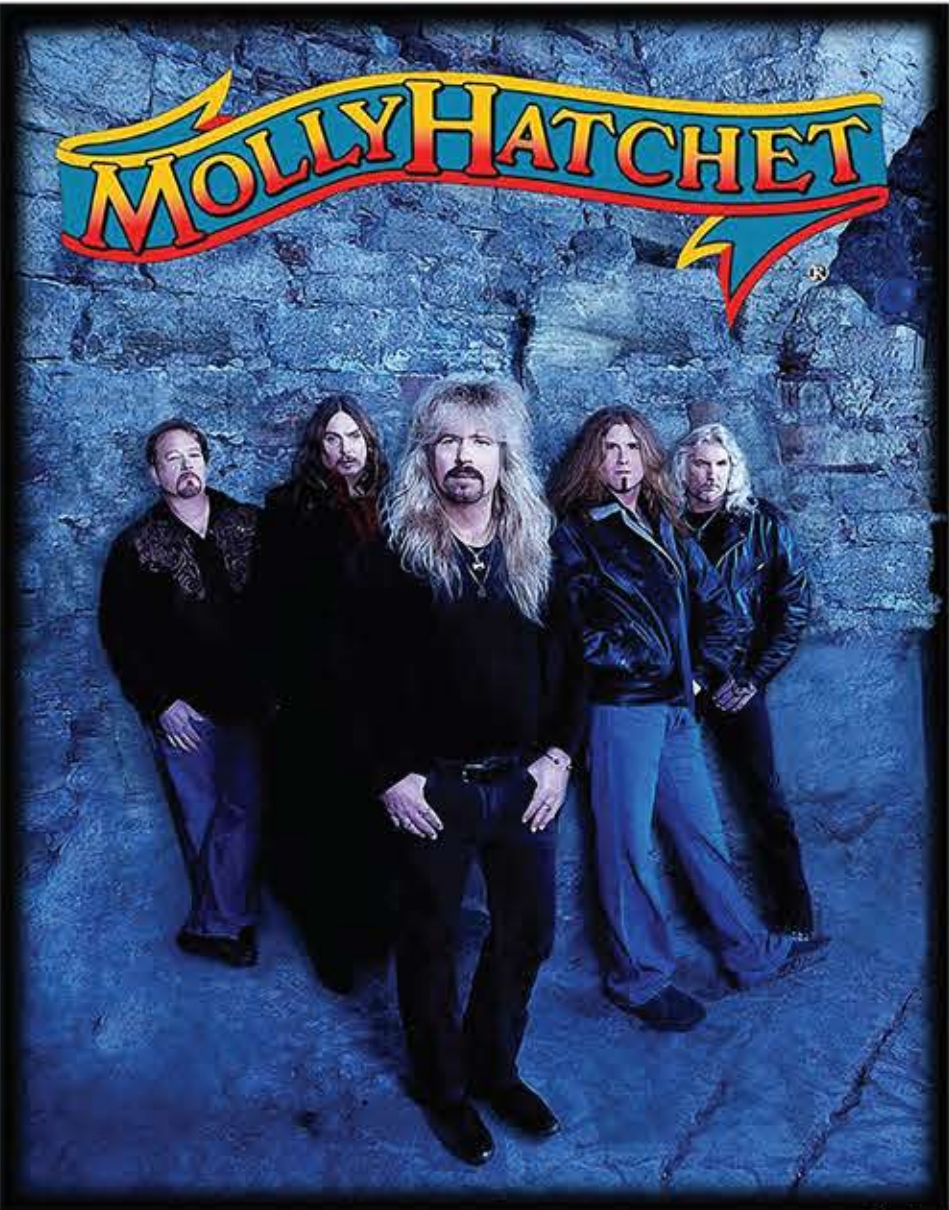
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Woodstock Fair announces entertainment lineup



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Molly Hatchet will take the stage for the opening night of the Woodstock Fair Aug. 30.

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Fair, Always Labor Day Weekend, is proud to announce its entertainment lineup for the 163rd edition of the end of summer celebration.

The Brand New, Grand Ole Woodstock Fair will have its Main Stage in a new location and has added a Center Stage and a Fabulous Fun area plus a new attraction area in the front of the Fair.

Four musical headliners will be featured over the course of the Woodstock Fair which

runs from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 at the Fairgrounds on 281 Route 169 in South Woodstock.

That includes one of the best party bands in the U.S.A.

Everyone is welcome to bring their own chairs on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. but you won't need them when KC & the Sunshine Band take to the Main Stage. Get ready to dance to their seven top-10 hits and five No. 1 singles, including "Get Down Tonight," "That's the Way (I Like It)," "I'm Your Boogie Man,"

"(Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty" and "Keep it Comin' Love."

It's country music on Monday, Sept. 2 as the lead singer of the Band Perry, Kimberly Perry, makes her Woodstock Fair debut for a 3:30 p.m. matinee on the Main Stage to close out the Fair.

The Woodstock Fair gets underway on Friday,

Aug. 30 as gates open at noon. The Main Stage celebrates the 45th anniversary of the iconic Southern rock song, "Flirtin' with Disaster" as it welcomes Molly Hatchet for an 8 p.m. concert.

The alternative rock, pop-punk band Lit comes from California to Connecticut bringing music from their seven studio albums including the hit, "My Own Worst Enemy," on Sat., Aug. 31 at 8 p.m.

All shows are free with paid admission.

In addition, a lumberjack show, something that has not happened in decades, makes its return to the Woodstock Fair as the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show will have three shows daily in the Main Stage area.

Hypnotist Jim Spinnato, and local bands Cold Train (Friday), the Rock-in-on Band (Saturday), Chicago Total Access (Sunday) and Whitney Doucet (Monday) will also be on hand serving as opening acts for the headline bands.

The Jewett City Saving Bank Center Stage will feature Cold Train, Rock-in-on Band and Chicago Total Access as well as additional local musical acts like the East Woodstock Cornet Band, Mars on Saturday and Old Time Fiddlers as well as the country (Friday, Aug. 30) and pop (Saturday, Aug. 31) karaoke contests.

And on Monday, Labor Day, the Center stage area becomes competition central as the first Woodstock Fair Cornhole

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Owen Bell Pond dredging to begin in July

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The dredging of the pond at Owen Bell Park is scheduled to begin this month providing some much-needed cleaning to one of the town's most visited amenities.

In January, Town Manager Mary Calorio had announced that state money had been awarded to Killingly for improvements at the park, including the dredging of the pond. The town had worked for over a year to initiate the dredging, a process that would remove silt and other materials from the bottom of the pond improving its condition and allowing it to remain a beautiful element of the park for years to come. During the Town Council's June 11 meeting, Calorio revealed the low bid for the work came in at \$537,000, more than the project budget, which caused the town to reassess its approach.

"We went back and really reviewed whether or not we could rent the equipment ourselves. We have really talented machine operators within the Highway Department, and we looked at whether or not we had enough staff to be able to manage a project like that. We're taking that one back in-house. That's going to save the town about \$230,000. We're fortunate that we have the quality of machine and equipment operators that we do," Calorio said.

Work is set to begin in late July allowing for several previously scheduled events to take place at Owen Bell before the dredging commences. The actual dredging will take six to eight weeks with the town utilizing the nearby soccer field to host the equipment. The material removed during the dredging will be stored on the field for dewatering and will then be relocated elsewhere for use in other town projects. The dewatering process alone is expected to take three to six months depending on weather conditions. Fencing will be erected to prevent the public from accessing the machinery, materials, or the pond itself. Owen Bell Park will remain open for the duration of the work.

Since the town is utilizing its own personnel and rented equipment for the dredging, Calorio said workers will be on site weekly Monday through Thursday with Friday dedicated to other parts of town to ensure other projects are not overlooked in the meantime.

"We're dedicating a good amount of resources to this project. We want to still be able to meet some of those other maintenance demands throughout the summer. Also, Friday tends to be an uptick of utilization of the park and just not having that active construction working through the park on a Friday would be better for the community overall," said Calorio.

Brooklyn, Eastford secure new budgets

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN/EASTFORD — The towns of Brooklyn and Eastford concluded the local budget season by approving their respective budgets in June at their individual annual town meetings.

Neither town required a referendum to address their new spending plans. Eastford was the first to vote on their budgets during a June 11 annual town meeting where residents approved both the education and general government spending proposals that came in at a combined \$6.4 million. The general government spending plan totaled \$1.87 million, a decrease of more than \$143,500 compared to 2024, while the education budget totaled \$4.6 million, an increase of a little more than \$90,100 or around two percent. The budget also included the use of Unassigned Fund Balance monies to offset the mil rate impact. Taking revaluation into consideration, the spending plan will decrease the mil rate by 7.8 mills.

Brooklyn held its own annual town meeting on June 17 where both of its new budgets were also approved. The \$29 million spending plan contains a \$6.6 million general government budget, an increase of \$37,996 or a little over half a percent, and a \$22.4 million education budget, an increase of \$826,390 or a little more than 3.8 percent. The meeting also approved the capital fund of \$266,257. The budgets will assess a 0.94 mil increase to the tax rate according to minutes from the Board of Finance.

Both town budgets have been made available for review on their respective town Web sites. The votes bring to a close the Quiet Corner's budget season just as the 2025 Fiscal Year approaches on July 1. Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret had previously approved all their budgets without much drama while Killingly required two referendums to secure its spending plan.

Killingly Commons hosts canine adoption event



Jason Bleau

East Coast Canine Rescue set up shop at the Killingly Commons plaza on Father's Day weekend connecting families with their new pets and educating locals about their programs and initiatives.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DAYVILLE — The parking lot of Killingly Commons in Dayville was a center of attention for many on Saturday, June 15 as numerous families gathered to meet their newest members courtesy of the East Coast Canine Rescue.

The organization, whose mission covers most of the east coast of the United States, helps connect fostered dogs with new forever homes often setting up on-site adoption days through partnerships with businesses. East Coast Canine Rescue has hosted numerous adoption events in the Quiet Corner over the years, most recently visiting the parking lot

of Lowe's in Dayville for Father's Day weekend.

Vicki Gagne, President of East Coast Canine Rescue, said the organization is completely foster based, taking animals from shelters before they can be euthanized and placing them in their network of temporary homes to help them reacclimate to life with a human family. Much of their work is done remotely, but they find the pop-up adoption days provide a great opportunity for families to meet the animals first-hand and to create more awareness of their mission and programs.

"These adoption events give people a chance to actually come out and meet the dogs. We run an application here on site, approve them, and then

they can leave with the dog the same day," said Gagne.

Families usually meet their future pets through video chats or scheduled play dates at the foster homes. The adoption days help alleviate the need for travel and allow those who may be looking for a pet and aren't familiar with the East Coast Canine Rescue to connect with the animals and staff.

"It's a huge difference more for the adopters. I think the animals acclimate to most situations they're put into. They're very resilient. For people to come out and meet the dog and get a feel for them, and honestly bond immediately with the dog, it's a good experience for them and it helps

get the word out about us as a rescue," Gagne said.

The Dayville event proved to be quite popular with families from across the region turning out either to meet their new pet or to learn what the organization is all about. Gagne said the group has had great success in support from Northeastern Connecticut setting up the pop-up adoption days annually in different towns. East Coast Canine Rescue covers Florida to Vermont and is always seeking new foster homes, volunteers, or potential permanent homes for their dogs. Information and applications for their adoption programs can be found on their website, www.eastcoastcaninerescue.org.

Putnam Rotary Club honors three with Rotary’s highest award

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club began its 102nd year of Service Above Self June 25 with the award of three prestigious Paul Harris Fellows and a welcome to its new officers.

All three of the newest Paul Harris Fellows were chosen for their remarkable service to the community.

Rotarian Shawn McNerney is a longtime chair of the Ronald P. Coderre Rotary Golf Tournament, which is the primary source of charitable funds raised by the club, said Rotarian Marc Archambault, who nominated McNerney, adding “His commitment to the club and determination to put on an annual golf tournament that

is a model for others and appreciated by all who participate, is unwavering. In this, he exemplifies the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.”

He added that McNerney has guided the committee with a steady hand and it has raised more than \$400,000 in the last 12 years.

Emily Morrison, director of development for United Services Inc., also won a Paul Harris Fellow award.

Husband and Rotarian Andrew Morrison nominated her and said, “I nominated Emily for the Paul Harris Fellow Award because she embodies the Rotary ideal of ‘Service Above Self’ in every aspect of her life. From



Courtesy

Left to right: President Douglas Porter, Immediate Past President Amanda Kelly, Board of Directors members Crystal Simonson, Pam Brown and Jennifer Brytowski; Treasurer Fred Chmura and Secretary Martha Paquette.

her professional work raising millions for community health initiatives to her personal commitment as a volunteer and leader in local non-profit organizations, Emily’s diligent service has positively impacted many people in our community. I am grateful to the Putnam Rotary Club for recognizing her many contributions to the Quiet Corner with the esteemed Paul

Harris Fellow.”

The third Paul Harris Fellow awarded June 25 went to John Rauh. Rotarian Ronald P. Coderre, who nominated Rauh, said the award honors “People who exhibit the qualities of compassion, kindness and benevolence and who are generous and philanthropic in nature. People who espouse Rotary’s motto of – ‘Service above Self.’ Our recipient is a person who not only possesses these qualities but

lives by the motto every day. Quiet, hardworking and unassuming, he’s like the cream in the old-fashioned milk bottles (for those of you who can remember) --- he has a knack of rising to the top.” Rauh serves northeastern Connecticut in a multitude of ways, most recently as campaign general chairman of the Roseland Park/Golf Course Legacy Campaign “150 Years and Beyond.”

In addition to the prestigious Paul Harris

Fellow awards, the club welcomed its new officers: President Douglas Porter, President-Elect Kathy Kirk, Secretary Martha Paquette, Treasurer Fred Chmura and Sergeants-at-Arms Jonathan Tremblay and Jonathan Sturdevant.

The Board of Directors includes the officers plus Jennifer Brytowski, Crystal Simonson, Pam Brown and Immediate Past President Amanda Kelly.

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Nichols College announces Spring 2024 Dean’s List

DUDLEY, Mass. — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the Spring 2024 Dean’s List.

Dean’s List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

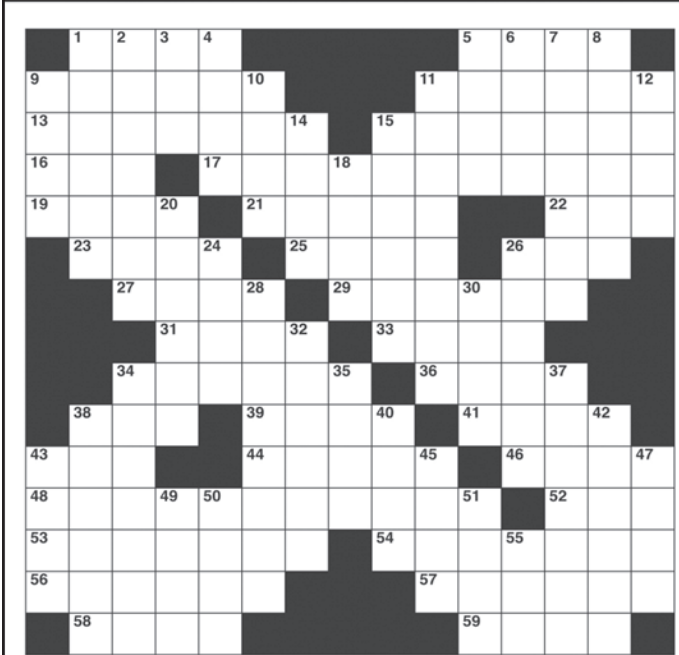
The following local students have achieved Dean’s List honors:

- Taylor Annis of North Grosvenordale
- Kyle Busha of North Grosvenordale
- Dominick Kollbeck of Woodstock
- Alina Michalski of Woodstock
- Gabriel Dowd of Brooklyn
- Makala Dube of Brooklyn
- Brett Gile of Dayville

Emma Girardin of Brooklyn

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Six (Spanish)

5. Invests in little enterprises

9. Large dung beetle

11. Gored

13. Partially paralyzed

15. Still a little wet

16. Legal field media company

17. Not working

19. 500 sheets of paper

21. Church structure

22. Sheep disease

23. Small drink of whiskey

25. Weaving tradition

26. Pestilence

27. Body part

29. Nabs

31. Places to stay
33. Witnesses

34. Looked for

36. Arranges

38. Political action committee

39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)

41. Hair-like structure

43. Parts producer

44. Greek city

46. Subway dwellers

48. Norm from “Cheers”

52. Clean a floor

53. Vied for

54. Canned fish

56. Inspire with love

57. Sent down moisture

58. Wrest

59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

1. Mounted

2. Assign

3. Wrath

4. Self-immolation by fire ritual

5. Parts of an organism

6. Person from England

7. Tropical plants of the pea family

8. Body part

9. Practice boxing

10. Containers

11. Contrary beliefs

12. Bleached

14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian

15. A group of similar things ordered one after another

18. Innermost spinal cord membranes

20. Cassava
24. A restaurant's list of offerings

26. Annoy constantly

28. Orchestrate

30. Z Z Z

32. Astute

34. Highly decorated tea urn

35. Teach to behave

37. Endurance

38. Urinating

40. Barbie friend dolls

42. Repents

43. Man-eating giant

45. Jewish calendar month

47. Accelerated

49. Husband of Sita in Hindu

50. Lump of semiliquid substance

51. Lying in wait

55. Cease to exist

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- Mateusz Chojnicki of Woodstock
- Angel Lewis of Danielson
- Liam Wilcox of Woodstock Valley
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- Maya Orbegoza of Brooklyn
- Liam Wilcox of Woodstock Valley
- Nick Skaradowski of Thompson

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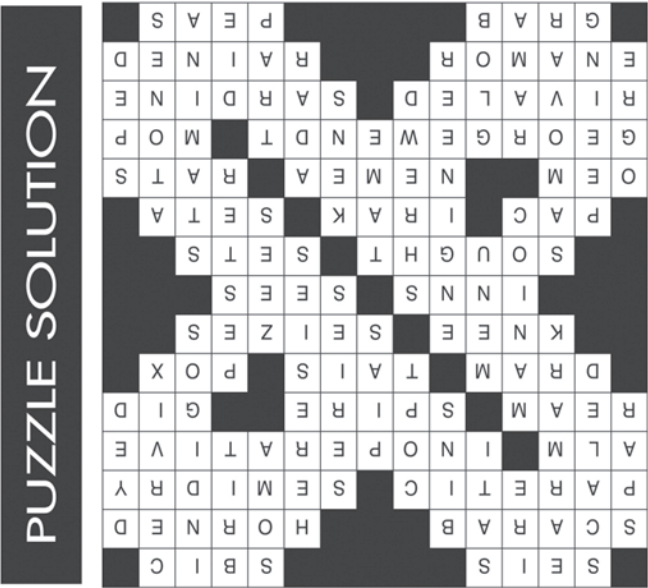
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Roseland Park Golf Course announces grand opening of driving range

WOODSTOCK — The Trustees of Roseland Park are pleased to announce the grand opening of the newly renovated and expanded driving range at the Roseland Park Golf Course. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The driving range will be open free of charge for golfers of all abilities to

sample the new facility. Professional golf coach, Fletcher Babcock, will be on hand to provide tips to aspiring and experienced golfers alike.

The event will kick off with ceremonial tee shots by campaign chairman John Rauh and other members of the Roseland Park “150 Years and Beyond Legacy

Campaign,” which has funded the expansion and improvements to the range. The re-invention of the driving range and the extensive tree management carried out earlier in the year are part of the first phase of the capital campaign, which will include the re-paving of Roseland Park later in the year.

According to Rauh, “These improvements will greatly improve the golf experience for our customers, while increasing driving range revenue, all of which is funneled back into the park to fund maintenance and additional improvements. We see a very bright future for this beloved park and golf course, thanks to the

generous support of the community.”

The driving range has been expanded from six tee stations to sixteen, all outfitted with new mats. The tee line itself has been moved back from its previous position, extending the length of the range to a maximum driving distance of 325 yards, enough to satisfy

even the long hitters in the area. Now stocked with 8,000 new golf balls, and an automated ball dispenser allowing customers to choose from three quantities of golf balls, the range is ready for the enjoyment of golfers of all abilities.

Eastford church to hold frog jump and band concert

BY MIKE MORAN

EASTFORD — The Congregational Church of Eastford will hold its annual FREE summer Band Concert and Frog Jump on Saturday, July 13.

The evening will feature a frog jumping contest and a concert by the East Woodstock Cornet Band. Bring your own frog (loaners will be available). Also on tap will be games and fun activ-

ities for children. The waterfront will be open for swimming. Burgers, hot dogs and sides will be served as well as local premium ice cream. There will also be cotton candy, a bounce house and an old-fashioned cake walk. Last year over three dozen guests took home home-baked treats! Everything is Free! “The cotton candy is my favorite,” says Addie Labonte, age seven, of Eastford. Carissa Bourgeois of Dayville declared the cake walk, “Amazing. I’d never seen one before last year’s, and who doesn’t want to win a delicious home-baked treat?” The event has been a community summer favorite for at least a century.

Frog registration begins at 5 p.m., and events begin at 5:30 p.m. The event will be at Crustal Pond Park - 305 Crystal Pond Rd., Woodstock Valley.



Olivia of Eastford enjoying last year's frog jump.

KILLINGLY CHRONICLES

July 8 – July 13

TOWN HALL MEETINGS (agendas and minutes at www.killingly.org)

Tuesday the 9th
Regular Town Council Meeting (Town Meeting Room – Town Hall) 7 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th
Agriculture Commission Meeting (Room 102 – Town Hall) 7 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (Town Meeting Room – Town Hall) 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday the 8th
Book Character Playlist (Library) All day
KPL Lit Talks (Library) All Day
Before & After Upcycled Art (Ages 18 and up) (Library) 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday the 9th
Moving & Grooving with Special Guest from N.O.W. (Ages 1-6) (Library) 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Teen Program Totes (Ages 13-18) (Library) All day
Wednesday the 10th
Little Listeners (Ages 0-5) (Library) 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Watercolor Wednesdays (Ages 6-12) (Library) 1 to 2 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle (Ages 18 and up) (Library) All day
Crafty Creations (Ages 6-10) (Library) 10 to 11 a.m.

STEM Studio with N.O.W. (Ages 7-12) (Library) 1 to 2 p.m.

Friday the 12th
Pose & Paint (Ages 13-18) (Library) 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday the 13th
Design Our Library Card
Photography Contest (Ages 18 and up) (Library)

Friends of the Killingly Public Library Meeting (Library) 9 a.m.

KILLINGLY PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS/EVENTS COMING UP...

Beginner Smooth Ballroom Dancing – Aug. 5 through Aug. 19 (Killingly Community Center) (Mondays)

Field Hockey Summer Camp – July 29 through Aug. 2

Girls Open Play Volleyball Grades 6-12 – June 19 through Aug. 15 (Killingly Community Center) (Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Killingly River Trail Fun Runners Series – July 11 through Aug. 15 (Thursdays)

Monday Indoor Summer Yoga Session 1 – July 8 through July 29 (Killingly Community Center) (Thursdays)

Thursday Indoor Summer Yoga Session 2 – Aug. 15 through Sept. 5 (Killingly Community Center) (Thursdays)

Virtual High Five 2024 (Killingly Community Center) (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Wickford – Aug. 15

Killingly Football Camp – July 15 through July 18 (Grades 3-9)

Killingly Golf Camp – July 22 through July 26 (Grades 4-9)

Cross Sound Ferry Lighthouse Cruise – July 17

Outdoor Pound with Chris (Session 2) – July 30 through Aug. 27 (Tuesdays)

Let’s Get Moving July – July 2 through July 23 (Killingly Community Center) (Tuesdays)

Senior Yoga July – July 5 through July 26 (Killingly Community Center) (Fridays) 9 a.m.

Senior Yoga July – July 5 through July 26 (Killingly Community Center) (Fridays) 10:30 a.m.

Check out the Killingly Parks and Recreation website for more daily class schedules, camps, trips and events!

For updates and changes, please visit the calendar on the Town of Killingly Web site at www.killingly.org.

Hailey Johnson of Thompson named to Lasell University Dean’s List

NEWTON, Mass. — Hailey Johnson, a Lasell University student from Thompson, was named to the Dean’s List for their academic performance in the Spring 2024 semester.

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Facts about Independence Day

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that aren't commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4, however Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4 as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I.; 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration after its start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One common fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/Native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment.

Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well-known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag depicting the two new states. Robert Heft, 16, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.

Wearing an American flag, whether it be on a tee-shirt, headband, towel or shorts, is in violation of the Flag Code. The code says that you are in violation if you sell, display any "article of merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in or der to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." The code, however, is not enforceable.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Earth - fix it, or it will fix us!

To the Editor:

I remember being assigned a seat deep in the back half of a flight to California in the mid '80s. I was a tender college freshman, and barely survived the nearly six hour exposure to dense, eye watering, suffocating smoke. Many of those nervous smokers eventually confronted their own mortality with a life changing decision: quit and get healthy or keep on and let whatever happen. When I talk about climate change today, many still are in the "whatever" crowd. I'd be OK with that if it were just their lungs and life on the line. But when it comes to climate change the lungs, we're talking about are the earth's: its forests, oceans, ice caps and atmosphere. The earth's respiratory system serves all living things here on the planet, not just "smokers". That's why it's not ok to let "whatever" happen. Taking responsibility is not just for ourselves, but for the college freshman of the world who have barely begun their life's journey, and also for those pristine innocents still working on their ABCs. What we do today says everything about how humanity cares for our children and their future.

This is my sixth monthly article in a series I call "Earth," and this one addresses the things we must do to fix the daunting environmental cancers man has inflicted on the planet (discussed in my prior articles). It has taken more than a hundred years of study and technology development, but we've arrived at the time in history when we have the understanding and capacity to quit smoking and heal the earth. It's a big story, so I'll have to move it along quickly.

First: The most important thing we must do now to give our children a healthy future is to vote green. Policy drives change faster than anything. It sends signals to industry to innovate and invest in the things they build and sell. Those things can either keep the planet "smoking" or breathing clean. As the green market grows, prices drop. That's exactly what's happening today with solar; as detailed in a June 20 article in the Economist titled: The Exponential Growth Of Solar Power Will Change The World. According to the article, six percent of the world's electricity now comes from solar and "Solar cells will in all likelihood be the single biggest source of electrical power on the planet by the mid 2030s. By the 2040s, they may be the largest source not just of electricity but of all energy" (please read that quote again and you'll see the future). Politicians who deny climate change do so only because they have shackled themselves to the fossil fuel industry cash pipeline. Thus, they fight for the past, not the future, to keep us smoking for their own greed and lack of vision.

Second: Eat less beef. Half of the earth's habitable land is used for farming, and it turns out that beef has the highest carbon footprint of anything we eat. The production of 100 grams (less than a quarter pound) of beef generates 50 kg (110 pounds) of carbon dioxide. This comes from the 2024 book by Hanna Richie titled: Not The End Of The World. According to Dr. Richie, beef production generates eight times more greenhouse gases than chicken, it uses 23 times more land and causes six times more water pollution. According to data from Iowa state university, it takes more than six pounds of grain to make one pound of beef. That grain requires a vast area of farmland and other resources (fossil fuel, fertilizer and pesticides) to grow, on top of that required by the cattle. You get the picture.... Lets eat more plants and less beef.

Third: Consciously work to reduce your own carbon footprint. To get started, first go online, or download an app and calculate your carbon footprint. It's quick and easy and you can do it here: www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator. Once you know how much carbon your existence creates you can begin to think of ways of reducing it. This can lead you to begin thinking about your priorities in life and the changes you can make to fit better into the modern world with the knowledge of climate change, a growing human population, shrinking resources and the accumulation of man-made waste. I think at the top of our list of priorities should be the preservation of clean well functioning ecosystems that define life on our planet and in turn keep us alive.

Fourth: In a general order of importance, I provide the following list of things we all can do to help fix our ailing planet:

Talk about this to others. If we were at war or in a recession (or even if gas prices went up 20 percent), we all would be talking about it all the time. We need to talk about saving our planet and bring others on board.

Consume less. Think about how your parents and grandparents lived and how much more consumer oriented our lives are today compared to theirs. They were just as happy (maybe even more) without all the stuff. Perhaps it allowed for more focus on each other.

Educate yourself. Go to your local library and read one book on what's happening to our planet. It might change you forever. For a list of options, see my Web site: earth21stcentury.com. Also listed are some documentaries.

Give some of your lawn back to nature and plant a small pollinator garden.

Go for a walk in the woods too and think about this gift of a living planet and how we can live here and keep it alive and healthy.

Support the transition to a green energy future in any way you can. The list of things you can do include: Conduct an energy audit of your house, purchase green energy from your utility, go solar; go EV (electric vehicle).

Minimize your purchase of single use plastics and be more conscientious of the waste you generate.

Take public transit when you are able.

For some, it's hard to imagine losing something we've been conditioned to take for granted: a healthy living planet. But that mindset was created when humanity's numbers were in the millions not billions and most of the planet's fossilized carbon was still locked up in bedrock not free floating in our atmosphere. It's understandably hard to get our heads around the idea that we've changed the planet in ways that could lead to our own demise. But it's the 3rd Millennium now, and since the dawn of the industrial revolution we have changed the chemistry of our atmosphere and oceans, and the planet will add another two billion of us in only the next 25 years, pushing even more change. Something's got to give. If we don't see that right now at this time in history and respond, many of us will live to deeply regret it.

If you are concerned about the health of our planet's natural systems and what that means for humanity's future, please take a look at my Web site at: earth21stcentury.com and join me for a presentation of Earth2024 on one of the posted dates. Also, please follow me on Instagram for information on our planet's health.

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A failed presidency: Biden's record

To the Editor:

Every week, there are multiple letters telling everyone how bad Trump is and the dangers of reelecting him. Yet, Joe Biden has been in office for three and a half years and I don't recall a single letter pointing out what a great job he is doing. The likely reason for this is that Biden's approval rating hovers around 37 percent. That means 63 percent of the people do not approve of the job Biden is doing. In 2020 Trump beat Biden in Thompson 58 to 40 percent, and also won in Putnam and Killingly. Those going on and on about how terrible Trump is should realize many of their neighbors do not agree. Let's look at Bidens record on inflation, immigration and foreign policy.

Biden's war on fossil fuels has taken its toll on the wallets of the people in Windham County. Most people drive cars and heat their homes with heating oil. Biden cancelled the Keystone XL pipeline on his first day in office. The pipeline was half built and the developers filed a \$15 billion lawsuit that is still pending. The U.S.A. taxpayers will end up out billions of dollars and we never got any oil. That oil was headed to refiners to produce gas and diesel fuel. Oil spiked to \$125 per barrel in 2022 and inflation hit 9 percent. Recently Biden claimed inflation was 9% when he took office. It was actually 1.4 percent. Under Trump inflation averaged 1.8 percent while under Biden it has averaged 5.4 percent. Diesel fuel goes into farm tractors and into the trucks that deliver every product we buy. High oil prices mean high inflation. Also, Biden's ambitious spending programs, while intended to stimulate the economy, contributed to an overheated market and increased inflation rates. The administration's approach to handling the pandemic with generous stimulus packages and enhanced unemployment benefits, while

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Let's keep the flags flying

As the Fourth of July approaches, I'm preparing to put a few American flags at the bottom of my driveway. The flags are small ones probably given to me at Memorial Day parades and other celebrations. I like remembering children waving the flags and I love the vibrancy of red, white and blue against the deep green lawns of summer. For several years I have felt more defiant than joyful as I push the wooden dowels into the hard soil. I am announcing to the passers-by who speed by my driveway that it is my flag and my 4th of July just as much as theirs. I don't know why I feel defensive. No one has challenged my right to display my American flags, but there is a shift in how we treat the flag that I can't help but notice.

We spend the holiday with friends in Maine. We have done so for nearly 40 years. Part of the attraction of their village is an annual 4th of July Parade that includes a number of handmade floats. The floats are often very cleverly done. Made from random items found around town, the floats are political, comical, ironic and, in some cases traditional, as in the case of a long-running performance called Tacky Tourists, which involves aging people clapping old aluminum lawn chairs together in a choreographed routine. Everyone applauds, although when the more controversial floats pass by, the crowd often turns quiet. I sense that people are happy to express their opinions, but no one wants to upset the general feeling of acceptance and well-being that permeates the celebration.

In reading about the first 4th of July in Philadelphia in 1777, one can sense a feeling of elation and unimaginable possibility that much have rippled through the crowd. Imagine hearing the Declaration of Independence being read publicly for the first time. It was a big risk. There was no guarantee that 247 years later the country would still exist. Bells rang. Fireworks exploded and someone brought the potato salad.

Much of my time is spent noticing things. That's why I can't help but notice a proliferation of flags wherever I look. A friend wrote a letter to the editor about his feelings that the American flag ought to fly on its own. He wants the traditional American flag to fly without other flags around it. Beyond how the flag is flown are variations on the flag. There are new flags that take the red-white-and-blue for inspiration and add different colors and stripes. The flag with blue lines is in support of law enforcement. The one with red lines means fire service, but there are variations on the flag all the time. I can only keep pace by reading the internet for the various meanings.

Big, big flags pop up across the landscape. For years, the largest flags I ever saw flew over car lots in Rhode Island. They are certainly eye-catching and represent a real investment in fabric. The flag poles are so tall that they must be drilled into bedrock. A local company, Flag Themes, says on its website that it specializes in "flags of the world". The flag business must be booming.

On the 4th, there will be antique flags representing the colonies and flags for the 50 states. Flags will drape floats, decorate monuments and line streets. People will express partisan views with their flags or celebratory feelings as I do. Our bright flags reflect 247 years of our sense of country. Let's keep them flying for all of us.



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Are your investments really earning as much as you think they are?

When it comes to making investment decisions, many individuals focus on nominal returns – the raw percentage increase or decrease in the value of an investment over time. However, to truly understand the growth potential of your investments, it's crucial to consider the concept of real return. Let's explore what real return is, how it differs from nominal return, and why it should be a key factor in deciding what types of investments are best for your unique financial situation.

Understanding real return

Real return is the actual rate of return on an investment after accounting for inflation. Inflation, which is the general increase in prices and the decrease in the purchasing power of money over time, can significantly impact the true growth of your investments. For example, if your portfolio earns a 6 percent nominal return,



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but the inflation rate is 2 percent, your real return would be approximately 4 percent. This means that while your investment grew in dollar terms, its purchasing power only increased by 4 percent.

Real return vs. nominal return

Nominal return, on the other hand, is the rate of return on an investment before factoring in inflation. It's the figure most often quoted in financial news and investment performance reports. However, relying solely on nominal returns can give you a false sense of your investments' actual growth potential, especially when making long-term investment decisions.

Consider two investments: a corporate bond with a 4 percent yield and a dividend stock with a 2 percent yield and 3 percent expected annual growth. With 1.5% inflation, the bond's real return is 2.5 percent (4 percent yield - 1.5 percent

inflation). The stock's real return is 3.5 percent (2 percent yield + 3 percent growth - 1.5 percent inflation). Despite the stock's lower initial yield, it's the better choice after considering inflation and growth, with a higher positive real return.

Applying real return to investment decisions

Understanding the concept of real return is essential when deciding what types of investments are best suited for your portfolio. Different asset classes – such as stocks, bonds, and real estate – have varying levels of risk and potential for growth. By considering the real return potential of each asset class, you can make more informed decisions about how to allocate your investments.

Historically, stocks have provided higher nominal returns compared to bonds and cash equivalents. However, they also come with greater short-term volatility and risk. When adjusting for inflation, the real return of stocks may be lower than their nominal return, but they still tend to outperform

bonds and cash over the long term.

Bonds, on the other hand, generally offer lower nominal returns but provide a steady stream of income and can help to stabilize your portfolio during market downturns. However, when inflation is high, the real return of bonds may be minimal or even negative.

Real estate investments, such as rental properties or REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts), can offer a balance of income and growth potential. They also have the added benefit of potential appreciation in property values over time. However, like stocks, real estate investments come with their own set of risks and considerations.

Tailoring your investment strategy

When making investment decisions, it's essential to consider your personal financial goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. A well-diversified portfolio that includes a mix of asset classes can help to balance risk and return potential while taking into account the

impact of inflation on real returns.

For example, if you have a longer time horizon until retirement, you may be able to afford to take on more risk in your portfolio by allocating a larger portion to stocks. As you near retirement, you may want to gradually shift more of your assets into bonds and cash equivalents to prioritize stability and income.

Regularly reviewing your investment strategy and making adjustments based on changes in your personal circumstances, market conditions, and inflation rates can help ensure that your portfolio remains aligned with your goals and optimized for real return potential.

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July 4th trivia

I hope you all had a happy and safe 4th of July. I always look forward to the holiday specials filled with patriotic music and documentaries about presidents. Terry Barton, chairwoman of Killingly's Historic District Commission commented that she usually watched the movie 1776.

With Independence Day on my mind, I thought I would begin this article with some trivia. Did you know that both former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1826? Some say it was coincidence; others, not!

An article by Natasha Frost on www.history.com provides food for thought. I'll let you make up your own minds.

On July 4, 1826, two prominent presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, took their final breaths within hours of each other. Some have wondered if it was somehow planned. On July 4, 1826, America celebrated 50 years of independence as, just a few hours apart, two of its Presidents took their final breaths. At the time of his death, Thomas Jefferson was 83, while John Adams had turned 90 the year before.



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Though both were unwell, their deaths came as a surprise to many—particularly as they coincided with one another on this very striking date.

In the weeks that followed, Americans offered a variety of explanations for the sudden loss of these two presidents. Though some likely wrote it off as coincidence, many saw evidence of divine design at work. In a eulogy delivered the following month, for instance, Daniel Webster wondered what this 'striking and extraordinary' coinci-

dence might suggest. The men's lives had been gifts from Providence to the United States, he said. So too were their length and 'happy termination,' which he saw as "proofs that our country and its benefactors are objects of His care."

One possible explanation proposes that Jefferson and Adams deliberately 'held on' for the anniversary. The phenomenon of people keeping themselves alive until they've said goodbye to a loved one or experienced a significant anniversary is well-documented: It's entirely possible that Adams and Jefferson's 'will to live' kept them going through those final days ahead of July 4th—but wasn't enough to keep them alive after that.

In fact, even contemporary observers thought this might have been a conscious decision. In a eulogy for Jefferson delivered in New York in mid-July, the businessman and politician Churchill C. Cambreleng observed: 'The body had wasted away—but the energies of a powerful mind, struggling with expiring nature, kept the vital spark alive till the meridian sun shone on our 50th Anniversary—then content to die—the illustrious Jefferson gave to the world his last declaration.'

Jefferson is also said to have refused his usual laudanum on the night before he died, which might have affected his ability to cope with the pain. In a separate

eulogy, in fact, John Tyler described Jefferson's often-expressed desire to die on the Fourth of July, adding even more credence to the theory that their deaths on that providential date may not have been entirely accidental."

(www.history.com/news/july-4-two-presidents-died-same-day-coincidence)

John Quincy Adams (p. 1825-1829) was president of the United States at the time of his father's death in 1826.

James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, also died on July 4 in 1831 at age 73 "at his son-in-law's home in New York City. Monroe had been ill for some time." (constitutioncenter.org/blog)

President Calvin Coolidge is the only U.S. President to be born on Independence Day." He was born July 4, 1872 in Plymouth, Vermont.

By the 1820's, Killingly was celebrating the birth of our Nation. A July 18, 1827 Norwich Courier reported on a Fourth of July celebration in South Killingly, which was then the leading village in the southern part of town. Keep in mind that what is now Danielson had not yet come into existence. "The Anniversary of American Independence, on the 4th instant, was celebrated in the South Society in Killingly. The rising sun was announced by the discharge of cannon. At one o'clock p.m. the citizens

assembled at the Inn of the Widow Rhoda Day. A procession of about three hundred of both sexes, were formed and conducted by Marshals to the House of Worship. And after religious exercises with an appropriate Address from Rev. Roswell Whitmore, (Westfield Congregational Church), the procession was then conducted to a bower, and seated at a table where they partook of a repast provided by the ladies.... toasts were drank on the occasion, echoed by the discharging of cannon..."

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well-intentioned, overlooked the long-term economic impacts. As a result, we have faced the highest inflation rates in decades. Prices for everyday necessities like groceries, gas, and housing have surged, eroding the purchasing power of ordinary Americans and hitting low-income families the hardest. For those looking to buy a home, mortgage rates were 3.5 percent under Trump and are now at 7.5 percent. For those that follow the numbers, the unemployment rate in February, 2020 was 3.5 percent, and it is now 4 percent. The stock market is at an all-time high but due to inflation a \$1.00 in 2019 is worth only 80 cents today. The overspending continues. This year's deficit is projected to be \$1.9 trillion.

On his first day in office Biden also cancelled construction of the border wall. Contractors that had already been paid were told to stop building the wall and the materials were sold off as surplus. Biden then went on to sign over 90 executive orders to reverse key Trump-era policies in place to stem illegal border crossings. This has led to a border crisis that now effects every American. There are currently 100 to 200 illegals living at Logan Airport in Boston. And you have people living in police stations and tents in Chicago. In Sturbridge, Mass., there are 50 migrant families living at the Super 8 motel. Biden said the border was secure for three years but we could see it was not. When Texas decided to take action and close their border Biden was petitioning the Supreme Court to stop them. Meanwhile he was gas lighting the public saying it was the Republicans fault that the border was not secure. There are estimates of 10 million illegals from 177 countries in the U.S. as well as half a million unaccompanied minors.

On the international stage, Biden's foreign policy has shown significant weaknesses, particularly in handling conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine. His administration's response to the renewed violence between Israel and Hamas has been criticized as tepid and inconsistent. While calling for de-escalation, Biden has failed to take strong, decisive actions that could lead to a lasting peace. The lack of a clear and proactive strategy has allowed the situation to deteriorate, resulting in loss of life and further instability in the region. Similarly, Biden's approach to the conflict in Ukraine has been marked by hesitancy and lack of firm support. While the administration has provided aid and imposed sanctions on Russia, these measures have been seen as too little, too late. The mixed signals sent by the U.S. have emboldened Russian aggression and left Ukraine in a dire state. The international community looks to the U.S. for leadership, but under Biden, that leadership has been notably absent, weakening America's standing on the global stage. The Biden strategy seem to be to finance the war forever. What about Peace?

Those worried about a threat to democracy should take a look at Biden's student loan forgiveness scheme. Biden is bribing 43 million people with \$10,000 in loan forgiveness each. When he mentioned the plan Nancy Pelosi said he did not have the authority to do it as Congress controls all spending. The Supreme Court also ruled that it was illegal. Even though two of the three branches of government said it was illegal Biden keeps announcing he is cancelling loans. The worst part is that money was given to colleges years ago. Every dollar "cancelled" is added to our \$34 trillion debt. Isn't ignoring the laws and trying to influence the election with bribes a threat to Democracy. I won't go into Hunter Biden and the 20 shell companies the Bidsens set up to move foreign money around. And as for age, everyone can see Biden's decline.

Those trying to scare people away from Trump should realize Trump was already president for four years. We had a great economy and world peace. Thompson, Putnam, Killingly and Windham County will vote for Trump again. Connecticut will go for Biden. Trump is going to win the Election based on the reasons mentioned and life will go on.

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In the Studio



“In the Studio” features artists from the Quiet Corner—home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this series, we’ll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We’ll also learn some “artspeak” terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those “artist words”. In this interview, we’re meeting with Iroquoian artist Allison Bennett, who exhibited her beautiful Native American beadwork as part of the recent Putnam Arts Festival at Putnam’s Municipal Center.

Hello Allison, and thank you for meeting with me to talk about your work and your connection to Native American beadwork. I understand that your pieces are part of your Iroquoian heritage and carry on the tradition of beadwork made by your late grandmother.

Yes, my grandmother was part of a beading group in upstate New York who live on the Cattaraugus Reservation in upstate Gowanda, New York. She and I were very close. My grandmother left her beading supplies, including some patterns and books on traditional beading techniques, to me. It took a while for me to feel emotionally ready to carry on her work, and I actually joined her group this year. It was an honor to work alongside these women.

Your own style incorporates traditional techniques, materials, and symbols with your personal insights. Does that sound accurate?

It does. My bracelet collection, for example, uses patterns representing forward motion, ascension, and shapes such as feathers, arrows, and butterflies. I have added some new elements to include chakras, healing stones, and intentions. The healing stones are incorporated into the beadwork and on the ends of the adjustable bracelet clasp/slide to fit all wrist sizes. The manner in which they are constructed is unique to my brand and an invention that’s been developed and taken shape over the past several years of observing how my customers wear my bracelets.

In looking at your website and talking with you, I can see that you’ve put a lot of thought into having your pieces connect with the wearer on a level beyond appearance.

That is true. Of course, I want my pieces to be beautiful, well-made, and sustainable, but I also add more intangible elements having to do with what the wearer connects with on an emotional or intuitive level. People are initially drawn to particular color palettes, then become interested in finding symbols or materials and healing stones which resonate with them and, perhaps, relate to their personal journey. On a lighter note, growing up I enjoyed wearing fringe earrings from upstate New York so I make them too.

You’ve mentioned the concept or practice of Thanks Giving and Gratitude.

I have named my jewelry business “Nya:Weh” which is our Native word for “thank you”. A Thanksgiving Address is spoken before Native American celebrations such as the first berry (strawberry) or a corn harvest. Right now, I’m working on an original beadwork pattern of a strawberry plant which will eventually be fashioned into a cuff bracelet. I’ll be exhibiting at a number of pow wow events this summer in Connecticut and New York.

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Which reminds me, where can we see your jewelry?

My website Nya:Weh.com will show you things you can order online, but I welcome people to my studio and shop at the Velvet Mill in Stonington (22 Bayview Ave Suite 14 South, Stonington, CT). The store is a new venture by my sister and I. It’s a cozy, modern yet earthy boutique with cool gifts, clothing, handmade jewelry and other handmade goods made by both Native and non-Native local artisans. You can visit “The Modern Heritage Collective” on Saturdays and Sundays 10-3:00. The website is ModernHeritageCollective.com

I’ll be at the Mohegan Wigwam Festival on August 17 in Uncasville, CT and the Schmitzun Feast of Green Corn and Dance in Mashantucket on August 24 & 25. In New York, I’ll be at the Allegheny Powwow and the Shinnecock Nation Powwow in Southampton on August 30th (the oldest powwow on Long Island at 78 years). These are public, outdoor events. I’ll also be at the Roseland Cottage Arts Festival in Woodstock CT, October 19 & 20 this fall.

Thank you so much for this interview. Your work is extraordinary, meticulous, and extra special with your grandmother’s added touch.

Word of the day Powwow a North American Indian ceremony involving feasting, singing, and dancing [Oxford Languages.com]

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A pleasant surprise

Who doesn’t love a pleasant surprise? It is always a treat to discover that something is better off than it first appears. Usually, the pleasant surprise is possible because someone or something that is not in the limelight is quietly taking care of something others may have forgotten; like the mothers that are quietly teaching their children manners, or the citizens that are faith-



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fully paying their taxes and obeying the laws that make all our lives better. Sometimes, all the noise and propaganda swirling around us convinces us that the whole world has taken leave of common sense and common decency. How refreshing it is when someone discovers that not everyone has bought into the craziness.

Such was the case with the Jewish prophet Elijah, when he spoke up against the evil of his day. This brave believer challenged King Ahab, Queen Jezebel, and their godless administration to a contest that would prove who of them was serving the true, living God. Elijah’s prayers triggered a drought, brought fire down from heaven, and then caused it to rain. The king and queen’s god, Baal, was unresponsive. Elijah’s God was the clear winner!

Still, the stubborn king, queen and subjects refused to repent and live by God’s morals and values. As a result,

Elijah entered a dark time in his life. He told God, “I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.” (I Kings 19:14 nlt) That is when God revealed to Elijah that there were seven thousand other Israelis that were still being faithful to Him. What a pleasant surprise!

There are people in our day who love God and His values. However, from all the “stuff” broadcast in the public square it might seem like most people think God is dead... like everyone is living for immediate gratification... or like peace and hope are ideals of the past. Thankfully, upon closer inspection, that does not seem to be the true state of the world – at least in our neck of the woods. In a recent interview on The Daily Signal, long-term pollster and New York Times bestselling author and speaker, Scott Rasmussen, said, “My favorite polling question every year is about New Year’s Eve. Most people are shocked to learn that more Americans pray than drink on New Year’s Eve. Now, that’s because a lot of Americans pray every day. It’s not because they’re out there just on that one day.”

What a pleasant surprise to discover that many Americans still pray every day. What a pleasant surprise to know that there are still many people who are reaching out to their loving God on a regular basis. It makes a person want to blow on those embers and see if we can’t bring that hope and love more to the center of our society. Maybe there are more people praying that we have imagined. That would be the most pleasant of surprises!

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. They also sponsor a dozen weekly prayer groups, spread throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.



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Leading by example

Many who've studied history have heard the stories of Alexander the Great, who famously led his troops into battle, always at the front lines, putting his life in danger but doing exactly what he expected his soldiers to do. Similarly, Joan of Arc inspired her followers by fearlessly leading French troops during the Hundred Years' War. These leaders weren't just commanding from a safe distance. They led from the front, instilling a vision in their soldiers' minds of what they should do.

In the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, John C. Maxwell states, "People do what people see."

The idea is that people will tend to mimic the actions of their leaders rather than follow verbal instructions.

Whether a soldier following a commander, an employee observing a CEO, a child watching a parent, a student emulating a teacher, or athletes on a team, people are likelier to do what they see their leaders do. This underscores leaders' immense power and responsibility in shaping the behaviors and actions of those they lead.

Leaders are interesting. They tend to be visionaries entrusted with bringing their dreams to life. To do that, they must thoroughly understand their purpose, vision, and strategy for achieving it, but that's not all.

Leaders must articulate what they want from their team members, but more than verbal communication is needed to create a lasting impact. Vision without action achieves nothing. A leader must exemplify the behaviors they wish to see. The better a leader's actions, the better their team's actions will be.

If a restaurant manager tells their staff that maintaining a clean kitchen is essential, yet they catch them leaving dirty dishes in the sink and not correctly storing ingredients, do you think the staff will adhere to it?

Consider a sports coach who emphasizes the importance of punctuality and discipline but frequently arrives late to practices. Do you think the players will take the coach's words seriously and maintain punctuality and discipline?

Remember that famous public service announcement from the late '80s where an angry father bursts into his son's room, yelling because he discovered his son was smoking marijuana? After a tense standoff, the son yells, "I learned it by watching you!" This commercial perfectly highlights the point.

Teaching what is right is far easier than doing what is right. It's easier to tell the team what to do than to do it. It's easier to instruct someone on how to behave and then retreat to a private space where no one can see any contradictions. This type of leadership, often justified with thoughts like, "Well, they need to do it, not me. I'm just here to tell them how they should be," can be ineffective.

It's a hypocritical form of leadership.

An effective leader is in a challenging position. They must hold not only those under their guidance accountable but also themselves.

A good leader is a visionary, a teacher, a figure of accountability, and an agent of change. Leaders are responsible for improving their team's performance and embodying the values they wish to instill. Leaders who don't achieve good results are often seen as not leading by example.

A leader must also lead themselves.

Maxwell states, "Followers may doubt what leaders say, but they'll always believe what they do."

So, what's the most valuable thing a leader can do to be effective? Lead by example.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

There are many historical figures who emphasized the importance of leading by example.

Nelson Mandela lived out his commitment to peace and reconciliation during his struggle against apartheid in South Africa, even after 27 years of imprisonment. Similarly, Florence Nightingale revolutionized healthcare by tirelessly working alongside her nurses during the Crimean War, setting high standards of hygiene and care through her actions.

Leaders who lead by example bring their vision to life. When leaders act with integrity, demonstrate the behaviors they expect, and consistently align their actions with their words, they inspire their teams to do the same. Are you ready to step up and be the example your team needs to achieve greatness?

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Managing weeds in the garden



Melinda Myers

Persistence is the key to success when battling bindweed.

No matter the weather, weeds seem to thrive and reproduce, and if left unchecked, they can overwhelm the garden and gardener. These unwanted plants find their way into your garden as seeds, roots, rhizomes, or whole plants. Seeds can be carried in by the wind, birds, and other animals, or on the soles of shoes. Roots, rhizomes, and even plants hitch a ride in the soil or with plants that we move into the garden.

Start early managing weeds in your garden. Smaller weeds are easier to pull and removing them before they flower and form seeds can prevent hundreds of weeds in next year's landscape.

This is not always possible. Weather and busy schedules often limit gardening time, allowing these vigorous plants to overtake the garden.

It is never too late and worth investing time in managing weeds in the garden. Weeds are adaptable and vigorous, outcompeting your desirable plants for water and nutrients. Many serve as host plants for insect pests and diseases that may also attack your garden plants.

Carefully dig or pull weeds, removing the top and roots. Established weeds may have a deep tap root or extensive root system that may be difficult to

remove. Depending on the weed, any part left behind has the potential to start a new plant.

Find the tool that best works for you. A Dutch or action hoe works well on small weeds where there is space between plants. Glide the cutting edge just below the soil surface to cut the roots. Many gardeners find a weed knife to be a useful tool. It allows you to dig right next to the weed and pop it out of the ground with minimal impact on surrounding plants.

If bending is an issue, you may opt for one of the standup weeder. There are several types available. Most have tines you insert into the soil surrounding the weed. A hand or foot-operated action causes the tines to tighten around the weed roots before you lever it out of the ground.

Perennial weeds are a bit more challenging. Many have extensive roots that are nearly impossible to remove entirely. Repeatedly digging up the plants can eventually manage these weeds, but it can take years. Cutting the plants back to the ground as soon as they appear can help "starve" them, prevent reseeding, and help contain and even eliminate some perennial weeds.

If the weeds begin to take over the garden, tackle those flowering or setting seeds first. Do not compost these or perennial weeds. Most compost piles don't get hot enough to kill the seeds or perennial weeds. Contact your local municipality to find out your options for disposing of these as well as perennial and invasive weeds.

Once the weeds are out of the garden, spread a layer of organic mulch over

the soil surface. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed. Pull the mulch away from tree trunks, shrub stems, and the crowns of your other plants.

Mulching helps suppress weeds by reducing seed sprouting and making it easier to pull the seedlings that get through the mulch. Increase your success by placing a couple of sheets of newspaper or a piece of cardboard beneath the mulch. Mulching won't stop existing perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed. Keep managing these until all the roots have been removed.

Shredded leaves, evergreen needles, and other organic mulch also conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and add

organic matter to the soil as it breaks down. Mulch also helps protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy rains. As many places experience more intense rainfall and higher-than-normal summer heat, mulching the soil becomes even more beneficial.

Consider the benefits when you head out to tackle the weeds in your garden. You will improve the health and beauty of your garden while burning between 200 and 400 calories every hour you weed.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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TEEG board announces new Executive Director



Carl Asikainen

Director. TEEG is as important a resource for local residents as it has ever been and with a dedicated staff and board I'm prepared to help continue this tradition of service."

Installation of Rev. Yana Cruz - Pagan



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THOMPSON — The TEEG Board of Directors announced on Wednesday, June 26 that Carl Asikainen will replace Anne Miller as Executive Director when she retires in November of 2024.

Asikainen worked for End Hunger CT! conducting outreach for feeding programs in Eastern Connecticut from 2003 to 2011. He began his work at TEEG in 2011, and worked to create equity in the food that people could access through TEEG and other local pantries. He left the agency in 2016 to work with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness. While there, he worked at the state level to address youth homelessness by training network partners, coordinating resources, and advocating for those who faced unstable housing or homelessness. Carl returned to TEEG in 2021, stepping in to manage what are now three TEEG Markets, overseeing food rescue, distribution, and acquisition.

Asikainen has a strong passion for the work TEEG does, a vision for TEEG's future and a knowledge of local resources. Miller stated that she is delighted with the choice, and she looks forward to working with him in the coming months to create a shared vision and understanding of the work ahead.

He said, "I'm thrilled to continue to work in our region in this new capacity as Executive

Taylor Brooke Brewery hosts Paws Cat Shelter fundraiser

WOODSTOCK — In celebration of the anniversary of Helicopter Cat Dad Beer release, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 818 CT171 in Woodstock, is hosting a social evening on Wednesday, July 17 from 5 – 8 p.m. to benefit Paws Cat Shelter. A basket raffle and photo booth will add to the fun. Beer and wine available for purchase. Paws Cat Shelter is a non-profit, all volunteer organization caring for the cats of our communities.

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ANSWER: JULY

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

		2	14
10	15		26
	20	3	28
19	43	6	

3	20	5
1	51	101
2	8	4

Solution

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

• **1608:** QUEBEC CITY IS FOUNDED BY SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN.

• **1767:** ADRESSEAVISEN, NORWAY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER STILL IN PRINT, IS FOUNDED.

• **1973:** MUSICIAN DAVID BOWIE RETIRES HIS STAGE PERSONA ZIGGY STARDUST.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

L C E E T A R E B H E T N O N I T A

Answer: Celebrate the nation

New Word

INDEPENDENCE

the state of being free of control

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Parade

SPANISH: Desfile

ITALIAN: Parata

FRENCH: Parade

GERMAN: Parade

Did You Know?

CANADA CELEBRATES CANADA DAY ON JULY 1. A FEW DAYS LATER ON JULY 4, THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY. BOTH ARE DAYS OF NATIONAL PRIDE FOR THESE COUNTRIES.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FIREWORKS

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to swimming pools.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = E)

A. 20 10 1 23 19
Clue: Wet stuff

B. 11 3 6 15 19 13 9 23
Clue: Pool chemical

C. 6 10 7 7 23 19
Clue: Climbing device

D. 17 20 13 26 17
Clue: Moves through water

Answers: A. water B. chlorine C. ladder D. swims

SUDOKU

	6				1	4		5
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	4	9	7		5	3		2
8	5	7		2				6
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7		4	8	1	6		2	

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

7	9	4	8	1	6	5	2	3
5	2	1	3	7	4	8	6	9
3	8	6	2	5	9	1	4	7
6	3	2	1	9	8	7	5	4
8	5	7	4	2	3	6	9	1
1	4	9	6	7	5	3	8	2
9	7	8	5	4	2	6	3	1
4	1	5	6	3	7	2	9	8
2	6	3	9	8	1	4	7	5

ANSWER:

Nicholas Betschmann named to SUNY Oneonta’s Dean’s List

ONEONTA, N.Y. — Nicholas Betschmann of Woodstock was one of more than 1,100 SUNY Oneonta students who earned Dean’s List honors for the spring 2024 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more. Betschmann is studying History at SUNY Oneonta.

SUNY Oneonta is a public, four-year university in Central New York, enrolling about 5,500 students in a wide variety of bachelor’s degree programs and more than a dozen graduate certificate and degree programs. The university is known as both an exemplary residential campus that values inclusion, service and sustainability, and a nurturing community where students grow intellectually, thrive socially and live purposefully. Learn more at <https://sunyoneonta.edu/>

Colby Pion of Danielson named to University of Scranton Dean’s List

SCRANTON, Pa. — Colby D. Pion of Danielson was among more than 1,650 students were named to The University of Scranton’s Dean’s List for the 2024 spring semester. The Dean’s List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean’s List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university’s College of Arts and Sciences, Kania School of Management and the Leahy College of Health Sciences (formerly the Panuska College of Professional Studies).

Pion is a senior physiology major in the University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Meg Gohn of Woodstock earns degree from Clark University

WORCESTER, Mass. — Meg E. Gohn, of Woodstock received a degree from Clark University during the University’s 120th Commencement exercises on Monday, May 20. Gohn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through more than 45 undergraduate majors and major tracks, more than 30 advanced degree programs, a growing number of professional certificate programs and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from July 1924

The month of July has been home to many historical events over the years. Here’s a look at some that helped to shape the world in July 1924.

- Full-time airmail service begins on July 1. A fleet of airplanes are used to transport mail day and night, and the time to send mail between New York and San Francisco is 35 hours, a reduction of 50 percent.
- A political dispute prompts a sword duel between Álvaro de Castro, the Prime Minister of Portugal, and Flight Captain Teófilo José Ribeiro da Fonseca on July 2. Ribeiro suffers a wounded arm during the duel.
- The Caesar salad is created in Mexico on July 4. Italian-born restaurateur Caesar Cardini is inspired to create the dish by Americans crossing the border into Tijuana to legally purchase alcohol from his eatery during the holiday weekend.
- The opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics are conducted at Colombes Stadium in Paris on July 5. The Organizing Committee decides against inviting Germany for the second straight Olympics.
- English Jew Harold Abrahams wins the 100 meter sprint at the Summer Olympics in Paris on July 7. Abrahams, who was the target of antisemitic prejudice during the Games, is later profiled the 1981 film, “Chariots of Fire.”
- Panama receives diplomatic recognition from Colombia on July 9, more than 20 years after the country seceded from Colombia at the urging of the United States.
- The Kimberly-Clark Corporation files the original trademark application for Kleenex on July 12.
- Horacio Vásquez is inaugurated as president of the Dominican Republic on July 13, officially ending the United States’ administration of the island.
- Éamon de Valera and other political prisoners are released from incarceration by the Irish Free State on July 15.
- The legend of “Bigfoot” begins on July 16 when The Oregonian publishes the first nationwide news story about a tall and hair-covered “apeman.” The creature is not described as “Bigfoot” until 1958.
- The United States Vice Consul to Iran, Robert Imbrie, is beaten to death by an angry mob in Tehran on July 18. Imbrie photographed a well in the city’s bazaar where a miracle was believed to have occurred, and some who assaulted him believed he poisoned the well. Imbrie survives the initial beating and is taken to a hospital, but the mob follows him there and beats him again, leading to his death.
- Herman “Hi” Bell of the St. Louis Cardinals pitches all 18 innings of the St. Louis Cardinals’ doubleheader on July 19. Bell earns the victory in both contests, and remains the last Major League pitcher to pitch all 18 innings of a twinbill on the same day.
- Film catches on fire in a movie house in Veracruz, Mexico on July 23. Twenty children are subsequently trampled to death as patrons attempt to flee the fire.
- Greece announces the expulsion of 50,000 Armenians on July 25.
- American League umpires are ordered to cut short arguments about balls and strikes in an effort to speed up the pace of play on July 25. The directive, issued by league president Ban Johnson, also prevents players from taking too much time inspecting baseballs for signs of tampering.
- Rebels affiliated with the Brazilian Army quietly withdraw from Sao Paulo on July 28. The rebels are gone for five hours before the government realizes they had quit.
- The prosecution rests in the Leopold and Loeb case on July 30. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb are subsequently each convicted of the murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks and sentenced to life imprisonment plus 99 years, though Leopold is released on parole in 1958. Loeb is murdered in a prison shower room in January 1936.

Did you know?

The adage, “Success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan” is an applicable turn of phrase in many instances, and it seems to ring true when trying to pin down the origins of ice cream. A 2019 study from Datassential that surveyed more than 2,500 consumers about their dessert habits and preferences found that ice cream is the No. 1 dessert. If that’s a fairly straightforward pursuit, identifying the origins of this beloved treat is not so easy. Many attribute the origins of ice cream to China’s Tang dynasty, which was in power from 618 to 907. History.com notes that sources from that period reference a sweet drink made from iced, camphor-laced water buffalo milk, which certainly sounds similar to modern day ice cream. But others point much further back, noting that iced drinks and desserts were sold along the Euphrates River as far back as at least 4000 B.C. History.com also notes that the first European ice creams can be traced to Italy in the 1600s. The difficulty with distinguishing the exact origins of ice cream, and the various claims

that trace those beginnings to one place or another, support the notion that success, in this case the confectionary triumph that is ice cream, indeed has many fathers.



We all scream for ice cream

Few treats are more popular on a warm day than ice cream. With its rich flavor and cooling nature, ice cream is perfect in a cone, cup, cake, or even as a sidekick to a brownie or piece of pie. Summer may be the season when ice cream is enjoyed the most — and many people have fond memories of chasing down the neighborhood ice cream truck on summer afternoons — but ice cream is a favorite all year long.

The number of ice cream flavors is only limited by the imaginations of ice cream shop owners. New small-batch offerings come out each week at privately owned shops. However, despite the infinite number of flavor combinations, certain ice cream flavors are more popular than others. According to the International Dairy Foods Association 2022 Ice Cream & Frozen Novelty Trends Survey,



these flavors are tops in the eyes of Americans.

1. Chocolate
2. Cookies N’ Cream
3. Vanilla
4. Strawberry
5. Chocolate Chip
6. Cookie Dough
7. Butter Pecan
8. Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
9. Caramel
10. Salted Caramel

According to a 2022 survey of

1,239 Canadians conducted by Narrative Research, these are the favored flavors among Canadian ice cream aficionados.

1. Chocolate
2. Vanilla
3. Mint chocolate (with no chip)
4. Maple walnut
5. Butterscotch
6. Cookie Dough
7. Cookies N’ Cream
8. Strawberry
9. Moose Tracks
10. Neapolitan

Vanilla stands as the global ice cream favorite, but some key flavors also stand out in countries around the world. In Japan, Green Tea is a popular flavor, Venezuelans prefer Banana, and in Thailand Coconut reigns supreme.

Ice cream preferences vary across the globe. However, ice cream in all flavors and forms is a beloved dessert few can resist.

Interesting facts about ice cream



Charles E. Menches is the inventor of the ice cream cone, which he first offered for sale at the St. Louis World’s Fair in 1904. Ernest Hamwi, Abe Doumar, Albert and Nick Kabbaz, Arnold Fornachou, and David Avayou are some others who have been credited with inventing the ice cream cone.

- The Dairy Alliance reports that three gallons of milk are required to produce a single gallon of ice cream. That means one cow can produce between two and three gallons of ice cream per day.
- Ice cream aficionados span the globe, but the

World Atlas reports that no country consumes more ice cream per capita than New Zealand. New Zealand is reportedly renowned for producing high-quality dairy products, which might be one reason why the average New Zealander consumes 28.4 liters of ice cream per year. The United States (20.8 liters per year per person) and Australia (18 liters) are next in line behind New Zealand.

- Chocolate reigns supreme as the most popular ice cream flavor in the world. So says an analysis of data from Lexham Insurance conducted by The Food

Channel®. That data represents figures from 121 countries and found that vanilla, mint chocolate chip, cookie dough, and buttered pecan round out the top five ice cream flavors across the globe.

- According to Ben & Jerry’s, the new ice cream texture that develops after a pint melts and then re-freezes is the result of microscopic air bubbles that keep ice cream soft and fluffy. That air escapes when ice cream melts, and since it’s gone when the ice cream refreezes, the result is a product that’s no longer as soft as it was intended to be.

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Mark “Ben” Benjamin Hennigan February 24, 1960 – June 23rd 2024



Woodstock - With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Mark “Ben” Benjamin Hennigan. Born on February 24, 1960, Ben’s life was marked by his kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to his loved ones.

During his school years, Ben was passionate about soccer, where he played as a dedicated captain. This early love for the sport reflected his spirit of teamwork and perseverance, traits that would define his life. It was 1980 when he met Susan Alberts, the love of his life, thanks to the fortuitous intervention from her brother, David. Married in 1981, beginning a journey filled with shared dreams, unwavering support, and cherished memories.

In 1983, Ben and Susan welcomed their first child, Brian Hennigan, whose adventurous and intelligent nature brought joy to their lives. Five years later, in 1988, their family grew with the arrival of their loving and humorous daughter, Amy Tatro. Ben was a devoted father who filled their home with love, laughter, and invaluable life lessons. He was blessed a second time when they found special partners in Gregory Tatro and Anastasia Hennigan.

Ben’s professional life was as varied as it was fulfilling. While many years were spent at UPS, it was his own business, Roseland Builders, he truly loved. Ben’s craftsmanship, integrity, and genuine kindness earned him a loyal clientele and countless friends. His work was more than just a job; it

was a reflection of his commitment to quality and his desire to make a positive impact in people’s lives.

Ben was a person who would give the shirt off his back. Always ready to lend a helping hand, whether it was assisting a stranger in need or volunteering as an EMT in Woodstock. Ben believed in empowering others, teaching and guiding so they could stand on their own.

Ben’s greatest joy came from his five grandchildren: Eisen and Hayes Tatro, and Amelia, Hunter, and Kiera Hennigan. He took immense pride in doting on them, finding endless joy in their presence, and creating lasting memories through his love and attention.

Ben is survived by his loving wife, Susan Hennigan (Alberts); his devoted son, Brian Hennigan, and amazing daughter-in-law, Anastasia Hennigan, along with their three children, Amelia, Hunter, and Kiera; and his caring daughter, Amy Tatro (Hennigan), and remarkable son-in-law Gregory Tatro, and their two sons, Eisen and Hayes.

Predeceased by his parents, his brother Michael Hennigan, and his second family, Joyce and Bill Grinold.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to visit with Ben’s family on Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Ben’s memory may be made to P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 191, Eastford, CT 06242. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

William Daniel Gerck

William Daniel Gerck was born Nov 26, 1962 in Decatur, Ill, and passed away June 15, 2024.

He was the son of the late Judith Ann Cobble and the late William H Gerck.

Everybody knew him as “Dan the Painter Man” or the “The Soup Nazi.”

He came CT because his mom and Jim needed help to move her from South Carolina.

He met the love of his life in a restaurant kitchen. They started as friends and fell in love.

He married Dawn Scoullar on June 10, 1989 in Pickens, SC.

Dane was a union painter of IU of Pat Dis. Council #11.

If you even needed help for anything, he would be there.

He w a very loving and giving man.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn. His sister Christine and her husband Terry Traeger in Montana. His nephews Tyler and Tate. Tyler’s wife Kyla and his great nephew Tanner and great nieces Tacy and Tawny.

Also in Montana his brother Joe Zody and his wife Jen and his niece Samantha and nephews Zach and Tyzer.

In Illinois, his step-dad Jim Cobble.

In Georgia, his step-brother Trent Cobble and his son in NH Sebastian.

Also in Georgia, his sister-in-law Sandy Kindade and her husband Peter.

In North Carolina his step-sister Kim Massie.

Here in CT, his Mom-in-law Debby Chabot and his sister-in-law Linda Bastien and many, many friends that he felt were like family. You know who you are!

A celebration of life will be held on Aug. 1 and the Brooklyn Gathering

Tourtellotte Memorial High School honor roll

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Tourtellotte Memorial High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

9th grade
High Honors: Alexis Andrews, Dylan Axtell, Maddison Carlson, Estela Freitas, Billie Lewis, Tanisha Patel, Mabel Perreault, Samantha Podgorni, Jordyn Poplawski
Honors: Amelia Brousseau, Jordan Burns, Nicko Casto, Kaydyn Racca, Matthew Rybacki
Recognition: Ozzy Collette, Zachary Frederick, Haley Russell

10th grade
High Honors: Joseph Annese, Bailey Benton, Deanna Burress, Quintin Cabral, Julia Lewis, Caitlyn L’Heureux, Briana Martin, Nathan Plaza, Gaige Smith, Isabella Stewart, Ava Tucker, Jenna Valby
Honors: Dylan Bryniarski, Phoenix Cruz-Rios, Cirstian DeJesus, Ember Merrill, Sahara Moore, Noelia Reed, Tyler Shead, Laci Sinni
Recognition: Isabella Bonin, Alex Davis, Chloe Hebert, Vivianna Hill, Alexis Phav, Makenna Sheridan, Cooper Sweeney, Joshua Tackson, Fabiola Torres, Kevin Vescera

11th grade
High Honors: Aiden Bourget, Joshua Carlson, June Ferraro, Megan Nachtigall, Pavanny Phav, Nicholas Ruggieri, Jackson Santos, Luke Senosk, Lindsey Sturtevant, Sofia Thurber
Honors: Grace Akana, Bailee Carlson, Xiomarie Cruz-Rios, Jinalyse Denham, Lucas Gillon, Isabelle McGlynn, Hannah Mead, Jack Perry
Recognition: Gianna Brinson, Angel Sherpa, Serena Smith

12th grade
High Honors: Kaylee Beck, Avery Butler, Jordyn Butler, Audrey DeFilippo, Tara Heffernan, Madyson Koziak, Eric Levesque, Melanie Noonan, Patricia Peterson, Noel Racicot
Honors: Aidan DeFilippo, Luke Hebert, Gabriella Lubomirski, Isabelle Nieves, Jacob Perry, Koby Rock
Recognition: Landon Corriveau, Brad Herlihy, James Julian, Joel Majorowski

Thompson Middle School honor roll

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Grade 5
High Honors: Parker Beck, Kasandra Beckett, Cole Benoit, Joshua Boss, Emily Cabral, Jezarya Denham, Ella DiCicco, Annabelle Estabrook, Jaxton Freeman, Joshua Freitas, Chloe Gillon, Tripp Hoinig, Logan McCarthy, Jordan McDonald, Dylan Mrozinski, Mitchell Murzycki, Jaeda Rose, Grace Roy, Kinslie Stewart, Julianne Valby, Kaylee Valdes, Elizabeth Vescera, Lily Wolf, Bailey Young
Honors: Alexandere Apley, Ashel Aubin, Hailey Caverly, Ethan Cayer, Kileigh Comptois, Selena Curry, Ezerik Johnson, McKenzi Hamilton, Jakub Krupa, Eva Lafontaine, Jasmine McCutcheon, Rosalea Rizzuti, Amelia Smith
Recognition: Olivia Davis, Caleb Desjarlais, Sebastian Kennedy, Piper Kus, Savannah McKiernan, Alyssia Rivers

Grade 6
High Honors: Stephen Andrews, Kiley Audette, April Boudreau, Brooke Caya, Gracie Greene, Amelia Hachigian, Maya Khaomongkhoun, Lily Kimball, Laura Logsdon, Jack Lyon, Nathan Lyon, Ellyana Mayo, Lucey Miller, Rylee Parkin, Colin Peckham, Sienna Ring, Allison Rivers
Honors: Matthew Chrzanowski, Jack Gustafson, Adrien Harper, Maggie Keegan, Liam Maliff, Jayden O’Connor, Chaice Seney, Amelia Senkhamtar, Carly Smith, Avery Szarkowicz
Recognition: Jordyn Aponte, Russell Chrabaszcz, Elizabeth Lemay, Summer Warburton, Logan Wedda

Grade 7
High Honors: Shyla Beckett, Payton Bolte, Hazel Clavette, Logan Delicata, Emma Fournier, Sydney Jacobson, Sophia Kus, Paris Lowe, Colin Mead, Jacob Saad, Shawn Sinni, Jayden Watkins
Honors: Deegan Bryniarski, Jeylia Denham, Amilia Fraser, John Lowe, Andrew Marquette, Jacob McHugh, Cameron Snow
Recognition: Timothy Charbonneau, Saylem Kratzer, Parker Smith, Mason Wolf

Grade 8
High Honors: Danika Beliveau, Scarlett Beliveau, Kammy Boothby, Ashley Boudreau, Olivia Cabral, Emma Dodd, Evelynnn Dos Santos, Jeremi Helwig, Chloe McDonald, Rafaelle Mondarte, Madison Perry, Parker Ring, Gabriella Santos, Stanley Ten Eyck
Honors: Graciella Baublitz, Adam Boss, Paisley Comeau, Madison Fitzgerald, Camden Foster, Parker Leveille, Madison Marchitelli, Jon Palmer, Aleck Thurber, Nevaeh Youssef
Recognition: Jacob Brosnihan, Aiden Rafferty

USJ Dean’s List announced

WEST HARTFORD — University of Saint Joseph (USJ) has announced the undergraduate students who earned their way to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2024 semester. Students were awarded this academic achievement for having earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a “B.”

Students on the Spring 2024 USJ Dean’s List are:
Isabella Belanger, of Eastford
Kaden McCullough-Murphy, of Woodstock
Alicia Smith, of Eastford
Emma Carpenter of Brooklyn

The University of Saint Joseph is the premier small private university in Connecticut developing professionals for in-demand fields. A USJ degree is a proven credential for undergraduates seeking a traditional New England college setting with exceptional NCAA Division III athletics and a strong sense of community. For graduate students ready to learn more and earn more, USJ offers online, hybrid, and on-ground masters and doctoral programs with innovative modular curricula that attract students from around the world.
View our website at www.usj.edu.

Area residents named to Dean’s List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Hanna Longwell of Woodstock has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine’s largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state’s top provider of health professionals and home to Maine’s only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit une.edu

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KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year:

Seniors: Kiana Capiga, Julie Carver, Kaitlin Cicchetti, Elizabeth Conway, Molly Crabtree, Sydney Crabtree, Joseph Ericson, Darin Exarhoulias, Devin Exarhoulias, Laura Farquhar, Lillian Gaudet, Ross Hill, Erika Horne, Melody Kettle, Emily Lamparelli, Isabella Lepine, Sydney Mullen, Sherrie Simoneau, Grace Sumner, Emma Vandale, Justin Wellman, Cassidy Wilson, Julia Young . First Honors: Aaryanna Adams, Lauren Alvarez, Rose Barnes, Domenico Capuano, Amber Cobb, Jocelyn Crowley, Deven Delaney, Annina Desabota, David Evans, Lila Fortin, Isabella Graichen, Alina Hadley, Rachael Hutchinson, SkyAnn Kettle, Brody Khaomongkhoun, Raigan Leveille, Ilyana Malarkey, Selina Metzermacher, Anya Oliverson, Sai Patel, Ava Peloquin, Emilee Pepin, Madilyn Provost, Soren Rief, Izabella Robbins, Peyton Rosen, Alexis Ruiz Ortiz, Amani Samuel, Gina Soraseun, Talan Walker, Chloe Yip, Lindsey Zicolella. Second Honors: Adam Amine, Kaylee Baker, Cassidy Card, Abigail Comtois, Madison Daniels, Shea Feeney, Owen Gluschenko, Mason Gomes, Jonah Hussey, Andrew MacIntyre, Zoey Moore, Dylan Philibert, Zaiden Rukstela, Alaina Salkiewicz, Sophia Scandalito, Ian Stone, Carter Sullivan, Dakota Tate, Malia Taylor-Robichaud, Demetrius Thornton.

Juniors: Abigail Anforth, Dakota Bourbeau, Philip Fernandez Garcia, Eliza Greenhalgh, Lilah Moran, Alleah Owen, Phillip Purcell, Sarah Roy, Usa Sacksith. First Honors: Olivia Andrade, Alekos Basley, Lila Beaudreault, Dani Carlsen, Emma Desrosiers, Alayla Gebo, Alexander Hebert, Gianna Henson, Julia Jarvis, Caydan Jonasch, Eliana Keomanivong, Addison King, Kylie Lawrence, Chloe Magao, Emily Mancini, Addison Montville, Rachael Owen, Emma Rainville, Noah Reinhart, Katie Smith, Lucy St. Germain, Kendra St. Marie, Ivan Tang, Kayla Tran. Second Honors: Thomas Berube, Elisea Cruz, Kylie Day, Grace Deslauriers, Tobias Dexter, Norah DiMartino, Lilah Dunn, Kathrin Fischer, Kayson Gile, Zachary Gluschenko, Casey Hamilton, Alexis Hunt, Katelyn Hyatt, Hayden Larrow, Aiden Mantia, Landon Manzi, Ella Marceau, Sasha Noury, Madison O'Donnell, Kylie Perras, Ada Sandberg, Russell Sharpe, Lincoln Waterman, Brady Zadora.

Sophomores: Michael Allen, Emma Belliveau, Ezekiel Benoit, Isaiah Benoit, Gavin Bessenaire, Samantha Bourque, Alena Clayton, Kane Geddis, Melody Hutchinson, Emerson Joly, Evan Kozey, Lily Peckham, Elizabeth Poplawski, Kendall Rosen, Talia Santesse, Tyler Smith, Samantha Smyth, Quinn Sumner, Sophia Tomany, Lucas Waterhouse. First Honors: Peityn Adams, Jace Basinet, Jaliyah Blair, Elizabeth Carlson, Nicholas Caron, Alexa Deleon, Morgan Deojay, Kalynn Dombkowski, Ella Dunn, Jayden Durand, Hannah Highley, Adam Klosowski, Aiden Lamotte, Grace Main, Ella Moyer, Cheyenne Reynolds, Riley Ritchotte, Callan Senecal, Amaya Spadola, Mariette Vien. Second Honors: Jayden Alvarez, Aliza Asselin, Shyah Baker, Brenna Baribeau, Mason Bisson, Tobi Carver, Hailey Collins, Chase Conklin, Neishalie Delbrey, Caroline England, Michael Fabiano, Ian Gaudet, Christopher Graff, Matthew Guenette Jr., Ethan Hall, Siobhan Hart, Zachary Hebert, Angelina Hitchew, Amber Hunt, Lacie Keegan, Teagan Klewin, Savannah LaFlash, Issac Lake, Dakota Loring, Ryder Maguire, Michael Maheu, Ashleigh Mendoza, Chloe Moniz, Alex Murdock, Walter Okoney, Nathaniel Orenge, Ella Periera, Zachary Phillips, Klaus Resulaj, Wesley Sprouse, Ivan Swabby, Hailey Therrien, Wyatt Tryba Mailloux, Calvin Vandale, Ryleigh Zachow.

Freshmen: Logan Brooks, Chloe Cesolini, Clover Cooper, Willow Deary, Felicia Desabota, Kayla Drinkwater, Izabelle Gluschenko, Tomas Gutierrez, Attilea Jarvis, Addyson Larkin, Lillianna LaRoche, Emilie LeCrone, Alisa Libby, Elijah Poh, Edward Purcell, Drew Seiffert, Sophia St. Germain, Kendall Ternowchek, Cydney Thompson, Allegra Turbayevskiy, Presley Waterman, Amiyah Woodmansee, Claire Zachow. First Honors: Brady Girardin, Hailey Gluck, Dannielynn Gonzalez, Owen Hartley, Zoe Labonte, Glen Leveille, Esme Miller, McKenna Mulvey, Sarah Owen, Dylan Pedersen, Mia Rayta, Trevor Remillard, Jaiden Rickell, Crystal Rondeau, Stella Seney, Samphina Zinnah. Second Honors: Aiden Anforth, Jiyeard Baldwin, Zachary Blanchard, Alexia Collazo, Quin Crowley, Ashton Dubeau, Maddux Duquette, Logan Durand, Trinity Eldridge, Savannah Frias, Joseph Gordon, Gracie Hamelin, Krista Kettle, Dakota Lavoie, Eva LeSage, Selena Lopez, Owen Lyons, William Mancini, Brandon Melmed, Tyler Montecalvo, Austin Newman, Riley Nolin, Arionna Pepin, Matthew Poirier, Max Richardson, Victor Sansone, SonSearae Sawyer, Cierra Sibley, Christian Tremblay, Richard Turcotte, Hailey Tursi, Leah Valentine, Jake Voyer, Mason Wiesner, Jessie Williams .

FAIR

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Championship takes place. The winning team gets \$3,000. Teams must pre-register to compete and all of the information can be found at woodstockfair.com.

The United Ag &Turf Fabulous Family Fun area will feature the Kessel Temple Saber Guild, the Generations Barbershop quartet, the Hayloft Square Dancers, two karate shows on Saturday and Sunday, Noodles the Clown and Creative games with Judi Jones as well as some eating contests and family and children's games.

Plus, tethered balloon rides sponsored by Remax/Bell Park Realty, a huge new tractor and farm machinery display by United Ag & Turf, Nature Nick's Animal Adventures and the Sandtasia Sand Sculpture, all four days, up front in the new attraction area.

Advance tickets are currently on sale at a reduced price for a limited time on woodstockfair.com.

www.ConnecticutQuietCorner.com

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Kevin P Holbrook (24-00223)

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of North-east Probate Court, by decree dated May 24, 2024, 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, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Constance Latour
c/o MICHELE ANN PALULIS, ATTORNEY MICHELE ANN PALULIS, LLC, 158 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2, P. O. BOX 616, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 5, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and Sewer Usage bills, listed on the October 1, 2023 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **July 1, 2024.**

PAY ONLINE! DON'T STAND IN LINE.

Payment must be postmarked on or in the office no later than **August 1, 2024, to avoid delinquency and interest charges.** Interest will be charged on August 2, 2024, on all delinquent payments, at the rate of 1.5% per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Sewer Usage bills, also have a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each delinquent bill.

Motor vehicle taxes are also due by **August 1, 2024.** If Motor vehicle bills are **not paid by August 1, 2024, they are considered delinquent** and will be reported as "delinquent" to the Motor Vehicle Department. Remember, you may not register your vehicle if your Town Motor Vehicle taxes are delinquent.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Fridays, the Woodstock Town Hall is CLOSED.

PAYMENTS are encouraged and accepted online via e-check and debit/credit cards — WoodstockCT.Gov; Pay Taxes Online. Payments are also accepted, at our Tax Collector's window; or dropped off in our Silver Drop Box out-front at anytime.

The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

PAY ONLINE! DON'T STAND IN LINE.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT NEGATE YOUR OBLIGATION TO YOUR DEBT OR INTEREST DUE.

NORA VALENTINE
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
Woodstock, CT 06281
June 21, 2024
July 5, 2024
July 26, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Clara Chapuis (24-00235)

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of North-east Probate Court, by decree dated

June 11, 2024, 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, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Joseph P Chapuis
c/o AL YSON R ALEMAN, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CER-RONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 5, 2024

State of Connecticut•Department of Consumer Protection LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED FOR THESE PREMISES Posting Date: 06/24/2024

**Type of Permit: CONNECTICUT
CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR
Permittee: DANIEL B NAGY
Backer-Owner:
WATERCURE FARM LLC
Entertainment, If Any:
Acoustics (not amplified), Live
Bands, Disc Jockeys
Objections must be received to
DCP – Liquor Control Division by:
08-05-2024
Visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/remonstrance> for more information**
June 28, 2024
July 5, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF David L Holke (24-00226)

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of North-east Probate Court, by decree dated June 25, 2024, 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, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Marion Judy Holke
c/o ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR, 163 PROVIDENCE STREET, P.O. BOX 187, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 5, 2024

NOTICE: Town of Woodstock Sewer System Users FY 2024-2025

Being a self-sustaining authority, the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has determined that sewer rates will be unchanged for FY 24-25. The bill you are receiving includes the unchanged rate (listed below):
Residential - \$ 11.82 per 1,000 gallons or \$539.29 twice a year
Metered \$20.93 per 1,000 gallons
1 (EDU) x 250 (gallons per day) x 182.5 (days in a billing period) =45,625
45,625 = 45.625 X \$11.82= \$539.29
1,000 \$539.29 X 2 = \$1078.58 per year
Should you have any questions, please call 860-928-6929 ext. 394 to leave a message.
John Cimochoowski, Chairman
Water Pollution Control Authority
July 5, 2024

TOWN OF THOMPSON WARNING OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AUGUST 13, 2024

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the political party listed below will be held in your town on August 13, 2024 for nomination to each office indicated below. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

Office United States Senator
Party Republican
Name *Gerry Smith
Address 163 Laskey Rd Beacon Falls CT 06403
Republican
Address 181 Center St Manchester CT 06040
Office 29th State Senate
Party Republican
Name *Chris Reddy
Address 646 Brooklyn Tpke Hampton CT 06247
Patry Republican
Name Susanne Witkowski
Address 12 Clarence Dr Thompson CT 06277
Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 21st day of June 2024.
Stephanie Thomas
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will begin with early voting on August 5, 2024 through August 11, 2024, and the primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 13, 2024. The hours of voting during early voting and at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Early Voting – Location: Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
Hours of Voting:
August 05, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
August 06, 2024 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
August 07, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
August 08, 2024 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
August 09, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
August 10, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
August 11, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Hours of Voting on August 13, 2024: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
District No. 1 — Thompson Library/

Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale
District No. 2 — Town Hall Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale
District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug
District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson
Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this 24th day of June 2024
Renee Waldron, Town Clerk
Town of Thompson
July 5, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Leonard E Averill (24-00191)

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of North-east Probate Court, by decree dated June 4, 2024, 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, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Deborah Merl
c/o NICHOLAS HERON MANCUSO, MANCUSOCAREY, LLC, 116 PARUM RD., COLCHESTER, CT 06415
July 5, 2024

TOWN OF THOMPSON Planning and Zoning LEGAL NOTICE

At the Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on June 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and via ZOOM, the following actions were taken.

PZC #24-11 APPLICANT Ishwara Sharma, 1 Rattan Road Realty Trust, owner of 1410 Thompson Rd, Map 114, Block 27, Lot 21,Zone RRAD, 49.53 acres, Special Permit for Multi-Housing 16 single family homes, 4 duplexes, community building according to The Town of Thompson Zoning Regulations, **Article 7, 275-7.2 #14 and Article 4, 275-4, A. B. and C**
VOTE IS TABLED TO NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7-22-24 AT 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and via ZOOM.

PZC #24-16 Applicant Sanat Patel, property owner of 423 Pasay Rd, Map 79, Block 47, Lot 10, Zone RRAD 18.6 Acres representing Dahya Development requesting a 4 lot subdivision according to Sub-division regulations **Article III, Section A, 1- 3. Accepted for a Public Hearing**
PZC #24-17 Applicant Gnanant LLC property owner of 96 Main Street, Map 169, Block 88, Lot 53, Zone DMRD request Multl-family dwelling of 3 or more units, according toZoning Regulations **Article 12, 275-12.2, #21. Accepted for a Public Hearing**

Respectfully submitted.
Joe Parodi-Brown, Chairman
Files may be reviewed at the Planning and Zoning Office
July 5, 2024

