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## Marianapolis' Valedictorian and Salutatorian prepared for college and beyond

THOMPSON — Bridget MacDonough will deliver the valedictory address and Violeta Torres will deliver the salutatory address at Marianapolis' Class of 2024 commencement ceremony on June 2.

MacDonough, the daughter of Brian MacDonough and Jeanmarie MacDonough, resides in Grafton, Mass. and will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall with a major in chemical engineering.

When reflecting on her time at Marianapolis, MacDonough shares, "I am grateful that I could be a part of such a fun and supportive community. I have enjoyed being able to go to school with people from all over the world, which has allowed me to come out of high school with a much greater understanding of the many different perspectives we may come across in life."

Marianapolis Head of School, David DiCicco, highlights MacDonough as someone who "has impressed us with her indomitable spirit and commitment to the highest levels of success across activities, certainly in the classroom, and on the field and in the community as well."

MacDonough credits her parents, brother, and sister for her success.

They "have always been my biggest supporters in the classroom, on the field, and in life. Whenever I need advice or guidance, my family



Bridget MacDonough (left) and Violeta Torres (right).

has always been there to help me achieve my goals," she said.

Her favorite memories at Marianapolis include her spring break trip to Greece and many of the bus rides to field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse

games. MacDonough is also thankful for her teachers and coaches, who played a pivotal role in her amazing experience

at Marianapolis. She says, "Having teachers who want you to learn and really want to see you do well has made such a big differ-

ence in the way I have approached school. They have made me excited to go to class, motivated me to give my best effort to everything I do, and

inspired me to apply what I have learned beyond the classroom."

Looking ahead to college and beyond, MacDonough shares, "I am excited for the start of this next chapter and know that although it will be difficult, I am more than well prepared to take on what challenges I may come face to face with. Although it is hard to say exactly where I will be in a few years from now, I hope I can use everything I have learned to make a meaningful impact on my community."

Torres, daughter of Mauricio Torres and Kimberly Linares and step-daughter of Miguel Linares and Alhena Torres, resides in Plainfield, and will attend Dickinson College in the fall with the desire to double major in English and another area of study yet to be determined.

During her time at Marianapolis, Torres says, "I have learned the importance of self-advocacy and that it is okay to ask for help when I am struggling with something. My advice for future students and classes is to be patient with yourself. We can all strive to accomplish great things, but they do not happen overnight."

DiCicco emphasizes that Torres "has positively impacted so

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## Pomfret, Thompson, Woodstock approve new budgets

BY JASON BLEAU  
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REGION — Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock all recently approved new spending plans for Fiscal Year 2025 continuing a fast moving budget season for the region.

Pomfret acted first during their annual town meeting on May 16 where voters approved both the general government and education spending plans soundly. The combined budgets total \$14.7 million with increases to both spending plans increasing the mil rate by 0.41 mills. The general government plan came in at \$3.3 million, an increase of 1.41 percent. The education plan totals \$11.3 million which is an increase of 2.49 percent. The town will utilize leftover funds from both budgets to balance out the impact on the mil rate. The annual town meeting also approved a five-year capital improvement plan.

Thompson was next to vote on their budget on May 20. Last year, the budget took two referendums to pass, but for 2024 the taxpayers were satisfied with the initial proposals approving the general government and education spending plans by a vote of 555 to 492. The combined general government and education budgets come in at \$31.3 million. That included a \$21.4 million education budget, an increase of just over 4 percent, and a \$9.8 million town budget including debt services and capital improvement projects, a 12.89 percent increase. Altogether that equals an increase of 2.11 mills to the tax rate.

Woodstock's annual budget referendum was held a day later on May 21 with its own increases on the table. The proposed spending plan presented a general government budget of \$6.4 million, a 3.42 percent increase, and an education spending plan of \$22.7 million, an increase of 5.72 percent, for a total budget of \$29.1 million. Voters approved both plans through a single question in a 364 to 240 decision. The results will increase the mill rate by 0.63.

The three towns join Putnam in officially securing their budgets for Fiscal Year 2025. Killingly voters denied the town's proposed budget earlier in the month with a town meeting reconvening in June. Eastford and Brooklyn had set up town meetings to discuss their respective budgets for after Memorial Day weekend.

## Flexer, Gordon pursue reelection to State Senate

BOYD, DAUPHINAIS SEEK TO RETAIN HOUSE SEATS

BY JASON BLEAU  
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REGION — The 2024 election season is in full swing with a slew of familiar candidates confirming their intent to seek reelection for state Senate and House seats this November.

State Senator for the 29th District Mae Flexer, a Democrat, is seeking another term continuing

her longstanding service to the region dating back to 2009. Flexer served in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 2009 through 2015 before succeeding Donald Williams in the Senate. A victory would secure her sixth consecutive term in the seat. However, she will have a challenger in November with the recent announcement that her 2022 opponent Suzanne Witkowski and

newcomer Chris Reddy would face off in a primary in August to determine who will officially join Flexer on the ballot.

While Flexer is facing a challenger, another member of the State Senate currently has no clear competition for his seat. Republican State Senator Jeffrey Gordon of the 35th District, who won a close election for his first term in 2022, has declared his candidacy for reelection.

While the seat has proven to be competitive in the past, as of this writing local Democrats had yet to confirm a nominee for the seat leaving Gordon's path to reelection unchallenged for now.

Two incumbents for the Connecticut House of Representatives have also announced their reelection bids with no clear

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## Waldron announces bid for 51st District seat

BY JASON BLEAU  
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THOMPSON — With the announcement earlier this year that Rick Hayes would not run for reelection, the race for 51st District Representative representing Thompson, Putnam and Killingly is wide open. After Republican Chris Stewart announced his candidacy earlier this year, the Democrats have now chosen their candidate in Thompson's retiring Town Clerk Renee LaPalme-Waldron.

Waldron has a long history in the town of Thompson previously serving as the town's Recreation Director and currently finishing what she says will be her final term as Town Clerk, a position she has held since 2016. She is a lifelong resident of northeastern Connecticut where she built a career



Courtesy Photo

Democrat Renee LaPalme-Waldron (center dressed in red) has announced she will run for the 51st District State Representative seat.

and a family. Now she is hoping to take her experience and knowledge to Hartford, seeking an opportunity to help her community in a new capacity.

Waldron said she believes her experience working with families in different capacities in the town hall has given her a good idea of the issues faced by the local com-

munity. "I have spent over 30 years in public service. I really believe I have a pulse on the issue whether it's affordable housing,

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# Day Kimball appoints Vanessa M. Brown Vice President of Medical Affairs and Quality



Dr. Vanessa M. Brown

system of care. She oversees the medical staff office, quality improvement/risk management department, and the medical staff directors in eleven areas of care.

“I am thrilled to continue my journey at Day Kimball and embrace this new opportunity,” said Dr. Brown. “I am eager to collaborate with our exceptional team to further elevate our standards of excellence and meet the evolving healthcare needs of the Northeast Connecticut community. Focusing on enhancing quality initiatives allows us to make a significant impact in the lives of our patients, their families, and the community we serve while ensuring high-quality, compassionate, patient-centered care with a dedication to patient safety.”

Dr. Brown attended Yale University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology, followed by a Doctorate of Medicine at UCLA and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence at Quinnipiac University. Her professional association memberships include the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the American Bar Association, and the American Health Law Association.

Originally from Cheshire, CT, Dr. Brown now resides in Guilford, CT. She is active in the local community as a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and The Links, Incorporated. She also sits on the board of Storycorp, Inc. In her free time, Dr. Brown enjoys traveling with her family, tennis, and sailing.

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REGION — SCORE Eastern CT (<https://www.score.org/easternct>), Mentors to America's Small Businesses, presents a free Small Business Webinar, “Leadership Mastery: Delegation, Measurement, and Processes,” with Aaron Friedman, CEO / Founder at Guideposts, on Tuesday, June 11 from 5:30-7 p.m.

This new webinar is tailored for business leaders who aim to excel in managing organizational processes and optimizing business productivity. We'll explore how to integrate leadership skills, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to achieve sustained business success. You'll learn how to create a robust framework for success by reinforcing KPIs and SOPs

and empowering your workforce through effective delegation.

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- Leadership and Effective Delegation
- Mastering Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Developing and Implementing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Synergy Between Leadership, KPIs, and SOPs

Attendees will learn to delegate tasks effectively and establish KPIs and SOPs for efficient operations. The webinar will cultivate a culture of accountability, precision, and high performance. It will transform participants into strategic leaders who inspire and maintain high standards of operational excellence.

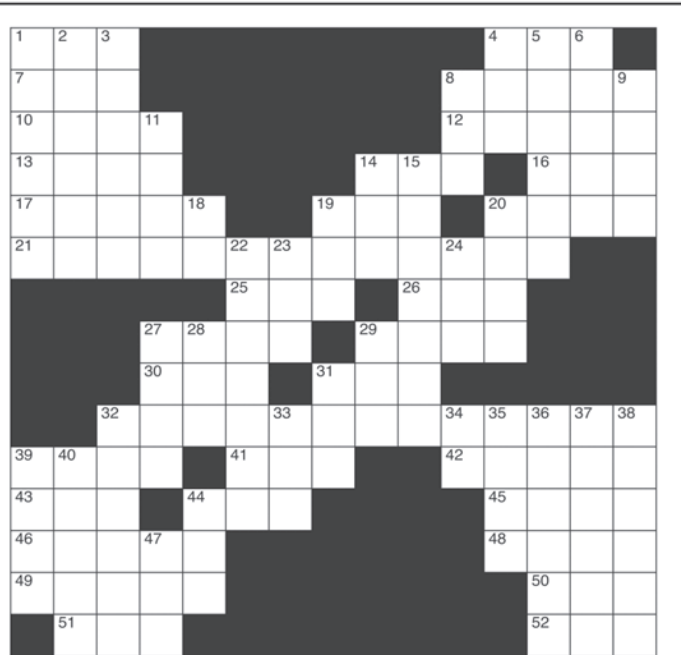
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Friedman is a seasoned business leader with over two decades of experience in operational transformation to boost performance through increased revenue, lowered operating costs, improved customer satisfaction, and workforce productivity. His track record includes strategically guiding companies of all sizes through mergers, acquisitions, and exit planning. Aaron has sought to deliver results through his expertise in due diligence, industry assessment, and strategic planning.

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### CLUES ACROSS

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Fashion accessory          | 29. It's on many people's heads   |
| 4. Engine additive            | 30. Boxing's GOAT                 |
| 7. Small, faint constellation | 31. Photo                         |
| 8. Gives a job                | 32. Popular HBO show              |
| 10. Self-righteous person     | 39. Popular music awards show     |
| 12. Caucasian language        | 41. Pouch                         |
| 13. Surinam toad              | 42. Lake in Botswana              |
| 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) | 43. Unruly group                  |
| 16. Former French coin        | 44. One-fourth                    |
| 17. Levels the score          | 45. Very eager                    |
| 19. What stage performers do  | 46. Edward ___, author and writer |
| 20. Egyptian Sun god          | 48. Flying insect                 |
| 21. Localities                | 49. Dragged forcibly              |
| 25. Spherical body            | 50. Thus far                      |
| 26. Licensed for Wall Street  | 51. Not just “play”               |
| 27. Perfect                   | 52. Commercials                   |

### CLUES DOWN

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Occur   | 24. Luke's mentor __-Wan            |
| 2. Show up   | 27. Postmodernist Austrian “House”  |
| 3. Capital of Taiwan                                 | 28. Aquatic salamander              |
| 4. Brother or sister                                 | 29. Baseball stat                   |
| 5. Secret get-togethers                              | 31. Beginning military rank         |
| 6. Type of tea                                       | 32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly |
| 8. Where the action is                               | 33. Paddle                          |
| 9. Cast out  | 34. Caregiver (abbr.)               |
| 11. Crime group                                      | 35. Old Irish alphabet              |
| 14. Type of vessel (abbr.)                           | 36. Japanese city                   |
| 15. Accept and handle                                | 37. In a way, acted                 |
| 18. Sacrifice hit                                    | 38. Things to see                   |
| 19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously | 39. Nursemaid                       |
| 20. Month  | 40. Type of tooth                   |
| 22. Most thin  | 44. To be demonstrated              |
| 23. Naturally occurring material                     | 47. Defunct European group          |



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# EASTCONN's Interdistrict Cooperative Grants Program takes grade 5 students to New Britain Museum of American Art



HAMPTON — For more than a decade, EASTCONN's Interdistrict Cooperative Grants Program has served as a driving force for educational equity and community collaboration across Connecticut. This innovative program brings together elementary and middle school students from diverse backgrounds to engage in inclusive, mindful and academically enriching learning experiences.

On Tuesday, June 4, EASTCONN's Interdistrict Cooperative Grants Program will lead a field trip for Grade 5 students to the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain as part of our Faces of Culture Grant.

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**Abbie O'Brien of Dayville named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University**

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Abbie Elizabeth O'Brien of Dayville, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

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**Brooklyn's Caroline Hamill earns degree from Eastern**

WILLIMANTIC — Caroline E.M. Hamill of Brooklyn was initiated into the Alpha Beta Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society on April 17.

On May 14, Hamill graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in Political Science and a minor in History from Eastern Connecticut State University.

EASTCONN Grant Coordinators and NBMAA staff members, a special gallery tour will address form, function, and mood, but also highlights American artists who originated from other parts of the world and who incorporate their cultural aesthetic into the work they create as naturalized American citizen-artists. Students will spend part of the day in the museum's studio space working on a studio art activity that they will get to take home.

Born out of the landmark Sheff vs. O'Neill case, Interdistrict Cooperative Grants aim to reduce racial, social and economic isolation by connecting students from rural and urban communities. The current program comprises

three individual grants: America's Mosaic, Faces of Culture and Mindful Transformations, all infused with mindfulness and social-emotional learning (SEL) practices.

"There are two overarching goals," said Grant Coordinator Stephanie White. "One is to reduce racial, social and economic isolation, and the second is to improve academic performance in targeted areas."

Central to the program's success is the integration of mindfulness into daily routines and classroom activities. "Mindfulness cultivates self-awareness, empathy, and overall well-being, fostering a positive school climate," said Grant Coordinator Esther Soffer.

The program facilitates pen pal exchanges, where students from different communities correspond and eventually meet for collaborative workshops and activities. These face-to-face interactions foster interpersonal connections and break down barriers.

An extensive network of community partners enriches the program, including Holocaust survivors, archeologists, wellness practitioners and many others. By hosting events at university campuses, participants are

immersed in a collegiate environment, introducing them to the prospect of higher education.

"Our goal is to get young students on campus so they're not intimidated by college," Soffer said. "They meet people who look just like they do and realize it can be a place for them too. It's life-changing."

EASTCONN's Interdistrict Grants Program remains dedicated to empowering students, fostering empathy,

and promoting community engagement through its holistic approach to education.

"Our journey is just beginning, and the possibilities are endless," said Soffer.

For more information about the Interdistrict Cooperative Grants Program, visit [eastconn.org](http://eastconn.org), watch an informational video or contact Stephanie White at [s.white@eastconn.org](mailto:s.white@eastconn.org).

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EDITOR

# Some of the best memories are made in flip flops

With Memorial Day weekend in the rearview mirror, summer is (unofficially, at least) in full swing, with everyone walking around with a sunkissed glow. Apart from mild weather, lush green forests, swimmable rivers and lakes and beautiful flowers, there are significant health benefits to these summer months.

Sunlight aids in regulating our systems. During the summer months there is a reduced rate of heart attacks. One study revealed that those who suffered a heart attack during the summer had survival rates increase by 19 percent. Vitamin D is said to play a role in protecting the heart as well as regulating calcium and phosphorus absorption.

Individuals tend to eat lighter and healthier in the summer, consuming more fruits and vegetables, which boosts our immune system. Produce is in abundance, whether it's at the local farmer's market or in our own back yards. Bring on the watermelon! The sun, can also cure many skin issues, such as psoriasis, dermatitis and acne, however this doesn't mean we can skip the sunscreen.

Summertime encourages us to get out and exercise. Getting the blood pumping creates endorphins and initiates and improves the flow of oxygen to the brain, which in turn lowers stress, and can aid in productivity in other areas of our lives. The longer days also afford us zero excuse to get out and get it done.

Because of the warmer temperatures, we automatically increase our water intake. This promotes digestion and flushes the toxins from our bodies.

Sleep disorders tend to fall by the wayside or improve during the summer due to the sun's early morning exposure. Experts say getting sunshine between 7 and 9 a.m. every morning, will help you sleep better at night.

Spending time with friends, family and community increases in the summer which is key to our mental health. During summer months there are more outdoor activities that bring folks together such as band concerts, farmer's markets, campfires, which are all great places to catch up with our neighbors.

Most people tend to go on vacation during the summer, reducing stress and burnout. More and more people are realizing just how important it is to take a breather.

Summertime helps us to feel more footloose and fancy free. There is also an overall feeling of relaxation and joy, over simple things like reading a book on the front porch, sipping sun tea or the smell of fresh cut grass.

The rivers flow wildly in the mountains and the lakes remain calm for fisherman to drop a line and float about, letting all cares melt away as the sunlight dances off the small ripples and waves. Mountain summits are picture perfect with blue skies, white clouds, vibrant green trees with glistening rocks, oftentimes creating scenes that don't even look real.

Take advantage of the season and savor every moment. In the words of the great writer Henry James, "Summer afternoon-summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

## Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Earth - It's the economy, stupid

To the Editor:

"It's the economy stupid": a memorable one-liner from well, you remember... As we read more and more about fires, floods, storms and droughts, it begs the question: what impact is climate change currently having on our economy? Researching this left my head spinning, and this topic is not getting the attention it should, because we all obviously care deeply about our personal economy and that of our country. So let's take a look at the ways climate change is impacting our economy and the tolls that come with them.

Instead of relying on scientists to tell us about this, let's take a look at what economists, global financial institutions and the insurance industry are saying. In a March 2023 report, the European Central Bank summarizes it this way: "Climate change and the public policies to arrest it are and will continue reshaping the global economy." So, while 25 percent of Americans still don't believe in climate change, their economy is shifting underfoot regardless of their beliefs. Why is that? Quite simply, climate disasters are driving this. But it's not easy to see the connection between the prices we are paying and climate change. Perhaps a look at a few sectors of our economy, ones we all depend on in pretty much the same ways, will help.

First, let's look at the U.S. housing market. According to an April 2022 report prepared for members of congress by the Congressional Research Service, the U.S. housing market has doubled in value in the past decade. That stunning growth becomes a double-edged sword when climate disaster strikes. As extreme weather events become more frequent, the economic losses grow larger. As those damages swell, new regions of the country are also becoming stressed as climate refugees abandon high risk areas for safer ones. Just ask the folks of Boise, Idaho how the community has changed in the last 10 years.

The subject of climate induced migration has gotten little attention from the mainstream press, but you'll be hearing a lot more about this in the coming years. Here in New England, we are comparatively secure to the risks of climate disaster. So, communities like Keene are starting to prepare for climate migration to bring similar changes that Boise is experiencing. In his 2023 book "The Great Displacement," Jake Bittle writes that in the next 50 years millions of Americans will "be forced inland and northward in what will be the largest migration in our country's history." Bearing this out already, the latest census data shows that all six New England states gained population between 2022 and 2023. Can any New Englander ever remember such a thing?

The title says it all in a January, 2024 article from Forbes: "30 [percent] Of Americans Cite Climate Change As A Motivator To Move In 2024." The article includes the statistic that one in 10 households in America were impacted by natural disasters in 2021 causing \$57 billion in property damages in the U.S. If you wondered why your home insurance rates have been rising sharply, there's your answer (more on that in a moment). But the term "natural disaster" is itself a misnomer, as climate change is unequivocally influenced by man and thus, not a purely natural phenomenon - we are bringing this upon ourselves. And while the economic carnage in places like Houston is not well known by us here in Connecticut, we have heard the tales of houses being rebuilt five times with FEMA funds and, of course, a sizable portion of those funds come from us here in New England via federal income tax. I bet you didn't know you were bailing out climate deniers in Texas! And we'll do it again, rebuilding the same houses a sixth and seventh time.

A view of the housing sector from the insurance industry is where things really start to get nasty. My policy premium has nearly doubled in the last 10 years. So when I renewed my homeowner policy a few months ago, I boldly asked my agent for a reduction in premium due to the fact I had a new roof installed only three years ago and had my electrical panel upgraded last summer. I read that these things should bring a discount as they make the house safer. My agent practically choked at that and quickly informed me that: 1) I was lucky my carrier still wrote insurance here in Connecticut, and 2) my rates would be going up at least 15 percent. Yikes!

But my personal experience with renewing my homeowner policy is nothing compared to what may be coming for us all. A May 15 article in the New York Times titled: The Possible Collapse of the U.S. Home Insurance System tells about how U.S. insurers are bleeding

cash so severely from climate disasters that the industry itself could collapse. Insurance is vital to a robust economy as it mitigates the risk individuals and corporations cannot handle on their own. Like with climate migration, insurance is reshaping itself under the pressures of climate change. At least five carriers have already pulled out completely from the Florida market and as my insurance agent told me, many have also left Connecticut. The trend is only expanding. What that will do to the U.S. housing market and broad economy we can only imagine won't be good.

By now, some readers know that I give a presentation in public forums about issues like this, because I believe they are not well understood by the general public, but are vital to humanity's wellbeing and future. When I present Earth2024, I show a slide pertinent to my career in the environmental insurance industry. The slide depicts a graph of the CAT (Catastrophic) losses for the industry by year. Data for the slide starts in 1970, and continues up to 2022. For the first two decades, CAT losses can be seen to be pretty much flat, averaging between \$5 billion and \$8 billion per year. Then, around 1990, the curve bends up as losses increased. 2004 was a hard hit for the industry, with a roughly \$65 billion loss year. But 2005 losses spiked to north of \$140 billion. We've broken the \$100 billion threshold (an unimaginable figure for the industry until only recent times) four more times, including a \$314 billion dollar loss year in 2022. I don't have data yet on 2023, but reports suggest it is in the \$250 billion range.

Let's now take a quick look at Infrastructure, which is another sector taking big hits from climate disaster. And once again, our federal tax dollars are being drained to rebuild damaged infrastructure, even though many of us in the Quiet Corner of Connecticut may never tap those funds ourselves. Coastal regions, particularly Florida and Texas routinely take the biggest hits from climate change, and while their governors deny climate change is real, they nonetheless keep taking the billions in FEMA and Army Corps of Engineers funds to rebuild. Don't we in Connecticut at least deserve thank you notes from governors Abbott and DeSantis? Something tells me, we'll never get them.

Finally, let's look at the U.S. agriculture sector, which like nearly everything else, is under assault from climate change. A 2021 article published by Scientific American reports that the federal insurance program (again, paid for by you and me), which shields farmers from devastating losses, is paying out billions as sweltering temperatures and floods devastate agricultural regions in the United States and farmers apply for aid from the program. In 2012 alone, the program paid out nearly \$9 billion. How long can we afford to do this?

Taking a broader look, a 2021 article from Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment, reports: "Despite important agricultural advancements to feed the world in the last 60 years, global farming productivity is 21 [percent] lower than it could have been without climate change. This is the equivalent of losing about seven years of farm productivity increases since the 1960s." So, not only are we losing farmland to drought and topsoil erosion from extreme storm events, the farms that remain secure are losing productivity as a result of extreme heat, droughts or floods. This should concern us in a world where the population is expected to grow by another two billion people by 2050. Food instability will continue to drive up prices everywhere.

By now, your head is probably spinning like mine was! And maybe you can see a little better how climate change is driving up the costs of everything, from the homes we live in, the roads and bridges we drive on, and even the food we eat. This is not normal inflationary pressure. This is the new world economy being driven by climate disaster which is pushing the costs of everyday things higher and higher. If we don't like that trajectory, then we better face up to this and respond to protect our economy and our children's future. In my next article, I'll write about the things we can do to make our world and economy more secure from climate change.

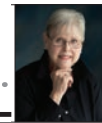
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## A time to celebrate

WOODSTOCK THROUGH THE YEARS  
CHARLENE PERKINS CUTLER



Over the centuries since the founding of Woodstock in 1686, there have been numerous milestones when history has been celebrated. After the Civil War, Memorial Day observances took on greater national attention than the anniversary of Independence Day. It was a matter that affected Henry C. Bowen, and he began to dedicate his summers to reemphasizing the significance of the Declaration of Independence. Although it was not specified as a celebration of our nation's centennial, Roseland Park did open in the summer of 1876 to celebrate that year's Fourth of July - 100 years from the fateful date that set a course of action Americans still benefit from today.

In 1886, Woodstock celebrated the Bicentennial of its founding. Clarence Bowen's "History of Woodstock" enumerated the events that took place over three days, Sept. 5-7, 1886. There was a special morning church service at the Woodstock Hill Church, followed by an afternoon service at Pulpit Rock. In attendance at that event was a choir who sang an anthem based on the 119th Psalm, which had been preached by John Eliot to the Native People. Musicians filled out the program, along with an address about the newly inscribed Pulpit Rock. The following day included an exhibition of portraits and artifacts. The ceremonial planting of a poplar tree took place near Eliot Rock, as well as an oak tree from Roxbury on the property of Herbert Bowen; and a final planting of an elm tree took place at Roseland Park. Readings, speeches and exercises continued at the Park until the program closed with a vow to meet once every hundred years for a thousand years.

True to that vow, Woodstockian gathered again in 1986 to celebrate their Tercentenary. It was a year-long observance, two years in the planning. The highlight was an exhibition in the Field House of the Woodstock Academy, featuring more than 1,000 artifacts and accompanied by an exhibit catalogue. There was also a recreation of Henry Bowen's Fourth of July Garden Party at Roseland Cottage, attended by the Lord Mayor of Woodstock, England. There was a Tercentenary Ball, parades, a road race, and sale of commemorative memorabilia including mugs, towels, needlepoint kits, and more. It was an all-consuming process for those involved in the planting, but it also created life-long memories and friendships.

In less than two years, Woodstock will have a chance to celebrate again - the Semiquincentennial of the United States. The nation's 250th Birthday will occur on July 4, 2026. There is a website to track the events being planned at america250.org. Each state is planning its own celebration and Governor Lamont has established a commission in Connecticut - the Connecticut Semiquincentennial Commission at CT250.org, chaired by former Secretary of State, Denise Merrill. Its purpose is to coordinate with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. Towns are encouraged to develop their own local commissions, but thus far only Litchfield and Wethersfield have done so. Local commissions can get information from a downloadable leaflet from the American Association for State and Local History at [download.aaslh.org/AASLG\\_Technical\\_Leaflet\\_300.pdf](http://download.aaslh.org/AASLG_Technical_Leaflet_300.pdf).

Ready for another party, Woodstock?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Trump is innocent?

To the Editor:

For all the noise that's being generated, no one is saying Trump is innocent. Not even Trump is saying he is innocent. All we get from him is cry-baby wailing about how badly he is being treated and persecuted. No one in the Trump world is saying he is innocent. Because they can't. He's guilty, guilty, guilty. And all the legal crap that is being spewed out there can't refute this reality.

OK, let's start talking the reality of his four indictments. Observe that we have the evidence.

Stormy Daniels hush money – We have his signature on the checks and witness testimony.

Classified Documents – We have photos and videos and testimony of his Mar-a-Lago personnel hiding national secrets.

Election Interference – We all saw the assault on Congress on Jan. 6.

Election Interference in Georgia – We've heard the conversation between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State asking for votes.

And let's not forget the false Electors from several states.

And let's not forget he was so obviously guilty in both of his impeachments and only "vindicated" by a corrupt and sycophant Congress.

Oh yes, remember bribery is a felony. Soliciting a bribe is a felony. Trump did this out in the open at the oil industry meeting when he asked for 1 billion dollars election money in return for rescinding regulations. The judiciary and media are ignoring this criminal act.

And the evidence is out there – we've all seen it. The videos, pics, recordings, reports, testimonies, affidavits. It's all there. And that's why his supporters can't defend him. They just blow more smoke, invective and lies. What an abysmal rejection of reality and truth. A refusal to accept their own base belief in honesty and honor. Bah.

Like Hitler, and indeed as far back as Caesar, any would-be, and indeed actual dictator wins by intimidating with the threat of death to those with the legitimate power of democratic rule. I greatly fear that we will indeed see violence whether Trump wins or not. Unlike our Civil War, I can't see state governments seceding from the Union. I do see groups like the Proud Boys justifying armed conflict in support of lies and prejudice.

A dictatorship is already being formulated by the GOP with the Project 2025 plan. This includes wholesale replacing of government personnel with party hacks and the dismantling of the DOJ, the FBI, the Post Office, the EPA and the Federal Reserve Board. It includes ways to limit voters' rights, control education boards and cut taxes even further for the wealthy and corporations.

If Trump and the GOP win in November, we won't have a chance against their unconstitutional power grab. There won't be any means left to set things right. To paraphrase a Broadway lyric – "Don't Cry For Me America" might become our National Anthem.

STEPHEN ETZEL  
PUTNAM

### Trump denigrates veterans

To the Editor:

On this Memorial Day, when we pause to commemorate the men and women who gave their lives for our country, with all its glories and flaws, I fear that too many Americans no longer believe in the values that generations of Americans fought and died for: respect for the Constitution, democracy, the rule of law, and basic decency.

Never before in U.S. history have we had a former president who has so much contempt for these values and has successfully stoked fear and hatred to transform one of our two principal political parties into something that would be unrecognizable to the likes of Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and John McCain. At least the president who was the biggest threat to democracy in my lifetime before Donald Trump, Richard Nixon, went away when threatened with impeachment.

Not only has former President Trump not gone away, but he has a good chance to be elected president again

if polls are to be believed. That raises doubts that nearly half of Americans, and Republicans in particular, respect veterans because their preference for president, Trump, doesn't.

Why? Because Trump's longest-serving chief of staff, General John Kelly (Ret.), told us that Trump called Americans who died in World War I, "suckers" and "losers." On Memorial Day 2017 at Arlington National Cemetery, Trump said, "I don't get it. What was in it for them?" Kelly also told us that Trump didn't want military amputees at a White House event because their presence, "doesn't look good for me."

That makes it particularly difficult to understand why voters who love America would give such a disrespectful, thoughtless person the power to send servicemen and women into war, and equally questionable whether those men and women would want to follow his orders.

BILLY G. TAYLOR  
KILLINGLY

### Putnam Trash 2.0 – unintended consequences

To the Editor:

It took less than a month of the new Putnam trash program for the unintended consequences to start popping out of the woodwork.

The Special Services District has largely become a Casella showroom with all the shiny new trash bins all over the place, some of which are stored better than others. Depending on the street, if you're walking on the sidewalk you may have to turn sideways and hold your breath to squeeze around them to stay off the street. Hopefully the town doesn't play an endless cat and mouse game with property owners due to this. After all, they were the ones saying we had to switch to bins because it was inevitable due to upgrades in worker safety and automation with the haulers. If bins were inevitable, so were the unintended consequences of having these big things that need to be stored somewhere between pickups. Bonus points for the new program making huge 95-gallon bins the default and having to special-order 65-gallon bins.

The most notable unintended consequence, though, is going to be what this program does to recycling in Putnam. The bins we now see everywhere also serve as visual indicators of competition in the market, and I've seen Casella's competitors also coming into town, with a catch. I have yet to see a Casella competitor's blue bin for recycling. Every time I see a Casella competitor, it's always a single lonely green bin for trash, hinting to me that they're sneaking into this market and competing with Casella by selling trash service without recycling service to property owners who opted out. I also confirmed this by calling some of these competitors and asking what services they offered and found out it was possible to sign up for just trash service with no recycling.

Recycling, of course, has varying results, depending on the prices of the resulting reclaimed materials and overhead involved in transporting everything and running the recycling centers. Metal recycling and electronics recycling tend to do better, and the town already has programs for that. Plastic recycling not so much, but bottle and can recycling machines can cover that in the stores. Recycling's also the law in Connecticut, but we know if enforcement isn't up to snuff sometimes companies turn fines and penalties into part of the cost of doing business. The good news is that Putnam already has special programs for recycling that give more bang for buck, like metal and electronics.

I don't expect this recycling issue to get any better, either. If more households opt out later on this problem will only get larger. This showcases the need for one of the classic functions of the public sector - covering services and other good things for society that the private sector either can't or won't do. The haulers will decide how to run their business, and landlords and homeowners will decide what they're willing to pay for. Consumers, however, deserve more options.

The town already has ad hoc options for metal and electronics. Maybe if the town's working on a bulky waste deal to share a transfer station or something with another town we should include something for ad hoc multi-stream recycling of paper, cardboard, metal, glass, and aluminum cans. Casella users can continue with their single stream pickups, and residents not in the program will gain back the options they lost when either their landlord or the numbers decided they could only have a single lonely green bin outside of their house.

JAY GERHART  
PUTNAM

# Planning your retirement lifestyle



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Retirement should be an exciting time in your life when you get to enjoy the decades of hard work. However, it's not as simple as walking away from your job and doing nothing. Careful planning is required to ensure your retirement lifestyle fulfills your hopes and dreams for this new chapter.

Envision your ideal retirement

The first step in planning your retirement lifestyle is to envision what you want it to look like. Do you want to travel frequently or stay closer to home? Are there hobbies or passions you've put on the backburner that you'd like to immerse yourself in? Get clear on your vision by making a list of goals, activities, and experiences you want to have in retirement.

Determine your retirement costs

Once you have an idea of how you want to spend your retirement years, estimate the annual costs associated with that lifestyle. Major expenses to account for include housing, healthcare, travel, transportation, leisure activities, and any other anticipated expenses. Don't forget to factor in taxes and inflation over time. Having a realistic picture of your retirement costs ensures you save enough to fund your desired lifestyle.

For more insights on determining your retirement costs, use our Retirement Planner Calculator to keep your goals on track.

Take stock of income sources

In addition to estimating retirement costs, evaluate all your potential income sources like Social Security benefits, pensions, investment accounts, annuities, and any other savings vehicles. Ideally, your income will cover your basic living expenses so your investment accounts can be depleted more gradually to fund your retirement dreams and activities.

Consider a gradual transition

For many, going from

full-time work to complete retirement is an abrupt shock. Instead, explore ways to gradually transition into retirement to ease the mental and emotional adjustment. You could start by going part-time for a couple of years or launching an encore career or small business that's lower stress but still engages your mind and passions.

Don't forget health and well-being

A successful retirement lifestyle goes beyond just financial security. Take steps to safeguard your physical and mental well-being. Make your health a priority by staying active, eating nutritious foods, nurturing relationships, and continuing to challenge your mind. Retirees who remain engaged mentally and physically tend to be happier and live more fulfilled lives.

Develop a comprehensive retirement plan

Bringing together all these elements into one cohesive retirement plan is essential for ensuring your desired retirement lifestyle becomes a reality. Work with a qualified financial advisor who can analyze your unique circumstances and develop a customized plan outlining your expenses, income sources, investment strategies, and more. The plan should account for potential longevity, increasing healthcare costs, economic uncertainties and other factors that could impact your retirement.

Embrace flexibility

No matter how thoroughly you plan, your retirement will likely not go exactly as envisioned. Perhaps your interests and priorities shift over time, or your income needs change due to unforeseen circum-

stances. The key is to embrace flexibility and be willing to adjust your plans as needed. Revisit your retirement plan regularly with your financial advisor to assess if any revisions need to be made.

With purposeful planning and a bit of flexibility, you can position yourself for a rewarding retirement lifestyle aligned with your values and dreams. Take the time now to lay the groundwork for the retirement you envision.

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# Checking your coins

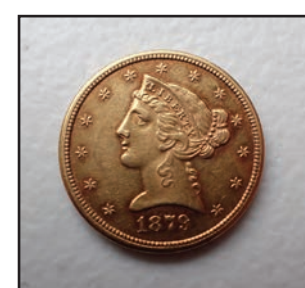
I often handle estates with coins that families have collected. In today's column, I'll share some things you can look for if you also have coins.

We recently auctioned a silver tea set made by Ephraim Brasher, who lived next door to George Washington in New York City. Brasher created the first gold coin, the Brasher Doubloon, over two centuries ago in 1787. The United States minted gold coins for circulation until 1933 when production was halted to stabilize gold value during the Great Depression. However, gold coins are still being made for collectors by the U.S. Mint.

Gold coins will always be at least "worth their weight in gold." Older coins were made from 90 percent gold. Some modern collector gold coins are 99.99 percent pure. Some gold coins are "bullion" meaning they are worth only the value of the gold, however, older coins may have value well above their melt value.

Along with checking the date on your coins, there are other factors to consider. Mintmarks indicate where the coin was produced. A "P" or plain/unmarked coin is from the Philadelphia Mint. "D" is for Denver, "S" indicates San Francisco, and "O" stands for New Orleans. The Carson City Mint used "CC" and coins featuring that mintmark are often the most valuable.

Just like other collectibles, coins can be graded. Professional grading companies use a scale of 1 to 70. The highest-grade coins are categorized as



MS (Mint State), with an MS-70 being a perfect coin. Some coins may be valuable enough to pay to send out for grading, while others may not. Along with the condition, there are other variations to coins that can make them desirable. Having slightly different shaped letters and differently placed stars and rays can make a big difference in price. An 1861-S \$20 Double Eagle AU55 (Almost Uncirculated) gold coin sold for \$3,120 at auction in 2023. A "Paquet" variation with the same AU55 grade coin sold for \$162,000 that year.

The United States minted silver coins (dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins) out of 90 percent silver until 1964. Kennedy half dollars from 1965 to 1970 are made with 40 percent silver. Any silver coins from these years will be at least "bullion" coins and worth their weight in silver but some could be more valuable.

Many of the same factors that impact gold coins also come into play with silver. Age and condition are important. A rare high grade 1794 Flowing Hair

Silver Dollar sold for \$6.6 million in 2021. The number of coins produced at each mint for each year is very important. This holds true for both gold and silver coins. Only 360,649 silver Peace Dollars (depicting the head of the Statue of Liberty) were produced in 1928 while 10,198 were minted in 1925. A 1925 MS66 grade Peace Dollar sold for a little over \$500 recently while a 1928 coin with the same grade sold for over \$30,000.

The United States has issued half cents, one cent, two cent, three cent, half dime, and twenty cent coins. There are "type collectors" who look for coins in different denominations and variations. It's worth checking your old coins, some may be worth a pretty penny.

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# Day Kimball Health names Greg Pike March's Employee of the Month



Greg Pike

PUTNAM — Greg Pike, PT, DPT, a physical therapist in the physical medicine and reha-

bilitation department at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month

for March by Day Kimball Health (DKH).

In 2018, Pike received

his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Husson University in Bangor, Maine, and embarked on his career in outpatient and sports medicine physical therapy. Joining DKH in March 2023, Pike brought his expertise to the acute care setting, where he designs movement programs for patients recovering from surgery, aids patients at risk of falling, and focuses on enhancing mobility and reducing muscle atrophy for hospitalized patients.

"We are thrilled to recognize Greg as our March Employee of the Month," said Kyle Kramer, DKH chief executive officer. "His numerous nominations underscore the admiration and respect his colleagues have for him. Greg exemplifies the core values of DKH,

and is a tremendous resource and asset to the organization. His leadership and engagement with patients truly makes a difference."

Born and raised in Pomfret, Pike currently resides there with his wife Melissa, a fellow physical therapist at Day Kimball HomeCare, their newborn son, Mason, and their German Shepherd, Greta. Outside of work, Greg enjoys golf, disc golf, and spending quality time being active with his family and friends.

Day Kimball Health's employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino and the Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation in appreciation of our healthcare workers and all they do for our community.

About Day Kimball Health

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## Renowned scholar Amy-Jill Levine speaks in Pomfret

POMFRET — Christ Church Pomfret is excited to announce that renowned scholar and speaker Amy-Jill Levine will give a talk on "Hearing the Parables of Jesus as Jewish Stories," on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the church's Great Hall.

Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace as well as University Professor

of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt. Her numerous publications include "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi," "The Jewish Annotated New Testament," and "The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus."

The first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical



Institute, Levine is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bridge Award from the UK Council of Christians and Jews, and the Seelisberg Prize for Contributions to Jewish-Christian Relations. She is an elected member of both the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Academia Europaea.

Her talks are noted for combining with

historical and literary insight with humor. She is committed to eliminating antisemitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies, values shared by the Christ Church community. A small selection of her books will be for sale after the talk.

Christ Church seeks to serve those of all religious backgrounds or none, and is located at 527 Pomfret St. (Route 169), in Pomfret. Doors to the Great Hall will open at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

## Free spoken word/poetry reading Father's Day at Roseland Park

WOODSTOCK — Poets at Large is happy to announce their first free poetry/spoken word event of the season will be on June 16, 2-4 p.m. in the barn at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock.

This is the fifth year for the regional group to bring poets to the park. Featured readers that afternoon will be Lea Deschenes, Karen Warinsky and Howie Faerstein with Featured Open

Mic reader will be Long Island musician and poet Steve Borodkin. Sign up for open mic at karen.warinsky@gmail.com. Five-minute limit as time allows. Because this reading coincides with Father's Day, all fathers will be entered in a raffle for a book and gift from Poets at Large.

Howie Faerstein is the author of five books, including "Play a Song on the Drums He Said" (Owl's Head

Press) and "Out of Order" (Main Street Rag), and has been published in numerous journals including Great River Review, Nimrod, Off the Coast, Rattle, upstreet, Banyan Review, Nine Mile, Verse Daily, Nixes Mate, On the Seawall, Hole in the Head Review, Gyroscope, Peacock Journal, & Connotation. He also facilitates open mics at the Northampton, Mass. Forbes Library. A multiple Pushcart nominee, Cutthroat Discovery Poet, & recipient of the NOVA 2022 poetry prize, he's co-poetry editor of Cutthroat & lives in Florence, Mass.

Lea C. Deschenes resides in Worcester, Mass. and holds an MFA in Poetry from New England College. Her poetry has appeared online, on stage, and in print. A former member of four National Poetry Slam teams and a coach to two more, she also holds a BA in Theater. She has received a Jacob Knight Award, been nominated for two Pushcart Prizes, and represented Worcester in the 2005 Individual World Poetry Slam. She is the author of thirteen chapbooks. Her first full-length collection, "The Constant Velocity of Trains," is available through Write Bloody Publishing and her editorial debut "Knocking at the Door" is available from Birch Bench Press.

Karen Warinsky is a 2023 Best of the Net nominee and a former finalist of the Montreal International Poetry Contest. She has three books, "Gold in Autumn" (2020), "Sunrise Ruby" (2022)

from Human Error Publishing, and "Dining with War" (2023) from Alien Buddha Press and has been published in numerous anthologies and journals including the 2019 Mizmor anthology, "Blue Heron, Ms. Aligned" and "Whose Sprits Touch." She is the coordinator of Connecticut-based Poets at Large.

Poets at Large is a project of Windham Arts. This series is sponsored in part by bankHometown, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, and Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors and Global Partners.

## Woodstock Building Associates continues to be recognized among top customer service leaders



WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Building Associates, LLC of Woodstock received a 2024 Guildmaster with Highest Distinction Award from GuildQuality for demonstrating exceptional customer service within the residential construction industry.

"This is the 11th year in a row that Woodstock Building Associates has been awarded the Guildmaster Award," says Doug Porter, a founding member of Woodstock Building Associates. "This is a testament to WBA's focus on customer satisfaction. Our entire WBA team is honored by this award."

2005, GuildQuality, an Atlanta-based third-party customer satisfaction surveying company, has powered the Guildmaster Award to recognize and celebrate home building, remodeling, and contracting professionals demonstrating the highest level of customer service within the U.S. and Canada.

Out of nearly 2,000 eligible applicants, Woodstock Building Associates, LLC is one of 400+ businesses within the residential construction industry recognized by GuildQuality for consistently delivering superior customer care.

In determining which businesses received the 2024 Guildmaster

Award, GuildQuality reviewed thousands of survey responses submitted by customers of Guildmaster candidates and considered two primary metrics for each candidate: the percentage of customers stating they would recommend the business to a friend and the percentage of customers who responded.

Woodstock Building Associates, LLC achieved a recommendation rate of 98% or above from their customers surveyed by GuildQuality.

For more on the 2024 Guildmaster Award and qualifications, visit www.guildquality.com/guildmaster/.

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# Grow vertically for added beauty and garden productivity

Expand your planting space, grow a living screen, or add vertical interest to your garden beds. Train vines up a decorative support, onto a fence, or allow them to climb a trellis set in front of a wall or structure.



**GARDEN MOMENTS**  
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**MELINDA MYERS**

in the garden. Use the leaves the same way you use

ports. A section of an old iron fence, headboard, golf clubs, or farm implements can add a bit of functional whimsy to your garden.

Add color to a plain fence or wall with annual and perennial flowering vines. Use a support and leave space between wooden fences and siding to reduce moisture buildup that could damage these structures. This also makes it easier to manage future repairs and painting if the vines can easily be moved away from the structure.

Double up your plants to increase the floral impact. Use annual vines to provide quick cover for the first few years while establishing perennial vines onto the support. Consider mixing two vines on one support if space allows. Select vines that bloom at the same time to create interesting combinations. Or plant two vines that bloom at different times to extend the floral display.

Always select supports strong enough to support the plants you are growing. Make sure the support provides the structure needed for the vines to climb. Those with twining stems and petioles need some-



Melinda Myers

Clematis and impatiens growing on a wheel trellis.

Pole beans, peas, Malabar spinach, cucumbers, melons, and squash are all edible candidates for growing vertically. Training these vegetables up a support saves space in the garden. Plus, the increase in light and airflow through vertically trained plants helps reduce the risk of mildew and other diseases.

Growing vertically can also increase your yields and make harvesting much easier. Pole beans typically produce an extra picking. Plus, it requires less bending to harvest. If it is easy, you are more likely to pick regularly, increasing productivity and ensuring the best flavor. Try scarlet runner beans or purple podded pole beans for added color.

Train Malabar climbing spinach up an obelisk in a container or over a decorative trellis

true spinach. The buttery nutty flavor is great fresh, added to a salad, used as a sandwich wrap, stir-fried, or steamed. The red stems, flowers, and seeds make an attractive display in the vegetable or ornamental garden.

Support the heavy fruit of melons and squash when growing vertically. Create a sling from cloth strips, an old T-shirt, or macramé – yes, it's back! Tie the sling to the trellis to cradle the large fruit. The sling handles the weight, preventing the heavy fruit from ripping the plant off the support and damaging the plant. Elevating the fruit also reduces loss to soil-dwelling insects and disease.

Use decorative supports to add a bit of beauty or help blend edibles into ornamental plantings. Save money and add some personality by upcycling found items into creative sup-

thing to grab onto while those with root-like holdfasts or suction cups need a rough surface for attaching. Make sure the structure will not be damaged by the vines adhering to the surface. Other vines may need their stems to be tied to the support.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. Start gathering decorative supports, look for spaces that need a bit of vertical interest, and select vines suited to your growing condi-

tions and landscape design.

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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## WOODSTOCK BY THE WEEK

June 3-9  
**TOWN HALL MEETINGS** (agendas and minutes at [woodstockct.gov](http://woodstockct.gov))

Monday the 3rd  
• Beautification Committee, 4:30 p.m.  
• Inland-Wetland Agency, 7 p.m.  
• Conservation Commission, 7 p.m.

Tuesday the 4th  
• Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday the 6th  
• Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m.  
• Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Each Weekday  
• Stepping into Sobriety Meetings, South Woodstock Baptist Church.

Monday the 3rd  
• Community Kitchen Free Lunch, First Congregational Church, noon.  
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6:30 p.m.  
• Knit & Crochet Club, Senexet Grange, 7 p.m.

Tuesday 4th  
• The Bridge Young Adults, Evangelical Covenant Church  
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.

Wednesday the 5th  
• Story Hour, West Woodstock Library  
• Knitting Group, Town Hall

• Yoga, Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.

• Charlotte's Web, grades K-5, Loos Center for the Arts.

• Psychic Medium, Messages from Heaven, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 7 p.m.

• Youth Group, South Woodstock Baptist Church, 6-8 p.m.

• The Bridge (young adults), Evangelical Covenant Church  
• Quiet Corner Al-Anon Family Group, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday the 6th  
• Lady's Small Group and Men's Bible Study, South Woodstock Baptist Church  
• Knit & Crochet Club, Senexet Grange, 1 p.m.  
• Woodstock

Sustainable Kitchen, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 3-7:30 p.m.

Friday the 7th  
• First Friday Food Fair, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 9-11 a.m.

• Story Time Hour, May Memorial Library, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

• No Coast Kitchen, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 3-8:30 p.m.

• New England Trivia, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday the 8th  
• Craft Show and Luncheon, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• Rug Hooking Exhibit, Woodstock Fairgrounds, \$5, 10 a.m. – noon  
• Woodstock Sustainable Kitchen,

Taylor Brooke Brewery, noon-7:30 p.m.

• Live Music – Jediah, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday the 9th  
• "Woodstock Through the Camera's Eye" exhibit, Woodstock Historical Society, 10 a.m. – noon

• Flying Free Gala, Roseland Park, 4:30 p.m.

• Cousins Maine Lobster Truck, Taylor Brooke Brewery, noon-6 p.m.

• Live Music – Turas, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 21

• Twilight Concert – Souls on Fire, Roseland Cottage and Woodstock Recreation Department, 6:30 p.m.

June 22  
• Town Wide Yard Sale, register at Woodstock Rec. Dept. to get on map.

June 25-28  
• Child Passenger Safety Technician Training, Woodstock Volunteer Fire Dept.

June 29  
• Town Beach Party, Town Beach at Pond Factory, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 30  
• Brunch at Echo Farm, Echo Farm, 11 a.m.

July 26  
• Twilight Concert – Flamingo (all female big band), Roseland Cottage, 6:30 p.m.

To submit calendar items: [woodstockbytheweek@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockbytheweek@gmail.com)

### MARIANAPOLIS

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many areas of community life at Marianapolis in addition to setting a standard of excellence."

When reflecting on her

success, Torres shares, "I owe my success to not only my teachers and my family, but also to my friends. They have consistently been in my corner and have helped me through tough times. I know they are always there for me, and it makes

my life all the better."

Her favorite memories at Marianapolis include JV soccer team bonding, senior sunrise, and traveling to Greece on spring break.

In particular, Torres remembers, "During the

soccer season, we were doing a team bonding exercise in our coach's classroom. The game was to count to twenty, with each of us randomly blurting out a number, but we could not do so in any specific pattern, and we could not inter-

rupt each other. It was a lot more challenging than we realized, and it took a really long time to complete. Yet, when we finally did, we all cheered so loud and started clapping. I remember feeling so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful team."

Looking ahead to college and beyond, Torres shares, "In the future, I hope to work in publishing and later on become a college professor."

### WALDRON

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daycare, these are all issues I've dealt with as Recreation Director. I'm a landlord so I understand the need for affordable housing. The hospital is another passion of mine. We need a local hospital for emergency services and other medical needs for our folks in the region. Home healthcare is another

health-care, affordable care, thing I've faced personally, and I hear all the time, trying to care for aging parents, and I look forward to supporting those agencies and the people who work in those fields," said Waldron.

One of her major goals as a lawmaker would be to strive for affordability in the region and feels lawmakers need to allow for opportunities for residents both young and old to continue to invest in their futures in Connecticut.

"We want our young people, our

seniors, frankly all of us to thrive here and I think in many ways our youth and our seniors are getting priced out of the area. Everything is getting more expensive, and I talk to parents every day that have their 26-year-old kid living in the basement. They just don't have many options," said Waldron.

Waldron said one of the most important aspects of the job will be to address the voters' concerns in Hartford and she plans to visit every home in all three

towns she would represent to understand what they need from a lawmaker. Regardless of who wins the seat, she feels it's important that legislators work together towards the common goal of benefiting everyone in the region and state.

"I want to hear from the voters what are their problems, what are they struggling with? I think I have a good pulse just from working in the Thompson Town Hall, but I want to work with constituents. I think it will take all of us working together to achieve the change that we need. It's not just one or two or three legislators that are going to make that happen. As a community we need to work together and I'm looking for input from the voters on that," said Waldron.

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### ELECTION

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competition from the opposing parties. District 44 State Representative Anne Dauphinais, a Republican, has had a stronghold on her seat since winning election in 2016, earning more than 60 percent of the vote each cycle. If reelected, it would be her fifth term in the State House. As of this writing she has no confirmed Democratic challenger. Democrat Pat Boyd, who represents the 50th District in the State House, will also seek a fifth term after earning his party's endorsement for re-election. Boyd has faced competition in three of his four previous elections, earning 53 percent or more of the vote each time. Republicans had not officially announced any candidate for the seat as of the conclusion of their local conventions.

All seats will be decided during the Presidential Election this November.

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# Memorial Day through the years

I write these columns almost a week in advance, so my thoughts are still on Memorial Day. After the close of the Civil War, residents of the area began commemorating their fallen comrades with elaborate ceremonies. The Thursday, May 29, 1879 Windham County Transcript ran the following invitation, "To the Soldiers and Sailors of Killingly: the Putnam Veterans party invite their comrades in arms—the soldiers and sailors of Killingly—to participate with them, on Memorial Day evening at 7 o'clock p.m. in the exercises by which they purpose to honor the memory of their dead comrades on said evening. A procession will move at the hour, and an address will be listened to from Rev. L. T. Chamberlin, of Norwich, in Bugbee's Hall, at 8:30 p.m. An extra train will be run to Danielsonville after the exercises to facilitate the return of all who may attend from that place and Dayville, if the number desiring to so return shall reach forty, or more." (p. 2, killinglypl.org). (Note: Danielsonville did not drop the ville and become Danielson until 1895. That fact can be a useful when dating old photographs or artifacts).

The Wednesday, June 3, 1896 Windham County Transcript listed a number of events. The Brooklyn column had the following: "A fairer day never dawned our town than Saturday brought, and very early the village blossomed out with flags, streamers and bunting galore. The band never gave more stirring music, and our people turned out en masse to show their regard and appreciation for the veterans, living and dead, to whose valor, self sacrifice and patient endurance we owe it that we have a 'Memorial Day' to celebrate...At the appointed time McGregor post G.A. R. and Mortlake council, O. U. A., M. escorted the speaker of the day to the hall, where Rev. W. Johnson offered an appropriate prayer and Adjutant Woodward read the general order of the commander of the G. A.



**KILLINGLY AT 300**  
MARGARET WEAVER

R. for the observance of the day. The Rev. Mr. Locke was introduced by the marshal of the day, T. D. Pond, Esq., and delivered the most eloquent and felicitous oration ever given in that hall on any similar occasion... The United Mechanics in their new regalia made a striking and acceptable addition to the ceremonies... There are now 46 graves in town, one having been added since last Memorial Day. They are mostly in the South cemetery, some in each of Trinity, West and Sacred Heat Cemeteries." (p. 5, killinglypl.org).

In Dayville, "The Memorial Day exercises here were unusually interesting at the St. Joseph Cemetery. The school children sang and recited appropriate selections at the Dayville Cemetery (High Street). Rev. H. H. Martin, pastor of the M.E. Church, gave an eloquent address, followed by singing and recitations. The K. of P. had a special Memorial service, Dr. H. L. Hammond making brief remarks." (Ibid).

An extract of a 1913 Windham County Transcript provided information about one of the area's non-white soldiers. "James Riley will receive \$125 from the State of Massachusetts, in accordance with a recent legislative act of that state. Mr. Riley was color bearer in the Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry, a command of 1,300 colored men, with white officers. The fact that the standard of the regiment was shot out of the hands of Mr. Riley seven different times during his three years of service attests the fact that he was often in the thick of the fights and that he well deserves the sum he is to receive a half century after the enlistment. (WCT March 13, 1913; extract by Marilyn Labbe). (Note: Riley is buried in Westfield Cemetery. Hale Cemetery Collection).

Although Memorial Day originated as a day to honor those who had fallen during the Civil War, it now has a much broader scope.

I promised to include additional Revolutionary soldiers in the Killingly cemeteries in this week's column so will add to last week's list. Special thanks to Linden Whipple for extracting the information from the Hale Cemetery Collection. Covell Cemetery: Seth Babbitt, 3rd Co., 11th Reg.; Samson Covell, 3rd Co., 11th Reg., Capt. Blackmar's Co. Old Chestnut Hill Cemetery: Zacheus Brown, Corp., 3rd Co., 11th Reg.; Ebenezer Covell, 3rd Co., 11th Reg.; Joseph Butler, 6th Co., 6th B. N. Law-Bennett Cemetery: Ebenezer Leach, Lieut., Capt. Woodbridge Co. Chase #2 Cemetery: Oliver Chase, Capt. Allen's Co. Hutchins St. Cemetery: William E. Tanner, Capt. Olmstead's Co. Hutchins-Franklin St. Cemetery: Zaddock Spalding, Capt. Tilden's Co. Fairmon Cemetery: Aleaser Fairmon, Capt. Cady's Co. O'Brien Cemetery: Reuben Robinson, Capt. Stoddard's Co. Mashentuck #1 Cemetery: Michael Hulet, 5th Co., 11th Reg. Capt. Warren's Co. Cleveland Cemetery: Jacob Cleveland, Conn. Line; Breakneck Hill Cemetery: Ephraim Warren, 5th Co., 11th Reg., died 1831, age 96; Capt. Ephraim Warren, 5th Co., 11th Reg., died 1813, age 70; Mitchell Cemetery: William Mitchell, Capt. Sanford's Co. Cross Roads Cemetery (Rte 12; Across from Burger King): James Day, 6th Co.; John Day, Capt. Warren's Co., Capt. Aaron Arnold, Gloucester, R.I., 4th Co.

There are many additional individuals who served in the Revolution from Killingly who are buried in cemeteries which are now located in the towns of Putnam and Thompson. I will include their names in future columns. There are also a number of men who served from Killingly who migrated to other towns where they were interred. Linden Whipple provided information on the members of the Graves family for whom he had extracted information while searching for his ancestors. Only one is buried in Killingly. William Graves-enlisted in Capt. Prior's Co. May 1, 1777 for the duration of the war, and was with the Sappers and Miners after Aug. 1, 1780. Death and Burial unknown. Issachur Graves, served in apt. Dixon's Co., June to Dec. 1776, Capt. Stone's Plainfield Co., Col. Latimer's Reg. of Militia with his brother Whitney in the Saratoga Campaign Aug. to Oct. 1777 and Capt. Tilden's, Col. McLelland's Reg. Mar. 1778 to March, 1779. He died and is buried in Gloucester, RI, just over the Connecticut State line. Whitney Graves, served as a private in the 6th (Killingly) Co., 8th CT Reg., July to Dec. 1775, in Capt. Crosby's Co., 3rd Battalion, Wadsworth Brigade, June to Dec. 25, 1776, in Capt. Stone's Plainfield Co., Col. Latimer's Regt. of Militia with his brother Issachur at Saratoga Aug. 23 to Oct. 20, 1777. He was living in Windham Co., Conn. as a Revolutionary pensioner on Aug. 29, 1833. He is buried in Old South Killingly Cemetery.

The Public is Invited: The Daughters of the American Revolution, Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter and the America 250 Committee (of Plainfield) will present a program Wednesday, June 5 "From Africa to Middle Class Hartford--Two Generations of the Maguira Family" by Pauline C. Merrick at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Senior Center 482 Norwich Road, Plainfield. Register online at PlainfieldRecreation.com or call the recreation department at 860-564-1819. "The story of Peter Maguira will illustrate research processes used to discover his African roots, enslavement in Connecticut, and Revolutionary War service."

How to Research your Irish Ancestors. "Everything Irish": On Tuesday, June 11 from 4-5 p.m. the Killingly Public Library will sponsor a presentation and discussion group on Irish Genealogy. Nora Gavin, CG, Professional Genealogist and Editor of Connecticut Ancestry, will present information on methods to research your Irish ancestors. Please pre-register by calling the Killingly Public Library at 860-779-5383.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, May 2024. Special thanks to Linden Whipple and Marilyn Labbe. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or www.killingly-historical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329.

## KILLINGLY CHRONICLES

June 3 - June 7

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS** (agendas and minutes at www.killingly.org)  
Monday the 3rd  
Board of Recreation Special Meeting (Killingly Community Center) 6 p.m.  
Reopened Annual Town Meeting (TBD) 7 p.m.  
Inlands, Wetlands, and Water Courses Commission (Room 102 - Town Hall) 7 p.m.  
Tuesday the 4th  
Special Town Council Meeting (Town Meeting Room - Town Hall) 7 p.m.  
Wednesday the 5th  
Killingly Community Gardens (Westfield Ave) 5 p.m.  
Permanent Building Commission Meeting (Town Meeting Room - Town Hall) 7 p.m.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
Monday the 3rd  
Wonderful Ones & Twos (Library) 9:30 to 10 a.m.  
Tuesday the 4th  
Craft & Chat (Ages 18+) (Library) 10:30 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday the 5th  
Little Listeners (Ages 0-5) (Library) 11 to 11:30 a.m.  
Anime & Manga Club (Ages 13-18) (Library) 4 to 5 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Board (Ages 13-18) (Library) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**KILLINGLY PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS/EVENTS COMING UP...**  
Outdoor Pound with Chris - Session 1 - June 11 through July 9 (Killingly Community Center) (Tuesdays)  
Camp Wallaby - starting July 1 for Grades 1-8

Register at the Killingly Parks and Recreation Department in-person or go online to www.killinglypr.recdesk.com  
Beginner Rhythm Ballroom Dancing - July 1 through July 15 (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)  
Thursday Indoor Summer Yoga Session 1 - July 11 through Aug. 1 (Killingly Community Center) (Thursdays)  
Virtual High Five 2024 (Killingly Community Center) (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)  
Group Guitar with Killingly School of Music - July 1 through July 29 (Killingly Community Center) (Mondays)  
Group Violin with Killingly School of Music - July 1 through July 29 (Killingly Community Center) (Mondays)  
Wickford - Aug. 15  
KPRD Jeep Invasion - July 3  
Killingly Football Camp - July 15 through July 18 (Grades 3-9)  
Killingly Golf Camp - July 22 through July 26 (Grades 4-9)  
Senior Yoga (9 and 10:30 a.m.) - June - June 7 through June 21 (Fridays)  
Cross Sound Ferry Lighthouse Cruise - July 17  
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.

## THE WEEK IN SPORTS AT WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

Boys Volleyball  
Connecticut Volleyball League  
Semifinal  
(1) Wolcott Tech 3  
(4) Woodstock Academy 0

**WOLCOTT** - The Wildcats dominated for the most part, winning the three sets, 25-19, 25-13, 25-15 to advance to the championship match of the Connecticut Volleyball League.  
Aiden Finch led the Centaurs (10-11) with 10 kills while Christian Hart added 13 digs and Jake Henderson had 21 assists.

Baseball  
Eastern Connecticut Conference  
Quarterfinal  
(1) Woodstock Academy 10  
(9) Ledyard 0 (4 ½)

**NORWICH** - The Centaurs (19-2) scored five times in the first, four times in the second and one more in the fourth to get the mercy-rule victory over the Colonels (2-20) at Dodd Stadium.  
Woodstock Academy broke out quickly when Maxx Corradi singled and Eric Mathewson was hit by a pitch to open the bottom of the first inning. Keon Lamarche continued his hot hitting with a run-scoring double. Brady Ericson followed with an RBI single and after Caleb Simoneau (3-for-3

at the plate) singled, Riley O'Brien knocked home a third Woodstock Academy run with a sacrifice fly.

Matt Hernandez completed the first inning uprising with a two-run single.

O'Brien finished with three runs batted in.

The Centaurs take on fourth-seeded Fitch in a Division I-II semifinal game at 11 a.m. on Thursday also at Dodd Stadium.

Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament  
Division I championship  
(1) Woodstock Academy 8  
(2) East Lyme 7

**NORWICH** - Centaurs senior Eric Mathewson could not contain his excitement.  
After seeing his line drive make it through the infield, he took off his helmet on the way to first base and threw it into the air as his teammate, Tanner Graham, crossed the plate with the game-winning run.

After a couple of years of disappointment, the third time was the charm for the Centaurs (21-2) who claimed the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I title with a come-from-behind win over the Vikings.  
Woodstock Academy trailed, 7-6, going into the bottom of the seventh at Dodd Stadium but refused

to pack it in. With one out, Riley O'Brien reached on an error, but a strikeout followed, meaning the Centaurs were down to their last out.

Graham kept the hopes alive when he walked and then, senior Noah Sampson delivered his first double of the season, an opposite-field shot that scored pinchrunner David Bunning with the tying run.

East Lyme opted to intentionally walk Maxx Corradi (3-for-4) to load the bases for Mathewson, the Centaurs' leading hitter all season, and he delivered the game winner.

Garrison Biggs and Tanner O'Brien each had two hits for the Vikings (15-8), who had advanced with a win over Killingly in the semifinals.

The Centaurs downed Fitch, 3-1, in its semifinal with Brady Ericson and Logan Coutu combining for a no-hitter on the mound.

Corradi and Matt Hernandez had two hits each in the win for Woodstock Academy.

### Boys Golf

Woodstock Academy 5  
Waterford 2  
**NEW LONDON** - It was closer than it sounds as only two strokes in total separated the two teams but wins by Logan

Rawson, who shot a 32 at the Great Neck Country Club, Donny Sousa (34) and Brady Hebert gave Woodstock Academy (11-4) the win.

Lucas Vincenti paced the Lancers (4-11) with a 35 while Ethan Haynes fired a 39.

### Girls Golf

Centaurs fall to NFA, Coventry  
**THOMPSON** - Reagan Scheck got into the 40's with a 48 but even the freshman's efforts were not enough for the Centaurs (5-8, 2-6 Eastern Connecticut Conference) who fell to NFA 201-231 and to Coventry 203-231.

Caroline Goderre paced the field with a 38 for the Wildcats (10-3, 7-3) who also beat the Patriots by two strokes. Erin O'Farrell added a 53.

Alexandra Hall led Coventry with a 48.

### Girls Tennis

Class L state tournament  
Qualifying round  
(14) Jonathan Law 5  
(19) Woodstock Academy 2  
**MILFORD** - Wynter Worth and Emma Massey each picked up wins for the Centaurs but they saw their season come to an end as the hosts won the rest of the matches.  
The Centaurs finished

6-9 on the season.

### Girls Golf

Bacon Academy 227  
Woodstock Academy 241  
**COLCHESTER** - Freshman Reagan Scheck continues to improve for the Centaurs (5-10, 2-7 Eastern Connecticut Conference) as she took medalist honors for the match with a 44 at the Chantclair Golf Club.  
Woodstock Academy, however, was missing several key players and the Bobcats (2-8, 2-8) took advantage.  
Mia Belcamino led the Bobcats with a 47 while Olivia Sebota added a 55.



The Woodstock Trading Post hosted and honored Woodstock's veterans with complimentary pizza and soft drinks after the Woodstock's Memorial Day Parade and ceremony. Owner-D'Andre, Dad-Billy, and Mom-Lisa Therecka extended their hospitality along with a few helping hands. Great conversation and comradeship was enjoyed by all.







# Second Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival to be held in Putnam



music, and fun as well as being close to the wonderful restaurants and businesses in the downtown area.

“We are thrilled to once again bring this fine arts and crafts festival to Putnam to showcase the incredible talent in our area and beyond,” said Beth Johnston, one of the festival’s organizers. “Our Arts Council is excited to welcome everyone to experience the joy and creativity that the arts can bring, while supporting local artists, and finding the next amazing piece for your own home.”

Admission and parking are free. The event is sponsored by The Byrnes Agency, bankHometown, The Putnam Area Foundation, Sawmill Pottery and Art Guild Northeast. For more information, visit [www.putnamctartscouncil.com](http://www.putnamctartscouncil.com) or follow Putnam CT Arts Council on social media.

PUTNAM — The Putnam Arts Council is pleased to announce it will be hosting its second annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival on June 22 and 23, both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., outdoors on the grounds of the new Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School St., rain or shine.

Island and beyond. Festival goers will be able to choose from many disciplines including ceramics, painting, fiber, paper, photography, jewelry, woodworking, mixed media and more. Plus, there will be demonstrations and live musical entertainment all weekend long.

The event will feature approximately 70 juried, fine arts and craft vendors from throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode

This event is yet another exciting celebration of the arts for which Putnam is known. It will bring local communities together for a day of art,

# Day Kimball Health urges residents to respond to DataHaven survey

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Health (DKH) is urging local residents to help make a difference by picking up their phones to help their community. Thousands of randomly selected residents from all 169 Connecticut towns including Northeast Connecticut will be called on to participate in the 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey as part of a large survey on happiness and quality of life.

During the spring and summer, randomly selected residents in each town will receive phone calls from survey-takers at the Siena College Research Institute - typically appearing as 203, 860, or 518 area codes. In some cases, residents may receive a letter, package, or text message with information on how to participate.

“DKH along with other Connecticut healthcare systems, non-profits, and charitable organizations are supporting this important program,” said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Health. “Our community needs to hear from the folks that live here to better understand their priorities and needs. Their responses will help community leaders better understand what types of programs and services might be needed to make Northeast Connecticut a better place to live.”

The survey will include well-established questions that people like to answer,” says Mark Abraham, executive director, DataHaven. “They will be answering questions about their own happiness and well-being, their experiences and relationships within their community, and how well their neighborhoods are doing. These questions show that we care deeply about the aspects of life that are most important to everyone.”

Interviews by friendly survey-takers will help DataHaven and dozens of leading community, healthcare, and charitable groups across Connecticut complete what is believed to be the nation’s largest neighborhood-level well-being survey. Beginning this fall, survey results will be included in many local and statewide publications and community health needs assessments, including DataHaven’s widely-used Town Equity Reports.

DataHaven, the nonprofit group that leads the collection and sharing of public data about Connecticut, said that the 2024 program will track trends on key issues such as economic security, institutional trust, access to healthcare, and public safety. The latest data will allow DataHaven to create even more granular portraits of Connecticut towns and neighborhoods, as well as statistical data for groups that share specific demographics or life experiences.

To ensure that the survey topics reflect the interests of communities, an Advisory Council of representatives from 300 different organizations around the state helped choose the questions to include. For example, the parents and caregivers who are selected to take the survey may receive an expanded set of questions about child well-being and mental health, which emerged as a top issue of concern during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Regis College announces Spring 2024 Dean’s List

WESTON, Mass. — Regis College proudly announces the Spring 2024 Dean’s List.

“Being named to the Dean’s List is a testament to students’ persistent commitment to their academic journey throughout the semester,” said Dr. Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD, the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. “At Regis, we prioritize the development of students’ character and confidence, equipping them with the skills they need for a successful career and life of meaning. Recognition on the Dean’s List reflects ones resolute dedication to academic excellence.”

To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Additional criteria can be found in Regis’ Academic Catalog.

The following students were recognized on the Spring 2024 Dean’s List:

- Lorelai Bessenaire of Dayville
  - Salena Thongsouvanh of Danielson
  - Ashley Morin of Thompson
  - Shannon Cunniff of Woodstock
- Regis College is a coed university 12

miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston nearly a century ago. With more than 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences. In line with Regis’ mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor’s completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass. The university’s 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Regis challenges, inspires, and supports students who are driven by passion, purpose, and a pursuit to positively impact the world within a learning community that embraces inclusivity and innovation and builds strong character, confidence, and careers. Visit [regiscollege.edu](http://regiscollege.edu) to learn more.


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## LEGALS

Notice of Application  
This is to give notice that I,  
**JASMINI N PATEL**  
73 PERRY ST UNIT 159  
PUTNAM, CT 06260-2242

Have filed an application placarded  
05/22/2024 with the  
Department of Consumer Protection  
for a PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR  
PERMIT for the sale of  
alcoholic liquor on the premises at  
<LIQUOR PERMIT ADDRESS>  
The business will be owned by: MAA  
ASHTALAXMI LLC  
Objections must be filed by: 07-03-  
2024 Visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/remonstrance>  
**JASMINI N PATEL**  
May 24, 2024  
May 31, 2024

TOWN OF THOMPSON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
LEGAL NOTICE

**The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT, and via Zoom to hear the following applications:**

**ZBA 24-01** Robert Cassim, Property Owner Sea Realty LLC, 347 Riverside Drive, Map 85, Block 51, Lot 4, Zone TCDD application of Certificate of Operation pursuant to Conn. General Statute Section 14-54 for Used Car Sales, Auto Body Repair and towing according to Town of Thompson Zoning Regulations, Article 3, 275-3.8.

**ZBA 24-02** Wesley Monson, property owner of 130 Jezierski Rd, Map 38, Block 68, Lot 10, Zone RRAD, request a 10’ side yard variance to install new construction garage, according to Zoning Regulations Article 7, Section 273.3.  
File may be reviewed online, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of

*Appeals, or in the Zoning Office. Respectfully submitted, Kurby Cunha, Chairman*  
May 31, 2024  
June 7, 2024

### TOWN OF KILLINGLY SEWER ASSESSMENT LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sewer assessment bills are due June 1, 2024. If payment is not received on or before July 1, 2024 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1/12 % per month or a fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$5.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment.

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office; 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239 as follows:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Tuesday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM to 11 :30 AM  
After hours use our drop box, rear of the building, near the handicap entrance.  
Please make checks payable to Town of Killingly Mail to 172 Main St Killingly CT 06239

Online at [www.Killimdv.org](http://www.Killimdv.org) by eCheck, credit card, debit card, G Pay, Pay Pal, or text Service fees apply.  
Dated at Killingly this 22nd of May 2024  
April Lamothe CCMC Revenue Collector for The Town of Killingly  
May 31, 2024  
June 7, 2024  
June 28, 2024

TOWN OF THOMPSON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
LEGAL NOTICE

**At the Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held**

**on May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Thompson Town Library, Public Library, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and via ZOOM, the following action was 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**

**Public Hearing continued**  
**PZC 24-13 Applicant French River Materials**, Owner Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc, d/b/a Rawson Materials, 307 Reardon Rd, Map 156, Block 8, Lot 7, Zone BBD, renewal of gravel mining operation, to excavate sand and gravel, Zoning Regulations 2012,  
**Application APPROVED**  
Respectfully submitted.  
Joe Parodi-Brown, Chairman  
Files may be reviewed at the Planning and Zoning Office  
May 31, 2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF Penelope R Fanning (24-00127)**

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 21, 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:  
Kim Wainacht  
c/o JAMES K KELLEY,  
JAMES K KELLEY,  
33 BROAD STREET,

DANIELSON, CT 06239  
May 31, 2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF John Baumgartner (24-00144)**

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 21, 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:  
Debra Baumgartner  
c/o KELLY ELIZABETH REARDON,  
THE REARDON LAW FIRM,  
160 HEMPSTEAD STREET,  
NEW LONDON, CT 06320  
May 31, 2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF Beverly Boales Hiatt (24-00179)**

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 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:  
Laura Hiatt McPherson  
c/o IAN TYLER SULLIVAN,  
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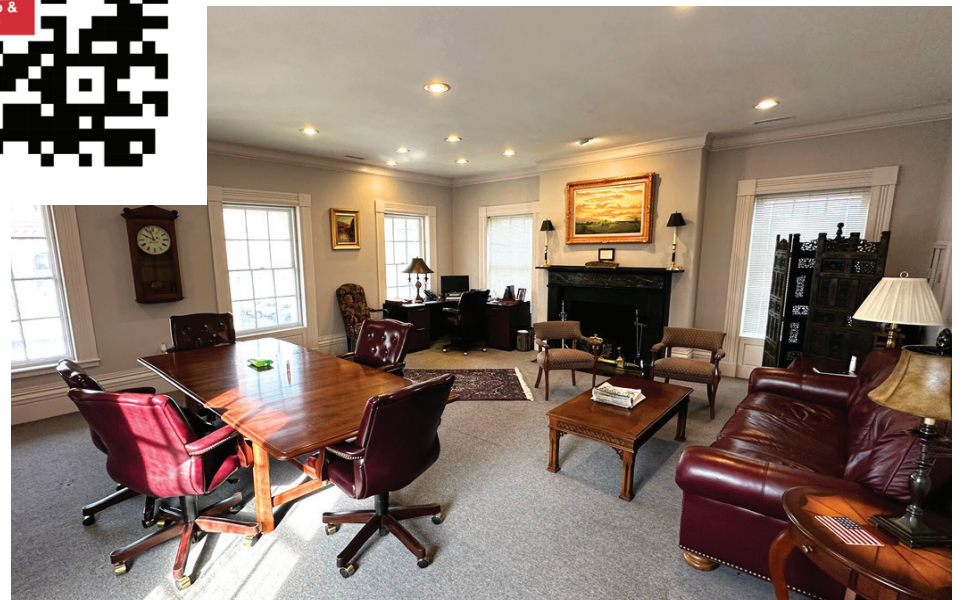


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