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NOW Lap the Lake 5K celebrates ten years



Runners take off at the Lap the Lake 5K begins.

Photos Jason Bleau

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY — Around 250 runners and walkers turned out for the tenth annual NOW “Lape the Lake” 5K on Sunday, Sept. 18 benefitting health and wellness programs at the Northeast Opportunities for Wellness. With the event hitting the decade mark, Executive Director of NOW Taylor Shea said the entire organization is proud to have an annual community gathering that not only brings everyone together for a full-filled morning to close out the summer, but also introduce everyone to the many programs and initiatives NOW offers each year. “All profits going to help social, emotional, and physical wellness in Northeastern Connecticut. That goes as far as free programming to youth sports scholarships. I thank our Road Race Committee for helping make this happen. Jay Long is our Race Director and the chair of that committee, and he really helped pull this all together. Some of the people here only ever come to

this race so this is how they know us so from an awareness standpoint this gets us in the eye of so many people. The lake residents are also very welcoming. They sit outside and cheer us on, so this is an awesome time,” said Shea. The Lap the Lake event is one of the largest fundraisers that benefit NOW, bringing in around \$24,000 annually. As runners and walkers took to the course they were greeted by a challenging mix of roads and trails bringing them around Alexander Lake. The first two runners across the line were familiar names to those who follow local 5K events. Scott Deslongchamps of North Grosvenordale and Linda Spooner of Sturbridge, Mass. were the first man and woman, and first and second runners respectively, to cross the finish line with times of 19:09 and 19:47. The two are close friends who often drive each other to push their own limits on the course, and the Lap the Lake 5K was no different.

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Killingly volleyball tops Putnam for first win of season

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY – The Killingly High girls’ volleyball team’s match against visiting rival Putnam High on Wednesday, Sept. 16, may very well end up being a snapshot of how the season proceeds. Against the Clippers Killingly started slow, dropping the first set — despite jumping out to a big early lead — but then righted the ship, grinding out a 3-1 victory, its first of the season, to improve to 1-1. Set scores in the match were 23-25, 25-22, 25-20, and 25-17. Fred Huhn, Killingly’s second-year head coach, hopes his team continues to get better as the season goes along, much like they did against Putnam. “I was happy with the way they regrouped after the first set,” Huhn said. “We had some issues with our service game, especially in the first two sets. I was able to change the service rotation for sets three and four and that made a big difference in the outcome of the match. We were able to get a lot of first serves in the last two sets. That was huge. “Volleyball is about getting that first serve in; I tell the girls that all the time. It’s a very important part of the game. It’s often the difference between winning and losing matches. When we have a lot of service errors it drives me crazy,” Huhn said. “Also key is monitoring the consistency of your team’s play in match and taking note of the errors that

are occurring and why they’re occurring.” Several Killingly players contributed to the inaugural win of the 2022 season, including: seniors Natalie Preston (five blocks, five kills, four digs); Hailey Merritt (nine blocks, five kills); and Caitlyn Claspell (two digs, four kills); junior Jocelyn Crowley (seven kills); and sophomores Emma Rainville (nine blocks, five kills); and Addison Montville (12 assists). Senior Angelina Porter played well for Putnam (3-2) in the loss, finishing with four aces, eight kills and 37 digs. On paper Killingly looks as if it is fielding an experienced team — 13 of the 17 players on the Killingly roster are seniors (five) and juniors (eight). In actuality, Huhn said, that’s not exactly the case. “Of the seniors that are returning, Natalie and Chloe (Difusco) ended up seeing some varsity time last year. Hailey and Caitlyn (Claspell) did not, and Maddie (Zachow), while she’s a senior, is a first-year player. We have a lot of upperclassmen, but not a lot of experienced upperclassmen,” Huhn said. “Hailey’s come a long way; I see improvement in her game. She’s sometimes hesitant, but in the last set she did a great job of digging out the first and second balls, when Putnam returned our serves.” Montville’s play against Putnam also got Huhn’s atten-

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Westview breaks ground on new employee child care center

DAYVILLE — Westview recently broke ground to develop a new 7,000 square foot child care center dedicated to children of its valued employees. The construction project will involve the redevelopment of an existing building as well as 5,000 square feet of structural addition; slated for opening in June 2023. Shaws & Associates, LLC, based out of Moodus is the contractor for the project; working with local subcontractors and supply houses throughout the process. The new Westview Child Care Center will be located at 39 Thompson Turnpike,

Dayville, directly across the street from Westview Health Care Center and Country Living at Westview Commons—a 103-bed skilled nursing facility and 75-unit independent and assisted living facility, respectively. The Westview family of companies now offer employment opportunities for more than 300 full-time, part-time, and per diem positions. Nestled on each of the four corners at the intersection of Ware Road and Thompson Turnpike, this “campus” arrangement and the new Westview Child Care Center will vertically

integrate solutions for family needs—a unique, catered convenience for Westview employees. Westview’s objective is to promote a child care center that is affordably priced, youth-oriented, developmentally appropriate, educationally encouraging, health promoting, independently functional, and environmentally sensitive. The project will feature enhanced safety, security, and surveillance systems (i.e., parental monitoring), a large centrally-located

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Wings of Freedom holds local meet and greet



Photo Jason Bleau

Wings of Freedom Animal Rescue brought some of their canine friends to the Christmas Barn in Woodstock for a local meet and greet event with potential owners seeking to adopt a new members of the family.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The Christmas Barn was a popular place to be on Sunday, Sept. 18, but not just because the holiday season is quickly approaching. On this particular morning, the Barn played host to a special meet and greet event for the Wings of Freedom Animal Rescue, a 501C3 non-profit out of Griswold that helped connect potential owners with their future canine companions. The meet and greet allowed locals the chance to meet some of the many dogs in need of good homes. Annie Roscioli, a member of the Board for Wings of Freedom, said the Woodstock event was what they considered a “highlighted” meet and greet bringing many of their dogs and foster families together in one place to connect with those looking to add a canine companion to

their family. “All of our fosters meet up here so people who haven’t even applied for the rescue can come and meet a dog,” said Roscioli. “We had adoptions early in the morning from people who had submitted applications earlier in the week and then came to do the meet and greet. It’s a great way for us to bring the animals and their future owners together. We’re a foster based organization so we can be pretty spread out and this brings people to one central area.” The event was a very hands-on experience for those who visited as pups were able to interact with both the people and their fellow canines only limited by the lengths of their leashes. Roscioli said these kinds of events are integral to their mission to help find homes for the pups and they feel allowing everyone to socialize and meet

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KILLINGLY
AT 300

MARGARET
WEAVER

Mark your calendars: The Killingly Historical Center will be closed Saturday, Oct. 8. Instead of doing genealogical research, help celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the Killingly Historical Society and the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam at Walktober at the Cady-Copp Anniversary Walk on Putnam Heights (Route 21) from 10 a.m.-noon. The Cottage, which is usually closed, will be open during the walk. The walk is #104 in the Last Green Valley Walktober calendar (p. 23). Visit TheLastGreenValley.org for walks, changes, additions, and cancellations. I'll write more about the walk next week.

I had the pleasure on Sept. 15 of speaking about Killingly's Colonel William Danielson to Brooklyn's Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter of the DAR. He is just one of many Patriots who lived here in Northeastern Connecticut and participated in the Revolution.

Marian Hollowell, Regent of the Sarah Williams Chapter, said that the previous day she had attended the patriot grave marking ceremony at Bruce Cemetery in Pomfret for Seth Williams and his wife Mary Snow Williams. Originally from Massachusetts, on April 20, 1775 Seth was among the Minutemen who enlisted and marched to harass the British along the Lexington-Concord Road following the Lexington Alarm the previous day. Later he also marched to the Rhode Island to the Bristol, Warren, Newport and Providence areas "Progressing from a Private in May 1775, then Sergeant in 1776 then finally to a Lieutenant in 1780, Seth Williams is recognized as a DAR Patriot.

Seth Williams, son of Nathaniel Williams and Mary Atherton was born November 23, 1746 in Raynham,

Massachusetts and married Mary Snow in 1767; they had nine children. According to Ellen Larned in her "History of Windham County (Connecticut), Vo. 2," Seth moved to Pomfret about 1791 where he established a shoe manufacturing business. His probate records show his inventory was appraised in 1818 at a value of \$2956.52 (equivalent to approximately \$70,000 today)." Seth died Oct. 18, 1818, age 71 years; his wife Mary died less than a week later on Oct. 24, 1818, age 70. (Hale Cemetery Collection, Pomfret).

Speakers at the dedication included Lisa Melland, Connecticut State Regent; Niki Rittenhouse, Connecticut State Chaplain; Lynn Alexander, Connecticut State Historian. Greetings on behalf of the family were given by Charlotte Allen Henline, Ottawa Chapter, Michigan. (Information taken from the Grave Marking Dedication program courtesy of Marian Hollowell.)

Perhaps you have an ancestor whom you feel is a Revolutionary Patriot. Regents from the DAR are most willing to help you with the process of applying to the DAR. Look for more information on line. If you wish to make an appointment for assistance, contact your local DAR chapter.

Long-time Killingly Historical Society member Glenna Bruno recently donated some of her mementoes and a scrapbook to the Society so archivist Lynn LaBerge and I have been busy browsing through the clippings and items. Since a number of the articles are from a time after the Windham County Transcript ceased publication in 1977, they provide quite valuable information. Read the following headline and see if you recognize the location of this road. "Petition is seeking to preserve historic Killingly gravel road. A petition bearing 135 signatures has been presented to the town seeking to preserve a gravel road which has been designated a historic trail. Robert Beauregard of the

Pineville section of Killingly circulated the petition to prevent the town from closing a portion of Stone road. The road was dedicated as a historic trail by the Boy Scouts of America on April 20, 1985, Beauregard said. He said the area was subsequently recognized as the Daniel's Village Archaeological Site, one of the first textile mills in America by the State Historic Preservation Office. The site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places... Beauregard claims the town is seeking to close a portion of the road at its present intersection with Putnam Road. He contends the town also wants to relocate the intersection of the Stone and Putnam roads to an unnamed private road that was constructed by a former property owner several hundred feet north of the present intersection. Town Manager Thomas E. Dwyer said last night the Town Council earlier this year voided an agreement with a private developer which would have paved a portion of Stone Road as well as the private road." (? /3/87 by Bulletin Staff writer Don Bond). If you ever visited Mervin Whipple's Winter Wonderland, you were not far from Stone Road.

The Daniels Village archaeological site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. The cotton mill, which once anchored the little village, built circa 1814 for the Killingly Manufacturing Company, burned in 1861 and was never rebuilt. The stone house, which belonged to the mill owner, is still standing at the junction of Stone Road and Putnam Road near the waterfall. The waterpower on that portion of Five Mile River was utilized for a grist mill by the 1740's or earlier having been moved from further upstream. By 1760 Talbot and Perry had both grist and saw mills. Foundations from several of the mill houses and the flume from the mill are still visible. (For two photos see "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A.

Spencer, p. 70).

I came across a Nov. 22, 1982 Journal Transcript with the front page headline "A great rivalry ends." A corresponding article by Dave Davis in the Friday, Nov. 26 Norwich Bulletin states, "As if following a script, Killingly and Putnam met for the 55th and final time yesterday in football and battled right down to the final gun. The host Redmen survived a Clipper field goal attempt with 39 seconds left in the game to earn a hard-fought 8-7 triumph that closed the series all even at 27-27-1. The cross-town rivalry has been brought to an end by mutual agreement because the size differential between the two schools is too great. The male enrollment in the upper three grades at Killingly is 426 while Putnam's figure is 202. However, the people in favor of ending the rivalry were very low key as the two clubs hooked up in a thriller before over 7,000 Thanksgiving Day spectators." Perhaps you attended this game and have memories that you would like to share. If so, please feel free to email me.

"Images of America Killingly" and "Killingly Revisited" are both available for sale at the Killingly Historical Center during regular hours (\$20 apiece).

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian September 2022. Special thanks to Marian Hollowell and Glenna Bruno. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or contact the Killingly Historical Society at www.killingly-historical.org. Leave messages for the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

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PLAYING IN THE BAND

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Local band Stone County performs during last weekend's Circle of Fun event in Putnam.

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multi-purpose area, and an outdoor recreation yard with unique and enriching scenes— including a pirate ship and medieval castle. Westview Child Care Center will include licensure for up to 80 children; ranging between daycare for infants and toddlers to after-school care for older children.

Children enrolled at Westview Child Care Center will have direct access to Westview's athletic trainers, pediatric health and therapeutic departments, a highly creative arts and theater program, and a new "Adopt-A-Grandparent" initiative.

"We have developed an exciting and enriching plan for inter-generational activity here," says David T. Panteleakos, Westview Health Care Center Administrator.

"Our young participants will build lasting friendships through writing letters, sending cards, and making visits to the residents of our facilities. It gives our valued seniors a sense of family and purpose—and furthermore, it helps children work on their communication skills and develop an understanding of social responsibility. It's a win-win for everyone."

This new, state-of-the-art child care center has been in development for several years and will provide quality child care on-site, offer expanded backup care, and customize flexible schedules to address the community's critical child care needs.

"Addressing child care is as much of a workplace challenge as it is a family challenge," says Mr. Panteleakos. "We are truly committed to being an employer of choice, and we work to

continually enhance our wage and benefit program for our outstanding employees. This significant \$2 million investment is made with full confidence that our team at Westview can do amazing things when we support each other. In doing so, we aim to recruit and retain working parents by helping with the balance between family life and work."

Mr. Panteleakos further details his motivation for this project with gratitude for the staff at Westview: "Westview's achievements would not be possible without our amazing employees, and we will continue to do everything we can to provide support. This is all about making sure that our community of colleagues know they have the opportunity to work within a family-focused, modernly sensible, supportive culture."

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When shopping for mums you may see them labeled as garden, perennial, gift, or florist mums. All these different names for plants that basically look alike can be confusing. The answer lies in their response to day length, hardness, and use.

Mums set flowers based on day length. Growers can force them into bloom by covering them to create the shorter days that initiate flowering. Those grown as gift and holiday plants are often called florist mums. These usually require the longest periods of unin-

errupted darkness or shorter days. When these mums are grown under natural daylight they usually don't flower until late fall or early winter. These late bloomers are usually killed by cold temperature before or soon after the flowers appear in colder parts of the country.

Nurseries selling mums in full bloom in the fall often refer to them as garden mums. These may be perennial or "florist" mums forced to flower for fall displays. The intent is to use them as annuals. Set a pot on the steps, pop a plant in a vacant spot in the garden or combine them with other fall favorites.

Even if these garden mums are hardy and suited to your growing conditions, they may not survive the winter. Since all the energy of flowering fall-planted mums is directed to the flowers, little is left to establish a hardy robust root system. If you have success overwintering your garden mum, feel free to brag. If your plants don't survive or you don't try, don't worry. You are using them as a fall annual as they were intended. This provides space for new plants in the spring and an opportunity to try a different color mum next fall.

Those mums sold as perennials are hardy enough to survive the winter and flower in late summer or early fall, providing weeks of color in the garden. They are often sold alongside other perennials, labeled as perennials, or promoted as hardy for the area. Increase your success by planting them in spring. This allows the plant time to develop a robust root system before it begins flowering in the fall. This increases the plant's ability to survive cold winter weather.

Increase overwintering success of fall planted perennial mums with proper care. Make sure the plants receive sufficient moisture throughout the remainder of the growing season and leave the plants intact in the garden for winter. Those in colder climates may want to add winter mulch. Wait for the ground to freeze. Then cover with weed-free straw or evergreen boughs. Remove the mulch in spring as temperatures hover near freezing or the plants begin to grow. Cut back the dead stems and wait for new growth to appear.

Whatever you call them, add a few mums to your fall display. You are sure to enjoy that last blast of color before winter arrives.



Mums mixed with ornamental grass in a fall garden.
Photo Melinda Myers

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *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* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Public comment sought on proposed zoning amendments

THOMPSON — Thompson's Planning & Zoning Commission has published proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Regulations on the Town Web site, in order to solicit public comment ahead of a to-be-scheduled Public Hearing.

This annual update is taking place to fulfill a commitment the Commission made following the complete overhaul of the Zoning Regulations in 2020, to look at that document every

year and make adjustments where needed. By doing so, the Commission will make sure that the Zoning Regulations are as responsive as possible to the real-world needs of the Town of Thompson.

The draft document can be accessed via this link: https://www.thompsonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif5076/f/uploads/_public_presentation_draft_annual_update_2022_proposed_amendments.pdf All proposed changes are present-

ed in the same order in which they are found in the current edition of the Regulations, which may also be viewed online in their entirety. In the online draft amendments, new additions are indicated in red boldface text. Deletions are indicated in red strikethrough text. In a limited number of instances, some marginal notes are included to add context to the suggested changes.

The proposed amendments will be on the agenda for the

September Regular Meeting of the Commission on 26 September, in order for the members to vote to move it to Public Hearing and set the date for that hearing. Although no other discussion of the proposed changes will occur at the September meeting, starting now the public is encouraged to provide written comment via email, to be read into the record during the Public Hearing once it is scheduled. An informal Q&A session for

the purpose of answering any resident questions also will be scheduled ahead of the Public Hearing. The date of the informal Q&A session is also TBD at this time, and will be set based on the date of the Public Hearing.

Please email comments to: planner@thompsonct.org with the subject line "Comment for Public Hearing – 2022 Zoning Regulations Update." Public comments will be acknowledged when received.

IHSP-Daily bread squashes hunger

PUTNAM — September is Hunger Awareness Month. To help fight hunger in the Greater Putnam area, we invite you to donate to our Squash Hunger Competition between Sept. 25 & Oct. 23.

The Faith Communities will be collecting Macaroni And Cheese.

The participating congregations are: B'nai Shalom Synagogue, St. Mary's Church & Daughters of Isabella, Living Faith United Methodist Church & the Congregational Church of Putnam.

The Insurance Agencies will be collecting canned chicken.

The participating agencies are: Archambault Ins., Gerardi Ins. and Byrnes Ins.

The Financial Institutions will be collecting soup.

The participating banks are Centreville Bank, Hometown Bank & Jewitt City Savings.

To donate, look for the Squash Hunger poster outside the institutions.

You may be wondering why you should donate to this fundraiser. There are so many worthwhile charities.

Here are some sobering facts:

One in seven people in the world will go to bed hungry.

Every community in the USA has families who are food insecure, but rural communities like ours are particularly susceptible.

Single parent families particularly single Moms, many of whom do not qualify for SNAP & low income & disabled Senior Citizens are at high risk. Furthermore, hunger takes a severe toll on seniors' health, putting them at risk for depression, asthma & diabetes.

So please help us Squash Hunger by looking for those Squash Hunger posters & bringing your donations to the participants.

May the best competitor in each category bring home the trophy!

Woodstock Legion hosting open house and breakfast

WOODSTOCK — The Benson-Flugel Post 111 American Legion, Inc. invites the public to our free open house and breakfast on Sept. 24 from 8-10 a.m. Come to our post, located at 22 Stone Bridge Rd., Woodstock,

to see what we do for our veterans and the community. We are always looking for new members and due to the LEGION Act of 2019, all veterans who have served since Dec. 7, 1941 are eligible to join.



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In my last column, I shared that a 1952 Mickey Mantle card set a sports card record when it sold for \$12.6 million at auction last month. I noted that the Mantle card also set a record for any type of sports memorabilia by topping the \$9.3 million paid for a Diego Maradona 1986 World Cup jersey. Well, CBS Sports reports that a new record was set this month for another non-card sports memorabilia item.

A jersey that Michael Jordan wore in Game 1 of the 1998 NBA Finals recently went on the auction block. The Bulls lost that game to the Utah Jazz, but went on to win the series, giving Jordan his sixth championship in his “Last Dance” season. Jordan also received his sixth career Finals MVP award. His jersey price soared

well above the \$3 to \$5 million estimate, selling for \$10.1 million.

In non-sports news, the New York Times reports that the art collection of Paul Allen (who formed Microsoft with Bill Gates in 1975) is expected to be the biggest auction of a private art collection in history. The inventor, sports team owner and philanthropist died in 2018. Over 150 of his pieces spanning 500 years will be sold. Highlights include “Jasper Johns’ encaustic, acrylic and paper collage ‘Small False Start’ from 1960, estimated to bring more than \$50 million, and Paul Cézanne’s ‘La Montagne Sainte-Victoire’ (1888-90), estimated at over \$100 million.” Allen bought many of the paintings as an investment. He anonymously purchased an 1891 Monet painting of a haystack for \$81.4 million in 2016. He also loaned pieces from his collections to several museums. He told Bloomberg in 2015, “I feel that you should share some of the works to give the public a chance to see them.” The sale, which also includes masterpieces by

Renoir and Roy Lichtenstein, is expected to top \$1 billion.

An antique advertising sign also recently fetched eye-popping auction record prices, according to Greenville, South Carolina TV station WYFF. The double sided Musgo Gasoline sign was discovered in a Michigan attic and is the best-known example of the 1920s version of the Musgo Gasoline sign. WYFF writes that “Musgo, originally located in Muskegon, Michigan, was believed to be open for less than six months during the mid-1920s.” The previous auction record for a gasoline-related advertising sign was \$400,000 until the Musgo sign shattered it, selling for \$1.5 million in August, especially remarkable considering gasoline sold for slightly over 20 cents a gallon when Musgo was in business.

We are accepting consignments of gold, coins and sterling through Sept. 26 for our fall auction. We are also accepting consignments for our sports card and memorabilia auction as well as our art, historical memorabilia, antiques and collectibles fall

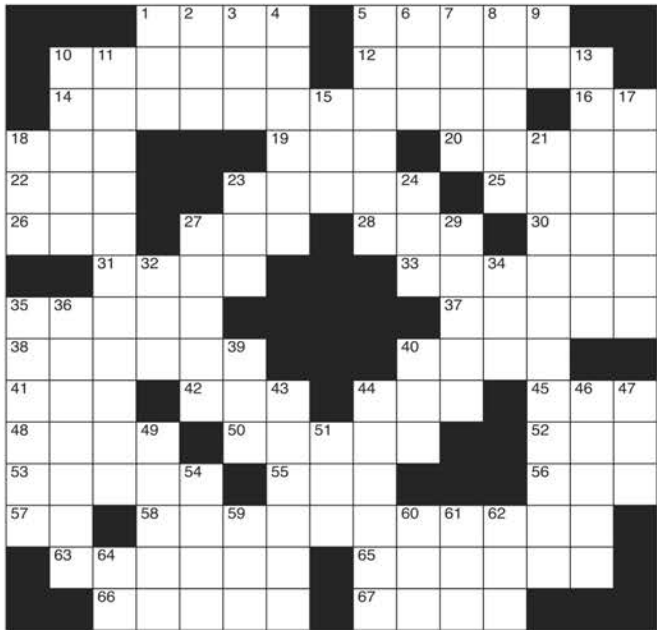


auctions through September 30th. I'll be appraising items for the public at the Townsend Historical Society on Oct. 15, the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 18 and the Leicester Senior Center on Nov. 5. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Crops sown in winter in India

5. Nursemaids in East Asia

10. Investigates

12. Treated like a child

14. About religious belief

16. Widely used exclamation

18. Car mechanics group

19. Not good

20. Indigenous people of Alberta

22. Everyone has one

23. Fencing sword

25. Soaks

26. The human foot

27. Of she

28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)

30. Soldiers

31. Energy, style and enthusiasm

33. Playwright O'Neill

35. Stone parsley

37. Small stones

38. Gas descriptor

40. Monetary unit of Samoa

41. Jeans manufacturer

42. NHL great Bobby

44. Cool!

45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

48. Winged

50. Partner to "oohed"

52. Defensive nuclear weapon

53. Coated

55. Furry household friend

56. Chinese principle underlying the universe

57. Prefix meaning "within"

58. Makes easier

63. Transferred property

65. Branched

66. Hillsides

67. Abba __, Israeli diplomat

CLUES DOWN

1. Eggs in a female fish

2. Military mailbox

3. Unit to compare power levels

4. Line on a map connecting similar points

5. One who accepts

6. Partner to cheese

7. Ancient Greek sophist

8. About hilus

9. Southeast

10. Where actors ply their trade

11. Beloved Philly sandwich

13. Intend

15. Talk excessively

17. Bronx cheers

18. Drain

21. Renews

23. Monetary unit in Asia

24. Relative biological effectivity (abbr.)

27. Carthaginian statesman

29. Aged

32. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

34. Firearm

35. Consolation

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40. Disconsolate

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44. Call it a career

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Historical Society presents State Troubadours at Tyrone Farm

POMFRET — The Pomfret Historical Society and Tyrone Farm are presenting a unique performance of Five Connecticut State Troubadours on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. in the Tyrone Farm Barn. The gathering of singer/songwriters will include Kala Farnham of Pomfret, the current State Troubadour, and previously honored title holders Sally Rogers, Kate Callahan, Hugh Blumenfeld, and Phil Rosenthal.

The honorary position of Connecticut State Troubadour was established in 1991 by the Connecticut General Assembly.

The State Troubadour serves as an ambassador of music and song and promotes cultural literacy among Connecticut citizens. The Department of Economic and Community Development Connecticut Office of the Arts, appoints an individual singer/songwriter familiar with the state's arts, music, and stories who communicates the Connecticut experience through song.

The concert is part of The Last Green Valley “Walktober” series and produced by Historical Society members Sally Rogers and Dr. Robert Smith. The late

afternoon curtain will provide an end-of-day experience for visitors to Walktober sites in the region.

Tickets and complimentary youth passes are available on the Pomfret Historical Society website, pomfret-historical-society.org, and at the Vanilla Bean, Grill 37, Pomfret Wine and Spirits, and Watercure Distillery. Concert proceeds will benefit historic buildings and archives preservation and programs of the Pomfret Historical Society.



HELPING HANDS

Photo Courtesy

Students at the Helping Hands Transition Program held a grand re-opening ceremony on Sept. 16. The students expressed their gratitude for the overwhelming generosity and support shown by local businesses allowing an expansion of the transition program to become a reality. The expansion will enable Putnam Public Schools to provide transition services to more students requiring instruction and support in daily living and vocation skills. Putnam Public Schools expresses their deepest appreciation.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Sept. 12: House Wren, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Barred Owl, Cooper's Hawk, Hummingbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Bluebird, American Redstart, Ovenbird, House Finch, Goldfinch, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, and Song Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret.



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each other in more natural environments helps build a quick bond that can last a lifetime.

“A lot of people prefer to do meet and greets before they bring the dogs home and it's equally important for the dogs because it gives them exposure. So, they meet other dogs and a lot of people, and they learn to socialize. A lot of our dogs come up on transports from the south. This is a great opportunity for us to connect these animals with their potential owners and bring them to good homes,” Roscioli said.

Wings of Freedom Animal Rescue also works with shelters and PetFinder to help get the word out about their dogs, posting photos and details on special media as well. Those looking to connect with their next canine companion can learn more about the organization and the animals up for adoption by visiting www.wingsoffreedomanimalrescue.org.



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Peter G. Trama awarded WWII Congressional Gold Medal

PUTNAM — World War II and Korean War veteran Peter G. Trama of Thompson, formerly of Putnam, recently received the Merchant Mariners of WWII Congressional Gold Medal. The award was presented by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration located in Washington, D.C.

According to the Maritime Administration, “The Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Congress, honors those whose dedication, heroism, and public service have created a lasting impact on American history. On March 14, 2020, legislation was signed into law authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for American Merchant Mariners whose honorable deeds played a critical role in WWII.”

Trama served as a Seaman

in the Merchant Marines from 1943 to 1950. He made seven trips across the Pacific Ocean to Australia, New Guinea, Marshall Islands and Hawaii, providing fuel oil, airplanes and PT boats for United States Navy ships.

In 1950, after leaving the Merchant Marines, Trama was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in Germany, during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1951.

“I was very surprised but very honored to receive this Gold Medal,” said Trama, who celebrated his 97th birthday on Sept. 6.

“This was a nice birthday present,” he concluded.

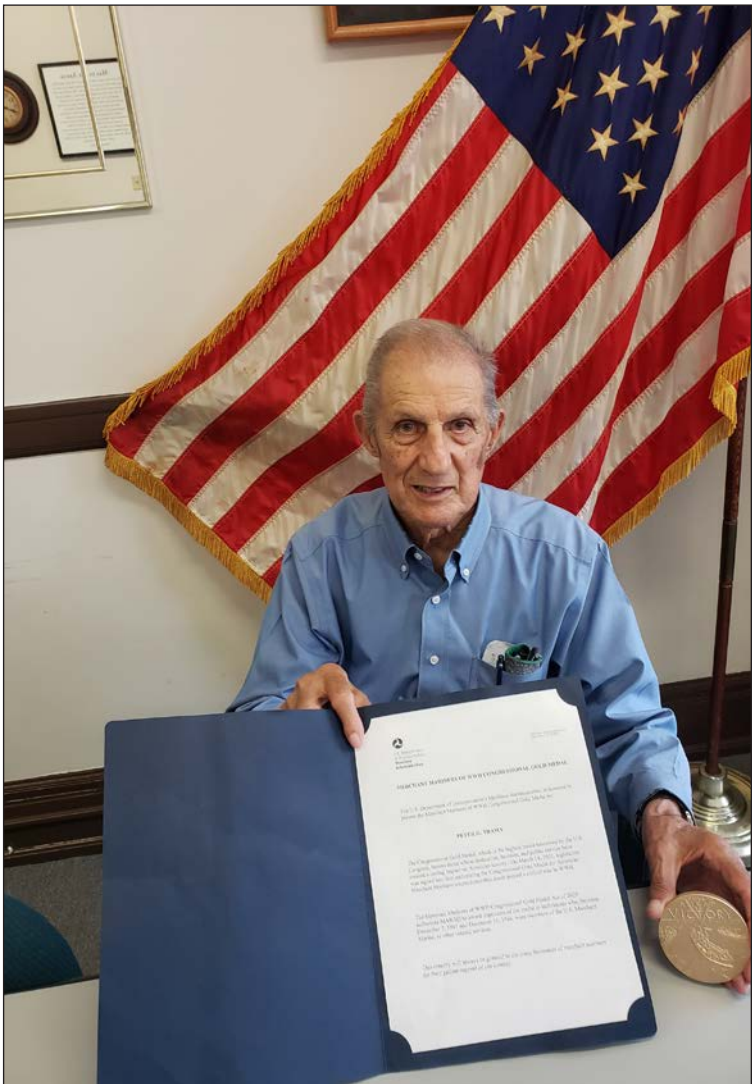
According to the Maritime Administration, “The Merchant Mariners of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020 authorizes MARAD to

award duplicates of the medal to individuals who between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, were members of the U.S. Merchant Marine, or other related services.”

During World War II, Standard Oil of New Jersey had more than 125 oil tankers scattered around the globe with Merchant Marines supplying the war effort.

Trama is a longtime member of the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam and the Albert J. Breault VFW Post #1523.

Photo Courtesy



Young runner take to the course for the fun run, a precursor to the Lap the Lake 5K.



Representatives of NOW hand out medals to youngsters completing the fun run prior to the 5K event.

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For Deslongchamps, it was his first event back after an injury that sidelined his conditioning and practice routines. As he has many times however, he persevered and excelled claiming another in a long list of 5K victories in the Quiet Corner.

“There was some self-doubt,” Deslongchamps said of his first race back. “I didn’t know what was going to happen because I hadn’t done any kind of speed work before this event. The

course was gently rolling with a little trail section and having Linda Spooner behind you, you know you can’t slow down. We pushed each other the whole race.”

Spooner said she was proud of her time and while the trail aspect of the run proved to be a challenge, she was proud to finish runner up overall and stay close to her friendly rival at the finish line.

“Scott is amazing, and he always pushes me to the limit. We’ve done a lot of racing together and he brings out the best in me. I was able to see him for a lot of it until we hit the dirt road part. You’re on roads that are rolling and then you get to a single-track part. I’m very timid on trails because I don’t want to get injured, but when someone caught up to me, I knew I had to get going. I hit the road again and I managed to get under 20-minutes, so I’m thrilled,” said Spooner.

The event also featured a fun run for the younger participants and each runner and walker that participated in the fun run or 5K receiving a medal for completing the course.




Linda Spooner was the first woman and second runner overall across the finish line.




Scott Deslongchamps scored another 5K win as the first runner overall to cross the finish line.

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Winter may be coming, but don't despair

So often, people strive to become happier by doing this, or obtaining that; however, sometimes it's what we give up that makes us more content. With the fast drop in temperatures, down into the 30's we know winter is coming. (For those of you out there who are fans of the "Game of Thrones" books or television franchise, you're welcome for the reference.)

For longtime New England residents, winter is a dreaded season. It's not so much the snow, as it is the frigid temperatures and high cost of fuel. We happen to enjoy the fall and winter seasons but for those who are having glum feelings about the colder weather, or even for those who love all weather, we have some tips on some things you can toss, to create more happiness in your world.

One thing you can say 'be gone' to is the idea that you have to always have a positive outlook on any given situation. If you try to avoid negative feelings all of the time, you're not creating a healthy space for when you are truly happy. If you need to vent, do it. If you're upset and need to cry into a bowl of ice cream, have at it. It is your overall life satisfaction that matters.

Minimize your time on social media. Remember the days when you didn't know what your friends, family or even celebrities were doing every second of the day? Those were blissful times. The only way we knew what someone was up to was to pick up the phone, wait for the dial tone, and make that call. We're not sure we ever inquired about what our friends were eating. All of that unnecessary knowledge is overwhelming at times, and simply put, unnecessary. One study showed that the more time people spend on social media, the more depressed they are. When we spend too much time online we know that we are wasting time. The idea of wasting time can inflict a feeling of depression on anyone who is typically highly motivated and energetic. Documenting every aspect of your life can be exhausting and takes away from the actual experience. If you order a rack of lamb, just enjoy every bit of it without feeling the need to share it with the world. Your experiences will be more fulfilling overall.

Don't compare yourself to others. We are fans of the phrase 'No one is you, and that is your power.' People have been comparing themselves to others since the dawn of time. The idea of keeping up with the Joneses is outdated. Don't do that. Love the idea that the person sitting next to you or walking down the street is nothing like you.

Keep likeminded company. If you have friends who are Eeyore like or always seem to be complaining, less is more. We don't have time in our precious lives to listen to chronic complaining. At the end of your life, do you want to think to yourself, 'Wow I spent so much time listening to people complain?' We're guessing you don't.

Have realistic goals. If you start with lower expectations and grow from there your success rate in reaching your higher goals will be greater and less stressful to obtain.

Forgive others. This one is extremely hard. However, forgiving those who have hurt you is key to feeling relaxed and happy.

Eating too much sugar can lead to depression. Balance in your meals has

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In support of Leah Schad for Probate Judge

To the Editor:

In 2006, I lost my daughter and my husband within five months. Pomfret Probate Judge Leah Schad was there to help me navigate at a time when even simple things were difficult. I was especially appreciative of her empathy and expertise.

In addition, Judge Leah Schad provided her help with a more joyous process, The

adoption of my granddaughter. It was comforting to know that these important life circumstances were being handled by a sensitive, caring, knowledgeable professional person who truly cared. Thank you, Leah.

MARLENE HEALD
POMFRET

Leah Schad for Judge of Probate

To the Editor:

Looking ahead to this November's election I felt compelled to write in support of Leah Schad for judge here in the Northeast Court. Housed in Putnam the court serves 6 other towns and has the daily responsibility to serve those populations during their most emotional and trying times in their lives.

We often don't think of the importance of these positions and the impact they have until we find ourselves in a position that impacts

Thomas is the clear choice

To the Editor:

Public safety needs to be the top priority for all elected officials, and this is why Lisa Thomas is the clear choice in Connecticut's 35th District State Senate race.

As Coventry Town Council Chairwoman, Lisa has consistently voted in favor of fair police contracts and additional training that will increase community safety. Recently, when Coventry needed a new Chief of Police, Lisa prioritized community engagement by allowing residents an opportunity to share the qualities they feel are most important in a Chief of Police. Her support extends to ensuring our officers and emergency response per-

us directly.

Having someone who not only has the years experience dealing with all that encompasses the position she brings a warm and caring quality that we should expect from a Judge overseeing such important day to day issues.

Please join me in supporting Leah Schad for Judge of Probate on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

GLORIA MARION
PUTNAM

sonnel have access to social work providers to assist in their response to mental health and addiction calls, giving us a holistic approach to community well-being.

As State Senator, she looks forward to joining the bipartisan Fire and EMS caucus ensuring that our district gets access to crucial emergency services.

As the only candidate in the race with experience working with a police department, Lisa has the leadership and empathy needed to keep our district secure and thriving.

JON HAND
COVENTRY

Just some facts on women's healthcare

To the Editor:

*In more than seven states, pharmacists have refused to fill prescriptions for birth control for young women. Claiming his religious beliefs will not not promote or condone contraceptive practice

*Then your employer decides that his employer provided health insurance will no longer carry any coverage for birth control. He claims his ethics and morality cannot promote or condone contraceptive practices.

**The question is how long will women tolerate the abuse of men making decisions on Women's Healthcare?

What is happening locally ?

*If Day Kimball Hospital is sold to Covenant Health, the employees will not receive health

insurance for any form of birth control.

*If Day Kimball Hospital is sold to Covenant Health, then all of our physicians will be prohibited from providing birth control.

*If Day Kimball Hospital is sold, Covenant Health will be the sole owner

and the name Day Kimball Hospital will exist in name only.

* Covenant Health would appoint the Board of Directors.

* Covenant Health would appoint the CEO.

* Covenant Health had operating losses in 2020 and 2021.

ELIZABETH CANNING
POMFRET

Christine Maine will provide us with outstanding representation

To the Editor:

The 51st District – Thompson, Putnam and Killingly – can now look forward to outstanding representation in the State House when voters elect Christine Maine. Her opponent, the GOP incumbent, has a long list of missed opportunities where he failed to protect the humans who live in the 51st District. Rick Hayes blew any chance he had to vote for human services, tenants' rights, an insulin price cap and protection for reproductive health among other shortcomings.

Christine, the Democrat, is challenging Hayes this November. She is experienced in managing multi-million dollar budgets, a skill she picked up during her five years in the Air Force. She was an intern when

she attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in1986 after graduation from the University of Dayton with a degree in law enforcement. She later earned a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Colorado.

Her years as a magistrate in Newport News, VA, prepared her for all the problems the humans in the 51st District are facing. Christine is a fine fit for that district. I wholeheartedly encourage Putnam, Killingly and my neighbors in Thompson to vote for her. Go, Christine!

MONICA MCKENNA
THOMPSON

Lisa Thomas is the senator we need

To the Editor:

I would like to express my support for Lisa Thomas for State Senator for District 35.

As a former student of Lisa's, I can speak from personal experience about her strength, intelligence, and caring nature. In Lisa's classes at Hebron Elementary School, she challenged me to think critically and to explore topics, ideas, and books that I had never experienced before. While she taught in Hebron, Lisa introduced the Future Problem Solving Program, which teaches students critical problem solving and teamwork skills and encourages them to engage with complex social and scientific issues. After getting my start with FPS in sixth grade under Lisa's coaching, I participated in the program for

seven years, and I look back on my experiences as an FPS-er as some of the most formative of my young adulthood. The program taught me how to work with others on a team, how to think creatively and analytically, and how to lead, and it is thanks to Lisa that I had that opportunity.

Today, we face significant challenges: economic turmoil, disappearing healthcare resources, and public safety concerns. We need a State Senator who knows how to solve problems, who is a passionate advocate for education, and who is committed to her community. Lisa Thomas is that person.

ANNA NEWMAN
TOLLAND

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been scientifically proven to make people happier. More vegetables, more fiber and less processed food.

Opt to spend your money on experiences rather than things. Experts say the satisfaction of an experience will last much longer.

Lastly, choose good posture. While sitting up you automatically feel more ener-

getic and positive. Slouching can lead to feel nervous, sleepy, sluggish and fearful.

A quote by Jim Rohn sums it up: "Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present."

Celebrating a life well lived

The death of Queen Elizabeth II filled our screens, newspapers and radios with endless coverage of her life, her family, her steadfast nature, her love of animals and country property. We know she loved horses and rode well and often, even into her nineties. She loved dogs, especially corgis and dorgis, a dachshund corgi cross. I had corgis and I am grateful she showed the world the charming herding dogs. But, whew, what does all this hype really mean?



NANCY WEISS

I'm half Welsh, and I'm delighted to hear Charles speak a bit of the odd sounding, consonant heavy language. My father though it was the ideal tongue in which to sing or pray, but that was it. My mother's family were Puritans, who left England in the 17th century and never looked back. When I knew them in the 20th century, they were pretty sure anything showy was not good. I imagine them watching the tv coverage surrounding the death of the Queen and shuddering. I couldn't take my eyes off the elaborate costumes on the various regiments, the do-dads on the horses and the colorful array of flags. Monarchy at its best is a parade of creativity, craftsmanship and flair.

The Queen worked the day before she died, fulfilling her royal duties as was her custom. What a fine way to go and at 96. She met the new Prime Minister. Dressed in warm, wooly clothes she looked tiny but alert. What a gift to slip away and leave the pomp and circumstance for other people to orchestrate.

These last few years, there has been plenty of loss among my friends and neighbors. Quite often, there is no obituary published in the local papers and either no calling hours or funeral service. I learn of people passing through conversations. When I can, I send a note to their relatives, but I often wish someone had written something about the deceased as a tribute to what they did in life. We don't do as much as the Queen did, but people contribute a great deal. As friends, we experience their loss too, but can't share in it. Community life is built on sharing responsibilities and experiences. Knowing and caring about other people is pivotal to creating strong places.

I have a small leather change purse with coins from other countries. My grandchildren like to look through it. Slowly all the British coins will be changed from Elizabeth to Charles. In Britain they will make new stamps, post boxes and royal warrants on products. Here we change the signature at the bottom of the Welcome to Connecticut sign when we have a new Governor, but our coins and bills feature the same old men staring blankly as they always have. That's fine.

A friend told me her husband stood for hours in the queue when Winston Churchill died, which seemed like an honor. Seeing the variety of faces of the people paying their respects to the Queen was the clearest example of the universality of affection for her. The people in line were citizens, not royals or heads of state, just people, who probably see themselves as subjects, a distinction we don't have.

We love celebrities. We adore movie stars, athletes, billionaires and some politicians. They come and go. The Queen did her job and followed complicated rules for a long time. She combined the historical, traditional and personal. She transcended celebrity. She was as good as Queen as there might ever be. Marking her death created a sense of unity. Celebrating a life well lived is worth the hype.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Check out the whole story

To the Editor:
Do you find it annoying when a politician says something that is true but misleading, and then when you hear the whole story, you feel lied to? For example, in the recent WINY “debate” between state Senate candidates Jeff Gordon and Lisa Thomas, Dr. Gordon railed about high taxes, complaining that “Connecticut Democrats have been raising taxes for decades,” and pointing out that “In Woodstock we dropped the mil rate down by five points.” Well, Woodstock’s mil rate (tax rate) did go down by almost five points, but that happened in the face of a huge property re-evaluation, so almost everyone’s tax bill actually went up, way up: 5.65 percent on average. Naturally, reflecting the re-evaluations, taxes went up particularly for those with modest homes and property, less so for people with fancy houses. And who oversaw this increase in tax bills? Woodstock Republicans! Just like they did last year, and the year before, and many years before that. Do things seem a little different now that

PA 490 problems

To the Editor:
At the town meeting in July, the citizens of Thompson voted to re-establish the open space provision of PA490 as it had been run for the past four decades. The way it was run, property owners would apply for open space by filling out a form at the Assessor’s Office, the Assessor would then go and physically inspect the property and classify it accordingly to one of the eight different OPM land descriptions. They would then place a ten-year lien on the property, and if nothing changed, that is how the property was assessed until it was sold.
All the properties that were in the PA 490 program before the town meeting were supposed to be transferred into the new PA 490 program as they were. The only reason we had to redo the program was because of an administrative oversight on the town’s part, not the property owners, but that is not what is happening.
The Assessor has just started the process by sending out notices with forms that need to be filled out and returned by Halloween, and a few problems have cropped up.
First, some property owners are not receiving forms from the Assessor for every property they have in open space. If you haven’t received a form for one of your properties, contact the Assessor asap.
Second, the Assessor is using the town’s GIS system to determine the classifications of the properties in open space. Using the GIS system, he has changed a pasture to tillable land D, changed wooded land to tillable D, and moved a house from one lot to another.

A healthy environment starts with a strong economy

To the Editor:
In last week’s Villager, Ms. Allen implied that the use of fossil fuels caused the drought this summer, and families were unable to bring their families to picnic and cool off at Quaddick Park. She further states our planet is on the brink of environmental disaster. Neither is true.
As an abutter of Quaddick Lake, I have been monitoring the lake for over 30 years, taking temperature, dissolved oxygen, and water clarity measurements. I can assure her that with the drought conditions of this summer, Quaddick Lake was only down about 10 inches at the spillway, not much lower than a normal year. With the rain (over 11 inches) over the past two weeks, Quaddick is again overflowing the spillway.
This ebb and flow of the lake is normal. At no time was it dried up. Each year, they do a draw down to allow residents to work on their properties or for weed control, but that is only

Trumpism may be the path to dictatorship

To the Editor:
When Donald Trump ran for President in 2016, many who voted for him held their noses and chose someone who supported their policies, and who was not Hillary Clinton. Most knew him to be a media megastar with a brash personality not tainted by political experience. He was a Washington outsider who was the antithesis to Barack Obama. But they were also reassured that should he stray from the executive path; our democratic infrastructure had enough checks and balances to guarantee no substantial damage. This seemed true. Our constitution after all created three equal branches of government. America is not some third world developing country or a faux democracy. Unfortunately, as history as shown, the sturdiest countries and even empires have more often than not crumbled or been reshaped into something entirely different. Our government may be no different, and Mr. Trump may have discovered a way to game the system.
To start, place staunch allies in all

you know the rest of the story?
Or, when Dr. Gordon stated he was the “only candidate with a track record of experience and leadership,” did you think that was the whole story? Lisa Thomas has been on the Coventry Town Council for 13 years, and is now the elected Chair (of a Republican-dominated Council!). In that context she has grappled with leadership, budgets, and all the other things involved in running a town. She serves on two State Councils. Dr. Gordon has been elected chair of Woodstock’s Planning and Zoning for 16 years. No budgets; no education crises; no larger perspective. And he is the only experienced candidate? Dr. Gordon’s efforts to deceive are disrespectful to voters. I don’t want to be represented in Harford by that mindset. I will vote for Lisa Thomas. Check out the whole story and you probably will too.

CHARLES M. SUPER
WOODSTOCK

There are other properties where the Assessor is making changes and there is no legal basis for this.
On Thompson’s Web site, there is a disclaimer of our GIS system which states: “The Town and AppGeo, respectively, do not make any warranty, representation, or guarantee as to the content, sequence, accuracy, timeliness, or completeness of any of the information provide herein. The user should not rely on the data provided herein without verifying its accuracy independently.” Yet, we have a town employee, the Assessor, using the database to change classifications and property boundaries of resident’s properties. This is just not right, and this is not what the voters voted for last July.
The pasture I mentioned has been used for livestock since before it was put into open space, the owners stopped keeping livestock a few years ago because of their age; the pasture hasn’t changed.
The wooded land I mentioned is still wooded; the owners called the assessor and had him review the property and it is still wooded.
The Assessor should not be changing land classifications. You need to be diligent and verify that the data on the form is the same as before, because his cover letter does not state whether he changed it from the original classification or not. Also, make sure you get your forms in by Halloween; otherwise, you will be in for a shock next July when you get next year’s tax bill.

BILL WARNER
THOMPSON

when man intervenes to control the lake level.
As far as families not being able to use the park, there were a couple of days when DEEP closed the park, but that was because the parking lots were full.
It is laughable when people using 100 years of temperature data infer the planet is on the brink of environmental disaster. In the 1970’s, they used this data to suggest “global cooling” and that we were entering a “mini-ice age.” When that didn’t happen, we got “global warming.” That didn’t happen either; now we have “climate change.”
Is there “climate change?” Of course there is. The earth’s climate has been changing since the beginning of time, and will continue to change no matter what man does. A hundred years ago, Logan Airport was just being built. It didn’t even become the official weather station until 1936. Even so, using 100 years of data to predict the next hundred

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possible seats of power. This has begun. During his time in office, Mr. Trump flooded the judicial branch with Federal judges as well as Supreme Court Justices. One such judge has already been sympathetic to him in the DOJ Mar a logo documents investigation. Next, he is attempting to have only those who bend the knee to him elected to Congress. This includes those who malign our entire election infrastructure. The final step is for him to once again become head of the executive branch.
At the same time, he is trying to discredit those neutral institutions outside of the bureaucracy who could potentially block his path namely the armed forces and the FBI. We have seen nearly all military leaders who served under Trump describing him as less than presidential. In fact, the only general who served in his White House who remains firmly behind him is Michael Flynn, former national security advisor, who was sentenced to jail for Federal crimes, only to be pardoned by Trump.

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To the Editor:
Dr. Day’s words: “Science is never going to be able to tell us when life begins.”
The words of those who know better: “It is incorrect to say that biological data cannot be decisive...It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception.”
Professor Micheline Matthews-Roth Harvard University Medical School
“I have learned from my earliest medical education that human life begins at the time of conception.”
Dr. Alfred M. Bongioanni Professor of Pediatrics and Obstetrics, University of Pennsylvania
“After fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being. [It] is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence. Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception.”
Dr. Jerome LeJeune Professor of Genetics, University of Descartes
“By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception.”
Professor Hymie Gordon Mayo Clinic
Dr. Day claims that I stated that “any-

Random thoughts

To the Editor:
Some random thoughts as summer moves to fall and we prepare for what might be a bad winter.
Is this what the GOP has become in an attempt to find a solution to the border problem, shipping people all over the country. Two Trump wannabees in Abbot and Desantis doing things that do not show much humanity and care for people. They are tough guys putting unsuspecting immigrants on buses and planes and sending them to places unprepared for them and saying good luck. Both parties have caused this problems, for their own political reasons, both need to sit down and find a reasonable, humane solution. This is not it. When did Florida become a state with immigrants coming over the border, isn’t Florida mostly surrounded by water, Georgia and Alabama?
I urge people to vote for anyone other than Anne Dauphinais in November. As both her and her hubby are against any good Mental Health in the schools of Killingly High, children are suffering and need to feel that there is help for them, their parents and the community. Not to do anything is just not what good leadership is about. Plus, she did call Gov. Lamont, vote for him, a Hitler like fascist in the past.
Shout out to the loyal Bunco ladies.
Next is the delusional Ed Deluca. As far as his criticism of Joe Biden, maybe he should look at MAGA, Make Attorneys Get Attorneys in order for those who defend the 2x impeached, grifter and may go to jail supporting his lies and on top of that not get paid. He was only talking about those who only

Where do you stand?

To the Editor:
If you are happy with the way things are going in the good old USA. I am not very happy myself. Why not? For starters I see the 30-year mortgage rates have just crossed the 6 percent level for the first time since 2008. Prepare for a housing crash.
Food costs are up 11.4 percent year over year, which represents the biggest price jump since 1979. Chicken is up an astounding 16.2 percent year over year.
Gas prices are down just in time for the November elections. This would be good news except for the fact it was partly achieved by the Biden administration depleting the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its lowest point since 1983 when we were filling it up. Not to worry, though, as after the election, he plans to start filling it up again.
Gas prices here in Connecticut are not quite as bad as previously what with the 22 cent State gas tax not being collected.

Biden throws a bash while the markets crash

To the Editor:
On Tuesday (Sept. 13), the inflation number for August came in higher than the analysts estimated it to be, and as a result, the markets took a severe nose-dive. And do you know what Brandon and his little Democratic wind-up toys were doing while this was going on, while working and investing Americans were (again) losing money because of his inflation? He was throwing an “inflation reduction” (Act) party on the White House lawn, and while they were popping open bottles of champagne and celebrating, a split screen TV was showing the market’s numbers as they plummeted. I wonder if that was even noticed? Yup, they were having a bash while the markets did crash, and a conservative talk radio show host compared it to Nero fiddling while Rome was burning.
However, I’ll bet they noticed the many news headlines that followed. Yahoo Finance reported: «Inflation triggers market meltdown.» The New York Posts coverage mentioned: «The

one” who undergoes an abortion does so as a means of birth control. That is absolutely not what I stated. I stated that “abortion is being used as birth control.” Readers are encouraged to factcheck my words in my previous post. Dr Day is guilty of misrepresenting me. Why would he do so?
According to a study reported by Human Life International in which reasons for abortions were tracked from 1996-2020 in 6 states, and I quote, “96.50 percent of all abortions are performed for social or economic reasons.” Perfectly healthy mothers are aborting perfectly healthy babies because their unborn children are an inconvenient and unwanted reality. The other 3.50 percent of cases in the referenced study were due to rape, incest, fetal birth defects, and physical/mental health or life of the mother.
Dr. Day goes on to state that I desire to inflict my personal beliefs and conscience on my readers. Again, not so. The purpose of my opinion letters is to educate my readers. If my research is not appreciated, that is fine with me. One can simply turn the page.

SUSAN EMERSON-HILL
THOMPSON

seem to back the insanity caused by the ex Grifting man he loves. The Cult leader wants to stay on the back pages due his desire to make money off those who can least afford to give him money. Similarly to Tammy Faye and Jim Baker, who ran a con using religion on TV back years ago. Google it, look at those glasses she wore. They went to Jail. Twice impeached cult leader may have stolen those documents and failed to return the two or three times when DOJ sought privately for to return them to their proper place, a thought comes to mind that he did this with the idea that he could make an issue out of it so he could grift off of it. He lives and loves being the victim, but it was him not the DOJ that informed the country of the search. He announced the search and had a plan in place hours earlier to play the victim and make money, again. Sense a pattern of behavior. Ed, ask him to just go away, and leave the country in peace. You have the power.
Kudos to another great piece by Billy Taylor last week.
Nice to see a bunch of white guys laughing at the plight of others in the world on the Fox News network. Such class and dignity.
These political ads on TV and radio are getting old. No positive agendas on what i could do if elected just the other guy/girl is terrible. More negative campaigning, prepare for 2 more months of it.
That is it for now. Be well and be happy..

DAVID CASSETTARI
KILLINGLY

That’s good till Nov. 1, just before the election, then it goes back up. Sounds to me like vote buying.
With gas prices down, it certainly helped keep the latest inflation report number at 8.3 percent. With inflation at 8.3 percent, it will only take less than nine years for the value of your savings to be cut in half. We should be so thankful. Trying to save today is like putting ice cubes in your pocket on a hot summer day. Neither the ice cube nor a dollar’s purchasing power will last very long.
The Democrats’ “inflation reduction act” will only increase inflation since it is based mostly on deficit spending and some tax increases. Also, the student loan forgiveness legislation is patently unfair to all who did not go to college, and those who have already paid for their college costs. This vote buying grab may back-

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disappointing monthly report showed inflation continued to remain near record-high levels in August – despite a continued demand-driven decline in the cost of gasoline. The lower price of gas was offset by steep 12-month jumps in the cost of food (up 13.5 percent), electricity (15.8 percent), rent (6.8 percent) and health insurance (24.3 percent).” Market Watch’s headline was: “Falling gas prices gave Americans false hope that inflation was cooling, but August data disappointed analysts.” Our clueless president couldn’t explain how the administration would deal with the unexpectedly high inflation numbers, as they triggered a sudden plunge in the stock market. “I think we’re going to be fine,” Biden told reporters Tuesday night when asked about the disappointing data release earlier in the day. (Now thats really comforting.)
So, now we have what’s again being called a “humanitarian crisis” by the democrats (partially) because a mere

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OBITUARIES

Joseph R. Viens 1931-2022



Putnam- Joseph R. Viens (AKA Bob), 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Wednesday September 14, 2022, at Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Putnam he was the son of the late Joseph D. and Diana (Martel) Viens. He was the loving husband of 54 years to the late Marguerite (Guimont) Viens whom he missed everyday since her passing. Consolation comes in the fact that they are now reunited.

He graduated from Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester MA and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1955.

Mr. Viens was the owner and head pharmacist at Viens' Pharmacy in Putnam for many years. He dedicated most of his life to practicing pharmacy.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council #64 in Putnam and the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity. Joseph enjoyed wood-

working, restoring old homes and cars, and working in his yard.

Joseph is survived by his children Celeste Frappier and her husband Charles of Thompson, Collette Viens of Tolland, Marieanne Viens and Sean Cristofori of Putnam, Melanie Rovero and her husband Ricardo of Thompson, Robert Viens and his wife Maria of Thompson; his grandchildren Celina Viens, Aaron Dalpe, Dominic Rovero, Mitchell Cristofori, Cristano Rovero, Angelo Rovero, Alexander Viens, and Alexander Cristofori; and his great granddaughter Lilliana Aliceas. His brothers Maurice Viens of TN and Rene Viens of Thompson. He is predeceased by his sister Dorothy Graveline.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM Thursday September 22, 2022, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam CT. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, it would have pleased Mr. Viens if you would donate to the local animal shelter of your choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church Street, Putnam CT 06260. For Memorial Guestbook please visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com)

Richard “Dick” Donald Cooley, 94



Richard “Dick” Donald Cooley, 94, of Eastford, CT passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at Day Kimball Hospital due to complications from pneumonia. He was born on March 9, 1928 in Staffordville, CT, the sixth child of the late Omer and Maude (Smith) Cooley. He graduated from Stafford Springs High School in 1946 and continued to live in Staffordville until his move to Eastford in 1958. Called to service in the US Army in 1950, he served at Ft Bragg and then in Germany until his separation in 1952. On December 16, 1952, he started working at Bowen's Garage in Eastford, C.T. and worked there for almost 52 years until his retirement in May 2004. Dick was a volunteer firefighter in the Staffordville Fire Department for 15 years starting as a Junior fire-fighter and continuing until his move to Eastford. His hobbies included gardening and being outdoors, taking care of a garden until

his recent hospital stay. He loved his family most and leaves a beloved wife of 69 years, Cynthia (Bradway) Cooley; a daughter Patricia (Cooley) Thorburn and her husband Gary Thorburn of Maynard, MA, a son Timothy Cooley and his wife Jean (Klepp) Cooley of Oxford, MA; four grandchildren Benjamin Thorburn, Rebecca (Thorburn) Beach, Brett Cooley, and Brad Cooley; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by five sisters, Marjorie Bren, Doris Sangar, Jean Dupont, Winifred Reynolds, and Olive Cooley; and a brother Ralph “Mike” Cooley. A graveside service with Military Honors was held at Staffordville Cemetery, 375 East Street, Stafford Springs, CT on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 3:00pm (cemetery is located behind the Staffordville Gospel Church). There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Staffordville Fire Department, 9 Colburn Rd, Stafford Springs, CT 06076, or Eastford Fire Department, 6 Westford Rd, Eastford, CT 06242. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com.

Lucille Elizabeth Deary, 73

Lucille Elizabeth (Barrette) Deary, 73, passed away on Friday, September 9th at Hartford Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Born and raised in Webster, MA, she was the eldest of ten children of Raymond A. Barrette and Cecile M. (Lemay) Barrette. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1967. She moved to North Grosvenordale, CT in 1982. She worked at Midstates Packaging in Auburn, MA for 17 years in the Billing & Accounting Dept. until she retired in 2020.

Growing up, Lucille enjoyed muscle

cars, going to the races and competing in the powder puff derby, playing the organ, dancing to polka, trips to Florida, going to Boston Celtics games, and spending time with her large family.

She enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchildren & great granddaughter. She especially enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren's sporting events.

She was a second Mother to many of our friends, that she loved as her own. And a proud Godmother to many, that she loved so much.

She crocheted many blankets for friends and family, that will be cherished forever.

Her special recipes will be made for generations to come.

She especially enjoyed her yearly trips to Atlantic City and frequent trips to the Casino with her best friends, Sally Marcustry and Barbara Pickett.

She leaves her daughter, Kimberly Joy Deary and her boyfriend Jason Ranslow of Webster, MA. Her son Corey John Deary and his fiancé Elizabeth Perry of North Grosvenordale, CT.; three grandchildren, Amanda Lee Safford and her husband Gerry of Putnam, CT., Talon John Deary and Raegan Cecile Deary of North Grosvenordale, CT.; one great granddaughter, Grace Lee Safford.; six siblings, Roger Barrette and his wife Linda of Woodstock, CT., Dennis Barrette and his wife Donna of No. Grosvenordale, CT., Daniel Barrette and his girlfriend Debbie of Webster,

MA., Jeannine Dunn and her husband Stephen of Thompson, CT., Patricia Tyck and her husband James of Dudley, MA., and Debra Montpelier and her boyfriend Lee Auger of Putnam, CT.; a sister in law, Rita Barrette of Upton, MA. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and her godchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, and her brothers, Donald Barrette in 2011, Raymond P. Barrette in 2020. And her sister Jacqueline Hancock in 2021.

She will forever be in our hearts and missed dearly, each and every day.

At her request, in her final wishes, there will be no services or funeral.



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING

**TOBY
MOORE**

Are you open-minded? I like to say I am, but am I?

What does it mean to be open-minded? Is it even possible to be genuinely open-minded? Does that mean you aren't open-minded if you have strong convictions?

This column is about positivity; although I'm not perfect, I try to close my mind to negativity. Does that mean I'm close-minded?

Is being open-minded a virtue or a vice? I guess it depends.

Someone told me that having an open mind means listening to different thoughts, opinions, and beliefs, examining how they conflict with your convictions and ideas, and then allowing your view to change should the idea be worthy of

your acceptance.

I've also learned that being open-minded can mean being open-minded to the possibilities for the future.

I've met many people who are close-minded to the idea that good things can happen. They are stuck in a mindset that success isn't attainable, giants are undefeatable, and the bad guys will always win.

Being closed-minded is when we close our minds to new possibilities, opinions, or ways of thinking. We build a box around what we know or want to be true, but then we never think outside the box.

When we become close-minded in the wrong way, if we're not careful, it's possible that we also lose the ability to imagine what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes or to see the world from a different perspective.

Once we get into a thinking

pattern, we develop a routine and stay in that pattern. I'm not against routines, but sometimes getting stuck in a routine can lead you to a particular way of thinking. Sometimes changing the routine can help open your mind to new thinking patterns.

If we're stuck in a particular pattern of thinking, and a problem arises that is caused by the way we think, is it possible to truly solve the problem by continuing to think in the same way?

In some ways, we can become prisoners of our beliefs and assumptions.

I am guilty of learning to do things in a certain way and then believing everyone should do it that same way, only to learn that most people don't want to do it the same way, and if I tried to get them to do it that way, they don't listen!

Confirmation bias is when

we accept evidence that supports our beliefs and mindsets and reject evidence that doesn't.

If you challenge someone to think differently, it can quickly become a fight, some people don't want their beliefs and ideas to be challenged, and maybe we should respect that and learn to live with them in peace.

In today's world, it seems that when we encounter someone of a radically different belief system, even amongst people born and raised in our own country, rather than trying to understand why they think the way they think, we hate them and call them names. It's easy not to listen to their ideas and write them off because we believe they are immoral people.

Am I saying we shouldn't defend and debate what we believe to be true? No.

Having a closed mind may cause us to oversimplify the other person's point of view because we don't want to think too deeply about the issue.

A closed mind results in our rational thinking and imagination becoming stunted. We lose the ability to relate.

Some of the best leaders, innovators, and businesspeople were open to the possibilities of a new way of doing things. They helped people to see their vision, dramatically changing our way of life.

What would happen if we had a more open mind in our approach to family? Could it change the whole dynamic and lead to better relationships?

Is it possible that having an open mind to how we deal with people we disagree with could radically change the country's direction? I hope so.

I'm open to the possibilities.

What does it mean to be open-minded?

LEGALS

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
METERED USE
LEGAL NOTICE**

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-4:30PM Tuesday 8-5:30PM Friday 8-11:30AM. By Mail, online, or in our drop box.

First installment metered use is due September 1, 2022 If payment is not received on or before October 3, 2022 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half per cent of such tax for each month or fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment. Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killingly.org Dated at Killingly this 26th day of August 2022

Patricia Monahan CCMC
REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR THE
TOWN OF KILLINGLY
August 26, 2022
September 9, 2022
September 23, 2022

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
BOROUGH OF DANIELSON
TAX COLLECTORS**

LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00-4:30pm Tuesday 8:00-5:30pm Friday 8-11:30am. By mail, online, or in our drop box. The second quarter installment of taxes becomes due on October 1, 2022, and becomes delinquent on November 2, 2022, and subject to interest from the due date. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction of a month from the due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov. Dated at Killingly this 14th day of September 2022

Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
September 23, 2022
October 7, 2022
October 21, 2022

TOWN OF THOMPSON

The following wetlands agent approvals were issued: Application # WAA22026 approved on September 13, 2022, Jessica Gervais, 61 Lakeside Dr. (Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 57A) - Construct an 8' x 36' porch on existing home within the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, and Appli-

cation # WAA22027 approved on September 14, 2022, Hany S. Youssef, 23 Lapiere Rd. (Assessors Map 79, Block 62, Lot 47A) - Construct a 570 foot long driveway within the 100-foot upland review area for a new single-family home. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
September 23, 2022

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT, and via Zoom on the following applications:

PZC #22-26 Applicant Neil P. LLC, owner of 520 Riverside Drive, Map 85, Block 95, Lot 10/A Zone DMRD requesting a Special permit, to operate a Car Wash (Motor Vehicle Services), Article 4F DMRD Section 2 #20. Continued from August 22, 2022.

File may be reviewed online, Town of Thompson website, Planning and Zoning Commission or in the Planning and Zoning Office. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting. Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
September 23, 2022

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 7:45 p.m. to be held at the Woodstock Town office, 415 Route 169, Lower level, Meeting Room 1, to amend the Woodstock Zoning Regulations to EXTEND the current Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments in the Town of Woodstock; Zoning Regulations, Article III.A.2.e.A.4. Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, PZC Chairman
September 23, 2022
September 30, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kent B. Luman (22-00164)
The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated April 22, 2022, 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.

Elyssa A. Foley, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Susan B. Luman,
c/o BRIAN S MEAD, LAW OFFICE OF
BRIAN S. MEAD, 148 OLD TURN-
PIKE ROAD, PO BOX 508, QUINE-
BAUG, CT 06262, (860)935-9211.
September 23, 2022

SPORTS

QUIET CORNER FOOTBALL

Quinebaug Valley Pride scores lone touchdown, edges O'Brien Tech



Photos Jason McKay

Quinebaug Valley Pride quarterback Robbie Minior goes for a pass with plenty of time to spare thanks to a strong offensive line.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

PUTNAM — Senior Dan Boutin scored the only touchdown of the game with five minutes to play to help lead the Quinebaug Valley Pride (QVP) football team to its second consecutive win of the season, 7-0, over O'Brien Tech on Friday, Sept. 16 at the St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex.

"This was an absolute grind of a game from start to finish," still undefeated QVP first-year coach Jim Edinger said. "Another great defensive game plan put together by coach (Tom) Black. I'm so grateful for him. This is his first year as a defensive coordinator and he, and we, have started the season with back-to-back shutouts."

On third-and-11 from the Condors' 46-yard line, Boutin gathered in a screen pass from QVP quarterback Robbie Minior and followed his offensive line down the field and into the end zone to give the Pride a 6-0 lead, which Deven Lamothe increased to 7-0 with a successful extra point attempt.

On its ensuing drive O'Brien Tech (0-2) drove to the QVP 20-yard line, but the drive was halted by QVP linebacker Sam Scrapchansky who picked off a Joshua Nieves pass at his own five-yard line to end the Condors' scoring threat.

Quinebaug Valley sealed the victory by running out the clock. The Pride picked up a pair of first downs, the second of which came on the legs of Lamothe (seven carries, 29 yards) who picked up two yards on fourth-and-one from his own 24-yard line.

"Deven didn't end up with a high rushing total, numbers-wise," Edinger said, "but a lot of his carries resulted in us being able to move the chains and keep drives going."

Senior Mateo Alvarez led the Pride's running game, picking up 35 yards on 10 carries. He also caught one pass from Minior for 18 yards. Minior completed 3-of-6 passes for 59 yards and a touchdown, and he rushed for 34 yards on 11

carries.

Lamothe, a sophomore, contributed in all three phases of the game. In addition to his rushing yards and his extra point Lamothe intercepted a Nieves' pass while playing safety.

"The entire defense played great; they played with a lot of mental toughness and a lot of heart. They responded over and over again, and they had to because they faced a lot of goal-line stands," said Edinger, who credited the entire defense for the shutout but was particularly impressed by the performances of Lamothe and Scrapchansky, as well as middle linebackers Chris Daly and Matt Siegmund. "This whole team, they're a great group to coach."

Woodstock Academy 47, Weaver 0 Filling in for senior teammate Braiden Saucier, who suffered a medical emergency in the Centaurs' season-opener against Enfield High, junior quarterback Teddy Richardson led Woodstock Academy to a shutout road victory over Hartford's Weaver High.

Richardson completed 5-of-8 passes for 76 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed for 60 yards and two scores. The scoring strike, which covered 30 yards, went to senior Carter Saracina. Richardson's rushing TDs came on a 25-yard jaunt and a five-yard scamper.

"It was special, amazing, a great team win," Richardson told Woodstock Academy sports information director Marc Allard after the game. "We needed this win. It was everything and we did it for (number) 10 (Braiden Saucier) and Coach Sauce. We couldn't do it without them."

The Woodstock Academy defense set the tone early, staking the team to a 14-0 lead, turning a pair of turnovers into a pair of touchdowns.

On the Beavers' third offensive play Centaurs' defensive end Marcus McGregor forced a fumble which was picked up by teammate Seamus McDermott, who raced 55 yards for a



Matt Siegmund of the Quinebaug Valley Pride sprints through the middle as the defense attempts to tackle him.



Quinebaug Valley Pride defender Cam Gaboury gets ahold of an O'Brien Tech offensive player while making the tackle.

touchdown, helping to give WA a 7-0, first quarter lead. On Weaver's next possession, about two minutes after McDermott's score, Saracina jumped in front of the Beaver he was covering, intercepted Kahlil Barno's pass and returned it 20 yards for, what the cool kids like to say, a pick-6.

Scoring second-half touchdowns for the Centaurs were Trevor Savoie and Gabe Luperon-Flecha, who both plowed into the end zone from a yard out.

Killingly 56, Norwich Free Academy 6 Junior running back Soren Reif and senior quarterback Tom Dreibholz had performances to remember in a 56-6 win over Norwich Free Academy (NFA) on Friday, Sept. 16. The victory was Killingly's first over NFA on the road in the new millennium.

Asked after his team's win over Montville on Friday, Sept. 9, when was the last time Killingly defeated NFA on the road, head coach Chad Neal said, "I couldn't tell you. It was before my time, which began in 2004." Kevin Marcoux,

Killingly's athletic director, said it been at least 25 years since the team enjoyed a road win over NFA.

Reif rushed for 317 yards and four touchdowns on 17 carries in the blow-out while Dreibholz was a perfect 4-for-4 passing for 184 yards and three scores, all the touchdown tosses caught by Ben Jax. Reif's touchdowns were on first quarter runs of 63 and 6 yards, a second-quarter run (74 yards) and a third-quarter run (9 yards). Dreibholz's scoring strikes to Jax were 63 yards (in the first quarter), 71 yards (in the second quarter) and 15 yards (in the fourth quarter).

Also reaching the Promised Land for Killingly was running back Keith Perry, who bulled in from three yards out in the second quarter. Perry also led Killingly's defense, recording 11 tackles (seven unassisted, two for lost yardage) and a quarterback sack.

Behind Reif and Dreibholz Killingly led 21-0 after the first quarter, 42-6 at halftime and 56-6 after three quarters.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Ellis Tech shakes off first game loss, rebounds with big win

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The Ellis Tech boys' soccer team bounced back from a season-opening loss with an impressive first victory, a 6-0 shutout over visiting Vinal Tech on Thursday, Sept. 15. The Golden Eagles lost to Norwich Tech, 5-0, on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

With three goals junior Cameron Fulone led the Ellis Tech scoring parade while sophomore Hunter Giovanni scored twice. Junior Cody Cramer also scored for Ellis Tech.

Senior Jake Pichie recorded two assists in the win over the Hawks (0-2) while Fulone, Giovanni and sophomore Casey Persson had one each.

Posting the shutout for Ellis Tech (1-1) was senior goalie Mason Carney, who made six saves.

The Golden Eagles led, 3-0, at halftime.

Elsewhere:

Ethan Lackner scored four times and Harry Giambattista three times for Killingly High, which defeated visiting Tourtellotte High, 7-0, on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Morgan Field. John Fitzgibbons recorded three assists in the game while Giambattista, Lucas Clayton and Joe Cozza added one each. Trent Pichie posted the shutout in net, making three saves. Killingly (2-1-1) tied host Lyman, 1-1, on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Giambattista scored Killingly's lone goal, which was assisted Lackner. Pichie recorded eight saves in net to preserve the tie.

Woodstock Academy (1-2-1) picked up its first win of the season when it defeated Fitch, 1-0, on Friday, Sept. 16, at the Bentley Athletic Complex. Austin Byer scored the lone goal, his second of the season,

off an assist from John Bennett, with 19 minutes left in the first half. In its Tuesday, Sept. 13 game with visiting Waterford the Centaurs tied the game, 1-1, with 35 minutes remaining in regulation, but WA ended up losing to the undefeated Lancers, 2-1. Jeff Phongs scored the Centaurs' goal, on an assist by Austin Byer.

Girls' Soccer

Casey Beauregard scored three goals, and Emma Girardin, Laura Farquhar, and Illyana Malarkey one each to lead 2-1-1 Killingly High to a 6-1 win over visiting Montville High on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Morgan Field. Spencer Chvieik assisted on two of the goals while Beauregard, Girardin and Farquhar each recorded an assist as well. Aryn Nisbet (four saves) and Erika Horne (two saves) split the victory in net.



Photos Jason McKay

Ellis Tech's Jake Pichie heads the ball, moving it further down the field.

In Killingly's 1-1 overtime tie with visiting Plainfield on Monday, Sept. 12, at Morgan Field, Farquhar, off an assist from Markley, scored Killingly's lone goal 14 seconds

the game. Nesbit made seven saves in net for Killingly.

Elsewhere:
Leah Costa, a transfer student
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Circle of Fun celebrates 50 years

PUTNAM — St. Mary’s Circle of Fun has long been a tradition in Northeastern Connecticut. So long in fact that the annual event celebrated its milestone 50th anniversary from Sept. 16 through Sept. 18 with music, games, rides, and plenty of fun for all ages throughout the weekend. Hosted by St Mary’s Church in Putnam, the

event marks the end of fair season and summer in Northeastern Connecticut drawing one of its biggest crowds for its important anniversary that celebrated five decades of tradition while looking forward to another 50 years entertaining the Quiet Corner.

Photos Jason Bleau



Kids enjoy a ride through the air on the dangling swings, a centerpiece of the Circle of Fun.

LEFT: Visitors to the Circle of Fun tried their luck as winning some of the numerous basket raffles with proceeds benefitting the church and its programs.

RIGHT: As a special treat in the final day of the Circle of Fun, visitors got to experience some history as the first ever Queen of the Circle of Fun from 1972, Nadine Landau, showed up for the 50th annual event.



A popular rocket ride gave riders a bird's eye view of Putnam.



The Hayloft Steppers show off their square-dancing skills as one of the many musical displays during the Circle of Fun weekend.



As always, the Circle of Fun was accompanied by a giant used goods sale in the function hall of St. Mary's church.



A young visitor to the Circle of Fun Kids Zone gets her face painted.



A young rider enjoys a trip on a slow-motion rocket ride.



A staple of every Circle of Fun, the Dragon Wagon made its annual return in the 50th annual event.



BEYOND THE PEWS

BISHOP JOHN W. HANSON

Darin was mesmerized as his father slowly navigated their all-wheel-drive SUV along the freshly-plowed road that wound through the wilderness area in the Rockies. His nose was pressed up against the frosty window as he marveled at what looked like the surreal paintings he had seen in his second grade geography book. Gusts of wind blew the lightly falling snow across the gorgeous landscape. The mountains

stood as a majestic backdrop to the snow-covered grasslands. Standing knee deep in snow, just a few feet from the road was an enormous bison, which he later discovered may have weighed as much as two thousand pounds – about half the weight of the vehicle in which he and his family were riding. His father stopped the vehicle so everyone could take a good look, and a few pictures. The bull did not move. His face was caked with ice and snow. Blasts of arctic wind tugged at his beard as he exhaled puffs of steam through his nose. It was below freezing out there, yet the gigantic buffalo was not shivering. He seemed quite content as he occasionally chewed his cud. He then casually turned his head in their direc-

tion, as if he were bored and hoping they would just move on down the road. “Mom,” Darin queried, “how cold is it outside?” “I think it is about twenty degrees, honey.” “How can that buffalo survive when it so cold outside? Why doesn’t he go crawl in a cave somewhere?” “God created him that way,” she explained, “He has thick skin and fur, and his body uses food to produce enough heat to keep him warm. It is an inner strength that helps him withstand extreme circumstances.” After a long pause he commented, “That’s kind of what the Holy Ghost is like, isn’t it? It is something on the inside that keeps us warm. My Sunday School

teacher called it “inner strength.” “Exactly!” replied his mother, “it comes from what we eat spiritually.” As the car began to move again, she immediately realized that her life had recently been exceptionally difficult. She was feeling the cold and had forgotten about that inner strength. She quickly thanked God for the reminder, and let His love rise up in her own soul. She suddenly felt warmer inside... content in the storm.

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Inner strength

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dent from Stonington, scored one goal and assisted on two others to help lead Woodstock Academy to a 5-1 win over Fitch in Groton on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Grace Gelhaus (two goals) paced the 1-3 Centaurs' offensive effort while Juliet Allard and Bella Mawson also scored.

Victoria Iozzi scored all four Ellis Tech goals in a 4-4 tie with visiting Norwich Tech/Holy Family on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Emily Fryer and Liliana Wong Kam each assisted on a goal for the Golden Eagles (0-1-1), while goalie Julie MacCracken recorded 19 saves.

Volleyball Woodstock Academy improved to 4-0 on the season with wins over host Ledyard (3-1, on Friday Sept. 16) and visiting Bacon Academy (3-1, Thursday, Sept. 15). In the win over Ledyard Liliana Bottone had 13 kills and Morgan Bonin added 10 kills and five service aces. Setter Sophie Gronski finished the match with 28 assists. In the win over Bacon Academy, Bottone had 14 kills

and five digs while Gronski added 30 assists for the Centaurs. Destiny LaMarre had three key service points late in the fourth and deciding set including two aces to give WA a 25-22 win in the final set. The Centaurs won the first two sets by the same score, 25-19.

Field Hockey Chloe Nason scored two goals and Sophia Petrella added a goal and two assists to lead undefeated Woodstock Academy to its second win in as many games, a 6-0 home victory over East Catholic on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Ainsley Morse, Abby Converse, and Georgia Lukachie also scored for the Centaurs while Grace Pokorny recorded a pair of assists.

Elsewhere: Alexis Rainey scored in the third quarter on an assist from Aila Gutierrez to deliver Killingly its first win of the season, 1-0, over visiting E.O. Smith on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Morgan Field The victory was also the first in the high school varsity coaching career of Erika Ponciano, Killingly's first-year head coach. Jillian Beach posted the shutout in

net, making three saves.

Boys' Cross Country Woodstock Academy's Christian Menounos picked up the pace in the final 200 yards and held off Griswold's Michael Strain to record an individual first-place finish in a season-opening tri-meet at Waterford's Harkness State Park on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Menounos's winning time was 16 minutes, 30 seconds. The Centaurs' Vincente Bastura finished third overall in the meet, crossing the finish line 14 seconds behind Menounos. Griswold won the WA-Griswold portion of the tri-meet, 26-30, on the strength of Wolverines' runners finishing in places four through seven in the meet. Woodstock Academy did earn a split in the tri-meet, defeating host Waterford, 22-35.

Elsewhere: Ellis Tech won its season-opening meet, defeating Cheney Tech, 18-44, On Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Manchester's Wickham Park. Brady Nottage crossed the finish line first, followed closely by teammate Keegan Lyons.

Girls' Cross Country Host Waterford took the first spot but Woodstock Academy captured places second through sixth to record a 20-42 win over the Lancers and a 15-50 victory over Griswold in a season-opening tri-meet at Waterford's Harkness State Park on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The Centaurs' Lauren Brule finished second, and was followed across the finish line by Leila Kwairedinord, Julia Coyle, Olivia Tracy, and Kira Greene.

Kaleb Siener of Ellis Tech comes in from the side with a powerful kick in an attempt to get the ball away from the opposition on Vinal Tech.



Ellis Tech's Braden Ayer runs up to the ball while battling with a Vinal Tech player.



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