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## Blumenthal visits Thompson Superintendent's House



Photos Jason Bleau

Sen. Richard Blumenthal talks with locals during a visit to the aging Superintendents House at 65 Main.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON — Sen. Richard Blumenthal paid a visit to Thompson on Tuesday, May 31 to visit the old Superintendent's House at 65 Main St., a property slated to be renovated and repurposed thanks in part to congressional grant monies championed by the Senator and his colleagues, Sen. Christ Murphy and Congressman Joe Courtney.

The Superintendent's House has had a storied history, previously serving, as its name implies, as the home of the school master for Tourtellotte Memorial High School. It also served as the home of TEEG, a local grassroots social service agency, but since 2012 has gone unused and fallen into a state of disrepair. While the property around it has seen new life, specifically as a community garden, the town has long sought ways to reuse the facility to the benefit of the community. Thompson Director of Planning and Development Tyra Penn-Gesek was inspired

to repurpose the facility as a hub for business growth and cultivation which resulted in the successful acquisition of the congressional monies.

"What occurred to me was the town really values its agricultural history and doesn't have a lot of store front space for small businesses. So, I had conceptualized the idea that it would be a business incubator and small business support center for startups in food systems and small agricultural businesses. That was the base concept we started to work with," Penn-Gesek told Blumenthal during his visit. "It's really hard to just find a grant just to renovate a building — It was a perfect opportunity for us to break that vicious cycle."

This initiative resulted in a partnership of non-profits and professionals who have come together with the goal of growing business in Thompson with the Superintendent's

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## Thompson crash leaves four dead, one injured

BY JASON BLEAU  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON — The holiday weekend ended on a tragic note in Thompson after a car crash took the lives of four of the five occupants of the vehicle on Memorial Day Monday, May 30.

According to the Connecticut State Police, emergency reports just after 5 p.m. of a major motor vehicle accident on Quaddick Town Farm Road in Thompson. Police arrived to find that the vehicle, a 2017 Honda Civic with Rhode Island plates, had left the roadway and impacted a tree. According to police reports, the vehicle was driven by 18-year-old Providence, Rhode Island resident Johan Santana who was traveling south on Quaddick Town Farm Road and attempted to overtake another vehicle that was also traveling southbound. Santana lost control of the Civic and ran off the right side of the roadway colliding with the tree.

Emergency crews from the Thompson Fire Engine Company, East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, Putnam EMS, KB Ambulance, Webster Medic, and Woodstock Ambulance, arrived on scene along with the Connecticut State Police. Santana was pro-

nounced dead at the scene as was one of the passengers, 21-year-old Jaslin Perez. Two other passengers, Erica Perez and Lixandra Terrero, both 21-years-old, were transported to UMass Hospital where they succumbed to their injuries. The fifth occupant of the vehicle, 21-year-old Alfonso Lopez, was transported by Life Star to Rhode Island Hospital where he was in critical condition. Following surgery, he was considered in stable condition.

Police indicated that no one was wearing their seatbelt at the time of the incident. The Connecticut State Police C.A.R.S. Unite worked on scene to assist police in the investigation. Autopsies and toxicology reports on the driver were scheduled to determine if alcohol or drugs played a factor in the accident. Police have also taken the time to remind motorists the importance of seatbelt use in saving lives during such incidents.

The incident was one of several motor vehicle crashes over the Memorial Day weekend that resulted in 12 total deaths across the state, the most since 2006 which saw 14 fatalities. Since then, only 2008 and 2022 have had more than six motor vehicle accident deaths during the holiday.

## QVCC recognizes 200 graduates at 50th Commencement ceremony

DANIELSON — After two years of virtual and drive-through graduation ceremonies, Quinebaug Valley Community College was pleased to recognize the Class of 2022 with an in-person commencement on the evening of May 26. Nearly 200 graduates crossed the podium of the Richard C. Berry Amphitheater, located on the

grounds of the Danielson campus, to receive their degrees and certificates in QVCC's 50th Commencement ceremony. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPEAKERS

- Dr. Karen Hynick, QVCC CEO
- Terrence Cheng, CSCU President

- Sarah Wolfburg '02, Alumni Speaker
- Hannah Kipp '22, Student Speaker
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– Sumeyra Yavuz (Medical Laboratory Technician)

LIST OF GRADUATES  
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Aidan Erick Anderson, Laura

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## 'Bulldog' Grzysiewicz, Killingly take bite out of Terriers



Trevin Russ of Killingly sprints back to third base after considering a rush to home plate.

Photos Jason McKay

### TEAM ADVANCES TO QUARTERFINALS OF STATES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2005

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The Terriers were no match for the Bulldog.

Jay "Bulldog" Grzysiewicz, No. 8 seed Killingly High's starting pitcher, dominated the ninth-seeded Rocky Hill Terriers during the teams' Connecticut Class M Tournament second-round game on Wednesday, June 1, leading Killingly to an 8-1 victory and a berth in the quarterfinal round of the tournament for the first time in 17 years.

Killingly, unfortunately, did not enjoy

the quarterfinal round as much as the first two rounds — it defeated 25th-seeded O'Brien Tech, 5-1, the day before the rout of Rocky Hill — losing to Sheehan High of Wallingford, the No. 17 seed, 13-4, on Saturday, June 4.

Killingly, which began the season 1-4, finished with a 17-7 overall record.

All three of Killingly's tournament games were played on Ben Desaulnier Field at Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

In the win over Rocky Hill, Grzysiewicz, pitching on zero day's rest — he started and threw 22 pitches in the win over O'Brien Tech — twirled a complete-game two-hitter, allowing one unearned run while striking out nine and walking two.

The senior's performance didn't begin nearly as well as it ended. Rocky Hill, after members of the team posted a "Beware of the dog" sign on the fence in front of the visiting dugout, began the game with a single,

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# Flipping through the local directory



KILLINGLY  
AT 300  
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MARGARET  
WEAVER

We received a telephone call at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center this past week from Michael LoSasso, an architect working on Killingly

Memorial School, asking if we had letters, memorabilia, etc. from World War II. I'm passing his request on to you, my readers, in the hopes that you can help him. "I am the architect for the renovation of and addition to the Killingly Memorial School. We are hoping to develop a memorial as part of the project that serves as an instructional display within the school's new addition. While the design is still developing, we hope to generate a wall mounted display

that highlights members of the armed forces from Killingly in any branch of service during WW2. Because the memorial will be incorporated into the school, it should avoid use of images showing weapons or any sort of brutality. Rather, we hope to find photos that can be supplemented with letters, articles or journal entries that speak to friendships, conspicuous acts of bravery, ingenuity, perseverance or other similar, more humane aspects of the conflict... I found the CT Military Service Personnel Photograph Index at the CT State Library. See following link: <https://ctstatelibrary.org/connecticut-military-service-personnel/> provides an example of the type of information that I am hoping to locate. There is at least one person from Killingly referenced in this collection." If you have something that might be helpful for this project, please contact Michael LoSasso directly at [Mlosasso@antinozzi.com](mailto:Mlosasso@antinozzi.com).

Periodically, different cities and towns published local directories, which are fun to look at for the flavor of the times. They're especially nice for locating relatives. Many are even online. The late Tom Bunning had made me a copy of the 1948 Danielson Directory. Perhaps you remember a few of these businesses. Automobile Dealers--Passenger Cars & Used Cars: Danielson Sales and Service, N. Main, corner of Morin Avenue; Del Chevrolet Sales, 2 South Main Street, Brooklyn; Sargent Motors, Stearns Hill (Route 6); J. William Smith, Hudson Sales & Service, 1 Mechanic Street; Delany Motors, 21 Mechanic. Automobile Garages: Cliff's Garage, 27 Academy; Gervais Garage, Hartford-Providence Rd.; New Way Garage, 35 Dyer St.; Rayland Garage, Hartford-Providence Rd., Sargent Motors, Stearns Hill; School Street Garage, 129 Main Street; Willet's Garage, 107 S. Main, Brooklyn. Automobiles: Buick Motor Cars-Sargent Motors; Chevrolet Motor Cars-Del Chevrolet Sales Co.; Ford Motor Cars-Danielson Sales and Service; Hudson Motor Cars-William J. Smith authorized sales and service. The name Hudson for automobiles did not ring a bell. According to Wikipedia the Hudson Motor Car Company made cars in Detroit, Michigan from 1909 until 1954 when it merged with Nash-Kelvinator

to form American Motors Corporation. "The Hudson name was continued through the 1957 model year, after which it was discontinued." (See Images of America, Killingly Revisited, p. 47 for an early photo).

I'll continue with assorted businesses that you might recall: Buster's Billiards, 11 Academy Street; Bowling Alleys: Casino Bowling Alleys, 3 Railroad Square; Liberty Bowling Alleys, 17 Cottage St. Blacksmith: Alexis Duhamel, 7 Cottage St. Clothing Dealers: Children's and Infants-Charon's Department Store, 51-53 Main; Henry's Youth Center, 13 Center; Keech's Department Store, 45-49 Main; People's Clothing Store, 65 Main. Clothing, Men's and Boy's: Alan Clothes, 105 Main; Charon's Department Store; Keech's Department Store; Men's Toggery Shop, 70 Main; Puritan Clothing Store, 39 Main; Shumway Clothing House, 89 Main. Clothing Dealers-Women's and Misses'-Alice Eleanor Shop, 54 Main; The Boston Store, 108 Main; Charon's Department Store; Keech's Department Store; People's Clothing Store; Princess Shop, 83 Main; Puritan Clothing Store; The Smart Shop, 114 Main. Department Stores--5 cents to \$1.00: W. T. Grant Co., 98 Main\*; F. W. Woolworth Co. 91-95 Main. \*According to the October 28, 1926 Windham County Transcript W. T. Grant located in Danielson in 1926. (Weaver, Margaret & Geraldine and Raymond Wood, Miles of Millstreams, p.175.) F. W. Woolworth, George M. Caley, Mgr. & J. T. Melville, Mgr., was listed in the 1921-1922 Danielson Directory. It had been established November 16, 1916 according to information gathered for the Centennial of Danielson in 1954-Killingly Business Encyclopedia by Natalie L. Coolidge).

Coal Dealers: Kennedy Corporation, 18 Cottage; Young Bros., 109 Mechanic. (When I was little my maternal grandmother had a coal-burning furnace. I remember being glued to the living room window to watch the coal being poured down the chute to the bin in the cellar). See a photo of Young Bros. in Natalie L. Coolidge's Images of America Killingly Revisited, p. 42).

Curtain Fabricators: Powdrell and Alexander, Inc. 175 Connecticut Mills Ave.; Wilson Thurston B. Textiles. I'm sure many of you had relatives who worked in one of the six plants that P & A eventually had in Killingly--Furnace Street, Maple Street, Connecticut Mills, Attawaugan, Ballouville, and Pineville (think the vicinity of Whipple's Chapel in northern Killingly). Danielson once was

referred to as Curtaintown U.S.A.

Delicatessen: Harry Stuyvesant, 111 Mechanic. Eating Place: Sunny Lunch, 5 Center Street (See Killingly Revisited, p. 66).

Grocers: Peter Angelis, 54 Elm, Brooklyn; Charles Atsales, 54 Elm, Brooklyn; Beausoleil's Market, 23 Mechanic; Brown Bros. Food Store, 40 Main; Ernest Dupont, 62 Main, Brooklyn; First National Stores, Inc., 56 & 116 Main (Killingly Revisited, p. 43); Denton T. Gallup 128 Main; Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 68 Main & 39 South Main, Brooklyn; Johnnie's Market, 14 Main; LaBonte's Market, 52 Elm, Brooklyn; LaChance's Market, 2 Carter; Longo's Food Store, 52 Main (Killingly Revisited, p. 44); Fred Maynard's General Store, Wauregan Road, Brooklyn; Michael's Grocery Store, 32 Morin Ave., Mickey's Grocery Store, 30 1/2 Mechanic; E. E. Mott, Hartford-Providence Rd., Brooklyn; Prospect Avenue Market, 39 Prospect Ave.; Universal Food Store, 1 Dyer; Universal Food Store, Harford-Providence Road, Brooklyn; Universal Food Store, 60 Main; Universal Food Store, 138 Mechanic; Universal Food Store, Wauregan Road, Brooklyn.

I'm sure you have many fond memories of shopping at some of these stores. Please share your memories by emailing me at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com) or [director@killinglyhistorical.org](mailto:director@killinglyhistorical.org). Lynn LaBerge or I check that email weekly. Call the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250 and leave a short message for us to return the call

Note: Both Images of America Killingly and Images of America Killingly Revisited are available at the Killingly Historical Center. They are \$20 apiece. If you wish to have one mailed, please add \$5 for shipping and handling. They make wonderful Father's Day presents! Stop in and see what other books and maps are available.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian June 2022. For additional information email me at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com) or contact the Killingly Historical Society at [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://www.killinglyhistorical.org). Leave messages for the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10-4. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety](http://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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## Barlow Cemetery Association biannual meeting set for June 20

WOODSTOCK — The Barlow Cemetery (South Cemetery Association) Biannual meeting will be held Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m. Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, Bradford Corner Road, West Woodstock. All who own plots or have interest are encouraged to attend.

## Pet Pals hosting rabies clinic in Danielson

DANIELSON — Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, is holding a low cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Route 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line, on June 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 cash per animal. Pre-registration and appointment is required. No walk-ins. For information, registration and appointment contact PET PALS at 860-317-1720. This is the last clinic until October.

## Thompson VFW grateful for support of poppy drive

THOMPSON — Thompson Memorial Post 10088 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary would like to thank everyone that donated to our annual Memorial Day Poppy Drive.

It was the biggest Poppy Drive we had in the past 50 years. It will go a long way in helping other Veterans and families. We would like to thank everyone who came to march in the Thompson Memorial Day Parade, and all the Members who took the time to come out and distribute poppies.

Post Commander Elmer H. Preston and Auxiliary President Virginia Livernoche also would like to thank all who went out to put flags on veterans graves in the cemeteries.

**ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS**

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**FARE FREE THRU JUNE 30**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced today that all public transit buses will be fare-free across Connecticut from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. This includes all rides provided by the Northeastern Connecticut Transit District. Interstate bus services such as Greyhound and Peter Pan are also not included.

"With the recent rise in fuel prices and increased costs associated with owning and maintaining private vehicles, it is important to provide meaningful relief to the residents of our state," stated CTDOT Commissioner Joseph Giulietti. "We are excited that people are returning to our services again or are trying us out for the first time."

Fare free buses were included in recent policy signed by Governor Lamont. Policy also includes a three-month waiver of .25 cents to the state's gasoline tax, and a sales-tax free week in mid-April on clothing and shoes under \$100.

Please go to [nectd.org](http://nectd.org) for ride schedules and details to enjoy your ride with NECTD. The Northeastern Connecticut Transit District is the public transportation provider for northeastern Connecticut, available for all residents and visitors to our region. We serve the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Hampton, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Eastford, Plainfield, Pomfret, Woodstock, and Union.

The District provides two types of service: deviated fixed route and dial-a-ride for elderly and disabled persons. The deviated fixed route service operates Monday - Sunday with various scheduled stops located throughout the service area. The elderly and disabled service, which provides door-to-door service, is also available seven days per week by reservation with NECTD.

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# Sustainable water use in the landscape



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No matter where you live, the conservation and wise use of water in our gardens and landscapes is important. Sustainable water use helps grow beautiful gardens while conserving water and helping reduce water pollution and stormwater overflows.

Amend the soil with compost or other organic matter to increase the soil's ability to absorb and retain rain and irrigation water. More water is absorbed by the amended soil so less runs off your landscape and into the street. This means less fertilizer and pesticides wash into nearby storm sewers, rivers, and lakes.

Cover bare soil with a layer of organic mulch. It conserves moisture so you water less, prevents erosion and helps suppress weeds. As the mulch decomposes, it improves the soil by adding organic matter and nutrients.

Use rain barrels to capture rainwater that drains off the roof. Purchase a rain barrel or make your own from a recycled food grade container. Evaluate the functional design, appearance and space needed when making your selection.



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**Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kits with closer drippers are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.**

The Flat-Back Rain Barrel fits snugly against your house and holds 50 gallons of water. Add some storage or planting space with a rain barrel like the Madison Rain Barrel with space on top to hold watering accessories or flowering plants. Use the rainwater for water-

ing gardens and containers. Start with a call to your local municipality as some have restrictions on water harvesting, while others encourage this practice and even offer rebates.

Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for applying water right to the soil where it is needed. You'll lose less water to evaporation and overspray. Avoiding overhead watering helps reduce the risk of disease. Irrigation systems also reduce your time spent watering and are especially helpful for container gardens and raised beds. Systems with closer drippers like the Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kit (gardeners.com) are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.

Plant native plants suited to your growing conditions and landscape design whenever possible. These deeply rooted plants help keep rainwater where it falls, reducing the risk of basement flooding and overwhelming storm sewers. The plants slow the flow of water, helping keep it on your landscape for the plants to use. Their deep roots create pathways for rainwater to enter and travel through the soil. Plant roots and soil help remove impurities from the water before it enters the groundwater and aquifers.

When adding walks, patios or other hard surfaces to your landscape consider enlisting permeable options. Permeable pavers allow water to infiltrate the surface rather than run off into the street and storm sewer.

Stepping stones placed in mulched pathways or surrounded by groundcovers make an attractive walkway or patio. Look for attractive, long lasting and easy to install products like the Rubber Leaf stepping stones. Plant groundcovers suited to the growing conditions and those that tolerate foot traffic. The planted spaces between the hard surfaces allow water to move into and through the soil.

Implementing just a few of these changes in your landscape design and water management can help increase your landscape's sustainability while reducing your workload.

*Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

## Thompson Rec presents one-man show about growing up Catholic

THOMPSON—Thompson Recreation proudly presents "Misgivings," a one-man show written and performed by Dave Kane, on Friday, June 17 at the Thompson Public Library.

Join Father Patrick Aloysius

Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This

hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle, and even an actual Bingo game!

Don't miss this delightfully entertaining and uplifting show. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m.

### QVCC

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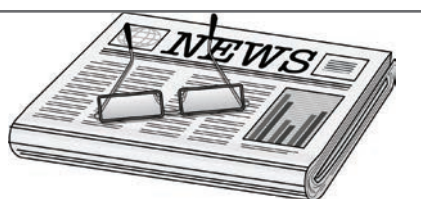
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## AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



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Amayah Chavez (second left) and Reagan Boledovic (second right) were awarded academic scholarships from American Legion Post #13 of Putnam and District #4, encompassing Windham and Tolland counties. The awards were presented at the Putnam High School Scholarship Night on Thursday, May 26. Post Commander Michael S. Vassar (left) presented the Post #13 scholarship and Ronald P. Coderre, Past District Commander presented the District #4 awards.



# Day Kimball Hospital nationally recognized with another 'A' safety grade

PUTNAM — For the third consecutive time, Day Kimball Hospital has received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group for achieving the highest national standards in patient safety. This national distinction recognizes Day Kimball Hospital's achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital. Day Kimball Hospital was also honored with an "A" grade in both the spring 2021 release and the fall 2021 release of the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Grade.

"Day Kimball Hospital is profoundly honored to have been awarded with a third "A" grade from The Leapfrog Group," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Achieving this distinction while simultaneously facing the ongoing challenges of a global pandemic is a clear indication of our commitment to maintaining patient safety, and underscores the high-quality, compassionate care we have provided to our community throughout our 127-year history. We understand and respect the responsibility we have in serving our community, and each day we rededicate ourselves to making a difference for those we are privileged to serve. This recognition is affirmation that we are on the right path."

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, acci-

dents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Day Kimball Hospital for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud."

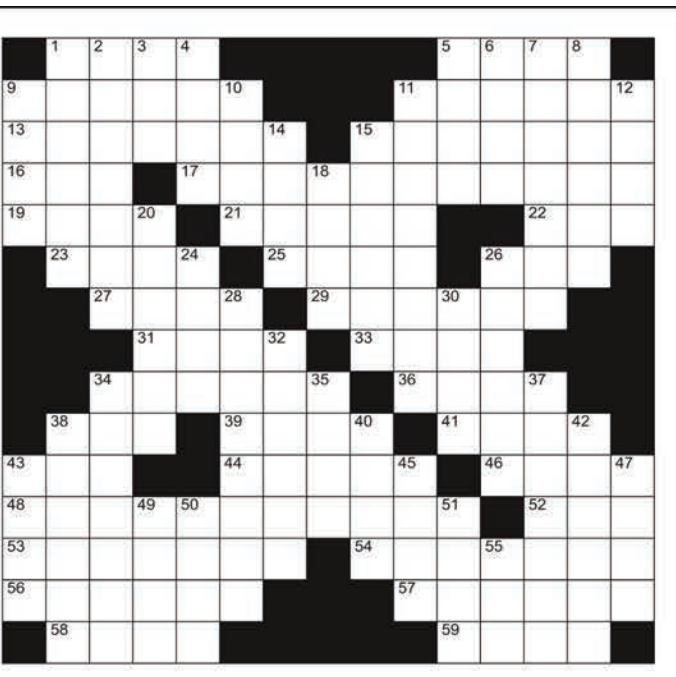
To see Day Kimball Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

DKH takes pride in the excellence of care provided to its patients and the community. To learn more about all of Day Kimball Hospital's various safety and quality measures, visit [www.daykimball.org/quality](http://www.daykimball.org/quality).

About The Leapfrog Group  
Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog

Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. For more, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter.

About Day Kimball Healthcare  
Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).

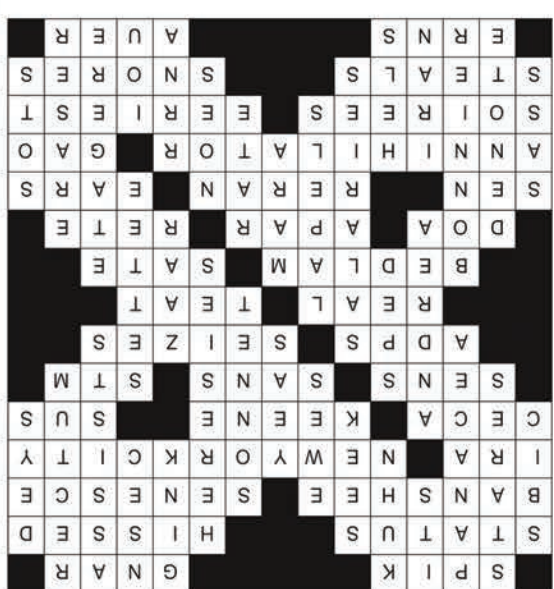


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Slovenian mountain
- 5. Growl
- 9. Where things stand
- 11. Made a sharp sound
- 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
- 15. Deteriorate with age
- 16. A way to save for retirement
- 17. The Big Apple
- 19. Intestinal pouches
- 21. City in New Hampshire
- 22. Giving a bad impression
- 23. Samsung laptops
- 25. Without (French)
- 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
- 27. System of one more computers
- 29. Captures
- 31. Authentic
- 33. Female mammal's nipple
- 34. Pandemonium
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Arrived extinct
- 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Showed old TV show
- 46. They help you hear
- 48. One who eliminates
- 52. Congress' investigative arm
- 53. Parties
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. Takes illegally
- 57. Breathes while asleep
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. German surname

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Looks at for a long time
- 2. Solution for diseases
- 3. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Former Packers fullback
- 5. Contemptible person
- 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 7. Helps
- 8. Final section of the large intestine
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. Look for
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Susan and Tom are two
- 14. Female sheep
- 15. A poet writes it
- 18. Affirmatives
- 20. "Full House" actress Barber
- 24. Traveled rapidly
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. Set wages
- 30. Peter Gabriel song
- 32. Sides of a jacket
- 34. More beautiful
- 35. Actress Kate
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Indicate
- 40. The cost of a room
- 42. Gets rid of something
- 43. Impudence
- 45. No No No
- 47. Drunkards
- 49. Middle eastern country
- 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
- 51. Primary component of ribosomes
- 55. An informal debt instrument.



PUZZLE SOLUTION



Thompson Director of Planning and Development Tyra Penn-Gesek gives Sen. Richard Blumenthal a tour of the old 65 Main building.

### HOUSE

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House as a centerpiece. TEEG, the CT Farm Bureau, the American Chestnut Foundation, the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, CT Rural Conservation and Development Area, and Tyche Planning & Policy Group are among those who have joined in the project.

Penn-Gesek said the congressional funding will allow the idea to evolve from a simple concept to something more realized.

"Now that we have the one piece moving forward thanks to the congressional grant, we can move all of the pieces forward so that in a couple years we will have all this back online and functioning," Penn-Gesek said. "We don't have a lot of storefronts. Some of them got

flooded out in the fifties. Some of it has to do with choice making when the mills shut down to converting the neighborhoods to residential because people just didn't really understand how you have to have the neighborhood scale businesses. Maybe you want to start your own business, but you don't want your clients coming to your house. It could have incubator curriculum. We have a master plan that includes converting 3.2 acres of town owned property that adjoins this into a public permaculture park and food forest so free access to native growing plants which have food value. There are multiple parts. Each piece is a phase, and this first phase is going to be critical to moving the rest of them forward."

Blumenthal was impressed by the potential of the property and the planning that has already been done to bring the new economic support center to fruition.

"We envisioned this money being used as a catalyst, an incubator, a startup enabler of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses especially in the farm and food area. There are a number of great farms in this area, but if it can give support to businesses in all the ways that they need it will serve a valuable purpose. Rep. Courtney, Sen. Murphy and myself, we work as a team. We really worked hard on this one because frankly the Thompson area really deserves this kind of support, economically and otherwise," said Blumenthal. "We didn't originate the idea. You guys came to us, so you deserve the credit - It gives people a sense of hope and opportunity. Some of these plans are very exciting."

The project is considered to be a major step in supporting Thompson's economic growth. Combined with several mill redevelopment initiatives, the new economic support center could usher in a brand new era for a town desperate to embrace the future and bring something new into its classic small-town aesthetic.

## VILLAGER ALMANAC AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 30: Worm-eating Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Ovenbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Veery, Wood Thrush, Field Sparrow, Bobolink, Louisiana Waterthrush, American Redstart, Cedar Waxwing, Baltimore Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Chimney Swift, Wild Turkey, House Finch, Bluebird. Visit [ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home](http://ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home).



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# Masons hold 10th Annual Widows and Veterans Luncheon

CHARLTON — On Saturday, May 21, the 24th Masonic District held its 10th Annual Masonic Widows and Veterans Luncheon at the Overlook Masonic Home facilities in Charlton. Finally, after two years of Covid-19 restrictions and gatherings, Chairmen Wor. Dean Moss, and committee members Wor. Steve Dragon and Wor. Dennis Robbins was very happy to start back up this tradition and great event to honor our Masonic veterans and their widows. About 50 people attended. In addition to Masonic veterans and their widows was attendees from the Masonic Overlook Home facility. There was entertainment from guitarist and singer Dana Lewis who played all kind of awesome music.

Prior to entering the hall, veterans and widows regis-

tered for the event. Widows were handed a Masonic pin and a pamphlet, "Our Tribute to you honoring the loss of your loved one," with some beautiful literature. At the main dining hall entrance 2 ladies dressed up in a long beautiful white gown. Caera Gonyea and Cailin Gonyea, members of the Oxford Assembly #89 of the Massachusetts Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, greeted them and handed them a beautiful red rose.

After the main meal, the Color Guard entered the room and the widows and veterans stood tall with their hands over their heart as the American flag passed by. The flag bearer, a Vietnam veteran Wor. Larry Burbridge, walked proud holding the flag high. Behind him was our 24th District Deputy

Grand Master RW. Anselme Maxime and Bro. Robert St. Cyr. The color guard stopped, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. The Chairman of this event, Wor. Dean Moss spoke. He was all excited about all the people that came out for this long-awaited annual event. He looked forward to this event because he said, "The best thing we can give our widows and veterans is our time." These are veterans who served our country when we needed them the most and risked their lives so we could have a better life. They have served their country with honor and distinction and the widows supported them and believed in what they were fighting for. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to [www.massfreemasonry.org](http://www.massfreemasonry.org) to find a lodge nearest you.



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Left to right: Rainbow girl Caera Gonyea, (DDGM) R.W. Anselme Maxime, Chairman Wor. Dean Moss, committee members Wor. Steve Dragon, Wor. Dennis Robbins and Rainbow girl Cailin Gonyea all greeting guest at main entrance to dining hall.

## Botanists' search in Windham yields new plant discoveries

WILLIMANTIC — A botanist from Eastern Connecticut State University was recently published by the New England Botanical Society (NEBS) for his efforts to update Windham County's herbarium record-a database of local plant species. Published in the journal "Rhodora," Biology Professor Bryan Connolly and co-author Lisa Standley, curator of the NEBS herbarium, collected 49 first-time entries into the county's herbarium record. Only 14 (29 percent) of the species are native; the remaining 35 (71 percent) are introduced/non-native.

The collection occurred over four days in 2020 when Connolly and Standley, with the help of Eastern students, surveyed old fields, agricultural lands, wetlands, forests and city parks in Windham County. In total, 319 different species were collected, 68 percent of which (216) were native and 32 percent were introduced.

any history to support other native organisms, such as pollinators and caterpillars."

Connolly clarified that "invasive" is a subset of introduced/non-native. "Dandelions, most clover and daisies are non-native, but also not considered invasive," he said. "Invasives are an aggressive group of non-natives."

One unexpected recent discovery was a large invasive from Asia known as Himalayan basalm (Impatiens glandulifera), also known as Himalaya touch-me-not or ornamental jewel weed. The six-foot tall purple/pink-flowering annual arrived as a planted ornamental, "which is how a lot invasives get here," said Connolly.

Another addition to the herbarium

record that Connolly is excited about is dwarf bulrush (Lipocarpa micrantha), a rare native never before found in Windham County. The easily overlooked, grass-like plant was spotted in a sandy alcove in a municipal park. Considered endangered for the region, dwarf bulrush grows in an uncommon type of sandy habitat.

This latest collection that yielded new native, introduced and even endangered species is a reminder that "there are discoveries to be made basically right in our back yards," said Connolly. "Even though this region of Connecticut has had botanists collecting for well over 100 years, there is still much to be found."

## POMFRET'S REMY JACQUET RECEIVES CABE LEADERSHIP AWARD



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This year's recipient of the CABE Leadership Award is Remy Jacquet, an eighth grader from Pomfret Community School. He was chosen from among his peers for several reasons. Among them being his willingness to take on a challenge and his ability to honor a commitment. It is designed to honor students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. The award is provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. Pictured, left to right: B.O.E. Chair Mrs. Kate Cerrone, Remy Jacquet, Mr. and Mrs. Jacquet and Coco-Lyon Jacquet.

Previous research by Standley indicated that Windham County was somewhat "under-collected," i.e. many species present throughout the region were not included in the local herbarium record. "Our goal was to update the herbarium record with modern collections to support research on biodiversity, distribution and phenology," wrote the authors in their paper, titled "Updating the Vascular Flora of Windham County, Connecticut."

The last comprehensive inventory of the area, according to Connolly, was published in 1959 in "The Flora of Windham County: A Checklist," by Alan W. Upham. "If studies like this aren't conducted there is no way to tell what the environmental trends are," said Connolly. "(It's) good to collect and document species over time."

As noted, the majority of new species (71 percent) added to the record in the recent outing are "introduced," AKA non-native. "More introduced species is indication that more of the biodiversity is shifting to non-native species," said Connolly, "which often don't have the evolution-

## Woodstock's Meghan Darigan named to Dean's List at Marist

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Meghan Darigan of Woodstock has been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the spring semester of 2022 and graduated May 21 Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's in Psychology.

To qualify for such honors, a student must earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher their entire career.

Marist College is a private liberal arts college in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., overlooking the historic Hudson River.

Meghan is the daughter of John and Alisson Darigan of Woodstock. She will be continuing her studies in Clinical Mental Health Counseling next year at the University of New haven Graduate Program.



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# Local Eastern students make Dean's List in spring 2022

**WILLIMANTIC** — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester, in which more than 1,200 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them are:  
 Katelin Briere of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Music.  
 Amanda Gilbert of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Biology.  
 Josephina Keith of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Olivia Majek of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Rebekah Perez of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Natalia Reali of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Joseph Schley of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Exploratory (Undecided).  
 Madison Skellett of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.  
 Benjamin Torre of Brooklyn, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.  
 Tyra Bergstrom of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Caitlyn Eldridge of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in History.  
 Nikki Flynn of Danielson, a full-time

student who majors in Communication.  
 Felicia Horne of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Early Childhood Education and English.  
 Tamarin Kelley of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Candice Koolhaas of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Lily Madden of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Elementary Education and Liberal Studies.  
 Lauren Mayotte of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in English.  
 Kayla Picciarelli of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.  
 Amirah Samuel of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Art.  
 Jamie Shay of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Vanessa Streb of Danielson, a full-time student who majors in Biology.  
 Carolyn Anderson of Dayville, a full-time student who majors in Art.  
 Allison Keeling of Dayville, a full-time student who majors in Elementary Education and Art.  
 Jonathan Lepire of Dayville, a full-time student who majors in Environmental Earth Science.  
 Camryn Soler of Dayville, a full-time student who majors in Psychology and Criminology.

Jacob Zadora of Dayville, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.  
 Jasmine Charland of Woodstock Valley, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Greyson Anderson of Putnam, a full-time student who majors in Secondary Education and History and Social Science.  
 Ashley Burke of Putnam, a full-time student who majors in Sport & Leisure Management.  
 Emma Rudman of Putnam, a full-time student who majors in Criminology.  
 Aislin Tracey of Putnam, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.  
 Theresa Blain of North Grosvenordale, a part-time student who majors in blaint@my.easternct.edu.  
 Laura Leeza Ching of North Grosvenordale, a part-time student who majors in chingl@my.easternct.edu.  
 Savannah Loisselle of North Grosvenordale, a full-time student who majors in Computer Science.  
 Noelle Ciccarelli of Thompson, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Cody Goodwin of Eastford, a full-time student who majors in Theatre.  
 Paula Hernandez Aulet of Eastford, a full-time student who majors in Secondary Education and History and Social Science.

Natalie Hovanec of Eastford, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Seth Benoit of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Business Administration.  
 Danielle Chaput of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Psychology.  
 Stefan Chervenkov of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Communication.  
 Nathan Fontaine of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in History.  
 Emma Green of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Criminology.  
 Caleb Hall of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Biology.  
 Joshua Lavitt of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Criminology and Sociology.  
 Andrew Roy of Woodstock, a full-time student who majors in Accounting.  
 Jasmine Charland of Woodstock Valley, a full-time student who majors in Social Work.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

## Marianapolis graduates 107 in Class of 2022

**THOMPSON** — On June 5, 107 students (102 seniors, three postgraduates, and two joint diploma students) graduated from Marianapolis Preparatory School. Brett Marston, Trinity Foundation Board member, was the keynote speaker. Valedictorian Daniel Twohig-Mann of Douglas, Mass., Salutatorian Ian MacKenzie of Woodstock, and Head of School Joseph Hanrahan also spoke.

Marianapolis Class of 2021 in Alphabetical Order  
 Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton, Mass.; Oluwadurotimi Adebisi, Lagos, Nigeria; James Alves, Uxbridge, Mass.; Kaitlin Baca, Webster, Mass.; Tung-Lam Bach, Hanoi, Vietnam; Samuel Balzanka, Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia; Morgan Beaudreault, Dayville; Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson; Hayden Buzzell, East Brookfield, Mass.; Tung-Duong Cao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Manh-Duy Chu, Hanoi,

Vietnam; Spencer Courville, Charlton, Mass.; The-Trung Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Tien-Anh Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Quang-Minh Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Trung-Hai Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Evan Darvish, Worcester, Mass.; Anna De Villa, San Pietro di Cadore, Italy; Anthony DeFusco, Worcester, Mass.; Hoang-Dat Do, Hanoi, Vietnam; Sydney Duby, Worcester, Mass.; Daniel Ducharme, Worcester, Mass.; Olivia Duquette, North Grosvenordale; Gustavo Jose Escalante Peon, Merida, Mexico; Gabriela Fung, Colchester; Edisha Galan, Manchester; Federica Galli, Lipomo, Italy; Ashley Giorgio, Millbury, Mass.; Xiayuan Gong, Wuxi, China; Madelyn Grundstrom, Moosup; Amin Gutierrez, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Timothy Hall, Plainfield; Audrey Hammond, Sutton, Mass.; Son Ho, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Anh-Minh T. Hoang,

Hanoi, Vietnam; Minh-Anh Hoang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Kaylynn Horan, Putnam; Arianna Howell, Thompson; Nghi Huynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Ge Jia, Baoding, China; Mackenzie Jutras, Greenville, R.I.; Filip Kalis, Prague, Czech Republic; Jordan Kasongo, South Grafton, Mass.; Claire Kelleher, Auburn, Mass.; Zachary King, Plainfield; Ayana Kobayashi, Aichi, Japan; Nicholas LaFlamme, Woodstock; Thai-Duong Lang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Bao-Tran H. Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Linh Le, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Quang-Truong Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Vinh-Kien Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Abigail Leahy, Leicester, Mass.; Juhyoung Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Alexander Litke, Brooklyn; Alana Lorusso, North Oxford, Mass.; Kaya Lukasek, Webster, Mass.; Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock; Sophia Maloney, Sutton, Mass.; Szymon Mamro, Webster,

Mass.; Delia Marchand, Holden, Mass.; Patrick Martineau, Putnam; Keegan McLeod, Foster, R.I.; John McMullen, East Greenwich, R.I.; Valentina Mena Munch, Merida, Mexico; Ayame Mizuno, Aichi, Japan; Jacob Mobley, Webster, Mass.; Lily Mueller, Webster, Mass.; Hugo Ndizeye, Kigali, Rwanda; Ha-Vi Ngo, Hanoi, Vietnam; Ngoc-Anh Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Phuong-Ngan Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Thuy-Tien V. Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Hayley O'Connell, Dudley, Mass.; Collin O'Connor, Sutton, Mass.; Declan O'Connor, Worcester, Mass.; Siliang Pan, Guangzhou, China; Andrew Peck, Paxton, Mass.; Dominic Penny, Charlton, Mass.; Luis Arturo Perez Povedano, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic; Maksymilian Poreda, Mazowieckie, Poland; Shunnan Qi, Shanghai, China; Sophia Rabor, Dayville; Grace Rhoads, Stafford

Springs; Emilio Jose Sanchez Villalpando, Merida, Mexico; Colby Scanlon, Fiskdale, Mass.; Hannah Schoemer, Oxford, Mass.; Olivia Sczuroska, Brooklyn; Lewis Shamback, Sterling; Sara Soares, Putnam; Alex Spetseris, Webster, Mass.; Cadence Stawiecki, Webster, Mass.; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center; Maya Summiel, Dayville; Christian Terwilliger, Lebanon; Matthew Tomasino, Leicester, Mass.; Chinh Tong, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Mariano Torres Hernandez, Villahermosa, Mexico; Daniel Twohig-Mann, Douglas, Mass.; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn, Mass.; Ashley Vandembrouck, Oxford, Mass.; Elizabeth Walker, Thompson; Pu Wang, Beijing, China; Anna Wildes, North Uxbridge, Mass.; Caleb Williams, Valley Cottage, N.Y.; Zhihe Ye, Beijing, China; Xingyu Zhu, Wenzhou, China; Yutian Zhu, Zhejiang, China.

### Mariangela Ruggeri named to Dean's List at Lehigh University

**BETHLEHEM, Pa.** — Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Mariangela Ruggeri,

Woodstock in the Spring 2022 semester. For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provides opportunities to more than 7,000 students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

## Marianapolis presents students with honors on Prizes and Awards Day

**THOMPSON** — On Friday, June 3, Marianapolis presented their junior, sophomore, and freshman classes with academic awards. The winners are listed below by year.

**Freshman**  
 Father Mark Garrow, MIC Award:  
 Lindsey Paradise  
 Father Stanley Saplis, MIC Award:  
 Erwin Sanchez  
 Father Timothy Roth, MIC Award:  
 Amelia Margoupis  
 The Leonard George Budelis '38 Award: Luisa Henao

**Sophomore**  
 Father Albin A. Sheputa, MIC Award:  
 Zaire Moore  
 Friends of Marianapolis Award:  
 Abigail Alicandro  
 Smith College Book Award: Lauren Conde  
 Sophomore Chemistry Award:  
 William Savoie  
 Sophomore World History Award:  
 Violeta Torres

**Junior**  
 Assumption University Book Award:  
 Emily Walsh  
 Brandeis University Book Award:  
 Campbell Braun  
 Gettysburg College Book Award: Thu Hoang  
 Harvard Prize Book: Thu Hoang  
 Junior Biology Award: Sophie Hendrick  
 Rensselaer Medal: Campbell Braun  
 Saint Anslem College Book Award:  
 Dominika Chmielewski  
 The Grace Rett Philippians 4:13 Award: Caroline Villa  
 University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award: Abbie O'Brien  
 University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award:  
 Molly Landis  
 University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award:  
 Katherine Melnick  
 University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology: Thu Hoang

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# Emerson student Margaret McLoughlin of Woodstock honored during Spring 2022 Performing Arts Awards

BOSTON, Mass. — Margaret McLoughlin from Woodstock was honored with the Waldman Award this spring during the annual Performing Arts Awards at Emerson College.

A faculty member remarked, "Margaret is one of the hardest working, persistent, and committed students in the acting area. She navigates sensitive moments in the classroom beautifully, and has often functioned as an effective leader for the acting cohort in that regard. Her acting work is deeply connected and driven by beautiful instincts and free impulse. She is a truly gifted actress and student."

Margaret McLoughlin is majoring in Theatre and Performance and is a member of the Class of 2022.

Emerson's mission is to train future leaders in arts, culture, and communication. The Department

of Performing Arts' undergraduate and graduate programs encompass a core liberal arts curriculum, promote civic engagement, and demand that students create with clarity, integrity, and conviction. Students work with active theatre professionals who have deep connections to the performing arts community in Boston and beyond. Their education includes studio work, classroom study, and the opportunities to apply lessons learned in the studio and class to real-life experiences—both in Emerson's vibrant creative environment, and in the thriving theatre scene located just steps from our campus.

About Emerson College  
Based in Boston, Mass., opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who

will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000-plus alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit [emerson.edu](http://emerson.edu).

# Woodstock resident honored for academic achievement at Providence College

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Kathryn McLoughlin, a resident of Woodstock, who was awarded a Bachelor's degree during Providence College's commencement ceremonies held on May 22, was recently honored for her academic achievements. She was a triple major in health policy and management, sociology, and women's and gender studies.

Kathryn graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded the Highest Academic Record (GPA) in Sociology and the Highest Academic Record (GPA) in Women's and Gender Studies. She also received the Student Research Award for Undergraduate Research in Sociology.

Kathryn was on the Dean's list, a member of the Charles V. Chapin Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta

(International Sociology Honor Society), and received the St. Rose of Lima Transfer Scholarship Award.

After graduation, Kathryn will be attending George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences for an Undergraduate Certificate in pre-medicine.

Founded in 1917, Providence College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,100 students and offers degrees in 49 academic majors. Since 1997, Providence College consistently has been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

# Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption University has announced that Taylor Torcoletti, of Danielson, Class of 2022, and Samuel Roy of Thompson, Class of 2023, have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim

President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality

education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).

# Local students named to Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON, Mass. — Regan Stuyinski of Brooklyn, a member of the Class of 2023, and Lauren Hovestadt of Woodstock, a member of the Class of 2023, been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

About Stonehill College  
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick

Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

## INTERACT CLUB BLOWS FUND-RAISING RECORD OUT OF THE WATER



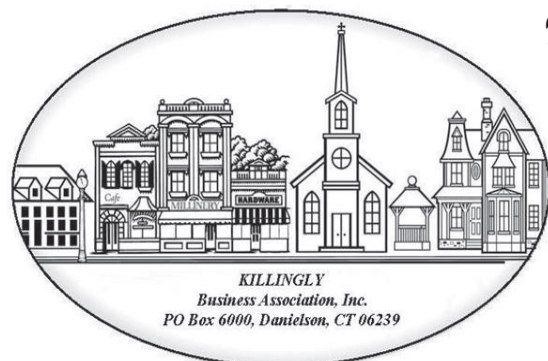
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The Putnam Rotary Club's Interact Club raised a record breaking \$10,008 for this year's Northeastern CT Relay For Life through daffodil sales, donations and sponsorships.

Interact advisor Roberta Rocchetti said last year they raised \$3,500. On June 4, the Interact members and friends sold a total 33 pairs of their famous tie-dyed socks for a total of \$102. In attendance were Sierra Girard (QMC), Lucas Cornell (Ellis Tech),

Emily St. Martin, Amayah Chavez (PHS), Mikayla Walford (Putnam), Christine Denaker, Adisyn Makara (Dayville), Leo Rocchetti (Stafford Springs), Roberta Rocchetti (advisor).

And Rotaract helps, too  
Meanwhile the Putnam Rotary Club's Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club manned the Relay For Life Raffle Tent and sold more than \$600 in tickets. Helping at the tent were: Tayler Shea, Andrew Arpin, Haylee Olsen, Shannon Fagan and Woody and Dottie Durst from the Putnam Rotary Club.



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# A time to take Pride in diversity

We've heard some rumblings about why a Pride Month exists, and how other groups of people should have a month-long celebration.

First, setting aside a month to recognize a certain group that has historically been discriminated against is intended to spotlight their situation, and theirs alone. It does not necessarily take away from the importance of, or the trials and tribulations faced by, any other group.

The reason we celebrate Pride is simply to applaud overcoming and still working to overcome hate and bigotry the LGBTQ community has received for hundreds and hundreds of years. The same goes for Black History Month. It's a time to celebrate the people who have been, and still continue to be oppressed. Whether or not you experienced it with your own eyes doesn't matter. It exists.

Simple rights like not being able to get married and afforded the same rights under federal law as straight couples, not being seated in a restaurant, getting gun downed for being in a gay nightclub, getting murdered for being gay, not feeling comfortable holding hands in public, fear of getting gawked at or harassed, not being able to rent an apartment or buy a house are a few things members of the LGBTQ community have faced.

Even though those things are legal now, it's still an uphill battle. Bad things happen to everyone sure but not because of who they love. It's discrimination that fuels that evil.

Pride is simply about being proud of who you are. The most important thing for any individual is to simply be kind, obey the law and focus on your own lives. To judge who another person loves would be odd at best.

Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQ Americans. The purpose of the month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on society locally, nationally and internationally.

In some states, it is still illegal for same sex couples to adopt children or acquire fair employment.

The Stonewall Uprising took place on June 28, 1969, and was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the 1960s, the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village was a gay club and refuge for many in the LGBTQ community. On that day, the New York City police raided the inn, sparking a riot among bar patrons and neighborhood residents with the police.

The riot involved hundreds of people and led to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement outside the bar.

A year later, thousands of people marched from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park in what was then called "Christopher Street Liberation Day," marking what is now recognized as the nation's first gay pride parade. Since 1970, LGBTQ+ people and allies have continued to gather together in June to march with pride and demonstrate for equal rights.

We are all Americans, and we must continue to look out for each other and ensure that each and every one of us are treated equally under the law.

## LETTERS POLICY

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Please include your place of residence and phone number for verification, not publication. Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Killing out of rage is not a Constitutional right

To the Editor:  
I applaud the letters by Donna Dufresne, Billy Taylor, Todd Patrie, and others who want to stop the sale of AK-47's and raise the age limit to purchase guns and have background checks, red flag warnings, and otherwise curb the violence in America.

It is not a Second Amendment right to kill innocent men women and children in fits of

rage. No person needs an AK-47; they should not be available for purchase in stores online or at gun sales. Ghost weapons should be banned, and all Internet instructions to make and use a gun should also be banned.

ANN ROSEBOOKS  
THOMPSON

### What are we waiting for?

To the Editor:  
I am writing about mental health care at Killingly High School. If we as adults haven't realized what a mess of our civilization we are leaving our children, then shame on us. If I was growing up in Killingly today, I would feel very confused and vulnerable. To allow the Board of Education the final say in our children's mental health care needs and well being is unacceptable. We built a state-of-the-art, beautiful high school for our children.

Inside these walls some are struggling with their thoughts. The students are reaching out to us for help. The BOE lacks the urgency to lend a helping hand. I ask that the BOE representatives who turned down this potentially lifesaving resource for our youth reconsider their positions.

JUDY RZUCIDLO  
E. KILLINGLY

### Thoughts on Day Kimball Hospital

To the Editor:  
The Attorney General's Office notes that his office has been monitoring developments in the proposed ownership change of Day Kimball, as well as other changes in Connecticut's hospital and healthcare landscape. His Office is concerned about potential closure of critical services—such as reproductive services—that local communities depend on.

This is of current importance when we see the recent closing of maternity services at Maine's St. Mary's Hospital, operated by Covenant Health System, may well be a preview of what may happen to Day Kimball Hospital, if the Hospital falls into the grasp of Covenant Health.

The Attorney General has specific authority under Title 19a of the Connecticut General Statutes to review hospital changes of ownership when the acquired hospital is non-profit

and the purchasing entity is for profit. The office of Health Strategy has primary authority for other types of transactions, including the pending Day Kimball transfer of ownership through the certificate of need (CON) process. Day Kimball filed its initial certificate of need application in late April.

It is reported that the Attorney General's Office stands ready to assist with this review, and will be following this transaction closely, with a particular interest in ensuring these critical services are preserved in this rural area of the state.

Members of the public may submit comments related to any scheduled or recent hearings by emailing [CONcomments@ct.gov](mailto:CONcomments@ct.gov)

RAMON CANNING  
WILLIMANTIC

### I choose love

To the Editor:  
I am afraid. Afraid for our country. Afraid that we have come too close to the "edge" and will not be able to pull back. So much hate and pain. I don't think that I am alone with my fear.

I grew up in northeastern Connecticut. Most of the households had a gun. No one lived in fear of the school being shot up. No one was lobbying for weapons that could kill 30 people in 30 seconds. No one was aggressively marketing them to scared, lonely kids.

I will work hard for gun regulation while I support the right to own a gun. I will work for mental health services. I will choose love as I go.

Scarlett Lewis, a Sandy Hook Mom did just that after the loss of her child. She founded the "Choose Love Movement." Based on social and emotional learning (SEL) which teaches children how to manage their emotions, feel connected, and have healthy rela-

tionships. It is worth taking a few minutes to look at the link and listen to her interview. <https://chooselovemovement.org/take-the-choose-love-pledge/>

I want our schools to be a place of accepting and understanding, not armed encampments where lonely kids get bullied. I am not alone with this dream.

I ask each of us take the Choose Love Pledge and that Boards of ED from all our schools in the Quiet Corner use this program as a gift we can give to our children in this time of fear, sadness, grief and confusion. It costs nothing but our will. Our children need leadership now, not after a crisis strikes.

If Scarlett Lewis can do it, then I can choose love, before the hate gets me, mine or my neighbors. Maybe then can we start pulling back from the "edge."

SUSAN WASSTROM  
BROOKLYN

### Vote to keep local control of Day Kimball

To the Editor:  
There is a growing groundswell of public concern about the effects on the operations of Day Kimball Health Care, Inc. (DKH) that will flow from DKH's proposed takeover by Covenant Health, Inc., a Catholic-controlled institution that unabashedly enforces the Catholic Church's Ethical and Religious Directives, including those relating to male and female reproductive rights, in the operations of the hospitals and other health care institutions in several states that it currently controls. The threat to the physical, emotional, social and financial welfare of the more than half of DKH's service population who happen to be female, not to mention their families, posed by such a takeover is ominous in the extreme.

A related but even more general threat posed by the proposed takeover is that, in the process, the local communities in the DKH service area will be asked to voluntarily cede for all time to Covenant their ability to control all DKH operations, including the right to determine what emergency room, acute inpatient, and outpatient services may be offered for delivery in the local area (including those that don't invoke Catholic religious concerns). From inception, DKH has existed to service the inhabitants of its local communities, and therefore has been, first and foremost, locally controlled. Currently, DKH

is operated by management that is selected by and reports to a predominantly locally-residing Board of Directors that, in turn, is elected by DKH's Members (also known as Corporators) who are volunteers living in the service area who have shown a sincere interest in ensuring the well-being of DKH and its clients in the local service communities.

Section 1.4 of the DKH ByLaws states that "The mission of Day Kimball Healthcare is to meet the health needs and well-being of our diverse community through our core values of clinical quality, customer service, fiscal and environmental responsibility and local control" (emphasis added). Section XII of the ByLaws further states that the ByLaws may be changed only with the approval of the Members/Corporators by a ¾ vote of those present at a meeting called for that purpose. It would be a sad day, indeed, if the Members/Corporators were to vote in the coming months to amend the ByLaws to forever yield our cherished local control of DKH, as will be required for the proposed takeover transaction to take effect. When the powers-that-be call for a meeting of Members/Corporators to approve their preferred transaction, be sure to show up and vote no.

DOUGLAS & MARYBETH LEONARD  
BROOKLYN

When you think you've got it made, keep striving



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Goal setting is essential to anybody who wants to get things done, but often, momentum is lost when we accomplish one goal but fail to set another. So often, people climb to the top, and they begin to tell themselves, "I've got it made." When this attitude creeps in, desire and motivation fade, and progress come to a halt.

One person I knew who became wildly successful told me that the best time in his life was when he was struggling, living on a dream, and barely making it. Once he had accomplished his goal, he was satisfied, but the feeling of accomplishment began to disappear. Something was missing from his life; he stopped striving, and the thrill of trying to make it to the next level was gone.

Although he had reached a high level of success, his life had become dull and uneventful because he didn't have any new goals to accomplish; he thought he had it made. He started doing drugs to try and recreate the excitement, but that only made things worse. He lost all forward momentum, and things began to fall apart.

We've heard it said it's not the destination that matters; it's the journey.

I can say the same in my life. The most exciting times are always when I struggle to accomplish a goal. When I first decided to become an actor, I had no money; I could barely pay the rent. Dinner was a couple of cans of tuna and some saltines from the dollar store. I wasn't living a glamorous life, but I felt alive. There was nothing like those days.

Norman Vincent Peale said, "The true flavor, the real fun, the continuous excitement is in the process of making it rather than having made it."

It's been a long road, and many hard lessons I've learned since then. I've been guilty of accomplishing a goal and thinking, "I've got it made." The result was I lost all momentum and progress. The loss of momentum is a dangerous place to be. It means you've stopped. Losing momentum can mean the loss of a dream, the loss of a career, and maybe even the loss of a relationship.

One of the best ways to avoid losing your momentum is to set more goals. Once you accomplish your first goal, it's good to celebrate; it's good to be happy for what you've accomplished, but only temporarily. If you settle, you might find that everything you've worked for is gone one day.

Many things can bring happiness. Tony Robbins has said, "Progress equals happiness." I know that might sound controversial to some. You might say, "My faith makes me happy," or, "My family makes me happy." I would agree that is true, but I ask you, "How happy are you when your faith isn't progressing?" or "How happy are you when your family relationships aren't moving in the right direction?" I think there is something to the idea that progress brings happiness. It may not be the root of all happiness, but it can undoubtedly make you happier.

If it's true that progress can make us happier, how hard is it to make progress? It depends, of course, but it's easier to make progress in any area of your life once you get the momentum going. It's always hard to start making significant progress when starting

### Have the courage to own your opinions

To the Editor:  
I want to share with you all a letter that I received via the U.S. Mail: "Dear Mr. DeLuca, After reading your letters in the Villager for about a year now, it strikes me that you have the gullibility of a Nazi, the ferocity of an ISIS militant, and the anger of one who was abused as a child. I strongly recommend that you see a psychiatrist

before you do harm to yourself or to your family members. --A concerned neighbor."

How do I reply to an anonymous coward that can only mail a letter (with no return address of course), who hides behind a postage stamp, and obviously doesn't have the decency to follow the Villager Editors' «Letters Policy» and state their thoughts here? (Maybe I just answered my own

question?)

Some of you will find that letter to be pathetic, while some may agree with that invertebrate and say that I deserved it. Either way, nobody has to agree with or like what I have to say, nor do they have to like how I say it. Fact is that there are a lot of people that like my letters, who

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The disregard and discard of democracy

To the Editor:

Recently, there has been a discussion in Pomfret about getting rid of the Old Town House. Ironically, two former members of the Historical Society, whose mission statement is to “acquire and preserve Pomfret history” led the charge with partisan rhetoric about “saving taxpayers money.” Granted, the building has issues around its functionality for meetings and events, the lack of parking, heating, and cooling. But surely, the citizens of Pomfret should have input as to the fate of one of the few Old Town Houses still standing in New England. After all, it is not only a symbol of posterity and local history, but emblematic of the evolution of democracy.

The Pomfret “Old Town House” was erected in 1841 smack dab in the middle of town as a means of equalizing the voice of democracy. The fledgling republic of The United States of America was just coming round to giving voice to the people, and it seemed imperative that those who could vote should be able to have equal access regardless of how isolated their district was. Prior to the Old Town House, town meetings were held in the schoolhouses in each district, inaccessible if you lived at the other end of town. In rural New England, the Town Meeting was Paramount in the great experiment of participatory democracy, and the town house was constructed to facilitate that ideal.

The unique American ideals put forth in the constitution have always been a work in progress, and we are not done yet. In 1841, Pomfret, like many towns in New England, made a decision to make it easier for people (white men) to vote, and give voice to their opinions. It wasn’t always pretty. Democracy is a messy process, and someone’s feelings are bound to get hurt along the way. But I like to think that the disgruntled

nay-sayers were drowned out by the women who fought for suffrage, and later the voice of Martin Luther King and so many others who struggled for voting rights.

The tearing down of the Old Town House or repurposing the building for private use is akin to the privatization of schools, prisons, hospitals, libraries, and mental health institutions, once part of the covenant of a democratic republic. Along with basic democratic principles such as voting and first amendment rights our emblematic democracy is being systematically dismantled, branded and misnamed as socialism by corrupt politicians who lean heavily toward autocracy.

We ought to pay heed to the lessons of the past, when democracy was vibrant and young, and the citizens deemed it important to honor voting accessibility by constructing a Town House. It is sad, but no surprise that in an era of voting restrictions, and the infiltration of white supremacist rhetoric in the republican party, that Americans have lost interest in history and the preservation of democracy. By installing roadblocks that make it impossible for an already disenfranchised and fractious society to have a voice, Republican led states are providing the wrecking ball that will destroy the people’s house and finish the job started by the insurrectionists of Jan. 6. Perhaps that is the intent. Once you go down the road of requiring special papers for the privileged to vote, you might as well make the rest of America wear yellow stars. In the meantime, democracy continues to be dismantled one building and one civil right at a time under the ruse of saving taxpayers money. Once it is lost, we will never get it back.

DONNA DUFRESNE  
POMFRET

### Brooklyn is embarking on a risky experiment in zoning with serious permanent consequences

To the Editor:

I write on behalf of a group of Brooklyn residents who care about the town’s beauty, peace, wildlife, and safety. The town of Brooklyn has never previously approved or even considered a Planned Development Zone, but that is what is now before the Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission. Little Dipper Farm, formerly known as Hillandale Farms (with the Golden Lamb Buttery restaurant) is comprised of 534 acres on Bush Hill and Wolf Den Roads. The new owners are seeking to develop this beautiful swath of pristine farmland, some of which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, into an entertainment and lodging venue designed to attract hundreds if not thousands of visitors.

To be clear, we do not object to Little Dipper engaging in farming, restaurant, or educational activities nor most of the uses that are detailed in the zone change application. Many are, according to the application, already permitted under current residential-agricultural zoning. We do, however, object to the creation of a Planned Development Zone that will permit an entertainment and resort facility without strict adherence to existing town regulations.

The Planned Development Zone (PDZ) concept was created to give developers an easier way to get approvals for development. But a PDZ will also create the ability to avoid being governed by existing regulations. Under the current zoning regulations, Little Dipper would have to apply for special permits to develop the land in ways that are not consistent with residential-agricultural zoning. Special permits give the Planning and Zoning Commission meaningful control over what gets built and how the land gets used, with the ability to set reasonable limits on size, volume, and impact. The proposed PDZ, would eliminate special permits. Once approved, the Commission would have limited ability to regulate what happens on the land as long as it is consistent with the overall conceptual plan of the PDZ. Only a “site review” which has a much lower standard would be necessary to build. This means much less control by the town over what gets built.

Why does this matter? Because the proposed zone change will allow a multitude of commercial entertainment businesses, multiple event tents for outdoor performances with food and

beverage service, and fifty residential sites for “mobile guest units.” This PDZ would even permit installation of a self-sustained trailer park, parking for at least 300 cars, and infrastructure that would include dozens of buildings (e.g., multiple 4000 square foot multi-use barns), roadways, and the production of at least 7,500 gallons of sewage per day.

The impact on the town would be expensive. Volunteer fire and first responders’ services are already stressed. Bringing hundreds (or even thousands) of visitors from surrounding states will push these services over their limits. Who will manage the traffic, emergencies, law enforcement needs of hundreds of visitors? How will the multiple campfires (one at each of 50 campsites) be managed to prevent forest fires? Who will keep the peace and manage the likely increase in crime? Brooklyn has one resident trooper. And imagine the impact on wildlife, groundwater, wetlands, etc. This PDZ is not a benefit to the town. It is a menacing burden that will come with a steep price in the form of higher taxes, lower property values as well as traffic congestion, noise, trash, and crime.

If it passes here, nothing can prevent it from happening in other neighborhoods.

At the first scheduled hearing, there were so many residents that the hearing needed to be adjourned and moved to the Brooklyn Middle School auditorium. The record before the Commission is filled with letters objecting to the zone change.

To reiterate, we support Little Dipper Farms in the agricultural part of its plans, consistent with the current residential-agricultural zoning. We are strongly opposed to the approval of a Planned Development Zone that allows too much flexibility and not sufficient oversight of how this land will be used. We urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to use the existing rules, the same rules that have applied to everyone else who wishes to build a business in Brooklyn. This is too costly an experiment in land use – one that will forever change the unique beauty and historic character of the Town of Brooklyn.

NORMAN BERMAN  
BROOKLYN

### This affiliation is a good thing for our hospital

To the Editor:

Day Kimball Hospital is on the cusp of change. It is in the process of becoming a full member of Covenant Health. I want to talk about it.

I was born at Day Kimball Hospital. My husband was too. Our daughters were born there. My parents died there. I could carry on with my connections to the jumble of brick buildings at the crest of “Hospital Hill” in Putnam. I’m sure many others have similar relationships to our most significant healthcare institution.

I thought I knew the place until I began my position on the Board of Directors of Day Kimball Healthcare. I’ve served on numerous boards but this appointment has turned out to be the most complicated, time consuming and interesting of them all. Every month, I read and reread the meeting minutes, especially the financial reports as well as the detailed information provided by those who inspect, review and evaluate aspects of the hospital I never considered. There is a unique vocabulary, a work force of over 1,000 people, millions of dollars in play, and a competitive, unpredictable marketplace. Yet, our hospital is open every day, every hour, and stands ready to help whomever comes in the door.

I want Day Kimball Hospital to survive and thrive. It can’t do so alone. For years members of the Board have looked into affiliating with larger groups. Hospitals around us have been bought up by the big two: Hartford Healthcare and Yale New Haven Health. Thankfully we were not, given they would have dismantled DKH as a full service hospital. Yet the need for a partner still remains.

Day Kimball needs millions of dollars to buy an electronic health records system that dominates all healthcare. Without it, Day Kimball can’t get reimbursed by federal, state or private insurance companies.

It needs not only to survive but also to continue to provide high-quality, up-to-date health care. DKH needs to recruit doctors, nurses, and health care

professionals who exhibit the highest standards. These professionals want to work where the environment is progressive, positive and future oriented.

Covenant Health is a good match. The organization is similar to DKH. Their other hospitals are in rural places, i.e. two in Maine, and one in New Hampshire. They own 12 skilled nursing and senior living centers in similar rural communities. Covenant will keep our hospital and grow it rather than strip it of vital services and ship people out to other locations. They will keep our employees and add needed operational resources. They have a sound track record and the financial viability to keep Day Kimball moving forward.

Covenant Health is a not-for-profit as is Day Kimball, but there will be some changes. Covenant is an innovative Catholic health care system based in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Representatives from Covenant have met with DKH doctors and staff, and they feel they can work well together. That means a lot. They will continue to treat patients of all faiths – or no faith at all – and all backgrounds regardless of income. They will keep a local board with people like me on it, who will focus on our community.

We’ve heard about not allowing the perfect to undermine the possible. We have an example in front of us regarding our single most important community institution. Joining the Covenant Health system is the best way to keep our hospital viable and moving forward. It is not a hasty decision. It is based in reality and optimism.

I want Day Kimball Hospital to continue to serve my family and all the other families in our community. After doing my best to understand the issues, I feel this is the right way to go. I proudly serve on the DKH Board to represent what the community needs and wants. This affiliation is a good thing.

NANCY WEISS  
DAY KIMBALL HOSPITAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### The reverse Kind Midas touch

To the Editor:

It is a stunning juxtaposition: every two weeks, courageous, fresh-faced teenagers make their way to the podium on the second floor of the Killingly Town Hall to plead for mental health services for the high school while Republican School Board members stare blankly into the middle distance. The stories these students tell, of the effect mental illness has had on themselves and on their friends, are heart-wrenching and difficult to listen to, which makes the utter lack of concern or empathy from those who voted against a school-based health center profoundly jarring. In a normal world, 16- and 17-year-old students telling these heartfelt and deeply moving stories would elicit some sign of interest or concern among each and every School Board member. The School Board is, after all, charged with maintaining the effectiveness and quality of the educational experience of the Killingly School System. But this is not a normal, or even a minimally humane, world. This is the world of the radical right, where nothing makes a great deal of sense. This is a world where there is an expressed concern for the individual and individual rights but only for some individuals and some individual rights. This is a world where congressional Republicans are afraid to vote for even minimal gun restrictions — background checks, age limits, assault weapons bans — because the radical right would destroy their careers. The rights of schoolchildren and teachers, of grandparents Saturday shopping at a local market not to be gunned down in senseless slaughter? Well, that takes a back seat to the right of the individual to have as many weapons as he wishes, including those designed to serve no purpose other than waging war. This is a world in which a search for historical truth takes a back seat to the needs of a national myth. Instead of bravely coming to grips with the terrible reality of our history of slavery we must, depending on where we live, decide whether slavery was either a terrible moral mistake with lessons for our country going forward, or a really bad thing with isolated bright spots, or a sort of bad thing with a silver lining, or not nearly as bad as people say (“there were lots of kind masters and anyway it was a long time ago”). If you think that a careful, intellectual search for the truth is good in general and good for students then you will need to contend with the radical right’s CRT (Critical Race Theory) obsession (not that they understand what CRT is).

This a world in which the radical right argues that the freedom to not wear a mask or get a vaccine trumps the right of innocent people not to get a deadly disease (“My body, my choice”). But it is also a world where a bunch of old men can tell a woman she is guilty of murder for having an abortion (“Your body, my choice?”). It is a world where non-partisan election officials are replaced by Republican Stop the Steal election officials; it is a world where Republicans say with a straight face about an insurrectionist mob that took over the Capitol in Washington: “It was a normal tour visit.” It is also, unfortunately, a world where the Republicans on the Killingly School Board do not really believe in public education. Reportedly hand-picked by Tea Party Patriot fan and State Rep Anne Dauphinais and her friends on the Republican Town Committee, these School Board members have latched solidly onto the latest culture wars wedge issue: parental rights. First articulated back in the 1920’s, the idea of “parental rights” was used to argue against the teaching of evolution and culminated in the famous Scopes Trial of 1925. It was also used around the same time by parents who wished to keep their children working on farms rather than going to school; the issues then were around child labor and the need for universal education in order for citizens to be participating members of a democracy. The “parental rights” crowd was firmly in the “you should be able to keep your kid working on the farm” side. Fortunately, despite this, child labor laws were passed in the 1930’s. Now, it is the radical right that would like to see, under the umbrella of “parental rights,” the abolishment of public education as we know it. The Tea Party Patriot web site calls for the closing of “failing schools” and for taxpayer-fund-

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## Spotlighting young poets



NANCY WEISS

Around 4:45 a.m., the concert begins. Perhaps you are like me at that hour, ready to wake up and eager to hear the birdsong. June is a special month, nearly perfect in every way. It inspires creativity, which for me is found often in poetry. During the month of April, I

shared the work of a number of local poets, adults and students. Through the good work of Woodstock Academy’s Richard Telford, I have three poems by students that capture the essence of early summer, filled with imagination and imagery.

Like a pre-dawn concert, these poems will touch a cord.

**Incandescent**  
By Drake Mann

(Class of 2022)

In barren lands left charred to utter disrepair,  
one sought to succor forlorn souls without prayer.

Standing behind the dulled stone parapet,  
armor eminent of a brilliant gleam,  
the overtly friendly knight turned gaze upon  
the most glorious Sun.

And just as the Sun shined so grossly incandescent,  
cradled in blue painted skies,  
so did the knight’s spirit  
for jolly cooperation, burn bright in kind.

**A Day on the Water**  
By Hannah Johnson  
(Class of 2023)

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# Relay for Life embraces new look for 2022

WOODSTOCK – Now in its 26th year, the Relay for Life of Northeastern Connecticut has become a much-beloved annual tradition bringing together countless teams and individuals to help support the fight against cancer. In 2022 the event took on a brand new look moving to Roseland Park in Woodstock for the first time after previously being hosted by the Woodstock Fair Ground and the Brooklyn Fair Grounds. Throughout 24 hours walkers took to

the pavement, participated in games and events, enjoyed delicious food and good music, and simple came together all for the single cause of supporting the fight to end cancer. From the traditional opening “Survivor’s Lap” to the nighttime luminaries and the different themed campsites, the 2022 Relay for Life was filled with spirit and optimism promising a bright future for this long-standing Quiet Corner tradition.



Photos Jason Bleau

Cancer survivors partake in the traditional “Survivor Lap,” the first official lap of Relay for Life 2022.



This camp had a fun theme for the 2022 Relay embracing the spirit of the board game “Clue” including hosting a scavenger hunt with hidden items throughout the grounds.



The A Newf for Life team is always a favorite at Relay bringing their canine friends, all Newfoundland, along for the walk.



Students and staff of the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School in Canterbury walk the track during the 2022 Relay for Life of Northeastern Connecticut.



A special moment during the first lap of Relay for Life saw caregivers meet cancer survivors halfway and present them with flowers.



The Kilts Against Cancer team members pose for a photo in their fitting attire.



The Roxy's Blue Butterflies team made their annual appearance at Relay for Life.



Team Beacon of Hope was one of many teams with raffle baskets raising money to help in the fight against cancer.

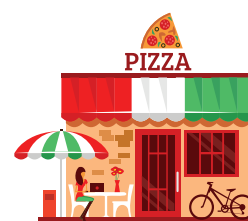


The Putnam Regional Interact Club continued their support for Relay for Life with an appearance in 2022.



Cancer survivors line up for the traditional “Survivor’s Breakfast” hosted in the barn at Roseland Park for the first time.

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# OBITUARIES

## Anthony "Pete" Bettencourt Jr., 76

Anthony "Pete" Bettencourt Jr., 76, of Brooklyn, CT passed away at home on Friday, May 27, 2022, after a lengthy stay of health problems with his Queen by his side.



Pete was born November 21, 1945, in New London CT, son of the late Anthony Bettencourt Sr. and Viola (Bettencourt) Filteau. He attended and was still attending the school of hard knocks until his passing. Those that considered him a friend knew he had a heart of gold. He was a master carpenter and master woodworker.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Angel Ann (Bettencourt) Garner.

He leaves behind his Queen Brenda "Brandy" Fontanella of Brooklyn, CT; his daughter Kristy (Bettencourt) Richardson and her husband Scott of Danielson, CT; his grandson Cody Garner of Seven Lakes, NC; his granddaughter Courtney Garner of Seagrove, NC; his grandsons Jayce Richardson and Owen Richardson of Danielson, CT; his brother David Bettencourt of Dayville, CT; his brother Alexander Filteau of Danielson, CT; his aunt Lillian Mohr of Eagle, ID; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Per Pete's request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wigs for Kids, 24231 Center Ridge Road, Westlake OH 44145 or via [www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org)

## Brian F. LaBonte, 53

THOMPSON – Brian F. LaBonte, 53, died Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in UMass/Memorial University Campus on his birthday as a result of a motorcycle accident in Thompson on May 14.



He leaves his 4 children, Brian C. LaBonte and his companion Ashlynn Wojcik, Brandon B. LaBonte and Mikenzi R. LaBonte, all of Thompson, and Mikayla M. LaBonte of Warwick, MA; a granddaughter, Ryleigh Rose LaBonte; his parents, David and Susan (Arpin) LaBonte and brother, Jason P. LaBonte and his wife Christine, all of Thompson; and many friends.

He was born on May 25, 1969 in Southbridge and lived here most of his life.

He was currently employed at Rampco Construction in Dudley, MA as a consultant.

Mr. LaBonte attended Saint Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. He was a member of the Thompson Road & Gun Club. His family was the focus of his life, especially his granddaughter and his beloved dog Diesel.

A graveside service will be held privately in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road, Webster. Visiting hours were held at Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM on Wednesday, June 1.

[www.websterfunerals.com](http://www.websterfunerals.com)

## Paul W. Martell, Sr., 90

Putnam – Paul W. Martell, Sr., 90, of Church St., died Thursday evening, May 26, 2022, at Westview Healthcare. He was the loving husband of 63 years to Norma B. (Bourgeois) Martell. Born in Greece, NY, he was the son of the late Melvin and Barbara (Smith) Martell.



Paul was a Korean War veteran of the United States Army serving in the Honor Guard in Washington DC before being sent to combat with the 23rd infantry regiment of the famed second division. He was honorably discharged at Camp Pickett, VA on December 19, 1952.

After initially coming to Connecticut with the phone company to rebuild following the "Flood of 55", Paul permanently relocated to Putnam. He worked for several manufacturing companies as a mechanic, eventually settling at Wyckoff Steel in Putnam until its closing after which he became a licensed journeyman electrician. In addition, he served as a Deputy Sheriff in Windham County for many years.

He was a life member, service officer and past Post Commander of the VFW 1523 as well as a member of the American Legion. He was also an active member in the community for many years serving on the Putnam Democratic Town Committee, as a

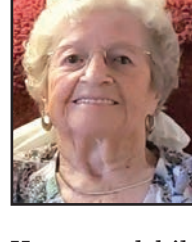
communicant at St. Mary Church and as a member of the St. Mary Circle of Fun committee. He enjoyed travel, camping, motorcycle riding, golfing, and most of all time with his family.

Paul is survived by his wife, Norma (Bourgeois) Martell of Putnam; his children, Paul W. Martell, Jr. and his wife Ann of Manchester, Kevin M. Martell and his wife Susan of New Hampton, NY, David A. Martell and his wife Higia of San Diego, CA, Patricia J. Fondelheit and her husband Bruce of Putnam, Sandra M. Martell and her wife Karen Winchester of Manchester, and Jennifer M. Gadue and her husband Michael of Brooklyn, CT; his sister, Margaret McNaughton of Glens Falls, NY; his seven grandchildren, Paul III, Sarah, Benjamin, Nicholas, Emily, Zachary, and Olivia and his three great grandchildren, Madelyn, Brianna, and Joshua as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Melvin, and Donald Martell.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 11:30a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. In lieu of flower memorial donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Suite 22 W., Park Dr., Boston, MA 02215. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Barbara Louise Nelson

Barbara Louise Nelson (Kent) was born September 11, 1924 and died peacefully on May 24, 2022. She had been a resident of Westview Healthcare for the past 6 years.



Barbara married Alfred Nelson in June of 1945. They had three children: Alfred Nelson - spouse Mimi Nielsen, Sheryl Kempain - spouse Randy, and Barbara Kille - spouse JR.

Her grandchildren include Clayton Kempain - spouse Beth, Tiffany O'Leary - spouse Sean, and Griffin Johnson - spouse Hannah Haynes. Her family included two great grandchildren: Layne O'Leary and Loxley O'Leary. She was a homemaker and enjoyed traveling the country in their RV. For

their 50th anniversary, they traveled to Alaska and in total, traveled over 16,000 miles. She also enjoyed gardening, doing crafts, reading the newspaper and her beloved magazines. She was a member of Westfield Congregational Church and the Order of Eastern Star, Killingly Brooklyn Senior Center, AARP of Putnam and Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the recreation department at Westview Healthcare, 150 Ware Rd., Dayville, CT. 06241 where she enjoyed many hours of bingo, crafts, painting, and having her nails done. Barbara's family would like to extend their great appreciation for the care and compassion from the staff at Westview and to Dr. Botta and his staff. Funeral services will be private. [tilling-hastfh.com](mailto:tilling-hastfh.com)

## Phyllis W. Woodbridge, 91

Pomfret Center- Phyllis W. Woodbridge, 91, of Pomfret Connecticut, passed away peacefully April 26, 2022, with her family by her side.



She was born to the late Willa and Philip Whitehead on July 3, 1930, in the Lying-In Hospital, now known as the Women's and Infants Hospital, in Providence and raised in the Edgewood Section of Cranston, Rhode Island.

One of six children to the textile worker, Phyllis was always ambitious and driven. During the era she grew up in, opportunities for women were limited. This made her truly an inspiration and a trailblazer for her generation.

Phyllis graduated from Nelson W. Aldrich High School, in Warwick, Rhode Island in 1947. She attended Barrington College where she studied business finance and graduated in 1949. After graduation, Phyllis met her late husband, Jesse Rogers, and went on to have two children. In 1953, the couple designed and built a seasonal resort, the Bay Side Motel, on the Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton Bay, New Hampshire.

In 1963, Phyllis transitioned her career and began her climb up the corporate ladder when she started as a secretary at United Way. Concentrating on her career and raising her children, Phyllis rose through the ranks, becoming a senior campaign officer and director of operations. In 1975, she became the public relations officer for Hospital Trust National Bank and 1977 was promoted to assistant vice president. Just two years later, Phyllis was named vice president of the Corporate Communications Group, where she assumed responsibilities for governmental relations, public affairs and relations, investor relations, and advertising. She retired in 1989.

However, her retirement was brief, and Phyllis was named the vice president for marketing communications for Woman & Infants Hospital in 1990.

The year 1992 had a special meaning in Phyllis's life; on September 20, 1992, she marries the love of her life Henry (Woody) Woodbridge. Woody predeceased her on December 22, 2021. For 29 years, they shared a partnership together, building and caring for their immediate and extended family. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother,

grandmother, sister, and friend. Her family was everything to her.

Phyllis was a passionate Red Sox and Patriots fan who loved music and musicals, art, and golf. When she wasn't filling her home with warmth and kindness, she could be found traveling to the Caribbean with her daughter and sister, or spending time at her lake house on Lake Wankewan in Meredith, NH and at the Bayside Motel with her granddaughter, Ashley, who she deeply adored.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Barbara Rogers (Tim McCarthy); daughter-in-law, Raquel Rogers; stepchildren, Winty Woodbridge, Kim McCann (Joel), Trip Woodbridge (Leslie); granddaughter, Ashley Marie Rogers; seven step grandchildren Jessica Kemp (Chris), Skyler Bryan (Nicholas), Teal Chalek (Sam), Tim McCann, Jonsey McCann (Kiley), Robert McCann (Kate), and Patience Bandoma (William); and six step great-grandchildren, the newest addition being Griffin McCann. Phyllis is also survived by two sisters, Willa Haverley, and Dale Davenport; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Woody, Phyllis was also predeceased by her son, Stephen P. Rogers; stepdaughter, Dorothy (Dodie) Dash; and siblings, Nancy Story, Barbara Patterson, and Neil Whitehead.

After a lengthy battle, Phyllis lost her battle with Parkinson's Disease. However, no matter how sick she was, she was always determined. Through her, we know what resilience and perseverance truly looks like. We can still hear her asking "Where are you" and telling us "Don't be late". We know that she would want us to wear cheerful clothes, eat, dance, and be happy. Most of all, she would want us to live our lives filled with love and kindness. Phyllis was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. She was loved and will be deeply missed.

A memorial service for both Phyllis and Woody will be held at 2:00p.m. on June 25, 2022, at the Christ Church, 521 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT 06259. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. Cremation service has been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT.

## A Graveside Service

for Susan Lewis Dillon who passed away on June 5th, 2020, will be held at Eastford Grove Cemetery in Eastford CT. on June 11th at 11:00.

Refreshments will be served at the Eastford Congregational Church located at 8 Church Road immediately following the service.

*Please bring your fondest memories of Sue to share with family and friends.*

**DELUCA**  
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look forward to reading them, and I often get compliments on them. Take it as you will, but I do have respect for the people that write here, who stick up for what they believe (with whatever degree of "ferocity") and sign their names to their letters. and 69 percent said the economy is bad, 65 percent said Biden is slow to react, and 51 percent said Biden is incompetent. ABC Sunday mentioned Biden's dismal approval rating on issues: inflation at 28 percent, gas prices (which have doubled since Biden took office) 27 percent, crime at 38 percent, gun violence at 35 percent,

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# OBITUARIES

## Georgette R. (Berthiaume) Pappas, 97

Georgette R. (Berthiaume) Pappas, 97, of Bonneville Street in Danielson passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 30, 2022. She was born at home in Dayville on November 4, 1924, to the late Edward and Eva (LaBossierre) Berthiaume. Georgette married Michael P. Pappas on April 27, 1946 in Bainbridge Maryland, he predeceased her in March of 1991.

Georgette attended St. James School and went on to graduate from Killingly High School in 1942. After graduation, she very proudly taught one second grade class of 42 students at St. James School, then worked at Pratt and Whitney during the war. In 1953, Georgette and her husband founded Michael's Market in Canterbury, where they made many friends and became a big part of the community. They also opened stores in Danielson and Jewett City.

Throughout her life, Georgette was a very devout Catholic and was very faithful to Saint James Church. Additionally, she attended the Greek Orthodox Church with her husband. Georgette was active in many organizations, including the Day Kimball Hospital Women's Board and Opera New England. She was also a member of the Women's League at Quinatisset Golf Course where she got a hole-in-one.

Georgette was quite the traveler and social butterfly. She has traveled all over the world, with one of her favorite destinations being Jerusalem. She loved nothing more than being with her friends to play golf in the morning followed by tennis in the afternoon. She was also known for planning and hosting many class reunions and perfect parties, where her and her girlfriends would often make their own outfits, and do anything to follow a theme, like having fresh leis flown in from Hawaii to complete their luau.

In her retirement, Georgette spent

summers in Danielson, cooking up a storm, going to the farmers market, traveling all over to cheer on nieces and nephews, and enjoying time with friends and family...especially Sunday dinners on Sunset Drive Ext. and being a tough judge and critic of croquet matches on the 4th of July. During the winter, she could be found in Lake Placid, Florida, driving around in her pink golf cart, golfing daily with friends, and traveling to Orlando to cheer on Tiger Woods, watch Red Sox spring training games, and meet family in Disney World.

Georgette's family would like to thank Dr. Botta and his entire staff for the wonderful care they have given to Georgette for many years, as well as Day Kimball Hospital Homemakers and Hospice for their support and guidance. They would also like to recognize and thank her caretaker, Nana, and her good friend, Betty, who she sometimes got bossy with, but loved very much.

Along with her parents and husband, Georgette was predeceased by her brothers, Armand and Paul Berthiaume. She leaves behind her treasured Godchildren, Edward Berthiaume and his wife, Kelley, Diane Kapatoes, Elizabeth Jennings, Michelle Viens and her husband, Jon, and Katherine Bledsoe. In addition, she also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Gloria Berthiaume, her brother-in-law Carl Pappas and his wife Jean, her sister-in-law Roxanne Pappas, and many, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews who she was so special to.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. James Church in Danielson at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 2, 2022 with burial following in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Georgette Pappas to support cancer research and patients care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston MA 02284 or via [www.jimmyfund.org/gift](http://www.jimmyfund.org/gift).

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forth an agenda of erosion of our public education system completely eclipses the right of the students in that system to a safe and robust educational experience. That students in today's world, facing unparalleled stressors like school shootings, climate change, a horrible pandemic, and adults unwilling to let them begin to take responsibility for their own lives, might possibly need a sympathetic ear now and again should not come as a surprise.

That the Republican members of the School Board have effectively prevented them from accessing that sympathetic ear should also not come as a surprise. The radical right's ability to turn every humane, common sense solution to a problem into an existential threat to the continued existence of their myth of an unblemished nation that can do no wrong knows no bounds. It is the quintessential "reverse" King Midas' Touch—every attempt to move us forward, to make things better is turned to dust. I will never understand it: why in the world do we again and again entrust our government and institutions to people who do not believe in government or those institutions?

JOHN A. DAY, JR.  
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Putnam – Marie R. Houle, 92, formerly of Ella Grasso Gardens on Ballou St., died Tuesday morning, May 31, 2022, at Westview Healthcare.



Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Arsene and Bella (Landry) Houle. Mrs. Houle worked for many years as a stitcher at the former Wellington Curtain.

Mrs. Houle enjoyed playing BINGO and day trips to the

casinos. She was an avid reader, James Patterson fan, and enthusiast of the many charities that she supported over the years.

Marie is survived by her grandson, Grant A. Houle of Putnam. She was predeceased by her daughter, Carol Ann Houle and her sister, Jeannette (Rita) Bessette.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Carole A. Marshall, 79

Thompson - Carole Ann (Breault) Marshall, 79, of Thompson, CT died peacefully at her home on May 26, 2022.



For the past 57 years, she was the loving wife of Nicholas J. Marshall and together they had 4 daughters; Sue Spahl (Eric) of Dudley, MA; Lauren Bowen of Dover, NH; Kathleen Naumann (Richard) of Thompson, CT and Nicole McGarry (Aaron) also of Thompson, CT. Carole is also survived by her brother Donald Breault (Sheila) and her sister Barbara Jolicoeur, both of North Carolina and 6 grandchildren; Caitlin Bowen, Christie Bowen, Jeffrey Spahl, Matthew Spahl, Renee Giroux (Trevor) and Benjamin McGarry and one great grandchild, Cohen Giroux. She was predeceased by one granddaughter, Ashley Leveillee.

Carole was born and grew up in Worcester, MA. She was the daughter of the late Ralph and Ellen (Koski) Breault. In addition to raising her family, she worked for Hubbard Hospital in Webster, MA, the former Someplace Special in Putnam, CT and the Vernon Stiles Inn in Thompson, CT. She

retired from her work as a parish secretary for St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Carole liked to stay socially active and enjoyed her years as a coach and manager for the Thompson Lassie League and as a member of a ladies bowling league. She also loved to cook and play cards, teaching all her grandchildren how to play, and belonging to several local bridge and pitch clubs. Cooking and acting as host for all the social and holiday gatherings throughout her life will be cherished and treasured memories of her large and extended family. Most of all, Carole loved spending time with family and friends at Wells Beach in Maine.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Carole's family on Thursday, June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., North Grosvenordale, CT. A short service was held at 11:30 a.m. with burial to immediately follow at St. Mary Cemetery, 230 Providence St., Putnam, CT.

Memorial Donations may be made to Day Kimball Hospice or the Channel 3 Kids Camp located in Andover, Connecticut. For memorial guestbook, please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

Spencer Fulone of Thompson

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at [smocle@lasell.edu](mailto:smocle@lasell.edu) or at 617-243-2386.

## Lasell University students named to Dean's List

NEWTON, Mass. —The following students were named to the Lasell Dean's List in recognition of their spring 2022 academic performance:

Alexandra Chitwood of Dayville  
Aidan Morin of Brooklyn

## MOORE

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from a dead stop. The momentum builds once you get the ball rolling, and eventually, progress comes faster and faster.

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going. Set your sights on ever higher goals. Just as a snowball gets bigger and faster as it rolls down the hill, as you build momentum, more opportunities will present themselves, and when you look back, you'll be amazed at how far you've come.

## DAY

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ed education of the parents' choosing, including religious schools and the like. Are these Killingly School Board members literally starving the schools they are supposed to be running and improving? Are they using a very serious mental health issue to push a favored, deeply ideological agenda, at the expense of the students? How else to explain the striking lack of educational experience or expertise of those Republicans on the School Board. How else to explain the pathological lack of interest in the stories these students tell every two weeks? How else to explain the presence on the Board of Education of someone who until very recently was Vice President of the Connecticut chapter of the American Guard, a confirmed white supremacist organization but who, oddly, has no particular experience or expertise that would qualify him for a place on the Board of Education? So, ultimately, to live in the world of the Republican members of the Killingly School Board is to live in a world where the individual rights of these Board members and their "right" to carry



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## LEGALS

### TOWN OF THOMPSON

On May 23, 2022 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued with conditions: Application # WAA22009, Thomas F. Dolan, Jr., 124 New Rd. (Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 10A) - Construct new single family home, well and driveway in 100-foot upland review area; Application # WAA22012, 76 Lehtinen Rd. (Assessor's Map 137, Block 21, Lot 17A) - Construct 32' X 24' detached garage with driveway access located in 100-foot upland review area. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent  
June 10, 2022

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Walter R. Kozlow (22-00217) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 26, 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.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
ALFRED ROBERT CASELLA,  
MURTHA CULLINA LLP,  
280 TRUMBULL STREET,

12TH FLOOR, HARTFORD, CT 06103  
June 10, 2022

### PROPERTY AUCTION

The Town of Thompson auctioned the following properties in Thompson to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges on May 26, 2022:

77 Linehouse Road owned by Elton C. Bates, Jr. or his Estate was sold to Carlos H. Bastos of 77 Soap Street, Dayville, CT 06260 for \$40,000.00.

65 Linehouse Road owned by Shara Bates or her Estate was sold to Carlos H. Bastos of 77 Soap Street, Dayville, CT 06260 for \$40,000.00.

2 Fernwood Avenue owned by David B. Belleville or his Estate was sold to Awne Affordable Homes 3, LLC of 122 W. Market Street, Georgetown, DE 19947 for \$47,000.00.

±0.53 acres on Quinebaug Road owned by Charles E. Bessette or his Estate and Deborah J. Bessette was sold to Danielle Ferris of 26 River Street, Dudley MA 01571 for \$4,458.95.

369 Thompson Road owned by Michael C. Carrigan or his Estate was sold to Awne Affordable Homes 3, LLC of 122 W. Market Street, Georgetown, DE 19947 for \$140,000.00.

Two parcels on West Thompson Road totaling ±8.50 acres owned by Evelyn

I. Cotnoir a/k/a Evelyn V. Cotnoir or her Estate was sold to The Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. of 302 Main Street, Danielson CT 06239 for \$8,000.00.

25 Watson Road and ±1.01 acres on Watson Road owned by Alicia J. LeClair was sold to Robert A. Grzyb of 36 Whitcomb Street, Webster MA 01570 for \$90,000.00.

The redemption period expires on November 28, 2022. If redemption does not take place by the date stated and in the manner provided by law, the delinquent taxpayers, and all mortgagees, lienholders and other encumbrancers who have received actual or constructive notice of such sale as provided by law, are hereby notified that their respective titles, mortgages, liens, restraints on alienation and other encumbrances in such properties shall be extinguished.

June 10, 2022

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Maureen G. Morley (22-00123) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 28, 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:  
Elizabeth Morley and Jennifer Morley  
c/o GARY D LAVIGNE, LAVIGNE,  
MARK, ROGERS & BRUGGEMAN,  
LLC, 945 MAIN STREET, SUITE 208,  
MANCHESTER, CT 06040  
June 10, 2022

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Donald A. Warren, Jr., AKA Donald Albert Warren, AKA Donald Albert Warren, Jr. (22-00229) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 27, 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:  
Joyce St. Lawrence,  
MICHAEL C MAGLIOCCO (attorney for  
Joyce St. Lawrence), MICHAEL C,  
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# SPORTS

## Worth the wait: Tigers defeat East Granby in State Tournament

TOURTELLOTTE'S SEASON THEN ENDS IN LOSS TO SOMERS

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — The Tourtellotte High School baseball team held its official Senior Day ceremony a few weeks ago, but the Tigers — the No. 14 seed in the Connecticut Class S Tournament — staged an impromptu reenactment of those festivities in its 11-2 victory over East Granby High (the No. 19 seed) on Tuesday, May 31, in a first-round tournament game.

Tourtellotte's 2022 tournament run, however, ended the next day in Somers, the Tigers losing to the third-seeded Spartans, 15-4. Tourtellotte finished its season with a 12-11 record.

The win over East Granby was Tourtellotte's first in the state tournament in 25 years. In the 1997 tournament fourth-seeded Tourtellotte, after receiving a first-round bye, beat Cromwell, 2-1, in the quarterfinal round. The Tigers then lost to Somers High, 4-1, in a state semifinal.

"Finally," Tourtellotte coach Lee Blanchette said after the win over East Granby. "It's been a long time since we've won a state game. We won a play-in game a few years back, Alex [Angelo, his assistant coach] played in it. That team beat Old Saybrook by a run, and then they lost the first game, the actual state tournament game."

"This was huge," Blanchette continued. "These seniors, since they were freshmen this is what they wanted to do, win a state tournament game. It's really all they've talked about for four years. We didn't make the tournament when they were freshmen, their sophomore season was cancelled [due to COVID], and last year we lost in the first round."

Six of Tourtellotte's eight seniors — Brayden Akana, Mason Barber, Ryan Barbour, Kyle Busha, Johnny Ferraro, Alex Grauer, Andrew McGlynn, and

Lucas Perrault — contributed to the winning effort.

Barber picked up the win on the mound, pitching 6-1/3 innings, allowing two runs on four hits while striking out six and walking four. In the second inning he retired the Crusaders on seven pitches, the first two outs coming on two pitches.

"That was huge; being efficient. Getting out of innings with a very limited pitch count is something I've struggled with all year," said Barber, who also went 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBI. "It felt really good to come in here, play well and score 11 runs on this team."

East Granby's two runs came in the top of the fourth inning, after Tourtellotte had taken a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the third. East Granby scored its runs on a walk, a fielder's choice, a single and a double.

"After giving up those two runs I went back to the mound [in the fifth inning] knowing I had to trust my defense and that's what I did," Barber said. "I attacked the plate; I pitched inside and got a lot of fly balls, and a lot of ground ball outs."

Blanchette was thrilled with Barber's overall performance in general and his pitching success in particular.

"Mason came up big today," Blanchette said. "Mason has really good stuff and he's intimidating. He really pounded the zone today. When he's on, he's on. Today he dug deep. He came back when he was down in the count and they chased some pitches which helped us out."

When Barber reached his pitch count limit Grauer [double, sacrifice fly] relieved him on the bump and quickly got the final two outs, striking out the Crusaders' Luke Guter to end the game.

Ferraro was 2-for-4 with two RBI, both coming on a sharp single to center field



Photo Courtesy

Tourtellotte's coaching staff and seniors (left to right): Head coach Lee Blanchette, Johnny Ferraro, Kyle Busha, Ryan Barbour, Mason Barber, Andrew McGlynn, Lucas Perrault, Brayden Akana, Alex Grauer, and assistant coach Alex Angelo.

in the Tigers' five-run sixth inning. His two-out hot smash to second base in the fourth inning was scored as an error, but two runs scored on the play.

"We hit a little bit before the game in the cage and I was feeling good. I thought this type of day was possible if I stayed focused," said Ferraro, whose approach at the plate had nothing to do with mechanics. "My approach was knowing this game could be my last time playing high school baseball, playing for Tourtellotte, and playing at home. I wanted to go out with a bang."

Barber just laughed when asked about Ferraro's plate production.

"I've been playing with Johnny since Little League; Johnny's a character," Barber said. "He came up big today. He gave us a lot of momentum at the plate."

Ferraro was as happy for Barber as Barber was for Ferraro.

"Mason did amazing," Ferraro said. "He limited the amount of walks, threw strikes and got outs when it counted. He did everything he needed to do."

Akana was 1-for-1 at the plate with a sacrifice bunt. He also got hit by a pitch twice. Busha was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and Barbour added a single.

Tourtellotte took its 4-0 lead on two singles, a double and a hit batsman. After East Granby cut the Tigers' lead to 4-2 in the top of the fifth, Tourtellotte got the runs back in the bottom of the frame on two singles, a walk and a sacrifice bunt. The Tigers took a 6-2 lead to the sixth inning.

In the bottom of the sixth Tourtellotte pushed its lead to 11-2, scoring five runs on a double (off the bat of junior Chris Daly), two singles, a sacrifice fly, a hit batsman, and an East Granby error.

### BASEBALL

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a walk, and a stolen base, giving it runners on second and third with no outs. Grzysiewicz got out of the jam by striking out the Terriers Nos. 4 and 5 hitters.

In the second inning Grzysiewicz struck out the first two Rocky Hill batters and then closed out the Terriers' at-bat by inducing a weak comebacker to the mound which he calmly threw to Killingly first baseman Trevin Russ.

"Jay bulldogged his way through that first inning," Killingly coach Ben Desaulnier said. "That right there is a guy who has pitched in big games. He's been doing it for the last two years. The fact that he's been a dominant pitcher for us for the last two years allowed there to be no jitters or nerves for him today."

"He was very confident from the beginning," Desaulnier continued. "Things went a little sideways for us in the first inning, but he stayed strong. What more can you ask for? And, it wasn't like they were squaring balls up on him in that first inning. Their hit was a bleeder, we made an error, Jay walked a guy and they stole a base."

Grzysiewicz said he looked at the last two at-bats of the Rocky Hill portion of the first inning the way he looks at every at-bat in every game when he's on the mound — the batter is trying to beat him, and he's trying to beat the batter.

"I'm very competitive, so that's definitely the way I think of it; he's trying to show me up and I'm trying to show him up," Grzysiewicz said. "In baseball there are many games



Killingly's Jay Grzysiewicz was dominant in an 8-1 win over Rocky Hill.

inside many games. Every pitch is a new game. Every at-bat is a new game. Every batter is a new game. It's all a competition and that's what I love to do, compete. Nothing makes me feel better. It feels good to be able to compete on the mound."

Killingly catcher Nate Keefe said Grzysiewicz's two strikeouts to end the Rocky Hill half of the first inning set the tone for the rest of the game.

"That was definitely a huge point in the game for us, getting through that top of the first with no runs scored," Keefe said. "It was a huge confidence booster for Jay, but for our whole team, too. That first inning was a little rough, but we got through it, Jay settled down and when the second inning started he went right

back to dealing."

Killingly's offense sputtered at the start. In the first inning it had runners on first and second with no outs and couldn't push a run across the plate. In the second inning Killingly loaded the bases with two outs, but couldn't get the run-producing hit it needed.

The third inning was a different story. The Killingly offense broke through and put the game away all at the same time, sending 13 batters to the plate en route to a 7-0 lead by the time the dust settled.

"The first two innings they played, I don't want to call it stall ball, but that's kind of what it felt like. Every pitch was 45 seconds after the one before it. I think it got our guys out of their rhythm," Desaulnier said. "Before that



Killingly's Tony Navan celebrates after sliding into home and scoring a run for the team.



Nate Keefe of Killingly prepares to swing at a fastball coming straight down the strike zone.

third inning we talked about having to dominate the batter's box, about having to dictate the pitch. Early in the game I think we let a lot of strikes go, especially early in counts because it felt we were waiting a long time for pitches."


Ben Jax, Russ, and Lucas Bertram all singled to open the bottom of the third inning for Killingly. Jax put Killingly ahead, 1-0, when he scored on a fielder's choice to short by Ashton Goodwin. Russ then scored to push the lead to 2-0 on a single to center field by Tony Navan. Goodwin made it 3-0 when he scored on a field-

er's choice to first by Mason Frazer.


Navan scored on a squeeze bunt by Brady Waterman to push the Killingly lead to 4-0. Keefe (3-for-4) then singled to right field to bring home Frazer with run No. 5. At that point the suddenly toothless Terriers changed pitchers.

It didn't help. Grzysiewicz greeted Rocky Hill's new hurler by launching a pitch over the right fielder's head. Grzysiewicz hustled his way to third and Waterman and Keefe scored on the play to extend the lead to 7-0.


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## The Arc ECT's Fundraising Golf Tournament to be held June 17

PUTNAM — The Arc Eastern Connecticut will host the 34th annual Gardner Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament on June 17 at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Scramble format. All proceeds support programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in eastern Connecticut. More information and to register: (860) 889-4435, ext. 116, or <https://www.thearect.org/golf>.

# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

### Killingly, Woodstock golf finish 1-2 at ECC Open Golf Tournament

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Harry Giambattista became the sixth player in Killingly High golf history to win the individual championship at the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Open, firing a 2-over-par 73 on Thursday, June 2, at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton.

Giambattista's score, combined with Cam Seiffert's third-place finishing score of 76, Ethan Lackner's 82, and Logan Gagnon's 86 propelled Killingly to the team title for the eighth time in the last nine years.

Giambattista made double bogey on No. 1, birdied No. 5, bogeyed Nos. 8 and 12, and birdied 13.

Killingly, the top-ranked team in Connecticut in Division II, finished with a team score of 317, nine strokes better than Woodstock Academy, which finished second. Killingly, seeking its third state title, competed in the Connecticut Division II championship at Tallwood Golf Club in Hebron on Monday, June 6.

Giambattista, Seiffert, Lackner, and Gagnon are all juniors.

Woodstock Academy senior Kyle Brennan finished second in the tournament, one stroke behind Giambattista, after carding a 3-over 74.

"I'm thrilled. I was just going in hoping to shoot in the 70s and I did that," Brennan told Centaurs' sports information director Marc Allard. "I left some strokes out there, but I can't complain about the 74 — I'm happy with that."

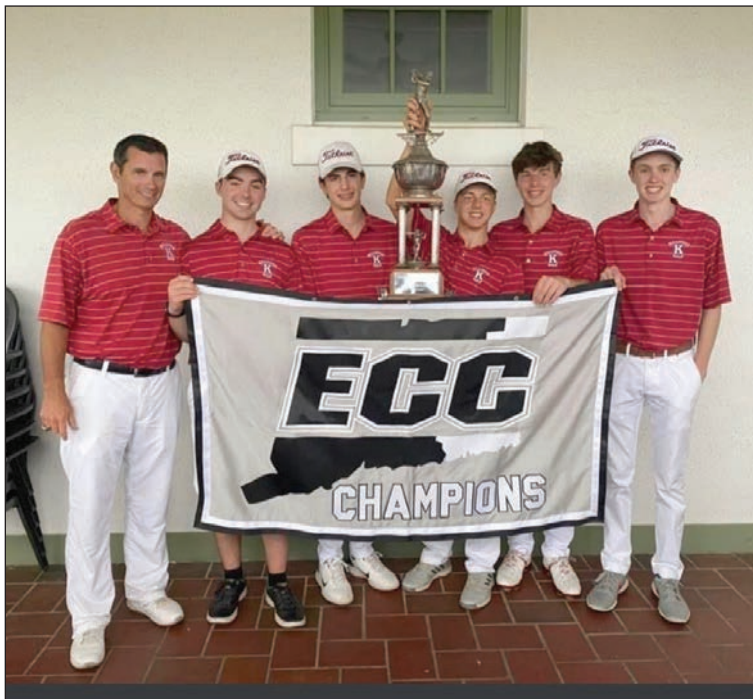
Brennan's performance helped lead Woodstock to a second-place overall finish with a team total of 326. The Centaurs were well ahead of third-place finisher Norwich Free Academy, which came into the clubhouse 14 strokes behind Woodstock.

"I was completely thrilled. I don't remember being that excited walking off a golf course in, quite honestly, years," WA coach Rich Garceau said. "I've been seeing what they could do but for some reason or another, not all the pieces fit together. I've been trying to rein them in and focus on the task at hand and [on Thursday], five young men matured."

Chris Thibault carded an 80 for the Centaurs and Davis Simpson chipped in with an 83.

#### Girls' Golf

Woodstock Academy, which had won six of the last seven ECC Open girls' golf championships, finished third in the 2022 edition of the tournament, held Thursday, June



The Killingly High boys' golf team, the 2022 Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Open champions, pose with their trophy and banner. The team, from left-to-right: coach Kevin Marcoux; Matt Card; Cam Seiffert; Ethan Lackner, Harry Giambattista; and Logan Gagnon. Killingly won the title, its eighth in the last nine years, on Thursday, June 2, at Groton's Shennecossett Golf Club.

2, at Thompson's Quinntasset Country Club.

The Centaurs finished with a team total of 221, 16 strokes behind winner East Lyme. Sophie Gronski, one of Woodstock's top players, was forced off the course mid-round after suffering an injury.

"[Sophie] is capable of shooting better than some of our other scores but our best score this year was 212 and we weren't far away from that," Centaurs' coach Earl Semmelrock said during an interview with Allard. "I only asked the girls to come here and compete and they did that."

#### Baseball

It took nine innings but Woodstock Academy, the No. 11 seed in the Connecticut Class L Tournament, defeated visiting Bristol Central (the No. 9 seed), 4-3, on Tuesday, May 31.

The Centaurs scored the winning run when Eric Mathewson's pop fly dropped in for a single with one out in the ninth inning and pinch runner Brennan Blow came home when the throw into the infield was off line.

Mathewson finished the game with two hits and an RBI. He was also the winning pitcher. He came on in relief of starter Kaden Murphy and pitched three innings of two-hit ball and allowed just one run.

Ethan Davis added two hits including a triple in the win; freshman Brady Ericson also tripled for Woodstock.

The Centaurs didn't fare as well against sixth-seeded

Wethersfield, losing to the Eagles, 9-6, in Wethersfield, on Wednesday, June 1. Wethersfield took a 9-0 lead to the seventh inning but Woodstock made things interesting, scoring six runs in the top of the seventh.

A pair of singles by Zach Roethlein and Mathewson and a walk loaded the bases in the seventh. Three runs then came home on a pair of Wethersfield errors. Davis doubled home another run and Jon Smith followed with a two-run double, but the rally fell short on a line out to end the game. Mathewson had two hits for Woodstock Academy, which finished 16-10.

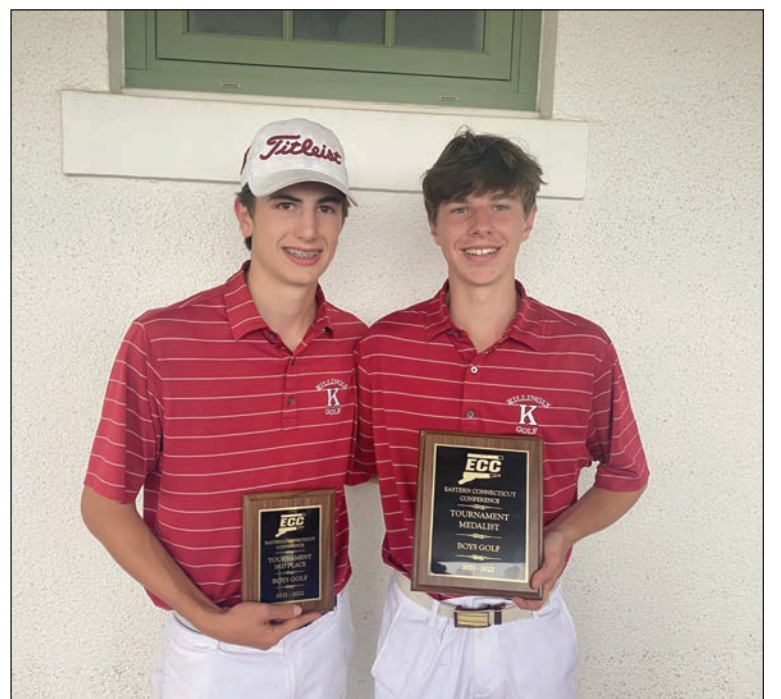
#### Softball

Foran High, the No. 15 seed, spotted visiting Woodstock Academy, the No. 18 seed, a pair of runs in the top of the first inning of the teams' first-round Connecticut Class L Tournament game on Tuesday, May 31, but then rallied for a 10-3 win.

The Centaurs (11-11) scored their first-inning runs on an RBI double by Madison Martinez and a run-scoring single by Delaney Anderson, who added an RBI single in the seventh to close out the Centaurs' scoring.

#### Boys' Track

Woodstock Academy senior Keenan LaMontagne came within two feet of the state record in the discus and classmate Ian Hoffman reached his goal of breaking the school record in the 800-meter run



Cam Seiffert, left, and Harry Giambattista, proudly display the hardware they won at the 2022 ECC Open.



Photos Courtesy

Cam Seiffert, shown here following through on a shot with one of his irons, finished third in the 2022 ECC Open, thanks for a 5-over-par 76.

at the Connecticut Class MM Championships, held at Willow Brook Park in New Britain on Wednesday, June 1.

LaMontagne threw the discus a meet-best 162 feet, 4 inches, just 19 inches shy of the state record held by Woodstock Academy alum Jeff Barrette, who set the mark in 1998. LaMontagne also finished second in the shot put (47-11) to qualify for the State Open championship in both events.

Hoffman also qualified for the State Open with a fifth-place finish in the 800-meter run, finishing in 2:00.11, two-tenths of a second better than the previous Woodstock Academy school record held by current Woodstock Academy girls' track coach Josh Welch.

#### Girls' Track

The Woodstock Academy girls' track team finished seventh overall at the Connecticut Class MM Championships, held at Willow Brook Park in New Britain on Wednesday, June 1.

Magdalena Myslenski picked up the top finish for the Centaurs as she finished second in the discus with a throw of 111 feet, 2 inches. Myslenski will be joined at the State Open by Linsey Arends who qualified in two events. Arends finished fifth in the 800-meter run (2:24.71) and joined Leah Castle, Leila MacKinnon and Julia Coyle for a fourth-place finish in the 3,200-meter relay.

Jillian Edwards also qualified for the State Open with a fifth-place finish in the high jump (4-10).

## Dads climb for free on Father's Day at The Adventure Park at Storrs

STORRS — The Adventure Park at Storrs, the area's best zipline and climbing adventure experience, is offering a Father's Day BOGO offer to celebrate dads this Father's Day.

Guests buy one three-hour ticket and get a free ticket for dad to climb too.

"What better way to spend time with dad than a bonding adventure in the trees," said Park Manager, Jesse Pasacreta. "It's a perfect way to celebrate with the kids, no matter their age."

There are two ways to get the Father's Day BOGO offer:

Book Online: Visit <https://myadventurepark.com/event/dads-climb-free-sap/> to book the ticket type "Father's Day BOGO." To get the discount, add two tickets to the shopping cart and the discount is applied at checkout.

Book by Phone: Call 860-946-0606 and ask for the Father's Day BOGO. Our agents will help guests select their climb time based on availability and apply the discount.

The Adventure Park at Storrs is launching its summer schedule on June 15 and will be open Wednesdays

– Sundays until August 28. The Park is open from 10 am to 8 pm on Father's Day, Sunday June 19. The Father's Day BOGO promotion is valid only on Sunday June 19, 2022. Not combinable with any other offers or events. No refunds, though the tickets can be exchanged for The Adventure Park Account Credit for the amount paid only.

About The Adventure Park at Storrs The nine trails at The Adventure Park consist of various challenges in the trees, including bridges, tightropes, ladders, and 28 ziplines. Participants wear harnesses with clips that connect to the trail's safety system, ensuring that they are always locked on to the course until they reach the end. The main trails are designed for ages 7 to adult, and an Adventure Playground provides a low-to-the-ground adventure experience for little climbers ages three to six.

Non-climbing participants are admitted free of charge to share the experience on the ground and enjoy the property's nature trails, picnic tables and community firepit.

The Adventure Park at Storrs is open to the general public and is located



minutes from the UConn Campus. The address is 2007 Storrs Road in Storrs. Walk ins are welcome on a space available basis, but guests are encouraged to book ahead on the Park's web-

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