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Paws Cat Shelter completes move to Putnam

BY JASON BLEAU
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PUTNAM — Paws Cat Shelter has officially moved into its new home in Putnam after over a year of fundraising and renovations to help facilitate the transition. The shelter, previously housed at 240 Woodstock Ave. in Woodstock, has purchased the building at 74 School St., allowing them more space and an updated facility to meet state requirements and better serve their animals and potential owners.

Fay Bariau, President of Paws Cat Shelter, said the process took 14 months, and while the facility isn't officially open to the public yet, she confirmed that the cats have been moved and that the building is currently in use. The organization's search for a new home began after their previous landlord showed interest in expanded his business into the space previously occupied by Paws. Another landlord on School Street in Putnam also showed interest in selling, allowing for a mutual parting of ways in Woodstock to benefit both parties. Paws then began the transition that was completed in early April. Bariau confirmed that the new building better serves the long-term



Courtesy

A few of Paws' furry friends make themselves comfortable in the organizations new home in Putnam.

needs of the organization.

"We started renovations and there are major guidelines the state has put forth which we now have to follow so there were a lot of changes we had to make. That includes the floor, the ceiling, the walls, a new HVAC system, so it took a while to get things done. The town and state have been very supportive of us," said Bariau. "It's unbelievable how big this facility is

although with the cages inside now it looks smaller. We still have a lot of work to do, which is why we don't really want to invite people in yet. The goal was to get in there and now we are."

Bariau could not disclose plans to officially open the facility to the public. Volunteers are currently working on special plans to officially debut the new building in the near future. However,

Paws is currently allowing people to visit for adoption purposes only.

"If someone is interested, we set up an appointment to come in and meet the cat. That's basically what we were doing before. When we were in Woodstock, we'd be open, but we wouldn't have potential adopters come in until afterwards when it's quieter. We still have a lot of cats in the foster care system so

we're hoping we can start pulling our cats in from those foster homes and showing them off to get them homed as well," said Bariau.

Currently, Paws houses more than 80 cats in the building. That doesn't count any animals still in foster homes. The organization is also working to emphasize efforts to assist pet owners in keeping their animals such as food assistance, medical payment relief, and programs for spaying and neutering.

"We want to see people keep their animals in their homes, so they don't have to come in with us," Bariau added.

The volunteers of Paws have been grateful for the outpouring of support from Putnam and surrounding towns during their transition. They are looking forward to inviting the public into their new facility soon. In the meantime, there are numerous ways to support the organization in their cause. Several fundraising events have been scheduled for 2024 with information released through the Paws Cat Shelter CT Facebook page. Those looking to donate, volunteer, or adopt can learn more about Paws by visiting www.woodstockcats.org.

Killingly seeks federal funding for healthcare career pathway

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KILLINGLY — The Killingly School District will be seeking Congressional funding in hopes of bringing a healthcare career pathway to Killingly High School.

The Board of Education approved sending a request to Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal to seek grant funding through the 2025 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Senate Appropriation to allow Killingly to launch the new program which would provide early education for those seeking entry into the healthcare field. The district's request totals \$170,931

and will help with hiring a certified instructor and equipment to train students to receive their Certified Nursing Assistant licenses. While school officials are aware of the competitive nature of the CDS Senate Appropriation funding, Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Guiot said they felt like the time was right to bring a heavily requested program to the district.

"We have met with the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board as well as Ready CT. They are both willing and able to partner with the district to plan and implement the pathway program at the high school should we receive the funding," said Guiot.

"This shows that this is a need at our high school. When they send out information and ask the students what they're most interested in, the number one thing in terms of programming that we don't currently have is healthcare. We have a couple of different options within the community to partner with. Day Kimball is one of them as well as potentially a nursing home."

Healthcare workers have indeed been in demand, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. Northeastern Connecticut specifically has experienced a shortage of healthcare professionals in recent years and the Killingly School District is hoping to play

a part in preparing the next generation for a variety of careers especially with Quinebaug Valley Community College offering their own opportunities for continued education in the field. School officials feel the program can also bring in new tuition students from outside communities seeking entry into the healthcare field.

Killingly's request will now be forwarded to Connecticut's Senators for further consideration. If Senators Blumenthal and Murphy support the proposal, they will submit the requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee who will review submissions from across the country later this year.

Relay for Life moves to Putnam

PUTNAM — Relay For Life of Northeastern CT, a regional fundraiser walk and festival benefiting the American Cancer Society, has moved to Putnam.

On June 1 at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Sports Complex, this event will bring together youth groups, families, friends, businesses and community organizations as teams in the fight against cancer. We begin with our opening ceremony at 10 a.m. and conclude the following morning at 10 a.m.

Lisa French, Relay Community Champion and multiple cancer survivor, says "No one is alone in this fight. When you get a diagnosis and start treatment, it can feel isolating. Relay is like a warm hug. The whole community is there to support each other starting with our opening ceremony and survivor lap."

This year our event theme is "Hollywood Nights." Our teams will deck out their sire and participate in a costume, team parade—all modeled off their favorite

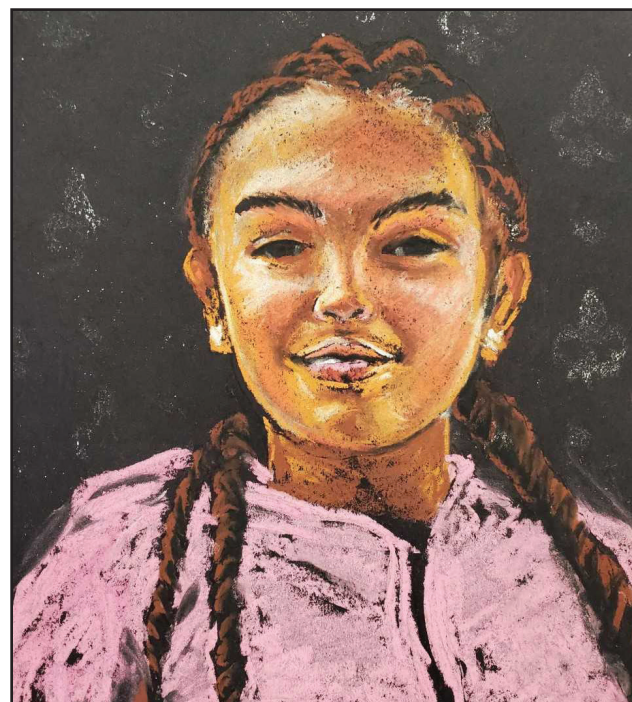
TV show or movie. As participants walk the track, they will engage with one another and the walk of fame spotlighting survivors, research, and the work of the American Cancer Society.

Cynthia Nowlan of the Hale YMCA, adds, "People find the luminaria ceremony at sunset impactful." We light the luminarias lining the track in memory of lost loved ones and in honor of those still fighting cancer today.

How do you get involved? Please register today at relayforlife.org/northeasternct and/or join us for a lap at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Sports Complex Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Participants can register as individuals or as a team.

For sponsorship opportunities, questions on how to get involved, or entertainment inquiries, please email Shane Donahue at donahues@putnam.k12.ct.us. Many thanks to the generous community members and businesses who all make this event possible.

EASTCONN announces Student Art Gala in Hampton May 2



Courtesy

"Harmony in Diversity": Student Art Gala celebrates the artistic talents of students from EASTCONN's four special education programs.

HAMPTON — EASTCONN is proud to announce "Harmony in Diversity," an Art Gala celebrating the artistic talents of students from the agency's four special education programs: Bridges Community School and Educational and Vocational Center (EVC) in Columbia; EASTCONN Transition Academy (ETA) in Windham; and Northeast Regional Program (NRP) in Killingly.

The Art Gala takes place on Thursday, May 2 from 4-6 p.m. at the EASTCONN Conference Center in Hampton (376 Hartford Turnpike).

Motivated by the opportunity to showcase their talents, students have poured their hearts and souls into a diverse array of projects, each reflect-

ing their unique voices and passions. From modern costume designs to personal portraits, mesmerizing landscapes to vibrant abstract works, and intricate sculptures to innovative three-dimensional art, the exhibition offers a glimpse into the rich tapestry of creativity thriving within our programs.

"Our students have truly found their voices through art, and we are thrilled to provide a platform for them to share their incredible work with the community," said Kristin James, Assistant Director of Pupil Services at EASTCONN. "Their dedication and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and we invite everyone to join us in celebrating their achievements."

In addition to the captivating artwork on display, attendees can indulge in a selection of refreshments while browsing replications of student art available for sale and order. Exciting raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses will also be up for grabs, with all proceeds directly supporting the purchase of a kiln and pottery wheels for the students, further nurturing their artistic endeavors.

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Anniversary Mass, Sunday, April 21st
10:00 am St. Joseph's Church, North Grosvenordale, CT

Eastern CT Veterans Community Center celebrates National Military Appreciation Month

REGION — May is Military Appreciation Month and should be a time that we all take to reflect on what our servicemen, and their families, experience while defending our great nation. Here is some information to think about that will help you appreciate their sacrifice:

Pay for an enlisted private is only \$24,206 and is \$24, 206 after eight years. Yes, it is the same. And they make up 82 percent of our military as opposed to 18 percent officers. Nine percent of those that enlist are married, but after four years 42 percent are married. The average age in the Army is 29 years old, 25 if you are a Marine. And the average divorce rate of military couples is 4.8 percent compared to 1.4 percent nonveterans. Female veterans are 2.5 times more likely to divorce than male veterans.

Why? Military families move around, across the country and the world to different bases. They have to move, furnish new homes, make new friends, send their kids to new schools, play on new basketball teams, find new jobs, be separated from each other for long periods of time without knowing if they will return home.

For people age 25-64, 30 percent of veterans have multiple chronic medical conditions but only 18 percent of nonveterans do. Why? They are exposed to tough conditions, poor nutrition and poisons like Agent Orange, or toxins in the water, or toxins they breath from the burn pits.

How many Americans are we talking about? Unfortunately, not many. Less than 1 percent of US adults are in the military with only four tenths of a percent of the American population active duty and six tenths of a percent reserves. There are 2,079,142 military personnel and 778,539 civilians for a military force of only 2.86 million, twice the population of Rhode Island or about 69% of the population of Connecticut. A draft could call up another five million in an emergency.

What is the oldest branch? Army was born June 14, 1775 to fight the English in the Revolutionary War. The largest branch? Army with over one million. Branch with most females? Air Force. Of all female recruits, 31 percent join the Air Force as compared to 22 percent of men. Average age? 29 for Army and 25 for Marine Corp. Longest training? Marines! Safest branch considering man to man combat? Space Force and then the Coast Guard. Smallest branch? Coast Guard.

What does the number 22 mean? It is a huge symbol of the struggles of all these amazing men and women and what they sacrifice to protect our freedoms. 22 veterans commit suicide every day. Mostly because they cannot handle coming back to civilian life after serving in combat. The average age of death of a veteran is 67 years old, compared to civilian average of 76.4 years.

2,709,918 Americans fought in the Vietnam War, less than 850,000 are still alive, with 390 of them dying each day from the effects of Agent Orange and other toxins. 300,000 veterans died between 1962-1971 from Agent Orange, FIVE times as many as the 58,000 who died in combat. The youngest Vietnam veteran is now 60 years old.

This month, the Eastern CT Veterans Community Center is honoring our veterans with the following programs. Please join us in remembering those who served and honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our liberty and way of life.

Walk Against Hunger
Saturday, May 4, 8 am, Dunkin Park, Hartford. The ECVCC has a team to raise money to support our "Commissary," a food bank for veterans and their families. The Commissary is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and is a free "grocery store" with fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy and meats. Consider donating to help our veteran families with their grocery bills. You can donate to the team at CTFoodShare.org (make sure you pick our team!) or send a check to Eastern CT Veterans Community Center, 47 Crescent St, Willimantic, CT 06226. In just three months we have gone from 5 veterans to 65 families and 140 people. Show your support for our veterans!

Cemetery Cleanup
Show your respect for those who have served and are buried in our Windham/Willimantic cemeteries. We will be cleaning the flat military stones of our veterans, many have overgrown grass and dirt, on Friday, May 10 from 10 a.m.-noon at the New Willimantic Cemetery. Please meet at the flag pole in the back. We will provide the gloves, shovels and other supplies and lunch thanks to the generous support of the Last Green Valley. If you or a group of friends or family would like to help with clean up but cannot make that day, please email us at easternctveteranscenter@gmail.com or text/call 860-423-6389 and we will do another day with your group. We want all of our veterans graves to be visible for Memorial Day.

Memorial Day nondenominational service
Many have forgotten the real meaning of Memorial Day and celebrate it as a day off from work to have a picnic. Please join us, and bring your children, for a memorial service honoring all those who have served our country but especially those who gave their lives. Come and worship, pray for those who you fought beside, for your brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers and wives and husbands who have not only served but have also lost a brave American patriot. Remember why this is a national holiday and find peace among others who share your respect for our military servicemen, veterans and their families. We will meet on Monday, May 27, at 8 a.m., service at 8:30 a.m., at the Heritage Park, 440 Main St., next to the Garden on the Bridge and Windham Mills. Please bring a lawn chair. We will be next to the beautiful Willimantic River, and every veteran will receive a yellow ribbon boutonniere.

Friendship & Pizza
Join us for our monthly pizza party and fundraiser at Papa Gino's in the East Brook Mall, Wednesday, May 15 from 4-8 p.m. If you cannot join us for friendship and fun then you can support the Veteran Center by ordering out, delivery or pickup during that time. Just tell them you are supporting our veterans!

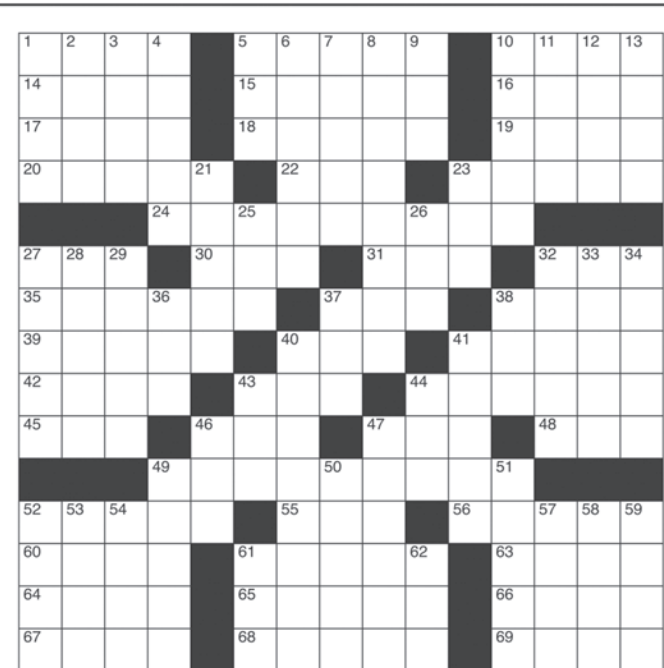
Flags on veterans' graves
On Wednesday, May 22 at 11 a.m., you can join our veterans from the Windham Region Veterans Coffee House and the Veteran Center as they put down an American flag on the grave of every veteran in the Windham/Willimantic cemeteries for the Memorial Day holiday. This is a great opportunity to salute those who served and honor their memory. Meet at the Veteran Center at 11 a.m., 47 Crescent St., Willimantic.

Removal of flags
After Memorial Day we must remove all of the American flags from the cemeteries. Please volunteer to help us respectfully remove flags. We will meet at the Veteran Center at 11 a.m., 47 Crescent St, Willimantic.

Veteran coffee house
Every Wednesday we meet for coffee and camaraderie at the Veteran Center from 9-11 a.m. During that time we have a representative from the VA who can assist you with any issues you may have. At 11 a.m., we open the Commissary and veterans can "shop" for fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, meats and other food items at no cost. We also have a nurse you can meet with for health or wellness questions and guidance, and individual mental health support.

Armed Forces Week
May 12-18 is Armed Forces Week. Please visit our facebook page, Eastern CT Veterans Community Center for more information on specials, events and ceremonies. You can also go to our website, www.EasternCTVeteransCenter.com.

For more information please call Diane Nadeau at 860-428-7739.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- 5. Footwear
- 10. A way to disfigure
- 14. Exchange rate
- 15. Hawaiian wreaths
- 16. North-central Indian city
- 17. Bungle
- 18. Extremely angry
- 19. A short note of what's owed
- 20. Criminal organization
- 22. Mimic
- 23. Try to grab
- 24. U.S.-born individuals
- 27. Some are covert
- 30. Order of the British Empire
- 31. Don't know when yet
- 32. Payment (abbr.)
- 35. Winged angelic being
- 37. Variety of Chinese
- 38. A way to be anxious
- 39. Famed wrestler Hulk
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Slang for sergeant
- 42. Canadian flyers
- 43. Actress Ryan
- 44. Highly unpleasant vapor
- 45. Body part
- 46. Halfway
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Consume
- 49. Salts
- 52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
- 55. Housepet
- 56. Cavalry-sword
- 60. Symbol of a nation
- 61. Frocks
- 63. Used to carry food
- 64. Portuguese folk song
- 65. Sharp mountain ridge
- 66. Ireland
- 67. Where golfers begin
- 68. Greek mythological sorceress
- 69. Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Mad Men" leading man
- 2. Water (Spanish)
- 3. Annoy
- 4. Bulgarian capital
- 5. Japanese title
- 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 7. Giraffe
- 8. A mixture of substances
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 10 Staffs
- 11. Turkish title
- 12. Type of acid
- 13. Thin, flat strip of wood
- 21. Russian river
- 23. Ribonucleic acid
- 25. Partner to flow
- 26. Airborne (abbr.)
- 27. Earthy pigment
- 28. Genus of earless seals
- 29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 32. By or in itself
- 33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
- 34. Partner to trick
- 36. British Air Aces
- 37. Ammunition
- 38. Supervises flying
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Flanks
- 43. Millimeters
- 44. Where wrestlers perform
- 46. Not around
- 47. Flightless bird
- 49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
- 50. Expressed concern for
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Flew off!
- 53. Wings
- 54. Load a ship
- 57. Vigor
- 58. British title
- 59. Whiskeys
- 61. ___ Adams: founding father
- 62. Body of water



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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of April 15: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Hermit Thrush, Pine Warbler, American Kestrel, Louisiana Waterthrush, Nothern Waterthrush, Killdeer, Tree Swallow, Mockingbird, Chipping Sparrow, Wood Duck, Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Marsh Wren, Virginia Rail, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Towhee. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.

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Windham Region Chamber wins competitive Grant for energy efficiency outreach

WINDHAM — Recently, the Sponsors of Energize Connecticut®, Eversource and Avangrid, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, awarded the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce of Windham with a \$44,000 Community Partnership Initiative grant.

In an effort to make energy efficiency affordable and accessible to all, the Community Partnership Initiative grants enable local community groups, nonprofit organizations and municipalities to further energy efficiency adoption and educate residents and businesses on the energy efficiency solutions available to them.

“It is really important to our chamber leadership that we help small businesses reach their full potential. Showing them ways to save money on energy costs, upgrade their mechanical systems, make their business environment more comfortable, and protect the environment, is one way the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce can assist them,” said Michelle Garabedian, Chairman.

The grant awarded to Windham Region Chamber of Commerce will support outreach increase participation in the following Energize Connecticut programs: Home Energy SolutionsSM – Income Eligible, Small Business Energy Advantage, and the Multifamily Initiative.

This is the second round of funding the program has awarded. In 2022, the Community Partnership Initiative supported efforts in Bethel, Branford, Hamden, Middletown, New London, Waterbury, West Hartford, and Wilton.

“Programs like the Community Partnership Initiative make energy efficiency more affordable and accessible to people in the communities we serve, and help work towards a greener economy in Connecticut,” said Eversource Executive Vice President of Customer Experience and Energy Strategy, Penni Conner. “We’re proud of the continuous effort by our community partners to help customers lower their energy bills, while spreading awareness about the variety of energy saving solutions that will help their small businesses and local organizations thrive.”

“Energy Efficiency helps custom-

ers improve the value of their homes and businesses, increase their comfort, and reduce their carbon footprint,” said Frank Reynolds, President and CEO of United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas, and Connecticut Natural Gas. “With this Initiative’s second round of funding, we look forward to reaching businesses and homeowners with new opportunities for energy efficiency projects, and we celebrate the contribution they’re now making to Connecticut’s clean energy goals as we work to achieve a green economy.”

If you would like more information on the Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible or the Small Business Energy Advantage Programs, please visit the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce Web site, WindhamChamber.com, stop by our office at 47 Crescent St., Willimantic, or call (860) 423-6389. We are excited to share stories of other people and businesses who have participated and saved energy and money.

For more information on the Community Partnership Initiative, please visit EnergizeCT.com.

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New program series celebrates “Rebels of the Revolution”

WINDHAM — The Partnership for the Arts, Culture, History and Tourism for the Greater Windham Region is proud to announce its “Rebels of the Revolution” series that provides an opportunity for people in our area to meet some of the most famous and influential American Revolution heroes. Each month for six events, on the first Saturday at 1 p.m., local museums and cultural organizations will host a session about one of these local heroes, with re-enactors enthusiastically portraying them.

“This is a great way to prepare for our upcoming 250th year anniversary of the founding of our country,” said Bev York, Museum Curator for the America Museum. “So many people don’t know how important our region’s part was in the forming of our nation. Our local patriots influenced not only our decision to enter into a war with England for our independence, but they also influenced the outcome of the war and two of them signed the Declaration of Independence.”

The series started on April 6 at the Mill Museum in Willimantic. This was a joint presentation with the Windham Theatre Guild and featured local author Michael Westerfield presenting information on “Israel Putnam: America’s First Folk Hero. Those who attended were introduced to General Putnam himself, portrayed by Ken Noll from the Windham Theatre Guild, and learned of his many brave and harrowing experiences leading local revolutionaries as Washington’s senior general at Bunker Hill and other battles. He was the patriot who reputedly ordered his men not to “fire until you see the whites of their eyes!”

All of the programs are open to the public at no cost. Upcoming events include:

- May 4, Colonel Samuel Huntington
- June 1, Captain Nathan Hale
- Aug. 3, Colonel Thomas Knowlton
- Sept. 7, Colonel Eliphalet Dyer and Colonel Jedediah Elderkin
- Oct. 5, the Rebels of Lebanon and Jonathan Trumbull Jr.

For more information on the series, please contact us at windhamhistoricalsocietyct@gmail.com. All the events are listed on facebook and on www.AmericaMuseum.org including directions.

The Partnership for the Arts, Culture, History and Tourism is a program of

Pomfret Lions offering scholarships

POMFRET — Attention high school seniors residing in Pomfret! The Pomfret Lions Club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships for post-secondary education at a two- or four-year college or other type of post-secondary institution. Any high school senior whose residence is in the town of Pomfret is eligible.

The application process is simple. If you are interested, send a postcard or brief note to Pomfret Lions Scholarship, PO Box 224, Pomfret, CT 06258 and detailed application instructions will be sent to you, or check with any member of the Pomfret Lions.

the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce Foundation and has a mission to promote, support, celebrate the arts, history and culture of Windham Region and to foster a positive sense of community and connectiveness thus spurring tourism and economic development in the region.

Our goal is to bring together as collaborative partners all people, groups, organizations and businesses that have interest in the arts, culture and history of Windham Region. We currently have 30 organizations represented. If you are interested in attending our monthly meetings and collaborating with us, please email info@WindhamChamber.com or call 860-423-6389.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

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There is no "One size fits all"

In a world filled with variety and complexity, it's essential to recognize and appreciate the wide spectrum of human capabilities and nuances. Yet, there are those among us who, due to various factors such as limited education or closed-mindedness, struggle to grasp the richness and depth of human nature. These individuals often cling to traditional beliefs and narrow perspectives, unable or unwilling to acknowledge the scientific discoveries and advancements that shed light on the intricacies of human behavior.

It's time to address the misconception that intelligence is solely determined by academic achievement or adherence to conventional wisdom. In reality, true intelligence encompasses the ability to understand and appreciate the complexity of the human experience, including its many facets and dimensions. This requires an open mind and a willingness to explore new ideas, even if they challenge long-held beliefs or societal norms.

It's important to emphasize that intelligence is not a fixed trait but rather a dynamic and multifaceted quality that can be cultivated and expanded over time. Those with so-called "simple minds" or limited education should not be dismissed or marginalized. Instead, they should be encouraged to broaden their horizons.

Scientific research has revealed countless fascinating insights into human behavior, from the intricacies of our cognitive processes to the complexities of our emotions and social interactions. These discoveries have expanded our understanding of what it means to be human and have challenged many preconceived notions about human nature.

For example, studies in psychology have shown that human behavior is influenced by a multitude of factors, including genetics, environment, and personal experiences. This means that there is no one-size-fits-all explanation for why people think, feel, or act the way they do. Each individual is unique, shaped by a complex interplay of biological, psychological, and social forces.

Furthermore, advances in neuroscience have revealed the remarkable plasticity of the human brain, demonstrating its capacity for growth and change throughout life. This highlights the potential for individuals to learn, adapt, and evolve, regardless of their starting point or background.

In light of these scientific findings, it's clear that a narrow-minded and simplistic view of human nature is not only outdated but also detrimental to our collective progress and understanding. We must look to cultivate a culture of intellectual curiosity.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Is financial literacy in your child's curriculum? Four tips to help

Parents share a lot of knowledge with their children in the hope that the information will help them grow into successful adults. But there is one topic that most parents try to avoid at all costs. And no, it is not what you are thinking.

For many parents, the idea of having the "money talk" with their kids is terrifying. The biggest reason parents avoid the topic is that they don't believe they know enough about money themselves and fear that they will give their children the wrong information.

Although discussing the topic of money with your kids can be uncomfortable, it is a necessary step in their growth and development. Few schools teach their students how to handle money the right way. Without learning money management skills at home, your kids might be in for a few surprises when they get older.

Are you worried about your children's money skills? Consider the following four tips for teaching financial literacy to your kids.

1. Let kids experiment

One effective way to help kids learn how to budget is to give them a chance to make mistakes on their own, in a safe environment so they don't get into too much trouble. A small allowance each week is the perfect incentive for children to learn how to budget. Do they want to blow this week's money on candy and a cheap toy or save up a few weeks' worth to get something they really want? Of course, some children will still be impulsive and want to spend their cash right away, but it's better for them to learn to make mistakes with \$10 than \$10,000.

2. Include children in household budgeting

Do you have a shopping or entertainment budget each month? Try including an older child in budget planning

for the next month. Kids learn their lessons quickly when they have to stay home bored for two weeks because they blew the entertainment fund during the first half of the month.

Another great idea is to set a grocery budget for an upcoming trip, make your week's list, and then take your child to the grocery store with you. As you place items in your cart, have your child add up the cost of each item until you hit your limit. This is another great exercise that will teach your children how to make choices based on limited funds.

3. Gameify it

Turn budgeting and saving money into a game. Give your shopping lists to your younger kids and let them search online or in the newspaper for coupons and sales. Perhaps you might promise to put a percentage of the money they save into a piggy bank for them to purchase something special down the road. You could even encourage older children to learn lifelong investment skills by helping them get started in a stock trading simulator, such as The Stock Market Game.

4. Make them earn it

Knowing how to save, invest, and spend money is important, but one of the best things you can instill in your children is a good work ethic by allowing them to earn money on their own. Whether your teen works part-time at the movie theater or your little ones start a lemonade stand, the willingness to work hard and be rewarded that accompanies such endeavors is one of the most valuable financial lessons you can pass on to them.

National Teach Children to Save Day, celebrated annually on April 27, serves as an excellent reminder for parents to prioritize financial

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literacy education for their children. This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of instilling sound money management skills in young minds from an early age. By celebrating this occasion, parents can seize the opportunity to engage their children in interactive and educational activities that foster a healthy understanding of saving, budgeting, and responsible financial decision-making.

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Safeguarding your child: A guide to dealing with cyberbullying

BY MIKE BOGDANSKI

The increasing exposure of children to the online world in the age of digital connectivity makes them susceptible to cyberbullying. As a parent, discovering that your child is a victim of cyberbullying can be distressing, but it's crucial to respond promptly and effectively. Here's a comprehensive guide on what to do if your child is being cyberbullied before it's too late.

Maintain Calm Communication:

Approach the situation with a calm demeanor. Initiate an open and non-judgmental conversation with your child. Making sure they feel safe sharing this information. Establishing trust and not making them feel guilty is paramount in understanding the full extent of cyberbullying.

Document the Evidence:
 Gather evidence such as screenshots, messages, or posts. This documentation will be valuable proof when reporting the incident to authorities or platform administrators.

Block and Report:

Instruct your child to block the bully on all relevant platforms and report the incident using available reporting mechanisms and meet with school administrators. Most online platforms take cyberbullying seriously and have policies in place to address such issues. Schools have very specific guidelines regarding this problem, although occasionally I do hear complaints that not enough is done.

Involve School Authorities:
 If the cyberbullying involves classmates, inform your school authorities.

Many educational institutions have established protocols for handling cyberbullying incidents that occur outside the school and can take appropriate measures to ensure your child's safety in school.

Seek Professional Help:

Your child is probably experiencing emotional distress, so please consider involving mental health professionals. Counseling can provide support and guidance for both you and your child to cope with the emotional impact of cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can be deadly.

Educate and Empower:

Empower your child with knowledge about online safety and responsible digital behavior. Digital predators are real and can be students or adults. Teach your child to recognize and appropriately respond to cyberbullying situations independently while sharing this information with you. Reinforce the importance of reporting any suspicious or harmful online behavior. If you see an article or tv show that covers this a small reference to it will keep this on their radar.

Monitor and Restrict Online Activity:

Implement monitoring tools or parental controls to keep track of your child's online activities. If necessary, restrict access to certain websites or platforms to create a safer online environment for your child. Unfortunately, many savvy kids can get around these safeguards.

Remember, combating cyberbullying requires a collaborative effort between parents, schools, and online platforms. Stay vigilant, communicate openly with your

child, and take the necessary actions promptly to protect them from the harmful effects of cyberbullying. By addressing the issue, you can contribute to creating a safer online space for your child and others.

Part 2

As a follow-up to my last article, my recommendation is no electronics in the bedroom at night.

Having devices in the bedroom at bedtime will contribute to an increased risk of cyberbullying for several reasons. Here's why this practice may be a recipe for cyberbullying:

Lack of Parental Supervision:

When children have electronic devices, such as smartphones or computers, in their bedrooms at night, it becomes challenging for parents to monitor their online activities closely. The absence of direct supervision will create an environment where cyberbullying can occur without immediate detection.

Increased Unsolicited Online Interactions:

With devices readily available, children are more likely to engage in unsupervised online interactions, such as social media conversations or messaging apps. This lack of supervision exposes them to potential cyberbullying from peers or strangers 24/7.

Anonymity and Impersonal Communication:

The digital realm provides anonymity that emboldens kids to engage in cyberbullying. When children are using electronic devices in the privacy of their bedrooms, they may encounter harmful

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The vivid imagery in poetry



NANCY WEISS

Poems fill our minds with images, sounds and emotions. Often, I am told that poetry is too abstract, too confusing. I like to hear poetry recited, or performed as at

spoken word events where there is a dash of theatre to the readings. My poems often begin as stories or memories of the past.

This week, two poets from CT State Community College – Quinebaug Valley, are featured. They are part of the Julius Sokenu Poetry Awards program. Both offer very concrete images in their poems.

Counting
 Jordan Daoust

55 Fridays in a row you babysat me, sitting on the porch and letting me wave at people.

18 Birthdays you sang me happy birthday and took me out to dinner.

13 Dance recitals you always gave me flowers at the end, telling me I was the best dancer.

12 years in school, and you gave me \$20 each time I go all A's on my report card.

10 Horse competitions that you took me to, never complaining about how long it took.

4 hours of trying to teach me how to drive a stick in the Benny's parking lot.

1 time you went to the hospital and came out different.

12 times I won in cribbage.
 8 times you won in cribbage.

2 Job interviews I wore your sweater too and got both jobs.

95 times you told me to put my tongue back in my mouth, sticking my tongue out isn't nice.

208 times you called me your goober then changed me to gobbet, cause it sounded more proper.

4 years of high school basketball that you yelled at me while in the bleachers.

For 4 years you were sick.

3 years with my truck you always reminded me to get an oil change.

1 Thanksgiving and Christmas without you.
 5 months that I couldn't see you at all.

1 time you gave me a 20-dollar bill for getting all A's in college.

3 times I beat you in cornhole on the Fourth of July.

1 time you went to the hospital on August 8th.

58 days
 7541 hours
 452,463 minutes
 27,147,800 seconds
 1 time you never came out.
 So for now, I've stopped counting.

Cooperage
 Anna Beecher

There's a cooperage

An aged, creaky building

Smelling of oak and pine

Gentle rays of sun pass through the open door-

The heavy, secure oaken doors held open-

Warm bright rays of sun on the wooden floor

Illuminating the curly, rough wood shavings

River breeze wafts past open windows

Reminiscent of shining, cheerful soap bubbles

Peeping at the window, then floating past

Past the pine-scented, wood-cut building

The building that creaks and groans in the wind

The cooperage

There's a teenage girl in the cooperage

Nothing notable about her; other than

The brown curls clipped off her bent neck

And the intent expression on her face

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The words of Holmes

It is true that Woodstock attracts visitors who sometimes become residents. It is also true that those who are descended from Woodstockians frequently take interest in their heritage and either return to live here or demonstrate some special interest in the town. One such individual was a descendent of Dr. David B. Holmes (1721-1778), a local physician born in Woodstock, who left his practice to join the French and Indian War. He was commissioned as captain in the Woodstock Company of the Third Regiment and served as

a military surgeon. Dr. Holmes kept a journal of his time served at Lake George and Fort Edward. He eventually returned to Woodstock where he lived out his life caring for others. His family treasured his diaries and past them from one generation to the next, eventually landing with his great grandson, Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Oliver was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1809. He was a medical doctor, like his ancestor, a poet and humorist. He

WOODSTOCK THROUGH THE YEARS

CHARLENE PERKINS CUTLER



earned a medical degree from Harvard in 1836 and practiced for ten years. Holmes taught anatomy at Dartmouth College for two years, eventually becoming a professor of anatomy and physiology at Harvard in 1847. Not surprisingly, he became Dean and held the position until 1882. Dr. Holmes was responsible for notable medical

research and became well-known for drawing attention to the contagiousness of puerperal fever, or child bed fever. He earned the Harvard Medical School's Bolyston Prize for his efforts to promote the benefits of using the stethoscope. Holmes coined the term "anesthesia" to describe a state of temporary unconsciousness. In 1860, he invented the stereoscope to view pictures in 3D, giving the idea away instead of applying for a patent himself.

work roused public sentiment to save the vessel with the lines:

...The harpies of the shores shall pluck
The eagle of the seal
O, better that her shat-tered hulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there should be her grave.
Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the god of storms,
The lightning and the gale!

steers
Amid the breakers of the unsound years;
Lead her through danger's paths with even keel,
And guide the honest hand that holds her wheel!

He followed with "A Family Record," which referenced his father Abiel Holmes, great-grandfather Dr. David Holmes of French and Indian War fame, and his great-great-grandfather John Holmes, who he referred to as "a Woodstock Pioneer."

It was important to Oliver to memorialize moments in history. He wrote a letter to dedicate the monument placed on the site of the Johnston Massacre in Oxford. He participated in Woodstock's Bicentennial Celebration, sending a letter to be read publicly. Holmes wrote the introduction to Clarence Bowen's History of Woodstock, a lengthy piece that mentioned his connection through family and scholarship to Woodstock. He assisted in the writing of the history by making available his family's papers and other documents.

Holmes also wrote other notable poems: "The Chambered Nautilus" (1858), "The Deacon's Masterpiece" (1858) which was seen as an attack on Calvinism. He also wrote a psychological novel in 1861, called Elsie Venner, again interpreted to be anti-Calvinism. Among his literary friends were the Boston elite: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and James Russell Lowell. Holmes was awarded many honorary degrees for his writing from universities around the world.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was a friend of Henry C. Bowen. He sent a letter for the dedication of the new Woodstock Academy Building in 1873 and Henry read it at the ceremony. At the Bowen Fourth of July celebration in 1877, Holmes read his poem, "The Ship of State," which took direct aim at Governor Daniel H. Chamberlain who had been critical of President Hays' policies:

God speed her, keep her, bless her, while she

Holmes died in Cambridge on Oct. 7, 1894. His son, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (who would become a U.S. Supreme Court Justice) described his father's passing; "he had outlived most of his friends and died quietly falling asleep in the afternoon. His death was as peaceful as one could wish for - he simply ceased to breath." Oliver Wendell Holmes considered himself to be a son of Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK BY THE WEEK

APRIL 29 – MAY 5

Annual Budget Town Meeting May 14th, 7 p.m.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS (agendas and minutes at woodstockct.gov)

Thursday the 2nd
• Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m.
• Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Monday the 29th
• Community Kitchen Free Lunch, First Congregational Church, noon.
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6:30 p.m.
• Book Club, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 7 p.m.

Tuesday the 30th
• The Bridge Young Adults, Evangelical Covenant Church
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.

Wednesday the 1st
• Story Hour, West Woodstock Library.
• Knitting Group, Town Hall.
• Yoga, Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.
• Youth Group, South Woodstock Baptist Church
• The Bridge (young adults), Evangelical Covenant Church
• Bonsai Bar Workshop, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 6:30 p.m.
• Quiet Corner Al-Anon Family Group, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday the 2nd
• Lady's Small Group and Men's Bible Study, South Woodstock Baptist Church
• Knit & Crochet Club, Senexet Grange, 1 p.m.
• Workshop - Sacred Rhythms Homestead, Taylor Brooke Brewery.
• Dried Floral Workshop, Taylor Brooke Winery, 6 p.m.
• Opening: Flourish - Artwork by Dehl and Larrow, Loos Center for the Arts, through May 23.

Friday the 3rd
• First Friday Food Fair, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 10 a.m. - noon
• Little B's BBQ Food Truck, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 4-8 p.m.
• New England Trivia, Taylor Brooke

Brewery, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
• Addams Family Musical, Loos Center for the Arts.

Saturday the 4th
• 17th Annual Jog With Judy, Roseland Park Road, 10 a.m., registration starting 8 a.m.
• Yummy Wagon Food Truck, Taylor Brooke Brewery, noon-7:30 p.m.
• Live Music - Nolan Leite, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.
• Addams Family Musical, Loos Center for the Arts.

Sunday the 5th
• "Woodstock Through the Camera's Eye" exhibit, Woodstock Historical Society, 10 a.m. - noon
• Red Lion Food Truck, Taylor Brooke Brewery, noon-6 p.m.
• Live Music - Alex Rohan, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11
• Quiet Corner Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
• Almost Queen tribute, Loos Center for the Arts.

May 13
• Cat Kid Comic Club, grades 1-5, Loos Center for the Arts.

May 14
• Evening with the Author, Mansion at Bald Hill.

May 18
• Art Festival with Guild Northeast, Taylor Brooke Brewery.

May 19
• Go Wild with Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue, Roseland Park, noon-4 p.m.

May 27
• 42nd Annual Memorial Day 10K Race, 9 a.m., register at Woodstock Recreation Department

June 21
• Twilight Concert - Souls on Fire, Roseland Cottage and Woodstock Recreation Dept., 6:30 p.m.

June 22
• Town Wide Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., register at Woodstock Recreation Dept. to get on map.

To submit calendar items: woodstockbytheweek@gmail.com.

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Putnam hosts International Day

PUTNAM — The town of Putnam held International Day on April 20, welcoming guests downtown to enjoy a literal and figurative taste of countries from around the world. Local businesses were assigned different countries to use as themes for decorations, special guests, and unique food items allowing guests to enjoy a little something different at every stop. Guests were provided with passports encouraging them to visit every stop for a chance to win a special raffle basket at the end of the afternoon. Street performers and special displays also allowed for a taste of different cultures, making for yet another delightful day of diversity and fun along Putnam's busy Main Street corridor.



Jason Bleau

Little Falls Nutrition cooked up some Brazilian-inspired delicacies.



This street gondolier made his annual visit to Putnam for photo ops.



The Pulaski Brass Band warms up for their street performance during International Day.



The Smith family of Brooklyn enjoy Mexican-inspired eats at The Stomping Ground.



Sparrow Soaps and Leona's Baking set up shop on Main Street representing various countries.

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This talented Opera singer was one of the roving performers that traveled around Main Street, including visiting some of the shops and restaurants.



The Grohs of Nikki's Dog House welcomed guests to enjoy their specially made Icelandic Hot Dogs for International Day.



The staff of Chocolena, formerly Pomfret Chocolates, set up a tasting display outside of Art & Framing, where the American experience was part of International Day.



Sheila Frost of The Courthouse Bar and Grille shows off the restaurant's delicious pad-tai treat created for the International Day from Chef Saeng while Kristen Kaskela of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England reads the Passport that served as the guide for guests through the day's displays and events.



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TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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

Freshmen

High Honors: Dylan Axtell, Maddison Carlson, Estela Freitas, Billie Lewis, Tanisha Patel, Mabel Perreault, Samantha Podgorni, Jordyn Poplawski, Matthew Rybacki

Honors: Alexis Andrews, Jordan Burns, Nicholas Lavallee, Calleigh Levesque
Recognition: Leah Belair, Gabriel Bourget, Nicko Casto

Sophomores

High Honors: Joseph Annese, Deanna Burress, Nicholas Cunningham-Ingram, Caitlyn L'Heureux, Julia Lewis, Briana Martin, Ember Merrill, Gaike Smith, Jenna Valby

Honors: Bailey Benton, Katherine Gats, Vivianna Hill, Nathan Plaza, Noelia Reed, Laci Sinni, Ava Tucker, Kevin Vescera
Recognition: Dylan Bryniarski, Caitlin Mercer, Sahara Moore, Fabiola Torres

Juniors

High Honors: Joshua Carlson, June Ferraro, Megan Nachtigall, Pavanny Phav, Jackson Santos, Luke Senosk, Sofia Thurber

Honors: Aiden Bourget, Gavin Coomey, Christopher Holton, Lucas Gillon, Jack Perry, Nicholas Ruggieri, Angel Sherpa, Lindsey Sturevant
Recognition: Jinalyse Denham, Hannah Mead, Abigail Raduege, Serena Smith

Seniors

High Honors: Kaylee Beck, Avery Butler, Jordyn Butler, Audrey DeFilippo, Tara Heffernan, James Julian, Madyson Koziak, Eric Levesque, Gabriella Lubomirski, Joel Majorowski, Melanie Noonan, Jacob Perry, Patricia Peterson

Honors: Landon Corriveau, Aidan DeFilippo, Brad Herlihy, Noel Racicot, Peyton Richard, Neveihah Richardson, Koby Rock
Recognition: Elizabeth Davis, Maxine Hazard, Morgan LaPalme, Isabelle Nieves, Connor Pederson, Brian Reding

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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

Grade 5

High Honors: Parker Beck, Kasandra Beckett, Cole Benoit, Joshua Boss, Emily Cabral, Jezarya Denham, Ella DiCicco, Jaxton Freeman, Joshua Freitas, Chloe Gillon, Tripp Hoenig, Eva Lafontaine, Jasmine McCutcheon, Mitchell Murzycki, Jaeda Rose, Grace Roy, Kinslie Stewart, Julianne Valby, Kaylee Valdes, Elizabeth Vescera, Lily Wolf, Bailey Yong

Honors: Alexander Apley, Hailey Caverly, Ethan Cayer, Selena Curry, Phoenix Desaulnier, Annabelle Estabrook, Reilly Goyette, Ezerik Johnson, Logan McCarthy, Tanner Saad
Recognition: Ashel Aubin, Kileigh Comptois, Olivia Davis, Caleb Desjardins, McKenzi Hamilton, Sebastian Kennedy, Savannah McKiernan, Dylan Mrozinski, Jacob Poirier, Rosalea Rizzuti, Amber White

Grade 6

High Honors: Kiley Audette, April Boudreau, Brooke Caya, Gracie Greene, Amelia Hachigian, Laura Logsdon, Jack Lyon, Nathan Lyon, Lucey Miller, Rylee Parkin, Colin Peckham, Sienna Ring, Allison Rivers, Amelia Senkhamtar, Avery Szarkowicz
Honors: Stephen Andrews, Russell Chrabaszcz, Matthew Chranowski, Adrien Harper, Maya Khaomongkhoun, Lily Kimball, Samiah Lafleche, Liam Maliff, Ellyana Mayo, Jayden O'Connor, Carly Smith, Logan Wedda
Recognition: Alexis Fiske, Maggie Keegan, Emma Mandeville, Rilynne-Mae Sargent, Summer Warburton

Grade 7

High Honors: Shyla Beckett, Payton Bolte, Deegan Bryniarski, Hazel Clavette, Logan Delicata, Jeylia Denham, Emma Fournier, Sydney Jacobson, Sophia Kus, Andrew Marquette, Jacob McHugh, Colin Mead, Jacob Saad, Shawn Sinni, Cameron Snow, Jayden Watkins
Honors: Timothy Charbonneau, Amilia Fraser, Christopher Herlihy, John Lowe, Paris Lowe, Danika Minarik, Gracie Rybacki
Recognition: Mason Wolf

Grade 8

High Honors: Danika Beliveau, Kammy Boothby, Ashley Boudreau, Olivia Cabral, Paisley Comeau, Evelynnn Dos Santos, Jeremi Helwig, Parker Leveille, Madison Marchitelli, Chloe McDonald, Rafaella Mondarte, Madison Perry, Parker Ring, Gabriella Santos, Stanley Ten Eyck
Honors: Graciella Baublitz, Emma Dodd, Jon Palmer, Aleck Thurber
Recognition: Adyson Boyden, Brookelynn Pearson, Aiden Rafferty, Noelle Smith, Nevaeh Youssef

Book & Bake Sale at Our Lady of La Salette

BROOKLYN — In what has become an annual tradition, the Social Committee at Our Lady of La Salette Church, 25 Providence Rd. in Brooklyn, will host a Book & Bake Sale on Friday, May 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The sale will be held in the church basement, and there is plenty of parking available. Many hundreds of books are sorted by category and alphabetized by author to make finding your favorites easier. Fiction, biographies, kids' books, non-fiction, and so much more await your perusal.

There will also be a large selection of baked goods available for purchase. From cookies and brownies to cupcakes and muffins, you're sure to find a delectable treat or two to satisfy your sweet tooth.

There are many repeat customers from year to year, since they love how well organized the books are. Come check it out, and you too may make it an annual tradition!

SCORE to host new free Webinar, "How to Use Mailchimp to Create Promotional and Branded Email Campaigns"

REGION — SCORE Eastern CT (<https://www.score.org/easternct>), Mentors to America's Small Businesses, presents a new free Small Business Webinar on "How to Use Mailchimp to Create Promotional and Branded Email Campaigns" Thursday, May 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In this presentation with marketing and e-commerce veteran Anne Driscoll, participants will take a deeper dive into the elements of an Email Marketing System, specifically Mailchimp, to create promotional and branded email campaigns. The presentation will cover: Elements of contact lists, campaigns, tags, and segments

- Campaigns
- Campaign templates
- Automated journeys and triggers
- Testing, measurements, and success metrics

About Workshop Presenter Anne Driscoll
Anne is a Marketing and E-Commerce veteran who has worked with companies such as Victoria's Secret, Guitar Center, and Filene's Department Store, as well as smaller start-ups, to build integrated online marketing campaigns. Her work over the last decade has focused on marketing, branding for large and small companies, managing digital marketing campaigns, and consulting on strategic growth for small businesses. She serves as a Digital Consultant for The Greatly Agency, the lead trainer for growGREAT Training, as well as a SCORE subject matter expert in E-Commerce.

Spring concert to be held May 3

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Chorus will hold their Spring Concert "Sunshine and Happiness" on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at Plainfield High School, 105 Putnam Rd., Central Village. There will be a selection of solo performances in addition to having the chorus being joined by participants of Marie's Fitness & Massage Center of Plainfield adding some interesting dances. Refreshments will be sold in the high school cafeteria. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

Let's invite spring and happiness into our lives with our favorite tunes and some humor, too. Please join us and have a great time. For more information you may contact the Plainfield Senior Center at 860-564-1819, ext. 20. Tickets cost \$10 and will be available at the door or at the Plainfield Senior Center, 482 Norwich Rd., Plainfield.

Pomfret Historical Society to host program on Israel Putnam



POMFRET — On Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m., the Pomfret Historical Society will host a presentation by Michael Westerfield, author of "Israel Putnam, America's First Folk Hero." Westerfield will discuss the life and adventures of the man who went from being a Pomfret farmer to serving as a Major General in the Continental Army, second in seniority only to George Washington.

During his lifetime, and for many years afterward, Israel Putnam was one of the best-known Americans in the world, famous for his exploits in the French and Indian War, the Havana Campaign, Pontiac's Rebellion, and the American Revolution. At Bunker Hill, he is reputed to have been the officer who ordered, "Don't shoot 'til you see the whites of their eyes." In recent years, Putnam's memory has faded. Locally, he is known primarily for his early exploit of killing a wolf that had ravaged the flocks of local farmers.

Westerfield's new book was written to help restore America's First Folk Hero to his proper place in our history as we approach our country's 250th anniversary.

The program is open to the public at Pomfret Community Center, 207 Mashamoquet Rd. (Route 44). Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. For more information contact 860-465-7228. <https://pomfret-historical-society.org/>

Pomfret Lions offering scholarships

POMFRET — Attention high school seniors residing in Pomfret! The Pomfret Lions Club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships for post-secondary education at a two- or four-year college or other type of post-secondary institution. Any high school senior whose residence is in the town of Pomfret is eligible.

The application process is simple. If you are interested, send a postcard or brief note to Pomfret Lions Scholarship, PO Box 224, Pomfret, CT 06258 and detailed application instructions will be sent to you, or check with any member of the Pomfret Lions.

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Who was Rufus Malbone?

Mark your calendars: Did you know Wildwood Park at Alexander's Lake once had a carousel? The annual meeting of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be Saturday, May 11 at the Killingly Historical Center, 196 Main St., Danielson. The program, at 1:30 p.m., presented by the New England Carousel Museum, will be on the origins, development and art of those wonderful rides. There will be a brief business meeting at 1 p.m. All are welcome!

April marks the beginning of trout season. My youngest sister, Susan Dayan, and her husband took vacation time to fish in Pennsylvania and sent a shot of a rainbow trout she'd caught (and released). It was easy to see why it had that name. What beautiful colors! Unfortunately they had to contend with high waters with all this season's rain.

It's fun to see the ads in the Turnpike Buyer and Shopper's Guide for fisherman's breakfasts. I wonder how long they've been a tradition? If anyone knows, please let me know. I decided it would also be interesting to browse through the old Windham County Transcripts to look for small fishing articles. Here are a few. Enjoy!

Under the Williamsville column in the Wednesday, January 17, 1894 Windham County Transcript I read, "Charles Carver and James Driscoll had very good luck fishing a few days ago on Alexander's lake, catching eight pickerel, one of them weighing 3 1/2 pounds."

The April 4, 1894 Transcript noted, "Louis Palmer heads the trout fishing procession, with a string of twenty-five nice ones on Monday morning."

From "The



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"Fishing Girl" column of August 1, 1894, I gathered the following and certainly did chuckle: "An authority on sports says if you are on fishing bent when off on your summer vacation you must provide yourself with a linsey Woolsey skirt, with knickerbockers to match. Every article of underwear must be woolen, and the boots must be hobnailed, as they will cling to the moss covered boulders (sic) and logs. An easy Norfolk jacket overflowing with pockets, a chatelaine bag holding compass and fishing tackle, a soft felt crush hat, and the fisherwoman is prepared for all emergencies. If she only

has the courage to bait her own hook and detach the wriggling fish, providing she catches them, she will do very well." (WCT Wednesday, August 1, 1894).

On April 19, I had the pleasure of attending Maureen Herrera's LIR presentation on "Who Was Rufus Malbone?" I have been mentoring her for a year and a half, so it was great to see how much research and information she pulled together. Faithful readers of the column might remember that I mentioned Rufus in February during Black History Month. He died Oct. 12, 1884 and has the distinction of having his faithful horse Dolly buried with him (d. Oct. 25, 1884). Maureen's family is caretaker for the Malbone Cemetery on their property.

I'll just highlight a few new and interesting things that we have discovered in the past couple months. I must emphasize that we are so fortunate to have access to many online resources, which were not available to earlier researchers. That has made it easier to clear up a few misconceptions.

First, Rufus Malbone was not a slave! His father, Othello Malbone, is listed in the 1820 U.S. Census in Woodstock as a free non-white. The transcription lists the family as slaves, but a notation at the bottom of the list says that the only slave in Woodstock is a blind female Negro. (Ancestry, p. 22). (Always check the original document if a copy is available. There are a lot of transcription errors!)

Secondly, there is finally proof of a connection to the Malbone family of Newport, R.I. and Brooklyn. While transcribing baptisms of (Old) Trinity Church in Brooklyn, Donna Dufresne came across an entry for Othello (no surname) "October 23, 1792, son of Othello and Nance (black). Sponsors Evan Malbone and Debora Brinley." (email, March 25). Donna and I are still researching the exact relationship of this Evan to Godfrey and John Malbone. Neither was his father.

I think a quote from Maureen's hand-out best clarifies another misconception about Rufus. "A few articles have been written about Rufus and his horse. Many paint a picture of Rufus being a simple farmer who lived in a shack and was of moderate means. However, after diving head first into the research of his

life, I have quite a different opinion after finding so many records of land transactions according to the land records at Putnam Town Hall... He had at least 60 plus acres and there are unproven stories of him owning up to 80 acres."

Maureen found the 1880 U.S. Agricultural Census, which helped paint a picture of what Rufus was farming a few years prior to his 1884 death. I'll summarize. He had 60 acres of land worth \$3,000. In 1879 he harvested 10 tons of hay, 10 bushels of clover seed, and 10 bushels of grass seed. As of June 1, 1880 he had 3 horses, 1 "milch" cow, 2 others, 1 lamb, 20 swine, 20 barnyard poultry, exclusive of spring hatchlings. They had produced 50 dozen eggs in 1897. He had 2 acres of Indian corn (cereals) with 50 bushels of crop and 1.5 acres of "Irish" potatoes with 50 bushels of crop.

Providence Directories during the 1860's and early 1870's indicate that he was boarding at various locations in that city. His occupation was listed as a teamster. That verifies him taking loads of produce, etc. back and forth to Providence. An article I accidentally discovered in March indicated that he had done some work for the NY & NE Railroad in 1883 for he was listed in their financial report for July of that year. Rufus was a very enterprising and industrious individual.

In her hand-out Maureen wrote that Rufus was "very robust, of legendary strength..." In the end, unfortunately this led to his demise. "Another part of their legend is about a tragic accident that happened to the pair (Rufus and Dolly) one day in 1884 while on their way to the neighbor Bartholomew's farm. It was with a full load of cider apples that a wagon wheel fell off. As was customary for Rufus, he lay down underneath the wagon and held it up just using his legs while somehow re-attaching the wheel onto the wagon while Dolly stood patiently by. But this day it was too much for the older Rufus. Suffering from the strain, he became unconscious after bursting a blood vessel in his forehead. Two men had been following Rufus along the same road with goods of their own... and stopped to carry Rufus to his little home and place him in bed. Just 10 days later Rufus died from his injuries, only a few times regaining consciousness, and always asking about Dolly."

The story is a fascinating one, one

about the love of a man for his horse, but also one that hopefully helps us peel back the layers of what might have been happening in an African-American's life and the people he was related to and connected with. There will always be more to learn.

Wow! How true that last sentence was! I have been looking for Rufus in the 1870 census for a long time with no luck. Now Maureen showed a slide of the Putnam 1869 map from Gray's Atlas with his name spelled Melbourne, like Melbourne, Australia. I hadn't tried searching with that spelling. After I did the draft of the above article, I put that spelling in Ancestry, and there was Rufus Malborne. In 1870 he was living in Ward 6 in Providence, and Julia Freeman was keeping house for him. Freeman heirs were listed in the Putnam Land Records, Vo. 15, p. 166. Julia is likely the younger sister of Rufus. Again, I say Wow!!! Never give up if you are searching for something!

Pomfret Historical Society Program: Saturday, April 27, 2024: Israel Putnam-America's First Folk Hero by author Michael Westerfield. 1:30 p.m. meet & greet; 2 p.m. program. Pomfret Community Center: 207 Mashomquet Road, Pomfret Center 06259. Call 860-465-7228 for more information.

The Aspinock Historical Society will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the Putnam Municipal Complex on School Street. Following the business meeting, Putnam Town Historian Bill Pearsall will present a program on Tommy Taylor who served on the ironclad the Monitor during the Civil War and is buried in Putnam. All are welcome.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, April 2024. Special thanks to Maureen Herrera and Donna Dufresne. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or w w w . killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at w w w . facebook.com/killingly-historicalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329.

KILLINGLY CHRONICLES APRIL 29 – MAY 3

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The Town Council passed a resolution setting the General Government budget at \$24,535,618 and the Board of Education budget at \$72,044,457 for submission to the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm at the Killingly High School Auditorium. Eligible voters will be able to make changes to these budgets that evening. The final budget approved by Annual Town Meeting will be sent to an all-day referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 6am to 8pm at the normal polling location.

On the General Government budget, the Town Council made several reductions to the Town Manager's budget, including reducing the amount of overtime in the Storm Maintenance budget, elimination of the unfilled 3rd Mechanic position in Central Garage, lowering the increased request of several Human Services subsidy funding and reducing the increased request of capital projects for the Pavement Management Plan.

The Town Council lowered the BOE's increased funding request from \$1,407,443 to \$703,721.

These budget reductions would result in a mill rate of 21.18 if adopted by Annual Town Meeting and Referendum. This is a reduction in the mill rate of 5.64 mills.

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

Wednesday the 1st
Killingly Community Gardens (Westfield Ave) 5 p.m.
Permanent Building Commission Meeting (Town Meeting Room) 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday the 29th
Wonderful Ones & Twos (Library) 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Adult Sensory Story Time (Ages 18+) (Library) 1 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday the 30th
Moving & Grooving (Ages 1-5) (Library) 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Can't Put It Down Book Club (Ages 50+) (Library) 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Thrilling Theatre Tuesday (Ages 3-5) (Library) 3 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday the 1st
Little Listeners (Ages 0-5) (Library) 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Anime & Manga Club (Ages 13-18) (Library) 4 to 5 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board (Ages 13-18) (Library) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

The Enlightened Path - Session 5 - April 30 through June 4 (Killingly Community Center) (Tuesdays)

Tuesday Pound for Adults with Chris - Session 5 - April 23 through June 4 (Killingly Community Center) (Tuesdays)

Thursday Pound with Chris - Session 5 - April 25 through June 6 (Killingly Community Center) (Thursdays)

A Night at the Fennton (Ages 18+) - May 9, May 10, May 11, May 16, May 17, and May 18

Senior Yoga in May - 9 a.m. - May 3 through May 31 (Killingly Community Center) (Fridays)

Senior Yoga in May - 10:30 a.m. - May 3 through May 31 (Killingly Community Center) (Fridays)

Let's Get Moving May - May 7 through May 28 (Killingly Community Center) (Tuesdays)

Register at the Killingly Parks and Recreation Department in-person or go online to www.killinglypr.recdesk.com

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

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

Quinebaug Middle College recruiting students for 2024-2025 school year

DANIELSON — EASTCONN's Quinebaug Middle College (QMC), a regional, public magnet high school, is currently recruiting academically motivated students for the 2024-2025 school year. Students who seek a more independent learning environment tailored to their academic and career goals are encouraged to apply.

Located on the peaceful campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Danielson, QMC offers high school students a middle college experience that enables them to earn a high school diploma while also earning free, transferable college credits from QVCC.

Our scholars select from one of our six learning pathways: Liberal Arts and Humanities, Education, Business/Leadership, STEM Engineering, STEM Manufacturing, and STEM Health Sciences.

Core academic and elective courses and mentorship opportunities are aligned to the individual learning pathways.

Housed in a \$24-million, state-of-the-art facility, QMC offers other advantages that include small classes; a personalized, competency-based approach; a rigorous curriculum; and a collaborative school governance model. Once enrolled at QMC, students have access to high-tech laboratories, career and vocational resources, public service options and other unique learning opportunities.

In addition, our scholars gain real-world experience in project management, public communications, and community organization and leadership. In fact, service leadership is built into our school day, allowing students to engage in community service and projects.

QMC enrolls about

160 students, grades 9-12, from 18 towns across northeastern Connecticut. The school is administered by EASTCONN through a partnership that includes EASTCONN, QVCC and seven northeastern Connecticut towns. Enrollment is not limited to students in northeastern Connecticut.

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

For more information about QMC and to enroll, students can visit www.eastconn.org/qmc for an application. To learn more, contact QMC Principal Edward Keleher at ekeleher@eastconn.org.



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Dig, divide, and boost your garden's beauty

Overcrowded, poor flowering, and floppy perennials can be invigorated with a shovel and a bit of your time and energy. Dividing perennials is an excellent way to improve their appearance and create new plants to use in other spaces in your landscape.

As the old garden adage states "divide spring flowering perennials in late summer or early fall, divide fall bloomers in spring, and summer blooming perennials in either spring or fall." Some gardeners prefer to enjoy the spring blooms and divide soon after the flowers fade. Most gardeners have found the best time to divide is when they have the time and can provide proper post-transplanting care.

Reduce the stress on plants by dividing perenni-



GARDEN MOMENTS

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als on a cloudy, overcast day when the plants won't dry out so quickly. Make sure the plants are well-watered a day or two in advance of dividing.

Dig up the whole plant using a garden fork or sharp spade, like Corona Tools' DigMaster Nursery Shovel (coronatools.com), with its narrow, hardened steel blade. A shovel with a long handle and narrow blade makes it easier to access plants in small and hard-to-reach spots in the flower garden.

Carefully lift the plant out of the soil. Depending on the plant and the tenacity of its roots, you may be able to gently pull the roots apart with your hands. Otherwise, use a sharp spade or knife, such as a Hori Hori garden knife, or a reciprocating saw to cut the plant into smaller sections.

Some gardeners place two garden forks back-to-back in the center of the clump and pull the forks apart to make the divisions.

Discard the dead center, if needed, in the compost pile. Make sure each division has at least three to five healthy shoots and adequate roots. The larger the division, the quicker it will fill in the space and possibly need dividing sooner than smaller divisions.

Replant the divisions as soon as possible. In the

meantime, store them in a cool, shaded location and keep the roots covered and moist.

Prepare the soil before planting. You can plant one of the divisions in the original spot once the soil is amended. Use the others to fill in bare areas or start new garden beds. Dig a hole large enough to accommodate the roots. Plant the division at the same depth it was growing. Some gardeners set it slightly higher so it can settle in place. Either way, make sure the roots are not exposed and the crown, the part where the roots meet the stems, is not buried.

Gently firm the soil around the plant and water thoroughly. Check the soil moisture every few days and water deeply and often enough to keep the roots

slightly moist. Reduce your watering frequency as the plant begins to develop a more robust root system.

Start by dividing just one or two overgrown plants. As you master the technique, you will find it easier to divide perennials when needed to keep your gardens looking their best.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her



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When dividing perennial plants use a sharp spade or Hori Hori garden knife to easily cut plants into smaller sections.

expertise in writing this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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We've all been there before, standing at a crossroads, faced with a major decision that could shape our future.

Pacing back and forth, you ask yourself, "Should I? Shouldn't I? What if it doesn't work out? Do I really believe in this? What should I do?" Each question adds weight to the decision, making the moment feel monumental.

It all boils down to this: Are you willing to pay the price?

Everything has a cost, and each decision requires something from us—be it time, money, effort, or even a piece of our peace of mind. We're asking ourselves whether we can handle the potential losses and whether the potential gains are worth that sacrifice.

Consider the decision to

propose or accept a marriage proposal. It's not just about the romantic moment

or the excitement of starting a life together. It's about considering whether you're ready to intertwine your life with another's, accepting all their strengths and flaws, supporting each other through every challenge, and celebrating every triumph. It's a lifelong commitment that demands emotional investment and the readiness to grow together, even when the path gets rocky.

Or think about starting a business meant to revolutionize an industry. It's about the grueling hours of planning, the financial risk, and the personal strain it can place on your relationships. It means stepping into a competitive arena, ready to per-

sist through setbacks and failures, with the vision of creating something transformative.

Then there's the choice of a career path, especially one that's demanding or high-stakes, like becoming a surgeon or a human rights lawyer. These professions require years of intense education and training, immense dedication, and, often, personal sacrifices. The costs are high—not just in time and money but also in the emotional toll of high-pressure environments. Yet, the rewards can be substantial: the ability to profoundly save lives, influence positive change or contribute to justice.

Imagine the historical decision faced by George Washington when he chose to stand up against the British Empire. Here was a man, a farmer, and

a soldier weighing the immense risk of leading a fledgling group of colonies in rebellion against one of the world's mightiest powers. The personal stakes were enormous: the potential loss of his life, his family's safety, and his property. The cost of failure was not just personal ruin but the collapse of an unprecedented aspiration for democratic governance. Yet, the potential gain of a free and independent nation guided his decision, marking a pivotal turn in history.

In the middle of the night, he must have muttered to himself, "It's a high cost to pay."

Taking on any of these ventures could mean investing significant resources. It might disrupt your current routine, pushing you to work tirelessly into the foreseeable

future.

Imagine this: after a long day at your day job, you come home only to begin another shift, painstakingly laying the groundwork for your dreams.

Are you ready to commit to such an extent? It's in moments like these that careful deliberation becomes crucial. Starting with a burst of motivation is one thing, but can you maintain that drive until the end, or is this enthusiasm merely a fleeting interest?

Will the late nights and early mornings chip away at your well-being, or will they be the stepping stones to fulfillment and success? Each decision, with its inherent risks and rewards, is a step towards defining who we are and what we can achieve.

Reflecting on these

questions helps us gauge our readiness and prepare our hearts and minds for the journey ahead. Are you able to pay the price? Can you afford the cost?

As you stand at your crossroads, pondering whether to advance or divert your path, weigh the cost meticulously—each decision carries profound consequences. Consider not only what might be lost but also the potential gains.

Is this path true to your heart? The decision is yours alone. Counting the cost can bring substantial worry, but worry not. Take a moment, breathe deeply, and step forward with courage. After careful deliberation, you'll find that your choice will align with your deepest convictions, for you have fully counted the cost.

Are you willing to pay the price?

Latest antiques and collectibles news

It's been nearly a month since my last column on auction news. With the royal family in the headlines recently, the upcoming sale of Princess Diana's dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories is making news in the auction world. This is the largest collection of Princess Di's belongings to be auctioned since 1997, according to the Robb Report. Diana was known for bold sweaters and gowns that were considered too flashy for the conservative royal family. She also advocated for AIDS awareness and other charities that were typical of the royal family. Auction highlights include a two-piece yellow and navy suit that she wore while visiting the British Forces in Hong Kong in 1989. It has an estimate of \$30,000 to \$50,000. A floral dress that she wore to St. Mary's Hospital in 1991 is expected to bring between \$50,000 and \$100,000. A silk and lace dress she wore in London and Hamburg in 1987 could fetch between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Another top item is a "Diamante Star gown by Arbeid (estimate: \$200,000 to \$400,000) that Diana wore to the Phantom of the Opera premiere and a dinner with King Constantine of Greece in 1986," according to the Robb Report.

Some books dating back centuries are also making auction news. The collection comes from the estate of Jay M. Pasachoff. Pasachoff was an astronomy professor at Williams College in Western Massachusetts. One book being sold is by Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) who was a German astronomer who discovered three laws of planetary motion. The Robb Report writes that the rare Kepler book "the *Mysterium Cosmographicum*" once sat in the library of Frederick the Great and is estimated to sell for \$120,000. Kepler's *Astronomia nova* from 1609 is expected to sell for even more (\$300,000 to \$500,000). Two books by Galileo are also being offered. The Honeyman copy of his *Dialogo* could bring \$80,000 to \$120,000. His *Sidereus Nuncius* from 1610 could reach \$300,000 to \$500,000. Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia* in contemporary vellum from 1687 is expected to sell for \$400,000 to \$600,000. The star of the astronomy auction is Copernicus's *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*. The groundbreaking book offered the controversial opinion that earth and



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the other planets revolved around the sun at a time when the earth was generally considered to be the center of the universe. The auction estimate is \$1 to \$1.5 million.

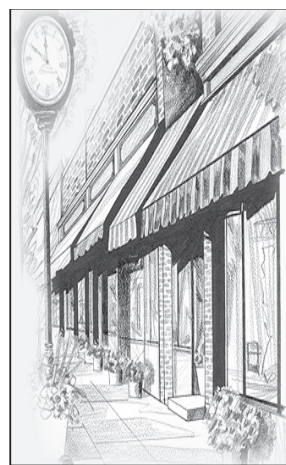
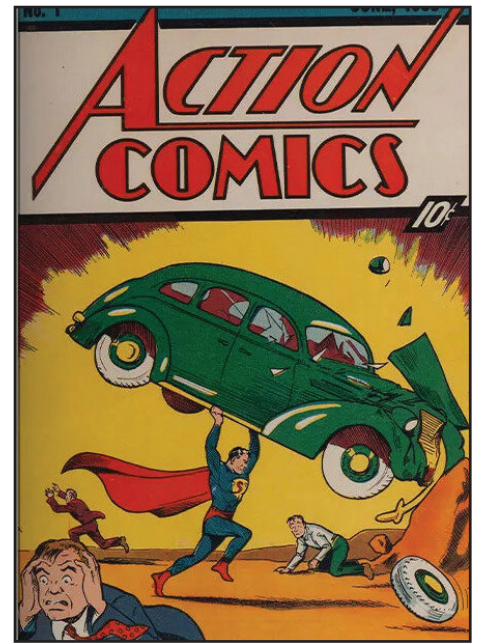
A very different kind of book set an auction record recently. A copy of the first appearance of Superman, *Action Comics No. 1* sold this month. The 1938 comic book graded an 8.5 out of 10. Only 78 of these comics have been graded and about 100 are estimated to exist, according to the Smithsonian Magazine. Superman's writer Jerry Siegel and illustra-

tor Joe Shuster were both sons of Jewish immigrants. The comic book was described as "a reflection of [Superman's] creators' experiences, as well as the American dream." In 1939, Superman got his own comic book,

Superman No. 1. A copy of that issue sold for \$5.3 million in 2022. *Action Comics No. 1* flew up, up and away setting a comic book auction record of \$6 million.

We aren't selling 1930s Superman comics, but have many other desirable ones in our May comics and sports collectibles auction. We are still accepting gold jewelry, sterling silverware, art, coins, and other antiques and collectibles consignments for our summer auction. I'll be presenting at the Holden Senior Center on April 22. I'll also be at a Learning in Retirement event in Danielson, Connecticut on May 6. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to other upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services info@centralmassauctions.com or (508-612-6111).



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THE WEEK IN SPORTS AT WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

Baseball

Woodstock Academy 11 Ellis Tech 4

WOODSTOCK – The Centaurs celebrated their home opener at the Bentley Athletic Complex with the non-league win.

Eric Mathewson had four of the seven Woodstock Academy hits, including two doubles, drove in four runs and stole three bases.

Noah Sampson added two runs driven in and also stole a pair of bases as the Centaurs (5-1) finished with 14 thefts on the basepaths.

The Eagles (5-2), who saw a five-game win streak come to an end, had just four hits with Hayden Ferland, Ian Brais, and Lyric Teevan driving in the runs.

Woodstock Academy 5 East Lyme 2

WOODSTOCK – A four-run fifth inning lifted the Centaurs (6-1, 1-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I) past the Vikings.

Eric Mathewson started the one-out rally with a double to right field and came around on a pair of wild pitches to tie the game at 2. Keon Lamarche drew a walk and Riley O'Brien singled before Caleb Simoneau's swinging bunt resulted in an RBI fielder's choice. Brady Ericson capped the rally with a two-run double. Mathewson, who had a

pair of hits at the plate, was also a bulldog on the mound as he allowed only five hits and struck out six in going the full seven innings for the win.

Liam Cochrane had an RBI double in the first inning for East Lyme (3-3, 2-1) and Noah Farrior knocked in the other run with a groundout.

Boys Volleyball

Woodstock Academy 3 Innovation HS 0

WOODSTOCK – Eight was the lucky number for the Centaurs on Wednesday as seniors Aiden Finch, Cade Jones and Hunter Larson all finished with eight kills.

Jake Henderson delivered most of them as he had 26 assists for Woodstock Academy (6-3, 6-1 Connecticut Volleyball League) which swept the sets, 25-20, 25-22, 25-15.

Woodstock Academy 3 Aerospace Academy/International HS 0

BLOOMFIELD – The Centaurs completed a perfect spring break week with an easy 25-10, 25-6, 25-10 shutout victory over the Jets co-op on the road.

The win raised Woodstock Academy's record to 7-3 meaning it needs one more victory to qualify for the state tournament in its inaugural boys volleyball season. Hunter Larson had

seven kills and Owen Budd added four kills and five aces in the victory for the Centaurs.

Newington 3 Woodstock Academy 0 **WOODSTOCK** – There was hope for the Centaurs to clinch a state tournament berth.

Newington dashed that with a sweep but it wasn't easy as Woodstock Academy (7-4) forced overtime in the last two sets before falling 25,14, 27-25, 26-24.

Aiden Finch had 13 kills for the Centaurs while Hunter Larson accounted for five more. Jake Henderson was busy as he finished with 17 assists.

Girls Tennis

Woodstock Academy 7 Windham-Windham Tech 0

KILLINGLY – Athletes on vacation and the first match in 11 days didn't bother the Centaurs (2-1) who delivered the shut-out on a neutral court at Killingly High School.

Gianna Musumeci, Kerrigan Reynolds, Margaux Reck and Katherine Trudeau delivered the singles victories for Woodstock Academy.

Kate McArthur and Delilah Kesselman won at first singles; Maeve Lusignan and Madilyn Ead at second and Abby Budd and Linaea Barlow at third. The Whippets co-op

slipped to 1-3 with the loss.

East Lyme 19 Woodstock Academy 0 (5)

WOODSTOCK – Madison Bloom had a pair of hits but it was the only ones that the Centaurs (2-4) would muster against senior pitcher Abigail Robinson who struck out 10 for the Vikings (3-3).

Grace DuBrava had three hits, including a double, and drove in seven runs for East Lyme. Shortstop Karly Sorrentino hit a two-run homer and added a sacrifice fly and Mackenzie Donahue had three hits in the win for the Vikings.

Windham-Windham Tech 4

Woodstock Academy 3 **KILLINGLY**– Gianna Musumeci, Margaux Reck and Katherine Trudeau scored victories in the singles for the Centaurs (1-2) in the match played at Killingly High School.

The Whippets improved to 2-2 with the win.

Boys Lacrosse

Fitch 15 Woodstock Academy 4

GROTON – Gunnar Basak had a pair of goals but the Centaurs saw their three-match win streak come to an end at the hands of the Falcons (5-1, 2-1 Eastern

Connecticut Conference Division I).

Jared Neilsen and Henry Wotton also scored for Woodstock Academy (3-3, 0-3).

Softball

NFA 9 Woodstock Academy 0

WOODSTOCK – Hits have been hard to come by against Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I opponents for the Centaurs.

Woodstock Academy (2-5) mustered just two against East Lyme and did only one better than that against the Wildcats (4-3).

Delaney Anderson, Ellary Sampson and Sarah McArthur had base hits for the Centaurs.

Aubrey Martin, Hailey Smith and Ava Boenig each had two runs batted in for Norwich Free Academy.

Waterford 18 Woodstock Academy 0 (4 ½)

WATERFORD – The Lancers (8-2, 4-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I) scored all of their runs in the first two innings to walk away with the victory.

Sarah McArthur, Ellary Sampson, Madison Bloom and Maci Corradi had hits for the Centaurs (2-6, 0-3) in the loss.

Emilia Podeszwa had an RBI single in the first inning and a three-run homer in the second for

Waterford and Melanie Martin also drove in four runs with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate.

Boys Tennis

Woodstock Academy 4 Lyman 3

LEBANON – The match came down to first doubles and the Centaur team of Heath White and Cang Nguyen were up to the challenge.

They outlasted Lyman's duo of Eathon Barnes and Brendan Hancock 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 to give Woodstock Academy (3-1) the win.

The Centaurs took the three singles matches with Ryan Chabot battling Collin Fonseca of Lyman (0-5) for 2 ½ hours before posting a 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3 win.

Boys Golf

Woodstock Academy 7 Tourtellotte 0

THOMPSON – The first match on their home course proved to be helpful for the Centaurs (2-0) at the Quinnetisset Country Club.

Their top three players, Logan Rawson, Donny Sousa and Aidan O'Connor all carded four-over par 40's to lead Woodstock Academy to the victory.

Nick Kostacopoulos paced the Tigers (2-2) with a 47.

Killingly High School sports at a glance

Boys Golf

Sebastian Sierakowski earned medalist honors on April 16 with a score of 36, leading Killingly (1-0) to a 6-1 victory over Waterford (0-1) at Connecticut National Golf Club. Harry Allard (38), Quin Crowley (40) and Trent Pichie (43) also earned points in the 157-182 Killingly victory.

On April 18, Killingly dropped to 1-1 on the year after a 166 to 179 defeat against The Prout School

at Point Judith Country Club in Narragansett, Rhode Island on Thursday, April 18.

Harrison Allard paced Killingly with a 41. Harris Krupp medaled for The Prout School with a score of 38.

Ethan Haynes paced Waterford with a score of 42 and Wyatt Haynes shot 43.

Baseball

On April 16, Desmond Powers threw a complete

game 4 hitter with 8 k's to lead St B's (3-2) to victory over Killingly (4-3).

Powers also had 2 doubles, while Martin Light added a double of his own.

Brady Zadora had 2 hits, and Ashton Goodwin registered a triple and the lone run scored for Killingly.

On April 19, Lincoln Waterman drove in Michael Fabiano Jr and

Brady Zadora, one of his 2 hits in the game, to take control for Killingly (5-3) in the 5th in their win over New London (1-4)!

Final Score 10-3

Joey Gould followed that up with a 2 run double to extend the lead!

Ashton Goodwin, Brady Zadora, and Waterman each also doubled!

Landon Manzi went 5 innings allowing 2 hits,

no earned runs, and struck out 6 for Killingly!

Boys Tennis

Killingly 5 NFA 1

Ivan tang defeated Simon Chenruan 6-2 7-6

Sai Patel defeated Kevin Wang 6-1 6-1

Max Richardson lost to Jackson Hawk 3-6 1-6

Bradey Jonasch defeated Edrian Adams 6-1 6-1

Jack Owens and Dante Adams defeated Ileano Kimsoto and Trevor Rathburn 6-2 6-0

Deven Delaney and

Colin Ericson defeated Ludwig Jacquet and Luis Ruiz-perez 6-1 6-1

Girls Lacrosse

Killingly lacrosse lost a tough battle against Fitch 11-3 today. Laura Farquhar led the way with 2 goals, While Morgan Blanchard added one goal as well. Defense caused 6 turnovers while Erika had 10 saves in net.

Danielson Martial Arts Academy students shine at tournament

DANIELSON — On April 14, members of the Danielson Martial Arts Academy attended the second Cheezic Tang Soo Do federation tournament of the year. DMAA took home numerous medals in each division.

- 7-8 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Serenity Robbins:
 - 3rd Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
 - Autumn St. Jean
- (green)
 - 2nd Forms
 - 3rd Weapons
- (green)
 - Tori Dellagiovanna:
 - 1st Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 3rd Breaking
 - 2nd Weapons
 - Liliana Huling: (purple)
 - 3rd Forms
 - 1st Sparring
- 9-10 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Lila Turner (purple)
 - 2nd Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - Aurora Huling: (red)
 - 1st Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
- Boys
 - Isaac Sawyer: (blue)
 - 1st Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
- 11-12 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Lorelai Tyler: (red)
 - 3rd Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 5th Breaking
 - 3rd Weapons
- Boys:
 - Colby Densmore: (red)
 - 5th Forms
 - 3rd Breaking
 - 5th Weapons
 - Orion Huling: (green)
 - 1st Forms
 - 4th Sparring



- 13-17 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Kyra Dionne: (green)
 - 2nd Forms
 - 3rd Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - 2nd Weapons
 - Alina Turner: (purple)
 - 1st Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 3rd Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
- Under Blackbelt Seniors (35+)
 - Women
 - Dawn Dionne: (green)
 - 2nd Forms
 - 3rd Sparring
 - 2nd Breaking
 - Melinda Densmore: (red)
 - 3rd Forms
 - 2nd Weapons
 - Karissa Bourassa: (purple)
 - 4th Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 3rd Breaking
 - Men:
 - Scott Gardiner: (green)
 - 1st Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - Nelson Rojas: (red)
 - 2nd Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
- Junior Blackbelt 11-12 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Dakota St. Jean
 - 2nd Forms
 - 3rd Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - 2nd Weapons
 - Boys: Luke St. Jean
 - 1st Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 2nd Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
- Junior Blackbelt 13-14 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Jaycee Adams
 - 3rd Forms
 - 3rd Sparring
 - Boys: Hunter St. Jean
 - 1st Forms
 - 4th Sparring
 - 1st Breaking
 - 1st Weapons
 - Eli Petrarca
 - 2nd Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 4th Weapons
 - Cole Lamont
 - 4th Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 3rd Weapons
- Junior Blackbelt 15-17 Year Olds:
 - Girls: Caryssa Adams
 - 1st Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 3rd Weapons
 - 4th Weapons
 - Blackbelts (18+)
 - Women: Elizabeth Walsh (competed with the seniors)
 - 2nd Forms
 - 1st Weapons
 - Men: Daniel Walsh
 - 2nd Forms
 - 1st Weapons
 - Blackbelt Seniors (35+)
 - Women: Melanie Branco
 - 3rd Forms
 - 2nd Sparring
 - 2nd Breaking
 - Tracy St. Jean
 - 1st Forms
 - 1st Sparring
 - 1st Weapons
 - Cathleen Anderson
 - 2nd Forms
 - Men: Brian Densmore
 - 4th Sparring
 - 3rd Weapons

OBITUARIES

Barbara J. Vadnais, 91



Barbara J. Vadnais (Bonnevillie) age 91, died on August 23, 2023 at Schuyler Ridge Residential Health Care in Clifton Park, NY surrounded by loved ones. Born January 13, 1932 in Putnam, CT, she was the youngest daughter of the late Eugene A. Bonnevillie from Putnam, CT and Georgina MacIvor Bonnevillie, originally from Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Barbara was predeceased by brothers Norman Bonnevillie and Robert Bonnevillie; sisters Pauline Snelgrove and Viola Cerreto.

After graduating from Putnam High School as Salutatorian, Barbara attended nursing school before marrying John A. Vadnais, also from Putnam, on March 31, 1951.

After her husband's service in the Navy they settled in Southbridge, Mass. to raise their young family. John began a career with IBM Corporation which led to subsequent moves to Wappingers

Falls, NY, Granby, Quebec Canada and back to Poughkeepsie, NY.

Along with being an avid reader and a wonderful cook, Barbara was a loving mother who used her talents to sew, quilt and knit for her family.

She is survived by 4 children. John A. Vadnais Jr. and his wife Donna of Poughkeepsie, NY. Susan Vadnais Bolde and her husband Lannie of Ulster Park, NY. Janet Vadnais Olson and her husband David of LaGrangeville, NY. Judy Vadnais Keute and her husband Robert of Schroon Lake, NY. 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on April 27, 2024 at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Church, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery.

For memorial guestbook please visit: www.gordoncemerickfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Bright Focus Foundation, www.brightfocus.org, supporting macular degeneration research.

John A. Vadnais, 93



John A. Vadnais, age 93, died peacefully at home in Glenmont, NY on October 11, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. Born June 8, 1930 in Putnam, CT, he was the youngest son of the late Francois X. Vadnais and Yvonne DeLisle. He was predeceased by brother Francis Vadnais and sister Loretta Langlois.

On March 31, 1951 he married Barbara J. Bonnevillie, also from Putnam. John served in the Navy during the Korean War before settling in Southbridge, Mass. as a Tool and Die maker. He later moved his family to Poughkeepsie, NY to join IBM Corporation in 1964. His career eventually led him to help establish the IBM Bromont site in Canada as Materials Manager. After his assignment in Quebec, John returned to New York as GTD site Procurement Manager in East Fishkill, NY.

In retirement he enjoyed wood working, making furniture for his family

and gardening.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara, on August 23, 2023. He is survived by 4 children. John A. Vadnais, Jr. and his wife Donna of Poughkeepsie, NY. Susan Vadnais Bolde and her husband Lannie of Ulster Park, NY. Janet Vadnais Olson and her husband David of LaGrangeville, NY. Judy Vadnais Keute and her husband Robert of Schroon Lake, NY. 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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messages or harassment without the immediate support of parents. It happens and it can be lethal. Be aware this danger can occur for hours nightly, and may go on for weeks and months without your knowledge. Teen suicide from cyberbullying happens more than you think. Students are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide if they get cyberbullied. 13.6 percent of adolescents have made a serious suicide attempt after being cyberbullied.

24/7 Connectivity: Keeping electronic devices in the bedroom at night means constant connectivity, allowing potential cyberbullying incidents to extend beyond school hours. This continuous access to the online world can contribute to prolonged

exposure to harmful content or interactions.

Social Comparison and Pressure:

Social media platforms often foster an environment where individuals, especially females, compare themselves to their peers. This constant comparison can lead to feelings of inadequacy or pressure to conform, potentially resulting in anxiety and depression.

Impact on Sleep and Mental Health:

Electronic devices in the bedroom can impact sleep quality and overall mental health. Sleep deprivation and increased stress levels may make children more vulnerable to the emotional toll of cyberbullying.

Delayed Reporting and Intervention:

If a child experiences cyberbullying in the privacy of their bedroom,

they may be hesitant to report it immediately. Delayed reporting will hinder timely intervention by parents, educators, or authorities, allowing the cyberbullying to persist or escalate and bring potentially devastating harm.

To mitigate the risk of cyberbullying, it is advisable for parents to establish clear rules regarding device usage, especially during nighttime hours. Encouraging open communication, teaching online safety, and monitoring online activities can help create a safer digital environment for children, reducing the likelihood of encountering cyberbullying situations.

Mike Bogdanski is a martial arts Grandmaster and Anti Bully activist in northeast Connecticut.

WEISS

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Face top-
ping her
shoulders,
slouching
Hands folded behind her back
Face intent, eyes serious, fascinated
Follow her gaze
Cooper, grizzled but steady
Seated at his shaving bench
Strong, gnarled hands
Grasping his newly sharpened draw
knife
Shaping the back of a bucket stave
A stave made of pine
Weathered cooper skillfully carving
a stave
Curled shaving, sweet-smelling shav-
ings
Dropping lightly over the bench and
onto the floor
Suddenly he snatches the stave
Out of the shaving bench clump
Extending it to the teenage girl
Telling her, "You've seen me do it
enough. Now you try!"
Uncertainly, she takes the stave
Seating herself on the shaving bench

next to his
Retrieving the draw knife the cooper
placed there
And, with his encouragement
Sets herself to the task of learning
How to carve a stave for a bucket
Not to let the blade bite into the pine
Carving with and against the grain
Crusty old cooper unfolds himself
From his well-worn bench
And stands, watching his apprentice
He nods seriously, eyes twinkling
Noting her advances and setbacks
with pride
As she learns the trade of the cooper
In the wood-scented, sturdy building
Sun rays on the floor and in the air
Lighting the pine dust as it floats and
dances
Dances out the opened doors, floating
Over the river, glittering in the sun-
light
Dust motes sailing out to sea.

I can hear the clock ticking in the first
poem and smell the wood shavings in
the second. Perhaps you can too.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Thompson
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – Monday, May 6, 2024
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – Monday, May 20, 2024

The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Thompson Public Library/Louis P. Faucher Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- To choose a moderator for said meeting;
- To consider and act upon recommendations of the Board of Finance that appropriations be made for the fiscal year budget for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$31,325,114 and to make such appropriations as are advisable in adopting a Town budget.
- To consider and act upon the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Thompson's local capital improvement projects of \$87,225 and capital improvement plan as defined in CT State Statutes Section 7-535 through 7-538, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen and available for public inspection during normal business hours, is hereby ratified and approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, acting as agents for the Town of Thompson, be authorized to apply for and receive any state or federal grants that may become available and appear to them to be in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.

4. Notice is further given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and the Town budget resolution presented at the Town Meeting on September 29, 1997 and approved at referendum on October 9, 1997, the Board of Selectmen has removed Item 2 (approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget) for submission to voters to vote upon paper ballots on Monday, May 20, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. at the following regular polling places:

District No. 1 — Thompson Library/Community Center, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale
District No. 2 — Town Hall Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale
District No. 3 — Quinebaug Fire Department, 720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug
District No. 4 — East Thompson Fire Department, 530 East Thompson Road, Thompson

Persons qualified to vote in Town meetings who are not electors will vote at the Town Hall Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Conference Room, Second Floor, Town Hall Office Building, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Action on said items at the Town Meeting will be limited to reasonable discussion only. Dated at Thompson, Connecticut, this 16th day of April 2024

Amy St. Onge, Susanne Witkowski, Kenneth Beausoleil, ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ATTEST: Renee Waldron, Town Clerk
April 26, 2024

Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, Shelly Boisvert, 11 O Hawkins Rd, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
Have filed an application placarded 04/19/2024 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a MANUFACTURER BEER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at Triple Raven Brewing LLC
27 Main St
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
The business will be owned by: Triple Raven Brewing LLC Entertainment will consist of:
Acoustics, disc jockeys, live bands, comedians karaoke, plays/shows, sporting events, magicians.
Objections must be filed by: 05-31-2024
Visit <https://oortal.ct.gov/remonstrance> for more information
Triple Raven Brewing LLC
April 19, 2024

April 26, 2024

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
The Planning & Zoning Commission approved, with conditions, the following application as presented on 4/18/24: **#SP662-03-24 Mark LaBonte, 122 Joy Rd** (map 7278 block 32 lot 6) – Activity on a Scenic Road for driveway addition. Chairman Jeffrey Marcotte. April 18, 2024.
April 26, 2024

TOWN OF KILLINGLY/BOROUGH OF DANIELSON TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE
Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00-4:30pm, Tuesday 8:00-5:30pm, and Friday 8-11:30am. Also by mail, online, or in our drop box.
The fourth quarter installment of taxes becomes due on April 1, 2024 and becomes delinquent on May 1, 2024 and subject to interest from the due date. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1.5% per month with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00.
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