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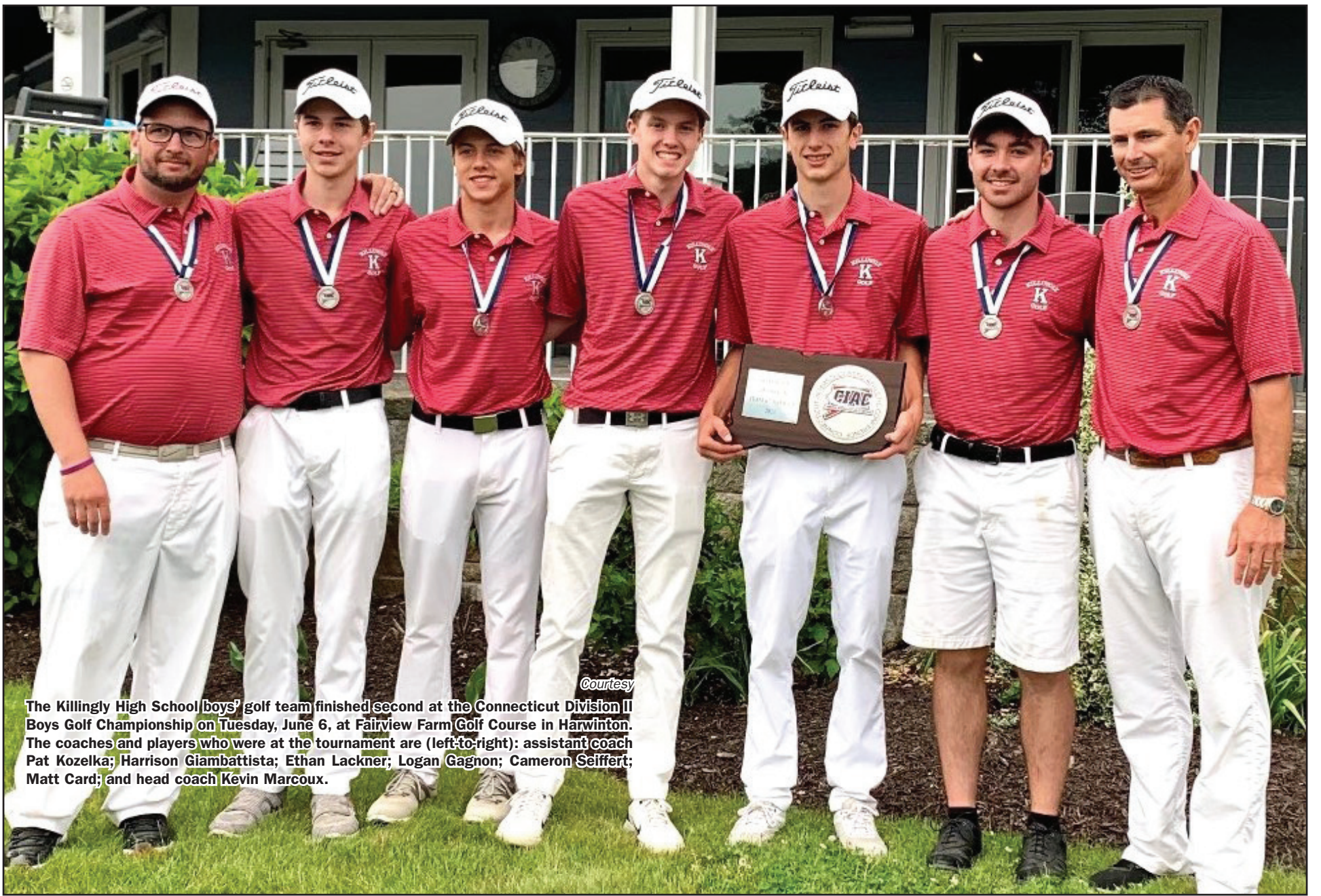
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Killingly Boys' Golf finishes second in state Division II Championship

MARCOUX WRAPS UP 13 SEASONS AS COACH



The Killingly High School boys' golf team finished second at the Connecticut Division II Boys Golf Championship on Tuesday, June 6, at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton. The coaches and players who were at the tournament are (left to right): assistant coach Pat Kozelka; Harrison Giambattista; Ethan Lackner; Logan Gagnon; Cameron Seiffert; Matt Card; and head coach Kevin Marcoux.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The Killingly High School boys' golf team, ranked No. 1 in Connecticut all season and the lowest scoring team in the state from its first match to its final match, ended the year as strong as it started it, finishing sec-

ond in the Connecticut Division II Boys Golf Championship, held Tuesday, June 6 at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton.

Killingly won its first 15 regular season matches and finished the year 18-1-1.

Daniel Hand High

School of Madison won the team competition with a score of 306, 12 strokes ahead of Killingly, which was one stroke better than Hebron, Andover, and Marlborough High School, which is better known as RHAM and is located in Hebron. Last

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Quiet Corner delegation secures state funding for Day Kimball Hospital

PUTNAM — The Quiet Corner legislative delegation of state Sen. Mae Flexer, state Representatives Pat Boyd (D-Pomfret) and Rick Hayes (R-Putnam), and state Sen. Jeff Gordon (R-Union) announced today that the new two-year state budget includes \$10 million in state aid for Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Day Kimball will receive \$8 million by June 30, 2024 to help

maintain essential health services in the community -- including 24-hour emergency services, obstetrics, behavioral health, and relevant specialty care and primary care services -- and another \$2 million by June 30, 2025.

"Day Kimball provides critical health services to the people of Northeastern Connecticut, and this funding will help ensure that the hospital can con-

tinue serving the local community," Gov. Ned Lamont said.

"As I have said many times, I cannot overstate the importance of having immediate, quality, local health care available to the residents of the Quiet Corner in Northeastern Connecticut. With health care services being cut across the region, Day Kimball's role is more vital than ever,"

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Woodstock Academy sends off Class of 2023



WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy's 133rd Commencement Exercises took place on Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. on the Woodstock Town Common. The Woodstock Academy celebrated the graduation of over 300 students.

Senior class president Bryn Miller of Woodstock welcomed classmates and guests.

James D'Alleva-Bochain and Paige Owens were honored as the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the

Class of 2023.

The Yale Honor Cup and the Donald and Hope Williams Scholarships, The Woodstock Academy's most prestigious awards, were presented. Lennon Favreau and Matthew Myslenski received the Donald and Hope Williams Scholarship Yale Honor Cup. James D'Alleva-Bochain and Paige Owens received the Donald and Hope Williams Scholarship.

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QVCC Manufacturing wins big at CSCU Challenge



Quinebaug Valley Community College Manufacturing students Alex Marzullo, Caitin Boyce, Program Director Steve LaPointe, students Joe Thompson, Jacob Scotti and CSCU President Terrence Cheng pose for a photo following QVCC's victory at the CSCU manufacturing challenge in May.

Photo

BY JASON BLEAU
V I L L A G E R
CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — Students from the Quinebaug Valley Community College Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center recently competed in a competition organized by the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (CSCU) to test their skills building a product through all phases of production.

The manufacturing

challenge was held at Asnuntuck Community College on May 12 and saw five Connecticut schools compete to machine a "mill stop" with four members of each team taking on individual segments of the manufacturing process and assembly. The teams had three hours to produce the product and present it to judges while learning their way around the machines and interpreting the blueprints for the product. According to Stephen LaPointe, the Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center at

QVCC, the team won three out of four categories by the end of the event scoring highest on aesthetics, precision, and assembly but, to LaPointe's surprise, only missing out on the teamwork element of the contest which was awarded to Tunxis Community College in Farmington, Manchester, Capital, and Three Rivers Community Colleges were the other competitors in the challenge.

LaPointe said he was proud of his students' accomplishments, noting how the QVCC program helps prepare students to

take on any challenge in the field.

"In our program, we give them experience so that they are ready to go out to the real world and have the adversity to go out and pick up and do different tasks, but the same common knowledge transfers to all of those different machines. We teach this type of machining all year long, so we were confident going in that it wasn't going to be a freak out competition. We knew that they already had experience and it was plain to see the other

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Pomfret Horse and Trail Association hosts Cross-Town Ride at Tyrone Farm

POMFRET — Horseback riders enjoyed the pristine trails of Pomfret in early June at the ninth annual Cross-Town Ride organized by Tyrone Farm and Pomfret Horse and Trail Association.

It was a cloudy and unusually cold day, but riders responded warmly to the well-groomed trails and beautiful countryside. Ride Secretary Gina

Labbe said the many volunteers made the first event of the season go “smoothly and efficiently. Everyone worked hard as a team and their effort and support made it a great success. The biggest credit goes to Tyrone Farm and owner Bill MacLaren who cleared, mowed, and marked the seven-mile trail.

Labbe worked for months to organize registration, the road-crossing helpers, the trailer-parking crew, and clean-up. She said even though the weather was cold, the footing was especially dry and firm for the spring season, which made for a better ride.



“The horses loved the solid footing, and the riders were thrilled with the wild flowers in abundance along the trail,”

she said.

Pomfret Horse and Trail began the Cross-Town Ride in 2015 with the generosity of Tyrone Farm, which maintains miles of trails through woods and fields for

numerous horse events throughout the year, including the Pomfret Hunter Pace since 1984.

The Pomfret Horse and Trail Association is a non-profit which preserves trails and pro-

notes responsible horsemanship in Pomfret. The group runs trail rides, clinics, and a tack and tag sale. Proceeds support open space conservation, trail preservation, and the Abington 4-H Horse Camp.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY GRAD AWARDED AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

Braiden Saucier, who recently graduated from The Woodstock Academy, was honored by The American Legion District #4 with a \$1,000 academic scholarship. Saucier is headed to Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts in September. During his high school years, Saucier was the quarterback of the Centaurs football team and a member of the basketball team. He is a member of the English National Honor Society, the B-Club treasurer, Scholar-Athlete Society, and volunteers for numerous local community activities. He was honored on Sunday, June 11 at Post #26 in Stafford Springs. His parents, Sean and Bobby-Jo Saucier and his sister Haley were in attendance to witness the ceremony. Saucier is pictured with District #4 Commander John Barry (right) and District Scholarship Committee Chairman Ronald P. Coderre.

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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 June 5: Bobwhite Quail, Bobolink, American Kestrel, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, Veery, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, Pine Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, White-eyed Vireo, Bluebird, Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Alder Flycatcher. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.

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Music in the Gardens at Gwyn Careg Inn

POMFRET — A wonderful evening of 'Music in the Garden' will be offered at the exquisitely restored Gwyn Careg Inn on Saturday, June 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. A well-known and popular local musician, Al Libera, will perform outside to delight and entertain attendees. Hors d'oeuvres and a raffle will be offered along with a great opportunity to explore a hidden-in-plain-sight gem of Pomfret with a behind the scenes glimpse of the colonial revival mansion, exquisite guest rooms, 14 acres of manicured lawn and gardens, and the pond.

Mark your calendars and don't miss this Positively Pomfret event!

The people, the places, and the spaces of Pomfret make it a wonderful place to live. Events like this, that bring us together in special Pomfret places, strengthen our community.

Tickets in advance are \$20 (\$25 at the gate) and are available from Ray Wishart at 860-420-6147 (call or text), raymond.wishart@gmail.com or Maureen Nicholson at 860-214-9755 (call or text), nicholsonmaureen@gmail.com.

The 141 acres surrounding the Gwyn Careg Inn, and formerly a part of the original estate, were acquired by the Town of Pomfret and preserved as open space for future generations. Grant fund-

ing from the State of Connecticut DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program offset some of the purchase price. Ten acres along Route 44 are reserved for future municipal use.

As a community, Pomfret will continue to work to keep our town special, and beautiful and affordable, a proven leader in preservation, education, and community involvement. Join your neighbors and celebrate a unique Pomfret landmark on June 17, 6-8 p.m., Gwyn Careg Inn, 68 Wolf Den Rd. Sponsored by the Pomfret Democratic Town Committee.



Rori M. Johnson named to Husson University's President's List

BANGOR, Maine — Thompson, Conn. resident, Rori M. Johnson, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

During the spring semester, Johnson was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health/Master of Science in occupational therapy (MSOT) program.

Students who make the President's List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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Charlotte Morrissette named to Husson University's Honors List

BANGOR, Maine — Danielson resident, Charlotte Morrissette, has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Spring 2023 semester.

During the spring semester, Morrissette was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in exercise science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

Students who make the Honors List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.40 to 3.59 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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Local Eastern students recognized in award ceremonies and honor societies

WILLIMANTIC — More than 300 Eastern Connecticut State University students were recognized for scholarly excellence at the conclusion of the spring 2023 semester. Given by academic departments across the University, the recognitions included induction into more than a dozen academic honor societies, scholarship awards and departmental distinctions.

Among those honored were:

Benjamin Torre of Brooklyn, a senior who majors in Business Administration. Torre was inducted into the Alpha Mu Alpha honor society at the Business Honors Reception on April 18 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. Established in 1981 by the American Marketing Association, AMA members include undergraduate, graduate and doctorate students. Students were nominated by Eastern's Business Administration Department. In order to be inducted, students must hold a minimum overall GPA of 3.25.

Adam Anastasio of Brooklyn, a senior who majors in General Studies. Anastasio was inducted into the Alpha

Mu Alpha chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society at the Department of History's annual ceremony on April 17 in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

Nikki Flynn of Danielson, a junior who majors in Communication. Flynn was inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society at the Department of Communication's Celebration of Excellence on April 26 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center Concert Hall.

Emily Watling of Danielson, a senior who majors in Environmental Earth Science. Watling was inducted into the Theta Upsilon chapter of the Sigma Gamma Epsilon (SGE) national honors society for earth sciences at the Department of Environmental Earth Science's annual awards event on April 27 in the Dr. David G. Carter Science Building. Watling was also recognized as a graduating senior member of SGE.

Maxwell Hayes of Danielson, a junior who majors in Computer Science. Hayes performed in the Honors Recital and Awards Ceremony on April 23 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center

Concert Hall.

Candice Koolhaas of Danielson, a senior who majors in Psychology. Koolhaas received departmental honors for highest distinction at the Department of Psychological Sciences Annual Induction and Awards Ceremony on April 28 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room.

Tamarin Kelley of Danielson, a senior who majors in Social Work. Kelley was inducted into the Phi Alpha national honor society at the Social Work program's annual induction ceremony on May 11 in Shafer Auditorium.

Jamie Shay of Danielson, a senior who majors in Social Work. Shay was inducted into the Phi Alpha national honor society at the Social Work program's annual induction ceremony on May 11 in Shafer Auditorium.

Hannah Kipp of Dayville, a junior who majors in Health Sciences. Kipp received the Outstanding Junior Award at the Health Sciences Awards and Honors Society Induction on April 19 in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

Jonathan Lepire of Dayville, a senior who majors in Environmental Earth Science. Lepire was inducted into the Theta Upsilon chapter of the Sigma Gamma Epsilon (SGE) national honor society for earth sciences at the Department of Environmental Earth Science's annual awards event on April 27 in the Dr. David G. Carter Science Building.

Jasmine Charland of

Woodstock Valley, a senior who majors in Social Work. Charland was inducted into the Phi Alpha national honor society at the Social Work program's annual induction ceremony on May 11 in Shafer Auditorium.

Jordyn Poole of Putnam, a junior who majors in Health Sciences. Poole received the Outstanding Junior Award at the Health Sciences Awards and Honors Society Induction on April 19 in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

Erica Rumsey of Putnam, a senior who majors in Health Sciences. Rumsey received the Fall 2022 Certificate of Appreciation for Teaching Assistants at the Health Sciences Awards and Honors Society Induction on April 19 in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

Aislin Tracey of Putnam, a senior who majors in Social Work. Tracey was inducted into the Phi Alpha national honor society at the Social Work program's annual induction ceremony on May 11 in Shafer Auditorium.

Noelle Ciccarelli of Thompson, a senior who majors in Psychology. Ciccarelli received departmental honors for highest distinction at the Department of Psychological Sciences Annual Induction and Awards Ceremony on April 28 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. Ciccarelli was also awarded the Psychological Science Paper Award Honorable Mention for their paper titled, "Neuropsychological Foundations of OCD: Barriers and Outcomes to Treatment."

Paula Hernandez Aulet of Eastford, a senior who majors in History and Social Sciences.

Hernandez Aulet was inducted into the Alpha Mu Alpha chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society at the Department of History's annual ceremony on April 17 in the J. Eugene Smith Library.

Aidan Stewart of Woodstock, a senior who majors in Biology. Stewart was inducted into the Eta Omega Chapter of the Beta Beta Beta honor society at the Department of Biology's annual induction and awards ceremony on April 28 in the Dr. David G. Carter Science Building. The biology honors society promotes scholarship in the biological sciences and the dissemination of biological knowledge, while encouraging research.

Seth Benoit of Woodstock, a senior who majors in Business Administration. Benoit was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta honor society at the Business Honors Reception on April 18 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. Founded in 1913 by professors from New York University and Yale University, as well as the dean of Harvard College, Delta Mu Delta (DMD) has grown into an honor society reading 175 countries and has more than 160,000 members. In order to be inducted, students must have a 3.25 GPA in their field and be in the top 20 percent of their junior or senior class.

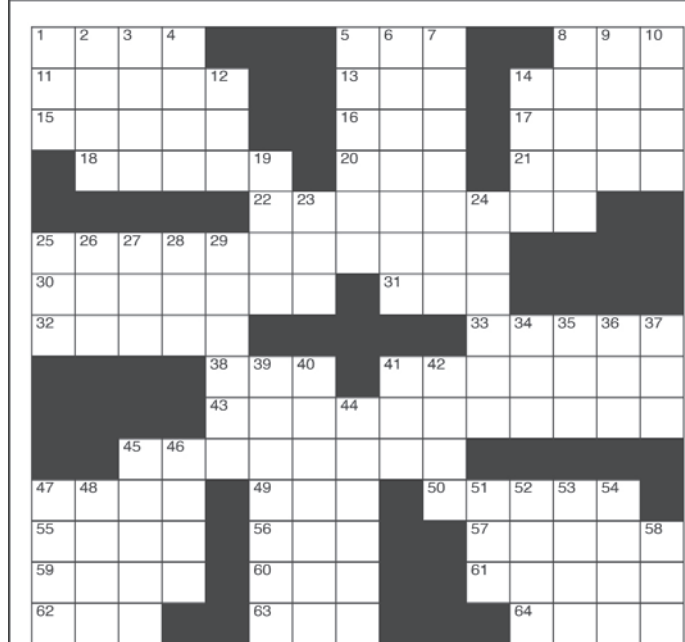
Nathan Majewski of Woodstock, a sophomore who majors in Economics. Majewski was inducted into the Omicron Delta Epsilon honor society at the Business Honors Reception on April 18 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. Founded in 1963 through the merger of two honor societies, Omicron Delta Gamma and Omicron

Chi Epsilon, Omicron Delta Epsilon now serves as one of the world's largest academic honor societies. In order to be inducted, students must hold a GPA of at least 3.0 in economics courses.

Samantha Orlovski of Woodstock, a senior who majors in Communication. Orlovski was inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society at the Department of Communication's Celebration of Excellence on April 26 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center Concert Hall.

Danielle Chaput of Woodstock, a senior who majors in Psychology. Chaput was inducted into the Psi Chi international psychology honor society at the Department of Psychological Sciences Annual Induction and Awards Ceremony on April 28 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. To be inducted into Psi Chi, students must hold at least a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.5 in the psychology major.

Joshua Lavitt of Woodstock, a junior who majors in Criminology and Sociology. Lavitt was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) international honor society for sociology at the Sociology Program's annual induction ceremony on May 5 in the Student Center's Betty R. Tipton Room. AKD was founded in 1920 with the purpose of "stimulating scholarship and promoting the scientific study of society." To be inducted, students must be in the sociology major or demonstrate serious interest in the department. Students must hold a junior standing at the institution with an overall GPA of 3.3 and a 3.3 GPA in sociology courses.

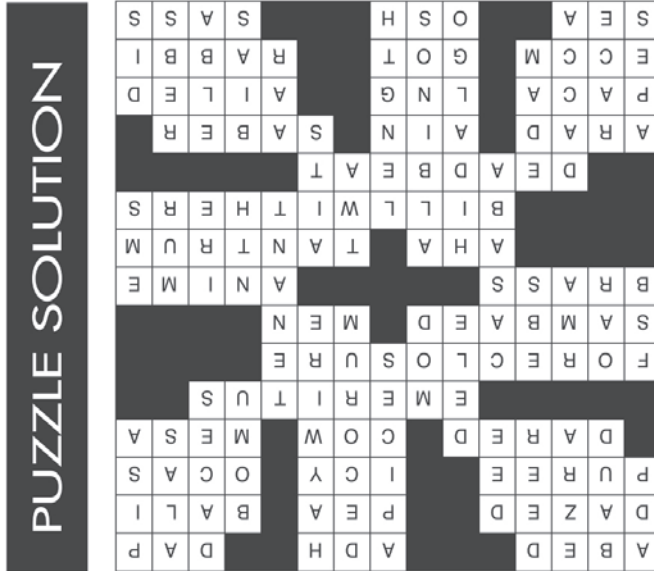


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- 1. In a place to sleep
- 5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
- 8. A way to fish
- 11. Classic Linklater film "___ and Confused"
- 13. Legume
- 14. Indonesian island
- 15. Smooth, creamy substance
- 16. Arctic
- 17. Wood sorrels
- 18. Defied
- 20. Cattle
- 21. Tabled land
- 22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- 25. Repossession
- 30. Danced
- 31. Adult males
- 32. A type of section
- 33. Type of Japanese animation
- 38. Satisfaction
- 41. Fit
- 43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
- 45. Failure
- 47. Israeli city
- 49. French river
- 50. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Large body of water
- 63. ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Payroll firm
- 2. Unit of transmission
- 3. Rockers Better Than ___
- 4. Bambi is one
- 5. Highest parts of something
- 6. Correct behavior
- 7. Batty
- 8. Cyprinid fishes
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- 12. American rocker Snider
- 14. W. African language
- 19. Symbol to mark for removal
- 23. ___ Squad
- 24. Resident
- 25. Federal savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 28. One point south of due east
- 29. Winter melon
- 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 35. Anger
- 36. Central European river
- 37. First responders
- 39. Spanish noble
- 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
- 41. Defunct airline
- 42. Small island (British)
- 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Dutch cheese
- 47. Imitates
- 48. A contest of speed
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. UNLV's are Runnin'
- 58. Criticize



PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

PUTNAM — Putnam Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2022-2023 school year.

Principal's List

Grade 8: Danny Boriboun, Sean Brierley, Mia Cosentino, Avery Cruz, Ayla Daniels, Trinity Eldridge, Avah Grimshaw, Kaleb Herrick, Elieana Ionkin, Sidra Jahangir, Nikoli Kostovski, Emma Martineau, Jay Patel, Nathaniel Ramos, Jillian Spalding, Dylan Warren, and Jessie Williams

Grade 7: Ingrid Alves, Mary Battersby, Laura Coderre, Abigail Daniels, Eliza Garvey, Chloe Gazzola, Alexandria Gustafson, Caleb Lafrance, Jayda Rivera, Mya Smith, and Gavin Weiker

Grade 6: Kaiden Andersen, Emma Benoit, Dakotah Bibeau, Nathaniel Franklin, Joseph Girard, Maya Gustavesen, Phineas Hagan, Rori Hough, Cruz Jimenez-Garvey, Leon Johnson, Liam Purdon, Kaylee Roberts, Jayden Robidoux, Gage Robitaille, Wesley Schulman, Marijane Thibeault, and Josephine Thomasen

Grade 5: Owen Abram, Raegan Healey, Dominic Kostovski, Salem Lambert, Lydia Martel, Israel Ramos, Naydelin Rivera, Kayden Robinson, Makaila Roy, and Gabriel Scala

First Honors

Grade 8: Lexi Abram, Lucas Belske, Delaney Bernier, Leonela Burgos, Jordan Chrzanowski, Donovan DeAgazio, Jeffrey Flag, Justin Gallant,

Mackenzie Gerrish, Gabriel Girard, Joseph Gordon, Alina Kamara, Trevor Lamothe, Jacob Lawrence, Addison Lucier, Benjamin Mayo, Rae Neal, Aubrey Paquette, Bridgett Reidy, Samanta Romoa, Drew Seiffert, and Rockford Snow

Grade 7: Charlotte Adams, Ella Adams, Kaitlin Brodeur, Theodore Buzanoski, Angelina Cardoso, Alyssa Daniels, Thomas Espinosa, Avalynn Fiske, Gia Gillespie, Sophia Godzik, Aiden Herrera, Oliver Paine, Kelsey Parent, Knox Ruggeri, and Taylor Thomas

Grade 6: Mirabella Bonnette, Logan Borders, Jude Butler, Jaxon Buzanoski, Joshua Chausse, Blake Daughenbaugh, Maria Eduarda Dos Reis, Mikhail Eroshkin, Emma Fischkelta, Landon Gaugh, Sydney Kaliszewski, Christian Lemire, Lily MacPherson, Ava Matteau, Leilah Morin, Katherine Partlow, Gavin Sweatman, Avery Thornton, Miguel Vieira, and Caleb Ward

Grade 5: Lacey Barnett, Tanner Barrows, Gracie Blouin, Joseph Boudreau, Ryder Burke, Veronica Columbia, Alexander Fleck, Janessa Johnson, Adam Lafleur, Ian Lamontagne, Sophia Lefebvre, Bethany Mayo, Layliah Mayo, Molly Norman, Jacob Palazzo, Lydia Parquette, Ruby Roman, Maya Scott, Asa Snow, and Kenzie Summers

Second Honors

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Moore Salcedo, Gavin Patterson, Daniel Pynn, Rebekah Robbins Ferreira, Jaida Rogers, Danika Safford, Dakota Trudeau, and Savannah Zegarra

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Pluck-a-Duck raffle event is bigger than ever!

PUTNAM — The Putnam Business Association proudly announces that the 2023 Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Event is taking place on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 21 at noon, because one day simply isn't enough for this unique fundraising event.

The PBA Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Event joins forces with the Town of Putnam's Main Street Car Cruise on Aug. 20, where attendees will enjoy viewing over a thousand classic cars, live music & more, including the Kids Zone in Rotary Park, where Bounce Houses, Photo Booth, Bella The Clown, Arts & Crafts Tent, and Face Painting await kids of all ages. New this year is the Celebrity Dunk Tank, where local celebs like WINY Radio's own Gary O and Putnam Mayor Barney Seney are willing to take the plunge to benefit the Putnam Business Association, as eventgoers will donate a minimum of \$5 for a chance to make our volunteers take

the plunge. The three local celebrities that successfully raise the most funds will have a donation made in their name to their preferred charity, from a grateful Putnam Business Association.

Is there a wish that would make you feel "just ducky?" Post your special wish on the Day Kimball Healthcare Wall Of Wishes, and a donation will be made to Make-A-Wish Connecticut, in support of creating life changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The Wall Of Wishes was designed and created with the assistance of Putnam Science Academy's Director of Visual Arts, Sarah Stoll, and several PSA art students.

The Aug. 20 event is the final opportunity to purchase the 2023 Pluck-A-Duck Raffle tickets at stands in Rotary Park, downtown Putnam on Main Street, and the roving Duck Mobile, sponsored by Centreville Bank.

Thousands of rubber

ducks will be released at our secret duck pond location on Monday, Aug. 21 at noon, swimming happily and then plucked for 85+ fantastic prizes, including the grand prize of a 7500 Watt Generac Generator With Electric Start (\$1200 value) donated by P.B. Generators and top cash prize of a \$500 VISA Gift Card, sponsored by Byrnes Agency. While this year's event will not be open to the public, viewers can cheer on their lucky duck during the live broadcast on WINY Radio 1350 AM & 97.1 FM, and the Putnam Business Association's and WINY Radio's Facebook pages, powered by Jewett City Savings Bank. The first two viewers responding to WINY Radio or the PBA's Facebook pages correctly identifying the total number of ducks floating in the pond will win a \$75 gift card to ANYA restaurant, courtesy of Westminster Tool Company.

And just when you think it's over, our final 6 ducks waddling out of

the pond will be selected for our "Lame Duck" prizes, sponsored by Hope Lodge Venue and New York Pizza Company. Plus, one lucky business sponsor will be awarded the Corporate Duck raffle prize of a \$750 VISA Gift Card and the business' name engraved on the Corporate Duck Trophy.

The 2023 Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Event is a major fundraising campaign that deeply impacts the Putnam Business Association, its more than 200 local business members, and provides support to its various community events such as Zombie Fashion Show, The Great Pumpkin Festival, and Fire & Ice Festival, that draw tens-of-thousands of visitors into Connecticut's "Quiet Corner."

Again this year, 27 non-profit organizations will also benefit from selling duck raffle tickets and retaining a portion from every ticket sold for their worthy cause. These various groups include Access

Emergency Shelter/ Access Community Action Agency, Bags of Hope CT, Brooklyn Schools PTO, Danielson Veterans Coffee Hours, Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center, Killingly Boys Soccer Team, NAMI Windham County NWC, Natchaug River Young Marines, NEIP, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Northeastern CT Arts Guild, Nutmeg Acres Wildlife, Opportunity Works CT Inc., PAWS Cat Shelter, PCS Class of 2024/PCS Class 2024 8th Grade DC Trip, Putnam Lions Club, Putnam Little League, Putnam Lodge of Elks #574, Putnam Rotary Club, Quiet Corner NEMBA, TEEG, Thames Valley Council for Community Action Meals-On-Wheels Program, The Arc Eastern Connecticut, The Last Green Valley, The Matt Alsfield Memorial Fund and Tourtellotte Memorial High School.

Pluck-A-Duck Raffle Tickets can be purchased at these essential non-profit organizations, and local businesses,

including WINY Radio (45 Pomfret St., Putnam), Centreville Bank (40 Main St., Putnam; 100 Averill Rd., Pomfret; 11 Pratt Rd., Plainfield and 125 Wauregan Rd., Danielson), bank-Hometown (182 Main Street, Putnam CT), Archambault Insurance (143 Providence Street, Putnam CT), Brooklyns County View Restaurant (170 South St., Brooklyn), and Woodstock Creamery at Valleyside Farm (210 Child Hill Rd., Woodstock, at upcoming community Farmers Markets and events, and online at www.discoverputnam.com/pbarubberduckrace.

The Putnam Business Association and our more than 5,000 feathered friends extend appreciation to our event sponsors, and also to various local businesses graciously donating major prizes, gift baskets, gift certificates to local retail establishments and restaurants, and more, during such challenging economic times.



Betty Hale, president of The Three C's, and Tom Borner, president of the Putnam Area Foundation, join The Three C's board members and the cast of the Magic School Bus at the Loos Center for the Arts.

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut awards \$10,000 to the The Arc Eastern Connecticut for Social equity programming

REGION — The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut awarded The Arc Eastern Connecticut \$10,000 through an anonymous, donor-advised fund to help support a new Social Equity program for DSPs (direct support professionals).

"This is a wonderful opportunity to help our team members, who walk every day in partnership with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities," said Denisse Mateo, The Arc's Chief Talent Officer. "Many employees spend their days supporting others but rarely stop to consider the importance of taking care of themselves. We want to honor them for their service and help them realize their career and personal goals."

The Social Equity program, rooted in The Arc ECT's current Strategic Plan, is aimed at helping those who help people with IDD to thrive, and ensures that team members of The Arc Eastern Connecticut also thrive. The program involves a partnership with Berkshire Bank, which will provide financial literacy workshops to all members of The Arc ECT team at no charge. Additional workshops on self-care, professional growth, and health and wellness workshops are in process via Uplift Community Services.

"It's important for this program to mean something specific and concrete to our team members," stressed Mateo. "Ability supports is a demanding field, and we want people to be able to succeed and thrive here. Thanks to the Community Foundation, team members will be able to share their own perceived inequities and challenges, and in doing so will receive meaningful and pertinent life-enhancement tools on a wide range of topics."

To learn more about The Arc Eastern Connecticut and its programs throughout the region, please visit TheArcECT.org or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.

Grant brings the arts to local students

WOODSTOCK — More than 600 area students were treated to a first-class performance of the "Magic School Bus" on June 5 at the Loos Center for the Arts in Woodstock.

The production was brought to area children by The Three C's, a volunteer non-profit organization, dedicated to introducing students and teachers to the performing arts in a manner both entertaining and educational. Betty Hale, organization president, said "our mission is to provide professional theater productions ideally suited to reinforce curriculum while expanding the students' understanding of the performing arts."

The Putnam Area Foundation (PAF) donated \$2,200 to The Three C's to help fund their 36th season of professional theater. Tom Borner, president of the PAF, commented "it is gratifying to see the joy these live performances bring to the children. The caliber of the performance is top notch, and the actors seem to enjoy it as much as the children," Borner concluded.

Mrs. Christine Marrier, a first-grade teacher in the Mason Road School in Dudley, Mass., said: "Thank you for a wonderful show today! The kids loved it."

We look forward to future presentations.

Look for future performances on our Web site, www.thethreecs.org, or our Facebook page.



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Relay for Life continues Quiet Corner tradition



Jason Bleau

Putnam High School served as the new location for Relay 2023 after the air quality from the Canada wildfires forced the Relay to move indoors. The school's entryway sign was adorned with information regarding cancer diagnoses in the United States.



Cancer survivors make their way through the hallways of Putnam High School during the annual Relay for Life.

PUTNAM — The Relay for Life of Northeastern Connecticut added to its storied history in 2023 continuing its mission of raising funds and awareness to help eradicate cancer with the help of the American Cancer Society. Each year, the Relay brings together teams from throughout the region to help raise money for their cause, each setting up tables with their own events, themes, and goals in mind. The 2023 event was originally set to take place at Roseland Park, but due to smoke from the Canada wildfires creating air quality issues the event was moved to Putnam High School for the first time. Despite the move, Relay was a massive success once again fully embracing its temporary location without missing a beat.



Chester's Cheetahs, representing Frito Lay, had a very American theme for their booth.



An annual staple of Relay for Life, the A Newf for Life team allowed Relayers to interact with their canine friends.



The Putnam Regional Interact and Roteract Clubs were both on hand with their own booths to support the cause.



The Killingly High School Spirit of Service team enjoy a card game in between laps. The team was considered a Rising Star Team for 2023.



Members of Cappy's Crew, a Bronze team in 2023, pose for a photo near some of their raffle prizes.



The Hitting and Stabbing Emporium Kilts Against Cancer team offered Relayers a chance to win prizes if they stopped by their booth during the event.



The Flockin' Around the Christmas Tree team brought a little holiday cheer to Relay for 2023.

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The Relay for Life Leadership team pose for a photo during a successful 2023 Relay for Life at Putnam High School. 9. 10.



Jason Bleau

Pocket Vinyl, a unique two-piece act featuring a singing pianist and an artist who produces her paintings throughout the duration of the set, decided to auction off the painting created during their show to benefit the cause.



A staple of Particle Accelerator, the Wall of Angels serves as a memorial for those who have lost their loves to suicide in years past.

Particle Accelerator returns for 17th year

PUTNAM — Particle Accelerator returned for its 17th year bringing a variety of musical styles to Putnam's Rotary Park. Despite some weather dampening parts of the day, the annual musical festival to benefit in memory of Jack Young, Jr. raises funds to help with suicide prevention and depression awareness. The 2023 event featured 16 artists on two stages throughout the day entertaining a devoted crowd of spectators who braved the weather and the heat to enjoy an afternoon of music for a worthy cause.



A crowd of spectators enjoys a show at Stage 2, a smaller stage built for solo or small group acts in between the bigger performances.



Grace Young & Friends brought a fun mix of different styles to Stage 2.



Local country singer Tyler Fauxbel introduced the crowd to his newest song, "Red Hair," during Particle Accelerator.



Fleet was one of many bigger acts that took to the Rotary Park main stage bringing their unique musical style to Putnam.



Eric Gould served as Master of Ceremonies once again in 2023 introducing spectators to the different acts throughout the day.



The Putnam Leo Club set up their booth providing snacks and water to visitors throughout the day.



Volunteers for Particle Accelerator 2023 show off the different throwback shirts from past shows. Each year the event brings a new shirt and design. The 2023 shirt is the green one directly behind these volunteers.



Spectators take in a set by Fleet during Particle Accelerator 2023.

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Celebrating Juneteenth: A reflection on freedom and equality

As June 19 approaches, we are reminded of the significance of Juneteenth, a day that represents freedom and liberation. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and serves as a powerful reminder of the triumphs and challenges faced by a nation striving for justice and unity.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, marks the day when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the proclamation was signed. This delay in delivering the message symbolizes the systemic injustice endured by African Americans.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subject-ed to President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn't strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept, yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Juneteenth holds immense significance as a day of celebration and reflection. It represents the resilience and perseverance of African Americans in the face of unimaginable hardships. It is an occasion to honor the bravery of those who fought for freedom. This growing recognition is an important step towards acknowledging the profound impact of slavery on American history.

Beyond celebrations, Juneteenth serves as an opportunity for education and reflection. It is crucial to promote awareness and understanding of the historical significance of this day among people of all backgrounds. By acknowledging the painful realities of the past, we can better comprehend the challenges that lie ahead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We can do better than Trump

To the Editor:
 Donald Trump was a terrible president, but more importantly, he's a terrible human being. Those of us who lived near New York City in the '70's and '80's have known that for decades. He has only gotten worse with age. His current legal problems are just the latest example of a legacy of having no moral compass at all. He should have gone to prison years ago.

I admit to being cynical about politicians in general, but this isn't about politics to me. No matter if you identify as Republican, Democrat, or Unaffiliated (as I do), you can't deny one simple fact -- as a nation of over 300 million people, we can do better than this dangerous clown.

TODD PATRIE
 POMFRET CENTER

The results of enthusiasm

To the Editor:
 Thank you, organizers of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, for an informative, interactive, and fun day-long program. Together they made the public aware of ongoing cancer research, treatment, and support.

The June 10 event had been planned for Roseland Park over many months. The enthusiasm was evident from the start. Each month, meeting attendance grew; ideas came forth at an increasing pace. But then a HUGE problem occurred: smoke from northern forest fires threatened those with breathing conditions. Relay had to move indoors. Was it possible to find a location, to organize the space, and to notify all those concerned about the change?

The logistical requirements for the Relay events were many. Needs included space size, bathrooms, parking with shuttle, food truck parking and access. The list goes on. With only 48 hours, could they keep the high enthusiasm, or would the event be severely compromised?

It did not take long to find the new space. Well located and able to handle the attendance, Putnam High School volunteered their space, accommodating all that Relay needed.

The Saturday event went well and kept the enthusiasm; a typical sight to see was costumed young people laughing their way down hallways arm-in-arm.

Many quick and correct decisions had to be made and immediately adopted—which were easy to see by walk-through once inside the school.

Thank you, PHS leadership, for saving a worthwhile event. Relay belongs to all, but especially those who have been directly touched by cancer. Because of your quick action and support, the event was able to reach affected groups.

Thank you, Putnam police, for traffic control, and on a short notice that had to be an inconvenient adjustment.

Thanks to Relay for Life leadership from this event's well-organized first meeting of the year to last Saturday's event, which was saved without compromise. Of special note, recognition of the efforts of experienced captains and a regional contact from previous years; much of this year's success came from their prior knowledge and energy.

Relay for Life involved 35 teams, 70 survivors, 45 sponsors and a generous public. The results this year from beginning to the dramatic end were directly connected to their enthusiasm and commitment.

Thank you to all involved by role and support from wherever it came.

WOODY DURST
 WOODSTOCK

I will not support Killingly's budget until our leaders show some responsibility

To the Editor:
 This is a short open letter to the Killingly Town Council, the Killingly Board of Education and the Killingly Town Manager.

You got your 2023 budgets approved. Now that there has been some time to let the dust settle, I would like to share my thoughts.

I find it galling that the Town Council reacted like we were asking them to donate a kidney when they were asked to trim the increase in their first version. Why? When it was confirmed the tribe would refuse to include Killingly in the gambling funds distribution, it was presented to the public as practically a rounding error in the total budget. But when citizens demanded cuts to the budget in a smaller amount, there were dire warnings that essential services would be cut.

Let me be clear — I don't give a hoot what the mascot is. I give a hoot that property owners are unfairly paying what amounts to a

\$94,000 licensing fee to keep the one we have. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay to off-set the lost income or the lost services that \$94,000 would provide.

I am not resurrecting the mascot issue for any reason other than it symbolizes that there is a lack of seriousness on the part of town leaders to take all necessary steps to balance income and costs. I am talking only of the dollars and cents lost. I am making no judgment on the ethics of the issue. Town leaders are needlessly costing taxpayers money, especially money retired people on fixed incomes could better have in their own pocket.

Personally, I will not support another budget for the town or the Board of Education until town leaders have rectified this problem to secure these funds.

Thank you.

DAVID SMITH
 DANIELSON

Antiques, auctions, and collectibles news

Today's round-up of the latest antiques, auctions, and collectibles news begins here in New England, where a rare envelope sent via Pony Express will be hitting the auction block later this month. The letter was post-marked Oct. 5, 1861, and sent to John H. Lyons in Colchester, Vermont, accord-



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
 WAYNE TUISKULA

duced to CNN. The letter is no longer with the envelope and there is no return address, so the sender remains unknown. The Colchester Historical Society said Lyons "served in the 13th Vermont Regiment, Company D during the Civil War, incorporated a local butter and cheese factory, and later became postmaster." The Pony Express operated across the United States from April 1860 to October 1861. At the time, horse and rider relay teams were considered the most efficient way to communicate cross country. The letter cost \$1 to send, which would be equivalent to \$35 today. It's believed that only 250 letters were delivered

by Pony Express and most were delivered to metropolitan areas, so the Northern Vermont address is rare. Bidding will begin at \$2,500 and I'll report on what the letter brings in a future column.

Across the pond, a doll that was destined for the dumpster ended up bringing a tidy sum for an English family. The "Kammer & Reinhardt Walter 102" bisque doll was produced in Germany around 1910. It is one of a few examples known to exist after the dolls became less popular following World War I, according to "Business Insider." The British family was clearing items out their mother's home. The doll had originally belonged to the grandmother of the woman handling the sale. She said she remembered the doll always being in the living room growing up. A "naughty puppy" at one point chewed off the doll's foot. She and her husband were sorting items to keep and those to be discarded. She placed the doll in the trash pile, but her husband moved it aside to keep it. The doll



had very lifelike features and was described doll as creepy and spooky looking. Despite its looks and the dog damage, a British auction house sold it for £52,675 (approximately \$66,000 USD).

We are offering a large doll collection in our Chicopee estate sale, as well as other antiques, collectibles, and thousands of other items. The sale will take place on June 23 through June 25. Our online auction of antique and vintage toys, baseball cards, sports memorabilia, guitars, and pop culture collectibles is running now through June 21. We will have another online auction later this month starting with gold and costume jewelry, sterling silver, nautical paintings and memorabilia, other art, pocket watches, stoneware, duck decoys, antique firearms, and a wide variety of other

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Don't eat the peanut butter



BEYOND THE PEWS
 JOHN HANSON

Junior?"

"No," replied the second mouse, "last I saw him, he was on his way to explore a hole in the floor that smelled like peanut butter."

"You're kidding!" gasped the first mouse. "If he goes missing, that will be the fifth one this month. Just last Friday Casey was found dead with peanut butter in her mouth. Why do we keep going after the stuff that takes us out? You would think we'd learn."

Being much wiser and higher on the food chain, we humans have a little better understanding of the world than mice. We know that mice have been getting trapped using peanut butter for decades. It works. You would think the word would get out. Why do the mice keep falling for the same deadly trick? Why don't they put a warning on their social media outlets saying, "Don't eat the peanut butter!"

But wait, humans have not fared much better. We have our "peanut butter." For millennia, there have been a few simple baits that have systematically thinned our population. Even with much research and many sources of social media, we continue to stampe toward these known killers. The most obvious of these deadly tempters is drugs and alcohol. Even before the steep increase in opioid deaths that we are currently witnessing, the American Addiction Center reported the following statistics:

Up to 75 percent of individuals who begin treatment for a Substance Use Disorder report having engaged in physical assault, mugging, using a weapon to attack another person, and other violent crimes.

The connection between drug addiction, alcoholism, and violence crosses many thresholds (individual psychology, public health, and domestic violence, to name a few), and is vitally important in understanding the scope of how controlled substances can affect people.

In 2016, alcohol caused approximately 90,000 domestic violence deaths worldwide.

Alcohol or drug use is involved in 40-60 percent of domestic abuse situations.

More than half of individuals who abuse their elder parents (age 60 or older) are dependent on alcohol or drugs.

Each year, about 300,000 victims of violent assaults report that their attackers were under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol plays a role in 32 percent of all murders in the United States.

Chronic substance users have a greater risk of dying by suicide.

Severe alcohol intoxication—by the perpetrator, victim, or both—plays a part in nearly half of all violent crimes and sexual assaults.

80% of child abuse cases involve the use of drugs and alcohol.

Although the statistics are sad, the implications could be very positive. If each of us would make the personal choice to abstain from drugs and alcohol we could immediately save hundreds of thousands of people, billions of dollars and enormous amounts of pain and hurt each year. If we altered our cautions from "drink responsibly" to "don't drink the poison," or from "don't drink and drive" to "don't drink," our society would prosper. We have the power to reduce homelessness, child abuse and violent crime... if we would simply stop eating the peanut butter!

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Retirement strategy: Money & longevity

When considering your retirement strategy, how much thought do you give to how long you might live? It can be an uncomfortable reality to consider, but this shouldn't dissuade you from giving it some serious thought.

For many people preparing for retirement, one of the biggest fears is running out of money. If you've lived to 65 years, you will probably live to at least 84 years if you're male and 87 years if you're female, according to Social Security tables.

These are only estimates, but it's important to keep in mind that you might live much longer than you expect, and some household members could outlive others by many years.1 You might, in fact, live to 100 years and beyond: the National Institute on Aging anticipates that the number of centenarians will grow by a factor of 10 during the first half of this century, representing a host of challenges for anyone attempting to devise a retirement strategy.1

Healthcare costs
For example, healthcare

costs must be incorporated. As you age, your healthcare needs will likely grow from simple doctor's visits to potentially living in an extended care facility. These costs naturally increase over time, whether through inflation, market volatility, or other factors. So, while you can look at today's prices as a guide, you will likely need much more money to cover your healthcare. Medicare will help, but it doesn't cover everything, including a lengthy stay in extended care.2

Pursuing your interests and living well

Your retirement strategy might include a spending plan that considers the likelihood that you will want to travel, pursue your interests, and spend time with family, as well as that allows for a long life and covers the associated financial expenditures. Unless you are working beyond retirement age, it can be difficult to make up for a market dip, emergency expense, or heavy spending, so your strategy should cover many circumstances.

How much will you need to withdraw per year without



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diminishing your account too quickly, while still controlling for inflation and other factors? Calculating this as part of your retirement strategy may be essential. While some financial professionals have downplayed the 4% rule in recent years—the amount of your investments used in the first year of retirement—and have revised it upward or downward as needed, the theory is that you may be able to live on your retirement funds for upwards of 30 years or more.3

Other factors to keep in mind
Other factors to consider include focusing on tax-efficient withdrawals from your retirement accounts. You might also decide that working longer or taking Social Security later (allowing for larger payouts

per month) could extend your retirement strategy further. Of course, these topics and others will be addressed while working with a financial professional to form a retirement strategy and put it into action. If nothing else, you should now appreciate what a significant undertaking your retirement strategy represents, as well as how relieving it will be to have help along the way.

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A century of graduations

I had the pleasure on June 6 of attending another Witness Stone dedication to memorialize an individual who had been enslaved in Northeastern Connecticut. Students at the Woodstock Middle School paid tribute to Cuff Fellows and dedicated his Witness Stone in front of the Woodstock Congregational Church. Since a recent Villager carried a long article on him, I won't repeat the information. Special thanks to The Last Green Valley Heritage Corridor for their support of the Witness Stone programs in our region.



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June is the month of graduations, so I thought I'd see if the Killingly High School Alumni files contained something about the class which graduated 100 years ago. This class would have attended what is now the Killingly Community Center on Broad Street. The graduation program listed over thirty students in the Classical Course, Scientific Course, General Course, and Commercial Course. Keep in mind that this was still a time when many students left formal education after eighth grade and worked in the local mills or at other jobs.

The 1923 folder held a program for the play, which the class had presented at the Orpheum theatre on Dec. 15, 1922: Come Out of the Kitchen (a comedy in three acts). Music between the acts was performed by an orchestra from the junior class assisted by Mr. Henry Leach. Perhaps you'll notice the name of a relative among the cast of characters—listed in order

of appearance. Paul Dangerfield, alias Smithfield-Lawrence E. Kilpatrick; Charles Dangerfield, alias Ariminta-Pauline O. Boulaine; Olivia Dangerfield, alias Jane Ellen-Irma Perry; Amanda, Olivia's Black Mammy-Alice A. Jordan; Randolph Weeks, agent of the Dangerfields-Richard W. Varney; Barton Crane, from the North-Max E. Bretschneider; Mrs. Falkner; Tucker's sister-Janet M. Paine;

Cora Falkner; her daughter-Eloise V. Babson; Solon Tucker, Crane's attorney and guest-Gilbert L. Reeves; Thomas Lefferts, statistical poet-Arthur A. Bessette. Coach-Mr. John P. Heald. I'll bet it would have been a fun play to watch! I'm going to see what I can find on the Internet.

When I was researching Rufus Malbone (who had his horse buried with him) in the family files at the Killingly Historical Center, I came across a transcription of an 1811 letter from Evan Malbone, Jr. to his wife. I think you will be as amazed at some of the places he mentioned and the general information contained in the letter. Malbone showed up in the 1810 Federal census in Killingly and was living north of the present Killingly Memorial School in what was called by some the Westfield section of Killingly. His old home is still standing on the north corner of Stearns Street and Route 12. The following are extracts from the letter:

“Archangell, July 21, 1811. My Dear Wife. It has again pleased the Lord to conduct your affectionate Husband safe across the

ocean and bring me safe to our desired port where we arrived yesterday after a very short and truly agreeable voyage of 61 days. It was so sudden a thing, my coming this voyage, that when we left N. York I had but a minute to write you and that after we received the pilot aboard to conduct us to sea and he carried my letter ashore...My Dear Your Evan has enjoyed an uncommon good state of health ever since we parted although very low in spirits till I obtain(ed) this birth (sic) as mate at \$35 per month and have belonged to the Brig Jane Barnes upwards of two months...She proves to be one of the best vessels at sea and very tight...Captain Durkie...much of a gentleman...treated me with the friendship of a Brother which he is in the Masonic tie...I suppose you wonder I do not speak of Mary Avis. I Long to see her as well as you my dear Nabby and embrace you both...

“We have not seen a star nor no darkness since the 28th of last June and have had the sun above the horizon 25 days but night she set about two hours and then rose again at midnight and she appeared in the north about 6 a.m. the highest from the surface of the water. We have navigated the coast of Lapland round for 700 miles the whole of which country has more or less snow on it now in their summer and it so cold for us I assure you woolen stockings and mittens are very comfortable. We doubled the N. Cape of Lapland to enter the White Sea the 20th of July...I shall write to father. Remember me to your kind Father and Mother who are a father and mother to me...I will conclude if you will give Mary Avis a kiss for me and accept yourself of my warmest affection through life.

Plug into your power

Let's dive into one of life's big questions: How can we make our dreams come true? You might have heard about people who seem to pull off miracles, accomplishing feats that seemed impossible. Is there a hidden trick? A magic formula?

The human body is buzzing with chemicals known as peptides. They help us to think, move, and feel. We also have electricity coursing through our bodies. A resting adult produces an output of around 100 watts. We are chemical, electric beings.

Think of your cellphone; it has an invisible electric bubble around it. The science whizzes call

this 'radiation.'

Our bodies are no different. We emit what's called thermal radiation. Most of our thermal radiation is in the infrared region.

There are theories and much research in Quantum Physics suggesting that our human electricity amplifies when we fill ourselves with love, joy, belief, and passion.

The idea is that when you believe, your energy field connects to a thing some Quantum Physicists have called The Quantum Field, a realm where anything and everything is possible.

It's like plugging into a cosmic energy grid.

When you are feeling sad, depressed, angry, and resentful, you're disconnecting from the field, and you cannot move effectively toward your dreams and desires.

The brilliant actor, Anthony Hopkins, said, “Whatever you want to do, believe it, believe it, believe it, even if you don't believe it...That is sheer power! And it will happen; It's worked in my life, and it will work in yours, so never give up!”

He is saying that belief is the key that turns on your potential. Think about this: before anything incredible happens, someone must believe it's possible first, or they won't even try.

Belief is the fuel in your car – without it, you aren't going anywhere. The beautiful thing is

when you believe something can happen, you get this incredible rush of energy. Your batteries charge up. You'll jump out of bed, ready to take on the world.

Once you take action and get moving, good things start to happen. When you see even tiny bits of success, your belief grows, and so does your passion. It's like a snowball rolling down a hill, picking up speed and getting bigger.

The great salesman, Tom Hopkins, put it perfectly: “You got to believe in what you do...You need to find something you love; in fact, it needs to go beyond a love. You have to have a passion for what you do...people will say yes to your conviction more than they will to your technical skills.”

When I started my company, all I had was a spark: a hope and a dream. People told me it was too big, too crazy, and that the industry giants would squash me like a

bug. But I believed in my dream, and once I had a firm belief, there was nothing anyone could say to stop me.

When a shady developer stole our initial investment of \$50,000, I was distraught yet undeterred.

Something unbelievable happened three days later. Someone far more qualified and talented decided to join our team to help us! Were my belief, passion, and confidence a factor in his decision? I'd say so.

If you love it, you'll believe in it. If you believe in it, you'll start to take action. When you take action, you'll see results; once you have results, you'll become convicted that you're on the right path. And with confidence comes the ability to bounce back when things don't go your way.

Even when you have belief, passion, and confidence, there will be times you fall flat on your face, and when you do, you'll get right back up

Galloway, Opal Lee, and others. Early celebrations date to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. They spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s.” (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth; also in the 4/21/23 column).

Celebrate Juneteeth at Old Sturbridge Village: Monday, June 19. The Village is open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Interact with guest speakers and performers and costumed educators. Admission is free that day.

Pomfret Historical Society Program: Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m. Pomfret Community Center, 207 Mashomoquet Rd. Killingly Town Historian Margaret Weaver will do a PowerPoint presentation on Abolition and the Underground Railroad in Northeastern Connecticut. (It will include new material if you saw the LiR presentation). All are welcome. Donations appreciated. Refreshments and society updates beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, June 2023. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329.

and keep moving because you're on a mission.

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In the Studio

“In the Studio” features artists from the Quiet Corner—home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this series, we’ll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns.



CYNTHIA SAARI

ing is working alongside young people and introducing them to painting and drawing. I believe that everyone can learn to draw realistically and that we all have unique ways of communicating and expressing ourselves creatively. My role is to open those doors, offer a safe space, and model what I say. Please describe your studio(s) for us.

I have several spaces that I use as working areas. My basement studio is for messy work, the greenhouse for doodling, and the “library” for small drawing and watercolor projects. The main studio is actually my classroom at Pomfret School. It is a large space with great energy (and supplies), music and a setting for sharing my creative and problem-solving process with students.

You work in many mediums. Is there one you haven’t tried and would like to?

I want to weld! In one of your previous interviews, you talked to Nick Swearer, an amazing sculptor who works in many mediums but is a master of metal. He is a great teacher and I am going to take him up on his offer to teach me.

Any advice for aspiring art students?

Go for it and enjoy the journey. In my studio, we don’t focus on learning foundational skills, especially at the intro levels (there is time later for that and any good art school will drill that into you your first semester), instead we explore ways to express ourselves and communicate through art. We play a lot with materials, talk about our creative processes, share, collaborate, exhibit, and learn how to talk about art.

Please describe your process in developing a theme for a show. Which comes first, the idea or the work?

Coming up with a concept is never a problem, there are plenty of ideas; the challenge is choosing one and doing a deep dive into how best to best represent it. I equate the process with driving onto a highway. On the entrance ramp, which is the development stage, I’m drafting ideas, sipping on wine (not really when driving), brainstorming and mashing through ideas, but once on the highway I get into the “zone” and cruise.

In this interview, we’re meeting with artist Jean-Paul “J.P.” Jacquet. Painter, sculptor, illustrator, and educator, I had the pleasure of meeting J.P. at his recent opening: Influencers. In work which expresses the joy of creativity, Jacquet’s pieces move from vibrant cartoonish characters and objects to quiet contemplations of the landscape. A world traveler, J.P. is the Artist in Residence at Pomfret School and, with his family, leads the “L’Atelier au Chateau” experience—artist retreats in France for teens and adults.

Thanks for making time for this interview! I understand you’ll be off to France soon. What will be the first things on your “to do” list once you get there?

I’m going to buy a bottle of red wine, a baguette, a saucisson, stinky cheese, and 2 Oranginas and enjoy them with my family on the balcony of our home in Caramany.

What were the key influences in becoming a professional artist?

I graduated from Syracuse University as an illustrator and quickly realized that I wasn’t meant for that world. I moved out of NYC and found my peeps in the art scene of Providence RI. We were living in large industrial spaces, with no money but surrounded by creative, expressive, and supportive people. Creating art for myself and sharing it with others was a calling.

You’ve been an art educator for many years. What do you find the most satisfying aspect of teaching?

I have always looked for an excuse to quit a job and move on to something else, but I have yet to find a reason to leave Pomfret School. I had a three-year plan, and it has now been 23 years. The most satisfying aspect of my teach-



What art supplies do you take with you when travelling?

I always have a sketchbook and watercolors.

You are balancing teaching, making art, and family....that sounds challenging. Any thoughts on that?

It is a balance with challenges but the priority is family, then art and teaching. If family and self aren’t healthy, then the rest falls apart.

Every artist has failures as well as successes, true or false?

True. I stumble all the time, but the older you get the better you are at turning failures into successes.

How does living in the Quiet Corner impact your work?

I moved here for a job, never picturing myself in Connecticut, but I was looking for a place where I take deep breath and walk barefoot in grass. Pomfret is beautiful and we love the Quiet Corner. We are surrounded by talented artists and people that genuinely appreciate and support the arts.

If you could have a conversation with any artist, from any time period, who would that be and why?

Alexander Calder. Photos of his studio in France inspire the heck out of me. He was a prolific creative problem solver, a tinkerer, and an artist with a sense of humor. I sense that talking art with a bottle of red, in an outdoor French cafe would be amazing.

What are you working on presently?

After completing the “Influencers” show, I have now embarked on illustrating a book that chronicles our crazy journey of purchasing a house in France and the subsequent renovation process.

Thank you so much for this interview. I encourage readers who wish to learn more about your work to visit jeanpauljacquet.com. Have a great summer!



Word of the day:



Atelier: (French) studio or workshop

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock) is a nationally recognized framework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 25 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitationals. She offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner & is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.



Managing insects and diseases in the garden

A bit of prevention goes a long way in minimizing insect and disease problems in the garden. Enlist a holistic approach known as Plant Health Care to manage your ornamental and edible gardens. It starts with proper plant selection and care and ends with using the most eco-friendly controls when problems do occur.

Start by selecting plants suited to the growing conditions. Match your plants to the light, soil, and other growing conditions in your yard. You’ll have healthier plants that require less ongoing care and are less prone to pests, helping to increase your gardening success.

Look for and purchase the most pest-resistant plants available. Garden phlox and bee balm are frequently attacked by powdery mildew. Purchase mildew-resistant varieties like Backlight with white flowers, Glamour Girl with hot coral pink blossoms, and the Ka-Pow series that comes in a variety of colors. Look for mildew-resistant bee balm varieties like the Sugar Buzz series

in shades of lavender, pink and red, and the compact Balmy series to reduce the risk of this disease.

Provide proper care throughout the growing season. Water thoroughly and only as needed to encourage a deep robust root system better able to absorb needed nutrients and water. Apply water directly to the soil and early in the morning to reduce the risk of disease and water loss to evaporation. Mulch the soil surface with shredded leaves and evergreen needles to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil. This one task provides many benefits to you and your plants.

Avoid over-fertilization. Excess nitrogen promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to insects and disease and may interfere with flowering and fruiting.

Check plants regularly and throughout the season for any signs of insects and disease. Look on the upper and lower surface of the leaves and along the stems. It is much easier to treat



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MELINDA MYERS

a small population of insects or pluck off a few diseased leaves than trying to control large pest populations.

Properly identify the pest. Most insects, over 97 percent, are good guys that pollinate our plants, eat insect pests, and help compost plant waste. Knowing the good from the bad and the harmful from those that are just annoying can save you time, money, and frustration. Consult your University Extension’s website, local botanic gardens, and other horticulture professionals for help with diagnosing and treating problems.

And if control is needed, look for eco-friendly options. A thorough cleanup is often enough to reduce insect and disease problems to a tolerable level. Spraying plants with a strong blast of water to dislodge aphids and mites, knocking

problem insects into a can of soapy water, or removing spotted leaves may be all that’s needed.

Use barriers like floating row covers to prevent damage from cabbage worms and bean beetles. University research has found that with proper timing these products can also help reduce the risk of squash vine borer, squash bugs, and cucumber bacterial wilt.

If you opt for chemical control, look for an organic or the most eco-friendly product labeled for managing disease or insect pests. As always, read and follow label directions for the best and safest results.

Enlisting a holistic approach allows you to work with nature to grow a beautiful and productive garden.

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



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uting editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Woodstock Academy students earn scholarships and awards at Class Night

WOODSTOCK — Members of the class of 2023, families, faculty, and the greater Woodstock Academy community gathered in the Loos Center for the Arts on Friday, June 9, for the annual Class Night and Baccalaureate program.

Throughout the evening, soon-to-be graduates were honored with 302 awards and scholarships. Generous donors and community partners contributed to the more than \$78,465 awarded to Woodstock Academy students during the event.

By a vote of the senior class, social studies teacher Melany Gronski was chosen as the inspirational speaker for the Baccalaureate portion of the evening.

Senior class president, Bryn Miller of Woodstock, welcomed the families, guests, and classmates. Senior class treasurer, Davis Simpson of Brooklyn, presented the senior class gift.

147 seniors received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

2023 awards and scholarships

Charlotte Adase: High Achievement in Ceramics 1, Outstanding Achievement in Gallery Management; Aaron Allard: High Achievement in Spanish 6 ACC, High Achievement in Symphonic Band, WAMPA Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship; Mario Alvarez Calvo: Outstanding Achievement in Introduction to Engineering CAD, Outstanding Achievement in Physics; Brooke Arpin: Bethany T. Dauray Memorial Scholarship; Stella Atchinson: High Achievement in Spanish 3 HON; Roman Artzolino: 20 x 30 Art Show, Outstanding Achievement in Drawing 2 ECE; Emilia Babbitt: CR Premier Properties Entrepreneurial Award; Trey Barrett: Outstanding Achievement in Drawing; Ava Basak: High Achievement in Ceramics 1, High Achievement in Forensics; Mikayla Bessette: Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2CP; Yehor Bezshchasnyi: Accounting Award, Outstanding Achievement in AP European History; Emma Blanchette: William & Gladys Murdock Scholarship, David & Helen Scholarship, Helen Plassmann Memorial Scholarship; Owen Bland: Nancy Brush Memorial, Eagle Scout Award, High Achievement in Beginning Ancient Greek HON, National Honor Society Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in International Relations; Kayanna Bourassa: Douglas Foisy Memorial Scholarship, High Achievement in Forensics, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4 Honors; Eileen Breton: High Achievement in Glee Club; Carah Bruce: Woodstock Agricultural Society Fern Phaneuf Memorial Scholarship; Lauren Brule: High Achievement in ECE Calculus, High Achievement in Introduction to Careers; Alyson Bunning: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Make Your Mark Scholarship; Desiree Cabassa: The Academy Humanitarian Scholarship; Tate Chavez: High Achievement in Forensics, Wiltsie Most

Improved in Science Award; Jiajun Chen: High Achievement in Drawing 2 ECE; Daniel Chenail: High Achievement in Ceramics 2; Mitchell Child: Head of School Award - 2022/23 School Year; Marvin N. & Susan Weed Sherman Memorial Scholarship; Matthew Chuck: High Achievement in Exploring Multimedia, High Achievement in Guitar 2; Avery Collin: Outstanding Achievement in Digital Drawing; Brianna Connors: High Achievement in Introduction to Careers, Outstanding Achievement in College & Career Readiness, Senexet Grange Helena B. Duffy Scholarship; Gabrielle Couture: American Legion Americanism Award, CABA Student Leadership Award, Community Foundation of Eastern CT Laura Fish-Kelly Scholarship, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship; Ethan Craig: Outstanding 4-Year Achievement in History & Social Sciences, Putnam Lodge #46 Masons Dean E. Bunnell Community Service Award, Gerry Suprenant Memorial Scholarship, President's Volunteer Service Award; Shannon Cunniff: Congressional Certificate of Merit, Outstanding Achievement in Latin 3, Putnam Rotary Leon Archambault Memorial Scholarship, QVR Rotaract Scholarship, Senior Video Contest - Best Script, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship, Woodstock Agricultural Society Preston T. Roberts Memorial Scholarship, Woodstock Lions Club Scholarship; James D'Alleva-Bochain: Arlene Bradley Memorial Scholarship Science Award, Susan Dorrance Gordon Scholarship Outstanding Math Student, High Achievement in Art 1, High Achievement in Spanish 5 AP ACC, Outstanding 4-Year Achievement in History, Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus BC, Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics, Richardson (David & Helen) Scholarship, Williams Scholarship Academic Scholarship; Alexis Danila: High Achievement in Culinary Arts, Outstanding Achievement in ECE Statistics, The Town of Woodstock Fire and Life Safety Scholarship sponsored by Jeffco Mfg.; Taylor Danner: Outstanding Achievement in Music Biz, President's Volunteer Service Award; Carolina DaSilva: Head of School Award - 2022/23 School Year, Eleanor Peterson Lawton Memorial Scholarship, Tri-M Award, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Jesus De La Torre: Outstanding Achievement in Art I, South Campus Community Leader Award; Jaydon Deras: Outstanding Achievement in AP Psychology, High Achievement in AP Calculus BC, Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science, Outstanding Achievement in Italian 2 HON, Williams Scholarship (Robertson Essay) 1st Place; Jade Desmond: John Conover Memorial Scholarship, High Achievement in Family Foods & Nutrition, Outstanding Achievement in Italian 4 ACC; Hayden Desrosiers:

Outstanding Achievement in Introduction to Manufacturing; Gavin Driscoll: German Honor Society Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in German 4 HON; Lennon Favreau: Board of Trustees Academic Committee Service Award, Dr. David Bates/Dr. Rudolph Klare Memorial Scholarship, President's Volunteer Service Award, Putnam Rotary Ray & Violet Brousseau Memorial Scholarship, TEEG Fran Roy Memorial Scholarship, Williams Scholarship (Robertson Essay) 3rd Place, Williams Scholarship Yale Honor Cup, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Alexandra Flint: High Achievement in 3D Animation; Katie Fortin: High Achievement in Piano 1; Yunlei Ge: Outstanding Achievement in Accounting; Zachary Gessner: High Achievement in Forensics, Outstanding Achievement in International Business; Maximiliano Gonzalez: High Achievement in Piano 1; Chance Graley: High Achievement in Piano 2, Outstanding Achievement in Family & Consumer Science; Kylie Gregory: English Teacher's Award for Hard Work and Effort; Hadley Grether: High Achievement in Pastry & Baking; Lucas Gustafson: Eagle Scout Award; Collin Hamilton: David Teed Academy Ambassador Award, August Walter "Gus" Loos Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Multicultural Foods, Senior Video Contest - Best Technical Execution; Teofila Hardy: High Achievement in Digital Drawing, Outstanding Achievement in Introduction to Musical Theatre; Magnolia Hart: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Make Your Mark Scholarship, President's Volunteer Service Award, The Town of Woodstock Fire and Life Safety Scholarship sponsored by Rogers Corp. & Woodstock Fire Marshall's Office; Caira Hassett: High Achievement in Pastry & Baking, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Olivia Haynes: High Achievement in Latin 4 ACC; Anna Hryshchenko: High Achievement in College & Career Readiness; Jeong Yeon Hwang: High Achievement in AP Computer Science; Carly Ignacio: Dylan Goulet Memorial Scholarship; Aleena Jafar-DeCesare: Head of School Award - 2022/23 School Year, Outstanding Achievement in Music Technology 2, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 6 ACC, Williams Scholarship (Robertson Essay) 2nd Place; Olivia Jendrewski: President's Volunteer Service Award; Ricky Jessurun: 20 x 30 Art Show, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship; Hannah Johnson: High Achievement in Photography 1; Nathan Joseph: 20 x 30 Art Show, High Achievement in Drawing 2 ECE, High Achievement in Introduction to Engineering CAD, High Achievement in Music Technology 1, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 2 HON; Jacob Jurnovoy: Laskey Memorial Scholarship, Kenneth Beatson Award; Esmeralda Kasnecki:

National Honor Society Scholarship; Mario Kasnecki: High Achievement in Introduction to Manufacturing; Molly Katkaveck: Outstanding Achievement in Mandarin 1; Jeremiah Keller: High Achievement in Game Design, Edward "Bud" Rondeau Memorial Scholarship; Landen Kuchy: Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Engineering Robotics; Ava Lanoue: Christopher Bradley Christopher Memorial Scholarship; Caitlin LaVallee: High Achievement in Forensics, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4 ACC, Abraham & Evelyn Rodensky Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing, Kristina Noe Memorial Scholarship; Annika LeBoeuf: 20 x 30 Art Show, David Teed Academy Ambassador Award, High Achievement in Studio Art, Outstanding Achievement in Stop Motion Animation, President's Volunteer Service Award, Putnam Rotary Ray Brousseau Memorial Scholarship, Senior Video Contest - Best Script; Curtis Lefebvre: 20 x 30 Art Show, Outstanding Achievement in Photography 1; Sydney Lord: Wesley Woronecki Scholarship; Leila MacKinnon: Board of Trustees Student Life Committee Service Award, Charles, Millicent & Richard Noren Memorial Scholarship, President's Volunteer Service Award, QVR Rotaract Scholarship; Elizabeth Mard: Outstanding Achievement in German 1 HON; Trinity Marrier: High Achievement in Aerospace Engineering; Jack Marshall: Michael Wlaskiewicz Memorial Award; Madison Martinez: High Achievement in Latin 3; Anna Masan: High Achievement in Entrepreneurship; Olivia Mawson: Louise P. Jordan Memorial Outstanding Vocalist Award; Dylan Mayo: Girl Scouts Gold Award, High Achievement in Pastry & Baking, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship; Kaden McCullough-Murphy: Outstanding Achievement in Introduction to Careers; Alexis Mercado: Outstanding Achievement in The Developing Child; Kamden Meyer: German Language Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in German 3 HON, Outstanding Achievement in Music Technology 1; Bryn Miller: Senexet Grange John F. Duffy Scholarship, Woodstock Agricultural Society H. Dexter Young Memorial Scholarship; Elizabeth Morgis: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Jerry Baggish & John Geissler Union School Association Scholarship, Charles Cournoyer Memorial Scholarship; Abigail Morin: Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology, Outstanding Achievement in Ceramics 1, Outstanding Achievement in English 4, Outstanding Achievement in Law, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 5 AP ACC; Ella Rose Musumeci: Charter Oak Federal Credit Union Community Scholarship, QRS & Northwoods Judy Nilan Memorial Scholarship, Most Deserving Senior Lucy Ingraham Parkerton Award, Woodstock Academy Music Parents

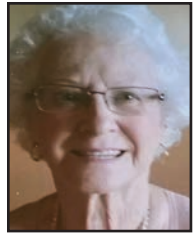
Association Scholarship; Magdalena Myslenski: Kenneth Beatson Award, High Achievement in Concert Band, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3 Honors; Matthew Myslenski: Eagle Scout Award, Outstanding Achievement in Biology, Williams Scholarship Yale Honor Cup; Elias Newall-Vuillemot: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Armelde Pitre STEM Leadership, Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Angela Newell: High Achievement in Photography 2; Andrew Newton: High Achievement in Culinary Arts; Cormac Nielsen: High Achievement in Spanish 3 HON, Outstanding Achievement in Aerospace Engineering, Outstanding Achievement in Symphonic Band, William L. Parkerton Music Award; Ellie Nunes: Outstanding Achievement in Exploring Multimedia, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship, Woodstock Education Foundation Director's Award; Maya Orbeozo: High Achievement in Music Technology 2, High Achievement in Stop Motion Animation, Linemaster Switch Business Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Concert Band, Tri-M Silas Bunnell Memorial Scholarship; Abigail Owens: Putnam Lodge #46 Masons Marvyn A. Barrett Masonic Memorial Education Award; Paige Owens: Outstanding Achievement in AP Computer Science, Williams Scholarship Academic Scholarship; Noah Page: Outstanding Achievement in Game Design; Nikolina Pandurevic: Board of Trustees Student Life Committee Service Award, Outstanding Achievement in Ceramics 2, South Campus Community Leader Award; Natalia Pavia Zarate: High Achievement in International Business; Jillian Plouffe: High Achievement in Introduction to Musical Theatre, Outstanding Achievement in Mixed Chorus; Kylie Quercia: Outstanding Achievement in History of Rock and Roll; Sophia Quinn: Dylan Goulet Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Pastry & Baking; Austin Quinney: Eagle Scout Award; Fiona Rigney: David H. Luppi Memorial Scholarship, The Town of Woodstock Fire and Life Safety Scholarship sponsored by Treehouse Brewery; Wyatt Robbie: Most Deserving Senior Nelson Morse Award; Natalie Romano: Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Forensics; Lillian Rossi: Outstanding Achievement in Military History; Aubrey Rumrill: 20 x 30 Art Show; Parker Sallum: High Achievement in Gallery Management; Nathaniel Sarette: Outstanding Achievement in Beginning Ancient Greek HON; Braiden Saucier: O'Brien Group Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Entrepreneurship, Senexet Grange Helena B. Duffy Scholarship, Wesley Woronecki Scholarship; Adele Schmidt: High Achievement in German

4 HON ACC, Natalie & Robert W. Randall Memorial Award; Jonathan Sebastian: High Achievement in Digital Media Production; Lillian Sharpe: Elias Farquhar Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Hannah Green Memorial Scholarship, Karen's Cause Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Early Childhood Education, Outstanding Achievement in Sign Language, Martha Paul Memorial Scholarship, QRS Compassion Scholarship, WAEA Scholarship; Davis Simpson: American Legion Americanism Award, David Teed Academy Ambassador Award, High Achievement in Spanish 4 ACC; Gianna Smith: High Achievement in Sign Language; Grace Smith: High Achievement in German 3 HON; Aidan Soderman: Head of School Award - 2022/23 School Year, Outstanding Achievement in Digital Media Production; Isabella Sorrentino: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship, Wakely Foundation Scholarship; Madison Souvigny: Charter Oak Federal Credit Union Community Scholarship; Cameron Stevens: High Achievement in Introduction to Manufacturing; Ciara Stevens: President's Volunteer Service Award; Isabel Sumner: CABA Student Leadership Award, David Teed Academy Ambassador Award, High Achievement in Photography 1; Linzhuoran Sun: High Achievement in Guitar 1; Xin Sun: High Achievement in Spanish 2 HON, Outstanding Achievement in ECE Calculus, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 1 Honors; Alexandra Thompson: Outstanding Achievement in Prenatal Development & Infancy; Owen Tracy: High Achievement in Ceramics 1, National Honor Society Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Architectural Design, Outstanding Achievement in Studio Art, President's Volunteer Service Award, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Xiaodan Wang: 20 x 30 Art Show, High Achievement in Digital Drawing; Nicholas Webster: Community Foundation of Eastern CT Take Note! Anotonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship, Susan Dorrance Gordon Latin Prize, Outstanding Achievement in Chorale, Outstanding Achievement in Latin 4 ACC, Tri-M Award, Woodstock Academy Music Parents Association Scholarship, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship, Woodstock Lions Club Scholarship; Liam Wilcox: David W. Marsland Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Photography 2, Senexet Grange Helena B. Duffy Scholarship, Woodstock Agricultural Society Scholarship; Roodney Yee: Outstanding Achievement in 3D Animation; Cooper York: Outstanding Achievement in Piano 2; Violet Young: Charles Couture Memorial Award, High Achievement in Music Technology 1, Outstanding Achievement in Music Fundamentals ECE.

OBITUARIES

Rita Jeannette Fauteux, 92

Putnam – Rita Jeannette Fauteux, Age 92, formerly of Sabin Street, Putnam CT died Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Brookdale on Eddy Pond in Auburn Mass where she had resided since March 2021. She was the loving wife for 53 years of the late



Gaëtan Fauteux, who passed away on August 20, 2006. Born in Ste-Catherine de Kateville P.Q., Canada, she was the daughter of the late Wilfrid Lamoureux and Germaine (Choquette) Lamoureux.

Rita and her family immigrated to Rhode Island in 1966 and moved to Connecticut in 1969. She worked as a seamstress for many years. She was a member of the Putnam & Plainfield Senior Citizens Club, the Quinebaug Senior Center in Brooklyn and was a communicant of St. Mary Church.

Rita is survived by her daughter Lyne A. Grillo and her husband Jean-Pierre of Putnam, her brother Gilles Lamoureux of Magog P.Q. Canada, her twin sister Gamma Lavallee of Longueuil P.Q. Canada, her sisters Cécile Fontaine of Longueuil P.Q. Canada, Armelle Doucet of Magog P.Q. Canada and Bernadette Vaillancourt

of Magog P.Q. Canada, her sister-in-law, Denise Lamoureux of Magog P.Q. Canada and her God-daughter Sandra Fontaine of St Jean-Sur-Richelieu P.Q. Canada, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and special friend Alice Smith. In addition to her husband, Rita was predeceased by a daughter, Dominique J. Fauteux on April 7, 2020, and by her brothers, Ivan Lamoureux and André Lamoureux.

Rita also leaves to mourn her passing her special family at Brookdale on Eddy Pond East, especially Karen B. and Jennifer H. and all the associates. The family extends their appreciation to everyone at Brookdale for the genuine love shown to Rita and her family. Rita was heartbroken that she would not live long enough to see Katlyn and Emily's baby girls.

Rita's Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Gilman-Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church Street, Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Flexer said. "That's why we worked so hard to secure these critical budget dollars for Day Kimball. The alternative, quite frankly, is to see Northeastern Connecticut turn into a primary care desert, with people having to drive long distances for medical appointments, for emergency care and care for chronic conditions. I'm grateful that our state delegation, with support from our federal delegation, was able to work together with Governor Lamont to support our hospital."

"Day Kimball Hospital is a critical resource and employer in our region. I am glad we were able to secure this state funding to maintain the hospital," said Boyd.

"It's important that Day Kimball receive this money and be able to continue to serve our area," said Hayes.

"We're always seeking ways to provide access to care, and improved outcomes for patients," Gordon said. "This is especially important for families in our rural part of the state, where options may be more limited. I'm pleased that we can work collaboratively to deliver this funding to

Day Kimball. Thank you to their talented staff for their hard work and commitment to deliver this care in our community."

"Day Kimball Health's Board and leadership team have been working tirelessly with our local, state, and federal delegation to secure financial support that will allow DKH to continue to provide the fullest array of services to those we are privileged to serve in our region," said Kyle Kramer, Chief Executive Officer of Day Kimball Health. "We are so grateful for the tremendous support and engagement we have received from our elected officials through this process, especially state Senator Mae Flexer and her staff and state Rep. Pat Boyd and his staff, both of whom pushed extremely hard for Day Kimball. In addition, thank you to state Representative Rick Hayes and his staff, along with state Sen. Jeff Gordon and his staff, who both worked across the aisle and supported our efforts and request. We also thank Congressman Joe Courtney and U.S. Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal and their teams for their commitment and support, as well as Gov. Ned Lamont and his office, and Attorney General William Tong and his

office for their support and engagement. These funds will be designated toward investments in clinical program advancements and the ongoing operational stabilization necessary to continue advancing the Day Kimball Health organization into the future."

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider of 1,100 employees comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, four healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield and Putnam, Day Kimball HomeMakers, Day Kimball HomeCare, and Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities.

The \$51.1 billion biennial state budget passed the Senate today on a bipartisan vote of 35-1 after previously passing the House 139-12. The new state budget includes \$612 million in personal income and pension tax cuts, \$232 million more in state aid to local school districts, and hundreds of millions of dollars for nonprofits to pay their employees higher wages.

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Local student graduates from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

TROY, N.Y. — On May 20, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) awarded a total of 1,988 degrees - 152 doctoral degrees, 390 Master's degrees, and 1,446 Bachelor's degrees - to 1,957 students, some of whom earned multiple degrees.

The following local student earned degrees:

Heather Converse, of Woodstock, graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Of the undergraduate students receiving bachelor's degrees, 18 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Among them was Jacob Gardiner Harris, who received the J. Erik Jonsson Prize, which was established by J. Erik Jonsson '22 to honor the senior who has achieved the highest academic record in the class.

Many graduates will continue their studies after graduation at RPI and universities such as Columbia University, Stanford University, and Cornell University. Others will begin professional positions with companies such as Dow Jones, Rockstar Games, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pfizer, Volvo Group, Boston Children's Hospital, Edwards Lifesciences, Mastercard, Consigli, and WL Gore.

Rensselaer graduates continue to enjoy overall higher starting salaries compared to national averages. Last year, the average starting salary for all reported undergraduate bachelor's degree candidates from the Class of 2022 was \$78,600.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is America's first technological research university. Rensselaer encompasses five schools, over 30 research centers, more than 140 academic programs including 25 new programs, and a dynamic community made up of over 6,800 students and 110,000 living alumni. Rensselaer faculty and alumni include upwards of 155 National Academy members, six members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, six National Medal of Technology winners, five National Medal of Science winners, and a Nobel Prize winner in Physics. With nearly 200 years of experience advancing scientific and technological knowledge, Rensselaer remains focused on addressing global challenges with a spirit of ingenuity and collaboration. To learn more, please visit www.rpi.edu.

Spencer Fulone of Thompson inducted into Delta Mu Delta, the International Business Honor Society

NEWTON, Mass. — Spencer Fulone, a recent Lasell University graduate from Thompson (06277), was acknowledged for their induction into Delta Mu Delta, the International Business Honor Society at the University's Commencement ceremony on May 13.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF **Ross A. Tufts (23-00203)**
The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate, by decree dated June 5, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Elyssa A. Foley, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Mark C. Dieterie
c/o JILL E ALWARD, LAW OFFICES OF JILL E ALWARD, LLC, 2490 BLACK ROCK TURNPIKE, #309, FAIRFIELD, CT 06824
June 16, 2023

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Brenda Duquette, Chief, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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June 16, 2023

The fiduciary is:
Susanne Farrar
c/o ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR, 163 PROVIDENCE STREET, P.O. BOX 187, PUTNAM, CT 06260
June 16, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF **Kathleen Wolchesky (23-00179)**
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TOWN OF THOMPSON
Planning and Zoning
LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and via ZOOM

PZC 23-19 Town of Thompson, 815 Riverside Drive, Planning and Zoning Commission application for Town of Thompson Zoning Regulations to correct Zoning Districts for Certain Parcels to Reflect Access to Public Utilities. Article 2, Section 9 Amendments
Files may be reviewed at the Planning and Zoning Office
June 16, 2023
June 23, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF **Polly C Hinckley (23-00204)**
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2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Chief, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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WILLIAMANTIC, CT 06226
June 16, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF **Jean Dubeau (23-00180)**
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The fiduciary is:
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June 16, 2023

Particle Accelerator event returns to Rotary Park

PUTNAM — Putnam's Rotary Park was filled once again last Saturday with live music and local residents and families enjoying the gorgeous day and the free family event, Particle Accelerator: A Day of Music and Hope.

Particle Accelerator is an annual benefit concert that raises awareness for suicide and depression and funds for United Services. Saturday marked the 17th annual concert and raised just over \$12,000 for local community behavioral health services.

The free, all day music festival featured 16 bands playing music of all genres and for all ages. The concert began at noon and continued until after 9 p.m. The event debuted a new second stage this year, using the cement pad that is home to the town's holiday ornament. Particle also added a food truck, Little B's BBQ, and several craft vendors for the first time this year.

"Wonderful music, lots of dancing, kids with balloons and friends with loving hugs," said event co-founder Grace Young. "Although a shower came through around 5 p.m., we saw the sun return. It's like that with life, too.



Local band Fleet performs at Particle Accelerator on Saturday June 10 at Rotary Park in Putnam.

Courtesy

Hope can be found, and we must dance through the showers."

The festival started in 2007 by family and friends of Putnam resident Jack Young, Jr., who died by suicide on his 27th birthday that year. Event organizers include Grace and

Jack Young, Sr. and Eric and Sandy Gould, all of Putnam.

The annual benefit concert has two main goals, organizers said. The first is to raise funds and awareness to support United Services, Inc., the

community behavioral health center serving 21 towns in northeastern Connecticut, including Putnam, for more than 58 years.

"United Services continues to see unprecedented numbers of individuals reaching out for help," said United

Services President/CEO Diane L. Manning. "Particle Accelerator is an opportunity to come together and support each other and talk about the importance of access to mental health services, and we are grateful to everyone who makes it happen."

Performers Saturday included: Kala Farnham, Llama Tsunami, The Papa Joe Show, Fleet and more.

The second event goal is to provide information and support for depression and suicide prevention, while promoting music and civic engagement as a healthy alternative to drug and alcohol abuse among young adults.

Saturday brought large crowds to the park, where residents could also learn about local mental health and other social service resources from United Services, the Windham County chapter for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Norwich Vet Center and Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW), who also set up an obstacle course for kids to enjoy at the event. The Putnam High School class of 1998, Jack Young, Jr.'s graduating class, also attended to mark their 25th graduation anniversary.

Particle Accelerator's Wall of Angels, a moving tribute to friends and family members lost to suicide, honored 333 people this year with photos on the wall and the lighting of luminaria at dusk.

Kaylynn Horan of Putnam named to UA Presidents List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Kaylynn Horan was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall semester 2022.

A total of 12,791 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges

and schools.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information, visit news.ua.edu.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global

reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

THOMPSON — The Thompson Recreation Department and Thompson Trails Committee are seeking corporate sponsorships for the 2023 Centreville Bank Thompson Turkey Trot schedule for Sunday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.

The 2022 race was the most successful to date, allowing Thompson Recreation and the Thompson Trails Committee to make a joint contribution of \$6,904.36 to the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG). This contribution was made possible

thanks to the support of over 40 corporate and individual sponsors. Sponsors are able to make donations at five different levels; Turkey Tails (up to \$100), Bronze (up to \$250), Silver (up to \$500), Gold (up to \$1,000), and Platinum (over \$1,000). In 2022, gold sponsors included Gerardi Insurance, Thompson Speedway, WT Rich & Company, Anya, and Day Kimball Hospital. Platinum sponsors from the 2022 race included BankHometown, G-7 Catering, and the title sponsor, Centreville Bank.

The 2023 Centreville Bank Thompson Turkey Trot will once again take place at the West Thompson Dam. Participants have the option of joining the 5K Trail Run or 3K Wobble (walk). 2022 saw 170 total participants in both the 5K race and 3K wobble, despite heavy precipitation throughout the day. In addition to the 5K and wobble, there is also a free kids fun run prior to the event. Registration for the 2023 race is currently open through www.racewire.com and at www.thompsonrec.org.

University of Saint Joseph announces 2023 spring Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD — University of Saint Joseph (USJ) undergraduate students earned their way to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. Students were awarded this academic achievement for having earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B."

"Students on the Dean's List exemplify academic excellence and their ability to achieve their goals. We are very proud of these students who join the network of accomplished USJ scholars competitively pursuing a range of studies from

health sciences to criminal justice," said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.

The following students were named to Dean's List:

Isabella Belanger, majoring in Nursing of Eastford

Alicia Smith, majoring in Nursing of Eastford

Emma Carpenter, majoring in Health Science, of Brooklyn

The University of Saint Joseph is the premier small private university in Connecticut developing professionals for in-demand fields of health care, social services, education, and the

sciences. A USJ degree is a proven credential for undergraduates seeking a traditional New England college setting with exceptional NCAA Division III athletics and a strong sense of community. For graduate students ready to learn more and earn more, USJ offers online, hybrid, and on-ground masters and doctoral programs with innovative modular curricula that attract students from around the world.

To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

STORRS — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2023.

Brooklyn Alexia Bourbeau, Stella DiPippo, Christopher Dooley, Cole Lavigne, Julia Purcell.

Danielson Mackenzie Farquhar, Daniel Raheb, Daniel Sychevsky.

Dayville Anabelle Bergstrom, Abby Card, Olivia Lamoureux, Connor O'Marra.

Easton Robert Ganim, Irena Kominakak, Mia Larkin, Brendan Mccarthy, Nick Oligino, Sophia Porzio, Jenna Salvatore, Benjamin Viselli, Sara Wiesenfeld, Mitchell Worthington.

Moosup Makayla Arriaga.

North Grosvenordale Nima Sherpa

Plainfield Rachel Harris, Kaitlyn Neumann, Robert Tristan.

Pomfret Center Claire Anderson, Sophie Archambault, Mckenna Gagnon, Katya Ionkina, Kevin Li.

Putnam Montana Cook, Tyler Eddy, Molly McKeon.

Windham Jillian Derjue, Alyssa Dupont, Isabelle Perez, Christopher Smith.

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Woodstock Valley Emma Kelleher, Ainslie Tschamler.

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year RHAM won the Division II Tournament with a score of 311 while Killingly finished third with a score of 328.

Four of the five Killingly golfers who competed in this year’s tournament finished in the top 20, led by Logan Gagnon’s team-best 4-over-par 76, which allowed him to finish tied for fourth place. Cameron Seiffert shot 79, allowing him to tie for 11th place, while Ethan Lackner (81) tied for 17th. Harrison Giambattista (82) finished in a tie for 19th.

Gagnon, Seiffert, Lackner, Giambattista and Matt Card, also a mainstay in the Killingly lineup this season, are all seniors.

“We had a great season,” Killingly boys’ golf coach Kevin Marcoux said. “There’s no question about that when we reflect back on it.

“Obviously we’re disappointed that on June 6 some of our guys didn’t play their best round, but anybody who plays the game of golf knows that on any one particular day you may not have your best game. And that goes from the amateur ranks all the way to the professional ranks,” Marcoux continued. “These kids were incredible.”

Marcoux said he was proud of how tenaciously his team battled throughout the Division II championship given the weather conditions and level of competition his five golfers were facing.

“The course was very windy that day. It’s up on a hill and it’s usually windy but this happened to be the day it was the windiest. It is what it is, everybody’s playing the same golf course,” Marcoux said. “In the game of golf sometimes you go out and the first four holes you struggle; nothing’s clicking, you’re not hitting the ball where you want to be. Everything is off,

“Despite the weather conditions and the fact that it was an off day for some of our players, I was proud of the way they battled all day and finished with respectable scores,” Marcoux continued. “It wasn’t the score they wanted, and it wasn’t the score that we wanted, but they didn’t give up at all in spite of adversity. Golf is a game of failure and adversity and it’s how you respond to those situations that will determine the outcome of the event.”

Marcoux said he wasn’t surprised Gagnon finished with team’s lowest score during the Division II tournament.

“Our five seniors are all great players. On any particular day any one of them can be the leading scorer. Logan had the low score a couple of times during the season and then at the state tournament he had a 76, which was a great score,” Marcoux said. “They can all play. It didn’t surprise me that Logan was our low man that day. What surprised me is the other guys struggled a little bit, but again, that’s golf. All five seniors were an individual medalist of at least one match during the season.”

At the 2023 Connecticut Open Golf Championship, held Saturday, June 10, at Black Hall Club in Old Lyme, Seiffert finished fourth, shooting 2-over-par 74.

“Cam was phenomenal,” Marcoux said. “The State Open is a competition between the best golfers in the state. Every golfer who participated had to qualify to play in the tournament. Cam had a really good day. He was playing with and against the three highest ranked players in the state and he held his own for the whole round. His performance in the State Open was a great ending to a remarkable high school career for a really great high school player.”

Highlights for the Killingly boys’ golf team this season included: being the top-ranked team in the state all season; having the lowest scoring average of any team in Connecticut all season; winning the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Boys’ Golf Tournament for the third year in a row and ninth time in 10 years; and winning its 10th consecutive ECC Division II regular-season championship.

This was Marcoux’s 13th and final season as Killingly’s golf coach as he is leaving the school district. Last month Marcoux, who is also the Killingly High athletic director, was appointed athletic director at East Lyme High School. Marcoux will begin his new position July 1.

“When I look back and look at the numbers it’s a reflection of kids and families buying in and working hard and doing everything we asked them to do,” said Marcoux, who led Killingly to the Connecticut Division II Championship in 2016 and 2018. “When you do those kinds of things you get numbers like this. The record over the years and the championships won were incredible. It was a great run.”

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schools were lagging a little in that department which really highlights what our program is all about,” said LaPointe.

LaPointe said the students that made up the team were narrowed down from a pool of volunteers who participated in QVCC’s own miniature manufacturing contest. The team was comprised of Alex Marzullo, Caitin Boyce, Joe Thompson, and Jacob Scotti who LaPointe called a humble group even in victory. LaPointe said the team’s success was no surprise as the QVCC program has worked hard to put together a successful program that prepares students for careers through building both knowledge and character. “We teach the skills. It’s not so much about

the degree, it’s about the skills. Every day, we look at what we have in the shop and can we do something different or better or more organized. It’s pretty easy to prove that we are doing something right when you see our students going out there and getting jobs and business owners are calling back asking us to send them more just like them. That’s really the proof of what we’re trying to do and it’s a lot to teach in a short amount of time, but it all shows that we’re on the right track,” LaPointe said.

QVCC is currently enrolling new students in both its Advanced Manufacturing Machine Technology and Mechatronics Automation Technology programs for Fall 2023. Students can apply or learn more by visiting www.qvcc.edu/manufacturing.

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Jaydon Deras addressed his fellow graduates with an adaptation of his first-place essay, “The Aesthetic Fallibility,” from the Kathryn Robertson Essay Contest. The award is one of the highest academic honors a writer can achieve at The Woodstock Academy and was established in memory of Kathryn Robertson, English Department Chair at The Woodstock Academy from 1956 to 1963.

Aleena Jafar-DeCesare ’23, The Woodstock Academy’s second Poet Laureate, and Lilah Jafar-DeCesare ’26, the 2023-24 Poet Laureate, presented their original poem “TBD...” together as the first-ever sibling Poets Laureate duo.

In addition to meeting the requirements necessary to receive a Woodstock Academy diploma, graduates were recognized for grade point averages deserving of summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude, as well as membership in 13 distinct honor societies.

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The oldest living member of the Daughters of Isabella was honored at the annual Daughters of Isabella membership tea party. Theresa Brodeur (right) has been a member of this charitable organization of Catholic women for 71 years, and joined the DOI in 1952. She is presented with flowers by her daughter-in-law (left) Lori Brodeur.

BROOKLYN DEMOCRATS ATTEND REGIONAL WORKSHOP

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The Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee (BDTC) attended a Quiet Corner Democrats Workshop with Denise Merrill and Don Williams in Ashford on Saturday, June 10. What a beautiful day and an informative workshop. Thank you to all the presenters and organizers of the event. Working together and collaboratively we can make a difference for Connecticut!



Poets at Large event to feature local Beat poets

WEBSTER — Beat poets Paul “Word” Richmond, Deborah Tosun Kilday and Michael L. Kilday will be featured at the next Poets at Large event on Sunday, June 25. This is part of a series of spoken word/poetry readings that have been held at The Rose Room Café, 4 East Main St., Webster. This event is free to the public (ages 14 and up) and will be held from 2-4 p.m. There will be an intermission and an open mic after the featured poets. Anyone wishing to participate in the open mic should email karen.warinsky@gmail.com. Open mic readers will get 5 minutes each as time allows.

Richmond was named Beat Poet Laureate for Life in 2022 by the National Beat Poetry Foundation and he previously served as National Beat Poet Laureate (2019-2020), and as Beat Poet Laureate for Massachusetts (2017-19). Richmond is internationally known and hosts monthly readings and organizes yearly Word Festivals in Holyoke and Greenfield, and he has a stage at the Garlic & Arts Festival each fall. He is the owner of Human Error Publishing and has overseen the publications of 55 poets and authors. His own works include Living in the Breakdown Lane, You Might Need a Bigger Hammer, Quadrillions Down the Pentagon Drain, and Swimming on the Titanic. He is also a member of the Funkadelic band “Do It Now.”

Deborah Tosun Kilday is a new generation beat poet and owner/CEO of the National Beat Poetry Foundation, Inc., founded in 2015 and registered in 2016, and she became a publisher in 2022 with her own imprint, “New Generation Beat Publications.” In 2022, New Generation Beat Publications published four books: “Tarrare & Other Poems” by Carlo Parcelli; “Int’l Beat Poetry Foundation Goddess Anthology 2022: Poets Celebrating Women”; “Remembering Jack Kerouac on His 100th Birthday 3-12-2022,” National Beat Poetry Foundation & Friends; “New Generation Beats: National Beat Poetry Foundation, Inc. 2022 Anthology.” Published so far in 2023: “Earth: Dig It: New Generation Beat Poets Laureate, an Anthology,” among several others. She is sometimes called the “Guardian of the Beats.” Besides her involvement in beat poetry, Tosun Kilday is a published author, writer, nature photographer, illustrator, artist, and expert high-roller slot player. Her book “No Limits; How I Beat the Slots” details her five-years as a high-roller slot player at casinos in Connecticut and Las Vegas, where she won 3.4 million dollars while playing slot machines

Michael L. Kilday, award winning writer, author, and poet, is a retired Aetna Senior Software Engineer of 35 years, a former newspaper reporter for the Bristol Press, and former high school English educator in Boston, MA. Michael is the author of the “Truth Never Changes” book trilogy, “A Yippee’s Lament,” a CT Press Club 1st prize award winner, and also the author of the poetry collection, No One Came Home from Woodstock. He is currently working on a historical novel tracing the origins of Christianity. He is the husband of Deborah Tosun Kilday. The couple live in Connecticut.

This year’s series at The Rose Room is sponsored in part by bankHometown, the Putnam Area Foundation, and Global Partners (Ashford Xtra Mart and Webster Honey Farms). Find the Poets at Large 2023 schedule on Facebook.

Dayville Fire Company to host blood drive

DAYVILLE — American Legion Post 21 of Danielson will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive at Dayville Fire Company 63, 465 Hartford Pike, Friday, June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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