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Putnam Debuts Locked in Love Sculpture

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM – The town of Putnam, the Putnam Arts Council, and Quiet Corner Cares officially opened a new sculpture along the Putnam River Trail on Saturday, May 14 called “Locked in Love”.

Based on a popular tradition in Europe of putting padlocks on fences, the idea of adding such a sculpture to Putnam was sparked four years ago when Putnam Arts Council President Karen Osbrey received a lock from Barbara Kenyon of New England Awards. The lock stayed at Osbrey’s desk until the right volunteers came forward to spearhead the fundraiser. That volunteer came in the form of Karl Kuhn of Quiet Corner Cares.

“This has been a labor of love for all of us that have worked on this project,” Osbrey said during a ribbon cutting ceremony for the sculpture on May 14. “Karl had spoken with Jennifer Brytowski of Jennerate and they had this idea to do this lock-type fundraiser that’s very popular in Europe. I opened the desk drawer and pulled out the lock and said, ‘this has been waiting for somebody really special’. – We decided at first it was going to be a fence, but then we all said we can all do so much



Jason Bleau Photos

The ribbon is cut officially opening the Locked in Love sculpture in Putnam on May 14

better.”

The final sculpture was designed by Karl’s daughter Hailey Kuhn who was one of the first to place a lock on the fencing after the ribbon cutting. Ornamental of Worcester built the sculpture which resembles a heart and features fencing on both sides. The sculpture will host only Locked in Lock branded locks benefiting Quiet Corner Cares, a 501C3 charity that operates a sober living home for women in Putnam. Karl Kuhn, a co-founder of Quiet Corner Cares, thanked his entire team of volunteers for helping make the sculpture possible.

“All these locks are going to go to a great cause,” Kuhn

said during the ribbon cutting which also coincidentally took place on his birthday. “We sold over 140 locks already, which is a little over \$3,800 that we’ve made, and all the proceeds will go to our nonprofit which is Quiet Corner Cares. It keeps our sober house up and running. We have a women’s sober house in Putnam on Woodstock Avenue. This is going to really help us out a lot.”

Putnam Mayor Barney Seney also provided a few words of thanks to all the volunteers and noted how Putnam continues to be a shining example of what being a community is all about. “The Putnam Art

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Cutline: Courtesy photo

Woodstock resident Akira Newall-Vuillemot, shown here competing at the Region 6 Optional Gymnastics Championships held at Springfield College on April 10, also competed at the Men’s Eastern National Championships, held Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich. At the Men’s Eastern National Championships Newall-Vuillemot competed in the Level 7 Junior Division. Newall-Vuillemot is the first male gymnast from Deary’s Gymnastics in Danielson to qualify for Nationals.

Another trip to Nationals now the motivating factor for Woodstock’s Newall-Vuillemot

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — Motivation. That was the biggest takeaway gymnast Akira Newall-Vuillemot received by competing in the Level 7 Junior Division at the Men’s Eastern National Championships, held Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich.

“For my first national meet I thought it went pretty well,” the 15-year-old town resident said. “My scores weren’t what I hoped they’d be, but

I was happy with how I did because I went in and gave it my all. Big meets like that, I learned, are all about the effort I put in, not the score I get.

“Competing at Nationals was such a learning experience for me; I can’t wait to go back,” Newall-Vuillemot continued. “Nationals were a lot more intense, a lot louder, than any other competition I’ve ever been in. The next time I go to a competition like that I’ll have such a better idea of what to expect.”

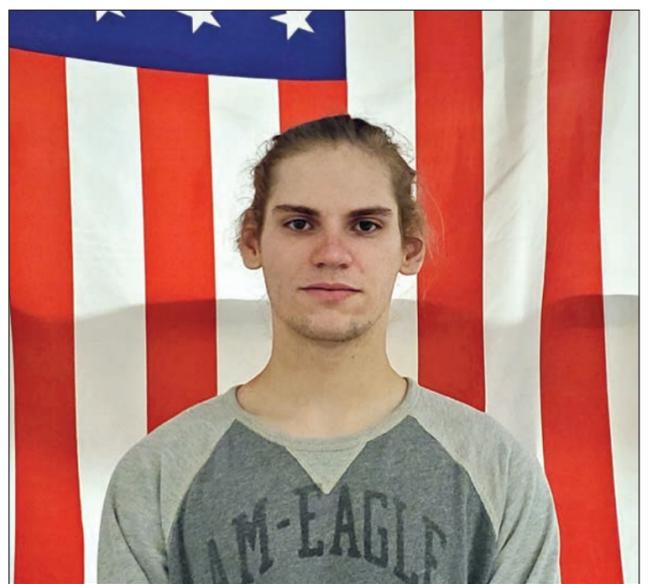
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Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight for May: Seth Duquette

Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributes to the school and community. May’s Student Spotlight honoree is Seth Duquette. Seth was nominated by his fellow peers and teachers who all believe he is deserving of this award. Senior Kyle Busha says in his nomination, “Seth is one of the kindest people in this school. He always has a great attitude and has a great sense of humor. In our group in Mr. Smith’s class, he is always a hard worker and knows how to get everything done.”

Senior Alex Grauer also believes Seth is deserving of this award, stating, “Seth

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Seth Duquette

Killingly Holds First Walk for Women

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON – The first ever Walk for Women was held in Danielson on Saturday, May 14 as one of the kick-off events during the town’s Spring Fest at David Park. The one-mile walk served as a way for participants to honor the women in their lives, both past and present.

Randy Duquette founded the event in honor of his mother Patricia Oliver who, along with his father Gary Oliver, passed away in 2020. His love and respect for Patricia was a driving force behind creating a walk to honor all the women who play a role in everyone’s lives, especially mothers.

“My mom spent her time



Jason Bleau Photos

Walkers take off for the first Walk for Women in Killingly

taking care of my dad without taking care of her own wellness. I wanted to do something to honor her and to promote wellness and health amongst women. I’m hoping this is the start to a bigger movement,” Randy Duquette said. “We partnered with the Women’s Board of Day Kimball and Quinebaug Valley Community College is our main sponsor. We’re hoping to make this bigger and do it a couple times a year to help raise money for the Women’s Board.”

Valentine Iamartino, who is in her fourth year as President of the Women’s Board of Day Kimball, said the Board was delighted to be a part of the cause. Many walkers in the

event were either supporters or members of the Board which played a large role in founding the hospital so many years ago and continues to support Day Kimball any way they can today.

“It’s important for us to honor all women in our lives, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, friends, for all the work that they do,” Iamartino said. “We’re a 127-year institution. We’re actually the ones that started the hospital and once the hospital itself was built on the hill the Women’s Board was an offshoot that supported the hospital through the community. We’re still doing that. We support DKH and their pro-

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Catching up from being closed during Covid



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First, thank you to the many individuals who stopped in the visit the Killingly Historical Center during Spring Fest on May 14th. We are always happy to see new visitors to our museum and welcome new researchers. If you were unable to come then, feel free to stop in.

Bernie Mitchell, president of the Killingly Historical Society came across an old stack of assorted papers and articles that we have been sorting through—catching up from being closed during Covid. One page had churches from the Danielson 1921-1922 Directory. Not many are still active. In fact, you might not have realized that some of these ever existed: “Attawaugan Methodist Episcopal Church, Ballouville Road-Rev. Sylvester P. Ozmun, pastor; Church of the Five Wounds, Ballouville—Rev. Ignatius Kost, pastor (later known as St. Anne’s); Church of the Nazarene, Academy Street, Danielson-Rev. Almer F. Gallup; Danielson Baptist, Broad Street-pastor supplied; Danielson Methodist Episcopal-Rev. Marvin Stocking; Dayville Congregation-Rev. William Swanson; Goodyear United Church-Rev. Charles A. Downs; St. Albans Protestant Episcopal Church-Rev. Albert Jepson, rector; St. James Catholic-Rev. M. J. Ginnet, Rector; St. Joseph’s Catholic, Dayville-Rev. Ignatius Kost; South Killingly Congregational-Rev. Watler* B. Williams; Union Baptist, Main St., East Killingly-Rev. Charles Bruce Fisher; Westfield Congregational-Rev. Watler B. Williams.” Photos of a number of the churches can be found in Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert Spencer. (*not Walter).

Mills from the 1921-1922 Danielson Directory were as follows: Aseptic Products Co., East Killingly—Absorbent Cotton and Gauze; White’s Bottling Works (Harry B. Hargraves, prop.) 12 Water St. Danielson-soda (Does anyone have an empty bottle from White’s?); Williamsville Buff Co., 24 School St. Danielson-cotton buff);

Brookhill Mfg. Co., 37 Mechanic St., Danielson (Cotton buffing Wheels, mill supplies; Attawaugan Company, Attawaugan-sheets and shirtings; Goodyear Cotton Mills, Inc.-tire fabric; The Quinebaug Company, Tiffany Square, East Brooklyn-Pillow tubings, fancy shirtings, plain fabric; River Weaving Co., Inc., Railroad St., Danielson- Cotton worsted Mfrs.; L. D. Parkhurst Cutler Co., 82 South Main St., Danielson-Cutler Mfrs.; E. H. Jacobs Mfg. Co., 35 School St., Danielson-Loom pickers, loom straps, lug straps; The Assawauga Company, Dayville-Woolen goods; Connecticut Mills-Auto Tin Fabric; Davis & Brown Woolen Co., Valley Rd. East Killingly-Chevists, woolen goods; Larkin Reed Co., East Franklin-Reed Mfrs.; PACO Mfg. Co., 35 Furnace St.-Marquisett Mfrs. (Powdrell & Alexander); General Supply Co. (Luther Pilling), Furnace St.-Mill supplies; General Eclipse Co., Furnace St.-Office supplies; Burroughs & Hopkins, 12 Center St., Danielson-Office supplies and printers; E. L. Perry, 1 Water St.-planing mill; American Woolen Co., Whitestone Mill, Main Rd. & corner E. K. Rd., Elmville—Worsted suitings; Fernlea Worsted Mills, Inc., Valley Rd., East Killingly-summer men’s wear; Killingly Worsted Mill, East Killingly Rd., Elmville-Worsted Mfr; New England Hemstiching Co., 9 Center St., Danielson-Pleating and Embroidery Stamping.” I have just finished reading an email newsletter article “Learning More About Her Without Searching Her Name” by Gena Philbert-Ortega from Genealogy Bank describing the value of researching where ancestors worked to add a little more background material to family history research. Maybe some of your family members worked at one or more of the above. Both the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center and Killingly Public Library have microfilms of Windham County Transcript if you want to see what was happening in the mills one hundred years ago.

A photocopy of a September 1909 Windham County Transcript looked back to the Killingly Town officials in years gone by. First it listed results of a town meeting held the first Monday October 1860. (No date given). “James Howe was chosen moderator. A tax of three mills to pay town expenses and a tax of one mill to pay highway expenses was voted...The following officers were chosen: Assessors-Frank B. Johnson, Marvin A. Dexter, Daniel G. Fairman, Wm. K. Kies, Marcus Lyon. Selectmen: Isaac B. Ballard, Orrin J.

Lewis, Waldo Bartlett, Leonard Day, Horace E. Davis. Board of Relief: Edward B. Tucker, George Blanchard, Christopher Crandall, Warren Taft, Pardon Tillinghast. Constables: Edgar Amsbury, Henry S. Card, Franklin Wood, Lysander Warren. Grand Jurors: Calvin C. Richmond, Thomas Parker, James F. Simmons, Siloam Short, Edwin A. Peckham; School Visitors: Thomas J. Evans, Charles P. Blackmar, Mayhew Miller; Town Clerk: Anthony Ames. Highway Surveyors: Albert Bartlett, Henry Wheaton, Artemas Brown, Elisha Leavens, Mowry Amsbury, Luther Moffitt, Charles Gleason, Luther D. Alexander, Samuel E. Stearns, Lyman Lamb, Isaac D. Eaton, Samuel S. Danielson, Wm. S. Sharp, Jonathan Dexter, Benjamin Oatley, Rufus Simmons, Brayton Slater, Orrin D. Mitchell, Edmund Warren, George Rice, Eddy Pray, Parris M. Law, Wm Dolly, Wm. O. Fisk, Erastus Short, Daniels Hubbard, Christopher Paine, Leonard H. Kies, Joshua E. Rood, Alverson Brown, Nehemiah Randall. Pound Keeper: George Kingsbury. (Hmm! There was a Kingsbury’s Tavern on Route 101 Killingly Center across from the old town meetinghouse, near the intersection of present-day Cook Hill Road. I hadn’t thought about Killingly having a pound just prior to the Civil War. How much life has changed!). Sealer of Weights and Measures: James Howe. Fence Viewers: Olney M. Wood, Warren Stearns, Brayton Slater, Charles Bartlett, Mowry Amsbury.” Perhaps you’ll notice the name of a relative!

“At a meeting held April 1, 1861, Elisha Carpenter and Edwin H. Bugbee were elected representatives to the state legislature. Almond Paine was elected judge of probate.”(Ibid). Those of you who are older remember when the Killingly Historical Center was called Bugbee Memorial Library. Edwin Holmes Bugbee’s generosity made this public facility possible: Edwin H. Bugbee’s will in the February 16, 1900 Putnam Patriot, “I give to the Danielsonville Free Library Association my library of books in my home in Putnam and the cases which contain the same to be held by the same Library association and used in the room or rooms or building occupied by them as a free public library in the town of Killingly, and I direct that the said books shall not be

taken from the library building by its patrons, but shall remain in the library to be used therein only.

“I also give to said Danielsonville Free Library association fifteen thousand (\$15,000) to be used by said Danielsonville Free Library association in the erection of a library building, to be known as the ‘Edwin H. Bugbee Memorial Building’, same to be used as a free public library and reading room, and said building to contain as a part of the library my said library under the restrictions above mentioned.”

His obituary, which appeared in February 1, 1900 (Putnam) Observer, said that he was born April 28, 1820 in Thompson, Connecticut, the son of James Bugbee. After working in his father’s store, and as bookkeeper then manufacturer in Providence, Edwin came to Killingly in 1849 where he was employed by the Williamsville Manufacturing Company. Beginning in 1857 he was chosen as a representative to the state legislature a number of times. Then in 1865 he was elected State Senator from the 14th District and continued to served in the Senate and Legislature. He was also a director of the First National Bank of Putnam for many years.

Edwin married Selinda Howard Griswold in 1865 but sadly she passed away the following year. He suffered a paralyzing stroke several months prior to his demise in 1900 and never really recovered. He was buried in the Woodstock Hill Cemetery. Edwin Holmes Bugbee’s sister Sarah Harris was the wife of the United States Commissioner of Education from Killingly/Putnam, William Torrey Harris.

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

Did you know there’s a service club in your community?

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Light refreshments will be served.
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Local Scout Troop hosting Family Night & flag retirement ceremony

PUTNAM — On Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m., Scout Troop 25 Putnam will be holding its Family Night Celebration and performing a flag retirement ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend and observe.

To learn more about this event or the scouting program, please contact Corina Torrey, Scoutmaster, 860-245-1322 or email: BSATroop25Putnam@gmail.com.

Veterans and their families invited free open house and breakfast on May 21

The Benson-Flugel Post 111 American Legion, Inc. invites all veterans and their families to our free open house and breakfast on 5/21/2022 from 8:00-10:00 AM . Come to our post located at 22 Stone Bridge Road, Woodstock, CT to see what we do for our veterans and community. We are always looking for new members and due to the LEGION Act of 2019 all veterans who have served since 12/7/1941 are eligible to join.

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Meet Emily Zornado, Director of the Theatre Department at The Complex Performing Arts and Creative Centre, in Putnam

In the Studio



CYNTHIA SAARI

"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 semi-weekly series, we'll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We'll also learn some "artspeak" terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those "artist words".



Studio Emilyx: Emily Zornado, music & theater educator

This week we're meeting with Emily Zornado, Director of the Theatre Department at The Complex Performing Arts and Creative Centre, in Putnam. As part of the music and theater faculty at The Complex, teaching voice, musical theatre, and playwriting keeps Zornado busy full-time. Emily's enthusiasm and love of both theatre and working with young people kept me smiling throughout our interview.

After meeting Complex Director Nichola Johnson in 2014, Emily was encouraged by Johnson to stage the original musical Emily wrote with Adam Greszcowski. "Open Strings" premiered at the Complex theater in Putnam that year, inspiring a love for continued writing.

Joining The Complex music faculty in 2015, Emily puts her degrees in music and social work, with an emphasis on education, to use in a perfect combination. She describes her classes as empathy-based, geared to giving each student the tools and material to best use their aptitudes and talents. The shows Emily writes are original content for her conservatory students including "The Waiting Room", a story about teens, written for all audiences. Upcoming shows include "The Wild Island", written by and for young students.

Along with her colleagues, Emily worked successfully via Zoom with her students during the stressful pandemic shut-down we experienced here in Putnam. It became evident to me that

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grams. We provide the funds to raise a committed pledge. We want to get out more in the community. We're not just about Putnam. We want people to know we are here to support the community at large, and this walk is one of the best ways to do that."

The walk culminated in a moment of remembrance at the food bridge along the River Trail in Downtown Danielson. The shared proceeds from the event all help the Women's Club of Day Kimball with their many projects.

collaboration and co-teaching at the Complex are a source of joy to her.

Thanks for joining us, Emily. What aspects of music do you teach?

I primarily teach voice but, inside of that, the work is mostly around music in general. I like to say that I teach musicality because, while voice is my main instrument, most of my students are young beginners. I like to work on banking as many positive musical experiences as possible to build confidence in each student's musical ability. Learning a new instrument takes a long time and in the early stages it can sometimes feel like one is years away from actually making music. I work to ensure that students are creating and making music at every stage. Students write songs in their lessons, we improvise, and we study music that makes them excited to learn.

Can you tell us a bit about the process in writing a musical?

My process usually starts with considering the students in the room. Who will be performing? What are their strengths? What do they care about and what kind of story would they want to tell? Then I ask myself the same questions. What do I feel inspired to write? What story would I be excited to tell? What kind of music? The process from there has looked different every time we've done it. Student work is almost always a factor. We prompt them with images, quotes, poetry, questions, improvisation, character creation, different genres... It takes us in all different directions. Anything from the four seasons to film noir. Our project from 2019's The Waiting Room was entirely based on characters the students had built around their own life experiences. It was a beautiful piece about coming of age in a very confusing time and every student had a voice in the creation of it.

Other times I've taken children's books and adapted them into short form musicals, the latest of which is a musical based on Ruth Stiles Gannett's My Father's Dragon which we're calling Wild Island. Its different every time because the students are different every time. Thats part of what makes it so fun.

Tell us about the Nichola Johnson Arts in Action Scholarship.

The Nichola Johnson Arts in Action Scholarship was a project started by the faculty of The Complex as a gift for Nichola's birthday. Nichola is our director, alongside Julie Watt, but she is also our founder, our leader, and an unending source of inspiration and professionalism. Her vision has carried the space for 18 years, and we have her to thank for the community that thrives inside it. We started this scholarship as a way to honor her as well as support our graduating seniors.

This scholarship is presented to the graduating student or students who has shown us commitment to their craft, artistic integrity, and growth as a person and an artist. In essence: someone who represents our community to the best of their ability. So far, we've awarded This scholarship to three wonderful students. We hope to grow the scholarship every year. If you'd like, you can donate by reaching out to us on our

Randy Duquette said he hopes to see this event expand and was proud to be able to bring people together to honor the women that changed their lives.

"I think the most valuable player in any family is a mom. They wear many hats. Mine took care of me through a broken childhood so I give her all the credit. Looking back now, there's nothing more important to me than honoring my mother and what she did to help raise me and my brothers," said Duquette. "It's the right event. If the Women's Board at some point wants to take over the walk and make it a regional movement, I'm absolutely on board."



Studio Complex: The Complex at 135 Main St.

website www.thecpac.org

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Visit our website! We have all of our classes listed by subject and age. Dance, Theatre, Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, Playwriting, Acting... if you have or know a creative child, this is the place for them. We offer classes from baby ballerinas all the way up to high school seniors. Come in and chat with us, or call with any questions. Our summer programming starts in July and we always have new projects on the horizon.

Thank you so much. I've really enjoyed getting to know you!

Word of the day

Well-studied in theater, the historical aspects of it, and the roots of American musical theater, I learned from this interviewee that the term "show" is all-encompassing; a "play" tells a story without music, and a "musical" tells a story through song and instruments. "Chamber musical" is the term used for a small-scale musical.

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized framwork glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. Significant projects include costume work for the Santa Fe Opera, and framwork demonstrator at the Peabody Essex Museum. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.

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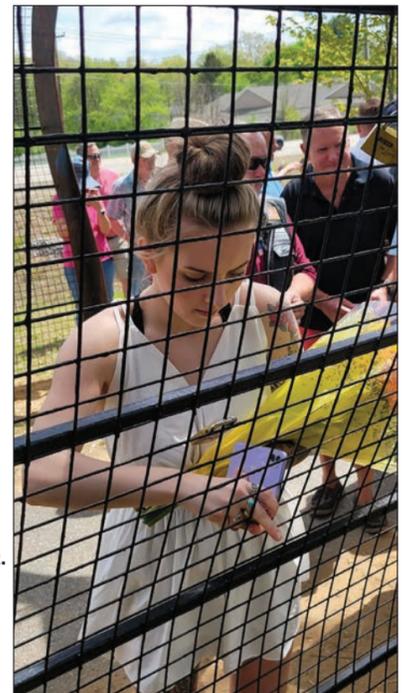
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Council is probably one of the most active art councils in the Northeast and I can't thank Karl and the rest of (the volunteers) for what they've done," said Seney.

Following the ribbon cutting, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters were the first to place their locks on the fencing beginning what promises to be a new and popular Putnam tradition along the River Trail. Locks for the Locked in Love sculpture can be purchased by visiting www.lockedinlove.net. All locks that aren't Locked in Love branded will not be permitted and will be removed from the sculpture.



Hailey Kuhn, who designed the Locked in Love Sculpture, was one of the first to place her lock on the fencing



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Speech & Language Therapy Practice Opens Just In Time To Celebrate Better Hearing & Speech Month

Woodstock, CT—May 1, 2022—May is national Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM), and Woodstock-based speech-language pathologists, Mindy Hudon and Rachelle Mauer, are using this year's observance to celebrate the launch of their private practice, Achieve Speech & Language Services located at 7 Beeches Lane, Unit 10 Woodstock, CT. "We opened our doors on May 1, 2022, just in time to celebrate Better Hearing & Speech Month," said Hudon. "Every May, the

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) raises awareness about communication disorders and the role that speech-language pathologists and audiologists play in providing life-altering treatment. This year, the theme is 'Connecting People' and Rachelle and I are excited about being able to connect with our community by providing exceptional speech and language services close to home." "Speech-language pathologists work with people every

day in settings that include schools, private practices and health care facilities to improve their speech, language, social, and cognitive skills such as memory and executive functioning," said Mauer. "A person's communication skills are critical at each stage of life—for young children, as a strong foundation for language and literacy; for school-aged children, as a requirement for academic and social success; and for adults, as a key part of their career and personal relationships."

Hudon continued: "Even less well known is the role that speech-language pathologists play in helping people to swallow and eat safely. Again, problems in these areas can occur across the age span, but at any stage, safe swallowing and eating are essential to a person's health and quality of life."

Communication and swallowing disorders may occur for a variety of reasons. In children, this may be due to low birth weight, congenital syndromes, developmental disorders, hearing loss, and injuries or illnesses. In adults, they are common in those who have had a stroke, brain injury, head and neck cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases. Although the specific challenges that people experience can vary significantly, one commonality is that most people can improve



with the help of speech-language pathologists.

Here are some specific areas where speech-language pathologists work with children and adults:

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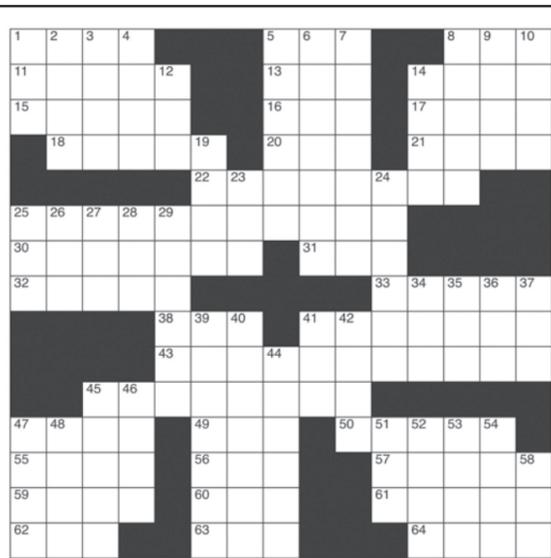
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VILLAGER ALMANAC AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of May 9, 2022:

Scarlet Tanager, Orchard Oriole, Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, Parula Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Pine Warbler, American Redstart, Chestnut-sided Warbler, White-eyed Vireo, American Kestrel, and Baltimore Oriole. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

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Doug Porter, left, received a special Paul Harris Plus Six award May 10 based on his level of contributions to Rotary International. At right is Putnam Rotary Club President J. Scott Pempek.

DUQUETTE

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always has a smile on his face and has a positive attitude, twenty-four seven. You can always turn to him to talk to." Seth's teacher, Mr. Smith says, "It's tough to summarize in a few words someone like Seth. Seth is a thoughtful, kind, and deep young man. I can always count on him for insightful comments in class and engaging conversations." Not only do Seth's close friends see the hardworking and respectful individual he is; classmate Michaella Vandt says, "I do not see or interact with Seth very often, but the few times that I have, he has always been very kind. Whenever I see him speaking to an adult in the building, he speaks to them with the

utmost respect." TMHS nurse Mrs. Grauer writes, "Seth has grown into a mature, kind, empathetic individual. He has the insight of a person beyond his years. He is extremely polite and engaging to speak with. We all have obstacles in life to conquer, some bigger than others; Seth has faced his with grace and bravery. I am very proud of the young man he has become."

Overall, Seth embodies the definition of a true Student Spotlight recipient. When asked what motivates him, Seth says, "I feel like each day is something different and I have a pallet of colors which I instinctively bounce between throughout the week/month/year to keep pulling at myself, kind of like kneading bread. I just stay positive for other people's sake when I can

because I understand how far it goes." About his future, Seth states, "My plans for the future include attempting to have a happy existence and living simply." Finally, Seth's message to his school and community is, "School is not a race; do not get discouraged. Ask for help when needed. It is your job as a young adult to graduate and move on into society almost seamlessly. Asking for help plays a huge role in personal mental health itself, so don't make life more difficult on yourself. If it is an embarrassment you are afraid of, then remember this: If you don't ask for help now to try and help yourself excel in that category of academics then the problem will never mend itself and only decay more, which will become more of a gap in your knowledge."



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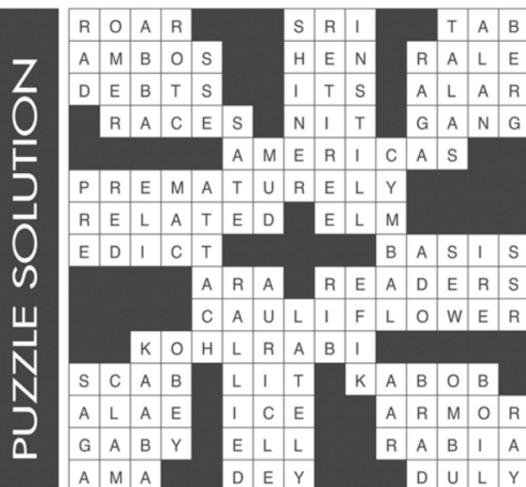
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EASTCONN Autism Program Rebranded as Bridges Community School



EASTCONN Bridges Community School logo.



Staff members gather outside EASTCONN Bridges Community School in Columbia.

(Columbia, CT) – EASTCONN, a statewide leader in educational and developmental services since 1980, is pleased to announce that its Autism Program, located at 10 Commerce Drive in Columbia, Conn., will now be known as Bridges Community School.

“Through the process of rebranding, we were hoping to land on a name that felt aligned with our vision, core values, and the work that we do here,” said Erin Crosby, Program Director at Bridges Community School. “All of our learners come to us with a wide variety of skills, needs, and goals for the future. Our hope is that our program can support each student to build the skills necessary to meet their individual goals, thus building a bridge to exciting opportunities.”

EASTCONN Bridges

Community School provides a regionally based, comprehensive, integrated service program for students with autism and other low-incidence disabilities from pre-K to age 22.

The program is characterized by a structured, intensive, individualized approach to instruction based on the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). Our educators practice systematic teaching to promote learning and generalization and utilize on-going evidence-based assessment, intervention, and progress monitoring to guide instruction in all areas of development.

The word community, Crosby added, “is also very important to us, as we hope to create an environment in which students, families, staff, and district stakeholders each feel welcomed as a part of the team, collaborating to promote

positive outcomes for all learners.”

“Our families and students have often had difficult school experiences prior to coming to us, and we want to be the bridge that connects them to a positive learning environment,” said EASTCONN Director of Pupil Services Amy Margelony. “We hope to continue to build community, not only within EASTCONN but within the towns and districts we serve.”

Members of EASTCONN’s

multidisciplinary team, including psychologists and Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), are also available to consult with districts to assess program or district-wide needs, with the goal of building in-district capacity to develop and support student programs in their home schools/communities.

EASTCONN Bridges Community School provides services for towns in northeastern Connecticut and across other parts of the state. For

placement into the program, parents or guardians should ask their local school leaders for a referral. (EASTCONN cannot directly admit any student into the program without a referral from a public school district.)

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

GYMNAST

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Newall-Vuillemot qualified to compete at Nationals by being one of the top 50 (out of 152) highest scoring finishers at the Region 6 Optional Gymnastics Championships, held Sunday, April 10, at Springfield (Mass.) College.

Newall-Vuillemot’s overall score after competing in the floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar — better known as the high bar — placed him among the top 40 finishers.

Before Nationals, the regional competition was the biggest meet Newall-Vuillemot had ever participated in. After going to Nationals, however, Nationals are pretty much all Newall-Vuillemot thinks about.

“This is the most motivated I’ve ever seen him,” said Jane Newall, Akira’s mother.

Matt Tocchio, Newall-Vuillemot’s coach at Deary’s Gymnastics in Danielson, believes Newall-Vuillemot will embrace the challenge to not only return to Level 7 Nationals, but to go on to the Level 8 and Level 9 Nationals as well.

“I don’t remember what he said — word-for-word — but Akira knows exactly what he wants to work on and what he needs to work on. He was really amazed to see how strong and how flexible the kids at Level 7 are,” Tocchio said. “Strength and flexibility are among the things we’ll be working on this summer, along with refining his technique in the various events. For so many reasons I think Nationals was really an all-around good experience for Akira.”

Newall-Vuillemot said his favorite events to compete in are the high bar and the floor exercise.

“I like the high bar because of how much power you can get from one swing, and I like the dismount, too. I really started to get a feel for the high bar over the summer,” Newall-Vuillemot said. “I like the floor exercise because I like doing all the tumbling. Everything involved in the floor exercise comes natural to me. I was naturally good at floor from the very beginning.”

Newall-Vuillemot said he began participating in gymnastics, in earnest, when he was 6 years old, his mother, Debbie Vuillemot, enrolling him in some one-hour gymnastics classes run by Deary’s Gymnastics through a local town recreation department.

“When he was younger he was always into the monkey bars and doing everything possible on the playground equipment,” Vuillemot said. “As soon as we got him into organized gymnastics, it was just his thing. Akira does well in all the events. His least favorite is pommel horse. From the get-go, though, the high bar has always been Akira’s strength.”

Vuillemot was nervous for her son throughout Nationals, but thought he navigated his way through the magnitude of the event quite nicely.

“Akira did pretty well for his first big competition,” Vuillemot said. “It gave him a taste of what he could do and where he could go in gymnastics.”

ACHIEVE

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Pro-Choice demonstration on South Woodstock Common



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Nancy Green (Right) and Emily Hayden both from Woodstock, CT demonstrate on the South Woodstock Common for Pro-Choice.

Megan Lurbey from Woodstock, CT holds her sign for Moms for Choice.



Cindy Ouillette and her Daughter Lily stopped by to demonstrate while on a jog.



Peter Green from Woodstock, CT has two daughters and holds his sign proudly for Women's Rights.



Nancy Green (Right) and Emily Hayden both from Woodstock, CT demonstrate on the South Woodstock Common for Pro-Choice.



Megan Travinski (left) and her son Jude Travinski, age 7 from Thompson, CT demonstrate to keep abortions safe and legal.



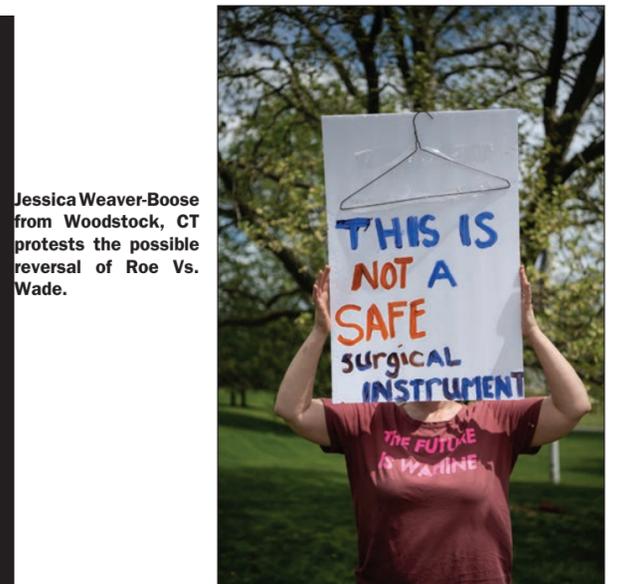
Chelsea Weiss-Brown (left) and Megan Lurbey from Woodstock, CT demonstrate on the South Woodstock, CT Common



Brenda Jodaitis of Woodstock, CT wants to keep abortion safe. This issue is very close to her as her mother was hospitalized for almost two weeks after an unsafe abortion in the 1960s.

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Spring Fest

KILLINGLY – The Killingly Community came together for a fun-filled day of activities, food, and events on Saturday, May 14 as Spring Fest invaded Davis Park. The day-long event provided a chance for locals to enjoy the beautiful summer-like weather and take part in several educational, exercise, and entertainment activities as

well as mingle with others from across the region after over two years apart during the pandemic. The event was a huge success with different programs and activities held throughout the day including a parade, a Jeep Invasion, the first ever Walk for Women, a 5K, Yoga in the Street, and more.



The Northeast Connecticut Relay for Life organizers were spreading the word for their event which is fast approaching on June 4 & 5 at Roseland Park



The members of Aisling Fit showed their stuff challenging their limits on stationary cycles on Main Street



Jason Bleau Photos

The Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions Club set up a meet and greet station to learn more about their organization



Westfield Church set up a booth not far from their home on Main Street selling a variety of goods to support the church and its programs



Chester Cheeto, on loan from Frito Lay, met with fans young and old at Spring Fest



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Hale YMCA Offers Teens 12-18 Free Membership From June 1 To August 31

The Hale YMCA is making summer fun again for teens from 12 to 18 with its free teen membership program. From June 1 to August 31, the FREE Teen Summer Membership program offers teens all the amenities of a Y membership with a slew of added benefits created just for them. Free access to the pool, wellness center, snacks and the gym are included as well as teen activities such as Exergames, a virtual gaming system and two Y After Dark events for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

The last two years have been difficult for this age group with socializing and group activities almost non-existent due to the pandemic. Finally, this summer, teens will have the opportunity to socialize with friends while nurturing their mind, body, and spirit. This free membership program for teens was made possible by the generous donation from the Beagary Trust.

"We are so grateful to the Beagary Trust for sponsoring Free Summer memberships to our area teens. We are looking forward to providing an opportunity for the teens to get fit, hang out and try something new," said Amanda Kelly, Executive Director, Hale YMCA.

Teens ages 12-18 can sign up at the Hale YMCA with a parent/guardian or can contact Lauri Newell by email at lauri.newell@ghymca.org or by phone 860-315-9622 for more information or a

membership application. Visit <https://www.ghymca.org/hale> for additional details on how to sign up for a free teen summer membership. Join now and belong to something greater!

About the YMCA of Greater Hartford: The YMCA of Greater Hartford has been building stronger communities for 170 years. The non-profit is committed to providing resources in youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity for all citizens of all ages. In 2021, the association served 56,000 community members and provided over \$750,000 in financial assistance toward valuable resources that provided access to life changing programs. As our communities begin to recover from the pandemic, we will continue to offer foundational programs in education to mitigate lost learning; to fight food insecurity; to support seniors, children and families; as well as swim lessons, child-care, summer camp, LIVESTRONG, and so much more. Join us at ghymca.org and Belong to Something Greater.

Woodstock Middle School Students to Install Witness Stone

Woodstock Middle School received a grant from the Woodstock Education Foundation and The Last Green Valley to study local history through the Witness Stones Project. Seventh grade students at Woodstock Middle School have been researching an enslaved man named Caesar who lived and worked in the McClellan House in South Woodstock in the late 1700's.

Students are using primary documents such as newspaper articles, vital records, church archives, law journals, census information, and other sources to glean information about colonial life and the economy of early Woodstock and its settlers, including those who, like Caesar, were enslaved.

The Witness Stones Project was started by an eighth-grade teacher Dennis Culliton who had presented his research on local slavery in Guilford. His friend Doug Nygren returned from Germany after seeing the Stolperstein or "Stumbling Stones" in Berlin which were installed to honor those who died in the Holocaust. The men were inspired to remember and install stones for those who were enslaved in places where they lived, worked, or worshipped. This project has grown to involve towns across Connecticut and four other states working to restore his-

tory and honor the humanity of individuals who helped build our communities.

At 12:30 on June 7, 2022, we invite those who would like to hear Caesar's story to gather at Woodstock's Roseland Park amphitheater. Students will share their research including biographical sketches, art, poetry, and music. The rain location is the South Woodstock Baptist Church. Following these presentations, we will gather at the South Woodstock Green by Stonebridge Road and the McClellan house where a Witness Stone for Caesar will be placed.

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Senioritis: what's it all about?

We've all heard the term 'senioritis' but is this diagnosis real? After some lengthy research, we say absolutely. Senioritis is defined as, 'A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.' The end is near with graduation just around the corner, and many seniors can taste freedom, but aren't quite sure what to do with it. Even with some students heading off to college, the fear of the unknown combined with a complete change in the cadence in life is enough to make several seniors come down with a serious case of senioritis. The senioritis is a way to break away from the stress and rigors of 13 years of schooling.

Some signs of the affliction include a lack of motivation, a decline in grades or feeling as though nothing they do in the final months leading up to graduation really matters much. Most students' entire senior years of high school are spent trying to plan for the future, this can be daunting and stressful for these kids, who are still really, just kids. Some symptoms parents should look for include extreme laziness, apathy, spending all of their free time with friends away from home.

Unfortunately, the rapid decline in motivation does not go unseen by universities. After being accepted, many schools will look at a student's last semester, and a substantial decrease in grades raises a red flag. This has admissions offices questioning a prospective student's level of commitment and the question of maturity is also put on the table. If the situation is bad enough a college or university can rescind an acceptance. Each year thousands of students receive such letters. Sometimes a student will enter their freshman year of college already on academic probation. If a student was issued merit aid from an institution, they risk losing those funds.

There are things that can be done to help offset senioritis. One thing a student can do is to set tiny goals such as getting a B or higher on the next quiz or test, or to finish an assignment ahead of time. Working on better ways to study for tests is also crucial. Too much pressure can cause students to shut down so taking some time to relax and have fun with family and friends is a great idea.

Another idea is for parents and teachers to reassure students that life after high school is an exciting time and that not every graduate needs a definitive plan right away. Explain different opportunities for a gap year, including the pros and cons of taking one.

If your child becomes more and more disengaged, it's important to keep them on track. Remembering to reward good behavior is a must. If your child is behaving in such a way that they become emotionally removed, disobedient and disrespectful, taking a gap year might be the best option as college is expensive and tuition should never go to waste. Trade schools, the military or the work force are also excellent options. After all, happiness is the most important driver for success.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thank You! Thompson Middle School Parents and Community!

A big thank you to the Thompson Middle School Parents and Community. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated by the students and especially the 8th Grade class. Due to your help, students will be able

to enjoy year-end activities. This year has presented several challenges, but you came through and we are able to celebrate an amazing group of students.

#MoreForMentalHealth

Dear Editor:
 May is Mental Health Awareness Month. As a volunteer and advocate with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this month I am asking everyone to join us and demand #MoreForMentalHealth. I am doing more by calling on my legislators at the federal and state levels to support legislation that will fund the implementation of 988 and the suicide and mental health crisis system across our nation, particularly for those in underserved communities. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available at 1-800-273-8255 and de-escalates the crises of tens of thousands of callers each day. On July 16, those in distress and those that support them will be able to reach the Lifeline through a simple 3-digit number: 988. By making the Lifeline more

accessible through this shorter number, calls, texts, and chats to the Lifeline's network of crisis call centers are expected to increase. It is vital that the federal government work with states to ensure callers in distress will have: 1) someone to call, 2) someone to come help, and 3) somewhere safe to go. We must act NOW to secure funding to equip call centers and community crisis response services throughout the country with the staff and resources to respond to everyone in crisis. Join me this month in urging our federal and state public officials to do #MoreForMentalHealth. You can start by visiting moreformentalhealth.org. Together, we can help #StopSuicide.

Sincerely,

TIFFANY ALBERTINIE

Thompson Hill residents

Warner: To the Editor: I am afraid the residents of the Hill will be sorry they stopped us. The Thompson Hill residents may have shot themselves in the foot by voting to keep the current Planning & Zoning Commission, they don't seem to realize the changes to the Thompson Common zone already in place or what is quickly coming down the pipeline.

The lot size in the Thompson Common zone has already been cut in half from two acres to one and soon there will be town wide cluster housing available to contractors.

Imagine how a single driveway with multiple houses and a common septic will enhance your 'beautiful unspoiled historic village'?

The whole point of stopping the P&Z in their tracks was to preserve the unspoiled historic beauty of Thompson. I am afraid the residents of the Hill and of so many of the beautiful areas of Thompson will be sorry they stopped us.

BEVERLY WARNER
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The list of the dissatisfied is growing

Yup, so I've again heard from those Killingly guys, and as usual, it's nothing more than the same old, thin-skinned, repetitive whining. I think that with Jenn Psaki bailing for MSDNC, Mr. Taylor could have easily taken her place because he'd fit right in as a fluffer for this failure of an administration. It's odd that Mr. Cassettari calls what I have to say "tiring and mostly boring" when the bulk of his letters only fall back on cult mentions. I'm glad though that Mr. C has equated me with our former President. As for your hero, a new NBC News poll shows President Biden's job approval rating has dipped to yet another low, with just 39 percent of Americans approving of the job he's doing and 56 percent disapproving. The report continued with: "Americans are ding the president on inflation, the economy and border security, as they have been for much of his presidency." Read that again boys and remember that NBC News represents your side!

I prefer to stay out of the abortion issue as its just another thing thats pitting people against each other and fueling the national divide. Aren't there more pressing matters to be dealt with like the economy, inflation, the border mess, high prices and supply train issues? CNN Business (on 5-13) reported that consumers are feeling worse about the economy, and the article went on to mention that: «Its tough to find a silver lining for consumers so far in 2022.» And as for this baby formula shortage problem, it shouldn't come as a surprise that - yet again - the Biden administration has a «plan» to deal with it.

I'm sure that those affected by the shortage find the news of yet another «plan» most comforting.

So now President Biden's plan to deal with inflation has drawn criticism from Jeff Bezos. Biden said that making the wealthiest businesses in the world «pay their fair share» would solve the inflation crisis currently gripping America. Bezos responded by saying: «Raising corp taxes is fine to discuss. Taming inflation is critical to discuss. Mushing them together is just misdirection.» Many Twitter users expressed shock that Bezos, the man who owns one of the most prominent left-leaning newspapers in the world, would be calling out Biden. Some agreed with his statement, others expressed frustration that the owner of The Post, a paper that has been accused of protecting Democrats - especially Biden - is now speaking out against Democrat Party policy.

And what does President Biden really think of the democrats chances in November? According to a (5-14) CNN Politics report, the Biden White House has hired a lawyer (on the taxpayers dime no doubt) as it braces for potential GOP investigations after the midterms. The article revealed that the White House has been preparing for months for the possibility of the Republicans winning the US House - and possibly the Senate - after the midterms. I can hear that lawyer now saying to Joe Biden - I have a plan.

The list of the dissatisfied is growing.

ED DELUCA
 NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Think about parks

Think about parks. Think about the fine patches of green that bring a sense of peace and order to busy places. We live in the midst of natural glorious green spaces, but parks and public areas add much to life here. I've finished reading a good book: Architects of an American Landscape, by Hugh Howard. It focuses on the friendship between Frederick Law Olmsted and Henry Hobson Richardson. It underscores the important role of public parks.

Olmsted developed the profession of Landscape Architecture. Richardson was the architect of grand public buildings and private homes and the designer of the Shingle style we all love. Olmsted was born in Hartford. This year is his 200th birthday. Olmsted's crowning achievement was Central Park, but he designed a number of parks in Connecticut including

Hartford's Elizabeth Park.



NANCY WEISS

When I visit public parks these days, I am either out for a brisk walk or in the company of my grandchildren. In either case, I

can't help but feel grateful for the work and taste that goes in to creating useful, attractive parks. On a warm spring day, I walked through Rotary Park in Putnam and along the River Trail. The Quinebaug River is high in the spring ornamented by Mallard ducks. People and dogs stroll along breathing in the mix of honeysuckle, car exhaust and eau de wastewater treatment plant. It is almost like a Monet painting.

My grandchildren love Roseland Park in Woodstock. It is a privately endowed little jewel at the edge of a pretty pond. The playground equipment, the curving paths, the kindly caretakers and the lively mix of children and dogs make it a perfect place to play and visit. I like to think the place is imprinting on the twins' brains and they will always cherish public parks or maybe design them.

A dear friend is passionate about pickleball and invited me to Owen Bell Park in Dayville, where I haven't been in ages, to learn the game. The place was jumping and was in fine shape. The pickleball players are tireless and the courts are full. I didn't learn the game, but I came away with a new appreciation for the park. It is a good mix of playing fields, playground equipment and green space.

Riverside Park in North Grosvenordale squeezes in along the French River just where it ought to. The gazebo is pretty and the site is used for a variety of community events. The Thompson Dam is a tremendous asset to our area and is many parks combined into one. Whether walking along a path, watching the sun glisten on the water, or driving over the dam in a snow storm, the vistas are breathtaking. Someday I will visit the French River Wayside. I love the name.

My favorite park is hardly a park at all. The Air Line Trail State Park is a 55 mile former railroad bed. The trail begins in Thompson and ends in East Hampton with a big break between Putnam and Thompson. From Pomfret to Putnam and Pomfret on to Willimantic, the trail is nearly magical. The bridges, the tunnels, the long distance views and the sense of being far away, yet close to everything is special.

There are more parks in our area. None was designed by Olmsted, but they follow some of his principles - they adhere to nature and the contours of the land. They are free to everyone. They provide escape, refreshing views and a place to see people and dogs. Whenever you see a park, walk in it. Celebrate places that belong to everyone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospital Access

I drive to Putnam from Pomfret several times each week. I keep noticing people walking, one even pushing a baby stroller up the steep hill just before the hospital. However, there is either no sidewalk, or one in very poor condition leading to the hospital. How can this be? Day Kimball Hospital opened in 1894 so it has been around for 128 years. A no sidewalk situation is both a public disgrace and a safety issue.

My concern led me to purposely drive several times from the downtown Putnam junction of Kennedy Drive and Route 44 to the hospital and back to better assess the sidewalk situation. I have observed that at the junction of Route 44 and Kennedy Drive there is, of course, a streetlight. There are also pedestrian crossing lights with visual timers and bells. There are sidewalks on both the Cargill Falls (north side of Route 44), and the hospital side (south side of Route 44). So far so good. There is a new sidewalk in front of the Lofts at Cargill Falls, but only up to about where Church Street joins Route 44 from the north. Along the balance of the Lofts complex frontage, the sidewalk on the south sides of Route 44 is in such terrible condition as to be unusable. It is cracked, broken, has heaved sections and depressed sections, and has some standing water after it rains. Simply put, it is a hazard to walk on. A bit further west there are a few multiple tenant housing units on the south side of the road. Here the sidewalks can be unusable as there are frequently multiple cars parked on the sidewalk thus blocking any pedestrian traffic unless one walks onto the Route 44 roadway. The sidewalk in front of the Avena health center is in the same poor condition. A bit further west at the bridge over the Little River there is a good sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. This good sidewalk section continues, on the south side of Route 44, in front of the new Generations Health Center. Then it stops. There is no sidewalk on either side of Route 44 from this point westerly continuing past the entrance to River Road on the left and then up the steep hill to the main hospital entrance, a distance of about 500-600 feet.

If you want or need to walk to the hospital from the end of the existing sidewalk, you are in a pickle. You must walk

in the Route 44 roadway. After passing the end of River Road it is steeply uphill with a steep downhill bank behind the guard rail on your left. There is about three feet of space between the white line on the edge of the road and the guard rail along this section of Route 44 but of course the pavement does not go all the way to the guard rail so within this three feet of width, there is a drop off where the pavement ends. This is a dangerous place for a woman to be pushing a baby stroller along a curved section of Route 44. Check it out yourself by observing this situation as you drive Route 44.

I am partly fired up about this situation because starting at the Pomfret/Putnam Town line the road is plastered with signs stating, "State of CT paves, fines doubled, raised catch basins," etc. Well, it is nice to know the road is going to be repaved, and as a precondition of doing that, catch basins are being raised. All fine, but what about the mostly deplorable or nonexistent sidewalks? Common sense would say, at a minimum, to fix the existing sidewalks before repaving this section of Route 44. The town of Putnam is repaving some of Church Street and as a precondition is rebuilding sidewalks on both sides of Church Street. Common sense.

However, even more important is the need to extend the sidewalk on the south side of Route 44 all the way to the hospital from downtown Putnam. Such a sidewalk will handle foot traffic, bicycles, and handicapped electric scooters. Millions of dollars of state money have been spent on the Airline recreational trail, but there is no money or plan, that I am aware of, to ensure the accessibility or safety of foot traffic trying to reach our beloved Day Kimball Hospital from downtown Putnam. I hope someone can say I have this all wrong and that there are plans to fix the sidewalks and extend them all the way to the hospital. This disgraceful situation and safety concern demands action. I suppose I am also cynical as I do not expect anything to ever be done about this dangerous situation, just excuses as to why it cannot or should not be done. Politicians, please take notice.

WILLIAM B. HULL
POMFRET CENTER, CT

it is time to ask more from our town officials

On Monday, May 16th the Thompson budget passed by 567 to 327. The main reason it passed is the Thompson citizens were misinformed by Thompson's First Selectman. In violation of Connecticut State Statute 9-369b, which states using "municipal funds to influence vote is prohibited", the Selectman's office placed ads in the Shopper's Guide and the Thompson Villager, using taxpayer funds, extolling virtues of the budget, without giving the complete facts. The Selectman's Office also instructed town employees, on town property, during their normal shifts, to hand out literature at the Transfer Station.

The literature was also posted at all four polling sites, in violation of Connecticut State Statute 9-236, which prohibits politicking with 75 feet of a poll.

Connecticut law does allow municipal funds to be used if there are complicated issues at a referendum to explain the options for the voter, but there is a specific process that needs to be followed, and a Yes/No vote on the yearly budget doesn't fall into that category.

Based on the First Selectman's actions, is it no wonder other town officials also feel free to misinform the citizens of Thompson?

In the May 6th edition of the Thompson Villager, the Thompson Town Planner, Tyra Penn-Gesek, submitted a letter as a rebuttal to what she states are "factually incorrect claims" about the Planning and Zoning commission and regulations.

First, she completely discounts public comments from many P&Z Commissioners saying they want to revisit the shooting regulations because she, speaking for the entire commission, says she is not interested.

The next two points she tries to rebut, the number of chickens in the rural sections of town, and the restrictions on butchering, she admits need to be addressed by the commission, would they be addressing them if the citizens weren't aware of the restrictions?

The most outrageous claim though, is her insistence on structures that "the same standards apply now that would have applied then." This is an absolute mischaracterization of Thompson's regulations. Before Covid, the definition of a structure was "A structure is anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or attached to something having a location on the ground."

The current definition of a structure is "Anything that is constructed or erected and the use of which requires permanent attachment to ground or water areas, or attachment to something having permanent location on ground or water areas. An edifice of a building of any kind, any production or piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts and joined together in some definite manner. Signs, vend-

ing machines, fences or walls, a wharf or dock, an above-ground tank or a detached solar panel or satellite dish would be defined as structures. A structure shall not include a flagpole or an ornamental well."

Despite the Town Planner's claims, there is a big difference in the two definitions. In the past it was fairly straight forward, easy to understand, and this, she wants you to believe, is in the current regulations. The latest definition is all encompassing, including anything man made on your property. I am an engineer, not a lawyer, but the new definition would include common home structures like swing sets, dog houses, and playscapes.

She didn't respond at all to the claim the P&Z commission rezoned hundreds of properties in town illegally. The legal notice published did not state the P&Z was rezoning properties, just that they were adopting new regulations, they also did not inform the property owners or abutters either.

The question then becomes why would the Town Planner attempt to mislead the citizens of Thompson? We know she is aware of the regulations; she wrote them with the P&Z commission. Perhaps she is trying to hide her mistakes, according to her resume, this is her first job as town planner. She doesn't list any prior experience or education as a town planner. Most towns require certification and have minimum qualifications, she was hired with neither.

Or is it because, as a town employee, like the transfer station employees, she is only doing what her boss, the First Selectman has asked her to do?

The First Selectman is also trying to restrict what properties in Thompson qualify for PA490, Open Space, by adding the text "completely unimproved and undeveloped" in the description of land that would qualify. The only place in America where you will find "completely unimproved and undeveloped" land is in the Rockies. She has stated, if we don't like it, we can defeat it at the polls, either way it will be the end of the Open Space program in Thompson. Her reason for gutting the program, she told the P&Z commission that the program cost the town 800,000 dollars a year, when in fact, studies have shown that Open Space saves the town money.

The common denominator in all three situations; the First Selectman seems to be attempting to enrich the town's coffers, without asking for a mil increase. Whether we pay increase taxes, more user fees or lose tax breaks for Open Space, we end up paying more for our government. This is nothing new, building permits used to be free, now the town adds fees which make new homes more expensive, the transfer station used to be free, now the town requires we pay a yearly fee.

Either way, it is time to ask more from our town officials, to ask them

On behalf of the Disinformation Governance Board'

We are smart. Most of you are dumb. Because you are not-smart like us, you can't tell what is misinformation or fictitious so we need to protect you from yourselves and tell you what is fact and what isn't, according to us. Because we know, we will help you by telling you what to think. We also won't allow anyone to utter anything that we deem to be hateful, because most of you are also too fragile to have to deal with rhetoric like that. So we will decide what is considered hateful and what isn't considered hateful and we will block, censor or cancel any words or any person whose words could be harmful to you. And we are not saying you are fragile and dumb in a mean way, but a loving way!

If you are someone that points out that there is no protection for hate speech in the Constitution, than you are obviously someone who is in fact, hateful and probably 'racist'. If you think having a marketplace to exchange ideas freely is a healthy thing for society, you obviously are 'alt-right' and if you are someone who points out that the US Government, and our allies in the mainstream media, has been one of the largest purveyors of fiction over fact (E.G. "There is verifiable WMD in Iraq." -under Bush or "If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor." -under Obama) than you are obviously

a 'conspiracy theorist'. In any case, you should not have a voice and you won't much longer, thanks to us.

Here at the DGB, (don't call us KGB or else!) we will be monitoring your comments in the Villager and online with greater scrutiny from now on. Our smart colleagues throughout the US, many in New England, will be reporting and flagging any disinformation, misinformation and hate speech in forums, on social media, email, print and text. We will also be listening to ensure you aren't spreading this type of information verbally. Our partners at Facebook, Twitter, Google etc. have been gracious enough to share their algorithms with us to catch unauthorized speech. This includes any questioning of settled science and orthodoxy on the following: global climate change, vaccine mandates, BLM, Hunter's laptop, stolen elections, our leaders' mental capacity, trans issues, gun control, open borders, CRT, inflation, abortion on-demand, no baby formula and a potential war with Russia over Ukraine to name a few. Furthermore, any questions or dissent about the DGB will itself be considered disinformation. You have been warned!

COLUM LUNDT
WOODSTOCK

Until Republicans and Democrats can work together, expect more of the same or worse

Record inflation, supply chain shortages, and the continuing threat from Covid. Add these current problems to decades of issues with immigration, abortion, gun control.... the list goes on and on. All complex problems with no easy answers. Simple solutions only exist in soundbites from candidates trying to get elected. Remember this one? "I will build a great wall on the southern border and Mexico

will pay for it". Yeah, right. A ridiculous statement made for anyone foolish enough to believe it. None of our problems will get solved by politicians pointing fingers and blaming each other as usual. Until Republicans and Democrats can work together, expect more of the same or worse.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

Congratulations Woodstock

On May 10th the voters of Woodstock rejected a proposed budget at referendum, the first time a budget has failed in a dozen plus years, and by a 14% margin, hopefully forcing the Woodstock Board of Finance (BOF) to go back and actually do their job of managing the town's finances in a responsible fashion. For years the BOF has been using Prop 46 as "the" financial management tool simply calculating the maximum allowed spending and then splitting it up between Town government and the Board of Education (BOE) with little or no regard for reality and long-term sustainability. During the last three years they have used funds from the general account to soften the impact of the out of control spending to get budgets passed that would have otherwise raised questions about the spending floor that was being created and raised taxes beyond what they felt the taxpay-

ers would accept. This year it finally caught up with them when their plan to hide a 6% tax increase behind the confusion of a "reval" year, and the impact on assessments, was brought to light. But let's not kid ourselves, the misdirection and political games are likely not over. Already there are reports (the day after the referendum) of town officials trying to organize get out the vote efforts with specific groups to assure that the next vote will pass whatever they put forward. That raises real concerns as to whether the next budget will actually be a responsible effort - we'll see. Hopefully they will put as much effort into being forthcoming and open about the next budget iteration as in trying to hide it, but if not, I will try my best to get the facts out.

DAVE RICHARDSON
WOODSTOCK

Wood: Don't let the American Marxist intimidate you

I think it's time we address the elephant, or I guess in this case donkey, in the room when it comes to having negative press in the town of Killingly. I for one am appalled that some in our humble town feel it necessary to go to the press when they don't get their way. This started a few years ago with the Redmen issue. Once there was any inkling of opposition from those who wished to keep the name, myself included, news organizations were called upon to attempt to suppress resistance. The face of this was the disgraceful former BOE member Hoween Flexer. Now it reasons that with the school-based health center, the 3-time failed candidate for state representative, Christine Rosati Randall, seems to be leading a charge with the media lapdogs at her beck and call.

Some may say this is not a political issue. Then why are they making it so? None of these issues should have been politicized, but it seems that the American Marxists in the area (which are few) want an issue that will divide the people in a failed effort to garner support for their cause. They have used and continue to use the fake news to spread their propaganda, but in the end failed to win ground in Killingly in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The People of Killingly see through the lies and deception of these Marxists and want a town that represents what America has stood for

since her founding: Limited government, and liberty for all.

Now to be fair, this is not a Republican issue or a Democrat issue as some Democrats agree with Republicans, though they may be silent in fear of being harassed, doxed or cancelled. No, the real issue is that of Americans vs Marxists. One is an ideology of liberty and the other an ideology of tyranny. This is why our town continues to make headlines. Those who look to oppress cannot win and therefore, they are trying to cancel those who wish to live free. Marxists look to make an example of Killingly, a town that dares to question their authority, but Killingly remains unwavering to its commitment to live free despite negative press.

John Adams once said, "But a Constitution of Government, once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty once lost is lost forever. When The People once surrender their share in the Legislature, and their Right of defending the Limitations upon the Government, and of resisting every Encroachment upon them, they can never regain it..."

Stay free my friends. Don't let the American Marxist intimidate you.

RAYMOND WOOD
KILLINGLY, CT

to be open and honest. They are supposed to set the example, hopefully a good one. A public official should go the extra mile to avoid any tinge of a conflict of interest. I know I'm not perfect, just ask my wife, and we can't ask for perfection from our elected officials, but we can at least ask them to obey the laws. Ask yourself, should the town hire the First Selectman's catering business to feed election workers?

BILL WARNER
THOMPSON



KEEP YOUR DOLLARS LOCAL!

SPORTS

Thompson's huge day hitting, pitching lifts Centaurs by Killingly

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — In Woodstock Academy's 11-1 softball win over Killingly High on Thursday, May 12, Lexi Thompson had the kind of day teammates have in mind when they yell encouragement from the bench in the form of the simple phrase, "have a day, kid."

Thompson made Arthur & Evelyn Weimann Memorial Field her personal playground against Killingly. At the plate the junior finished the day 4-for-4 with two doubles, two RBI and three runs scored, in the pitching circle she was, hard as it is to say, even better, tossing a complete game two-hitter, striking out 14 while walking just two.

"Pitching was easy; I knew I had my team behind me," said Thompson, who struck out the side in the first, sixth and seventh innings. "Hitting-wise it was easy, too, because my team was encouraging me and supporting me the whole game."

Woodstock assistant coach Dave St. Jean, who was filling in as head coach because WA head coach Jason Gerum was in Canada at a youth hockey tournament with his son, smiled widely when Thompson's name was mentioned.

"Lexi is incredible," St. Jean said. "She's been pretty consistent in the circle all year, getting about 10-12 strikeouts a game. In the last couple games her bat has really started to get going. It's been fun to watch her on the offensive side, too."

The win over Killingly was sandwiched between two other victories for Woodstock last week — the Centaurs enjoyed road wins over Bacon Academy (15-1, Tuesday, May 10), and St. Bernard (10-5, in eight innings). Woodstock (10-8) entered this week riding a four-game winning streak.

The victory over Killingly clinched a second-place finish in Division II of the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) for WA and earned the Centaurs a spot in the ECC postseason tournament.

The only mistake Thompson made came in the top of the first inning when Hannah Cozza staked Killingly to a 1-0 lead, launching a two-out, two-ball, two strike offering over the fence in straightaway center field.

"That one hurt a little bit, but they're a good team and she's a good hitter," said Thompson, who settled down quickly, striking out the next Killingly batter to end the top of the first. "I analyze every pitch that I throw, so I knew what pitch I threw and I knew how I missed



Woodstock Academy's Liz Morgis sprints around the bases during the Centaurs' 11-run outburst versus Killingly.



Killingly's Grace Deslauriers winds up before tossing a pitch to the Woodstock Academy batter.

my spot.

"I know this team pretty well; I used to play with a lot of them, so I know they're a really good hitting team," the Brooklyn resident continued. "It comes down to a matter of me hitting my corners, hitting my spots, and using my changeup to keep them off balance. Settling in, staying in and being focused is really important for me to be successful out there."

Woodstock took a lead it would not relinquish in the bottom of the first inning, scoring three runs on two hits, a sacrifice fly, and a Killingly error.

Sarah McArthur (2-for-4, triple, RBI) started off the bottom of the first for the Centaurs with a single to left-center field and moved to third when Thompson followed with her first double of the day, to left field. McArthur tied the game, 1-1, scoring on a sacrifice

fly to right field by Delaney Anderson.

Thompson, who advanced to third on Anderson's fly out, put the Centaurs ahead, 2-1, scoring on a Killingly error on a ball hit by Liz Morgis, who advanced to third on the play. Morgis extended the WA lead to 3-1 when she scored on a groundout off the bat of Madi Nichols (two RBI).

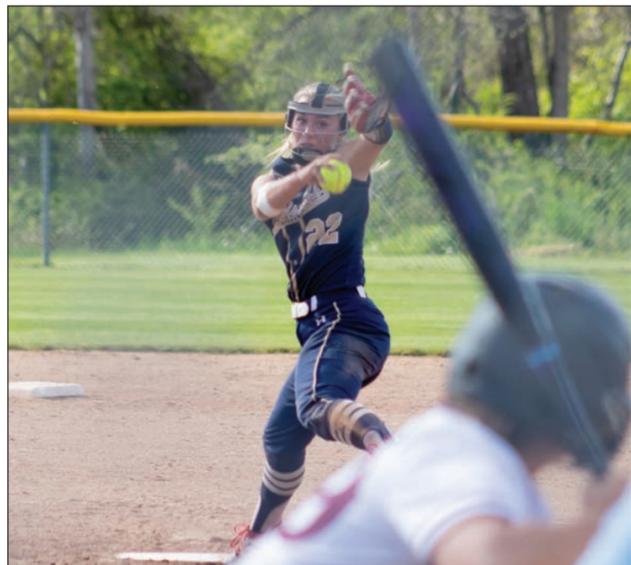
"It was great," Thompson said of Woodstock answering Killingly's run in the top of the first with three of its own in the bottom of the frame. "The coaching staff is always reiterating the need to get ahead and stay ahead, and to win every inning, and we did that today."

The Centaurs' extended their lead to 5-1 after three innings, 9-1 after four, and 11-1 after five.

The game with Woodstock was a long one for the Killingly defense, which struggled throughout.



Hannah Cozza of Killingly leaps into the air attempting to make a catch just before a Woodstock player slides in.



Lexi Thompson of Woodstock Academy earned the win in the pitching circle by tossing a complete game two-hitter, striking out 14, walking two and allowing one run in the Centaur's 11-1 victory.

"We had seven mental errors and four physical errors. You can't win games playing like that, especially against a good team like Woodstock," Killingly head coach Lance Leduc said. "We've played them pretty evenly over the years so, coming in, you believe it's going to be a good game, a close game, and then the defense plays like that."

"I think the mental errors are what bother me the most. The physical errors, it's going to happen, they're teenagers, if you keep it under control pretty well you're in every game," Leduc continued. "But mentally there were situations where it looked like the girls had no idea how many outs there were and who was on base."

Killingly's Grace Deslauriers pitched better than the final score would indicate. The freshman allowed 10 hits, but struck out five and walked just two.

"Grace is doing great. My starting pitcher last year graduated and who I thought was going to be my starting pitcher coming into this year didn't come back," Leduc said. "Grace is very coachable, we love having her. She works really hard for us. Today's one of those days where you feel bad for the pitcher. She's a great kid and she did well."

The week ended with a win for 7-9 Killingly, which defeated Griswold, 11-6, on the road on Saturday, May 14.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Russ, Grzysiewicz help lead Killingly baseball to ECC Division III title

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

A pair of seniors, Trevin Russ and Jay Grzysiewicz, led the Killingly High baseball team to the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) 2022 Division III title with a 12-2 win over Griswold High on Tuesday, May 10, at Owen Bell Park.

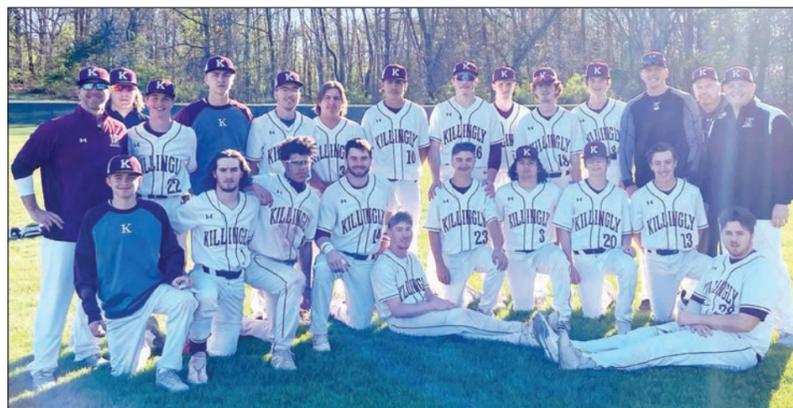
Russ led the way at the plate, going 4-for-4 with four RBI while Grzysiewicz picked up a complete-game win on the hill, finishing with eight strikeouts. Ashton Goodwin contributed to the win with three hits, including a double, while Grzysiewicz and Lucas Bertram added two hits each.

Killingly (11-6) followed up the home win over Griswold with a road win over Plainfield, 3-1, on Thursday, May 12.

After tying the game, 1-1, in the fifth inning, Killingly took the lead in the sixth, scoring a pair of runs. Nate Keefe got the go-ahead rally going, smashing a triple and then scoring on a Bertram single to give Killingly a 2-1 lead.

Brandon Baker went six innings on the bump to pick up the win, striking out nine while allowing one run on four hits. Corbyn Adams relieved Baker to start the seventh inning and earned the save with a 1-2-3 inning.

Elsewhere:



The Killingly High baseball team posed for team pictures after defeating Griswold High, 12-2, on Tuesday, May 10, at Owen Bell Park to win the Eastern Connecticut Conference 2022 Division III regular season title.

The highlight of Woodstock Academy's week was a 16-4 mercy rule-shortened win at Montville on Thursday, May 12. The Centaurs scored seven runs in the second inning, six coming with two outs, to put the game away early. Hamilton Barnes and Kaden Murphy each had two hits and two RBIs in the win, and Jackson Goetz also drove in two runs.

Woodstock (12-5 overall, 6-2 in ECC Division II play) started the week with a 4-1 home loss to Bacon Academy and finished it with a 7-5 road defeat to Valley Regional.

Boys' Lacrosse

Woodstock Academy scored eight goals in the first quarter and cruised to a 14-3 road win over Norwich Tech on

Thursday, May 12. Zach Gessner scored a hat trick in the first 10 minutes and finished with four goals for the Centaurs (8-6). Jonah Libby also scored two early goals and later added four assists, while Jared Neilsen contributed a goal and three assists.

Girls' Lacrosse

Killingly split a pair of games with Montville recently, winning 18-12 at Morgan Field on Saturday, May 14, after losing 9-8, on Tuesday, May 10, in Montville. Makala Dube led the way in the home-and-home series with 12 goals, and now has 55 on the season. Eight of those goals came in the May 14 win. Also scoring in that game were Emily Lamparelli (3), Sarah Farquhar (2), Selina Metzermacher (2), Sage Lamparelli, Hailey Radtke, and Aila Gutierrez. Goalie Erika Horne picked up the win in net, finishing with 13 saves.

Boys' Golf

Woodstock Academy turned in one of its better performances of the season to date, defeating Plainfield, 7-0, on Wednesday, May 11, at Thompson's Quinnetis Country Club. Kyle Brennan and Davis Simpson shared medalist honors for the 7-5 Centaurs, each carding a 41, while Donnie Sousa and Chris Thibault both

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Pomfret Recreation Upcoming Events:

Annual Hooked on Fishing Derby: for Boys and Girls ages 5-15 takes place on Sunday, June 12th. Rain date is Saturday, 6/18/22. Fishing starts at 8:30 am. We will have contests and tagged fish prizes at \$25.00 each. Picnic lunch included Fee: \$5.00 p.p.

Basketball Summer Mini Camp: For boys and girls ages 10-18 at the Pomfret Community School Gym. July 11th, 12th and 13th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Be instructed by Coach Mike Phelps (UConn shooting coach), on shooting fundamentals and ball handling/dribbling techniques. Please see the registration form online at: www.pomfretct.gov/recreation with testimonials on Coach Mike Phelps. This camp is \$95.00 per person.

2 LEGO CAMPS: – 7/18 – 7/22/22. Animal Adventure Camp is for boys and girls ages 5-7 and runs from 9 am to noon each day. Jedi Master Engineering is for ages 8-12 and takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 pm each day. The camp will be held in the PCS cafeteria. \$150.00 per person

SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL instructed by Jan Koivisto: takes place from 7/26 to 8/18/22. 4 weeks

of basketball playing every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at the Rec. Park. \$35.00 for Pomfret residents and \$40 for out-of-town players
5:00 to 5:30 pm grades 3 & 4 Co-ed,
5:00 to 6:00 pm (separate court) grades 5 and 6 co-ed
6:00 to 7:00pm grades 7 and 8 separated
7:00 to 8:00 pm grades 9-12 separated

Co-ed Adult Pick up Style Sand Volleyball: at the Rec. Park. Wednesdays, June 1st to August 31st. Runs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Fee is \$10.00 p.p. for the season

Co-ed Summer Cribbage League: – for ages 16 and up. Tuesdays, May 31st to October 18, 2022, at the Pomfret Community Center. Time is 6:30 to 9 pm ish. Instruction will be provided those wanting to learn the game. All equipment is provided. You can check out www.quietcornerleagues.com or the Recreation Dept. web page for more info.

\$20.00 per person for the season with a tournament at the end. Teams consist of two players

Corn Hole Summer League: (co-ed) for ages 12 and up Thursdays 6 to 7:50

pm at the Pomfret Rec. Park. 2 people per team. Program runs from June 2nd – September 1st with a tournament at the end.

Adult Painting Class: Ages 12 & up. Friday, June 17th at 6:30 PM at the Pomfret Community Center. Do you love to paint or have wanted to try but didn't know where to start? This class is for you! Tara, from HeArt in Mind Designs will be the instructor for this class. Paint a 16x20 canvas of Purple Mountain Majesty. \$35.00 per person.

Painting Class for Children: Ages 7 & up. Saturday, June 11th at 10:30 AM at the Pomfret Community Center. Let's get creative and have some fun! HeArt in Mind Designs instructor, Tara will run this class. The painting will be an 11x14 canvas of the Ice Cream Cone. The canvas will have the design lightly sketched on it for you, to guide you with proportion, so that all you need to do is paint and have fun! The fee is \$20.00 per person.

Beginner's Calligraphy for Children: Ages 8 & up. Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Pomfret Community Center. Join us for an introduction to the art of

Calligraphy! Learn the basic strokes and how to create your own beautiful writing style. Creating a card/poem of your own calligraphy. Fee: \$40.00 per person includes one felt tip pen, practice lined paper and alphabet. Another pen will be available separately for purchase that day for \$7.00.

Concert At The Park With The Billy Pilgrim Band On Saturday, July 30th: This is a free concert. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and a picnic if you'd like. Concert starts at 5:30 pm

Coming Soon: Women's Tennis!

WE HAVE 2 SEATS OPEN ON THE RECREATION COMMISSION. HELP THE COMMISSION BRING SOME MORE FUN TO POMFRET!

You do not need to live in Pomfret to participate in most Town Rec. programs.

Questions: 860-974-1423

To register for these events, the forms are available on our website:

www.pomfretct.gov/recreation or you can stop by the Pomfret Town Hall to pick one up.

Email: Barbara.gagnon@pomfretct.gov

Country Living at Westview Commons announces April Employee of the Month



Gabrielle Moore

(Dayville, CT) Gabrielle Moore serves as the April Employee of the Month at Country Living at Westview Commons. Gabby is a member of the dining room staff at the Dayville, CT independent and assisted living facility; waiting on the resident patrons as they gather for their three daily meals. She loves how the dining space is set up and the scheduling of the meal times, as it reminds her of a gourmet restaurant with prime reservations. While making her way around The Great Room (the centrally located dining space at Westview Commons) she makes considerable efforts to provide the resident diners with whatever they need for

food and drink, and she commits to doing so while offering the friendliest service that she can provide. Of course she is interested in taking their orders, but she is every bit as interested in taking the time to ask the residents she serves about their day and what is new in their lives. Gabby has already built many connections with the Westview Commons residents as a result of this approachable kindness, and she looks forward to expanding these relationships with more residents.

Gabby is a resident of Killingly, CT and she is a graduate of Killingly High School. Her talents as a considerate cuisine courier are almost like

second nature for her; having worked in the foodservice industry since she was 16 years old. After joining the Westview Commons dining staff in January of this year, Gabby has commented how much she values the organization's treatment of their employees as well as their residents. As she sees it: she loves the metaphorical foundation that Westview Commons' legacy is built upon, and she loves the elegance of the physical building that was built at 117 Ware Road, Dayville, CT. Some of her interests outside of work include fitness, reading books, spending time with friends and family, and attending sporting events. Gabby is the daughter of Michael and Pauline Moore, and the proud sister of Sophia Moore as she looks to cheer on her college soccer career at Fitchburg State University in the years ahead. UConn football is another major spectator sport drawing Gabby's support; her boyfriend playing quarterback for the Huskies.

Family connection has always been important to Gabby. She has fond memories of going over to her grandmother's house nearly every day in the summer, and her family's Sunday night dinners are a staple of their continued bond—held together with the adhesives of shared meals, card games, and conversations. Gabby's family life contributes another advantage from her personal background benefitting her professional role. In her upbringing, her parents

instilled the importance of community from an early age. She describes how her family members have always been active members of their communities, and now, she delights in being a part of the new-found community that exists at Westview Commons. She finds this especially important amidst the challenges of isolation in the last few years. With many aspects of society seemingly separated, she feels that the community at Westview Commons feels whole, and she cherishes the way that the Westview Commons resident population feels like a second family to her.

On the days she is working at Westview Commons Gabby looks forward to seeing her colleagues and the residents for their reliably smiley tendencies. "All of my coworkers are really awesome—everyone is great to work with! Although we don't always work with the same group shift-to-shift, we always pick up right where we left off the last time that we were together, and we know we can count on each other with solid expectations." Gabby went on to say: "I love helping other people, and I love seeing the impact we can have on the residents here. I am very surprised and honored to receive the Employee of the Month award. I want to thank Westview Commons for giving me this awesome, amazing award. I'm so happy to receive it!"

Westview Commons Executive Vice President

David T. Panteleakos always intended for deluxe dining to be a part of the lifestyle accommodations at the grand residence since its inception. He speaks of his vision being fulfilled through the efforts of Westview Commons staff members like Gabby. "Gabby is an important asset to our dining experience at Westview Commons; taking the carefully chef-prepared meals to our residents with extra servings of personality and cheerfulness," Mr. Panteleakos stated. "I value the interactions that I am able to see a staff member like Gabby share with our residents—I know she is considering all of their dining needs while also taking a human interest in their daily lives. Congratulations to Gabby!"

Country Living at Westview Commons is a 75-unit independent and assisted living community conveniently located in picturesque Northeastern Connecticut. Affiliated with Westview Health Care Center, a nationally-ranked nursing facility according to CMS and U.S. News and World Report for the past 14 years consecutively, Westview Commons is a catered living facility dedicated to a genuine 5-star experience including outstanding service, culinary expertise, and professional in-house entertainment. Located in Dayville, CT, Westview Commons combines convenience, tranquility and comfort; providing a lifestyle that seniors deserve.

Woodstock Building Associates, llc of woodstock, recognized among the top customer service leaders in the residential construction industry

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GuildQuality's 2022 Guildmaster Award Honors with Distinction Woodstock Building Associates, LLC

Woodstock, CT, May 6, 2022 – Woodstock Building Associates, LLC of Woodstock, Connecticut received a 2022 Guildmaster Award with Distinction from GuildQuality for demonstrating exceptional customer service within the residential construction industry.

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

Out of 2000+ eligible applicants, Woodstock Building Associates, LLC is one of 400+ businesses within the residential construction industry rec-

ognized by GuildQuality for consistently delivering superior customer care.

Indetermining which businesses received the 2022 Guildmaster Award, GuildQuality reviewed thousands of survey responses submitted by customers of Guildmaster candidates, and considered two primary metrics for each candidate: the percentage of customers stating they would recommend the business to friend and the percentage of customers who responded.

Woodstock Building Associates, LLC achieved a recommendation rate of 97% or above from their customers surveyed by GuildQuality.

"We are very excited about this Award. We strive to provide exceptional customer service to all of our clients. This award demonstrates our commitment to our clients

– Doug Porter, Managing Partner"

For more on the 2022 Guildmaster Award and qualifications, visit www.guildquality.com/guildmaster/.

More on Woodstock Building Associates, LLC

With over four decades of operation and a team of experienced professionals, Woodstock Building Associates, LLC is an established leader in custom home building and remodeling. This award-winning team serves northeastern Connecticut and Central Massachusetts with well-planned and expertly executed projects of all sizes, working with clients from initial design to finished product. Visit wbahomes.com for more information.

About GuildQuality

Over 2,000 residential construction professionals rely on GuildQuality's customer satisfaction surveying software to help them deliver exceptional customer service and get the recognition they deserve for their commitment to quality. Join GuildQuality's community of quality today and see your company through your customers' eyes. For more information about GuildQuality, visit www.guildquality.com.

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fired a 45.

Girls' Golf

Woodstock Academy improved to 3-5 on the season with a 254-264 win over Suffield on Thursday, May 12, at Quinnetis Country Club in Thompson. Senior Jillian Marcotte led the way for the Centaurs, shooting a 55.

Boys' Tennis

Woodstock Academy started the week with a win (7-0) at New London on Monday, May 9) and finished it the same way (7-0 over Lyman at home on Saturday, May 14) to improve to 8-5.

In the win over New London, Jai Abrams won his pro-set style singles match, 10-0, while Evan Haskins and Gabriel Viau each scored 10-1 wins in their matches. In the win over Lyman, Haskins, Viau and Joe Zhou all posted 6-0, 6-0 wins. In between the victories the Centaurs lost to 11-0 East Lyme, on the road, 4-3, in a closely contested match.

Girls' Tennis

Like their male counterparts, the Woodstock Academy girls' tennis team started and ended the week with wins — 5-2 at Ledyard, Monday, May 9, and 4-3 at Stowe (Vt.) on Saturday, May 14.

In the win over Ledyard, the Centaurs' fifth straight win at the time, WA's third doubles team of Paige Owens and Peyton Bentley won a marathon match, 3-6, 6-1, 12-10 to

help secure the victory. Jackie Trudeau and Sydney Schuler both posted straight set victories in singles.

In the win over Stowe, Woodstock's second doubles team of Stella Atchinson and Emma Massey broke the 3-3 tie against the defending Vermont state champions with a match-deciding win. First singles player Addy Smith, fifth singles player Morgan Bentley (Vermont plays five singles and two doubles matches) and the first doubles team of Logan Reynolds and Ellie Bishop-Klee also posted wins for the 8-4 Centaurs.

Track & Field

Woodstock Academy senior Keenan LaMontagne continued his discus-throwing excellence at the Greater Hartford Invitational (GHI), held Saturday, May 14, in East Hartford. LaMontagne won the discus competition at the GHI with a throw of 166-feet, 5-inches. Teammate Ian Hoffman placed fifth in the 800m.

In the girls' portion of the event, Centaurs' junior Magdalena Myslenski was second in the discus with a toss of 109-feet. The 3,200 meter relay team of Linsey Arends, Julia Coyle, Leah Castle and Leila MacKinnon also finished second, posting a combined time at the distance of 10:07. Individually, Arends finished fourth in the 800-meter run and Bella Sorrentino placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Summer antique destinations



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

Last week marked the opening of Brimfield and from what I've heard it was a great success. The warm weather brought crowds of happy dealers and shoppers. If you missed this first show, there will be two more opportunities from July 12th through the 17th and September 6th through the 11th. In addition to this special tradition, there are many other shows taking place close to home, or a short day or weekend trip away.

The day before Brimfield's July and September dates, you can attend the Sturbridge Antique Show. The show's website touts 100 dealers with vintage clothing, Americana, jewelry and antiques. It will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on July 11th and September 5th. Early admission (beginning at 8 AM) costs \$40 while general admission (beginning at 10 AM) costs \$15.

If you're looking to attend a show happening sooner, the Grafton Annual Antiques and Arts Show will be held on June 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM on the Grafton Common. The Grafton Historical Society's website notes that "Antique & Art ven-

dors will line beautiful Grafton Common offering high quality Antiques and craft items for sale."

Want to couple your antiquing with a weekend getaway? The Dover Show & Vintage Market is about an hour and a half away in Dover, NH and will be held on June 11th, July 23rd, August 20th, and September 17th. There is free admission from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or you can pay \$6 for early admission.

Also in New Hampshire, tailgate antique shows will be running at Flying Pig Antiques on the following Thursdays: June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th, September 15th, October 20th and November 17th. The fields open at 9 AM and there is free admission.

The 65th Annual New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association Show takes place August 11th through August 13th in Manchester. The Maine Antique Digest describes it as "the best show of its kind in New England." The NHADA website states, "the 65 professional antiques dealers who exhibit at the show save merchandise throughout the year in order to ensure that the show maintains its longstanding reputation for 'fresh-to-the-market' antiques." Thursday admission is \$15 while Friday and Saturday admission is \$10. As a great way to promote interest in antiques among the younger generation, admission is free to those 30 and under.



Also happening later in the summer, the 50th Annual Antiques Fair and Summer Festival will be held August 27th in Madison, CT. The Madison Historical Society describes the show as such: "with many outstanding antique exhibitors from the Northeast, New York State, the mid-Atlantic states and Florida, this unique fair typically offers eighteenth- and nineteenth-century American and European furniture, along with a wide range of other antiques." It runs from 9 AM

to 4 PM with an admission fee of \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Some of these shows have been running for so long that they can almost be considered antiques themselves, too. Please confirm that any shows you are interested in attending haven't been canceled or changed before traveling.

We are cataloging more items for another model train and die-cast car auction from the same West Boylston estate as our previous auctions. We

are also planning an online auction of tools, equipment and trailer/storage containers in Oakham, MA. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for a link to the auction and for other upcoming events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

Increase your perennial garden's beauty this spring

Give your perennials a boost this spring with a topdressing of compost, aged manure, or other organic matter. It's a great way to revive tired gardens, improve a garden's overall health, and keep vibrant perennials healthy and blooming.



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

organic matter over the soil surface. Be careful not to bury the crown of your plants.

You can leave the compost sitting on the soil surface or lightly mix it into the top inch with a hand cultivator. The earthworms, ground beetles and other organisms will move it down into the soil and around the plant roots where it is needed.

The second step is especially helpful for those with heavy or compacted soils. Once the compost is in place, do a bit of vertical mulching. Use an auger bit on your cordless drill. Simply drill holes into the soil between plants. This aerates the soil and pushes some of the compost into the soil further boosting your efforts.

Vertical mulching helps speed up the process a bit by getting the compost closer to the plant roots and soil organisms that will help incorporate it into the soil. The openings created in the soil allow air, water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and travel to the root zone.

Then be sure to return the mulch you removed from the garden or add mulch if needed. Maintaining an inch or two of organic mulch on the soil surface not only conserves moisture and suppresses weeds; it also continues to improve the soil. As the organic mulch breaks down, it adds organic matter and nutri-



Photo courtesy MelindaMyers.com

Topdressing perennial gardens improves the overall health of the garden, so the plants can thrive.

ents to the soil.

Investing some time to create and maintain healthy soil goes a long way in making your garden a beautiful part of the landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's*

Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program.* Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Quest martial arts in Thompson and owner Master Kristin Duethorn announce the monthly promotions

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Blue-Dragon Belt: Harrison Demers, Nella Copeland, and Roscoe Kirkconnell
Green-Dragon Belt: Cody Lenihan and Honorable Walford
Yellow Belt: Asher Jarvis, Julian Cellucci, and Mason Fish,
Orange Belt: Angie Seraphin, Caitlyn Hodgkins, and Phillip Hodgkins

Orange-Black Belt: Addie Lopes, Cameron Crowley, Frederick Zengerl, Logen McJohnson, and Owen Abram
2 Stripe Blue Belt: Joshua Jeffers and Nicholas Helwig
Blue Belt: Braylon Hill
Blue-Green Belt: Harper van der Swaggh
Blue-Black Belt: Aaliyah Winsey and Lucas Staskivitch
3 Stripe Green Belt: Blaise

Bollig, Nick Beams, Rafaelle Mondarte and Rosemarie Zorola
2 Stripe Green Belt: Melissa McGovern
1 Stripe Green Belt: Alex Giroux
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In honor of The Arc's 70th anniversary, this year's theme is The '70s!

Wear your best '70's styles, from bell bottoms to tie-dye—prizes for best-dressed team!

Team photos being provided courtesy of Clarus Studios.

Advanced registration is required. Proceeds to benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities Friday, June 17, 2022, Connecticut National Golf Club, 136 Chase Road, Putnam, CT 06260

Contact Denise Tift | T860.889.4435 x116, dtift@thearecct.org

Visit TheArcECT.org/golf for more information

Managing Investment Stress During Market Volatility



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LAURENCE HALE
INVESTMENT ADVISER

For millions, the financial impact of recent events like the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and ballooning inflation have served as a source of distress and worry. This rings true in particular for investors of all kinds. Market volatility is high and the future, as always, is uncertain.

But feeling hopeless about an unpredictable stock market certainly isn't any help. If you're one of many worrying about investments, here are some dependable ways to reduce stress and make a plan for moving forward.

Prioritizing Your Mental Health

Psychological professionals have long acknowledged the detrimental effects of stress. It impacts sleep, cognition and overall physical health.¹ In times of financial as well as social uncertainty, it's important to first regulate your mental wellbeing; high stress levels actually change human perception, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making.³

Due to this, it's wise to consider certain stress-managing lifestyle changes before making any big investment-related decisions.

Reducing Stress Without Changing Your Finances

Stress makes us feel as if we're losing control. This is why it's vital to take control of your lifestyle, independent of finances, wherever you can. The following suggestions have been proven to have positive effects:²

Focus on wellness. They're timeworn suggestions, but they work: exercise regularly, get enough sleep, eat well and practice mindfulness. Allocate time to engage in recreational activities that make you happy, or explore a new hobby.

Don't use unhealthy coping mechanisms. These can be harder to recognize than one might expect. Don't smoke or drink in excess to cope with stress, but also be wary of overworking yourself or unnecessary risk-taking.

Stay socially connected. Social support increases resilience to stress.³ Experiencing the combined effects of financial stress and social distancing measures from coronavirus makes people susceptible to feelings of isolation. Lean into your support system and connect with others to avoid feeling con-

sumed by anxious thoughts. Approaching the Volatile Market

While all of the aforementioned actions can help you handle stress, it's impossible to truly do so without addressing the stressor: the worry you have about your investments.

The first step is to accept what's happening economically. That doesn't mean investors have to live in a constant state of stock-induced anxiety, although it can be difficult not to. When dealing with the stock market during volatile times, keep these guidelines in mind.

Take a Break: Over-checking your portfolio is ill-advised in general and even more so during market downturns. For most, investing is a long-term proposition. Constantly checking your investments is not only unnecessary but often a source of aggravated stress - the same goes for over-consuming news about the stock market. This can increase the chance of making hasty, emotionally-driven decisions. It may be in your best interest to momentarily step away from your investments in order to gain perspective.

Assess Your Investing Goals: While you should avoid over-checking it, seasons of volatility are a great time to reassess your portfolio and remind yourself of your long-

term goals. Why is your portfolio made up of these specific investments? Why are you investing in the first place?

Despite a dynamic stock market, it's probable that investors' long-term goals remain unchanged. Keeping yourself conscious of these long-term returns is crucial; remember that your investment plans will outlast a period of market volatility.

Making Investment Decisions: If you have a financial advisor, talk to them about your concerns. If you don't have an advisor and think it's time to work with one, now's an opportune time. Our team at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors can help you to build a solid financial plan using our strategic Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process so that you can stress less and feel confident that you're always doing all you can to reach your goals. Learn more about our process at whzwealth.com and contact us at (860) 928-2341 or info@whzwealth.com to get started.

No matter your circumstances, the fundamental piece of advice is to avoid making an uninformed decision. Patiently observing your losses isn't easy - but note that as bear markets average losses of 33 percent, bull markets are much longer in duration and come

with average gains of 159 percent.⁴

Remember that, historically, the stock market has recovered.⁵ Bear markets are a normal part of investing. It's hard to see an upside as anxiety spreads amongst investors. It's understandably stressful when you feel the security of your investments is threatened - but don't allow a volatile market to cause you too much distress. Long-term returns will outweigh the short-term losses. Until then, focus on your mental wellbeing and solidify your financial plans.

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Jeff Gordon unanimously endorsed as the Republican candidate



Jeff Gordon from Woodstock was unanimously endorsed as the Republican candidate for the 35th State Senate District on May 15th. The district includes Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Ellington, Eastford, Hampton, Stafford Springs, Thompson, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington and Woodstock.

"I am honored by the strong support throughout the district", said Jeff. "I am fighting for hard-working families and job-creating small businesses, especially during these times of high inflation and expansive taxes. I am fighting for individual and parental rights. I am fighting for people having local decision-making about what happens in their towns, not others elsewhere who think they know better. I am fighting to support the good work of law enforce-

ment officers during this time of concerns about crime and public safety. I am fighting for common sense, which is needed in the legislature"

Jeff knows from his years of leadership experience as an elected official in Woodstock that we can stand for our shared values, stand strong for our communities, and stand together to find better ways of doings.

Jeff Gordon is Chair of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission, a Past President and current Council Chair of the Connecticut State Medical Society, the First Vice-President of the Woodstock Fair, a Past President of the Woodstock Education Foundation, and the Vice-President of the Woodstock Safety Patrol. He is a doctor who specializes in blood and cancer care.

Thompson Memorial Day Services

Veteran's graves will be decorated on Saturday May 21, 2022

On Monday, May 30 2022 at 8:45 AM sharp. The Veterans of all Wars, members and the American Legion, the Veterans Foreign Wars, all Auxiliary members, Gold Star Mothers, All Servicemen and Women, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Firefighters and all Patriotic societies and school children are invit-

ed to meet at the Town Office Building, North Grosvenordale.

The parade will start at 9:00 AM Sharp from the Town Office Building and proceed to Main Street Bridge where a salute will be given for those buried at sea. The march will resume to St. Joseph's Cemetery around the World War One Monument to Ocsar Swanson park. The column will be lined up at

the park where a service for the deceased veterans will be held. The column will then proceed to the Lutheran Cemetery and the Town Office Building for dismissal.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will then proceed to the following cemeteries: West Thompson, East Thompson and Fabyan and Fabyan Post Office

Lunch will be served at the VFW from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Partnership With Eastford Schools Extended Under 10-Year Agreement

WOODSTOCK, CT (May 17, 2022) – The Woodstock Academy is pleased to announce a 10-year agreement has been signed with the Eastford Board of Education which designates The Academy as one of the official high schools for the Town of Eastford.

The Academy will furnish educational facilities, programs, and activities for grades nine through grade twelve for high school students residing in the Town of Eastford, subject to all the requirements, privileges, restrictions, and awards accorded its student body.

"As an institution, we rely on partnerships and cherish sending town representation within our student body," said Head of School Chris Sandford.

The sending town partnership with the Eastford Board of Education, in existence for over 90 years, is the second-longest in Woodstock Academy his-

tory.

"We are very pleased to continue this long-standing positive relationship with The Woodstock Academy as the designated high school for our students. The Academy provides quality programming for our students and the staff is very responsive to their changing needs," said Donna Leake, Superintendent of Eastford Schools.

The Woodstock Academy is an independent, day and boarding, co-educational, college preparatory high school for grades 9-12 and postgraduates located in Woodstock, CT. The mission of The Woodstock Academy is to prepare all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens.

LEGALS

Town of Woodstock

Budget Referendum

Tuesday, May 10th

Noon - 8:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall

For more information see

www.woodstockct.gov

May 20, 2022

Woodstock

Historic District Commission

Public Hearing

for 435 Route 169, McColgen, for win-

dows. May 25, 6:30 pm. G Usher, Chair.

May 20, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edith B Erickson (22-00142) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated May 2, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Elyssa A. Foley, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jeffrey B Erickson and Jill G Erickson

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PUTNAM, CT 06260

May 20, 2022

TOWN OF THOMPSON

PLANNING AND ZONING

COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT on the following applications.

PZC #22-14 Applicant Hany Youssef

property owner at 292 Riverside Dr.,

Map 87, Block 95, Lot 39, Zone TCDD,

1.93 acres, request a Special Permit to

operate an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary,

according to Town of Thompson

Zoning Regulations, Article 4E, Thomp-

son Corridor Development District,

Section 2, Table of Permitted Use, #20,

Article 5A C. Adult Use Cannabis and

Article 3A. Section 4-A., B., and C.

PZC Application #22-15 Applicant

Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc., dba

Rawson Materials, 58 Pomfret Street,

Putnam, CT 06260, Property Owner

Christine M. Waldron, et. Al, 20 Wiltshire

Drive, Worcester, MA 01609 requesting

a Special Permit for gravel mining oper-

ation.

Files may be reviewed online, Town of

Thompson website, Planning and Zoning

Commission or in the Planning and Zoning

Office. Written communication will be

accepted prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman

May 13, 2022

May 20, 2022



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