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Killingly Conservation presents environmental award



Girl Scout Troop 60581 we presented with the 2022 Environmental Award for assisting Jean Mountford with cleaning up the Litchfield Avenue Conservation Area. This year marks the first time an individual and a group received the honor at the same time.

Jean Mountford received the 2022 Environmental Award for her dedication to local conservation and cleaning up the Litchfield Avenue Conservation Area.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Conservation Commission presented their annual Environmental Award on

March 21 with the help of the Town Council continuing a twenty-year tradition of recognizing individuals and groups that contribute to the awareness, care, enhancement, and protection of

Killingly's open space and natural resources.

In a historic first, the award was presented to an individual and a group at the same time, both for helping develop the Litchfield Avenue Conservation Area. Conservation Commission Chair Donna Bronwell revealed that Commission member Jean Mountford and Girl Scout Troop 60581 were the 2022 award hon-

orees.

Bronwell acknowledged that Mountford's selection was unique as the Commission rarely acknowledges one of their own with the award. However, Mountford's dedication and volunteerism have shined as she has worked tirelessly to establish the Litchfield Avenue Conservation Area as a future source of outdoor recreation for the town.

"Jean Mountford is a three-year member of our commission who immediately volunteered to clean up trails at our Litchfield Avenue conservation property because she grew up in Rogers. In the past we have not given this award to current commission members, but this year is different," said Bronwell. "Each meeting, Jean would come in filled with great enthusiasm for her

work there, from gathering trash to chasing current dumpers and making them pick up their garbage — She bought a brush cutter, she opened up the trails, she directed a local man with a chainsaw to cut down trees that were blocking the path."

Mountford has also helped mark and design future trails on the property. She was compli-

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Breakfast benefits Friends of Thompson Public Library

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON — The Thompson American Legion Post 67 hosted a special breakfast on Sunday, March 26 to benefit the Friends of the Thompson Public Library, an organization dedicated to supporting the numerous programs held at its namesake library every year.

Breakfast was prepared and served by members of the American Legion and the Friends of the Thompson Public Library and complimented by a raffle with funding recuperating the cost of the meal while all the remaining funds go right back into the community by supporting the Friends. Barbara McGarry, President of the Friend of the Thompson Public Library, said the money helps support new and existing programs that serve patrons of all ages.

"It helps the director of the library to choose programs that work really well for the children. These programs make the library a fun place to go. She started some programs like reading 1,000 books before kindergarten and reading 500 books before middle school

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MAXX AND MACI CORRADI LEAD CENTAURS IN SCORING

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — Possibly overshadowed in the terrific run that the Woodstock Academy boys' hockey team went on this year — the Centaurs reached the final of the Connecticut Division II Tournament — was the fact that Maxx and Maci Corradi both finished their seasons leading their teams in goals and total points.

The Corradis leading their respective hockey team in scoring is believed to be a first in Woodstock Academy athletics history. Maxx

Lighting the lamp



Maxx Carradi



Maci Corradi

Corradi, a sophomore, finished the recently-completed season with 43 goals and 22 assists for a total of 65 points. Maci Corradi, a freshman, fin-

ished her season with 13 goals, 4 assists and 17 total points. "It's not really a big deal to me to be the leading scorer on the team," the

16-year-old Maxx Corradi said, taking the accomplishment in stride. "As long as we win, I couldn't care less who the leading

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Putnam Rotary Club celebrates 100th birthday



PUTNAM — One hundred years ago, March 7, 1923, the Putnam Rotary Club was front page news in the Windham County Observer. Twenty-four men had held the first Putnam Rotary Club meeting March 2.

A scant week before that, 15 Putnam men went to Willimantic to organize a Putnam club. The new club's official charter was dated March 20, 1923.

Putnam's club was sponsored by the Willimantic Rotary Club and Judge Foss of Willimantic spoke at the first meeting. Putnam's "leading business men" at the first meeting included names familiar to this day: Jacob Alpert, Warren W. Averill, Guy Baker, Walter Bartlett, Ray Bosworth, Howard Bradford (vice president), Ralph Bugbee (treasurer), John Dady, Henry Davenport, James Donahue, Phillip Faucher, Otis Fox Jr., Lucius Fuller, Ellsworth Kelley, Henry Lyon (secretary), William Moss, Karl Phillips, Frederick Prince, Thomas

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Henry Chandler Bowen, Woodstock's native son

BY RON CODERRE
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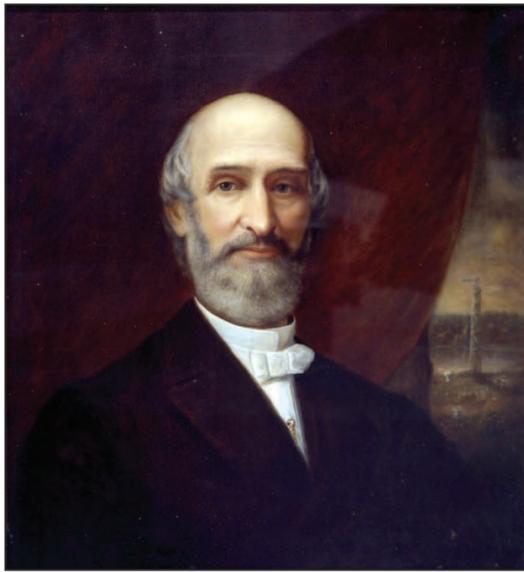
WOODSTOCK — The vast influence of the Bowen family on the town of Woodstock began in 1686, when Lt. Henry Bowen and 12 other men from Roxbury, Mass. followed the Connecticut trail to what is now Windham County, and established the first European settlement in the area. One hundred twenty-seven years later, and five generations removed from his pioneering ancestor, came Henry Chandler Bowen.

Henry was born at the Bowen home on Plaine Hill, next to what is now Woodstock Academy in 1813. He would spend his early years in Woodstock, but when his father denied his request to attend college, preferring that Henry work in the family store, he sought his fortunes elsewhere. In 1833, now twenty years of age, he set off for New York City, where he landed a job in the dry goods business with the

Tappan Company for a reported \$300 per year. He would later marry Lewis Tappan's daughter, Lucy Maria.

While many residents of Woodstock think of Henry as a native son and patriarch of the town, he lived most of his days in New York City where he made his fortune and built his home in the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood. In fact, all of his eleven children were born there, though they too would leave their mark on Woodstock.

Henry's business career took him from the early days at Tappan Dry Goods to the establishment of his own Dry Goods firm five years later. In 1848, in addition to his ongoing business, he founded a newspaper, "The Independent." The paper struck a strong abolitionist tone and counted Abraham Lincoln among its subscribers. Recognizing the devastating impact of fire on the wooden structures of the day, Henry founded the Continental Insurance



Courtesy – Woodstock Historical Society

Henry Chandler Bowen

Company, which exists to this day. The newspaper and the insurance company would outlast Henry, however his dry goods business which depended on business with the southern states, would close with the outbreak of the civil war, in

large part because of his anti-slavery views. Prior to the war, Henry had come under fire for not supporting the fugitive slave act, going so far as to place a sign in his business stating that "Our goods and not our principles are on the market."

Henry Bowen was devoutly religious and a founding member of the Plymouth Church of

Brooklyn Heights where he made his home. Henry Ward Beecher, the noted abolitionist and brother of famed author Harriett Beecher Stowe ("Uncle Tom's Cabin"), served as minister of the church. Henry shunned alcohol and tobacco and expected the same of his children, even refusing to allow President Ulysses S. Grant to smoke or drink in his summer home. He was strongly affiliated with the then new Republican Party, and though he never held office, he was politically active and well connected. Guests at his summer gatherings in Woodstock included four men who served as President of the United States (U.S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, and William McKinley) as well as Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Henry's influence on Woodstock began in earnest in 1843, when he purchased and renovated a struggling Woodstock Academy. In 1867, he would organize a new Academy Corporation and establish an endowment for the school. In 1844, he would commis-

sion architect Joseph Wells of New York to design his summer cottage, Roseland (named for his wife's favorite flower), known today as the Pink House, a widely recognized historical landmark of northeastern Connecticut. In 1872 he would purchase 53 and one-half acres of land along Long Pond and at great personal expense, transform the property into Roseland Park and Lake for the enjoyment of local area residents. His son Clarence would donate the adjacent golf course to the family trust in 1919. That non-profit family trust Henry established in 1876 manages the property to this day, and will continue to do so for future generations.

Henry passed away in 1896 at the age of 82, and is buried in the small cemetery just across the street from his beloved Roseland Cottage. At the time of his death, the New York Times stated "Mr. Bowen was one of the most energetic and positive men that ever lived; a man of intense will, directed to the development of large public objects." Well said.

ACT Performing Arts Magnet High School presents DanceFest 2023

WILLIMANTIC — The public is invited to experience DanceFest 2023: Divine Feminine on March 31 and April 1 at 7 p.m. at EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) magnet high school in Willimantic.

DanceFest 2023: Divine Feminine is an evening of student-performed, concert dance inspired by women past, present and future. The event features senior dancers Madison Dufault (Sterling), Alora Kerwin (Tolland), Samantha Perry (Lebanon); juniors Alexus Butler (Groton), LaylaEdmiston (Sterling), Layla Hellandbrand (Coventry), Madisyn Raymond (Putnam); and sophomores Abigail Buchanan (Stafford Springs), Audrey Houk (Coventry), Caitlin Kurcnick (Windham), Morgan Labonte (Plainfield), Michaela LaFlamme (Willington), Julie Margelony (Vernon) Najah Wells (Norwich), and Tatyana Winston (Baltic).

The faculty-designed choreography includes, among others, "Hear Me Roar," exploring the Roe v Wade conflict, the constructs of societal expectations, the liberation of women and the will to take action for change; "Queen," a Jazz selection that honors the strength, individuality and personal identity of femininity in all its forms; "Free," a Contemporary Ballet work that explores girlhood, playfulness and the feeling of freedom that exists within that innocence; and "Felt With the Heart," a story about the relationship between Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan and the challenges they faced and conquered together that made history. "We're grateful to be able to share these important themes and topics with our audience. Our dancers have

worked so hard and are happy to be part of this production," says Sarah Mallory, Principal at ACT.

Dance is one of seven arts disciplines offered at ACT; other pathways include Acting, Creative Writing, Integrated Arts & Management, Media Arts, Music and Technical Theater (sets, lighting and costuming).

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 students, seniors, children and military, and \$5 for ACT students and alumni. For questions or to reserve by phone please call 860-465-5636. Tickets can be purchased at the door an hour before the performance with cash or check only.

Housed in Willimantic's

historic Capitol Theater, ACT enrolls students from eastern Connecticut in its NEASC-accredited, interdisciplinary and arts-infused academic program. Each grade is about 35 students, making ACT an intimate, focused, artistic learning environment. To enroll, students can visit www.eastconn.org/act for an application.

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

DANIELSON — Pourings & Passages Bookstore in Danielson has kicked off an art contest for children aged 3 to 5 and grades 1 to 8. The contest will run until April 29, and is based on the play "Fairy Tale Misfits." Jim Weigel, proprietor of the popular used bookstore, said the theme is based on the play which will be presented at St. James School on May 19 and 20. Mr. Weigel is directing St. James fourth through eighth graders in the play.

To enter the art show contest, children aged three to five will be given a copy of the "Fairy Tale

Misfit" groundhog to color. All other artists must make up their own "Fairy Tale Misfit" character or create one by combining two or more of the characters in the play. Their creation must be drawn on a 9x12 paper using the artist's choice of crayons, colored pencils, paint, markers, cut paper, mixed media etc.

Artwork will be sorted into three groups with first, second and third place awards being presented in each group. Judging will be done by local artists Susan Scott Kenney and Susan Rosenstone Larrow; both are retired art teachers. Winners will also receive

a gift certificate from Pourings & Passages. All artwork will be displayed at the bookstore and award winning art will also be displayed at the St. James School play.

To enter the art contest, artists must come to Pourings & Passages during normal business hours. All completed artwork must be brought to the bookstore no later than Saturday, April 29 by 4 p.m.

Pourings & Passages is located at 103 Main St., Danielson. The store is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; phone 860-774-1712.

Quiet Corner Garden Club announces scholarship program

REGION — The Quiet Corner Garden Club awards scholarships annually to students in the Club's service area of Northeastern Connecticut and South Central Massachusetts.

Students wishing to apply must be accepted to a college if in high school or be currently enrolled in college. Scholarships are awarded to students wishing to study horticulture related fields such as Agronomy, Botany, City Planning, Conservation, Environmental Studies, Floriculture, Forestry, Horticulture, Land Management, Landscape Design, Plant Pathology, Aquaponics, Natural Resources and/or related subjects. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, leadership qualities, community service, letters of recommendation and personal statement essays. Applications are available at all area high school guidance offices or at the Quiet Corner Garden Club's Web site: QuietCornerGardenClub.com. Applications must be received no later than May 12. Email the completed application and required attachments to: QCgardenclub@gmail.com, Subject: Scholarship Application. Or submit by mail to: Quiet Corner Garden Club, c/o Scholarship Application, P.O. Box 1004, Woodstock, CT 06281.

For additional information or questions, please email QCgardenclub@gmail.com with Scholarship Application in the subject line. The Quiet Corner Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month from October to May and the second Monday in September at the South Woodstock Baptist Church in Woodstock. For more information about the club and its activities, see our Web site, QuietCornerGardenClub.com, or find us on Facebook. The Quiet Corner Garden Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization affiliated with The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and is a member of National Garden Clubs.

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Pomfret School announces Winter Honors List

POMFRET — Students named to this list earned a grade point average of at least 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B for the Winter 2022-2023 term.

- Emma Ferguson of Danielson
- Mila Ganius of Woodstock
- Maya Gerum of Pomfret Center
- Rebecca Hague of Pomfret Center
- Matthew McClure of Woodstock
- Max Ring of Pomfret
- Angelo Rovero of North Grosvenordale
- Adam Tillinghast of Danielson
- Shepherd Wilcox of Pomfret Center
- Delaney Williams of Brooklyn
- Gabrielle Lemery of Putnam

Founded in 1894, Pomfret School is an independent coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school for 350 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduates. Set on a stunning 500-acre campus in Northeastern Connecticut, Pomfret empowers students to pursue lives of purpose and meaning by inspiring the next generation of change makers and problem solvers.

Learn more at www.pomfret.org.

Pomfret School announces Winter High Honors List

POMFRET — Students named to this list earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B+ for the Winter 2022-2023 term.

- Carson Ames of Pomfret
- Meredith Bergendahl of Pomfret Center
- Olivia Crawford of Pomfret Center
- Robert Ellsworth of Eastford
- Jack Heroux of Pomfret Center
- Gabriella Nsubuga of United States
- Chloe Woodard of Pomfret
- Brody Zahansky of Pomfret Center
- Mirabelle Cole of Brooklyn
- Gabriella Nsubuga of United States
- Mary-Aliya Turay of Rogers
- Clayton Lehmann of Putnam

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Pomfret School announces Winter Head of School Scholar Honors

POMFRET — Students named to this list earned a grade point average of at least 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A- for the Winter 2022-2023 Term.

- Maya Bullied of Pomfret
- Lucas Canavan of Pomfret Center
- Maxtin Hart of Pomfret Center
- William Leary of Pomfret
- Fergus Litowitz of Pomfret
- Luke Litowitz of Pomfret
- Joshua Long of Brooklyn

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THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Mia L'Heureux, Logan McJohnson, Bryson McKiernan, Luke Palmer, Chaice Seney

Noelle Smith, Stanley Ten Eyck, Aleck Thurber, Aiden Rafferty, Kora Mae Reynolds, Parker Ring, Gabriella Santos

Grade 6

High Honors: Shyla Beckett, Payton Bolte, Deegan Bryniarski, Timothy Charbonneau, Hazel Clavette, Logan Delicata, Samantha Fafard, Emma Fournier, Sydney Jacobsen, Sophia Kus, Andrew Marquette, Manuela Martinez-Calderon, Colin Mead, Jacob Saad, Shawn Sinni, Jayden Watkins

Honors: Kammy Boothby, Jacob Brosnihan, Madison Fitzgerald, Aiden Perry, Landon Perry, Joey Sweeney, Brody Vincent

Recognition: Scarlett Believeau, Adyson Boyden, Payton Butler, Max Kinsella, Dominic Muscato, Brooklyn Pearson, Ryan Szarkowicz

Grade 8

High Honors: Bryce Davidson, Amilia Fraser, Paris Lowe, Jacob McHugh, Trinidaya Muhammed, Parker Smith, Cameron Snow, Emmalyn Soullier, Mason Wolf

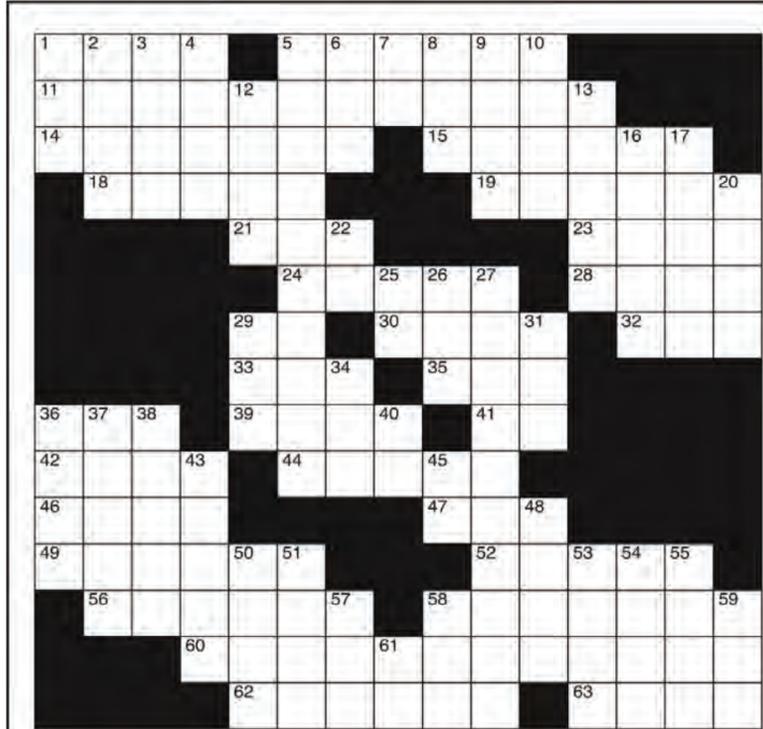
High Honors: Julyanna Barrows, Aubri Bonin, Gabriel Bourget, Maddison Carlson, Andrew DiCicco, Estela Freitas, Samuel Hachigian, Brighton Keegan, Calleigh Levesque, Billie Lewis, Kennedy McCooey, Madison McHugh, Riley Nolin, Cole Passco, Mabel Perreault, Jordyn Poplawski, Matthew Rybacki, Ella Sousa, Tristchion Speight, Sophia St. Germain

Grade 7

High Honors: Graciella Baublitz, Danika Believeau, Adam Boss, Ashley Boudreau, Emma Dodd, Evelyn Dos Santos, Camdyn Foster, Jeremi Helwig, Parker Leveille, Madison Marchitelli, Chloe McDonald, Raphael Mondarte, Jon Palmer, Madison Perry,

Honors: Christopher Boss, Nicko Casto, Rhea DeSoto, Samantha Podgorni

Recognition: Dylan Axtell, Amelia Brousseau, Ty Chausse, Nicholas Cooper Lavallee, Chyanne Rock, Christian Tremblay, Alyssa Yanis



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Millisecond
- 5. Narcotic drug
- 11. Accident
- 14. Formal submissions
- 15. Popular 70s rock band
- 18. Discourage from doing
- 19. More socially elite
- 21. Arid
- 23. A way to look
- 24. Heroes
- 28. A surfer rides it
- 29. Potato state
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. Cool!
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
- 36. To the ___ degree
- 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Looked over
- 44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
- 46. Species of armadillo
- 47. Touch softly
- 49. Part of your upper body
- 52. Large, stocky lizards
- 56. Lack of social or ethical standards
- 58. Congressman
- 60. Unofficial force
- 62. As a result of this utterance
- 63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Woman (French)
- 2. Province of Pakistan
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Transportation device
- 5. Greater in importance or priority
- 6. The human foot
- 7. Within
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Respectful Malaysian term
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Ceased to exist
- 13. Type of macaroni
- 16. English composer
- 17. Wooded tract
- 20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Take too much (abbr.)
- 26. Allow
- 27. Individually
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 31. Bar bill
- 34. Hong Kong food stall: ___ pai dong
- 36. Not messy
- 37. Species that includes reed mace
- 38. Former MLB catcher Ed
- 40. Northern U.S. state
- 43. Wilt
- 45. Commercial
- 48. Bolivian river
- 50. Nursemaid
- 51. A car needs four
- 53. Guns (slang)
- 54. American state
- 55. Clusters of fern fronds
- 57. Body part
- 58. A person's brother or sister
- 59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
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Grant to fund statewide mobile public transit initiative

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REGION — The State of Connecticut is launching an initiative to create a statewide public transit information system that will allow citizens access to public transport schedules and details through the use of mobile devices.

The project will be funded through a \$2 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Connecticut Department of Transportation according to Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont who made the announcement on March 21. Connecticut received a competitive grant through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) discretionary grant program, a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, with the goal of developing a system that citizens can utilize through mobile phones to integrate public transit resources statewide into one location. The application is expected to include everything from arrival times to a mobile payment option to “promote equitable access to transportation.”

In a statement, Lamont

stressed the importance of ensuring everyone in the state has access to and is knowledgeable about the public transit options available to them.

“Making public services as easy to access as possible has been a priority for our administration, and this system for mobile devices will unify everything that transit users in Connecticut need into a convenient, centralized location,” the Governor said. “A project like this, which modernizes our transportation system, is exactly why President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was passed. I applaud our Congressional delegation for once again helping to secure dollars that were approved as part of this historic law and bringing them back to Connecticut.”

The project has been praised by federal lawmakers from Connecticut as well. Sen. Richard Blumenthal called the project an important step

to “bring Connecticut’s public transit system into the 21st Century” while his colleague, Sen. Chris Murphy, commented that using buses or trains “should be as easy as possible.” Congressman Joe Courtney said the tool will be greatly needed as Connecticut continues to build on its public transportation infrastructure.

The grant is only Stage 1 of a larger vision for the system. It will allow for planning of the project while also qualifying the Connecticut Department of Transportation to qualify for Stage 2 funding of upwards of \$15 million for implementation. State officials report that between 40 million and 43 million passengers utilize Connecticut’s public transit resources annually depending on the type of transportation including railways and buses. Information regarding Connecticut’s public transit programs can currently be found at www.CTrides.com.



Courtesy

LEGION HOLDS AMERICANISM PROGRAM AT PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

The American Legion Mayotte-Viens Post #13 of Putnam held its annual Americanism program in the Putnam Middle School, which concluded with an awards ceremony on Friday, March 3. The entire fifth grade class participated in the six week program that was led by Post #13 member and Putnam Middle School teacher Curt Prochowski. Pictured with Prochowski (second from left) are the Americanism Award Winners, Kayden Robinson (left) and Nayledin Rivera with Past Post #13 and Past District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre, who served as program master of ceremonies.



Pet Pals hosting rabies clinic

DANIELSON — Pet Pals Northeast, a local animal welfare organization, is holding a low cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Route 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line on April 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 cash per animal. Pre-registration and appointment is required. No walk-ins.

For information, registration and appointment, contact Pet Pals at 860-317-1720.

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“We don’t need roads”

NOSTALGIA HAS ITS BENEFITS

It’s been one of those weeks where nostalgia has been hanging around quite a bit for us, whether it’s reminiscing with friends or searching for old CD’s or vinyl, nostalgia has a bit of magic all its own. A study has revealed that nostalgia can actually reduce general aches and pains due to the reduction in brain activity. Apparently, a longing for a simpler time has proven to dish out an analgesic effect. During one study, individuals were shown 26 old images while attached to an MRI machine. Such images included old TV shows, vintage candy and games. While attached to the machine, those people were also exposed to different levels of pain via a heat generator on their arm. Another group, were shown images of the modern world. The study revealed that those individuals who were shown nostalgic images showed lower levels of pain. Researchers continued to study the whys and how’s of nostalgia. One psychologist mentioned that those who long for the past may be depressed, however this proved not to be true. Nostalgia has been linked to giving people a feeling like their lives had roots and continuity. Recalling the past has been proven to reduce boredom, anxiety and loneliness. In addition feelings of nostalgia tend to make us more generous and open minded with strangers. Friends, families and couples report feeling closer when reminiscing. While it can be bittersweet to yearn for the past, most people recall those memories in a healthy way and actually can give the present more meaning. Most folks have feelings of nostalgia at least once a week and colder days seem to induce the feeling more as nostalgia tends to make us feel warm. In the end, nostalgia brings into our mind treasured memories that make us feel loved and valued. While we think of the past, it’s important to not compare it to the present. The best way to invoke nostalgic feelings is to listen to old music, flip through old photo albums, or Google old images from your past. In the words of Dr. Emmett Brown to Marty McFly in Back to the Future, “Roads? Where we’re going, we don’t need roads.”

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It has been a pleasure serving you

To the Editor:
It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve as the Tax Collector for the town of Woodstock for the past 16 years. It was a great experience in my life, especially getting to know so many residents of Woodstock. I will admit – I enjoyed my job as a Tax Collector; it was challenging but rewarding.

I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me in the elections, and for being such conscientious taxpayers! It is truly a pleasure serving a small town that

makes the job enjoyable. I will be retiring as Tax Collector as of March 31, and look forward to the beginning of a new phase of retirement life. I will always remember the kindness and patience you have shown me over the years. And to my special peeps (you know who you are) at the town hall that I have spent so many hours working with, I will truly miss you.

LINDA BERNARDI
WOODSTOCK

Is the sky really falling in Thompson?

To the Editor:
“The Sky is falling, the sky is falling!” Most of us remember the story of Chicken Little; she was walking through the woods one day when an acorn fell and hit her on her head. Not seeing the acorn, she thought the sky was falling and went running to tell the king and along the way told everyone she met that the sky was falling, of course everyone she met thought she knew what she was talking about and assumed the worse, soon everyone was running to the king screeching “the sky is falling.”

Much of that same hysteria is taking place in Thompson today. There is a group going around saying “Stop the Neglect, Stop the Neglect” and saying the Board of Finance and the citizens of Thompson are at fault for the ills of the world because they haven’t been given a blank check to spend as they please. The worst part is the intimidation and bullying of Board of Finance members and citizens that won’t blindly go along with them. These are the same people who are trusted to teach our children not to bully other children in the school system and it should not be tolerated.

One of their arguments is the Board of Finance arbitrarily cuts their budget each year; they feel that if they want two million more dollars, it should just be given to them, no questions asked. I have watched many Boards of Finance meetings over the years and have seen the members go through the budgets with a deliberative process to decide which programs or expenditures they should forward to the citizens, that is their job.

Another argument is that the board

shouldn’t even look at the budget, but just send it to the voters for approval, as presented. There were two board members that voted to do that a couple weeks ago. That would be a dereliction of duty, because like it or not, their function is to review budgets and verify that requests for the town’s funds are justified. Since then, the board has found errors in the proposed budgets that would not have been found otherwise.

They also say our schools are failing using data that is seven years old, and it is all because they aren’t given enough money. How much is enough? Currently, 70 percent of all town spending is on our school system, we spend more per student than any of our neighbors, and yet it is not enough. If our schools are failing with the funds made available to them, they need to look at the school system management, because I don’t believe our students are dumb, they just need motivation to learn.

Most of us don’t know that much about the budget process, so the Thompson Taxpayer Alliance has put together a presentation to inform the public of the process. The purpose of this presentation is to educate citizens on the budget process so that they don’t fall prey to the screeches of Chicken Little.

There are two meetings scheduled at the Thompson Public Library, Saturday, April 8 at noon, and Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Hope to see you there.

BILL WARNER
THOMPSON

Age can be an ally

I know a 92-year-old doctor who stays just as busy and motivated as a young man 60 years younger. He stays up late into the night writing research papers for publication. He’s had many successful inventions and patents, continually working on new projects, and never thinks of his age as a hindrance to achieving his goals.

I’ve heard people say about him, “What does he have to prove? He should just retire!”

But the answer is clear – he simply cannot. Undeterred by the passing years, his spirit remains as youthful and exuberant as ever. He has a young mind!

As time marches on, we find ourselves grappling with the impact of age on our lives. Society conditions us that we should fear the passing years. Painting a picture of wrinkles, aches, and pains spelling the end of youth.

We hear people use their age as a reason they cannot live the life they want, “I’m too old! I can’t do that. I’m barely holding on!”

But is age truly an enemy, or is it an ally? The answer lies in how we perceive our journey through life.

Look at the bright side of aging and recognize you’ve come a long way! You’ve journeyed far and wide, gathering a treasure trove of insight and strength and learning valuable skills and strategies. You’re older, but you’re also wiser. Wisdom is something that only time can bestow; embrace it.

You may have thought you were supposed to accomplish your dream when you were younger, but now you’re older. Is the dream still wait-

ing, calling for you to seize it? Now, you’re better equipped and ready.

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Just because our bodies have aged doesn’t mean we have to be old in our thinking. Think of the doctor I mentioned above; he has a young mind and is still optimistic, passionately following his dreams, even after all these years.

The fact is, we can accomplish big things at any age.

A youthful mind has a sense of wonder and enthusiasm. A positive attitude is crucial for cultivating a young mind. How can you feel wonder and enthusiasm without a positive mindset?

A youthful mind is continually growing and willing to learn. Have you stopped learning and growing? You must have a Growth Mindset. Embrace the idea that you can continuously learn, grow, and evolve; at any age!

A youthful mind is unafraid to take risks, embrace change, and chase its dreams. It sees challenges as opportunities to grow rather than roadblocks and, stays flexible, can always learn new things.

Keeping a youthful mind in your later years is key to accomplishing your dreams late in life.

One man’s life was marked by a string of failures. He couldn’t hold down a job, failed as a lawyer, and even attempted suicide but failed at that too. His dream of running a successful restaurant also fell through when it didn’t take off.

At the age of 65, he felt alone and defeated, sitting down to write his will while dwelling on all his hardships.

But something rose inside of him, a flicker of hope, and he decided that he was going to make something of himself. He had a clear vision of franchising his chicken recipe, a plan to drive to as many restaurants as he could, live out of his car, clean up at gas stations, and live that lifestyle until he found a partner to franchise this new business.

With just \$105 from his first Social Security check, he traveled across the country, going from restaurant to restaurant, peddling his fried chicken technique in an attempt to sell his franchise.

After 1,000 failed attempts, he stayed focused, never losing sight of his goal. In time, Colonel Sanders found a partner. His restaurant was eventually almost worth \$1 billion - now world-famous Kentucky Fried Chicken.

As Sanders once said, “I just say that the moral of my life is don’t quit at age 65; maybe your boat hasn’t come in yet. Mine hadn’t.”

Remember that success is not just for young bodies but, more frequently, for those with young minds. And there is always time to chase your dreams. Keep pushing forward, keep trying, and never give up.

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A new era in traveling

By happenstance, I sat next to a founder of Breeze airline on a recent trip to Charleston, S.C. I went to visit my god-



NANCY WEISS

d a u g h t e r and her family. The trip was easy and inexpensive from Hartford to Charleston. The plane was new, only two seats on each side. The carpet and the seats

were clean. Except for complimentary water, everything else was extra. As we chatted, my seatmate told me she was working on ways the crew could make passengers laugh, feel less anxious and enjoy the flights more. Are there common witticisms or manners that are universal enough to appeal to a plane full of people? I wondered.

I looked around the plane. About half the passengers were under 50. About one-third were traveling with children. The rest were a mix of business travelers, although no one had on a suit, and older people, seemingly retired or on vacation.

Several plugged in their earphones and went to sleep. I saw only one who paid attention to the spiel about what to do in an emergency. Would a witty presentation make any difference?

Now that people are traveling again, some things have changed. Dress is more casual. T-shirts, shorts and flip-flops rule. People carry backpacks bulging with stuff that can’t be put under the seat and barely fit in the overhead bins. Phones and ear pods prevail. At airports about one-third of the lavatories are broken or blocked by cleaning carts with no cleaners in sight. Airport food has gotten better; with some bright spots of takeaway sandwiches and salads. I eat a bag of almonds and save myself a small fortune.

I was traveling alone, and noticed that there is a real difference in how friendly people seem to be in more southern states. I am not sure why, but I think it is true. Do warmer temperatures lead folks to hold the door open for strangers? Does physical warmth lead to societal warmth? Is it cultural to try to be hospitable, or is it all a façade? Given the intensity of political differences, it’s pleasant to experience at least superficial commonality and friendliness.

The family I visited is originally from Connecticut. Now they are world travelers, having lived in Hong Kong. They plan to keep moving. They chose Charleston for a variety of reasons, and it looked to me as if they’d made a good choice and a popular one. The lovely homes in their community were new, well landscaped and inhabited by lively families. As far as the eye could see, which wasn’t far, the houses were positioned to look organic not lined up in rows. The design gave a feeling of gentility and permanence. But the developments were enormous. The number of people moving south, especially into South Carolina, is staggering. The Internet says more than 30 new people move to the Charleston region every day.

Imagine what towns in our area would look like if more than 30 people a day moved in. We don’t have housing, infrastructure or jobs to support such an influx.

I’m not sure we would want that much change even if we could handle it, and perhaps that is the crux.

The smart woman I sat with on Breeze airlines was crafting new messages for a new community of travelers, who are going to smaller cities for a variety of reasons. Things are far more casual, more temporary, slightly more enervated, and still connecting, politely, casually, creatively. That’s what this time is all about.

P.S. — April is Poetry Month. I will devote this column to the work of area poets.

The remarkable legacy of Beatrice Fox Auerbach

Inclement Weather: If the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center is closed due to inclement weather, an announcement will be made on WINY. If you are not sure, call the Center at 860-779-7250 after 10:15 a.m. on a Wednesday or Saturday. If you get the answering machine, the Center is probably closed.

I am so glad that I signed up for Learning in Retirement. The spring session has just begun, and I've already listened to two fascinating programs. The Spring Open House program, by Jennifer Bush, was on G. Fox and Company in Hartford. Since this is still Women's History Month, I wanted to mention a little about Beatrice Fox Auerbach. What an incredible, forward-thinking woman she was! It's no wonder she was elected to the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame.

"When Beatrice Fox Auerbach took over the leadership and day-to-day operations of Connecticut's leading department store in 1927, she fully expected her tenure to be temporary but, in her words, found herself 'fascinated and stayed' at the helm until 1965. As president of G. Fox, Auerbach expanded the business ten-fold, instituted innovative sales practices and established pioneering labor reforms, including a five-day, 40-hour work week, retirement plans and other significant improve-

ments for the company's 3,000 employees.

Beatrice Fox was born in Hartford in 1887 to Theresa and Moses Fox. Both her grandfathers had established dry goods stores in the mid-19th century—one in Hartford that became G. Fox and Company. In 1911, Beatrice Fox married George Auerbach, whose family owned a department store in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Auerbachs lived in Salt Lake City until 1917, when Moses Fox persuaded them to return to Connecticut after a devastating fire destroyed the G. Fox in Hartford. A new, greatly expanded store, designed by architect Cass Gilbert, was built downtown and opened in 1918. When George Auerbach died in 1927, Beatrice became increasingly involved in the business, taking over as president when her father died in 1938.

"As the president of G. Fox, Auerbach emphasized standards of excellence and quality customer service. Some of her forward-looking innovations included free delivery service, a toll-free telephone order department and fully automated billing. These advancements helped G. Fox to become one of New England's largest and most successful department stores and the largest privately-held store in the country.

"Beatrice Auerbach was also committed to



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her employees, and her tenure as president of G. Fox produced fair labor standards that resulted in workplace reforms for her staff. In addition to the five-day, 40-hour work week, Auerbach introduced medical and non-profit lunch facilities and interest-free loans for employees in the event of a crisis. G. Fox was one of the first major retail stores in the country to hire black men and women for positions that gave them opportunities for advancement. In 1947, she was honored with the Tobé award for 'distinguished service' by retail leaders for her contributions to the industry.

"In addition to her work in the business world, Auerbach was a renowned philanthropist contributing significantly to many of Hartford's cultural, educational and civic organizations. She remained president of G. Fox until 1965, when she sold her privately-owned stock for \$40 million to the May department stores. Upon selling the stock and realizing an enormous windfall, Auerbach stated, 'One thing you can be certain of is that

I won't be spending it on yachts and horses, but for the benefit of the people.'

"For her many contributions, Beatrice Fox Auerbach was recognized by numerous institutions including Trinity College, Connecticut College, Wesleyan University and the Connecticut Bar Association. She traveled extensively and remained active in various causes until her death in Hartford in 1968."

(www.cwhf.org/industries/beatrice-fox-auerbach). (Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame). If you or a family member worked at G. Fox and have memories to share with Jennifer, she can be reached at Jennifer_busha@chs.org.

I also had the pleasure of attending the LiR presentation by Reanna Kuzdal on the new interactive mill museum located at 31 Ray St. in Webster, Mass. called The Samuel Slater Experience. The museum's brochure urges visitors to, "Come explore the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution and Samuel Slater's impact on the economy of a newly independent country and its people." His importation of the technology of early textile manufacturing certainly revolutionized our whole area in the early 1800's.

England carefully guarded its technology and prohibited plans of textile machinery from leaving the country. Slater, born in England in 1768, desiring to emigrate to America, memorized the plans for the necessary machinery to start a mill and came to this country in 1789. In association with Moses

Brown, they had some machinery in operation by December 1790, and in 1793 they opened the "first roller spinning textile mill in America" in Pawtucket, R.I.

Slater boarded at the home of Ozias Wilkinson, and in 1791 Samuel married Hannah Wilkinson. The entire Wilkinson family was soon involved in the manufacturing craze. According to Windham County historian Ellen Larned it wasn't long before they set their sights over the border into Connecticut.

"Samuel Slater, with his father-in-law, Ozias Wilkinson and others, had erected this second cotton mill at Pawtucket, in 1798, and now the Wilkinsons sought a more independent position and selected the Quinebaug Falls in Pomfret, (now Putnam at Cargill Falls) as a most eligible site for such an enterprise. Jan. 1, 1806, Ozias Wilkinson, his sons, Abraham, Isaac, David, Daniel, Smith, his sons-in-law Timothy Green and William Wilkinson, together with James, Christopher, and William Rhodes, formally associated as 'the Pomfret Manufacturing Company.' A deed of the mill privilege, and about a thousand acres of land adjoining, was secured from James Rhodes for the sum of \$25,000...Smith Wilkinson became the resident overseer of the project. The frame raising of the factory took place on the Fourth of July, 1806 and attracted 2000 individuals to help and watch. On April 1, 1807 the factory, the first cotton factory in Windham County, began operations. (Larned, "History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vol. II," p. 400-1).

Take a drive

to Webster and visit the Samuel Slater Experience to learn more about early textile manufacturing. For additional information on hours, group tours, prices of the museum go to www.samuelslaterexperience.com or phone 508-461-2955.

Conservation Commission Walk. Cat Hollow Park, 25 Cat Hollow Rd. Sunday, April 2, 1 p.m. About two hours. Join Killingly Conservation leaders for a guided walk along the paved road and then down a paved driveway to the bridge to view the 35-foot-high waterfall and stunning babbling Whetstone Brook. Learn about mill history and unique plantings of the former owner. Forsythia & fragrant magnolia tree should be in bloom. Easy, handicapped accessible, about one mile. For those wanting to continue hiking another mile, cross the bridge for moderately rough woodland trails to view the old dams and ruins on the south side of the mill pond. Information: 860-377-7194.

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

Understanding plant tags & seed packets to increase your gardening success



Melinda Myers

Check the back of seed packets for pertinent information so you provide the proper growing conditions for the plantings to flourish.

Gardening is a wonderful way to grow your own food and create a beautiful landscape. Proper plant selection can help you make wise purchases when visiting the garden center or ordering plants online.

Much of the information you need to know can be found on plant tags and seed packets. Understanding this information can help you select plants suited to the growing conditions in your yard.

Most gardeners first learn about plants by the names that friends, relatives, or fellow gardeners use to refer to them. Each plant also has a unique scientific, also called botanical, name. Since plants can have multiple or regional common names, it is important to check the botanical name when shopping. Checking the tag for the botanical name ensures you buy the right plant.

You will also see the word "zone" followed by numbers in the information on trees, shrubs, perennial flowers, and vegetables. These numbers reflect the plant's ability to survive the average minimum winter temperatures in the hardiness zones listed. You can find your hardiness zone on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Hardiness Zone Map. It is often included in plant catalogs and other gardening resources to help you find plants suited to your climate. Despite record summer temperatures, it is still important to select plants that can survive the

average minimum winter temperatures in your area. Selecting plants that tolerate both the highs and lows where you live will increase their chance of returning each year.

Make sure the plants you select have sufficient frost-free growing days to mature and flower or produce fruit. This is listed as the number of days from planting until harvest. Count the number of days in your growing season from the time you can plant to harvest to see if it's a good choice.

Matching plants to the amount of sunlight they need to thrive is also important for growing healthy plants. In general, full-sun plants prefer six, preferably eight or more, hours of direct sunlight.

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light. Areas receiving only intense afternoon sun are often suitable for plants listed as full or part sun tolerant. Part-sun plants usually need four to six hours of direct sunlight. Part-shade plants generally need two to four hours of direct sunlight preferably from east-facing or other locations where the sun is less intense. Shade plants usually perform well with two hours of direct sunlight or bright, indirect light throughout the day.

Always check the

mature size and spread of the plant you select. Picking the right size plant for the available space will save you time and frustration having to prune the mature plant down in size.

No matter what plants you select, make sure to call 811 at least three business days before you begin planting. Wisconsin residents can also file online at www.DiggersHotline.com and gardeners in any other state can visit <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State>. They will contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in your designated work area. This free service can help reduce the risk of injury and the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities.

To remind everyone to call before digging, April has been designated Safe Digging Month. Please make contacting 811 part of your gardening plans and remind family and friends to do the same.

For more gardening information, register for Myers' free webinar "Understanding Gardening Basics to Boost Your Gardening Success" on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. The webinar is free, but registration is required. Just visit Myers' website www.MelindaMyers.com. If you can't attend the live webinar, a recording will be available to watch 24 hours after the live presentation.

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 instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms magazine* and was commissioned by *Diggers Hotline* to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

How to start investing: a Financial Literacy Month primer for beginners

April is Financial Literacy Month, and at the same time, there's no question that the financial markets have certainly been in the news a lot lately. But although current market conditions are volatile, that also creates opportunities to make smart investments that could pay off in the short term when the markets normalize and potentially even more over the long term as those investments grow. So in honor of Financial Literacy Month, here are the basics of investing for anyone who's ready to start taking advantage of the benefits investments have the potential to bring.

If you've got the income available to invest but you're new to investing and aren't quite sure how to start, rest assured that you're not alone. But also realize that making smart and strategic investment decisions requires knowledge of how investments work, a clear idea of what your financial goals are and how long you have to achieve them, and a solid plan for how to get from here to there.

But before you do a deep dive into theories, past performances or principles, it's essential to first have a good handle on the following basics of investing and what you should know as you look to grow your financial knowledge.

What is investing? Many of us have heard the term "investments" used in many ways and it's a concept most of us are familiar with to some degree. But unless you've really taken an interest in the markets or set aside time to study them, you may not have a total

understanding of what investing is, all that's involved with making investments, or what different types of investments are out there. So let's start by defining what exactly investing is.

In its simplest form, investing is the process of giving money to another entity (such as the government or a company) with the hope that they will return more money to you (a profit) at a later time. While it sounds simple enough, giving money to another with the expectation of gaining more in return introduces the idea of weighing risk versus reward.

Why do people choose to invest?

Due to inflation, the value of a dollar in your hand (or under the mattress) is continuously deteriorating - which is what makes investing an appealing choice for many. The idea is to put a certain amount of your dollars in a place where they're expected to earn more in the future (assuming a positive return is earned) than a dollar left sitting in savings.

What types of investments are available?

There are a variety of different types of investments you can make. While there are more out there, here are a few of the most common types of investments and a brief explanation of what they are.

Stocks: Giving your money to a specific company, earning you a share or piece of the company in return.

Bonds: Loaning your money to a government or other issuer, with the agreement that you will receive that amount back

with interest at a later date.

Mutual Funds: Using a professional money manager, pooling your money together with other investors and purchasing a group of stocks, bonds or a mix of both in a single transaction.

Index Funds: A type of mutual fund that doesn't use the services of a professional manager, index funds aim to mirror the performance of the index they're tracking (such as the S&P 500).

Exchange-traded Funds: Index funds that can be traded on an exchange throughout the day, as the prices of stocks fluctuate.

Real Estate: Real estate investment is purchasing, owning, leasing and/or selling land with the intention of gaining a profit. Real estate investments typically fall into one of four categories: residential property, commercial property, industrial property, and land.

What is investment risk?

According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, risk refers to "the degree of uncertainty and/or potential financial loss inherent in an investment decision." How does this relate to investments? In general, the higher the risk of an investment, the greater the potential reward. Every investment vehicle and product comes with its own set of risks, from determining how quickly an investor will be able to access their money when they need it, to figuring out how fast their money will grow where it is.

Everyone's tolerance for risk is unique to them. A common determining factor may be a person's time horizon, such as how far away they are from retirement, or how close they are to needing access

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Armstrong, 81



STURBRIDGE – Mary Ann (Jedrzyński) Armstrong, 81, formerly of Dudley, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at home with family at her side. Her husband of 36 years,

Guy B. Armstrong, passed away in 2003. She leaves 2 sons, Carl W. Armstrong and his companion Brigitte Sterf of Sturbridge, and John G. Armstrong, Sr. and his wife Christine of Woodstock, CT; a daughter, Angela M. Piekarczyk and her husband Gary of Dudley; 4 grandchildren, Haley Armstrong, U.S. Marine PFC John Armstrong, Jr., and Maria and Brad Piekarczyk; a long-time friend, Frank Cierpich of Dudley; and nieces and nephews. Her brother Andrew C. Jedrzynski died in 2014. She was born on January 30, 1942 at the family home on Brandon Road, the daughter of Andrew A. and Jennie (Nowak) Jedrzynski and graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1959. She lived in Dudley until moving to Sturbridge in 2008. Mary Ann was an instructional aide at the former West Main

Street School in Dudley and then at the Charlton Elementary School on Burlingame Road. She retired in 1998. She was a member of Saint Stephen's Church in Quinebaug, CT and enjoyed reading, crocheting and going camping with the family. She looked forward to her Tuesday meetings with "the girls" in Sturbridge. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's athletic competitions and music performances. The family would like to thank her special "angel" nurse Heather at the Southbridge Cancer Center. Her funeral will be held on Monday, April 10, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Stephen's Church, corner of Routes 131 & 197 in Quinebaug. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:15 AM on Monday in the funeral home, prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made either to Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262, or to a charity of the donor's choice. www.websterfunerals.com

Robert H. Goodwin



Robert Howard Goodwin, of West Simsbury, CT, passed away on March 17, 2023. Born on June 6, 1925, he was months away from his 98th birthday.

Born in Stafford Springs and raised in Ashford, CT, the seventh of twelve children, Bob was the son of Howard F. and Genevieve (Bicknell) Goodwin. Bob was the last surviving child of the large Goodwin family.

Bob was a proud WWII Navy veteran serving on the USS Columbus in the Pacific Theater. He was decorated with Asiatic Pacific Occupation Medal, American Theater Campaign, and Victory Medals. Returning from the navy, he married Marguerite Bebbington, who predeceased him in 2021. They were married for a remarkable 73 years. His secret to a long marriage was the wise words "Yes, Dear."

Both Bob and Marguerite were long-time New England settlers whose families go back to the 1620s. Keeping with their heritage, they were unassuming, frugal, honest, and gave much back to their communities. They lived much of their married life in Eastford, where Bob was active in the fire department, church, scouts and served on the board of an area bank in agricultural loan advising. He was a staunch conservative Republican. Bob attended Westford Hill School and Windham High School. After the navy, he was a transportation manager for Tatem Manufacturing in Eastford. He owned and operated a large, automated poultry business and raised stock for Arbor Acres/Perdue. Bob enjoyed horses and followed the CT Quarter Horse circuit with his daughter's shows, enjoying the company and the competition. Bob was an active member of both the Eastford Congregational and Baptist churches.

In his retirement, Bob continued his lifelong love of the outdoors, fishing, archery, trapping, shooting, and hunting with his English Setter, Pal. Bob and Marguerite loved to travel to Sanibel and other Florida locations. He lived in Woodstock on a lake for many retirement years, where he could fish at will and work in his wood shop. Bob's first ice cream as a child was a vanilla cone, and he continued to request vanilla ice cream throughout his life. He had a wry sense of humor, always prefacing a quip with the word Joke, to be sure we knew. He was unassuming, reserved, and proper; with a calm and

steady resolve. He said recently, "I don't know why the good Lord has left me here so long. I've outlived everyone I know. But I know where my seat is saved, and when He's good and ready, he'll call me home. I guess I'd better use the extra time He's given." His long life spanned all of technology, and he recalled going to church with his grandfather in a horse and buggy and then recently wondering if he could be chosen for space travel. He was amazed that any fact could be instantly verified and often said 'look that up.' Bob will be dearly missed by all.

Bob is survived by three children, Thomas of Simsbury, Donald (Julie-Anne) of Woodstock, and Sharon (Michael) Gallerani of West Simsbury, with whom he and Marguerite made their home for the last nine years before a recent stay at Avon Health Center, Avon, where he passed. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, Andrea Cardinale (Michael), Melissa (Stephen) Richards, Daniel (Michelle), Nicholas, Jonathan, and Elizabeth Goodwin, and Dr. Catherine Herrington (Frank), Robert (Summer), David, and Thomas Gallerani and nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Besides his beloved Marguerite, he was predeceased by his brothers, Ralph, Lawrence, Arthur, Conrad, and Phillip, and sisters Ruth Dion, Alice Hackenschmidt, Beatrice Bebbington, Emily Richards, Constance Dombroski, and Clara Elson.

A special thank you to his caregiving aides in his home, Dannel, Marion, and Doris, and Avon Health Center's Karen, Fabiola, Helena, Olga, and so many more who provided loving care. Also, thank you to the Farmington Valley VNA, who supported him through his final journey.

A memorial service will be held at the Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road, Eastford, CT, on April 1, 2023, at 11 am, followed by a burial with full military honors at the church cemetery with a reception at the Inn on Woodstock Hill. Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam, is entrusted with arrangements.

Donations may be made in his name to the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association, 8 Old Mill Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070 or at farmington-valleyvna.org.

Ian Scott Majka 27



Ian Scott Majka 27 of Brookfield MA/ Putnam CT. Ian passed away on March 12th. He leaves his Mother Sarah Riley and her husband Prescott, of Eastford CT, Brother Tyler Majka, Sister Dakotah Majka and Step Mother Rachel Lara of Brookfield and his Papa Roderick Craig of Warren. He was pre-

deceased by his Father Jaime Majka and his grandmother Shirley Craig.

He graduated Tantasqua High school 2013 Worked at Walmart in Sturbridge for years before moving to Putnam where he worked at Sansoucy Quirreis. He loved Fishing the river's, working on Vehicles most of all spending time with his Family and Friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Ian at the Brookfield Rod and Gun Webber Rd Brookfield on April 29th 1pm.

Jane Gleason, 93

Jane Gleason age 93 of Thompson died Friday, March 17, 2023. She is survived by her brother Russell Anderson of Kentucky; her three children Donald Gleason, Melodi Lenky and Linda Paradise, as well as grandchildren Ian Paradise, Brittany Griggs, Ted and Crystal Lenky, Deana Chrzan, Brett

Gleason, Melissa Sears and 9 great grandchildren.

Jane worked many years for the Thompson School system in the cafeteria. She was very active in the Thompson Congregational Church and enjoyed working at their bazaars and strawberry suppers.

Arthur "Archie" LaPlante, 101



Webster- Arthur "Archie" LaPlante, 101, died peacefully on Monday, March 20, 2023 in his home with his family at his side.

Archie was born June 11, 1921 in Oxford son of Eduard and Bernadette (Gagne) LaPlante. He married Rita (Bienvenue) LaPlante

In 1945 and she passed in 1952. He married his wife of 62 years, Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante in 1954 until her passing

in 2017.

In 1942, Archie was drafted into the U.S. Navy in WWII. He was part of a convoy that escorted Winston Churchill across the Atlantic for one of his war time visits with President Roosevelt, and was stationed in Salvador, Brazil during the U.S. military operation Plan Rubber.

Archie and his brothers founded LaPlante Bros. Inc. in 1939 and was president until his death. LaPlante Bros. was responsible for a number of large scale construction and demolition projects in southern MA.

Archie was always known for his tireless work ethic and creative problem solving.

Archie had a great sense of humor, and was known as an epic joke and story teller. He was also generous in spirit-quick to help others in need, and always seeing the good in people.

He and his wife Hope loved music, and befriended several talented musicians in their lifetime including Kris Kristofferson and Herbert Mills (Mills

Bros). Archie's favorite pastimes include weekends with his family on Cape Cod, flea marketing, coin collecting and model cars, and watching wrestling with friends and would never turn down a good buffet.

Archie leaves 3 daughters, Annabelle Moninski, Linda Charron and Gail LaPlante; 8 grandchildren, Jessica Moninski, Charles Moninski, Jr., Beth Moninski, Tamara Charron, Wayne Charron, Will Charron,

Rachel Partington, and Leah Soriano; great granddaughter Naomi Soriano; brother Joseph LaPlante; Vito Lomuscio who was like a son and best friend to him; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante; his first wife Rita (Bienvenue) LaPlante; sister Bernaette (LaPlante) Faulk, and brothers Edward, Ernest, Richard and Clarence LaPlante.

Calling Hours will be Monday, April 3, 2023 from 3-7 PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster.

Funeral Service for Archie will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10AM in the Funeral Home followed by burial with Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Second Chance Animal Rescue, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA. 01515 OR

Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA. 01570.

James J. Perron, 64



Woodstock – James J. Perron, 64, of Bungay Hill Rd., died Tuesday morning, March 21, 2023, at his mother's home surrounded by his loving family. Born in New Bedford, MA he was the son of Joan (Morgado) Perron of Woodstock and the late William J. Perron.

Mr. Perron is a graduate of New England Technical Institute in Providence, RI. He worked for over 40 years as a plumber and most recently for the Local 777 Plumber and Pipe Fitters Union. He enjoyed riding his '63 Harley Davidson Panhead which he built and restored back to it's original condition, as well as working on his house that he built from the ground up. He also loved tending to his yard and fruit trees and tinkering with tractors and backhoe. But, above all he will be remembered for spending quality time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and always being available to help a friend and neighbor in need.

James is survived by his mother, Joan (Morgado) Perron of Woodstock; his children, Jeremy Perron of

Woodstock, Zachariah Perron and his wife Kristen of Troy, NY, Colton Perron of Ashford, Brecken Ellsworth and her husband Kyle of Brooklyn, and Joshua Smith and his wife Ariel of Gloucester, MA; his brother, Bill Perron and wife Kathie of Brooklyn; his sister in law, Lynne of Chaplin and her daughter, Molly Dooley; his grandchildren, Jessa June Perron, Layla Mae Perron, Mia Ellsworth, Emerson Smith, and Oliver Smith and his former wife and companion, Leslie Lyle; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Perron.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with James' family from 4:00PM to 7:00PM on Sunday, March 26, 2023, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A gathering began in the funeral home on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 10:00AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Memorial donations may be made in James' memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Suite 22 West, 401 Park Dr., Boston, MA 02215. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Rene J. Viens, 79



Thompson - Rene J. Viens, 79, of Wrightson Drive, passed away March 22, 2023. He was the loving husband of Katherine (Tessier) Viens. Born in Putnam, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Joseph and Diane (Martel) Viens.

Rene worked for the State of Connecticut's Transportation Department for many years. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family on Quaddick Lake. Rene would spend time boating, jet skiing and water skiing on the lake. During

the winter Rene would spend time on the slopes skiing.

Rene is survived by his son, Adam Viens of Thompson, CT and his brother, Maurice "Moe" Viens of TN, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and his entire extended family.

Rene is predeceased by his brother, Robert Viens from Putnam and his sister, Dorothy Graveline of Thompson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass in Rene's honor at St Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT, 06260 on April 1, 2023, at 10AM. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

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AWARD

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mented for spending the last three years trying to make the area public friendly. Mountford was also responsible for bringing in the second honoree of the 2022 Environmental Award, Girl Scout Troop 60581 with members from Killingly and Brooklyn who helped clean up the property as well.

“They worked about 20 hours to clear brush, remove garbage and create stable passages over some of the water crossings,” said Bronwell. “They removed about five contractor bags full of trash as well as a few large items. The work they did on the trail was part of their Bronze Award which is an award for taking action in the community to make the world a better place. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn.”

The Town Council further recognized the two honorees for their dedication and volunteerism during the ceremony. Both Mountford and the Girl Scouts will be added to a plaque in the Town Hall that recognizes recipients of the annual award.



FINANCIAL

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and 100 books before high school and when they complete that they get a t-shirt. These programs teach these kids to really enjoy reading. The teachers have said it has really had an effect. The library hosts gingerbread house building events during the holidays. We also host senior citizens with movies at the library and we sponsor an art contest. This money helps us make it all happen,” said McGarry.

The Friends said the American Legion was a wonderful host who have been a large part of the community for years.

Looking at the turnout, McGarry said they are lucky to live in a supportive town like Thompson and spoke to the importance of ensuring the library can continue to provide programs and be a larger part of the community as a whole.

“The library is a fun place to go in town. Where else can you go that’s really fun for everyone? As adults you go to find a good book or to research something. The children go for the programs they enjoy, and we all have a good time. I think it’s a fun place to be,” said McGarry. “The library is our library, it’s open to the public and it’s spacious and sunny. You meet your friends there



Jason Bleau

Local veterans line up for breakfast during a special meal benefitting the Friends of the Thompson Public Library at the American Legion Post 67.

and it’s just a very pleasant experience.” The Thompson Public

Library hosts programs for all ages year round. A callendar of events can

be found by visiting www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org.

ROTARY

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Rawley (sergeant at arms), John Reardon (president), Samuel Reynolds, Harry Thomson, Ralph E. Thurston and Leon Walker.

The headline read: “Rotary Club Head is John F. Reardon. All Are Leading Citizens and Club Expects Successful Future --- Will Meet Every Week.”

Successful future indeed. One hundred years later the club continues its “front page” (in spirit) work, serving every facet of life in its service area --- Putnam, Woodstock, Eastford, Pomfret and Thompson. Club members celebrated with a birthday party March 21 --- complete with cake, balloons, party favors and a

birthday group photo.

For the past year and a half, according to incoming president and anniversary committee chair Amanda Kelly, the club has been planning its celebration.

“We’re celebrating the impact Rotary has made and will continue to make. It’s an opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate what Rotary has done in the past and will continue to do in the future under the theme of ‘Imagine’.”

The shining star of the celebration, on June 3 at the Loos Center for the Arts in Woodstock, is The Celestial Centennial Gala dinner-plus followed by “Mind Candy,” a presentation by mentalist Wayne Hoffman that combines mind-reading and visual magic.

Tickets for the Mind Candy

performance are \$45 and are available at loos.org. Tickets for the Gala (includes Mind Candy) are \$120 and are available on the club’s FB page: Putnam Connecticut Rotary Club.

Other events will be held throughout the celebratory year including Movies in Rotary Park, Compassionate Leadership series sponsored by Rotary in April, a special one-time John Reardon service award to five high school students, Rotary’s Day of Service in April, a pollinator garden, a Music Garden (6-piece Calypso Chimes), a time capsule and much more.

Current Club President Missy Meyers said: “The Putnam Rotary Club has had the great privilege of serving the towns of Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock for

the last 100 years. That service has included a variety of community events, charitable donations, thousands of volunteer hours and numerous college scholarships. A century after John Reardon and other community leaders came together to form this club, our current members are still fiercely committed to the values of Rotary International. It is our honor to carry on this proud tradition, and we look forward to the next few months of new activities, donations, and celebration events all being held to recognize 100 years of Service Above Self.”

Kelly added, “It’s not every day you have the opportunity to celebrate a centennial year. This is a special moment in our club’s history.”

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1. <https://www.investor.gov/introduction-investing/basics/what-risk>

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On March 20, 2023 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued: Application # WAA22030 approved, Gary Rawson, 0 Logee Point Rd (Assessor’s Map 141, Block 17, Lot 1841) - Construct a new single family home and associated septic system in upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, and Application # WAA23005 approved, Matthew Saad, 33 Becola Rd (Assessor’s Map 116, Block 24, Lot 26) – repair & replacement of septic system for residential home in upland review area for Little Pond. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent March 31, 2023

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT, and via Zoom to hear the following application: ZBA 23-01 Applicant Gary Rawson owner of Quaddick Lake Company Inc., 9 Logee Point Rd, Map 141 Block 17 Lots H & X, Zone Lake District, requesting a variance from Town of Thompson Regulations, Amended January 3, 2023, to create 3 building lots, Lot H, 5,000 sq ft, variance of 10,000 sq ft, Lot X, 1 lot 10,000 sq ft, variance of 5,000 sq ft and 1 lot, 5000 sq ft, variance of 10,000 sq ft according to Article 4G Lake District, Section 3-A-2 Dimensional Requirements File may be reviewed online, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals, or in the Zoning Office. Respectfully submitted, Kevin Beno, Chairman March 31, 2023 April 7, 2023

LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Application This is to give notice that I, ROBERT W RAUH, 10 SUMMERHILL DR, RUTLAND, MA 01543-1923 Have filed an application placarded 03/21/2023 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a WHOLESAL LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 135 LOUISA VIENS DR DAYVILLE CT 06241-1105 The business will be owned by:

WINDHAM PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING CO INC Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 05-02-2023 ROBERT W RAUH March 24, 2023 March 31, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Lucille Hebert, (23-00082)

The Hon. Gabrielle LaBonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 21, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Roland F Hebert c/o EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS, 168 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260 March 31, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF John Samuel Hunter II, (23-00033)

The Hon. Gabrielle LaBonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 17, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Deborah Hunter Bonefant c/o EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS, 168 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260 March 31, 2023

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 4, 2023 7:00 P.M. WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL, RM 1

The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in-re-

gards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 14th day of March 2023 Michael Dougherty, Chairman Woodstock Board of Finance March 24, 2023 March 31, 2023

TOWN OF KILLINGLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 11, 2023

A PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council shall be held, pursuant to Section 506 of the Killingly Town Charter, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly CT 06239, at which time interested persons shall be heard upon the following proposed ordinance. Public comments can also be submitted before 2pm the day of the meeting at publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239.

ORDINANCE #23-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATER-COURSE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, the following amendment as shown in underline or strike through to Chapter 2 Section 3-1 of the Town of Killingly Code of Ordinances be adopted. A copy of the revision is available at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Manager’s Office and on the website at www.killinglyct.gov. KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL Jason Anderson Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut this 21st day of March 2023 March 31, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF EASTFORD

In accordance with CGS 22a-42a(c) (2), the Agent of the Eastford Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved the following application(s): 23-001 Greg Driscoll, 210 Eastford Rd, Eastford CT for the installation of a PV Solar Rack system. Contact landuse@townofeastford.com if you have any questions concerning this approval.

March 31, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Alice L King, (23-00064)

The Hon. Gabrielle LaBonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 17, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Ronald King C/O DONNA M BRITSCHGI, DAVID A. ZIPFEL AND, 84 CONNECICUT BLVD., EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108 March 31, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Constance T. Maynard, (23-00084)

The Hon. Gabrielle LaBonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 17, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Peter J. Maynard, STEPHEN J ADAMS STEPHEN J ADAMS, ESQ., 158 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 682, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-6528 March 31, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF George WM Sipila, AKA George William Sipila (23-00096)

The Hon. Gabrielle LaBonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 17, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk The fiduciary is: Jane A, Sipila c/o/ JEFFREY A NIRENSTEIN, NIRENSTEIN HOROWITZ & ASSOC, 200 GLASTONBURY BLVD 202, GLASTONBURY CT 06033 March 31, 2023

Heartache for Woodstock Academy ice hockey team



The puck is dropped at Quinnipiac University for the Division II State Championship game between Woodstock Academy and North Haven.

CENTAURS LOSE IN OT TO NORTH HAVEN IN STATE TITLE GAME

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Woodstock Academy boys' hockey team's dream season ended in absolute heartache, the second-seeded Centaurs losing the Connecticut Division II Tournament championship game, 2-1, in overtime, to top-seeded North Haven, Tuesday, March 21, at the M&T Bank Arena at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

Woodstock, which finished the season 23-2, opened the regular season with seven straight wins. After its lone regular-season loss (5-1, to North Haven on Wednesday, Jan. 11), the Centaurs won 16 consecutive games before losing — again — to the Nighthawks, the only team this year that held Woodstock's potent offense to just one goal in a game, and they did so twice.

After a scoreless first period, the Centaurs got on the scoreboard first, taking a 1-0 lead at the 14:29 mark of the second period on junior Donny Sousa's 29th goal of the season. Classmate Noah Sampson and sophomore Maxx Corradi — Sousa's linemates — assisted on the goal.

"Before the game we talked to the team about needing to make their goalie (senior Bryce Peterson) uncomfortable," Centaurs' first-year head coach Mark Smolak said. "All season their defense did a good job of pushing scoring chances to the outside and limiting the scoring chances teams did get to just one shot. We stressed the importance of being able to move the puck and get shots at Peterson and then get bodies in front to try to bang home rebounds.

"On the goal we scored, we did that," Smolak continued. "We had a couple of attacks toward the net and Peterson made a couple of saves. But, we kept the puck in front of him and once the loose puck was there we kept hammering at it. Donny, finally, was able to poke it in."

Both teams finished with plenty of shots on net; Peterson finished with 34 saves while Dante Sousa, Woodstock's sophomore goalie, finished with 30.

"I think the difference between the two teams



Donny Sousa of Woodstock Academy celebrates his goal versus North Haven, with Noah Sampson doing the same in the background.

were the quality of shots; most of our shots were from the outside while North Haven had a lot of shots in the house area (between the circles)," Smolak said. "I think we had only one other scoring chance where there were rebounds in front of the net in sequence. Their defense did a good job of isolating us on the outside."

Smolak said the Nighthawks used a defensive alignment that gave the Centaurs trouble.

"Our biggest issue in the game was that we weren't able to break the puck out," Smolak explained. "North Haven alternated between a neutral zone trap and a trap at the top of our crease. When we had a puck carrier coming up the wall to the strong side, they had three or four players immediately converge on the puck carrier."

"Our message to the team the whole game was to drop the puck back to defense, go defense to defense and then the weak side will be wide open for chances," Smolak continued. "Unfortunately, we kept trying to force it up the wall on the strong side. North Haven did a great job of shutting down what we were trying to do. We just couldn't break the habit of trying to go up the strong side rather than going up the weak side."

North Haven (22-2) tied the game, 1-1, with 5:30 remaining in regulation, Thomas Guidone scoring off assists from Alex Peterson, Bryce's brother, and William Sullivan.

"We've been preaching all year that we needed to gap up — stand up the players coming into our defensive zone — and only allow a one-stick length to be between us and the opposing forward," Smolak said. "Unfortunately (on that rush by North Haven), we just kept backing up in our zone. When you give quality scorers space and time, and the middle of the ice, they're going to make you pay, and they did on the goal that tied the game."

Alex Peterson delivered North Haven its third boys' hockey state title in school history, scoring 5:35 into overtime to lift the Nighthawks to the 2-1 win.

"We had a defensive breakdown," Smolak said. "The puck trickled into the slot. Our defenseman passed it to (Alex Peterson) in the slot. He shot it, and our defenseman blocked it, which wobbled the puck. Our defensemen then got control of the puck and passed it right back onto (Alex Peterson's) stick and the second time he shot the puck he didn't miss. We had a chance to get possession of the puck and start to clear it twice and we weren't able to do that."

Smolak said when the team has its end-of-season debriefing, he is going to make sure that everyone in the room knows this was a special season.

"We finished last season 11th, and we had a tougher schedule this season," Smolak said. "We didn't expect to finish as the No. 2 seed. We didn't expect to have only one regular season loss."

"The biggest takeaway from this season for me is that we're a young team," Smolak continued. "We will need people to step up next year like we did this year. This year, everyone that was asked to step up stepped up. We saw a lot of growth in a lot of our players. Growth that makes us feel comfortable going into next year knowing we can rely on them a little bit more. In terms of a developing season, I think it was a very good season for us as a whole. We have to make sure we keep pushing, developing, learning and growing next year so we can get back to where we ended up this year."

Woodstock's entire first line — Sampson (21 goals, 37 assists, 58 points) at center; Sousa (29-28-57) on the right wing and Corradi (43-23-66) on the left wing — will return next season. The trio had a combined stat line of 93 goals and 88 assists for 181 points.



Maxx Corradi, left, and Maci Corradi finished the season as the leading scorers on the Woodstock Academy boys' and girls' ice hockey teams.

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scorer on the team is."

The Corradis are one of four sets of siblings currently playing on the Woodstock Academy boys' and girls' ice hockey teams. They are joined by Noah and Ellary Sampson, Jason and Avery Nielsen, and Sam and Grace Lescault.

Maxx Corradi's point totals this season were a big jump from his freshman year when he scored 15 goals and recorded 13 assists. He heads into his junior season with a career scoring line of 58 goals, 35 assists and 93 total points.

"Last year it seemed like Maxx deferred a little bit too much to (linemates) Noah (Sampson) and Donny (Sousa). We wanted him to be a little bit more selfish this year," Woodstock Academy boys' hockey coach Mark Smolak said. "We wanted Maxx to shoot more and attack the net more this year. A lot of his goals this year were generated from his being a natural goal-scorer who has pure game-breaking speed, and his ability to read the puck."

To improve the parts of his game that needed improving, Maxx Corradi knew where he was going to be spending lots of time during the offseason — in the weight room.

"As soon as hockey ended last year, I was living in the weight room," said Maxx Corradi, who spent part of his summer vacation at the Dena Taylor Skating Camp. "At Dena Taylor we spent an hour on hockey skills and an hour on dynamic skating."

The dynamic skating portion of the camp,

Maxx Corradi said, was taught by five figure skating coaches.

"The coaches would work with us on our edge work, things like pivoting forward to backward, different ways of turning, and different ways of stopping," said Maxx Corradi, who also prepared for this season by playing a half-season this past fall with the Worcester (Mass.) Junior Railers. "The coaches also showed us how to pick up speed, and how moving in certain ways can help you to be quicker and faster on the ice. Going to Dena Taylor allowed me to really shape up my all-around hockey game."

Maci Corradi, the younger of Steve and Amy Corradi's two children, was on skates by the time she was three, the direct result of having a father who played hockey at Sandwich (Mass.) High School and UMass-Amherst. Maxx Corradi was on skates by his third birthday as well. Both Maxx and Maci were enrolled in the Learn to Skate program run by the Griffin Youth Hockey Association in nearby Pomfret when they were five-year-olds.

"I went to a lot of Maxx's hockey games when I was growing up. I can remember wanting to experience it," the 14-year-old Maci Corradi said. "When I tried it out, I liked it immediately, so I just kept with it."

Maci Corradi's journey in high school hockey hasn't been as smooth as her brother's. Two years ago, COVID limited the Centaurs' season to four games, while last year she began to find her way on the team and by season's end was feeling really comfortable on the

ice with all over her teammates.

"Last year I figured out who I could play with and I got a lot of experience," said Maci Corradi, who also participated in the Dena Taylor Skating Camp last summer.

One of the players Maci Corradi enjoyed being on the ice with was fellow freshman Ellary Sampson.

"Ellary and I have played together forever," said Maci Corradi, who will enter her sophomore season with 26 career points (16 goals, 10 assists). "It's nice playing with her. We're not on the ice together a lot, but when we are it's definitely fun because she set me up a lot, and I set her up, too. There's chemistry between us when we play together, probably because we play on the same club team (the Worcester White Hawks)."

This year, however, Woodstock Academy decided to be the host school of a co-operative team and the Centaurs not only had Woodstock Academy players on the squad but girls from East Lyme, Wheeler, Fitch, Norwich Tech and Ledyard high schools.

"Getting used to having new linemates (Mia Williamson and Caitlyn Flynn) was an adjustment, but the more we practiced together the more we got used to playing with each other," Maci Corradi said. "I probably wouldn't have had the points I had if I wasn't playing with them. Mia and Caitlyn are super fun to play with."

Maci Corradi played on Woodstock's first line the entire year and she was paired Williamson and Flynn for the second half of the season.

"Maci has the skills — the hands, the shot — but she also has a knack for being in the right spot at the right time. She has a shoot-first mentality, which is what goal-scorers have. She's also fearless and confident," said Woodstock Academy girls' hockey coach Eric Roy, who pointed out that Corradi had a four-goal and three-goal game this season. "She is also very good at making something out of nothing. She's a worker; she's always in the gritty areas. If there is a scrum in front of the net, she's in the middle of it. She's just a hard-nosed hockey player; she's great to have on the team."

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All Stars shoot lights out at Rotary-Brousseau Game



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The Ray Brousseau Rotary Senior All Star Game was held at Putnam High School on Tuesday, March 1. In an exciting contest was won by the Green Team 108 to 106 over the Blue team. Most Valuable players were selected for both teams for the men and women. The male MVPs were Brody Belanger of Windham Teck (Center) and Mikey Monroe of Parish Hill (right) with game chairman Putnam Rotarian Jonathan Tremblay. The female MVPs were Emily St. Martin Putnam High School (left) and Hailey Johnson of Putnam Science Academy (right) with Chairman Jonathan Tremblay.

PUTNAM — Playing in front of a sparse crowd of family, friends, fellow students and Putnam Rotary Club members, the high school senior basketball boys and girls put on an

offensive barrage never witnessed in the history of the Putnam Rotary Club Ray Brousseau Memorial Senior All Star game.

Due to a low turnout of

female players, the teams were combined with men and women on both squads. A combined total of 214 points was scored with the winning Green team coached by Donte Adams and Denzel Washington of Woodstock Academy edging the Blue squad coached by Neil Bernier and Lee Blanchette of Tourtellotte Memorial High School. The final score was 108-106 in a game that went down to the wire for the evenly

matched teams.

The contest was close throughout with the Blue team on top 57-53 at halftime. The game winning basket by the Green squad was scored by Putnam's Alonzo Henries on a tip in with less than two seconds on the clock. The winners were paced

by team Most Valuable Player Mikey Monroe of Parish Hill who finished with 29 points, nine rebounds and seven assists on the night. Henries totaled 13 points for the winners. Hailey Johnson of Putnam Science Academy was the women's MVP for the winners.

The losing Blue team was led by hot shooting Brody Belanger of Windham Tech, who poured in 49 points with an amazing demonstration of three-point bombs, explosive dunks and slashing moves to the hoop. He was selected as the Blue team MVP. Putnam Clipper Emily St. Martin was the women's MVP for the Blue squad.

Dylan Johnson of Tourtellotte Memorial High School and Carter Tosetti of Woodstock each walked away \$50 richer thanks to CorePlus Credit Union, which sponsored the half-time shootout. The duo of Johnson and Tosetti made shots from the foul line, top of the key and half court to earn the \$50 reward.

The game was a total community effort with the referees from Board #35 donating their services. The refs were led by Bill Monaco. Working with him were Matt Phillips, former UCONN

woman's player Shannon Saunders and David Coderre. The scoring and time keeping were done by Fred Hutchins and Maurice "Moe" Coderre, who also led those in attendance by performing the National Anthem.

Sponsors of the game included The Woodstock Academy, CorePlus Credit Union, Centreville Bank, WINY Radio, Benpe Consulting and Archambault Insurance Associates. Game participation mementos, presented to all players and the MVP Awards were sponsored by the Byrnes Agency of Dayville and Norwich.

Rotarian Jonathan Tremblay was the chairperson of the organizing committee. Working with Tremblay were H. Douglas Porter, Dick Loomis, Ron Coderre, Jon Sturdevant, Club President Missy Meyers, Deb Hoft, John Miller, Woody Durst and Richard Naumann.

"The Putnam Rotary Club is pleased to sponsor this annual game featuring the senior boys and girls all stars. It's part of our commitment to the young people of our communities. We're looking forward to next year. Congratulations to these players for putting on one heck of a show for those in attendance," said chairman Tremblay.

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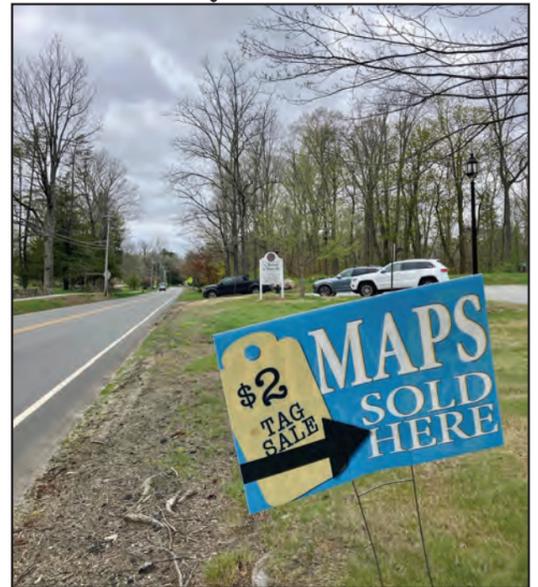
Pomfret to host 17th Annual Town Wide Tag Sale May 6

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POMFRET — Visit Pomfret for the 17th Annual Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, May 6. The Pomfret Proprietors Association established the region's first and best town wide sale, which draws visitors to the Quiet Corner for treasures galore with more than 50 locations throughout town. Many sales benefit local organizations and charities, so your bargains are meaningful to the community.



Starting at 7 a.m. on May 6, purchase a printed map for \$2 at Pomfret Community School (20 Pomfret St.) or Christ Church Pomfret (521 Pomfret St.). Popular fundraisers include The Friends of Pomfret Public Library used book sale at the Old Pomfret Townhouse, which features every genre. The 4-H Camp will host a huge indoor/outdoor sale on May 5 & 6 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at their lodge, rain or shine. The Pomfret Horse & Trail Association members gather in the equestrian parking lot at Tyrone Farm for their sale. Please consider supporting TEEG by dropping off non-perishables at the Pomfret Community Center (207 Mashamoquet Road) during our monthly First Saturday collection from 9 - 11 a.m.

description of items. There is plenty to do in the beautiful Quiet Corner of Connecticut, so spend the day! Bring your boots and take a hike on many trails, including the Pomfret Airline Trail, enjoy a bike ride on Pomfret Forest Mountain Bike Trails, then grab ice cream at We Lik It Farm. There are plenty of restaurants where you can enjoy a snack or a meal, plus a distillery and a winery for adult beverages.

Pomfret is known for our quiet country roads, historic landmarks, unique shops & exceptional restaurants (VisitPomfret.com). Follow the Pomfret Proprietors on Instagram or Facebook. For questions, please contact Martha Emilio at 860-974-1583 or martha@majilly.com.

Each year, the proprietors give back to the community through profits made from the map sales, business ads, and tag sale registrations. Consult your map for the tag sale locations and a brief

Killingly Conservation to host guided walk at Cat Hollow Park

KILLINGLY — Join Killingly Conservation leaders for a guided walk at Cat Hollow Park Sunday, April 21 at 1 p.m., along the paved road and then down a paved driveway to the bridge to view the 35-foot-high waterfall and stunning babbling Wheststone Brook.

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