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- Manning Leonard.*

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Two PSA graduates make NCAA Final Four

BY STEPHEN NALBANDIAN
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR
PUTNAM SCIENCE ACADEMY

PUTNAM — And then there were two.

While there are four teams headed to Phoenix for next weekend's men's basketball Final Four, Putnam Science Academy has two former players still alive in the NCAA Tournament, as Mouhamed Dioubate and his Alabama Crimson Tide have the unenviable task of trying to slow down the UConn Huskies and Hassan Diarra.

Dioubate won two national championships at PSA, in 2022 and 2023 (he was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player at the latter), and he graduated as the school's all-time leading rebounder and third all-time leading scorer. He is a key reserve for Alabama, which is in the Final Four for the first time in program history.

Diarra also won two national titles at PSA (2018 and 2020), where he ranks first in school history in points, assists, and



games played, second in steals and 3-pointers made, and fourth in rebounds. The Big East's Sixth Man of the Year is looking to help UConn become the first back-to-back NCAA champs since Florida in 2006 and 2007.

"It's crazy to see them both in the Final Four," said PSA coach Tom Espinosa, who had 12 former players whose teams were selected to the NCAA Tournament. "They both came to us from Queens (N.Y.) and the same mentor (Rob Diaz), they both did three years here, they're both going to be PSA Hall of Famers."

"I'm so excited for them, so happy for them. They're great young men and they play such an important role on their teams. It's been fun to watch, and I can't wait to watch again Saturday night."

Courtesy

Mouhamed Dioubate and his Alabama Crimson Tide will face down the UConn Huskies and Hassan Diarra in the NCAA Final Four tournament. Both players are graduates of Putnam Science Academy.

Killingly forms committee to address school bullying

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Board of Education has approved the creation of a new ad-hoc committee focused on tackling what has been deemed by many a long-standing district-wide bullying problem.

The committee was added to the March 13 Board of Education agenda at the request of at least three members of the board. The discussion took place after numerous parents and former Killingly graduates voiced their concerns about the continued reports of bullying in the district point-

ing out several recent incidents that caused police involvement at the schools.

Most of the complaints were heard during the citizens comment portion of the meeting with Town Council member Tammy Wakefield reading a letter from her daughter, Killingly graduate Abigail Maerkel, for the Board of Education to consider. The letter detailed bullying that Maerkel had experienced through her time in the district and called for immediate action to put an end to the cycle.

"My friends and I were never part of the 'in crowd,' and were verbally and physically harassed in school and on the bus throughout our education in the Killingly system. Most of these incidents were ignored and not addressed and when the bullying was addressed it led to retaliatory verbal and physical attacks with no follow-up or protection," Maerkel explained in her letter. "Sadly, the idea that the Killingly School system has ever upheld a zero-tolerance policy for bullying is laughable. I watched even teachers who tried to help bullied students be ignored or their

attempts at punishment be reversed by principals and/or superintendents. This problem has only been worsened due to the new 24/7 access students have to each other that I'm thankful I didn't have to endure. This problem must be addressed and taken seriously."

Wakefield's fellow Town Council member Jason Anderson, also speaking as a citizen, called for action noting the Board of Education's focus on mental health in recent years but lack of attention to bullying and the core causes of such behavior.

"Recently a lot of attention has been rightfully paid to the mental health of our students, and for this I am grateful. However, you are truly missing the boat. I ask you, what is more important, finding the cure for a problem or addressing the major root cause of the problem in the first place? You keep looking into how to help our children, who happen to be your students, with their mental health issues. Why is nowhere near enough attention placed on the amount of bullying that is allowed to continue in our schools? When a parent of a bullied student is

told that the school won't take action because the parents of the student who is doing the bullying is more likely to sue the school system than the parents of the student who is being bullied there is a severe problem," said Anderson.

Another former graduate Ariana Kamm, whose children are currently enrolled in the school system, told the story of how one of her kids tries to avoid attending classes in fear of the bullying.

"Children are currently ganging up and grouping off to target these children and as a mother of my own child I feel for mine and everybody else's children who are dealing with this bullying," said Kamm.

Members of the Board of Education agreed more needs to be done to address what has apparently become one of the most widespread issues in all the district schools. Stories included incidents at Killingly High School, Killingly Intermediate School and Killingly Central School showing that the reported incidents are not limited to certain ages or facilities. Parents also explained that the bullying has taken the

form of physical and verbal abuse as well as some incidents that could be considered sexual harassment. Both board members and parents acknowledged the increased role social media has played in worsening the bullying epidemic in schools.

Laura Lawrence, who joined the Board of Education in 2023, admitted she was one of the members who requested the formation of the ad-hoc committee stating she feels enough is enough.

"I have a no tolerance (policy) whatsoever. Even if it's my own child, they know what they will deal with at home. I believe we are all on the same page. No child should go to school feeling scared or not safe — We need a committee to focus on this. We need a team of people to sit down and see if we're using the tools to (do) what we're supposed to be doing for these students. I don't think we are. I think we should be putting in more work," she said.

The board voted unanimously to form the committee which will be staffed by a small selection of Board of Education members.

Thompson holds final design workshop for 65 Main project

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — The Town of Thompson held the sixth entry in its ongoing workshop series for the 65 Main project on March 27, revealing the final proposed design layout for the property which is slated to include a permaculture food forest and small business development center.

Project designers utilized input from prior meetings to make slight alterations to both parts of the project including added features and learning amenities that will further enhance the space. Among the changes were making elements of an outdoor kitchen movable rather than fixed, movable seating for a proposed amphitheater, reducing the footprint of a rain garden, added berry patches, adding a recreational fishing area, planning a proposed footbridge for future expansion across the French River, adding the potential for a dock for watercrafts and kayaks, increasing the number of interpretive signage, and improving access for emergency vehicles.

Thompson Director of Planning & Development Tyra Penn-Gesek revealed now that a design plan has been finalized, it's time to move on to the next phase of the project and the next set of informational workshops.

"The delivery of the final concept design documents and the final report will close the contract for the permaculture consultants (Wayne Weiseman and Grant Depoy of The Permaculture Project), and also wrap the first half of the year-long public workshop process. For now, the project partners will back-burner the site design and turn their attention to building the connections between the future facility, the public school system and the small business community," said Penn-Gesek.

The next set of workshops, running from April through June, will focus on the project's connection to Tourtellotte Memorial High School. Project partner Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (CT RC&D) is expected to bring in guest speakers from food hubs, incubator programs and agricultural startups in June, but the April and May meetings will introduce the public to the farm-to-fork vocational programs that will enhance the career pathways for Thompson students.

So far, the workshops have been a great success, drawing between 25 and 40 participants on a regular basis both in-person and online, including some

Brooklyn hires new elementary school principal



Courtesy

Melissa Violette has been named the new Principal of Brooklyn Elementary School.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Public School District has announced a new principal for

Brooklyn Elementary School, hiring from within to fill the post.

Superintendent Patricia Buell revealed that Melissa Violette would be promoted to Principal following the departure of Paula Graef who has announced a move to another district. Violette joined Brooklyn Schools the same year as Graef in 2018, serving as kindergarten teacher and Instructional Coach at Brooklyn Elementary School during her tenure. She had previously taught kindergarten and first grade at North Windham School. Violette, who resides in Pawcatuck, holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education from Southern Connecticut

State University and a Master of Science in Reading and earned a Sixth Year Diploma in the Administrator Preparation Program from the University of Connecticut.

In a release, Buell said Violette was chosen from a pool of strong candidates seeking to fill the vacancy and unanimously endorsed by the ten-member hiring committee. Buell complimented Violette on her contributions to the district as an Instructional Coach, which she feels shows a dedication to the betterment and growth of the Brooklyn schools.

"Melissa had worked closely with the administration on piloting instructional programs, and implementation of

programs and assessment tools, and works closely with staff. She has made numerous presentations to the Board of Education and is knowledgeable about the District Advancement Plan and the data we are collecting to monitor student growth. Most recently, Melissa served as one of the primary authors of the Reading Waiver submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education and has been active in reading training to ensure we are maximizing student learning in reading and all areas," said Buell.

Violette was officially introduced to the district during the March 27 Board of Education meeting, and will begin her new role on July 1.

Congregational Church of Thompson receives donation supporting renovations

THOMPSON — We are very pleased to announce that the Congregational Church of Thompson, Inc. is officially approved for a \$500,000 grant from the Interior Department for the renovation and adaptive reuse of our historic church.

This project was approved due to the historic significance of the church, the importance to Thompson, and the potential for reuse of the building to support the community. Importantly, the tireless efforts of Senator Blumenthal (CT) and Senator Murphy (CT), and their staff made this a reality.

Bruce Hall, Board Member responsible for the church rebuild-

ing, stated, “The commitment of Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and their staff to the people and communities in Connecticut has been tremendous, and we thank them, as this will make a real difference to the historic town of Thompson.”

There is more optimism and hope within the church given this development than ever since the fire over seven years ago. Bruce Hall continued with “Major repairs to churches on average take nine years so we are doing well. The vision is to become an attractive facility to the community for concerts, events, meetings, school activities, and social services.”

Thompson Congregational Church was started in 1728 and has been in the current building since 1856 and are also the owners of the historic town common. The church has continued church services and community service projects virtually and occasionally in-person since the fire through today. The Rev. Shannon Wall has been our interim pastor for the past three years and continues to be a blessing to the congregation.

These funds, in addition to others being pursued through other State of Connecticut programs, will be used to start the rebuilding process after the devastating fire of Dec. 29, 2016. The rebuild will be done in four phases and focus on the historic sanctuary building that was badly damaged. For phase one, an outside engineering firm has created drawings for the structural

repairs and permanent closure of the back wall and roof section. These repairs are the highest priority to protect the building from further damage. It is expected that phase one could start as early as late 2024 or early 2025 and take six to nine months.

Funds are still needed for this project, as the cost could be as much as \$2.4 million for all four phases. To make a tax-deductible donation, please

send it to the following address. Funds donated will only be used for the rebuild and not for ongoing operations of the church. A statement of donations will be mailed to you in January 2025 for the tax deduction:

Congregational Church of Thompson
Building Fund
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Thompson, CT 06277-0308

SCORE Eastern CT to host free Webinar on “How to Start & Run a Successful Non-Profit Organization”

REGION — SCORE Eastern CT (<https://www.score.org/easternct>), Mentors to America’s Small Businesses, presents a free Small Business Webinar, “How to Start & Run a Successful Non-Profit Organization,” Tuesday, April 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

If you are thinking about starting or are now running a non-profit organization, understanding the next steps in how to effectively manage your organization will be key to long-term success.

In this session, SCORE mentor Bob Potter will guide you through these important areas of non-profit management, including:

What defines a non-profit
Managing your board,
Executive Director, staff

Fine-tuning your strategic and business plans

How to manage successful fundraising

Creating and managing an effective volunteer support team

Securing sponsorships for key events

Planning events

Developing “Marketing Partners” in your community... and more!

Potter is a graduate of Syracuse University and has more than 40 years in creative management, marketing communications, and non-profit development for leading corporate, arts, cultural, and non-profit organizations including Time Warner, National Geographic, AOL, National Gallery of Art, Lyme Art Association, Mystic Seaport, and Save the Children. His areas of expertise include marketing and communications, web development, market research, fundraising for non-profits, and strategic planning. In addition to SCORE, Bob is a volunteer with the Shoreline Food Pantry, the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and is a docent at the Yale Center for British Art.

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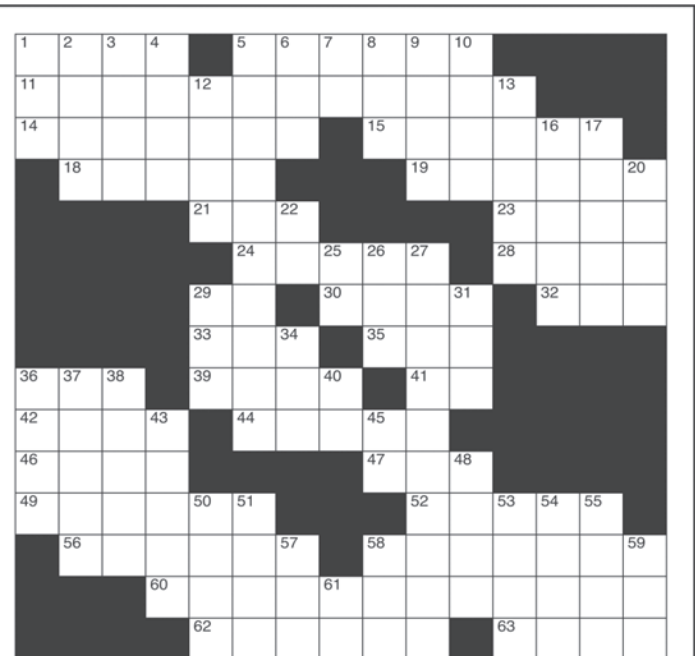
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VILLAGER ALMANAC AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of March 25: Woodcock, Great Blue Heron, Mockingbird, Robin, Killdeer, Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Carolina Wren, Phoebe, Red-tailed Hawk, Wild Turkey, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Wood Duck, Mallard, Canada Goose, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Song Sparrow, Junco. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A minute amount (British)
- 5. Mystical or magical
- 11. Shortening
- 14. More satisfying
- 15. Other side
- 18. Philippine island
- 19. More unnatural
- 21. Mutual savings bank
- 23. Famed designer Chanel
- 24. Makes less wild
- 28. At some prior time
- 29. The cops who investigate the cops
- 30. Immune system response
- 32. Distress signal
- 33. Engine additive
- 35. “No Scrubs” trio
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 39. A reward (archaic)
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Spots where golfers start
- 44. Polite form of address (Indian)
- 46. French river
- 47. Reduce the light
- 49. Blood-sucking fly
- 52. A way to categorize
- 56. Procrastinates
- 58. Tall slender tower
- 60. Where researchers work
- 62. Office of the Pope
- 63. Office furnishing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Possesses
- 2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. Clip
- 5. In a way, misleads
- 6. Human gene
- 7. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 8. Lizard genus
- 9. Parasites that invade the skin
- 10. Took apart
- 12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 13. S. California town
- 16. Suffix plural
- 17. Painting technique
- 20. Small Eurasian deer
- 22. Mr. T character
- 25. Microsoft
- 26. Shock therapy
- 27. Able to be sold
- 29. A doctrine
- 31. These three follow A
- 34. Pulse
- 36. Quantitative fact
- 37. Doctor ___: children’s book author
- 38. Hebrew calendar month
- 40. Designated hitter
- 43. Norther Poland village
- 45. A passport is one form
- 48. Hand (Spanish)
- 50. Hit with the open hand
- 51. Actor Idris
- 53. Shakespeare’s nickname “The ___”
- 54. Northern U.S. lake
- 55. Marvin and Horsley are two
- 57. Soak
- 58. Partner to cheese
- 59. Expression of disappointment
- 61. College dorm employee



KILLINGLY CHRONICLES- APRIL 8 – APRIL 13

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

Monday the 8th
Council consideration of budget (if necessary) (Town Meeting Room) 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 9th
Regular Town Council Meeting (Town Meeting Room) 7 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th
Board of Education Meeting (Town Meeting Room) 7 p.m.

Agriculture Commission Meeting (Room 102) 7 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
NDDH Board Meeting (NDDH) 3 p.m.

Public Hearing (Killingly High School Auditorium) 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals (Town Meeting Room) 7 p.m.

Community Events
Monday the 8th
Wonderful Ones & Twos (Library) 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Adult Sensory Story Time (Ages 18+) (Library) 1 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday the 9th
Moving & Grooving (Ages 1-5) (Library) 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Bingo (Ages 18+) (Library) 2 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th
Little Listeners (Ages 0-5) (Library) 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Chess Club (Library) 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
Creative Cooking for Homeschoolers (Ages 6-12)

(Library) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Book Club (Ages 18+) (Library) 2 to 3 p.m.

Friday the 12th

Drop-In Book Discussion (Ages 13-18) (Library) 4 to 5 p.m.

Willy Wonka Show (Killingly Community Center) 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday the 13th

Willy Wonka Show (Killingly Community Center) 7 to 9 p.m.

Check out the Killingly Parks and Recreation section on the Killingly town website for daily class schedules!

Sign up for your Lit Loot Bag from April 1 to April 10 at the Killingly Public Library!

PUTNAM

POLICE LOG

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reported the following arrests during the week ending March 31.

David G. Moosy III, age 36, of Thompson was arrested on March 28 for Illegal Possession of a Narcotic (crack cocaine).

Brett Boisse, age 32, of Putnam was arrested on March 30 for Disorderly Conduct and Interfering with an Officer.

Naysa C. Jones, age 19, of Putnam was arrested on March 31 for Breach of Peace.

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How do you set your website up to win customers? Your website has to attract and engage visitors, educate them about your products and services, and convert them into customers. Success begins with a plan!

This webinar with Joshua Toenyes, CEO of Cardsetter, will show you the key elements your

website needs to succeed. The session will give participants a better understanding of:

The critical role your website plays in your online marketing strategy

The features and tools you’ll need to execute your plan

How to get everything working together to achieve your goals

How to set your website up to attract, engage, and convert your ideal customers

Attendees will receive a free website planning workbook.

Presenter Joshua Toenyes, CEO and the

creative force behind Cardsetter, brings over a decade of web software development experience to the table. A University of California, San Diego grad and a Navy veteran, Josh’s blend of technical expertise and disciplined leadership has been instrumental in growing Cardsetter into a go-to platform for small businesses seeking to establish their online presence. His focus on creating stable, secure, and intuitive software reflects his commitment to delivering exceptional value to his customers.

Under Josh’s direction, Cardsetter has evolved to serve hundreds of

small business owners, simplifying the website creation process with its innovative, question-based approach. His deep understanding of online web technologies, combined with a keen eye for detail, ensures that Cardsetter offers a seamless experience for entrepreneurs eager to launch and grow their digital footprint. Learn more at <https://cardsetter.com/>.

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Woodstock Congregational Church hosting concert celebrating life and times of Pete Seeger

WOODSTOCK —The eighth annual tribute concert dedicated to the memory of folk icon, Pete Seeger is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m. at the Woodstock Congregational Church Rt. 169, Woodstock Hill. Tickets are available at the door for a donation of \$25.

The event, affectionately called For Pete’s Sake, is hosted by former State Troubadour Sally Rogers of Pomfret, joined by a host of area song leaders who will present the songs while lyrics are projected for all to join in: Sally Rogers, Howie Bursen, Jeff Perkins, Sandy Pliskin, Carol Rossetti, Cate Clifford, and Leslie Sweetnam.

Seeger is best remembered for touring with two groups, the Almanac Singers and the Weavers

in the 1940s and 1950s, and is credited for leading folk music’s revival and survival in the 1960s.

He had a string of hit records during the early 1950s as a member of the Weavers, most notably their recording of Lead Belly’s Goodnight, Irene, which topped the charts for 13 weeks in 1950.

Seeger was one of the folk singers responsible for popularizing the spiritual “We Shall Overcome” that became the acknowledged anthem of the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

Other hits written by Seeger, some recorded by other artists, include “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” “If I Had a Hammer,” and “Turn, Turn, Turn.” He also popularized Woody

Guthrie’s “This Land is Your Land.” Many of these will be performed (with audience participation!) at the April 7 concert.

Seeger was a prominent singer of protest music in support of international disarmament, civil rights, counterculture, and environmental causes. As a social activist, he supported progressive causes such as racial and religious inclusion which influenced his work.

A fact not well known about Seeger is that he was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Pacific during World War II. He was trained as an aircraft mechanic but later assigned to Special Services where he entertained his fellow troops with his banjo and songs.

After the war, he

worked on the Civil Rights History Project at the Library of Congress, which no doubt influenced his songwriting and social activism.

Admission is a \$25 donation per person to benefit the Community Kitchens of NE Connecticut which has fed hundreds (if not thousands!) of hungry local people here in the Quiet Corner, especially active during the COVID Crisis. Hot delicious meals are prepared by volunteers and are still being served at their locations in Woodstock, Central Village, Danielson, Thompson. To volunteer or to find out about their serving times, contact communitykitchensnect@gmail.com or call them at 860-779-2465.

Access pinning ceremony commemorates achievement of community health worker graduates

WILLIMANTIC — On Friday, March 1, Access Community Action Agency hosted its inaugural Community Health Worker (CHW) Pinning Ceremony. This event honored recent Access graduates who successfully completed the CHW Core Competencies Training.

Led by Milagrosa Seguinot, A.A., TMI, President of the Community Health Workers Association, the ceremony welcomed distinguished guests including Connecticut State Sen. Jeff Gordon and Legislative Aide Adrian Pizarro-Slevinsky, Alyssa McClain, President of the Health Education Center (HEC), and Cynthia Jean-Mary, HEC’s Director of Training and Workforce Development, alongside Sue Esposito, Chair of Access Board of Directors, and fellow Access staff.

During this momentous occasion, ten graduates received their CHW pins, signifying the fulfillment of their certificate requirements and their preparedness to embark on their roles as compassionate professional caregivers. The graduates are Rhiannon McCabe, Veronica Betts, Sasha Ramos-Mendoza, Yolanda Irizarry, Roland Baez-Franco, Christina Tirado,

Ian Matthew Harrington, LaVette Tavis, Emmanuel Tavis, and Brenda Coutu. They completed 90 hours of coursework and 50 hours of internship, earning the Certificate of Completion endorsed by the Connecticut Department of Public

a CACFP Child Nutrition Professional by The National CACFP Sponsors Association.

Connecticut’s Community Action Agencies (CAAs), serving approximately 200,000 low- and moderate-income individuals annually, play a crucial role in connecting people with resources that stabilize and enhance lives and communities. These vital services encompass food assistance, shelter, heating aid, employment and training, free income tax assistance, child care, and more. Presently, nearly 60 certified CHWs are employed statewide by CT’s CAAs. These CHWs, based in CAAs, offer a distinct advantage over their counterparts in hospitals and health centers, as they engage individuals who may not otherwise be connected to the healthcare system. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) instituted a certification program for CHWs in 2019, underscoring the growing recognition of their indispensable contributions to community health and well-being.

Access Community Action Agency is designated by the federal and state government as the anti-poverty agency in northeast Connecticut. Access provides food, affordable housing, job readiness services, and other pathways to economic self-reliance for vulnerable limited-income families and individuals throughout the region. Learn more about Access by visiting <https://accessagency.org/>.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The “Big Lie?” Please!

To the Editor:
 I consistently read letters in this Opinion section that criticize former President Trump and Republicans for the “Big Lie” regarding the 2021 election. To say that many here who write in to the Opinion page are hypocrites is an understatement, and you all know who you are!
 How easily the Democrats forget that they spent the first three-and-a-half years of Trump’s presidency denying his legitimacy as President. The Trump-Russia collusion narrative, which almost all democrats supported and propagated, has been proven to be

a hoax that was brought on in an attempt to remove Trump from office.
 Why do so many Democrats who submit letters here forget that happened? You are the real election deniers! How many times did the leaders of your party (H. Clinton, N. Pelosi) insist that Trump was an illegitimate President? Too many times to count. Did you forget? Your “Big Lie” is way worse than anything Trump has done. Don’t forget that! And stop being dishonest with yourselves.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS
 BROOKLYN

Holy wreck

To the Editor:
 I have been asking my wife why we torture ourselves by watching this grotesque that is Trump play out day after day. Trump is a virus that has infected this country. Millions have submitted and obviously enjoy being ill.

Lawlessness is a sickness. Trump is lawless and his followers must be as well. They may revel in an imaginary world where they could break every rule and get away with it. Like their hero Trump, with the help of his pack of lawyers, seems to be doing.

Speaking of his defense teams, even though they swore an oath to zealously defend their client, just imagine their constriction knowing they are defending the most virulent and repulsive person to stand before justice.

Note also they are lining their pockets to the tune of \$100 million, so far, thanks to the everyday suckers sending their cash to the begging Trump. Their endless tactics of delay seem to be working as well. Trust in our

legal system being equal for all has gone by the wayside long ago.

Trump selling pieces of the suits he wears to his multiple court dates? What fan wouldn’t want a perverted relic? Gold(?) plated sneakers for \$400, complete with an American Flag being desecrated? The suckers pony up.

You would think by now we have reached the bottom but with Trump there is no bottom. Presenting, on Holy Week no less, the Trump Bible. His «favorite» book I’m sure he keeps on his nightstand right besides his other favorite — Hitler’s “Mein Kampf”. For a mere \$60, you too could own one to inspire and guide your lifelong journey to shameless-

ness. What’s next, bottles of his bathwater or pieces of his Depends undergarments? Trump is so craven his audacity knows no bounds.

Trumpers are screaming about inflation. At his rallies though, with all his puppets lined up behind the podium, he says he will increase all taxable products by 10 percent and institute a 50% tariff on all imported goods.

The costs to be passed on to the consumer no doubt. Their reaction? They applaud like the clueless stooges they are! Our country’s future is in their hands? Beyond belief. A vote for Trump is a vote against America. Since this seems beyond their realization, only little wit can excuse them.

So why do I turn on the news? It’s probably the hope that I will be greeted with the best news possible for our country: that Trump is gone, long gone.

Seven months to Election Day will seem like seven years knowing Trump and his big lie has sickened millions of voters who would gladly shatter 250 years of democracy. If he is somehow re-elected, I doubt I will ever bring myself to watch the news again. All I will need to do is listen for that sucking sound coming from the southwest: Washington and the rest of the country going down the drain.

As I write this, it was recently announced that our former Senator, Joe Lieberman, had passed away. His death was met with tributes far and wide. When Trump goes the announcement should be relegated to the back page, bottom right, should they want to waste their ink.

RICK ROCHELEAU
 DANIELSON

How have good people become numb to Trump?

To the Editor:
 Has there been a more reprehensible politician than Donald Trump in US history? What does the MAGA cult think about their leader viciously attacking the daughter and law clerk of the judge in his upcoming trial on 34 felony counts for falsifying business records in trying to cover up his adulterous affair with a porn star? Why is this kind of behavior acceptable to so many? Why is his constant lying acceptable? Why don’t Republicans speak out against Trump’s incitement to violence? Unfortunately, his abhorrent behavior is becoming normalized, and good people seem to be becoming numb to it.

Don’t the Trump enablers recognize

Trump’s behavior as that of a narcissistic 10-year-old who never admits he lost at anything, never errs, or is never anything except the best at everything he does? If he loses an election, it’s because his opponent cheated. If he gets indicted for grossly defrauding banks, insurance companies, and the government, it’s a witch hunt. If he is indicted for attempting to prevent the constitutionally prescribed transfer of power to a new president, it’s somehow a grossly unfair “weaponization” of the justice system. This rapist, fraudster, self-proclaimed billionaire somehow sells himself as a victim while he largely escapes accountability and flies around the country in a private jet. Some victim.

It gets worse. This past weekend, Trump reposted a video depicting President Biden hogtied in the bed of a pickup truck, further inciting violence. He also compared himself to Jesus Christ on Easter. What has happened to so many of our citizens, who identify as Christian, that causes them to embrace this false idolatry and support someone who is the antithesis of Christ? Is this really what they are learning in their churches from their pastors or priests?

It’s all ludicrous. But unfortunately for the future of democracy in the US, it’s also true. And very scary.

BILLY G. TAYLOR
 KILLINGLY

Time to show up

funding limitations we’re experiencing, but politics got in the way of critical thinking... again. Keep in mind...teachers were awarded a 5 percent raise for each of the three years in the recent contract (15 percent), so additional funds were going to be a fact of life. However, I had been hoping for educational goal setting, and was disappointed...again.

Faith and Miracles are in the headlines these days, so the gasoline of hope is beginning to rise in the tank when remembering that Killingly residents still have a voice in this Budget process! We’ve done it before, so why not now?

I’ve historically been a fiscal moderate, so I’m not suggesting that the solution to

this mistake is adding additional money to the 24-25 KPS Budget. What I do advocate for is that if any positions are to be funded with retirement, non-lapsing, and/or discretionary funds, they should be the athletic positions which are not required by college admission departments.

If this BOE is unable to put our students ahead of their political agenda, then these students depend on their own voices, their parents, and the voices of educationally driven members of our community, to demand educational services in line with a \$48 million funding allocation paid for by our taxes. Our High School claims to be an accredited institution but this irregular decision leads us in the direction of another collision with the State Department of Education!

The new majority on the BOE needs to dedicate itself to establishing educational policy and priorities, rather than pandering to those who would claim a majority for political payback.

Students, Parents, and Advocates for Legal educational programs need to show up at KHS on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. to defend the programmatic choices that our young people have made to secure a higher education that will open career paths rather than close them.

LYDIA RIVERA-ABRAMS
 DAYVILLE

JAY GERHART
 PUTNAM

The return of Poetry Month

Since 2007, I have been celebrating Poetry Month every April through columns in this newspaper. For three years, I have featured the poetry of area students, especially award winners from QVCC’s Julius Sokenu Poetry Awards through the kindness of Jonathan Andersen, Professor of English at QVCC and QMC. Richard Telford, English Department, Woodstock Academy, has provided links to his students. I am grateful for their cooperation. In April, I will also share the work of poets and promote poetry events in the area.

Karen Warinsky, founder of Poetry at Large, takes her innate organization skills, a



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sense of marketing and a microphone to bring live poetry readings to our area. From Roseland Park in Woodstock in the summer to the Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret as well as poetry nights at the Rose Room in Webster among other venues, she has built an audience and a following. Drop by this month on April 27 to the Vanilla Bean and experience the work of three poets from Massachusetts and the Quiet Corner Poets, who meet at Pomfret Public Library reading during open mic.

I can’t help but shamelessly promote another program I care about: Women in Conversation, which will be held for the third consecutive year on April 13 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Great Hall at Christ Church. Christine Kalafus and I, Pomfret’s Poet Laureates, will host a remarkable morning of readings by poets Jaclyn Gilbert, Rachael Workman, Melissa Wyse. Christine and I will read and welcome poems from the audience. The event is free. I promise it will be memorable.

Here is a poem by Pomfret resident, Kevin Farnham, from “Twelve Sonnets: A Defense of Spirit” (available on Amazon).

Ageless Nymph
 The ageless nymph knows nought but to educe life’s art: perform her garden ministry, mindfully cipher Earth’s geometry—counting, pruning, making the world profuse.

I fear to stir: what turn might that induce?
 My modern glance assaults her secrecy:
 she starts, pales, trembles, darts away from me,
 sensing I once applauded her abuse.

Trampled by zealous gods, she fears the light:
 eternal being, that one true Faith distorted;
 then, further, Science’s piercing lens contorted—
 excising Nature’s spirit from our sight.

Sad form: cross centuries deep you’ve watched and pined
 as logic’s triumph warped the Western mind.
 Woodstock resident, talented poet and tireless volunteer, Philippa Paquette, captures the season:

Spring
 It has been a monochrome, monotone winter:
 Black, grey, white and jay-shrieked.
 Now the frozen earth is wakening,
 Releasing sounds and colors that were trapped.
 The pond has melted into quacking frogs and mating mallards

Frost filled twigs sprout golden arches and silver pussy willows.
 The ground has softened and released
 white capped snowdrops, lemon skirted daffodils brilliant blue scilla.
 The air is tickled by the songs of sparrows, wrens and doves

heralding the morning blush that flames the naked trees.

Like the trees our sap is slow to rise,
 Unconvinced that spring is here to stay.
 We yearn to unfurl our rainbows, sing our songs

Dance barefoot in the grass to celebrate

we have survived another winter:

Our spirits dance to nature’s beat

We soften, release, regain our colorful souls

and celebrate.

If you would like to share a poem, please send it to the Editor at Brendan@villager-newspapers.com.

Hey, Putnam, define “stepping down”

To the Editor:
 Let’s see if I have this right. Putnam’s Republican chair said he was stepping down and then did a big nope and stayed put. Putnam’s Democratic chair said he was stepping down and “stepped down” a grand total of one position from chair to vice chair.

Am I really supposed to believe that the mayor is going to stay out of a party for the next election?

To be continued. Let’s grab the popcorn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Banning mail-in voting would go a long way to curbing fraud

To the Editor:

Recently, a judge ruled that a top Georgia Republican Party official has repeatedly voted illegally. Brian Pritchard, first vice chairman of the Georgia Republican Party and a conservative talk show host, was fined \$5,000 for voting illegally and registering to vote while serving a sentence for a felony conviction. Guilt galore, but this further supports my previous concern about election integrity. Think about this for a moment: France, Mexico and Belgium have all banned mail-in voting due to fraud. Sweden, Italy, the Ukraine, Russia and Japan don't allow it, nor do any Middle Eastern or Latin American countries.

Now for another installment of «illegals in the news» - an illegal immigrant from Mexico has been accused of killing a 25-year-old Michigan woman in a drunken car-jacking attempt and is awaiting arraignment on an open murder charge, according to a report. A migrant was arrested and charged in Alabama for raping a mentally incapacitated 13 year old teen. Authorities confirmed that he entered the U.S. illegally, and that he will be deported back to his home country following his court date. That's it? For such a heinous crime all they're going to do is just deport him? Thats merely a slap on the wrist, but maybe we should allow the victims and their family members to decide their punishment?

Leonel Moreno, described as a «migrant influencer» became popular online after posting videos on social media encouraging other migrants «to invade the country and invoke squatter's rights in American's homes.» In many videos, he waved around loads of cash that he claimed was from government handouts. In an Instagram clip, the ungrateful punk said: "I didn't cross the Rio Grande to work like a slave, I came to the US to mark my territory," and added: "You're hurt because I make more than you without much work while you work like slaves?" Talk about a slap in the face to working Americans, and by the time TikTok shut down his account, he had around 500,000 followers. Moreno, who crossed the Texas border illegally in 2022, was recently arrested by ICE. I certainly doubt that his (now and more deserved) jail cell is a better accommodation than the hotel room he was living in; you know the hotel room that us working slaves are paying for!

So now for some better news - an ABC News report mentioned that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested 216 noncitizens who faced criminal charges and convictions as part of the agency's latest nationwide operation that also focused on "sanctuary cities." Over a period of 12 days last month, ICE agents across the country moved in on the at-large immigration offenders. The operation was part of their mission to target those in the country illegally who pose a risk to public safety. Great move, and a definite step in the right direction! According to ICE allegations, all 216 arrested have connections to drug crimes, and nearly half of those arrested had been previously deported. You still think our border is secure?

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Woodstock Budget '25

To the Editor:

For the last 18 years, I have been speaking out at public meetings and writing about the misadventures of Woodstock financial management.

This all started because spending had gotten out of hand back in the early 2000's. Tax increases of 4, 5, and 6 percent year after year were tiring out many taxpayers, with up to 250 people attending public meetings asking what was going on. After exposing a number of less than forthright practices, such as turning emergency funding into perpetual annuities, misstating spending limits under Prop 46, using school buses to pump spending limits and asking a lot of questionings about budget items that made no sense, and surviving several attempts by RTC members and others to shut me down, including trying to get me off the BOF - I was an alternate for 6 six years - we did manage to bend the spending curve for a while; but over the last three years things have again gotten way out of control. Not just spending but also any resemblance of financial management period. BOE budgets overspent by hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, year after year in violation of state statutes with transfers of funds to cover up the overages without public meetings, as is required, and seemingly no other real consequences - except to taxpayers who have to cover the funds. Town budgets running surpluses year after year while crying poverty during budgeting with surplus funds funneled off to capital accounts or use to cover BOE overspending. Revenues not tracked and seeing variances of hundreds of thousands of dollars (many hundreds of thousands) - after tax rates have already been set. Now, this year, it looks like the BOF has basically just given up, at least that's how it appears if you review the minutes of the last three BOF meetings - they are posted on the town website. No real questions on spending, just kind of passing it along and "let's see what the voters will swallow."

Well, here's what we've got: the proposal that is scheduled to go to the Public Hearing on April 9th would require a roughly 6.8 percent tax increase to cover just budget spending - see the minutes of the March 19th BOF meeting. And then there's the Capital Plan and what is not covered by the CNR undesignated fund - likely at least several (many) hundred thousand more. Altogether with the increases seen over the last two years we are looking at a compounded increase well over 21 percent in three years, and that is if you weren't part of the group that saw more than a 30% increase in appraisals during the revaluation two years ago - and that's half the town, disproportionately on those who can least afford it. All this after a more than \$700,000 reduction in tuition at Woodstock Academy and a continuing slide in enrollment at WPS - down roughly 12 percent since 2018, but then so are test scores. But, don't worry, spenders will always find more to spend on as long as they don't run out of your money...

So, what do you do about all this? Start saying "No" emphatically, over and over until town officials get the message and start actually doing their jobs. Yes, many of these positions are voluntary but elected (BOF, BOE specifically) but if you don't want to do the job, get a hobby. And, by the way, selectmen are paid and not doing any better.

DAVE RICHARDSON
WOODSTOCK

Top 5 tips to increase savings at any age

Successfully saving for short-term and long-term goals is an important part of any financial strategy. Since 2007, every April, we have celebrated America Saves Week, which is dedicated to helping people save.

In honor of America Saves Week, here are the top 5 tips and tricks to help you save for what matters most.

What is America Saves Week?

America Saves Week is an annual celebration that encourages Americans to take charge of their financial futures by promoting the value of saving. Launched in 2007 by America Saves and the American Savings Education Council, the event is supported by various government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.¹ This year, America Saves Week will be observed from April 8 to 12.1

America Saves Week 2024

This year's theme for America Saves Week is "Saving for What Matters Most." Whether it's building an emergency fund, planning for retirement, or achieving short-term financial goals, the act of saving provides a safety net and peace of mind. America Saves Week serves as a reminder that saving is not just a sound financial choice; it's a key to enjoying and protecting what matters most.

Each day of America Saves Week has a focus:

Monday, April 8: Saving Automatically

Tuesday, April 9: Saving for the Unexpected

Wednesday, April 10: Saving for Major Milestones

Thursday, April 11: Paying Down Debt is Saving

Friday, April 12: Saving at Any Age

Tips and tricks for successful saving

In 2020, the Federal Reserve reported that only 64 percent of



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Americans had enough money on hand to cover a \$400 emergency.² In conjunction with the theme of saving for what matters most, we wanted to share some tips to help more Americans build their savings.

Tip #1: Set clear goals Before you start saving, it's crucial to define your financial goals. Whether it's buying a home, paying off debt,

or taking a dream vacation, establishing clear goals provides a roadmap for your savings journey to Live Well.

Tip #2: Create a budget

A well-constructed budget is the foundation of successful saving. Track your income, categorize your expenses, and identify areas where you can cut back. Allocating a specific portion of your income to savings ensures consistency in your savings habits.

Tip #3: Automate your savings

Take advantage of technology by setting up automatic transfers to your savings account. This ensures that a portion of your income is consistently earmarked for savings before you have a chance to spend it.

Tip #4: Build an emergency fund

Establishing an emergency fund is a critical savings goal. Aim to save the equivalent of three to six months of living expenses to safeguard against unexpected financial shocks.

Tip #5: Take advantage of employer benefits

If your employer offers a retirement savings plan, such as a 401(k), make the most of it. Contribute enough to maximize any employer match, which is essentially free money that can significantly boost your long-term savings.

America Saves Week is an

important reminder that saving should be the cornerstone of any robust financial strategy. Developing successful saving and investing habits is crucial for achieving your financial goals.

If you're looking to learn more strategies for building a secure retirement, don't miss our "Learning In Retirement" presentation at Connecticut State Community College Quinebaug Valley on April 29th. Our team of advisors will share valuable insights on saving, investing, and creating a comprehensive plan to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Must preregister at <https://qvcc.edu/programs/lir/>.

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Interesting tidbits from the news

Once again, I'm browsing through old newspapers looking for interesting tidbits. As I begin this column, March Madness is in full swing so, of course, a mention of a star basketball player from this area, quickly peaked my curiosity.

"WA. Reddy, star forward of the Connecticut Mills basketball team during the season just closed, has been selected as a member of the all-star basketball team, the make-up of which has just been published in a Waterbury paper. This all-star team is made up as follows: Forwards, Carroll, Waterbury K. of C., Allerton, Willimantic Emeralds, Reddy, Connecticut Mills, Danielson; center, McGras, Rectors, Bridgeport; guards, Dwyer, Hartford K. of C.; Rahen, Atlas A.C., New Haven...Reddy, the local selection, has been a brilliant player since he starred with the Killingly High School team several years ago. In the past few seasons he has made an exceptionally fine record with the Connecticut Mills team, so much so that his playing has attracted state-wide attention." (Norwich Bulletin, Friday, April 22, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com).

"This week there is an increased number of employees at the Connecticut Mills where production is being steadily increased. Reports from Detroit that practically all of the automobile manufacturing concerns are steadily increasing their production and that many of the plants will be running to capacity again by May 15 are encouraging to the makers of tire fabric for the new cars means many new tires and tires means heavy amounts of fabric used. In the tire fabric field the situation is much more satisfactory, it is said, than at any time since September." (Ibid) How many of you knew that tire fabric was being manufactured in Killingly during the 1920's?

Automobiles were the up and coming mode of transportation, and an ad in the above paper drew my attention. "Auto Tires, Yale, Kelly-Springfield. We have the exclusive agency in the Danielson territory for these two splendid lines of tires. We particularly direct attention to the Yale Tires, made at New Haven---big, heavy, 6-ply and 9-ply cords, the largest, heaviest built and best Ford size tire in the country, and in sizes to fit all other cars. NEW, FRESH, CLEAN STOCK NOW READY FOR YOUR SELECTION. The Danielson Garage, C.H. Pellett, proprietor, Telephone 190. Danielson, Conn."

I've also been browsing



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old Windham County Transcripts, and have pulled some interesting tidbits from various years. We are so grateful to see snow plows go past in ugly weather that we probably don't think much about what life would have been like without them. When do you think Killingly got its first snow plow? The following was in the Thursday, Jan. 18, 1934 Transcript. "Town of Killingly Now Owns Snow Plow. The town of Killingly has purchased a snow plow which has been attached to the front of a Ford truck owned by the town and will be used to clear the oiled roads which are not a part of the state highway system. It is planned to operate the plow in shifts following severe snow storms; and so get the roads cleared in the shortest possible time." (p.8). (Note that the town roads were still oiled).

I love to read old ads. I reread this one for the First National Store to make sure I was seeing prices correctly. Pork Loins 12 and a half cents per pound; prime rib roast 18 cents per pound; boneless oven or chuck roast, 18 cents per pound; sirloin roast 32 cents per pound; lamb legs 19 cents per pound; oranges, large 27 cents per dozen; Baldwin apples 5 pounds for 19 cents; tangerines, 19 cents per dozen; large grapefruit, 5 cents each. (Ibid).

Have you ever heard of the Tau Nu Club? I hadn't. The same Transcript had a small article, "The Tau Nau* Club will give three one-act plays in the parish house of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening February 13. This entertainment will be followed by dancing and refreshments. Last Monday evening Beverly Wilson led a discussion on Some Phases of Psychology." (Nu appeared with and without the a in the article.)

One hundred years ago, the April 3, 1924 Windham County Transcript described an inquest by Coroner Arthur G. Bill into "the death of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dorrance of Plainfield, Friday night, March 14, when their automobile was struck by a freight car. Testimonies differed greatly as to whether Harold Greene of Bristol, R. I., who was to be manning the crossing with a lantern, had signaled in time to prevent the accident." (p. 1).

The same issue also contained a number of small items about the everyday life of the times. "Physicians Plan Annual Meeting. The 131st annual meeting of the Windham County Medical Society is planned for the Attawaugan Hotel on Thursday, April 17. Dinner will be served at 12:30 o'clock and afterwards a business and scientific program will be carried out. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Arthur D. Marsh, president of the society, will preside." (p.1).

"Charter Members Honored by Corps. 'Charter members' Night' was observed by McGregor Women's Relief Corps last evening with six charter members in attendance. They were: Mrs. Marietta Stone of Willimantic, Mrs. Ella M. Palmer, Mrs. Aurilla Smith, Mrs. Myrtella F. Preston, Mrs. Ellen M. Adams, and Mrs. Julia G. Rapp. Small bouquets were presented to those guests of honor by Post President Mrs. Ida F. Thomas and others sent to the two absent charter members, Mrs. Susan H. Armington and Mrs. Louisa Perkins. (Ibid, p.1).

One hundred years ago, in April 1924, The Orpheum Theatre was advertising "The Greatest Screen Attraction of the Age--The Hunchback of Notre Dame--for April 7 & 8, featuring Lon Chaney. " "Musical Score played by the Putnam S-A Orchestra in the Evening." (WCT, Thursday, April 3, 1924, p.2). "Electric cars will run north and south after evening performances." On April 10th the theater would present the drama The Cat and the Canary by John Willard. "The greatest of all mystery plays."

Late April was the time of the Republican convention. "Killingly's delegation to the state Republican convention, which is being held today at Hartford, left yesterday morning. The delegates are" Attorney E. L. Darbie, Mrs. Ida E. Armington, Henry I. Lague and Thomas Aylard. Mr. Aylard is the proxy for Judge James N. Tucker of East Killingly. (Ibid, p. 1).

"At the recommendation of the merchants' committee of the Danielson Chamber of Commerce 'Spring Opening Day' will be observed Saturday at the local stores. The observance is designed principally as an opportunity for displaying the latest Spring goods. In many instances, unusually fine bargains are planned. The observance replaces the customary Spring Dollar Day this year. Hereafter, Dollar Days will be held later in the summer and late in the winter; as in previous years." (Ibid, p. 1).

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Upcoming antique shows

Believe it or not, spring is officially here. For antique collectors, that means it's time to start thinking about getting outside and spending time at antique shows and flea markets.



ANTIQUE, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

The biggest show in the area takes place next month: the Brimfield Antique Flea Market. The first of the three Brimfield shows begins on Tuesday, May 14, and will run through Sunday, May 19. Brimfield offers 16 fields stretched along Route 20 with the first fields opening at dusk on Tuesday. Serious collectors will be out with flashlights as daylight breaks and looking through dealer tents for items they collect. Other fields stagger their opening dates through the rest of the week. New England Motel Antique Shows has a 6 a.m. Wednesday start. Heart of the Mart opens at 9 a.m. on Wednesday

Hertan's Antique Shows offers two one-day shows that both begin at noon on Wednesday and Saturday. May's Antique Mart opens at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Brimfield Auction Acres (formerly J & J) opens Friday at 9 a.m. If you can't make it to the May show, the other two dates for the Brimfield Antique Flea Markets are July 9th through 14th and September 3rd through 8th.

"The Sturbridge Show" will take place May 13, July 8, and Sept. 2. The show is known for vintage clothing and linen and takes place the Monday before each of the Brimfield sessions. Their website www.thesturbridgeshow.com offers more information.

The Greater Boston Antique Toy & Collectible Show and Sale will be taking place on April 14th. The show will be held in Dedham, Mass. from 9

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. See www.facebook.com/bostontoyshow for further details.

Prior to Brimfield, there's an antique show taking place in Ellington, CT. The Ellington Historical Society's Vintage and Antique Market will be held at the Nellie McKnight Museum on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and more information can be found at ellingtonhistsoc.org.

If your travels take you to Cape Cod, the Sandwich Weekly Antiques & Collectibles Show

is running now through Oct. 30, and is open from 6 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and from 7 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Their website is www.thesandwichbazaar.com.

If you are heading further onto the Cape, the Brewster Historical Society will be holding their 51st Annual Outdoor Antiques Fair on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See www.brewsterhistorical-society.org/antiques-fair for more details.

Closer to home, Walker Homestead's Antiques & Primitive Goods Show

takes place in Brookfield, at spring and summer a Learning in Retirement



Mass. on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. See www.walkerhomestead.com for more information.

The Boxborough Antique Show on Sunday, Oct. 20 is one of many shows by Gurley Antique Shows. Details can be found at www.gurley-antiqueshow.com. Hopefully by then you'll be ready to spend your winter with a house full of treasures you acquired

antique shows.

Our comic books and sports memorabilia auction will run next month. There is still time to consign gold jewelry, sterling silverware, art, coins, and other antiques and collectibles for our summer auction. I'll be at the Holden Senior Center on April 22 presenting "what's hot and what's not" with antiques and collectibles. I'll also be discussing downsizing at

event in Danielson, Connecticut on May 6. Please visit our Web site <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to other upcoming events.

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

2024 winning flowers for your garden and containers

Make some room in your garden or containers for the new All-America Selections 2024 National award-winning plants. These winning varieties are tested in trial gardens across the United States and Canada. Volunteer judges rate entries based on their improved performance, flavor, disease resistance, and other unique qualities related to their performance in gardens and containers.



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

embers was selected for its bronze foliage with dark pink veins that contrasts with its vibrant pink flowers. Like other celosias, this variety is heat, humidity, and drought tolerant. Grow it

in a container or garden bed in a sunny location. Grow plenty as you will want to pick a few to add to summer bouquets and dried arrangements.

Siam Gold marigold is another season-long bloomer that thrives in full sun and tolerates heat and drought. The three-to-four-inch double flowers top 18 to 20 inches tall plants that do not need staking. Purchase transplants or extend your planting budget by starting these seeds right

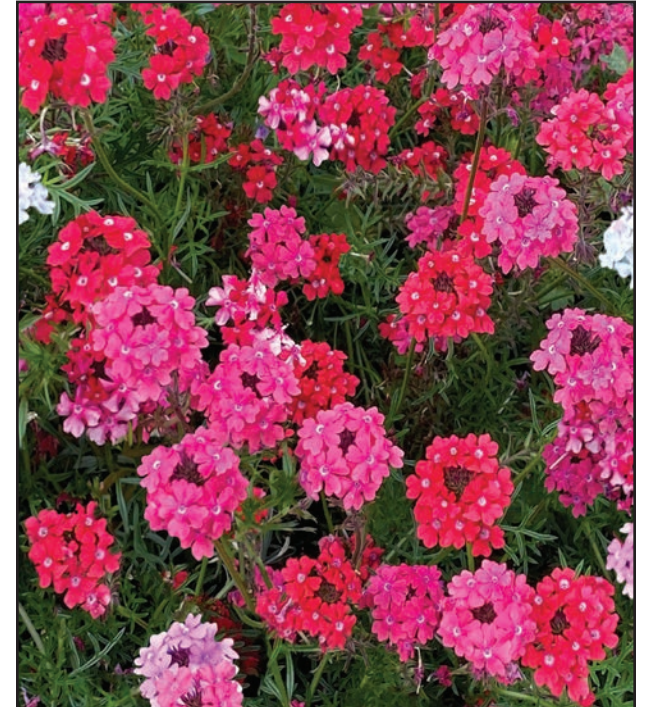
in the garden.

Interspecific Solarscape^{XL} Pink Jewel impatiens offers a tropical look and feel to full and partly sunny locations. You'll enjoy flowers all season long as well as this plant's superior disease resistance, including resistance to downy mildew disease. Grow this in mass in garden beds and borders or in a few containers on your patio, deck, or balcony.

Sure Shot[®] White Petunia can tolerate crazy weather conditions including heat, cold rain, and sunshine. This petunia hybrid grows eight to ten inches tall and works well in containers, hanging baskets, and garden beds. You'll enjoy the lightly fragrant flowers that help attract bees and other pollinators to your gardens.

EnViva[®] Pink petchoa is a cultivar of a petunia and calibrachoa hybrid. This variety wowed the judges with its mounded habit that persisted throughout the growing season. The bright pink flowers with yellow throat held up through heat and rain. Grow these in containers, hanging baskets, and garden beds.

Sweetheart Kisses verberna adds a vibrant mix of red, rose, pink, and a bit of white to full and partly sunny spots in your landscape. The airy foliage creates a nice backdrop for the flowers. Use it as an annual



All-America Selections - Courtesy

Sweetheart Kisses verberna attracts pollinators and brings a vibrant mix of red, rose, pink, and a bit of white to gardens or containers.

groundcover, edger in a flower bed or mixed border, or in a container alone or mixed with other annuals. Then watch for the butterflies and bees stopping by the flowers.

Big EEZE Pink Batik geranium's unique pink and white mosaic blooms perform as well as other members of the Big EEZE series. The plant produces an abundance of flowers of equal size and coloration. It performed well in full to part sun in containers and garden beds.

Combine these winners with your other favorite flowers to create a stunning landscape and

eye-catching containers this growing season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, *2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Church of the Good Shepherd holds Earth-friendly Easter Egg hunt

WOODSTOCK—There was a twist on the Church of the Good Shepherd's Easter Egg Hunt - it was earth friendly and plastic-free.

Church member Ellen Bradley got the idea in an email two weeks before Easter.

"I knew right away that we had to try this," she said.

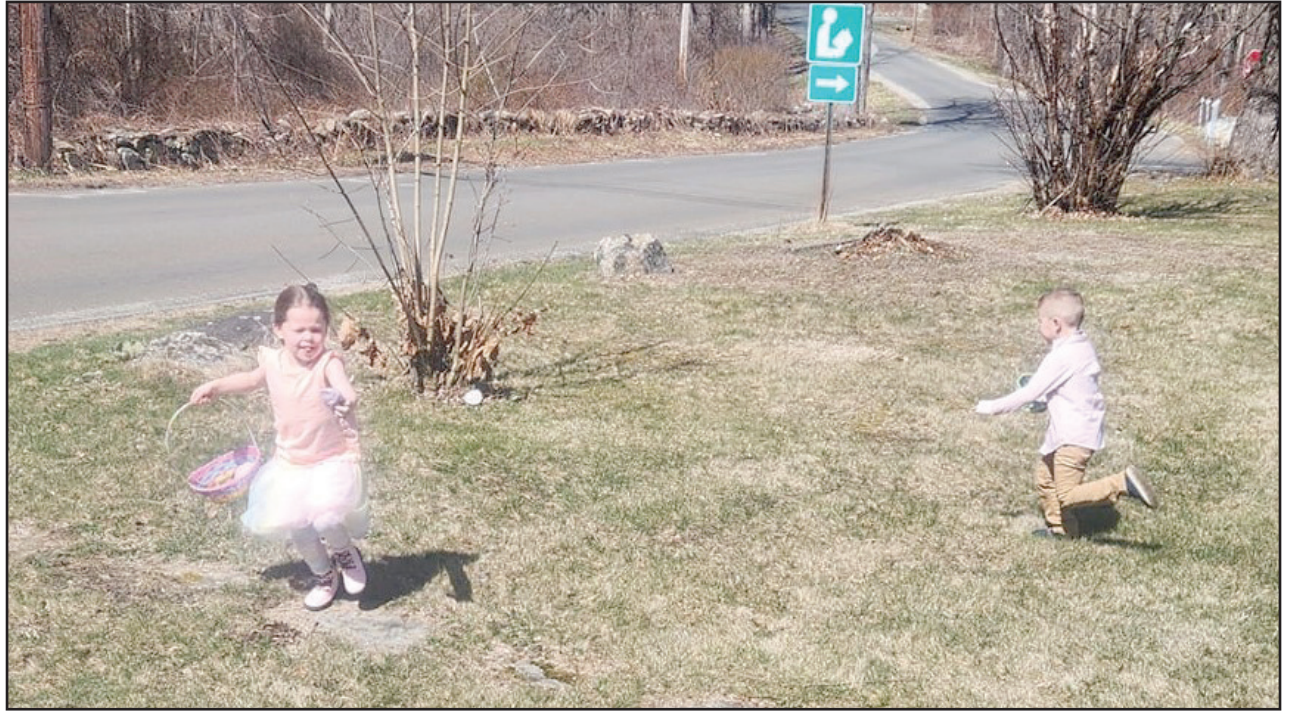
She immediately got busy with her sewing machine, enlisted the help of another church member, and the two of them made thirty colorful fabric Easter eggs, out of scraps, that were filled with candy and hidden on Easter morning.

"As an environmen-

tally conscious congregation, we often take on projects that help our earth. In fact, right now we are collecting medication bottles to be sent to Haiti to be reused. So this Easter egg project dovetails with our efforts to reduce the amount of plastic waste sent to landfills especially with Earth Day following so closely after Easter. Every little bit helps," Bradley added.

And the reaction of the children at the egg hunt?

"Their excitement and laughter was a joy. And if it was also a teaching moment while they were having fun, then that's even better," Bradley said.



Day Kimball Health names Stephanie Ouellette February's Employee of the Month

PUTNAM—Stephanie Ouellette, medical assis-

tant at Day Kimball Medical Group's (DKMG)

Pediatric Center, is Day Kimball Health's (DKH's)

employee of the month for February.

praised for going above and beyond in her duties, her unwavering commitment to excellence is evident. Shortly after joining DKMG, Stephanie pursued certification in response to new state legislation allowing medical assistants to administer vaccines. This initiative enables her to further support our providers, which is particularly helpful amid the current nursing shortage. Stephanie is a tremendous asset, and we are privileged to have her on our team."

(Western) Pequot Tribal Nation in appreciation of our healthcare workers and all they do for our community.

About Day Kimball Health

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



Courtesy

Day Kimball Health's Employee of the Month for February 2024, Stephanie Ouellette, medical assistant at Day Kimball Medical Group's Pediatric Center.

Since beginning her journey with DKMG as a certified clinical medical assistant in 2022, Ouellette has swiftly become an asset in our Pediatric Center. In her role as medical assistant, she manages patient intake for our providers, conducts essential point-of-care testing, and administers vaccines. Caring for children is her favorite part of the job.

"Stephanie exemplifies the dedication and professionalism that defines our DKMG practices," said Kyle Kramer, DKH chief executive officer. "Her proactive approach, exceptional problem-solving skills, and positive attitude ensure that our patients receive the highest quality of care. Consistently

Ouellette was born in Worcester, Mass., and currently resides in Sterling with her husband Marc and their three sons.

Day Kimball Health's employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino and the Mashantucket

Azul Quartet performs chamber music for students

WOODSTOCK — On March 28, local students enjoyed a chamber music performance by the Azul String Quartet at the Loos Center for the Arts. This concert experience followed a school visit by the Quartet the prior week. Sponsored by Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut, this musical experience was free to student groups. Teachers, administrators and parents can learn about future educational shows by signing up for email updates at www.theloos.org/day-time-edu-shows.

"It has been a joy to share our love of cham-

ber music with students in the area," says Azul Quartet Violinist Janet Jacobson. "We had six fantastic school visits, during which we introduced ourselves, our instruments and the basics of chamber music."

They then performed familiar classical standards plus some pop favorites. Students from Canterbury, Killingly, Union, Eastford, Brooklyn and Thompson elementary schools enjoyed meeting the Quartet at their schools and the follow-up performance at the Loos Center.

"The theme for our

performance at the Loos Center is 'Conversations with Friends,'" says Jacobson. "Building on the basics that we introduced in the school visit, we explore how string quartet music allows the players to take turns sharing stories and emotions."

The Loos Center performance included works by Haydn, Mozart, and Dvorak, as well as contemporary composers Jessie Montgomery, Daniel Bernard Roumain, and Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

The Azul Quartet formed in 2021. Its members--Eugenio

Figuroa, Pablo Issa, Janet Jacobson, and Sarah Washburn--are all professional musicians and teachers at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford.

"We have played togeth-

er for many years with various ensembles in the area," says Jacobson. "Our repertoire includes works from the genre's 350-year history, but we pride ourselves in focusing on works by living

composers, especially underrepresented composers."

Learn more at azul-stringquartet.com.

Comedy night fundraiser to benefit Paws Cat Shelter

PUTNAM — The Paws Cat Shelter is holding a comedy night fundraiser on Friday, April 19 at the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club, 65 Valley Rd., North Grosvenordale. Doors open at 6 p.m., and show starts at 7 p.m. Cash bar and light snacks provided. Tickets are \$30 per person, and can be purchased at the club, www.funny4funds.com/events or at the door.

For more information contact Maria at 860-377-9329. All proceeds to benefit the efforts to help homeless and needy cats in our local communities.



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Ker-Ann Junior College

The tranquility of the Woodstock countryside inspired the siting of Ker-Anna Junior College. The campus was built on a tract of open fields and woods in the southern part of town, along Route 169. Mother Marie-Louis du Sacre-Coeur, the Provincial Superior of the Daughters of the Holy Ghost, led the project. The school's name honored St. Anne, revered at a shrine in the French village of Sainte-Anne-d'Auray in Brittany. It was in the region where

the order of nuns had originated in 1706 and served for over two centuries. The Daughters of the Holy Ghost (later to become the Daughters of the Holy Spirit) served as educators and Ker-Anna Junior College was founded for the purpose of educating future teachers.

The private Catholic college opened on September 23, 1941,

WOODSTOCK THROUGH THE YEARS

CHARLENE PERKINS CUTLER



meaning "God was first served."

The nuns dressed in habits of white wool and resembled white doves flying serenely about the campus. They were welcoming, nurturing teachers. Sister Gertrude Emelie was the Dean of Students and a student favorite. While the nuns composed much of the faculty and administration, many lay teachers were added in later years, particularly as the variety of courses expanded.

with its student body composed only of women. Two years later, Ker-Anna Junior College was accredited as a four-year college by the State of Connecticut. The name of the school was changed to better reflect the country setting, combining homage to St. Anne with the old English word "hyrst" or "hurst," meaning "wooded hill." Ser-Anna became Annhurst. The students would come to call it Annie U.

The campus was a generous 180 acres that grew a multitude of buildings. There were dormitories for students and staff, a dining hall, library, gym, classrooms and science labs. Nearby buildings were acquired and converted to housing for the nuns. The complex included the Brunn Barn, which was later moved to the grounds of the Woodstock Fair.

Annhurst College's newspaper was called "The Heather," the yearbook "The Sylvan." An Alumnae Association was formed in 1945, just in time for the fourth-year students to matriculate. The school motto was "Deus Pimus Serviatus,"

The curriculum was liberal arts and sciences with an active art component. Annhurst was well-connected to the surrounding community. It sponsored and gave space to the Eastern Connecticut Performing Arts Group. In 1967, Annhurst College constructed a 1,000-seat performing arts center - the Annhurst College Cultural Center - which opened for public presentations in 1970. A controversy evolved because the private Catholic college had received state funding for the project and the grant was legally challenged. The court case, Tilton vs. Richardson, went to the U.S Supreme Court in 1970. It found that state funding of the cultural center was not in violation of the Establishment Clause of

the U.S. Constitution.

The '70s decade brought many changes to Annhurst College. Part-time students were admitted in 1971; night classes were offered, in an effort to provide college education to adults already employed. Male full-time students were welcomed in 1972. The Annhurst International Institute began in the same year to provide English as a second language program to foreign students, primarily from Latin America and Japan. Perhaps its most forward-looking program was begun in 1977, when students with learning disabilities who had not been able to complete high school were admitted. A curriculum of special education was also added.

Despite choices designed to increase enrollment and improve philanthropic support, Annhurst College had a debt of \$4 million in 1980. The decision was made to close, and the heartache extended to the surrounding communities as well as the students and teachers. Its demise was featured in the New York Times (April 20, 1980) as an illustration of the hard times that had befallen small colleges due to ever increasing costs and declining enrollment. Annhurst's president, Sister Helen Bonin, expressed: they

had taken on too much for its size and could not save themselves for a lack of time and money. In April, the physical assets of the college were auctioned off. Even the institution's sign was put on the block. It was a sad time for all associated with the college. The final graduation took place in May of 1980. At the time it closed, Annhurst had 350 students.

The campus and buildings were sold to Data General Corporation, whose corporate headquarters were in Westborough, Mass. In 1981, it opened a field training center in Woodstock. A portion of the property on the south side of Route 169 was sold to the Town of Woodstock in 1996, and a year later the remainder was sold to Hyde School from Bath, Maine. Finally, in 2017, Woodstock Academy purchased Hyde School property and developed its South Campus site.

The Town of Woodstock removed the old brick gym and science building. It added to the college's library and classroom structure on the corner of Route 169 and Liljergen Road and created a new Middle School for the town. The Daughters of the Holy Spirit would be glad to know the site was continuing to be used in service of education.

WOODSTOCK BY THE WEEK

April 8-14

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

Monday the 8th
• Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.

Tuesday the 9th
• Committee on Aging, 5 p.m.
• Board of Finance Budget Public Hearing, WMS Gym, 7 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th
• Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m.
• Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
• Open Space & Farmland Preservation Committee, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Monday the 8th
• Community Kitchen Free Lunch, First Congregational Church, noon.
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 9th
• The Bridge Young Adults, Evangelical Covenant Church
• Yoga Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.

Wednesday the 10th
• Story Hour, West Woodstock Library.
• Knitting Group, Town Hall.
• Yoga, Roots to Fly Wellness, Senexet Grange, 6 p.m.
• Youth Group, South Woodstock Baptist Church
• The Bridge (young adults), Evangelical Covenant Church
• Trivia Night, Woodstock Tavern, 6:30 p.m.
• Quiet Corner Al-Anon Family Group, East Woodstock Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday the 11th
• Lady's Small Group and Men's Bible Study, South Woodstock Baptist Church
• Scrabble, West Woodstock Library, 2 p.m.
• Woodstock Sustainable Kitchen, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 3-7:30 p.m.
• Estate Planning Seminar, Inn at Woodstock Hill, 2-4 & 7-9 p.m.

Friday the 12th
• Cousins Maine Lobsters, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-8:30 p.m.
• New England Trivia, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
• Paint a Gnome, Taylor Brooke Winery, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday the 13th
• Bull Hill Walk, Spring Outdoors, The Last Green Valley, 10 a.m.
• Book Club, "Mists of Aviation," Bracken Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.
• Woodstock Business Expo, Loos Center for the Arts, 12-4 p.m.
• Woodstock Sustainable Kitchen, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 12-6 p.m.
• Live Music - Jediah, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday the 14th
• "Woodstock Through the Camera's Eye" exhibit, Woodstock Historical Society, 10 a.m. - noon
• Red Lion Burgers Food Truck, Taylor Brooke Brewery, noon-6 p.m.
• Live Music - Turas, Taylor Brooke Brewery, 2-5 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19-21
• Retreat, Theme - Heart, YMCA Camp Woodstock.

April 21
• Earth Day Bug Hotels, Roseland Park, 1 p.m.

April 22-May 13
• After School Nature Club (ages 4-8), Roseland Park Beach House, register at town recreation dept., 3:45-5:15 p.m.

April 26-28
• Spring Renewal - A Retreat for Women, Inn at Woodstock Hill.

April 27-June 1
• Squirt Soccer (ages 3-4), Woodstock Common, register at town recreation dept.

May 3 & 4
• Addams Family Musical, Loos Center for the Arts.

May 11
• Almost Queen tribute, Loos Center for the Arts.

To submit calendar items: woodstockbytheweek@gmail.com.

WOODSTOCK WORKING- MARCH 2024

BY CHARLENE PERKINS CUTLER

Report of the work of the 22 Boards, Commissions and Committees listed on the Town of Woodstock website, woodstockct.gov. Information is taken from the official minutes of these groups, citing the date the action was taken, and including no opinion or analysis. Routine motions to approve minutes, adjourn, etc. are not included.

Board of Selectmen

March 7 - Motion to approve the proposed FY 25 General Budget in the amount of \$6,432,672, a 3.42 percent increase including debt service passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the bid from EDS Mechanical as submitted passed unanimously.

Motion to award tractor bid for the DPW, as submitted, to Monroe Tractor passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the appointment of Gail Dickinson to the NDDH Board of Directors, Maura Robie to Conservation Commission, and Leslie Sweetnam to Poet Laureate Committee passed unanimously.

March 12 - Motion to approve Fair Housing Month resolution as read passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the appointment

of Robert Wolff to Economic Development Commission, and Sandra and Thomas Swale to the Arboretum Committee passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of March 7, with amended information from WA letter to show that the (Bracken Memorial) library will be open two days per week from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday mornings for Woodstock residents passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission

March 4 - Motion to elect L. Westler as Chairperson, M. Robie as Vice Chairperson, G. Jacobson as Secretary/Treasurer passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the By-Laws and make term of officers two year passed unanimously.

Economic Development Commission

March 5 - Motion to request the digital welcome packet information posted on the Economic Development Commission page of the Town of Woodstock passed unanimously.

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

March 4 - Motion to approve application 02-24-02 for 23 Crooked Trail Ext/William Bresleau for a 12x22 shed within the Upland Review Area carried, the majority approving, with the provision that should the revised

Building Code apply, the application will return to the IWWA for a modification, passed with one abstention.

Motion to approve 02-24-05 - 19 North Gate Rd/Bill Chaput for a 10x12 shed within the Upland Review Area with the understanding that there will be no land disturbance passed unanimously.

Motion to approve 02-24-06 - 186 Bungay Hill Rd/Mike Cammilleri/Deck Expansion within the Upland Review Area as a Wetlands Agent approval passed unanimously.

Motion to approve 02-24-07 - 429 Child Rd/Robert Page for a Garage within the Upland Review Area as a Wetlands Agent approval after modifications to the plan. The applicant shall provide: a revised drawing indicating stockpiles and the additional E&S Controls * the plan shall show any excavation required along the line for underground utilities to the barn as well as showing any other earth-moving work. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Woodstock IWWA Bylaws as revised, dated March 4, 2024, passed unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Commission

March 21 - Motion to approve application #SP661-01-24 Dario Ciovacco, 170 Joy Rd (map 7278 block 32 lot 06C) - Activity on a Scenic Road

for new driveway with noted reference change to application description, passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the text amendment revisions of Subdivision Regulations, Ch. V - Application Review, Decision and Post Approval Process, Section 2.D (application notice requirements) as presented, passed unanimously.

Motion to schedule public hearing at next regular meeting On April 18, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. for #SP662-03-24 Mark Labonte, 122 Joy Rd. (map 7278 block 32 lot 06) - Activity on a Scenic Rd for driveway improvement to existing barway, passed unanimously.

Poet Laureate Committee

March 5 - Motion to nominate Holly as the chairperson of the committee and Marie as the clerk passed unanimously.

Water Pollution Control Authority

March 5 - Motion to appropriately dispose of four old flowmeters, old batteries and other outdated equipment passed unanimously.

Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$6,754.47 passed unanimously.

Zoning Board of Appeals

March 18 - Motion to approve the revised draft of bylaws as discussed passed unanimously.

Rebecca DiBenedetto inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Rebecca DiBenedetto of Brooklyn, Connecticut, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. DiBenedetto was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

DiBenedetto is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval

by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in

all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former

President Jimmy Carter; NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

Speak truth

There is an adage that says, "Speak truth to power." That is easier said than done. By nature, speaking to someone of power or influence is intimidating. To be safe, many of us probably find ourselves taking a pass when given a chance to talk to people of influence.



BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

a high respect for school officials, and it was not common to make waves. But, after prayer, my mother felt she needed to do something.

Now, I was not aware of all that transpired over the next few weeks, but I know she made an appointment to talk with my teacher. She explained that the book was inappropriate, and she asked that I be

given an alternate assignment. Come to find out, several other parents had also expressed concern and the teacher granted their requests and assigned a different book. To be honest, I was a little embarrassed at the time. Only as I grew older did I realize how brave my mother had been.

But the story did not end there. When being lovingly confronted by several Christian parents, the teacher was evidently being introduced to people of strong faith for the first time. We later came to find out that the incident motivated him to begin attending a

church. It appears that he was led into some level of relationship with Christ, all because a few homemakers cared enough about their kids to speak up against inappropriate school assignments.

More recently, during the COVID 19 pandemic, some government officials took the extreme measure of shutting down churches even when many other gatherings were not shut down. Some pastors rose up to speak to people of influence and point out the injustice. Eventually the matter came before the US Supreme Court. Thankfully, the court ruled in favor of churches. So, as a result of somebody giving judges the opportunity to be

fair, millions of churchgoers were protected from future over-reaching officials. The process of speaking truth to power was expensive and costly for the pastor and church who saw this matter through to the nations' highest court, but every church won as a result. Churches were able to resume services, judges could be proud of defending freedom, and over-reaching government officials were reminded how they should treat people who believe in freedom.

In reality, many times speaking truth to power does not yield such positive results. Sometimes those who are doing the right thing seem to lose the battle. But, when

good people give people in power the opportunity to the right thing and lose, they have still done a good thing. Others are encouraged to stand for truth. Heaven watches. If no one had stood up, there would have been nothing good that came of it. Are you willing to pay a price to help someone else do the right thing? It could be an opportunity to change many lives.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson CT. For more information or archived messages, please visit www.ActsII.org.

The week in sports at Woodstock Academy

Baseball
Woodstock Academy 7 Northwest Catholic 1
WEST HARTFORD — Due to wet grounds just about everywhere in Eastern Connecticut, the Centaurs had to go on the road to play a home game but it didn't faze them.

Senior Eric Mathewson pitched six strong innings, giving up just two hits, with nine strikeouts and helped his own cause with a two-run double to lead the Centaurs to the season-opening win.

Sophomores Brady Lecuyer and Caleb Simoneau also added

a pair of RBIs each as Woodstock Academy had only five hits but benefitted from eight walks by Northwest Catholic pitchers.

Boys Lacrosse
East Lyme 19
Woodstock Academy 2
WOODSTOCK — Lucas Theriaque scored off a Keegan Covello assist in the first half and Gunnar Basak added a last-second goal at the end for the Centaurs in their season opener at home.

Other than that, the Vikings were dominant. Jack Campbell scored

seven times and added four assists for East Lyme while Gabe Hanney and Drew Sager each finished with five goals and four assists.

Boys Volleyball
Wolcott Tech 3
Woodstock Academy 0
WOODSTOCK — The Wildcats spoiled the Centaurs inaugural match as a varsity program by sweeping the three sets, 25-17, 25-16, 25-12.

Senior Aiden Finch had three kills while freshman Christian Hart had six digs for Woodstock

Academy.

Softball
Coventry 18
Woodstock Academy 1 (6)

WOODSTOCK — The defending Class S champion Patriots scored three runs in the first and third innings and four runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth to post the season-opening win over the Centaurs.

Winning pitcher Elizabeth Mitchell hit a pair of three-run homers and added a run-scoring double and drew a bases-loaded walk to finish

with eight runs batted in. Her batterymate, catcher Brooke Blouin, added a three-run homer and drove in five.

Delaney Anderson had

two of the Centaurs six hits and scored the only run in the sixth inning when she crossed the plate on a Savannah Schley single.

MOHEGAN BOWL

WINTER LEAGUES

Week ending March 31

Monday Men's Business
Single — Dan Labay 160, Josh Antos 130, Duncan MacDougall 128
Series — Dan Labay 393, Duncan MacDougall 339, Nate Assanov & Josh Antos 337
Series over average — Dan Labay +72

Women's Ten Pin City
Single — Division 1 — Natalie Wood 201, Nicole Shepard 142

Division 2 — Bernie Stackpole 156, Jessica Jacques 131

Series — Division 1 — Donna Dziadula 543, Edna Miranda 424

Division 2 — Charlene Hebert 417, Sharon Daniels 351

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Ryan Pelletier 138, Tom Smith 123, Richard Girouard 118, Courtney Boulay 107, June Carpenter 106, Dawn Gleason & Diane Levesque 103
Series — Ryan Pelletier 390, Richard Girouard 311, Tom Smith 308, June Carpenter 288, Diane Levesque 280, Erin Van Dam 275
Series over average — Ryan Pelletier & June Carpenter +39

Summit Tenpin
Single — Division 1 — Derek Reynolds 224
Division 2 — Donny Altiery 191
Series — Division 1 — Eric Apher 619
Division 2 — Brett Mattson 524

Thursday Morning Coffee
Single — Sue Kolodziejczak 98, Jackie Arpin 97, Carol Kondratowicz, Donna Lewandowski, Kirsten Nicholas, and Lorraine Biadasz 96
Series — Barbara Penniman 269, Lorraine Biadasz 258, Donna Lewandowski 257
Series over average — Barbara Gomes +31

Killingly baseball splits opening games of season

PUTNAM — Killingly Baseball (1-0) opened the season with an 11-1 victory over Putnam High (0-1) at Murphy Park.

Landon Manzi led the day on the hill with 4 innings of 2 hits and only 1 run allowed, while striking out 8 hitters to take the win!

Ashton Goodwin went 2 for 5 with a double and 2 RBIs, while Lincoln Waterman added 2 hits and 2 RBIs as well!

Joey Gould broke the game open in the 2nd inning with a 3-run double for Killingly! Mason Frazer tacked on his first career home run!

Travis Fredette had an RBI double for Putnam.

Later in the week, Ryan Cleary led Norwich Free Academy (1-0) to victory over Killingly (1-1) with three hits, including two doubles.

Daniel St. George threw four innings to take the win, while striking out 9.

Ayden Kempesta closed it with 3 innings of relief, striking out 2.

For Killingly, Lincoln Waterman had 2 hits and Ashton Goodwin added a double. Dominik Kubera pitched 4 innings allowing only 3 hits and 2 earned runs.

Take-Note! comes to Pomfret

POMFRET — Take-Note!, an a cappella choral group from Mansfield Center, is extending their talents to the quietest part of the Quiet Corner. On April 21, they will be performing at the Christ Church, 521 Pomfret St., Pomfret, at 3 p.m.

Take-Note! singers live and work in Eastern Connecticut and come from all walks of life. In their free time, they perform, free of charge, for the benefit of others.

Take-Note!'s founder and Artistic Director is Linda Tracy. Linda earned her B.S. in music education from UConn and her Master's from CCSU. She recently retired from the Tolland school system where she taught choral music at the high school level. Linda was also the director of the Capitol Theater Summer Chorus in Willimantic and the former director of the Windham Theater Guild Adult Chorus and Classic Chorale.

The Take-Note! performance will benefit Partners in Development. Christ Church has sponsored non-denominational volunteers annually to work in Guatemala, supporting work in the medical clinic, screening for vision problems, installing cooking stoves, constructing homes, doing computer tech work and enrichment activities with sponsored children.

Learn more about Partners in Development and the trips at the concert. Free-will donations shall be accepted at the door; and there will be a reception following the concert.

Pet Pals Northeast to hold 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 20 from 2 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 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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OBITUARIES

Douglas E Bryer, 79



N o r t h Grosvenordale – Douglas E Bryer, 79, of North Grosvenordale passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday 3-27-2024. He was born in LaGrange

ME, September 19, 1944 to Edwin and Beatrice Bryer. Doug was the husband of Jo-Anne (Weaver) Bryer for 40 years, who survives him. Together, they brought two families together to make one. He served in the US Navy from 1963 to 1967. Doug made his home in Connecticut after his services in the Navy. He worked for William Prym, Inc. in Dayville for 21 years and then for the Brooklyn Board of Education, until his retirement.

Doug was a people person. He loved to make friends and connect with people. In his retirement, he would take a “drive around the block.” This was code for see you in several hours, as he would head to local stores. Not only for shopping, but to talk with people he knew, who worked there, or to make new connections. He loved his hobby farm, with his chickens, goats, minipony, Apostle, and rabbits. He loved to play his guitar and strum out many of the older country songs. Anyone who knew him knew he was the family king of the joke. He had jokes for every occasion and he never missed a punch line.

Doug was one of nine children, and he loved telling stories of their life as a young family in Maine. He leaves his siblings: Judy Morse of Danielson, Gary Bryer and wife Ginny of Maine, Alice Springer and husband Thaxter (Ticker) of Maine, Jimmy Bryer of Maine, Tina Chase of Maine, and Roberta Johnston

and husband Jim of Maine. His parents, infant sister Maxine Bryer; and his best friend & Brother Sheldon Bryer predeceased him.

He is also survived by his six children; Kim Durand and husband Gary of N. Grosvenordale, Carrie Proulx and husband David of Thompson, Christopher Bellerive, and wife Renee of Dudley MA, Mathew Bryer and his significant other Kathy of Quinebaug, Heath Bryer of Rutland VT, and Steven Bryer and wife Chelsea of Woodstock. He also leaves twelve grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and several nieces & nephews.

The service to honor and remember Doug is planned for Friday April 5, 2024. There will be a gathering at Valade Funeral & Crematory from 10 AM to 11 AM located @ 23 Main St N Grosvenordale, Conn. Funeral service is at 11 AM at St. Joseph’s Church 12 Main St N. Grosvenordale, Conn. Burial to follow @ St Joseph Cemetery N. Grosvenordale.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity that Doug held dear, St Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. He battled cancer and would say no child should endure this disease. To donate in his name Online:

Donate now to St. Jude and help kids fighting cancer - St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org)

By Mail: St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital 510 St Jude Place Memphis TN 38105

For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com



Howard David Wood Sr., 66



Plainfield - Howard D. Wood, 66, of Plainfield, passed away March 15, 2024, at home. He was the loving husband of Susan Burkholder-Wood. Born in Warwick, RI, he was the son of the late Howard O. Wood

and Eleanor (Perry) Wood. Howard went to Coventry High School in Rhode Island. He had a 20 year career at Kaman Aerospace, in Moosup, until they closed. Howard then started a new career driving trucks for a beverage company for many years following.

Howard was an avid bowler for over 30 years and frequented Friendly Bowl in Brooklyn, CT while it operat-

ed. He was an enthusiast of cacti, the Washington Commanders, NASCAR, and animals. He leaves behind his cherished chickens, goats, and cats.

In addition to his wife, Susan, Howard is survived by his two children, Tonya Jackson and Howard Wood, Jr. His five grandchildren, Autumn, Kaili, Zachary, Hale and Talon. Howard also has a brother Frank, and a sister Lynn.

Howard was known to his friends and family as David, Woody, and Fred. He was always ready and willing to help his friends and family when he was able. Howard will be missed immensely by his family and everyone who knew him.

There are no memorial services at this time. For memorial guestbook visit www.DoughertyBrosFuneralHome.com

Monica A. Dean, 101



Pomfret - At home and surrounded by her caring family, Monica A. Dean, 101 years old, died peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2024. Born in Lawrence, MA, on October 29, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Irene (Machu) Webb. Monica graduated from St. Mary’s High School there in 1940.

Monica was married to her beloved husband John C. Dean at St. Mary’s Church in Lawrence on August 21, 1943. She spent the first fourteen years of her marriage in Lawrence caring for her family, while John worked at an accounting firm. In 1954 they moved to Detroit, MI where John joined Ford Motor Company. Upon his retirement in 1980, they returned to New England to settle in Pomfret. They became active members of Most Holy Trinity Church, where Monica attended daily mass and was a frequent volunteer.

Monica loved to cook, garden, needlepoint, knit, and root for the Red Sox. She leaves behind many close friends and associates from her church and the greater Pomfret community. She will be missed by everyone whose life she touched. Monica was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her favorite times were those when she was surrounded by her loving family. Holiday and other celebrations at her home were some of her

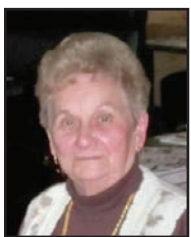
happiest moments.

Monica is survived by 3 daughters and 4 sons: Karen Stutz and husband Jack of Seekonk, MA, Jeryl Ann McGuire, predeceased by her husband Tom, of Worcester, MA, Maryann Dean of New York City, John C. Dean, Jr. and wife Susan of Woodside, CA, Mark Dean and wife Renée of Cornwall, VT, Michael Dean of Centerville, MA, and James Dean of Woodstock, CT; her eighteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Polly Dean of Pomfret. Monica was predeceased by her husband, John, granddaughter, MaryJo Lawson, and sister, Irene Waterman.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT 06258. Burial will be private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to: TEEG, Pomfret Senior Center (PSC), 207 Mashamoquet Road, Pomfret, CT 06259, <https://teegonline.org>, The Arc Eastern Connecticut, 125 Sachem Street, Norwich, CT 06360, <https://www.thearcct.org>, or John and Monica Dean Scholarship Fund, Central Catholic High School, 300 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. For memorial guestbook, please visit, www.GilmanAndValade.com,

Norma E. Beauchesne, 95



WEBSTER – Norma E. (Sigmund) Beauchesne, 95, formerly of North Grosvenordale, CT, died Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in Lanessa Extended Care Facility after a period of declining

health. Her husband of 55 years, Albert A. Beauchesne, died in 2003.

She leaves a son, Alan A. Beauchesne and his wife Carol of North Grosvenordale, CT; 2 grandsons, Shaun Beauchesne and his wife Melissa of Putnam, CT and Jay M. Beauchesne and his wife Danielle of Halifax, MA; 2 step-granddaughters, Lisa M. N’Chonon and her husband Yvon-Joel of Pomfret Center, CT and Erica L. Smith and her husband Shawn of Brooklyn, CT; 9 great-grandchildren, A.J., Abbi, Lilly, Michael, Paul, Charlie, Evony, Melodie and Lydia; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Mark G. Beauchesne in 2021 and by 6 brothers, Paul, Fred, Russell, Elmer, Don and Stuart Sigmund.

She was born at home in Dudley on December 31, 1928, the only daughter of Paul and Sophie (Stein) Sigmund and attended Bartlett High School. She lived in Webster when she married and later moved to the Wilsonville section of Thompson, CT.

Mrs. Beauchesne was a material handler at Ethan Allen Company in Dudley for many years before she retired in 1993. She enjoyed traveling, taking care of her plants, attending yard sales and going to flea markets. She spent a lot of quality time with her grandchildren.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 AM in the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street, with Reverend Sabina Terrades officiating. A time of visitation will be held in the church starting at 9:30 until the service. Donations in her name may be made to Hospice of Western and Central MA, 1325 Springfield Street, Suite 12, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street. www.websterfunerals.com

Joseph A. Julian, 84



Quinebaug – Joseph A. Julian, 84, of Highland Dr., died Thursday evening, March 21, 2024, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Janet (Fournier) Julian for

64 years. Born in Southbridge, MA, he was the son of the late Leo and Theresa (Lacasse) Julian.

Mr. Julian worked for 40 years as a toolmaker at Pratt & Whitney aircraft where he had a patent for a vacuum fixture that assisted in the manufacturing of aircraft engines. Joseph was an avid motorcycle rider and member of the three wheelers motorcycle club and the BMW motorcycle club. He also enjoyed time at the ocean especially at Misquamicut Beach. He spent a great deal of time woodworking, making dulcimers and lawn lighthouses for family and friends. He was quick-witted, loved generously and always made everyone around him smile. He will forever be remembered

as a man who could build or fix anything. But, above all he cherished the quality time that he spent with his family. He would often say, “family means everything.”

He is survived by his wife, Janet Julian; his children, Teresa White and husband Thomas of Woodstock, Kenneth Julian and wife Cathy of Thompson, Robert Julian and wife Anne Marie of Sneads Ferry, NC, and Laurie Keegan and husband Barry of N. Grosvenordale; his siblings, Dennis Julian of Sturbridge, MA, James Julian of Southbridge, MA, Margaret “Peg” Partlow of Southbridge, MA, and Linda Ravenelle of Lee, NH; his grandchildren, David, Amanda, Adam, Keena, Kelly, Thomas and Lindsey; and his great grandchildren, Zoe, Kara, Quinton, Stevie, Ayden and Haylee and several dear nieces and nephews.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main Street, North Grosvenordale CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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who have attended every meeting. Penn-Gesek hopes to see participation continue as the workshops move to a new topic of focus where she feels like the public’s participation will only become even more important to the project’s future.

“The discussion has been consistently thoughtful and shows a high level of interest and engagement. Now that the project is moving into more discussion of the future programming for the facility, it will be increasingly important to have additional contributors. We would particularly like strong representation from faculty, Board of Education mem-

bers, parents and students for the next three months. The goal is to articulate a future career path at TMHS that will be inspiring to students,” said Penn-Gesek. “In the planning game session, it was very clear that building the new ‘farm-to-fork’ educational curriculum was of deep interest to everyone who participated, so we are really hoping to glean some high-quality input to take into the final master plan for the project.”

Details on the April workshop sessions will be made available through the Town of Thompson Web site and social media pages. Prior workshops have also been released on YouTube through the Town of Thompson CT channel for public viewing.



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Local siblings earn dean's list honors

POMFRET — A pair of siblings from Pomfret have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement at their respective universities.

Huck Flanagan, Class of 2026, was named to the Dean's list at the University of New Hampshire, and Louella Flanagan, Class of 2025, was named to the Dean's List (High Honors) at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Louella has also been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

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Adam Sanderson of Woodstock Valley named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Adam Sanderson of Woodstock Valley, was named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Sanderson is currently enrolled in the Cybersecurity program.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vt., with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. Champlain ranks in multiple categories of U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges;" is included in The Princeton Review's 2024 list of "The Best 389 Colleges;" was named a 2023-2024 College of Distinction for Education, Business and Career Development; and was awarded one of America's Best Colleges by Money for combining quality and affordability. www.champlain.edu



Solve the code to discover words related to car care.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 13 = I)

A. 4 16 23 14

Clue: Clean

B. 21 13 7 1 23

Clue: Wheels

C. 2 16 13 15 21 16 13 15

Clue: Upkeep

D. 1 15 9 13 15 1

Clue: Powers car

Answers: A. wash B. tires C. maintain D. engine

SUDOKU

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				5				3
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7	6	9	4	3	1	6	8	2	5
3	2	6	9	5	8	1	4	7	7
5	1	8	7	2	4	6	3	9	6
1	8	2	6	4	5	7	3	9	4
4	8	5	1	3	2	7	8	9	6
6	1	2	9	7	8	5	3	4	4
1	6	9	7	8	4	3	5	2	2
8	5	4	3	6	1	9	7	8	8
8	7	3	2	9	5	1	4	6	6

ANSWER:

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Henry L. Bourgeois (24-00109)

The Hon. Gabrielle Labonte, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 26, 2024, order ed 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:
 Paula M Cahill
 c/o EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS, 168 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260
 March 22, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Robert Foster, AKA Bobbie Foster (24-00042)

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Brenda Duquette, Chief Clerk
 The fiduciary is:
 Benjamin Foster
 c/o BRUCE EDWARD NEWMAN, BROWN, PAINDIRIS & SCOTT, LLP, 100 PEARL STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06103
 April 5, 2024

TOWN OF KILLINGLY/BOROUGH OF DANIELSON TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00-4:30pm, Tuesday 8:00-5:30pm, and Friday 8-11:30am. Also by mail, online, or in our drop box.

The fourth quarter installment of taxes becomes due on April 1, 2024 and becomes delinquent on May 1, 2024 and subject to interest from the due date. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1.5% per month with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00.

Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov.
 April Lamothe, CCMC
 Revenue Collector
 Town of Killingly
 march 22, 2024
 April 5, 2024
 April 26, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Vivian Angell (24-00075)

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 The fiduciary is:
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 c/o PAUL M SMITH, BORNER, ALEMAN, HERZOG & CERRONE, 124 WAUREGAN ROAD, DANIELSON, CT 06239
 March 22, 2024

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the following application as presented on 3/21/24: **#SP661-01-24 Dario Ciovacco, 170 Joy Rd** (map 7278 block 32 lot 06C) – Activity on a Scenic Road for a new driveway. Chairman Jeffrey Marcotte.
 April 5, 2024
 April 5, 2024

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 18th, 2024, to begin at 7:45 p.m., at Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level, Meeting Room 1, for applications: **#SP662-03-24 Mark Labonte, 122 Joy Road** (map 7278 block 32 lot 6) - Activity on a Scenic Road for driveway improvement. April 5th & April 12th, 2024, Jeffery Marcotte.
 April 5, 2024
 April 12, 2024

Witches Wood Tax District, Woodstock, CT Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Witches Woods Tax District will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Rte 171, Woodstock, CT
 April 5, 2024
 April 12, 2024

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 9, 2024 7:00 P.M. Woodstock Middle School

The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Middle School on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 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-regards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 12th day of March 2024
 Michael Dougherty, Chairman
 Woodstock Board of Finance
 March 29, 2024

BOROUGH OF DANIELSON ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

The legal inhabitants of the Borough of Danielson qualified to vote at Borough meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Danielson Fire Station, 47 Academy Street, Danielson, Connecticut on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm for the following purpose to wit:

- To hear and act upon the report of the President.
- To hear and act upon the report of the Fire Chief.
- To hear and act upon the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 as presented to the meeting.
- To see if the voters will vote to authorize the President and Treasurer to borrow money, if required, upon notes of the Borough, whether funded, floating, emergencies or of any other nature during the ensuing year.
- To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated March 28, 2024 – Borough of Danielson Administrator

	2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget
REVENUES		
General Fund		
Property Taxes	854973	842917
PILOT Money	12969	17461
Telecommunications Tax	950	950
LOCIP Grant	2674	3028
Fire Protection Services	21000	22000
Interest Income	32000	64000
General Funds	28114	40000
Total Revenues	952680	990356
EXPENDITURES		
Fire Department		
Operating Expenses		
Allotments	20000	27200
Fire Chief Salary	8000	8200
Duty Shift Allotment (M-F 6am to 6pm)	29880	32636
Annual Member Recognition	3000	3000
Capital Expenses	132000	89900
Operating Expenses	101800	115375
Retention/Recruitment	34000	40000
Pension Fund Indicator	8000	0
Total	336680	316311
Other Expenses		
Building Maintenance	37960	39000
Building Capital Improvement	50000	60000
Building Reserve	10000	20000
Facility Infrastructure Reserve	10000	20000
Fire Truck Loan Payment	62540	62540
Fire Truck Reserve	20000	30000
Hydrants	150000	150000
Insurance	60000	60000
Total	400500	441540
Total Fire Department	737180	757851
General Government Expenses		
Attorney	5000	7500
Auditing/Accountant	17500	18000
Borough Administrator Salary	20000	20500
Borough Clerk Office Expense	5000	7500
Building Rehab Loan	13500	0
Council Contingency	300	200
Council Expense	300	200
Election	1000	1000
Insurance	10000	18000
IT Data Tech Services	13500	15000
Legal Notices	2000	7500
Payroll Taxes	4000	10255
President's Salary	2000	2050
Sidewalk Repair	20000	20000
Sidewalk Reserve	30000	30000
Stipend for Council	1400	1400
Street Lights	53000	60000
Tax Collection Services	15000	12400
Tax Refunds/Liens	2000	1000
Total General Government Exp	215500	232505
Total Expenses	952680	990356

April 5, 2024



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