



File photo
Braiden Saucier, right, and Sean Saucier during a preseason football practice last month. Braiden Saucier suffered what the school called a “sudden medical emergency” during Woodstock Academy’s game at Enfield High this past Friday, Sept. 9.

Woodstock Academy’s Braiden Saucier suffers ‘sudden medical emergency’

GAME AGAINST ENFIELD HIGH SUSPENDED; WILL BE RESUMED

This sticker, designed by a Woodstock Academy teammate, will be on the back of all the Centaurs’ football helmets.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT
WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy senior Braiden Saucier suffered what the school is calling a “sudden medical emergency” during the Centaurs’

varsity football game on Friday, Sept. 9 at Enfield High School. Saucier is not only the Centaurs’ starting quarterback, but also the son of Sean Saucier, Woodstock Academy’s varsity football coach and athletic director. The medical emergency, which other media outlets in the state have described as a seizure, occurred with seven seconds remaining in the first quarter of the game. The game was suspended at that point, with Enfield leading, 14-7. A date to resume that game has not been announced. “The game will be picked up from the point it was suspended. It is unclear if the schools have determined a

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Nakāsha Frias named Employee of the Month at Westview Health Care

DAYVILLE — Nakāsha Frias was honored with the July Employee of the Month award at Westview Health Care Center. Fulfilling her duties as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Westview, Frias is responsible for a continuum of patient care needs. In both planning the care that she and her nursing team provide and ensuring that it is carried out, she exhibits dedication to her patients at every turn. Being a part of Westview Health Care Center feels to her like having a “second family.” Furthermore, she also believes that the patients and residents at Westview connect to the staff with a similar familial bond. She and her patients always look forward to seeing each other at the Dayville skilled nursing facility; building and maintaining that social relationship is a key element for the way she provides care. Cherishing these human connections offers her the ability to help her patients find pathways to better health and bigger smiles. Frias first joined Westview in 2007 as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Her husband is in the United States Marine Corps, and in 2008 she and her family moved to Japan for his service post. Living there for three years, the Frias family returned stateside to North Carolina. Ultimately, they made their way back to Connecticut after her husband served his time in the Marines, and she knew that she wanted to gain further development in her nursing career as soon as possible. She enrolled at Lincoln Technical Institute in Lincoln, R.I. and achieved degrees in both Practical Nursing and Medical Administration. This allowed her to continue a lifelong desire that she pursues still: to always help people, to make others smile frequently, and to give her patients the confidence to approach every day with a positive outlook.

Her mother was also a nurse, and she has long been a source of inspiration for her as a benevolent caregiver. Outside of work, Frias likes to find herself outside exploring nature. Hiking and traveling are two of her favorite activities; often selecting naturally beautiful locations with her family for their trip destinations. The bonds between Frias and her children are among her most treasured blessings. She loves her connection with her daughter Savannah; encouraging her daughter’s basketball talent and passion for fine arts like drawing and painting. Her son Frankie has an adventurous spirit and she loves watching him channel all of his fun energy into his interests like the sport of boxing and video gaming. During these ages and stages of her son and daughter, Frias states that one of her most dedicated pursuits is making family memories that her children will remember forever. Just as she feels a close connection with her patients, Frias feels like her colleagues at Westview are a second family. She appreciates the cohesion of their tightly-knit group, and how easy it is to exercise teamwork during patient treatments. In the especially challenging recent years, she contributes to and benefits from the trust that Westview staff have in each other. With firsthand knowledge she knows the importance of picking up extra responsibilities and doing whatever it takes to have successful nursing shifts. Adamant in her appreciation for the Certified Nursing Assistants that she works with, she knows what it takes to be a CNA and how they are essential in accomplishing any nursing department’s goals. In her words, “They are the backbone of our team.” In receiving this Employee of the Month

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Painted Baker Café brings new life to popular location

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
PUTNAM — Main Street in Putnam has long been a popular business location, so much so that even when one door closes it doesn’t take long for something new to fill the gap. When Main Street Grille, a popular eatery at the corner of Main Street and Lee Street in Downtown Putnam, closed during the pandemic Monique Maldonado, a former manager of the Bradley Playhouse, saw an opportunity to achieve a longtime dream of opening a restaurant of her own. Together with her husband, Maldonado embarked on a nine-month renovation to create The Painted Baker Café serving sandwiches, breakfast, and, of course, a wide variety of baked goods ranging from seasonal pastries to cakes, muffins, donuts, and

more. A Putnam resident of seven years, Maldonado said she has enjoyed the sense of community that Putnam and the many businesses of downtown have embraced and she’s excited to be an even bigger part of that as a business owner. Former manager at the Bradley for seven years. She used that relationship with the local businesses and restaurants. She used to work off and on for Main Street Grill and her husband and her have a restaurant background. “I love the vibe of the town. It’s got so much energy and has come a long way from what it was fifty years ago. I love the people in this town and how everyone supports each other,” said Maldonado, who explained that she and her husband have long con-



Jason Bleau
The Painted Baker Café officially opened in Downtown Putnam in August.

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Alzheimer’s Walk sees growth in second year

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
PUTNAM — The Eastern Connecticut Walk to End Alzheimer’s returned to Putnam for a second straight year with one of the event’s many related pop-up walks taking place on Sept. 10 at Rotary Park. The annual Walk, which is set to take place at the end of the month in New London, helps raise money and awareness for the Alzheimer’s Association to assist those who suffer from care for patients of the disease which effects memory and mental functions over time. The walk made its Putnam debut last year with the goal of increasing awareness and participation in the Quiet Corner. Walk co-chair



Photos Jason Bleau
Volunteers hold up flowers representing different parts of the Alzheimer’s experience. The single white flower represents a hopeful future with a cure.

Monique Mailloux said the 2022 event showed increased participation compared to the first year with nearly 100 walkers taking to Putnam’s scenic trail along the Quinebaug River. “We really wanted to bring awareness to the small northeast corner of Connecticut to let people know the resources that are out there, the services that are available not only for the people living with the disease but also for the caregivers and family members, and the education classes. We really want the northeast corner to know what’s available,” said Mailloux. Her fellow co-chair, Kim Durand, addressed the walkers and volunteers before the event officially began thanking every-

one for taking the time to be a part of the event and show their support for the Alzheimer’s Association and their goal to end the disease once and for all. “We could not do any of this without our amazing volunteers who put events like this together and many more,” said Durand. “We have volunteers that provide education, support, and share their stories with lawmakers as advocates, raise their voices to eliminate health disparities, and increase access to care and to help open doors to engage all communities in Connecticut.” Master of Ceremonies John Miller, President and CEO of National Chromium in Putnam, summed up the sig-

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All hail the Queen, past and present



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I was very surprised and saddened to hear the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II of England on Sept. 8. Although she was 96, and under medical supervision, her passing still came as a shock to me. I will be the first to admit that I am intrigued by the mystique of “Royalty.” After a reign of over 70 years, the Queen will be greatly mourned and missed.

I live in a home that was built in the 18th century. Thus, I reflected on the fact that when John Allyn purchased this property and built the first house circa 1704/5, and when Killingly was incorporated in 1708, the Colony of Connecticut was under British rule—yes, under a monarchy. In fact, I remembered noticing years ago that the early Killingly land records all included references to that ruler. I decided a quick trip to the Town Clerk’s

office was in order to double check a few early deeds to see the exact wording.

The deed on page one, volume one in the Killingly Land Records is from John Haynes, Esq. and Capt. Hezekiah Willis, both of Hartford, to John Allyn of Killingly, in the County of New London, yeoman (land-owning farmer), for 78 pounds, 1,300 acres formerly granted by the General Assembly to Governor Haynes of said Colony. The tract was in three pieces and bounded on Whetstone Brook and Five Mile River. “Twenty-fifth October in the seventh year of her majesties Reign, anno domini 1708.”

So who was her majesty in 1708? A search of the internet revealed that it was Queen Anne of the house of Stuart who began ruling over England, Scotland and Ireland from March 8, 1702. During her reign, on May 1, 1707, England and Scotland united as Great Britain. She then ruled over Great Britain and Ireland until her death on Aug. 1, 1714. (Wikipedia).

During Anne’s reign, she sent a letter to the Governor of Connecticut for the Assembly dated March 2, 1708/9. She required “the assistance of

her subjects in this Colony, in an expedition now forthwith to be made against the French at Canada...directing and commanding that 350 men be raised in this Colony and sent upon the said expedition.” “The Govenour, Council and Representatives, now in General Court Assembled... resolved, and do hereby resolve and enact, with all possible dispatch to comply with that part of her Majesties instructions accompanying the said letter, which concerns this Colony, and to joyn forthwith the forces of New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania, with 350 men...” Proposed that Colonel Whiting, Major Matthew Allyn Lt. Colonel, and Captain John Levingstone as Major, (to lead) in the expedition against Canada...Those who volunteered or were impressed were to be paid two shillings and six pence per day. “Killenalie” was to raise three men; Plainfield, 5; “Massamuget” [probably Pomfret], 3; Windham, 6; Canterbury, 2; Norwich, 13. At this time Woodstock was still part of the Colony of Massachusetts. (Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, October 1706-October 1716, p. 91-3). It is likely that Lt. Peter Aspinwall of Killingly, who had been commissioned to “train and command the souldiers in said township”, when Killingly was incorporated in 1708, was one of these individuals or helped train men for the expedition. He may even have gone himself (Ibid p. 61).

“Queen Anne’s War was the second in a series of French and Indian Wars fought in the Thirteen American Colonies over control of the North American continent between 1702 and 1713... it was contemporaneous with the War of the Spanish Succession in Europe, which was fought to prevent the union of the French and Spanish thrones following the death of King Charles II of Spain. During the 11 years that the war took place, British and French colonial forces, with their Indian allies, raided and attempted to capture a number of border settlements. Spain was also allied with France... In 1704 the French and their Indian allies attacked a British colony in Deerfield, Massachusetts

during which an estimated 112 people were taken captive and nearly 50 people were killed. It was one of the bloodiest attacks in Queen Anne’s War. Of those taken captive, 17 more died as they made their way to Canada... Finally, in 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, bringing an official end to both Queen Anne’s War and the War of Spanish Succession in Europe. In the end, the British gained control over Nova Scotia (formerly the French Acadia), Newfoundland, the Hudson’s Bay region of Canada and the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. The French were also required to recognize British authority over the Iroquois. The French retained Cape Breton Island and other islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.”

(www.legendsofamerica.com/queen-annes-war/) Prior to Anne’s death, her only surviving son, William, had died in 1700, “prompting Parliament to pass the Act of Settlement to ensure a Protestant succession. Anne was therefore succeeded by the German prince, George Elector of Hanover.” (www.bbc.co.uk.) According to an article in the New York Times, King Charles will also “make the accession declaration oath, a vow to maintain the established Protestant line of succession.” (Friday, September 9, p. A11).

A deed on page 128 of volume one of the Killingly Land Records from Benjamin Leavens of Killingly, yeoman, to John Fisk of Killingly, clerk, (the minister of the Congregational Church), gives reference to King George, on the “seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred seventeen/ eighteen and the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord George of Great Brittainie, France*, and Ireland, King, Defender of ye Faith, etc.” (* I am not sure why this is included).

Of course, by the time of the Revolution, this line was no longer included at the bottom of deeds. The Colonies were seeking their independence, and the right to govern themselves. The people’s thoughts would turn instead to George Washington, who had led them through the struggle.

I recently finished reading Nathaniel Philbrick’s “Travels with George” and thoroughly enjoyed it. Following his inauguration as president of the United States, George Washington made tours of New England and the South visiting the new states. Philbrick, his wife Melissa, and dog Dora traversed much of that route and even stopped here in Northeastern Connecticut including Thompson. Thompson Historical Society members Joe Iamartino, Mark Snay, Tom Chase, and Stan Swanson were kind enough to show the Philbricks several local sites associated with Washington’s travels including the location of Jacobs Tavern, which is no longer standing. (pp.122-124). Both Killingly Public Library and Putnam Public Library own copies of Travels with George. I’m guessing that you’ll enjoy it as much as I did. (Expect a few surprises and moments that provide food for thought).

Ham & Bean Dinner. Friday, Sept. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Support one of Killingly’s Historic Properties, Killingly Grange No. 112, the former Killingly Centre School, located at 801 Hartford Turnpike, Dayville. Spiral ham, homemade slow cooked baked beans, cole slaw, apple crisp, and a drink. \$15/meal. Dine in or take-out. Limited number of meals. To reserve dinner call 860-230-7367 or visit www.facebook.com/KillinglyGrange/ to purchase tickets. At the door pay by cash, credit card, or check payable to Killingly Grange.

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

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Loos donates to QVCC manufacturing programs

POMFRET — Local high school students starting manufacturing courses this fall are the beneficiaries of a recent donation by Pomfret’s Loos & Company. Loos & Company recently donated \$500 to the Quinebaug Valley Community College Youth Manufacturing Pipeline program.

Marketing Coordinators Claire Galvin and Anne Nichols toured classrooms at the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center as the courses began in August and learned about programming options.

“We’re thrilled to present this donation to QVCC,” Galvin said. “The college has a tremendous impact on the community, helping students young and old reach their greatest potential.”

This donation benefits the Advanced Manufacturing Endowment fund, which provides scholarships to students showing an interest in manufacturing, mechatronics and engineering. The fund encompasses high schools in Putnam, Windham, Tourtellotte, Killingly, Plainfield, E.O. Smith, Griswold and Woodstock areas.

Stephen LaPointe, the Manufacturing Technology Center Director, explained



Loos & Company Marketing Coordinator Claire Galvin presents a check to the Manufacturing Technology Center Director Stephen LaPointe at the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center.

how the Pipeline program allows students to start at their high school, learning about blueprint reading, benchwork, manufacturing math, metrology and safety in the workplace.

These programs allow students to earn college credits toward the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing Certificate program.

“Our students are gaining hands-on experience in manufacturing before they even leave high school,” LaPointe said. “We’re grateful to companies like Loos that help our students learn in our facility.”

The facility is accredited through the National Institute of Metalworking Skills.

Just down the road from the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center is Loos & Company, which is the industry leader in wire rope and cable manufacturing. It employs around 250 people from the Pomfret, Putnam, Danielson and Willimantic areas.

“Loos is looking forward to ongoing partnerships with QVCC’s manufacturing programs,” Galvin said. “Both of these organizations are committed to the betterment of the local workforce. QVCC is bringing manufacturing into the 21st century, and our team at Loos is eager to be involved in that process.”

More information about the Quinebaug Valley Community College and its programs are available online at qvcc.edu.

Loos has made it a priority to support local non-profits, social services, schools and more. A full list of recent donors is available online at loosco.com/corporate/involvement.php.

Loos & Co., headquartered at 16B Mashamoquet Rd. in Pomfret Center, has served the northeastern Connecticut area since 1958. More information about Loos is available at loosco.com.

Eastern students explore culture and writing in Italy

WILLIMANTIC — Seventeen Eastern Connecticut State University students experienced the trip of a lifetime over the summer: six weeks in Florence, Italy, studying creative writing. Led by seasoned Italian visitor and professor Christopher Torockio, the Creative Writing Abroad course allowed students to explore Italian culture while writing a short story and completing a workshop with peers.

Among the students were Erin Raymond '22 of Pomfret Center, a senior majoring in Theatre; Aliceya Labonte '22 of Putnam, a senior majoring in Business Administration; and Patrick Delaney '24 of Brooklyn, a junior majoring in Criminology.

Partnering with Florence University of the Arts (FUA), students were given the opportunity to live among locals in classic Italian apartments, explore Tuscany through several day trips, and receive guided tours of Florence through different lenses, including vintage fashion, food and wine, and architecture.

“Our students fully embraced the lively atmosphere and immersed themselves in the Italian culture and Florence’s stunning Renaissance art,”

said Torockio. “The result was not only an unforgettable international experience, but the complete cultural immersion provided inspiration for some of the most accomplished, innovative, and life-affirming works of fiction ever to emerge from this course and trip, making for some truly lively workshop discussions.”

Students were provided with the freedom to explore Italy however they chose, with many students taking personal trips to Tuscan towns such as Lucca, Siena and Pisa. The class also took a three-day trip to Cinque Terre, a collection of five small towns on the Italian Riviera coastline. Built into the mountains, the towns provide opportunities to explore local cuisine, swim and hike.

While students reaped the expected outcomes of studying abroad, such as independence and exploring a new culture, many found themselves coming home with connections they never expected. Through experiences such as family dinners hosted by Torockio and his family, and cultivating friendships with locals, students returned with memories and relationships that will stay with them for years to come.

Local residents earn award from WGU

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The following local residents have earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

* Krystle Daniels of Ashford has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Business.

* Elizabeth Romanik of Woodstock has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Health Professions.

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Join Andy as he points out various
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concentrations of birds. Bring binocu-
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Toddler Trails and Tales
Every Wednesday from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
at the Center, 218 Day Rd in Pomfret.

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toddler for a nature walk and story or
activity. Led by retired PCS kindergar-
ten teacher, Carolyn Otto, the morning
will be full of fun adventures. Dress for
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Bird Banding Demonstrations
Sunday, Sept. 18 at 8 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 25 at 8 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 2 at 8 a.m.

Watch as Andy Rzeznikiewicz and
his team capture and band numerous
birds. You may even get to release
a bird or two! Register by emailing

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Gellert Preserve Bird Walk
Thursday, September 29 at 8 a.m.
This is the prime time to find fall war-
blers, vireos and hawks. This Wyndham
Land Trust preserve has large fields
and is located on a hilltop, so migrating
birds should be plentiful. Register by
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Nature's Colors – Art by Judy Doyle
Exhibition and Sale Oct. 1 thru Nov.
10 at the Center, 218 Day Rd. in Pomfret.
Opening Reception, Saturday, Oct. 8
from 1 – 3 p.m.
Judy Chance Doyle paints The Quiet
Corner in pastel, acrylic and watercol-
ors from reference photos taken while
exploring the outdoors. A member of
numerous art societies, she exhibits
regularly in southern New England.
Free admission.

All About Opossums: Backyard
Wildlife Winter Survival
Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 - 3 p.m.
Winter is coming! Opossums are
unique and gentle creatures, but they
are not native to the New England states.
Many do not survive Connecticut win-
ters, suffering debilitating frostbite and
starvation. Learn from Pam and Bill
Lefferts, operators of Ferncroft Wildlife
Rescue in Woodstock, what you can
do to help opossums and other back-
yard wildlife survive the cold weather
months. You also will learn how to

prepare an emergency roadside rescue
kit, turn your property into a sanctuary
for wildlife, and become a wildlife vol-
unteer. At the end of the program, meet
Ferncroft's educational ambassadors
(non-releasable opossums) and take a
photo with them. Registration recom-
mended by calling 860-928-4948. Fee: \$5
CAS members; \$10 non-members.

Bull Hill Bird Walk
Wednesday, October 5 at 8 a.m.
Previously during fall migration at
this location, we found many migrat-
ing warblers and kinglets, including
Cape May, Nashville and Orange-
crowned Warblers! Gray-cheeked and
Swainson's Thrushes have been seen
also. We might observe hawks at the
scenic overlook. Register by emailing
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860-928-4949. Fee: \$10 CAS members; \$20
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Screech Owl Night Hike
Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.
We will hike the sanctuary in the
dark of the evening looking for screech
owls. This is a moderately difficult hike
on uneven terrain. Register by emailing
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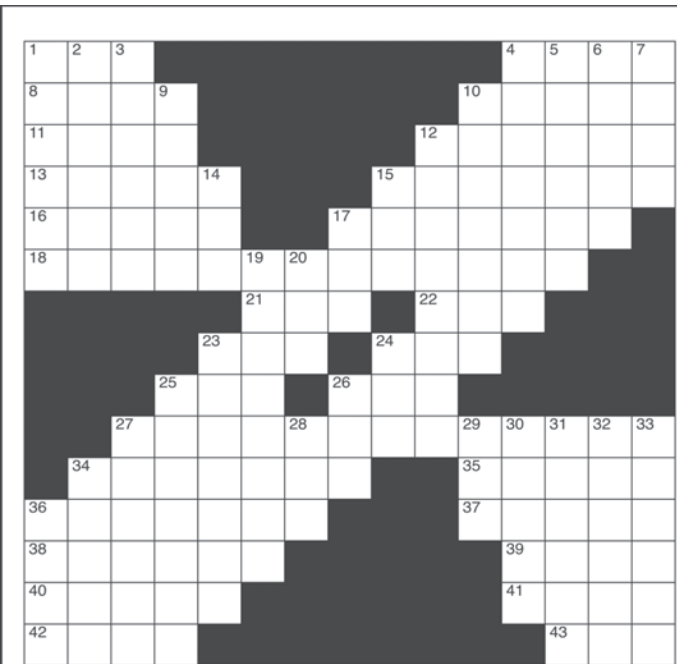
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Demonstrations
Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.
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capture and band migrating Saw-whet

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Saturday, Nov. 5 from 2 - 3 p.m.
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cats. Paul will teach you about the nat-
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diet, behaviors, and reproduction. He
will review current research studies.
The plausibility of mountain lions liv-
ing in the wild in Connecticut also will
be discussed. Registration recommend-
ed by calling 860-928-4948. Fee: \$5 CAS
members; \$10 non-members.

Owl Walk
Friday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.
Join Andy as he calls in various owl
species. Bring binoculars. Register by
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11. Chapter of the Koran

12. Evil doer

13. Japanese commercial city

15. A way of binding

16. Early Christianity French historian

17. Kids' term for bugs

18. Beloved family holiday activity

21. Work unit

22. Bundle

23. A number or amount not specified

24. Military official (abbr.)

25. Queens ballplayer

26. Type of gibbon

27. Norma Jean's stage name

34. Places

35. Bluish greens

36. Argued publicly

37. Having the shape of a cube

38. They star at weddings

39. Indian god associated with reproduction

40. Ocean sunfishes

41. Slowly leak through

42. Plant part

43. Midway between south and southeast

- CLUES DOWN
1. Accumulate on the surface of

2. Not a good feeling

3. Got smaller

4. Helped a golfer get around

5. Military forces

6. Partner to ways

7. Low, one-horse sleigh

9. Japanese seaport

10. Inclined to favor

12. Avid reader

14. Lead singer of Heart

15. Pigeon sound

17. Vital part

19. People who are not Jewish

20. Shed tears

23. Pokes holes in the ground

24. Beverage receptacle

25. Stone used to surface roads

26. French-Belgian river

27. Type of phone

28. Long-lasting light bulb

29. Type of medication (abbr.)

30. German city

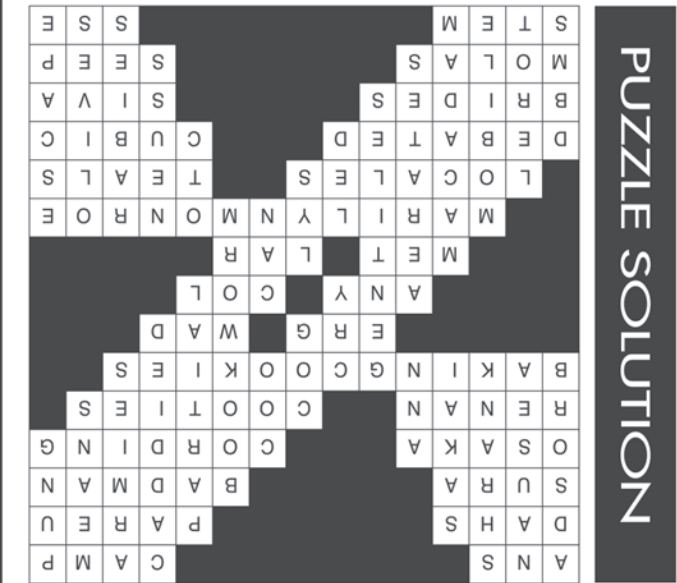
31. Animal disease


32. They're in martinis

33. Get away from

34. Dormouse

36. Database management system





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Pomfret Recreation upcoming events

Before School Soccer: 9/19/22-10/28/22 each school day from 7:50 am – 8:20am. No play on 10/10/22. This program is for boys and girls in grades 4-8. Join in on the fun of playing Before School Soccer. Brush up on your skills with your friends in the gym each morning. The fee is \$35.00 per child.

Tree House Village Treasure Hunt at the Park: Find the 12 hidden “treehouses” in the Disc Golf Path areas at the Pomfret Recreation Park. There are forms in the kiosk to write down the names of the houses. If you find all 12, you can turn in your card at the Pomfret Recreation Department at 5

Haven Road for a prize. Please make sure your name and contact information is filled out.

Men’s Over 30 Basketball: Monday evenings from 6:30pm – 9:00 pm in the PCS Gym starting 10/3/22 through 3/27/23. Pick up style basketball. Men of all levels of fitness are welcome to attend. No play dates are as follows: 10/10, 11/7, 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, and 2/20. The fee for this program is \$30.00.

Rec. or Treat with Scare Crow Contest. Saturday, October 22nd starting at 4 pm at the rec. Park. Trunk or Treating on the soccer field sponsored by the PCS PTO, hay rides, bon-fire and movie after dark. Bring

your blankets and chairs for the movie. Scarecrow contest has two categoriress, one for adults and one for children. \$50.00 1st place for each and \$25.00 2nd place for each. Rain date is 10/29/22.

Bus Trip to New York City: Saturday, November 26th. Join the Pomfret & Woodstock Recreation Departments on a trip to New York City. Do whatever you want in the city! Bus leaves Putnam old DMV (165 Kennedy Drive) Commuter lot at 6:30 am. Drop off in the city will be at Bryant Park – Corner of 5th Avenue and W 42nd Street. Five blocks to Times Square. Departure from NYC at 6:00 pm will be from Bryant

Park. Return home time approx. 10:00 pm. The fee for this trip is \$63.00 per person.

Winter Cribbage League: 11/15/22 – 4/18/23 at the Pomfret Community Center, 207 Mashamoquet Road. This program will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Two people per team. The fee for this program is \$20.00 per person for the season.

Winter Pitch League: 11/10/22 – 4/13/23 at the Pomfret Community Center, 207 Mashamoquet Road. This program will be held on Thursdays from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Two people per team. The fee for this program is \$20.00

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To register for these events, the forms are available on our website: www.pomfretct.gov/recreation or you can stop by the Pomfret Town Hall to pick one up.



Photos Courtesy
The interior of the Painted Baker Café featuring its space-themed mid-century modern look.

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sidered the idea of opening their own restaurant but only in the past few years made the move to make that dream a reality. “We used to talk about opening our own place but just never figure it would come to fruition. We just never figured we’d have the money to do it, but when this came up for sale, we talked about it and decided to go for it, and we’ve been full steam ahead.”

The restaurant held a ribbon cutting on Aug. 31, and business has not slowed down with The Painted Baker picking up right where Main Street Grille left off as a popular gathering place for locals. However, The Painted Baker is not just a reopened version of Main Street Grille. It has an identity, menu, and style all its own embracing a mid-century modern aesthetic themed around space and “atomic” imagery. The theme was chosen as Maldonado and her crew thought it was a universally beloved concept that spoke to guests of all ages.

“We thought the theme was really fun and bright. It’s fun for kids, adults, and seniors. We wanted this to be a destination place that people would remember and would be different from everyone else. We feel it has a very different vibe from everything else around here,” said Maldonado.

The Painted Baker also got national attention quickly going viral in social media groups celebrating the mid-century modern style. The eatery is open from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday through Monday and is closed on Tuesday.



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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI



Zinnia Mug

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

In this interview, we’re meeting with potter Carol Mann, who began making ceramics at Sawmill Pottery, in Putnam. Fast forward a growing passion for pottery combined with a love of bees and we arrive at “Mellifera Pottery,” Carol’s work features functional mugs, bowls, honey pots, and other items celebrating life in the garden.

Hi Carol, and thanks for joining us today. I wanted to ask you about the variety of techniques you use in your pieces. What can you tell us about the “Zinnia Mug” shown here?

Thank you, Cynthia for the opportunity to talk about my work and some of the processes I use. “Mishima,” or inlay, was the key technique I used to create this mug. My process for this piece involves throwing the mug, trimming the foot, and attaching a handle. When it reaches the leather-hard stage, a coat of wax resist is applied. Then the flowers are carved through the wax down to the clay body. A black underglaze was applied and wiped away, leaving the black only in the carved line design. After the bisque fire, the flowers were hand painted first with celadon glazes, then covered with a wax resist. The resist protects the poppies from a dip into the yellow glaze, and a spray accent of soft teal blue was applied inside before final firing.

I love your use of color. In the black and white “Dragonfly Mug”



Dragonfly Mug

you’ve glazed the inside of the cup a buttery yellow. Is the outside of this piece carved?

Yes, it is. I love trying my hand at the carving technique called SGRAFFITO. Sgraffito designs are made by applying a layer of contrasting slips, then scratching or carving through it to base clay. For this mug, the clay body was white, and the slip was black. I simply carved away everything that wasn’t “dragonfly” or “fern.”

The “Three bees and honeycomb” bowl here have a number of surface treatments. Tell us about this piece.

This wheel-thrown simple and sweet honeybee bowl is such a delight to make. The honeycomb pattern is pressed into leather-hard clay with a homemade tool, and the three molded bees are added. After the bisque firing, the honeycomb and bees are all hand painted then protected with a wax resist before the final dip into one or more glazes, and into the kiln for the final firing.

You built your studio, not too long ago, what were your main considerations in doing this?

I knew that there had to be as much charm to the studio as there would be in the pottery coming out of it. I found a small Victorian cottage-style building plan with vaulted ceilings, several windows, and two double doors that provide lots of light and air flow. We even added a cupola! The inside is a blank canvas of white walls and natural wood trim. It is my happy and creative space! I have outfitted it with everything this potter needs. The only missing feature is running water inside. But I have found workaround for three of the seasons using hoses and a sink outside. Winter is just a bit trickier.

Do you always have a plan when you sit down to work?

Yes, I do. Making a piece with full intention of form, size, and the eventual surface decoration are so important to me now. When it’s all considered at conception, it makes for an effortless workflow. But I still make time to just play and see where creativity may take a piece. These moments can sometimes turn out to have some of happiest accidents.



Three bees and honeycomb

Lately I have been carving linocuts to create underglaze newsprint transfers. The “Crow Mug” above was designed with this process in mind. After the linocut is printed on the newsprint using a black underglaze, a thin layer of slip is applied over it. When the slip has dried to the right consistency, it gets applied directly onto the mug’s surface, just like a decal. It’s a bit tricky to pull off, but it can be so worth it. The piece then goes through a bisque fire/glaze/final fire process.

What makes you consider a piece “successful?”

A successful piece is one that brings me joy. It’s the simple things in life – a bird or bee, a light and bright color or two, life in a garden. When you look at a piece and it dances all on its own, you know you’re there. But I also get a major lift when others feel it too.

Becoming a better craftsperson is not a straight line. Can you share an example of a “learning experience” along the way?

There are some techniques that come from sources I find, and others from people I work with and learn from. Sometimes, a basic skill can finally click in. Centering clay on the wheel early on in my education was a prime example. For some time, I assumed only brute force would get the clay on the wheel and centered. The “AHA” moment came when I found more finesse and technique than muscle was needed. Now, it’s no longer the “problem” I thought I would have to deal with each time I threw on the wheel.

What kind of custom work do you do?

I tend to shy away from custom work because it’s a very tricky process to remain creative and still satisfy a customer’s request. Unless the customer understands the medium, it’s often difficult to get the best results if bound by sometimes conflicting needs. For the few really “custom” items that I have created, there was a willingness to allow me enough latitude to engage my full creativity and achieve a suitable result.

Do you keep bees? What would you like us to know about the bee?

I became a beekeeper and started my pottery journey soon after retiring. I found beekeeping so rewarding, and these creatures to be fascinating and so



Crow Mug

important to us all. I no longer tend bees, but I continue to share the joy and wonder they gifted me. I donate a portion of all my sales to the Bee Conservancy <https://thebeeconservancy.org/>.

Where are you showing?

You can find me at the Roseland Cottage Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, October 15-16, in Woodstock, Connecticut. Also, I will be showing at the Holiday Market at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Academy in Old Lyme on Sunday, November 13th. I have pieces at the Red House Cultural Arts Center in Salem as well. My online shop is MelliferaPottery.etsy.com

Thank you so much for your time, Carol. Any closing thoughts for our readers?

I love being a potter, and everything about it – with the exception of reclaiming clay. This medium has done so much to feed my creative side. It will always amaze and delight me that a few pounds of clay can be turned into something that is not only functional, but beautiful and joyful to use. I am so very grateful that I get to do what I love.

If you are interested in exploring your creativity with pottery, sign up for a class.

“Be Brave Enough To Be Bad At Something New”

Word of the day:
Mellifera—Latin for honey-bearing
Resist—Covering/masking an area to protect it from paints/glazes/dyes
Bisque—Initial firing, leaving no water in the clay form
Linocut—linoleum with a design cut into it used in printmaking

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

SNHU announces summer 2022 Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2022 Dean’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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designation, Nakasha made sure to thank her colleagues at Westview in return for their vocal support. “Thank you for this recognition and the kind words about my work ethic.” She went on to remark how a distinction like this not only serves as a career achievement, but that it also holds additional weight as a reminder to continue achieving “To know my efforts are being appreciated makes me strive to raise the bar even higher. This kind of award is as humbling as it is gratifying!”

Administrator of Westview Health Care Center, David T. Pantelakos, commented on his appreciation for Frias’ leadership and her innate understanding of the regimented protocols in nursing care.

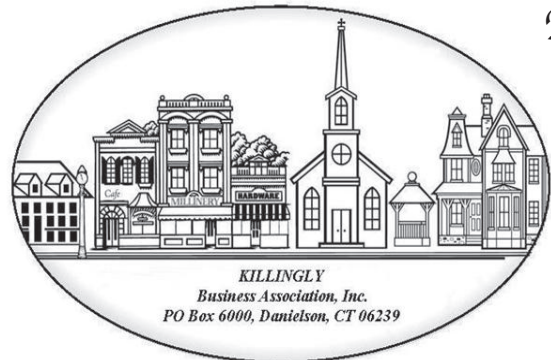
“Nakasha brings strong leadership skills with her on every

shift, and her nursing care is exemplary. We truly value her contributions, and we celebrate her earning this Employee of the Month award. Congratulations to Nakasha for her well-deserved recognition!” he said.

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go into all the world.

In the early 19th century, an increasing number of sermons were being preached on missions. As congregants across New England heard these messages, they developed a growing realization of their responsibility to travel and to live in other places in the world so that others would hear the good news about Jesus. Women across New England were deeply moved by such messages, taking them to heart and, in turn taking action! Some stayed in their communities and supported missionaries who left, but many responded by packing trunks and barrels and went to live far from home. Several missionary women's stories are shared in this talk

which includes direct quotes from the women's own writings, their thoughts on becoming missionaries, their struggles and successes, and their convictions that they were fulfilling the call God had given them.

This delightful presentation, which is shared in full costume, will be preceded by a delicious meal featuring dishes made from historical recipes provided by Old Sturbridge Village. There is no cost for this event, but, to help ensure that the proper amount of food is prepared, an indication of your desire to attend is appreciated by simply sending an e-mail to fccp@fccpomfret.org by Tuesday, Sept. 27.



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You can go home again

It's that time of year again, when homecoming festivities will take place across the country. We're all hoping for some nice weather, however, homecoming weekend is usually the weekend we need to break out our sweaters. Memories of hot crock pot dishes steaming into crisp air come to mind.

After graduating, many people leave their hometowns, never to return again, by choice. However, in our neck of the woods, homecoming is a time to catch up with old friends and get it on the school spirit.

More vital even than the teamwork you will find during any given game is the teamwork you will witness when you watch a homecoming parade. Students, working together with faculty and community members create impressive floats for all to enjoy. Our small Main Streets are welcomely inundated with school spirit for a few, short hours.

Homecoming is also a meeting point for generations, past, future and present to come together with the one thing that we all have in common, school spirit. Seeing old friends you haven't seen in years, or only once a year is always a good time. It's always fun to see alumni wearing old school gear from years past. A 1994 cross-country state championship jacket, or a wrestling championship hoodie from the 1980's. Showing school pride makes people feel like they are part of something special.

Recent graduates who are now off to college will make the journey back home to catch up with underclassman and teachers. It's always great to see so many success stories gathered in one place.

Believe it or not, homecoming is the perfect place for college students to network. The same could be said for anyone, now that we think of it. Making a connection in a casual setting could lead to internships and job opportunities. People tend to act more like themselves when there is no pressure, homecoming is an upbeat event with loads of positive energy.

The sporting events are at the heart of any homecoming. There is nothing better than cheering on the home team from the sidelines, especially in a close match, popcorn in hand. The crowds are much larger during homecoming giving the athletes that much more adrenaline. There is something to be said for friendly rivalry that makes homecoming that much more exciting.

When the home team scores a goal, or you see a cross country runner heading out of the woods first in your school colors, or you're catching up with your old math teacher who sent you to the principal's office for talking too much, we hope you get as much out of homecoming as we do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re-elect Leah Schad

To the Editor:

‘Caring, compassionate, and willing to go above and beyond! These are the impressions of my experience working with Judge Leah Schad. I recently lost my Mother, Louise Pempek, in the height of the pandemic in April of 2020. I just assumed that the probate court would be closed because just about everything else was including many other state agencies! Judge Schad kept the probate court open and although it did not func-

tion on a face to face basis, I was able to conduct business and get necessary documents signed and filed by the Court. It is because of this, I urge everyone to support Leah Schad and her re-election bid to maintain her position as Judge of Probate! She was there when I needed her, please join me in supporting her now!

J. SCOTT PEMPEK
PUTNAM

Daphinais puts people before party

To the Editor:

I strongly support Anne Dauphinais to be re-elected as our State Representative. Anne is doing a great job because she is very passionate about helping people. She gives her complete attention in listening to you when you have a concern or idea.

I have known Anne for a few years, and I have found her to be caring and compassionate, and she follows through with what she says she will do. She has such a positive attitude for our community with

boundless energy to fight for the people. She fights for family rights, and she fights mandates that make insurance premiums unaffordable. I wish Anne the best of luck in the future. I will definitely vote for her again because she is family oriented and thinks of the people not just a party. Sincerely

NANCY OBREITER
PLAINFIELD



NANCY WEISS

A community hospital must serve the needs of the entire community

To the Editor:

Fifteen years ago, Charles Wreschner saved my life. So, when he speaks, I listen. Dr. Wreschner's legitimate concerns about the proposed sale of Day Kimball Hospital to Covenant Health are real, and a matter for public discussion and debate.

As a longtime educator of secondary and college students, I too, have been privy to personal issues impacting adolescent health, and am aware of the reluctance many young people face when dealing with health matters without seeking parental, or professional

adult counsel. These voices deserve to be heard, for our youth and our female population are essential members of our community. As such, they deserve every right to address medical issues germane to them, without dogmatic influence from corporations. If Day Kimball truly wishes to be a community hospital, then it needs to treat and serve all commensurate with their wishes, without fear or favor.

JEFFREY SUSLA
WOODSTOCK

Emerson-Hill continues to miss the point

To the Editor:

Susan Emerson-Hill continues to miss the point in her latest letter to the Villager on Sept. 9. No one wants to change her mind about abortion. She is absolutely entitled to her beliefs and opinions. In turn, she should respect the beliefs and opinions of the many who don't agree with her. Science is never going to be able to tell us when "life begins" so we are left with our ethics, religious beliefs, and politics. It is not respectful or helpful to imply that those who do not agree with her are "murderers" only interested in profit. Likewise, it is not a particularly good look for her to imply that anyone who undergoes an abor-

tion does so, as she states in her latest letter, as a means of "birth control." The decision to have an abortion is a deeply wrenching, personal, and difficult decision, one reached for many different, but quite serious, reasons. What many of the letter writers in this space have been objecting to is Ms. Emerson-Hill's desire to inflict her personal beliefs and conscience onto the rest of us, just as we do not particularly appreciate her and the minority who agree with her getting the government to codify their particular religious beliefs into law.

JOHN A. DAY, JR., MD
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Randall is a representative to be taken seriously

To the Editor:

Over the past decade or so, politics has become so nasty and negative, I'm afraid some of the best people have shied away from running for public office. Fortunately for the voters of the 44th District, an exemplary candidate for State Representative has come forward.

Dave Randall of Killingly is an Army Veteran and a retired police chief. He has also served in the National Guard and is currently the American Legion Post Commander in Scituate, RI.

He became a police officer in 1990 and a member of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers 502. Rising to Chief, he retired in 2017. As a veteran, former cop and civilian gun owner, Dave is a supporter of the Second Amendment and civilian gun ownership.

His education includes a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and a Certificate in Criminal Justice Studies from the F.B.I. National Academy. He has served as an Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice at the

University of Rhode Island and a substitute teacher in the Killingly school system.

Dave and his wife Christine have strong links to the community. They parent seven children, one of whom is a teacher at KHS and another who is a Junior there.

Dave's opponent has placed herself firmly in the extreme right wing of the GOP camp. Her adherence to reactionary rhetoric and conspiracy theories makes her a minority within her own minority in Hartford and rendered her ineffective. Aside from the occasional constituent service Ms. Dauphinais' impact on legislation that is meaningful to the residents of northeastern Connecticut is nil.

We deserve better than her. We deserve a representative who can be taken seriously in Hartford. A representative like Dave Randall. He has my complete support.

DAN JACKSON
ROGERS

Return Champagne to state Sentate

To the Editor:

In two months, we will be going to the polls to elect our state officials. Because of Thompson's location in the northeast corner of Connecticut, all of Thompson has been included in the same Senatorial district, District 29, in the past. For sections of Thompson, things will be a little different this year.

To achieve population balance in the state senate districts, Thompson's Voting District 3, Quinebaug and Fabyan, was moved from the 29th Senate District, to the 35th Senate District. In addition to Quinebaug and Fabyan, the 35th Senate District includes the towns of Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Ellington, Eastford, Hampton, Stafford Springs, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington, and Woodstock.

Although this means Voting District 3 will have a slightly different ballot than the rest of Thompson, we now have two state senators representing us in Hartford.

The current Senator of the 35th district, Dan Champagne of Vernon, is retiring giving

us an opportunity to elect one of our neighbors, Republican Jeff Gordon of Woodstock, to represent us this November.

Jeff, a physician, has had leadership roles in several statewide organizations, he was president of the Connecticut State Medical Society and speaker of its House of Delegates, and a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

Jeff has been very active in Woodstock, he serves as an elected member of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission, doing so since 2007. Jeff is currently in his fourth term as a commissioner. He has been the Commission Chair since 2008, unanimously re-elected by his fellow Commissioners each year since. He is a Past President of the Woodstock Education Foundation, Treasurer of the Woodstock Agricultural Society (also a member of the Society's Board of Directors), and Vice-President of the Woodstock Safety Patrol.

Jeff has also been vocal about maintaining local control of planning and zoning, and as

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Paris in the fall

This time of year in Paris, the London plain trees are turning golden yellow and the light off the Seine is tinged with silver. Women fly by on scooters, the hems of their long skirts wafting in the breeze while young men maneuver their motor-bikes through traffic while talking on a cellphone. I know because my husband and I were there last week. Most of what I saw, however, was from inside a cab or from the windows at the American Hospital in Neuilly-Sur-Seine. It was not the vacation we had planned. Sharing our experiences might be helpful to others.

Our first night in Paris, we visited an Italian restaurant off the Rue de Bac. The food is so-so, the atmosphere is okay, but it brings back memories of a trip with friends many years ago. The next morning, we rose early and began touring the special chocolate shops my husband had visited when he took a chocolate making course in Paris. That evening we had dinner with friends and walked back in the moonlight to our hotel. I notice we had covered about 8.5 miles, but that is not unusual for us.

When my husband awakening in the wee hours of the morning, everything changed. His heart rate was erratic. He felt sick. What to do? Decades before as a student, I had taken my college roommate to the American Hospital when she had an allergic reaction to some food. Off we went. He wasn't having a heart attack, but his watch was recording afib, an irregular heartbeat, which needed to be brought under control. As the cab pulled up to the hospital, I had no idea how familiar the locale would become.

My French is just good enough to cause French speakers, masked in this case, to speak rapidly. First, I was asked for \$6,000 in Euros or on a credit card. Anxiously I forked over my AmEx card, wondering if it would be rejected. We were in France, and I never charge that large on amount on my card at one time. The hospital would not treat my husband until the payment went through. Rejected! Accepted! Jim was whisked away. I found the waiting room and settled in, walking outside to enjoy the sunshine and stand downwind from cigarette smoke wafting from the lips of hospital workers.

Through it all, there were a number of good outcomes. First, Jim was released after three nights and four days. Our doctor at home was in contact with us and supported the decision. Second, our travel agent, Ulrika Gates, worked with our daughter to cancel our plans in France and get us tickets to come home. I could not have managed it on my cellphone. Third, we had travel insurance. We have not filed the claim, but assume most of it will be covered. Finally, for just the second time in my life, we flew business class. As I sipped champagne and stretched out in the seat, I was grateful to be headed home.

Our trip didn't go as planned, but the outcome wasn't bad. Every evening as I left Jim at the hospital and went back to our hotel, I walked to a small French restaurant, Le Bourbon. By the second evening an older waitress waved me to my table and offered me a glass of the wine I had ordered the night before. I felt almost as if I belonged.

Our daughters want us to travel no farther than Block Island, but I know one day we will be ready to set off again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for joining the effort at savedkh.org to save Day Kimball Hospital

To the Editor:

Thank you to the hundreds of local citizens who have written, called and signed the petition at savedkh.org to prevent the sale of Day Kimball Hospital. That outpouring of support shows that this community is concerned with the future of Day Kimball and want the best for this community. Many of those who have written and called are young women of child bearing age and are deeply concerned with the proposed loss of family planning and the prohibition on birth control. Many young women have used their OBGYN physician as their primary care provider. They pointed out that there is no other nearby hospital, and questioned whether their health insurance may be used in other states.

For some months, the nurses and healthcare staff at Day Kimball that I spoke to had little knowledge of what the sale to Covenant would mean, or even that there was to be a sale. They were shocked to understand that the Hospital was actually being sold, and that they would be under certain restrictions as Covenant Health has spelled out. Now, it has come as a surprise to the more than 600 women employed at Day Kimball that their future health insurance will not include coverage for Birth Control, by any means. Because of the cost of medical insurance outside of employment, some say they will need to look for employment elsewhere if the hospital is sold.

What surprised most of the people I spoke to is that last year DKH showed a profit, and has projected a profit for the current year as well. As for Covenant's financial picture, it shows that all three of Covenant's hospitals had losses in 2021. Why then, callers questioned does the

administration use scare tactics when what DKH needs is not to be sold to a losing buyer, but good management. One caller noted there are numerous grants, of millions of dollars, available to rural hospitals like Day Kimball, through a number of Governmental agencies, and wondered if DKH had applied.

The scare tactics used by the administration is meant to frighten opposition to the sale and point only to the down side. It is true that DKH is required to update the patient record system, which may cost millions of dollars and there is also money owed to finance the former pension fund. Covenant doesn't propose to pay that, but rather push that debt onto the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (U.S. Government). Finally, DKH, because of poor management, owes rent on buildings it neither wants nor uses. Certainly, if negotiation, cannot solve that problem it can be discharged in other ways.

The problem is the current CEO (who does not live in Connecticut), is determined to sell the hospital, and the Board of directors have fallen in line, perhaps because of the scare tactics that the hospital would close if not for this sale or perhaps some ulterior motive. Perhaps someone plans a lucrative future working in the administration, but without the sale, that may not work out.

This community is not alone in its desire to prevent a sale of Day Kimball Hospital, both Ct. Attorney General Tong and Lt. Governor Bysiewicz are quite concerned with any takeover which will restrict healthcare, and are looking closely at the Day Kimball situation. You can help; find out how at savedkh.org.

RAMON CANNING
POMFRET

Rationale of Trump supporters is jaw-dropping

To the Editor:

There they were, much to my initial surprise, in black and white. I had to read them multiple times to believe it. But I should have known better. I'm referring to letters in your Aug. 26 edition written by Ed DeLuca and Michael A. Douglas.

Mr. DeLuca's jaw-dropping hypocrisy and lack of self-awareness in accusing Congresswoman Liz Cheney of being consumed with hatred of Donald Trump are stunning. There's just no other way to put it. Here was your most frequent peddler of name-calling and hate speech calling the kettle black. Talk about a sign of cultism.

And then we have Mr. Douglas explaining how the values of Trump supporters, presumably including his own, line up with Trump's. A pretty astonishing admission considering that we have all witnessed Trump's values for the last seven years — cruelty, dishonesty, hatred, hypocrisy, narcissism, shamelessness, and xenophobia among them.

It's exhausting to try to refute all of the lies that the Trump cult spews so I'll confine myself to their defense of Trump's theft and refusal to return documents that belong to the nation. Please stop the lie that all the Archives or the FBI had to do was politely request their return. They asked numerous times for over a year and then subpoenaed them. Trump's lawyer swore that all of the documents had been returned. Still, Trump retained hundreds of pages of extraordinarily sensitive documents critical to the national defense. The simple fact is that anyone but Trump having

obstructed the return of important documents would have been slapped in handcuffs and jailed.

Does anyone, except Trump sycophants, seriously believe that Trump wouldn't try to use the nation's most important secrets to his advantage? Hint: he already withheld military aid to Ukraine trying to bribe President Valenskyy for dirt on Joe Biden or his family.

Finally, the answer to Mr. Douglas' query about why so much is still written about Trump even though he lost the last election is so obvious that it shouldn't require an answer. But here's a partial response. Trump led an insurrection that tried to overturn democracy and subvert the Constitution to illegally retain power. The vast majority of Republicans have abandoned their conservative "values" and are completely in Trump's thrall. Republican candidates for Secretary of State and Governor in several states threaten to subvert future elections if they don't agree with the outcome of the vote. In summary, our system of government is in greater jeopardy than at any time since the Civil War. The proto-fascist Republican Party rejects patriots like Liz Cheney and anyone else who honors their oath and defends the Constitution. Trump endorses, and his base votes for, an assortment of nuts, misfits, and radicals to run in November. Need any further reasons to continue the fight against Trump and Trumpism?

BILLY G. TAYLOR
KILLINGLY

Re-elect Leah Schad for Judge

To the Editor:

My name is Leah Schad. I am the Judge of Probate for the Northeast Regional Probate Court, which serves the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock. It has been my honor to serve the people of the district as Judge for over 12 years. Before that, I served as the Pomfret Judge of Probate for five years. This November, I am running for re-election so that I can continue to work for our community. I ask for your vote this Nov. 8.

When the people of Northeast CT have lost a loved one, needed help caring for an elderly relative, or knew a child in need, they turned to the Probate Court for help. All families in our communi-

ty deserve a professional and efficient court and a Judge with the experience and compassion to help them through some of life's most difficult times. My nearly two decades of experience and proven track record of consistency and fairness make me uniquely qualified to be there for our community. I care about your families, and I am committed to being here for you.

When I first ran to be Northeast Judge of Probate in 2010, I promised to make the Probate Court my only professional obligation so that I could ensure my priority was to serve the community as effectively as possible. I stopped practicing law so that I would always be available to the people of the district when they were in need. I promise to

continue that commitment and focus solely on the Court if I am re-elected in November.

This community is very important to me. I have lived in Pomfret for over 23 years and raised my three children, Caroline, Will, and Julia here. I believe deeply in public service and volunteerism. In addition to having served many years on the Planning and Zoning Board, the Pomfret Community School PTO Executive Board, and various Woodstock Academy committees, I currently serve on the boards of TEEG, Seely Brown Village, Performing Arts of NE Connecticut, and the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. I am committed to continuing to serve the people of the Northeast District and

ask for your support on Nov. 8.
Thank you,

LEAH SCHAD
POMFRET

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a neighbor, is very familiar with the issues we have in Thompson of maintaining affordability of housing while maintaining a low tax rate. I ask all my friends and neighbors to vote for Jeff Gordon on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

BILL WARNER
THOMPSON

Why hybrid retirement may be the answer



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Retirement isn't what it used to be. Far from sitting in a rocking chair on the front porch, retirees who've planned well for their future are busy living well in retirement, whether that means pursuing their passions, travelling, or even staring up the dream career or business they'd always wanted to try. But retiring early can also pose some significant risks.

By saving and investing from as early an age as possible, some people can build up enough money to leave the workforce in their 50s, 40s, and even 30s. Early retirement may seem like the ultimate goal and a sign of wealth, but it can also sometimes result in retirees having to live off of a much smaller amount of money than if they were to keep working just another five or ten years.

Others experience a loss of purpose along with a sense

of loneliness and isolation. Quitting your job early can be fulfilling if you know others who've done the same, but it can be hard to find people to pass the time with when the norm is to work 40 hours each week.

This is where hybrid retirement can help. Rather than leaving the workforce completely, many people look for new sources of income that prevent them from eating into their savings or dying from boredom before they get to spend it all.

But before you hop into a hybrid retirement, here's what to consider.

1: Find a Job You're Not Desperate To Retire From

If you're eager to venture down the early retirement route, question whether quitting work completely will actually solve your problems. This is important whether you work a 9-5 office job, do long shifts in a hospital or you're a stressed-out business owner looking to sell your company and have nothing more to do with it. Is there a chance you're simply in the wrong industry?

2: Don't Sacrifice Everything For a Future That's Not Guaranteed

Sacrificing everything in the

short-term to save for early retirement could turn out to be one of the biggest mistakes of your life. Retirement saving is crucial, but it's important to live in the present and make use of the time we have now. Nothing is guaranteed and postponing all enjoyment for a later date can be extremely risky.

Try to find ways to live in the present and spend money now, even if it means adding a few more years onto your career. Surely the whole point of money is to spend it on positive experiences, rather than hoarding it for decades?

3: The Hybrid-Retirement Model Can Be Molded To Suit You

The best thing about hybrid retirement is that you can mold it around you and your goals. It can look different from one person to another. All you need to do is identify the aspects of your work that you love, while getting rid of the parts that make you long for the day you can flip your desk and leave for good.

Perhaps you love the industry, but you hate the commute? Maybe your boss drives you up the wall, but you love working as part of a team? These are just a few factors to consider

when working out what your future will look like.

If you're a business owner, achieving hybrid retirement might simply be a case of stepping away from the office and outsourcing your day-to-day tasks without selling the company completely. This could provide you with passive income which allows you to focus on other projects.

Some people want to keep working in their later years without having the stresses and responsibilities that can come with traditionally well-paid work. Working in a coffee shop or decorating your neighbors' houses could keep you busy without forcing you to think about work when you're trying to unwind each evening.

4: How Achievable Is It?

If you'd like to explore the hybrid retirement route, working through your options can provide you with a sustainable and realistic action plan. You can take the date you'd like to retire along with your income and expenses to help you determine how much you need to save, and how much you'll need to earn once you're semi-retired.

With the help of good financial planning, you can mold your life to look exactly how

you want it to, while making sure you live in the moment and don't miss out on memorable experiences today. Here at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Financial Advisors, we can help you make this retirement plan a reality using our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well strategic financial planning process. Contact us at (860) 928-2341 or info@whzwealth.com, or visit our website at www.whzwealth.com to get started.

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THE PEWS
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BISHOP JOHN
W. HANSON

"That's not fair!" whined the four-year-old dusty-headed boy who was defiantly challenging his patient, day-care teacher, as he stared longingly out the window. "Alora and Ivy got to go outside and play, and you're making me and Sage stay inside. How come the girls get to go outside and the boys don't?"

"Asher," the teacher answered gently

as she touched his arm, "please calm down and look at me. See if you can remember what I said right after we came back from lunch. What did I tell everyone in the class?"

Asher fiddled with his crayon and mumbled, "You said that anyone who finished coloring their peacock could go outside and play, as long as they did their best."

"Did you color your peacock?" she queried.

"No," he admitted, but it's because Sage was telling me about his rabbits. But I still want to go outside."

"Asher, you can still go outside," she explained, "just as soon as you finish

coloring your peacock."

We all understand and appreciate the fair offer Asher's teacher was making. But many of us have also felt someone should make an exception for our particular situation. We like fair play, but we prefer when things are tilted somewhat in our favor. The older I get, the more I appreciate above-board, fair systems – even if I don't always come out on top.

One of the most wonderful things about the Almighty God of the Universe is that He gives everyone the same offers. He doesn't bend the rules. He is not a pushover, but His offers are fair. We all have the capacity to comply.

Paul explained this to a first century church that was struggling to be inclusive of people who were not of Jewish origin. His life was committed to letting Gentiles know that God was giving them the same offer to be born again and experience eternal life in Heaven. This is how he expressed it:

As you read over what I have written to you, you'll be able to see for yourselves into the mystery of Christ. None of our ancestors understood this. Only in our time has it been made clear by God's Spirit through his holy apostles and prophets of this new order. The mystery is that people who have never

SPORTS

Killingly football impressive in season opening 48-0 win over Montville

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KILLINGLY — Wow. The Killingly High football team began defense of its 2021 Connecticut Class M title in impressive fashion thanks to a never-in-doubt 48-0 drubbing of Montville High on Friday, Sept. 9 at Morgan Field.

“The kids really executed tonight, especially early,” said Killingly coach Chad Neal after winning his 101st game as the team’s head coach, the most in school history. “In a game like this you’re just trying to manage the game. I thought we came out of the gate great. We scored in two plays, and we were consistently in the right places. I thought we played well tonight.”

The victory over the Indians was Killingly’s 13th straight, dating back to last season when the team went 12-0 and won the fourth state championship in school history — and second in five years. The win over Montville was Killingly’s 33rd straight home victory, a streak that dates back to the 2015 season.

Tom Dreibholz, Killingly’s senior quarterback, staked the home team to a 7-0 lead 41 seconds into the game, hitting classmate Ben Jax with a 30-yard scoring strike and then following the touchdown toss with the first of his six extra point kicks.

Twenty seconds later Killingly increased its lead to 13-0, senior Noah Colangelo picking off a pass by Montville quarterback Tyler Ladia and racing 18 yards into the end zone.

On the first play of Killingly’s next possession, which followed a Montville punt, junior Soren Reif raced 41 yards around right end to push the Killingly lead to 20-0. The one-play drive took 10 seconds to complete.

On the third play of Montville’s ensuing possession, Killingly senior Cam Senecal intercepted Ladia and sprinted into the end zone to complete a 20-yard pick-six. With 6:44 remaining in the first quarter the defending champs were ahead 27-0.

The Killingly lead grew to 34-0 on its next offensive play, a 41-yard wide receiver reverse by Colangelo with 4:19 left in the first quarter.

At the end of the first quarter, after Killingly had gained 176 yards and scored three touchdowns — on seven offensive plays — and two defensive touchdowns, the officiating crew approached both head coaches about playing the rest of the game in running time, the clock stopping only because of an injury or after a score, and both coaches agreed.

Reif closed out Killingly’s first-half scoring with 7:46 left in the second quarter, scoring on a 32-yard left-side sweep — during which he received a number of textbook blocks from his offensive

linemen — to send the home team into the locker room at intermission ahead 41-0.

“We just wanted to come in and prove ourselves early,” Reif said. “What we did last year, that’s in the rearview mirror. We have to focus on this season. We have to come out and prove ourselves again. Tonight was a good win at home, but we’ve got to focus on next week now. We’re 0-0 again.”

In the first half Killingly scored on four of its five offensive possessions. On those four scoring drives Killingly gained a combined 177 yards and needed a total of one minute, 19 seconds to score its four offensive touchdowns.

The only scoring in the second half came with 4:38 remaining in the third quarter when Killingly junior Ryan Barretta blocked a Montville punt, scooped up the bouncing ball and dashed 60 yards into the end zone.

Reif was Killingly’s statistical leader, gaining 109 yards on five carries, which included touchdown runs of 32 and 41 yards. Senior Keith Perry added 47 rushing yards on two carries. Dreibholz was 1-for-2 passing, his lone completion going to Jax on the duo’s 30-yard touchdown connection. Colangelo scored two touchdowns, one rushing and one on his interception return for a TD.

“The first half it felt like we were playing the game inside a video game with all those one- and two-play drives,” said Dreibholz, who felt like Killingly’s scrimmage against the Stafford/East Windsor/Summers co-op team helped Killingly get ready for Montville. “The scrimmage last week helped build our confidence, especially offensively, and we just wanted to come in tonight and build on that by taking care of business, especially early in the game.”

Possibly overlooked amid all of Killingly’s offensive pyrotechnics was the play of its defense, but it shouldn’t be. Killingly’s defense held the Montville offense to a total of 184 yards on 46 plays, an average gain of four yards per play. In addition, the unit intercepted four passes (Colangelo, Senecal, senior Braden Pedersen, and junior Gabe Torrente) and recovered a fumble (freshman Joe Mackie).

Perry, an all-state linebacker in 2021 (along with Reif) led Killingly in tackles with seven (five unassisted), while senior Brady O’Donnell had six (three for loss of yardage), as did sophomore Everton Brown (two for loss of yardage). Reif finished with five tackles, three unassisted (one for loss of yardage).

“We just do what coach [Gary] Brine tells us to do,” senior defensive lineman Terrence Allen said. “He tells us where to go and he’s always reminding us to do our jobs and to trust the person next to us and behind us. I know I can trust my corners and my DBs and that allows me



Jason McKay

Killingly’s Noah Colangelo sprints toward the end zone while Montville’s Kyle Ladia attempts to catch up to him.



Anthony Oates of Killingly pushes back Montville ball carrier Colin Wahl for a loss of yards.

to just get in there and apply pressure. It’s really a nice feeling to be able to just focus on what I need to do and trust that my defensive teammates are focusing on what they need to do.”

Neal said keeping Montville out of the end zone, even when the second defense was in the game, was important.

“That was one of our goals tonight, to get the shutout. Not just with the first defense, but with the second defense, too. It was a team effort,” Neal said. “This is a veteran group. They’ve played a lot together. We got a good effort defensively from start to finish.”

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Giambattista’s scoring punch propels Killingly to 1-1 opening week

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Harry Giambattista scored four goals and Ethan Lackner added a goal and three assists for the Killingly High boys’ soccer team, which went 1-1 in its first two games of the season.

Killingly High opened the season with a 3-0 win over visiting Putnam High on Thursday, Sept. 8. In its second game, at Windham High on Sept. 10, Killingly lost, 3-2 in double overtime.

In the win over Putnam, Giambattista scored a hat trick while Lackner and Anthony Purcell each recorded two assists. Trent Pichie posted the shutout in net versus the Clippers, making six saves. Against Windham Lackner scored one goal and assisted on the other, which was scored by Giambattista. Pichie recorded 10 saves in the losing effort.

Elsewhere on the pitch in the Quiet Corner:

Woodstock Academy went 0-1-1 in the first week of the season, tying host Ledyard, 2-2, on Thursday, Sept. 8, and losing to Norwich Free Academy (NFA), 3-1, in its home opener on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Against Ledyard, the Centaurs jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Gabe Viau and Austin Byer but Ledyard’s Nate Vidal tied the game with a pair of goals — the first with 12 seconds left in the first half, the

second with 17 minutes left in regulation. In the loss to NFA, Max Ferreira scored for WA off an assist by John Bennett.

Girls’ Soccer

Woodstock Academy dropped its first two games of the season, losing at home to Stonington, 7-1, on Thursday, Sept. 8, and at Ledyard, 2-1, on Saturday, Sept. 10. Senior Grace Gelhaus scored both goals for the Centaurs, her tally against Stonington coming on a 35-yard direct kick.

Elsewhere:

Forward Casey Beauregard scored on a direct kick and goalkeeper Ayrn Nisbet made eight saves, but their efforts weren’t enough for Killingly, which lost its season-opening game at East Lyme, 3-1, on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Boys’ Prep Soccer

Rodrigo Minguela Martin, Pol Saiz, Marc Ballart, Danyil Uchytel, and Javier Menendez all scored for Woodstock Academy, which defeated the Pomfret School, 6-0, on the road on Thursday, Sept. 8. The Centaurs sixth goal of the game was an own goal, meaning it was scored inadvertently by a Pomfret player.

Football

Senior fullback Matt Siegmund rushed for 162 yards and a touchdown on seven carries and sophomore wingback Mateo Alvarez added 111 yards and a touchdown on 10 car-

ries to help lead the Quinebaug Valley Pride to a 21-0 shutout of visiting Plainfield on Friday, Sept. 9.

The victory was the first ever at the high school level for Jim Edinger, QVP’s first-year coach.

“The kids were excited. It’s always great to get that opening-night win. They were still riding that high at practice Saturday morning,” Edinger said. “I was beyond happy with the effort, and of course, with the win. Before the game I told them just to go out and give 110 percent on every play and we’ll fix the mistakes on Saturday morning during our film session.”

Junior quarterback Robbie Minor put the Pride ahead, 6-0, in the first quarter with a two-yard sneak. Quinebaug Valley took that lead with them into halftime and then improved on it by scoring touchdowns in the third and fourth quarter.

Alvarez extended the Pride lead to 12-0 on a 44 yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Senior fullback Chris Daly pushed the lead to 14-0 with a successful two-point conversion run. In the fourth quarter QVP closed out the scoring with a 79-yard touchdown run by senior Siegmund and a successful extra point kick by sophomore Devon Lamothe.

Edinger seemed as excited his team’s defensive effort as



Photo Courtesy

Harry Giambattista scores his second goal of the game in Killingly High’s 3-0 boys’ soccer win over Putnam High on Thursday, Sept. 8.

he was by the season-opening victory.

“All the credit for the shut-out goes to Tom Black, our defensive coordinator, and our outside linebackers, Dan Boutin and Cam Gaboury,” Edinger said. “Those two young men played amazing against Plainfield.”

Volleyball

Woodstock Academy opened the season with a pair of home wins; 3-0 over Ledyard on Thursday, Sept. 8, and 3-2 over South Windsor on Saturday, Sept. 10.

In the win over Ledyard sophomore Lily Bottone had 12 kills and senior Morgan Bonin added nine to lead the Centaurs to set wins of 25-15, 25-18, and 25-23. Sophomore Cassie Ladd recorded seven aces from behind the service line for WA.

In the win over South Windsor Bonin had two big kills in the final moments of the fifth set and Ladd won the game for the Centaurs with a service ace. Bonin finished the game with 15 kills while Bottone added 13. Sophie Gronski had 31 assists in the victory for 2-0 Woodstock Academy.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Y. Sayles, 73

Patricia Y. Sayles, 73, of Dayville, died Sunday September 4, 2022 at home after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Robert Sayles of Dayville, CT who was her loving, caring partner and best friend. She was born August 7, 1949 in New York, New York, daughter of the late Clement and Nancy (McHugh) Young.

She was a parishioner of St. James Church Danielson, CT. Patricia earned a Bachelors degree in History from UCONN in 1971. She worked for Idle Wild Foods Inc. for 23 years as customer service manager. After a variety of endeavors and adventures she retired from Frito-Lay Dayville, CT in 2016. She was Secretary of VFW 1523 Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, golf, long walks and taking care of her cat “family”. She lived each



day with joy, energy, courage and kindness.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by stepdaughters Jerilyn Trahan (Mark) and Kelly Vallone (Michael) both of Brooklyn, CT, four grandchildren Meaghan Daley, Taylor Trahan, Courtney Trahan and Drew Daley, four siblings Nancy Talbot and Katherine Young of San Diego, CA, Suzanne Harris of Lacey, WA and Peter Young of Big Pine, CA.

At her request Funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of her family.

Memorial donations can be made to PAWS Cat Shelter Inc. PO Box 31, South Woodstock, CT 06267 or NECCOG Regional Animal Service, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241. The family would like to thank Dr. Newton and all the nurses at Smilow Cancer Clinic in Waterford and all the Hospice Workers at Day Kimball Hospital. Share a memory at Gagnonandcostellofh.com

Jonathan P. Tilley, 82

Jonathan Peckham Tilley, age 82, (formerly of Mansfield & Putnam, CT), died of Parkinson’s disease on Sunday, August 28, 2022, in Roseburg, Oregon.

Jon was born November 1, 1939, the son of the late Dr. Winthrop and Emily Tilley. Jon was predeceased by his brother, Peter, who died in 1957.

Jon attended Mansfield Elementary and Middle School, and Windham High School. In 1956, Jon joined the Mansfield Voluntary Fire Company and was a life-time member. Subsequently, he joined the Marines and was honorably discharged.

Jon worked for the CT Department of Corrections in Tolland, New Haven, and Brooklyn. He worked as a herdsman for several dairy farms throughout the United States. He, also, worked for Curtiss Company of Cary Illinois.



Singing, dancing, and playing guitar, banjo, and mandolin were shared with family, friends, and any person who happened to join in.

Jon’s significant other was Julia Yarbrough for approximately 10 years.

His childhood friends include Barry Burnham, Johnny Clark, and Brad Humes. They have many fond memories of Jon and have stories to share.

Jon’s daughters are Kathy Tilley of Washington, Bonnie Tilley of Georgia, and Chrissy David of Oregon. His stepchildren are Donna Perkins, Richard Sandberg (deceased), Ginny Eaton, Frank Sandberg, Skip Sandberg, and Cindy Sandberg.

A witness burial will be private at the Roseburg National Cemetery in Roseburg, Oregon. Memorial donations may be made in Jon’s name to the American Parkinson’s Association, 1450 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511 or to The Mansfield Fire Department, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268.

Take responsibility for feeling good about yourself

It’s a hard lesson to learn, but not everyone you encounter in life will be for you. You’ll meet people who will never see eye to eye with you. They could be family members, co-workers, or business partners.

It’s fantastic when you have a relationship with someone who believes in you, compliments you, and sees the good in everything you do. It’s good to be validated, and it’s good to be around people who cheer you on, see your vision, and believe in what you’re trying to accomplish.

It’s a good thing to have these people in your life; after all, I’d never suggest that you spend your time with someone who brings you down, doesn’t value you, and enjoys seeing you fail.


Sometimes, when we surround ourselves with people who love us, it’s hard to understand or accept a situ-

ation where someone is the opposite; they don’t like you, don’t believe in your vision, and can’t see the good in what you’re doing. No matter what you do, it seems to be wrong.

When I encountered a person who didn’t seem to like me in my younger years, I’d go out of my way to please them and win them over. I’d talk endlessly with other friends to try and understand the situation. It brought me down, made me feel like something was wrong with me, and gave me a feeling of low self-worth.

Although being around people who aren’t for you is terrible, it can also be a valuable learning experience. When we are only around people who compliment and comfort us, it’s easy to gain a dependence upon people to make us feel good.

We can become dependent, almost addicted to compliments of others, just like a



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I know I used to be like this. If I went a day or two without someone telling me how great I was, I’d wonder if I did something wrong. I especially had this problem as a young actor. If a few people didn’t tell me that my performance was terrific after a show or a film, I would feel low, as if I had no talent.

It was also hard to learn that constructive criticism wasn’t a put-down, and that it was good to receive honest criticism.

If you’re this person, you should know that your value doesn’t come from how others think and speak about you.

The fact is, people can let us down, even friends and family. They don’t have the superhuman ability to always be there for you and keep you in a happy state of mind twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. When you depend on people to give you your self-worth, eventually, you’ll always be let down.

It’s good to have friends who support you, but it isn’t their job to always keep you in a happy, healthy state of mind. The responsibility ultimately falls on you. Learning self-sufficiency and how to have self-confidence are one of the best things you can do for yourself and your loved ones.

I read a quote today; I don’t know who said it, “Not everyone is going to like you, no matter how hard you try, so don’t waste your energy trying to please everyone; instead, focus on being your true, authentic self.”

If someone doesn’t like you and tries to make you feel bad, that doesn’t mean your life has no purpose, or you won’t fulfill your destiny. Your life purpose does not depend on how others think and feel about you. Your real self-worth comes from a higher place and your thoughts and feelings about yourself.

Take the responsibility you may have put on others to make you feel good and put it on yourself. If someone doesn’t praise you, you can praise yourself. Next time someone says or does something that makes you feel bad, you can say, “it doesn’t matter what they think about me; I know I’m valuable and have a purpose in this life, and I will accomplish it no matter what they say.”

When you learn to take responsibility for your feelings, people will probably begin to like you more!

Winning perennials for your garden

After a busy summer of vacations, BBQ’s, and garden care, it is fun to turn our attention to planting. Fall is a great time to plant perennials and many garden centers are busy refreshing their supply of perennial plants. Consider including one or more of these winners when making your perennial plant selections this fall.

Hostas are an excellent choice for those shady spots in the landscape but with so many cultivars to choose from the selection process can be overwhelming. The America Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) decided to help growers and gardeners with the selection process by introducing the AHGA Hosta of the Year. Each year since 1996, members of the AHGA select and feature a Hosta of the Year. The winning hosta



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must grow well in all regions of the country, be widely available, and have a retail price of about \$15 the year it was selected.

Island Breeze is this year’s winner. Hardy in zones three to nine, its strong growth rate, thicker leaves and wide green leaf margins with bright yellow centers made it a winner. The leaf centers emerge a brilliant yellow then turn chartreuse in the summer when grown in heavy shade and a lighter yellow in more sun. The leaf stems, petioles, have red speckles that bleed into the base of the leaves, adding to their ornamental appeal. Dark lavender flowers appear on red stems in mid-summer, attracting hummingbirds to the garden.

You may also want to consider this year’s Perennial Plant of the Year little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) and its cultivars for those sunny spots in the landscape.

Each year, Perennial Plant Association (PPA) members select a winner based on the plant’s suitability to thrive in a wide range of growing conditions, its ability to provide multiple seasons of interest, have good insect and disease resistance, and be low maintenance.

This year’s selection of the native little bluestem and its cultivars allowed perennial experts the opportunity to promote the species or the cultivars that will do the best in their region.

The native little bluestem is hardy in zones three to ten and grows two- to four-feet tall. The blue-green leaves turn reddish bronze in fall and are complemented by fluffy white seeds that persist into winter. This grass prefers full sun with loam or sandy soil and tends to flop or decline in heavy clay soil and damp sites.

PPA Board members helped gardeners across the country and in Canada by sharing the top performing little bluestem cultivars in their regions.

A relatively new introduction, Jazz, was a favorite in both the Central and Mid-Atlantic regions. This shorter cultivar is 24 to 30 inches tall and 18 inches wide, with sturdy stems and silvery blue leaves.

Carousel is another dwarf cultivar, growing 30 inches tall and wide and was recommended by the Great Lakes PPA Board member. Its bowl-shaped growth habit, upright flower stems and kaleidoscope of copper, pink, tan, and dark orange-red fall color make it a nice addition to the garden.

Standing Ovation is a favorite of the Canadian, Western and Mid-Atlantic PPA Regional Board members. The spiky bluish-green stems in a tight upright growth habit provide a vertical accent in perennial borders. The brilliant orange, red and yellow fall color ends the season with a blaze of color.

Western and Mid-Atlantic PPA Board members both added The Blues to their list of preferred little bluestem cultivars. It has deep blue leaves that transform to a rich purple and burgundy in the fall. This cultivar is usually a foot taller than



Photo Melinda Myers

Blue Heaven was discovered and introduced for its taller, more upright habit that does not tend to flop like many others

Jazz, growing up to four feet tall and two feet wide.

These are just a few of the many beautiful perennials suitable for home gardens. Check out past winners and of course leave room for a few new plants you just cannot resist.

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

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Edward T. Rzeznikiewicz, Sr., 86

Edward T. Rzeznikiewicz, Sr., 86, of Brooklyn passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday September 4, 2022. Edward was born in Brooklyn on October 26, 1935, the son of the late Joseph and Aniela (Koziol) Rzeznikiewicz. He was a graduate of Killingly High School and then served in the United States Army, serving in the Korean Conflict. He dedicated his life to serving others, his country, community and his family. He served as a volunteer fire fighter for the Mortlake Fire Department and as an Auxiliary State Police Officer. He later graduated from the Connecticut State Police Academy, and proudly served as a State Police Officer until he retired in 1991.



Edward was married to his late wife, Elaine Rzeznikiewicz for 48 years. Their first home was in Dayville, but they later moved to Brooklyn, where they raised their four children, Edward Rzeznikiewicz, Jr. (wife Lea), Terri Cedio, Andrew Rzeznikiewicz and Amy Rzeznikiewicz Bachand (husband Michael). He was the proud grandfather to six beautiful grandchildren and nine adorable great-grand-

children. He was one of six children, including the late Chester Koziol (wife Grace), Julie Bellavance (husband Maurice), Fernanda Misiaszek (husband Edmund), Mary Panek (husband Stanley), and cherished his close relationship and daily chats with his brother Rudolph Rzeznikiewicz (wife Rita). A special thank you goes out to Vivian, Edward's personal care assistant, for her dedication and superior care.

Edward enjoyed spending time with friends and family and loved striking up conversations with everyone he met. He enjoyed spending summer vacations with family and friends at Misquamicut Beach and Martha's Vineyard. Edward was an avid hunter and fisherman and shared this passion with his son Andy. He enjoyed playing golf and bowling with his late wife Elaine, in their own "Just for Fun League." He was also a devoted UCONN Women's Basketball fan, rarely missing a game.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate the life of Edward, was held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 11:00 AM at St. James Church in Danielson, CT. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Mortlake Fire Company, P.O. Box 301, Brooklyn, CT or Veterans Ride for Free, P.O. Box 940, Brooklyn, CT. tillinghastfh.com

Theresa Gorman Brouillard

Theresa Gorman Brouillard of Brooklyn, Connecticut, died peacefully after a short illness on September 6, 2022.



Theresa, known to most as Tess or Nana, was born on March 25, 1927, in Windham, the daughter of Hugh Gorman, Jr., a noted local Irish politician and farmer, and Mary Moran Gorman. She lived her entire ninety-five years at her favorite place on earth, Barrett Hill Road. The old homestead will never be quite the same without her.

Being raised on the family farm by hardworking parents instilled in her qualities that lasted a lifetime. The value of hard work, dedication and loyalty to family and friends, her Church and the Democratic Party. Her kindness and thoughtfulness was experienced by many. Her home was always open to all. She hosted numerous parties, family and neighborhood gatherings, and political victory parties. No event was too small or too large to celebrate and handwritten notes and thank you cards would inevitably follow. Most of all, she was a caretaker of others including her parents, her husband, siblings, and friends.

After graduating Killingly High School, she worked for CL&P. Several years later, this very Irish Lassie met a Frenchman who became the love of her life. She married Richard P. Brouillard, known as Brig, in 1952 and they remained married for fifty-two years. He predeceased her in 2004. Throughout their lives, they worked together in everything they did and enjoyed the love of a close-knit family and many friends. She was a member of the Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee for 50 years and worked tirelessly for many candidates and her efforts on election days to get out the vote were widely recognized. She also served for many years as a member of the Brooklyn Recreation Committee and as Trustee of Our Lady of LaSalette Church and with her husband chaired many St Patrick Day dinners at the Church. She loved music and could play the piano and sing almost any song you could name. She also loved gardening and caring for her home. She was a Red Sox fan married to a Yankee fan. She also enjoyed watching

college basketball. Tess began working again once her four children reached school age. Her first position was with Sherwin Williams after which she began her long career with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Putnam, Connecticut, where she assisted numerous customers navigate the process, both during and after hours. In addition, she acted as a Deputy Sheriff for Windham County.

In addition to her husband, her four sisters predeceased her: Sarah Gorman, Mary Weaver, Katherine Brennan and Winifred Moran. She is survived by her four children: Attorney Mark R. Brouillard and his wife, Attorney Nancy E. Fraser of Woodstock, CT; Kevin H. Brouillard and his wife, Elizabeth Brouillard of Oakdale, CT; Eileen M Strouse and her husband Bruce Strouse of Brooklyn, CT; and James T. Brouillard and his wife Thera M. Meehan of Watertown, MA. Theresa is also survived by her five grandchildren: Justin Brouillard of Brooklyn, CT; Shayna Maylad and her spouse Val Maylad of Agoura Hills, CA; Leslie Brouillard of West Hollywood, CA; Angus H. G. Brouillard of Watertown, MA; and Riley Brouillard of Oakdale, CT, as well as her step-granddaughter, Campbell Fraser of Woodstock, CT. She also is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who she remained in contact with throughout her life.

The family would like to thank Dr Baum and the staffs at Day Kimball Hospital and Matulaitis Nursing Home for the care she received during her last illness and most of all for the dedication of Eileen and Bruce Strouse in caring for Nana for many years.

Calling hours will be Friday, September 16, 2022, from 5-8 PM, at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 10AM at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 21 Providence Road, Brooklyn, CT. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory are encouraged to donate to Our Lady of LaSalette Church, P.O. Box 211, Brooklyn, CT 062345, a church largely constructed many years ago by the Gorman Family. tillinghastfh.com

Charlene D. Moore, 70

Charlene D. Moore, 70, of Danielson passed away peacefully at home on Sunday September 4, 2022, surrounded by her family.



Charlene was born in Ludlow, MA on August 2, 1952, daughter of the late William and Rita (Cote) Bedford. She worked at BrandRex for many years and later at Foxwoods Casino as a VIP Hostess. Charlene was an avid gardener, loved cross stitching and spending time with her family. She is survived by her son Roger L. Moore of Danielson, stepdaughter Kimberly Vickery of E. Longmeadow, MA and stepson Peter Moore of Wilbraham,

MA. Grandchildren Nathan Tetreault, Sydney Tetreault, Michaela Tetreault and former husband Richard Moore. Sisters Lucy Lague, Jeanne Denesha, Marcia Rackliffe and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Linda Tetreault. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday September 17, 2022, from 2-5 PM, at the Danielson Lodge of Elks, Center Street Danielson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741 or University of Connecticut Health Center, Huntington's Disease Program, 263 Farmington Avenue, Dowling North-Second Floor, Farmington, CT 06030. tillinghastfh.com

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heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board. (Ephesians 3:4-6 msg)

God has made everyone the same offer, yet many still complain that He is unfair.

They should probably pause to think it through. If God makes an offer they can comply with and then keeps His part of the offer, He is fair. Although part of us wants Him to bend the rules in our favor, it is far better to know that He doesn't bend the rules - we can count on Him to be fair.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. Please visit www.ActsII.org for resources, sermons and additional information.

Local residents named to Simmons University Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. — The following local students were named to the 2022 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- Maia Corrado, Pomfret
- Maeve Stevenson, South Woodstock

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of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

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TOWN OF THOMPSON

On September 8, 2022 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA22022 approved, Inn Acquisition Associates, LLC, 286 Thompson Hill Rd (Assessor's map 103, block 40, lot 2) - Construct new single-family home with portion of driveway, septic system & utilities in 100-foot upland review area. Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent September 16, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Helen Ballou (22-00292) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of North-

east Probate Court, by decree dated July 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Richard S. Ballou, II c/o THOMAS P CELLA, HOWARD, KOHN, SPRAGUE & FITZGERALD, LLP, 237 BUCKINGHAM STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06106 September 16, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Nancy R. Bacher Dean (22-00367) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: N. Lynda Dean Joly c/o CHRISTIAN GEORGE SARANTOPOULOS, SARANTOPOULOS & SARANTOPOULOS, LLC, 143 SCHOOL STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239 September 16, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF David S. Remian (22-00341) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 30, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may

result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Elyssa A. Foley, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Deborah N Patrowicz and Racquel R. Johnson, c/o BRIAN S MEAD LAW OFFICE OF BRIAN S. MEAD, 148 OLD TURN-PIKE ROAD, PO BOX 508, QUINEBAUG, CT 06262, (860)935-9211. September 16, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Elizabeth E. Shalvey (22-00190) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 1, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Elyssa A. Foley, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Liam J. Shalvey c/o MATTHEW-ALAN HERMAN, LAW OFFICE OF ALAN SCOTT HERMAN, 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 663, PUTNAM, CT 06260 September 16, 2022

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ESTATE OF Robert E. Surprenant (22-00345) The Hon. Leah Pollard Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 22, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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Centaur's create second half magic to rally past Somers/Rockville



Chloe Nason of Woodstock Academy attempts to gain offensive ground toward the scoring circle while a Somers defender rushes in from the side.



Woodstock Academy's Grace Pokorny, right, fights with a Somers player for dominance over the ball.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — Chloe Nason scored with two minutes, 33 seconds to play to help lead the Woodstock Academy field hockey team to 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Somers/Rockville on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Bentley Athletic Complex.

The win, in the Centaur's season-opening game, was the first win in the field hockey coaching careers of the team's first-year co-head coaches, Gerry LaMontagne and Donte Adams.

With the scored tied, 3-3, and a defense-to-offense transition by the Centaur's happening at midfield, WA junior Sophie Petrella passed the ball up to Nason. The senior was about 40 yards from the goal when she received the pass and began dribbling the ball toward the Spartans' goal.

The closer Nason got to the Somers/Rockville cage the more confusion it seemed to create for the Spartans' defense. Body language by several Somers/Rockville players clearly conveyed the notion that the Spartans' defenders believed their goalie, junior Ava Zuccalo, was going to come out and make a play on Nason. Zuccalo, however, sat back in the net, fully expecting one of her defenders to rush Nason and cause a turnover or a wayward shot.

When none of the above happened and Nason found herself alone, eight yards from the Spartans' goal, she unleashed

a crisp, low shot that zipped right-to left past Zuccalo and didn't stop until it banged — loudly — into the back board at the bottom of the Somers/Rockville cage and, in the process, put WA ahead, 4-3.

"I thought Chloe, while she was moving the ball up-field, was looking to create a situation where she could pass to an open teammate," LaMontagne said. "She really exploited some confusion by the Somers/Rockville defense, which thought [Zuccalo] was taking charge while [Zuccalo] was waiting for her defense to converge on Chloe. None of the defenders looked like they wanted to come up and challenge Chloe and before she knew it she was in the [circle] and she was open so she took the shot."

Part of the reason Nason had the opportunity to score the go-ahead (and ultimately game-winning) goal was the play of teammate Grace Pokorny. With her team trailing, 2-1, at halftime, Pokorny scored a pair of goals to give WA a 3-2 lead with 11:38 remaining in the game.

The sophomore forward tied the game, 2-2, with 8:19 to play in the third quarter, gathering in a right-to-left pass from classmate Abby Converse and stuffing it between the near post and Zuccalo's leg.

Pokorny's second goal came off a deflection. After a teammate had the initial shot on net blocked, Pokorny tracked down the bouncing ball to the left of the goal. With her back

to the goal, and in one fluid motion, Pokorny spun into the field of play, and shot the ball past Zuccalo.

"It was just an in the moment situation; I felt like [spinning and shooting] was my best chance to score," Pokorny said. "And, if the shot didn't go in, I knew it would get deflected and one of my teammates would have a chance to put it in. At the very least I wanted to create some traffic in front of the net."

While Pokorny was comfortable talking about her productive afternoon, she absolutely gushed when asked about Nason's game-winning goal.

"That was an amazing play by Chloe; I'm so proud of her," Pokorny said. "She got the pass from Sophie, carried [the ball] in and then got off an amazing shot."

Ava Basak, the Centaur's senior goalie, allowed a pair of second-quarter goals off the stick of Spartans' sophomore Alyssa Reynolds, but Basak came up big in the second half, allowing just one more goal while making four saves in the final 30 minutes, including three on quality scoring chances by Reynolds.

"In the first half, and the second quarter, especially, I let [Somers/Rockville] use their speed to get in close to the goal and to me," Basak said. "At halftime I decided when they rushed the net in the second half I was going to go out and challenge the girl with the ball."

"This is my fourth year play-



ing goalie and I've learned that going at the player is definitely the way to play those situations," Basak continued. "They [the opponents' forwards] are more afraid of me than I am of them. After all, I have all this padding. By going out and challenging the girl with the ball I was able to stop a couple of their scoring chances."

LaMontagne said he thought the key stop by Basak came with about five minutes to play.


"That save by Ava was a game-saver for us even though the score was tied at the time," LaMontagne said. "That was the turning point in the game in my opinion. If they score on that breakaway by [Reynolds] I think we might have ended up losing the game."

While LaMontagne appears to be the tactician of WA's coaching duo, Adams is clearly the motivator.

"A necessary part of all

coaching staffs is having someone who can motivate the players, and I have experience being that coach," Adams said. "The game is going to have highs and lows and the players need to stay focused and stay in the game. We've got to stay positive no matter what's happening. We got behind at one point but they did a good job staying positive."

"Before the third period we met and I said to the team, 'ladies, this adversity, starting the second half trailing by a goal, this is what we prepared for the last couple of days in practice. Overcoming adversity is necessary to win games,'" Adams explained. "They heard the message. They stuck together and they fought through the adversity, they fought until the very end, and won the game. I'm definitely proud of the way they responded to the adversity today."



Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.

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6 tips for taking stunning nature photos



Exploring the great outdoors is a rewarding way to bear witness to the majesty of nature. Nature frequently presents awe-inspiring vistas that can take individuals' breath away. Some nature lovers are content to bask in the moment and set the scene to memory. Others may want a more permanent way to commemorate the view.

Amateur photographers eager to capture the majesty of the great outdoors can practice their picture-taking skills. According to the photography tips and technique experts at Picture Correct, many factors are involved in taking nature photographs. These tips can help anyone take stunning nature photos.

- Invest in quality gear. The right

photography gear makes it much easier to take great photos. Lenses are very important for capturing shots. Macro lenses are designed for insects and flowers. Wide-angle lenses help snap landscapes. Telephoto lenses can focus on animals without having to get too close.

- Take the foreground into consideration. When you find an inspiring landscape to photograph, skip the empty landscapes and think about zeroing in on something interesting in the foreground. This can be a particularly attractive flower in front of a vast field, or even a rusty watering can left out in a row of crops. Items in the foreground impart interest in the photo.
- Consider depth of field. Sometimes

you will have no control over the busy background an interesting subject is in front of in a planned photograph. A shallow depth of field achieved with a wide aperture can blur a background and separate the subject from that background, according to Shotkit, a photography and gear authority. Some post-production work also can be done to blur backgrounds in apps like Lightroom or through Photoshop.

- Zoom in and crop subjects. Smaller pictures can be just as compelling as larger ones. Zoom in on the bark on a tree, the skin of a lizard or the wings of an insect. Closer looks at what is hiding in plain sight in nature can lead to compelling pictures. Zoom in and think about a macro lens, which will magnify even the tiniest details.
- Study what you want to capture. The best photographers do their research. If you want to grab a great photo of an egret by the water's edge, spend time watching these birds in their habitat and learning their behaviors. This might help you predict when to snap the best photo.
- Use light wisely. The photography resource Expert Photography recommends taking photos primarily during the golden hours. These are right after sunrise and just before sunset. The light during these times of day has a softer, hazy quality that will illuminate subjects evenly and less harshly than midday, when shadows also may pose challenges. Taking photos during these times also means fewer people around and a better chance that wildlife will be out and about.

Nature photography is wildly popular and there are many ways for amateur photographers to make their photos pop.

Celebrating Killingly

DANIELSON — The town of Killingly held its annual fall town event in the Danielson Main Street section of town, but with a new name and identity for 2022. Previously known as the Tomato Festival, 2022 saw the rebranding to Celebrate Killingly which, as the name suggests, celebrated all the great things about the town as a whole. Local vendors and crafters set up shop selling their hand-made goods while organizations,

clubs, churches, and town departments also set up booths to educate locals of the many things going on in the community. While tomatoes were dropped as a theme, the farmer's market segment of the event still remained as well bringing fresh produce to consumers at David Park. The event truly shined as a celebration of all things Killingly bringing new life to an old tradition.



Jason Bleau

Killingly Cub Scout Pack 43 pose for a photo at their booth where they hoped to recruit new scouts for their organization.



Amanda's Art USA was one of many vendors that set up shop at Celebrate Killingly. Hand-made art pieces were a big draw during the 2022 event.



bankHometown, a staple of the Quiet Corner community, set up a booth to greet new and potential customers. The event took place right down the road from their Danielson Main Street location.



Visitors to Celebrate Killingly had a chance for color in one of the many sections of this paint-by-number mural depicting David Park in the fall.



Members of the Killingly Public Library, along with Town Manager Mary Calorio, met with locals to raise awareness of the Library's STEM programs and the upcoming Comic-Con event on Sept. 24.

Supporters of the Killingly Community Garden had one of the brightest tables at the event.



While the tomato theme was dropped in 2022, there were still plenty of farmers markets filled with fresh produce to shop from.



Members of the Killingly Quiet Corner Lions Club set up a craft table to network with local families and potential members.



Members of the Westfield Congregational Church sold baked goods, including fall pies, at one of the first booths visitors experienced as they entered Davis Park from Main Street in Danielson.



Jean Cyr of Friends of Assisi Food Pantry was on hand to help raise awareness of their services and September as Hunger Action Month.



Members of the Hay Burr Inn Equine Rescue set up a booth to raise awareness of their cause to help rescue and nurse horses in the region.



The Natchaug River Young Marines set up an informational booth looking to bring in new members to join their ranks.



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SNHU announces Summer 2022 President's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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date to resume the game," said John Holt, media liaison for the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC).

"As a community, we are extending our love and support to Braiden Saucier and his family and wish to respect their privacy during this difficult time," said the statement, which was released Monday, Sept. 12, by Madison Millar, Woodstock Academy's Director of Communications.

"Braiden is doing well in the hospital, making progress, walking, and still undergoing tests. We are hopeful that he will make a full recovery," the statement said. "The Saucier family is overwhelmed by the support from the whole Woodstock Academy community, [as well as] Enfield and Northeast

Bethany Paul of Brooklyn
Justin Soucy of Brooklyn
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Connecticut."

The statement also said that the Enfield community and the high school's football team have been in contact with Woodstock Academy and continue to show support for Braiden and the Saucier family.

"The entire Enfield community's thoughts are with Braiden, and we are sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery," Enfield Superintendent Christopher Drezek is quoted as saying in the statement.

The statement also said that a senior member of the Woodstock Academy football team has designed a sticker with the number 10 (Braiden Saucier's uniform number) that the entire team will add to their helmets in support of Braiden Saucier and his family.

"The Saucier family is an important and valued part of our school community," said

Chris Sandford, Woodstock Academy's Head of School, in the statement. "As an institution, we are grateful for the support of the entire Woodstock Academy and Enfield communities, and we continue to wish our best for Braiden as he recovers."

CT Insider, an online news source first reported Braiden Saucier's medical emergency on Saturday, Sept. 10, referring to the emergency as a "seizure." A Connecticut television station aired a similar report.

The CT Insider also reported that Sean Saucier had confirmed to one of their reporters that his son had been taken from the game to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., where, as of Saturday afternoon [Sept. 10], according to Sean Saucier in the report, he remained in the facility's Intensive Care Unit.

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nificance of the day explaining some of the numbers associated with Alzheimer's patients and the expense of families and caretakers to help them live fulfilling lives with the disease.

"Currently in the United States, more than six million people are living with Alzheimer's and more than 11 million people are serving as unpaid caregivers. Here in Connecticut, we have 80,000 people living with the disease. As the prevalence of this disease continues to grow, the cost of care is escalating into the hundreds of billions of dollars. We deeply appreciate your time and help in raising essential awareness for funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research," Miller said to all the walkers. "Ultimately, the end of Alzheimer's will come through research. The money raised helps the Association fund some of the most promising studies in the field."

Continuing a tradition from 2021, many of the walkers took to the trail holding windmill flowers of different colors. Each represented a different part of the Alzheimer's journey with colors representing patients, those who lose loved ones to the disease, caregivers, and a color for those who simply wanted to support the cause. The most important color however was a single white flower held by one of the youngest walkers at the event. Those color represents a future with a cure, the ultimate goal of all the walker who turned out to be a part of a growing cause in the Northeastern Connecticut community.



Walk to End Alzheimer's co-chairs Kim Durand and Monique Mailloux address walkers before the start of Putnam's second annual pop-up walk.



Walkers take to the trail for the second annual Walk to End Alzheimer's Pop-Up event in Putnam.

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