

New local independent
and assisted living facility opens



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Pictured from left: Donna Copeland, Executive Director CLAWC and NE Chamber President, Herbert Czermak, CLAWC Owner, David T. Panteleakos, CLAWC Owner and Donna LaHaie, CLAWC Director of Financial Services. Row 2: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Killingly Town Planner, Mary Calorio, Killingly Town Manager and Jill St. Clair, Killingly Economic Development Coordinator. Row 3: Betti Kuszaj, Executive Director of the NE CT Chamber, Lynn Weaver, Treasurer of the NE CT Chamber and VP of Farm Credit East, Shawn Johnston, VP of NE CT Chamber and Doug Porter, Trustee of NE CT Chamber and owner of Woodstock Building Associates.

DAYVILLE — After 20 years of planning and the last 18 months of construction, Country Living at Westview Commons, a new 75 unit independent and assisted living facility located at 117 Ware Rd. in Dayville opened its doors on Sept. 14.

To celebrate the opening, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the facility with local town officials and members of the Northeast Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. The \$19.5 million project touts a 115,000 square foot state-of-the-art two story building including a lower level indoor parking garage, a large two story great room for dining and entertainment, café, Irish pub, movie theater, family gathering center, library, outdoor gazebo with walking trails, gardens and a large exterior water feature at the entrance.

"We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received for this significant investment in our community," stated David T. Panteleakos, Executive Vice President and one of the owners of Westview Commons. "Dating back to 1999, we began the quest for establishing this type of housing and services for the retired citizens in our region. Through the years, we have been so impressed by our local town officials for their assistance with navigating and guidance in establishing such a significant property in our local area.

"Also, working with Provost & Rovero, Inc. and Engineered Construction International, Inc. out of Plainfield for our architectural/engineering designs and construction management services made all

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ISMA big-block supermodifieds return to Thompson for World Series



The ISMA Big Block Supermodifieds have been added to the schedule for the World Series of Speedway Racing at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.

THOMPSON — Officials from the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) and American-Canadian Tour (ACT) announced today that the Big-Block Supermodifieds of the International Supermodified Association (ISMA) will be returning to Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park for the 58th Annual World Series of Speedway Racing. The ISMA Supermodifieds are one of 19 divisions that will be racing at Thompson as part of the World Series from Friday, Oct. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 11. The breathtaking Big-Block Supermods will compete for 50 laps and join the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season finale along with the PASS Super Late Models on the final day of racing.

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Local event to honor Vietnam veterans

WILLIMANTIC — The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce's Military Service Council and the Windham Region Veterans Coffeehouse will honor all Vietnam Era veterans for their service and sacrifice on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. Any veteran who serviced at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, is eligible to receive a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin on behalf of a grateful Nation.

This national commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense and launched by the President of the United States. The Department of Defense relies on its Commemorative Partners, like the Chamber, to bring the ceremony to life in hometown America.

The United States Vietnam War Commemoration exists to fulfill the following objectives:

To thank and honor Vietnam veterans including former POW's and MIA's and their families, and to highlight the service of our Armed Forces, the contributions of our federal agencies, non-government organizations, and at home American citizens, to highlight the technology, science and medical advances made during the war and to recognize the contributions and sacrifices

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Solar projects underway at Brooklyn schools

BROOKLYN — Solar project installations are officially underway at Brooklyn Middle School and Brooklyn Elementary School. These projects position the town to realize combined savings of approximately \$170,000 a year in energy costs over the next twenty or more years by providing nearly 100 percent of each school's required electricity from onsite solar. In addition to savings, the town will also be selling off Zero Emission Renewable Energy Credits, or ZRECs, generating another \$70,000 a year in new revenues over the next fifteen years CSW Energy, a Connecticut-based solar project developer, is managing the projects on behalf of the Brooklyn Board of Education (Brooklyn BOE).

Brooklyn BOE's roof-mount-

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Amelia Earhart visits Northeastern Connecticut



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It's hard to believe that it's October already. Keeping that in mind I decided once again to look back through the years and see what was happening in Killingly in Octobers past. This time I chose to look at extracts Marilyn Labbe had done from 1933. The following were from the Oct. 5, 1933 Windham County Transcript.

"The Sunday matinee at the Orpheum Theatre, operated last week for the first time, proved to be a popular feature and was well attended."

"Miss Georgia Burroughs' kindergarten opened Tuesday morning with the following twelve pupils: Mary and Kathleen Brennan, Valerie Caron, Janice Danielson, Hope and Patricia Gilbert, Charles and Marilyn Mills, Jacqueline Roberts, Oswald Street, Jr., Ross Urquhart, Jr. and Gordon Wood." Perhaps you recognize your name or that of a relative.

"Moses H. Berthiaume, better known as Mose the Druggist, has been honored by election to the presidency of the Southern New England Rexall Club, an organization which includes all Rexall dealers in New England. The annual convention has been held this week at the Statler Hotel in Boston. Mr. Berthiaume, who has been first vice-president, delivered an address on Tuesday to the 500 druggists and members of their families who attended. He was accompanied to Boston by Mrs. Berthiaume and Nathan

Blumenthal."

"Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, best known woman aviatrix, was added to the list of famous personages who have visited Danielson informally when she passed through here Sunday afternoon, stopping for gasoline and chatting sociably with the station manager, A. P. Burns. Her encounter with State Officer Lionel Poirier over on the Brooklyn road, however, was neither business nor social, yet it ended pleasantly enough. Officer Poirier stopped the intrepid flyer, who was operating a large sedan, to inquire why she was stepping along at the rate of fifty miles an hour. She explained that she was competent to handle the machine and that she had not thought that speed unreasonable under the driving conditions existing at the time. After some friendly discussion of the laws of the state, Mrs. Putnam was permitted to go with a warning to use due care."

I found that article fascinating since, although I had heard of Amelia Earhart, I had not known she had married. I was curious to find out more so did a Google search. I was not disappointed in the number of sites offering information. Did you know that Amelia even had an Eastern Connecticut connection? The following was extracted from a Feb. 7, 1931 New York Times article: "Amelia Earhart weds G. P. Putnam but Atlantic Flier Will Remain 'Miss Earhart' for Business Purposes and Writing...Married in the Home of the Bridegroom's Mother in a Fishing Village in Connecticut." "Noank, Conn., Feb. 7-Secure from the eyes of the millions who have acclaimed her America's most famous aviatrix, Miss Amelia Earhart, slender blonde social service worker, who has been the only woman to fly the Atlantic in an airplane, was married here at noon today to George Palmer Putnam, publisher, author and

explorer, of New York in his mother's New England home overlooking Long Island Sound." (<https://www.ameliaearhartmuseum.org/AmeliaEarhart/NewsClips/clip310207.htm>).

"Putnam first met Earhart in 1928, when he was searching for a woman pilot to be the first to fly across the Atlantic, albeit with a male flight crew at the controls. Grandson of the publishing company's founder, Putnam had a taste for adventure and hit the jackpot a year earlier, by publishing We, Charles Lindberg's best selling account of his historic solo flight from New York to Paris. Putnam realized that if he could publish the story of the first woman to make the journey, he would score another blockbuster..."

"The historic flight left Newfoundland on June 17 and touched down in Wales 20 hours and 49 minutes later. Although Earhart sourly compared her role as passenger to that of 'a sack of potatoes' it made her world famous, just as Putnam planned." (The Connecticut Magazine had this most intriguing article. (MSP 9, The George Palmer Putnam Collection of Amelia Earhart Papers, courtesy of Purdue University Archives).

Amelia gained even more renown when she made her first solo flight cross the Atlantic on May 20-21, 1932. Flying alone and non-stop she left Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, Canada, and 15 hours later arrived in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. "The feat made Earhart an instant world wide sensation and proved she was a courageous and able pilot. On August 24-25, she made the first solo, nonstop flight by a woman across the United States, from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in about 19 hours." (pioneersofflight.si.edu/content/amelia-earhart-solos-atlantic).

Unfortunately Amelia Earhart's story had a tragic ending. To this day investigators still don't know exactly what hap-

pened and where in the Pacific her life ended. After seeing old photos of possible wreckage near a tiny island now known as Nikumaroro Island, noted deep-sea scientist Robert Ballard, who found the wreckage of the Titanic, continues the search. "Until recently, Dr. Ballard accepted the Navy's version of Earhart's fate: On July 2, 1937, near the end of their round-the-world flight, the aviator and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished over the Pacific. After a lengthy and costly search, the Navy concluded on July 18, 1937, that the two died shortly after crashing into the ocean. But in 2012, an old friend presented Dr. Ballard with a startling alternative." According to an August 12, 2019 New York Times article by Julie Cohn, plans are underway to continue the search. To read more and see a map of Earhart's proposed route go to <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/12/science/amelia-earhart-search-robert-ballard.html>.

The mail is being checked although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed. Please send your membership renewals to P.O. Box 265 Danielson, CT 06239.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, September 2020. Thanks to Marilyn Labbe for the 1933 newspaper extracts. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329

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Chamberlin Mill: Moving forward in the time of Covid-19

WOODSTOCK — Though Covid-19 has limited public activities for Woodstock’s historic Chamberlin Mill this year, it has not stopped progress.

Construction has proceeded apace this season. Volunteers, masked and physically distanced, undertook critical drainage work on the Mill’s main entrance side in the spring. Then, the project was turned over to Sig Swanberg of SAS Construction to complete site preparations according to specifications from J&D Civil Engineers. When this work was finished, volunteers again took over to build a wide deck connecting to the Mill’s main level. This deck will allow all visitors, including those in wheelchairs, easy access to the building. Incorporated into the deck, and still under construction, is a shed for the 1928 Studebaker engine that is credited with keeping Chamberlin Mill alive for several decades of operation after waterpower mechanisms were destroyed in the Great Flood of 1936.

Heading the volunteer deck and shed construction project is Leo Morissette, a recently retired Woodstock contractor and good friend of the Mill. Leo has donated not only his labor but also lumber to this project, cutting the Mill’s cost for the combined deck and engine project approximately in half. Working with Leo on the construction are George French, Andy Quigley, and Nate Rosebrooks. Generous Friends of Chamberlin Mill have provided all necessary funding for this part of the overall mill revitalization. The building committee guiding this and other projects for Chamberlin Mill, Inc. includes George French, Jean McClellan, Leo Morissette, Andy Quigley, Nate Rosebrooks, Evelyn Cole Smith, and Myron Stachiw.

While less visible at the moment than the exterior construction, work on rebuilding the Mill’s 1873 Lane #1 saw is well underway, and it is hoped that by next year the saw will once again be connected to the Studebaker engine that provided it power over a half century ago. This engine was rebuilt several



Andy Quigley screwing down decking planks.

Photo Courtesy

years ago by Mystic Seaport volunteers, spearheaded by Nate Rosebrooks, and is ready to be teamed up again with the saw to produce Chamberlin Mill’s first lumber in fifty years.

Under the stewardship of Chamberlin Mill, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit corporation, the revitalized site will be open for public display and demonstrations, to share the history of Woodstock’s rare historic sawmill and its place in New England’s early lumber industry. The Chamberlin site has been used for grist and sawmill operations since the 1700s, and retains the gears, pulleys and belts of earlier water power days. It is believed to be the only publicly accessible early circular sawmill in Connecticut still dedicated to its original use.

Progress on work at Chamberlin Mill may be followed on the website, www.chamberlinmill.org. This website has

itself undergone reconstruction in the time of Covid under the guidance of volunteer Amanda Bennett, a marketing and graphic arts professional. Under a Capacity Building Grant from The Last Green Valley, Amanda has also guided Chamberlin Mill, Inc. in creating a new digital newsletter. The first edition of the newsletter has just been published. To receive a copy, or to sign up for future copies, see the website above. We are eager to share our progress.

Chamberlin Mill, Inc. is deeply grateful to the loyal donors, corporate sponsors, non-profit and private funding agencies, and volunteers who are making it possible to revitalize Woodstock’s rare historic sawmill. At every turn the community has come forward to support us in our work, and for that we cannot give enough thanks.



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the difference for us. Their expertise and coordination with local contractors was perfectly executed; and they delivered the building ahead of schedule. Additionally, working with Michael Alberts, Vice-President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer at Jewett City Savings Bank for the financing of this significant investment in our local area could not have been handled any smoother. Lastly, we are truly grateful to our neighbors for being so patient with the many disruptions and inconveniences that go along with a construction project of this magnitude.”

Residents officially began moving into Westview Commons on Sept. 14 and anyone interested in learning more about the facility may look them up on their Web site at www.westviewcommons.com or call (860) 428-2230 for more information or a private tour.



Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation donates to nonprofits

PUTNAM — The Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation has awarded funding to Madonna Place, Norwich, and Northeast Placement Services, Inc., (NEPS), South Woodstock, today announced Harold M. Horvat, bank President, CEO and Chairman. Centreville Bank owns Putnam Bank, which operates eight offices in Eastern Connecticut.

“We recognize the critical services that Madonna Place and NEPS provide to the local community,” said Horvat. “We hope that this support helps to sustain these organizations’ outreach

efforts, particularly with the dedicated programs to help those impacted by the pandemic and others in developing new skills.”

The funds provided to Madonna Place will be used to provide basic needs to families impacted by COVID-19. The Northeast Placement Services, Inc. grant will be directed to help build an education and training center to increase the knowledge and skill-base of differently abled adults in the organization’s Lawn and Janitorial Program.

The Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation was established as a non-profit, charitable organization in 2006 by the Board of Trustees to further the philanthropic mission of the bank. For more information, visit <https://www.centrevillebank.com/Community/Local-Support/Community-Commitment>.

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Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following recent arrests.

Derek Brooks, age 36, of Putnam was arrested on Sept. 19 for Creating a Public Disturbance.

Kyle Bentley, age 28, of Putnam was arrested on Sept. 21 for Breach of Peace and Disorderly Conduct.

Israel Rivera, age 34, of Willimantic was arrested on Sept. 26 for Operating After Suspension, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving Too Fast for Conditions.

Andre Smith, age 41, of Woodstock was arrested on Sept. 25 for Evading, Operating Without a License, a Stop Sign Violation, and Interfering with an Officer.

Kenneth Demers, age 47, of Putnam was arrested on Sept. 25 for Creating a Public Disturbance.

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made by our Allies, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand.

In addition to the official Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin, veterans will receive a letter from the President of the United States, and citations from Congressman Courtney and the Lt. Governor, Susan Bysiewicz.

The event is free for any Vietnam Veteran and family member. Veterans are encouraged to remain in their cars during the ceremony in order to properly social distance. The event will be recorded live and broadcast over 91.1 FM. Each Vietnam Veteran MUST register themselves for the event no later than Thursday at WindhamChamber.com in order to receive the honor. For more information please contact the Chamber at 860-423-6389.

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Create new garden beds this fall



GARDEN MOMENTS

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Fall is a great time to create new garden beds. Cool, usually drier, fall weather makes it easier to work in the garden and for plants to establish. Plus, the Garden To-do list is often a bit shorter this time of year and you will get a head start on the next growing season.

Start by locating the placement, size and shape of this new garden. Always contact your local underground utility locating service at least three business days in advance. It's free and as easy as calling 811 or filing an online request. They will contact the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in your work area. This reduces the danger and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities while you create a beautiful landscape.

Use a rope or hose to outline the area. Avoid tight corners or creating narrow grass borders that will be difficult to mow or require hand trimming.

Once satisfied with the layout, take a soil test and decide how to kill the existing lawn and weeds as needed. A soil test will tell you how much and what type of fertilizer you will need for the plants you are growing. Testing now means you will have the information in hand when it is time to fertilize in spring.

Next edge the bed. Use a shovel to dig

a V-shaped trench around the border of the garden. Or rent or borrow a power edger to make larger jobs easier.

Once the edging is complete, remove healthy grass with a sod cutter and use it to fill bare spots in the lawn. Or create a planting berm or simply add it to the compost pile. Just place it green side down and wait for it to decompose.

Another method for clearing the grass is to cover the area with cardboard topped with several inches of organic mulch and wait for the grass and cardboard to decompose. You can push back the mulch and cut through the cardboard to plant immediately. Or wait to begin planting next spring after the grass and cardboard have broken down completely.

For quicker results and control of perennial weeds, try a total vegetation killer. These products kill the top and roots of the good and bad plants they touch. Read and follow label directions carefully. Start your soil preparation after the required waiting period has passed.

The next step, an important one, is soil improvement. It is easier to repair and improve the soil before you plant. Plus, time spent now yields years of good results. Add two to four inches of organic matter like aged manure, peat moss or leaf compost to the top 8 to 12 inches of soil. These materials improve the drainage in heavy clay soil and increase the water holding ability in fast draining sandy or rocky soils.

Check the labeling on the bag when purchasing these products. Make sure the product you select is USDA and STA certified to ensure quality. USDA BioPreferred certified products are derived from plants and other renewable products, providing an alternative



Photo Melinda Myers

Renting a power edger will make creating a large garden bed easier and less labor intensive.

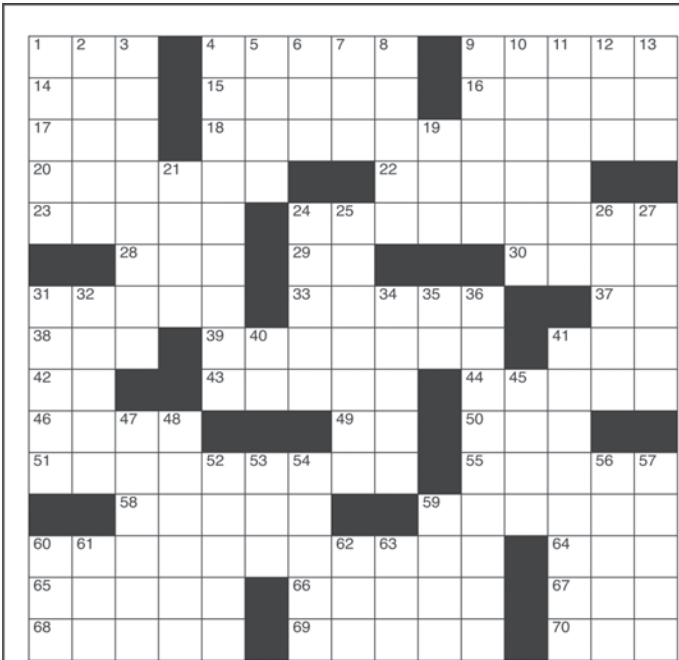
to petroleum-based goods. Look for United States Composting Council's STA certified compost that is a renewable, consistent, high quality product made from locally available organic material.

Once you mix in the organic matter, rake the garden level and smooth. Your garden is ready to plant. Fill it with spring flowering bulbs, perennials, trees, and shrubs this fall. Or cover it with shredded leaves or other organic mulch to suppress weeds and prevent soil erosion. Use the winter to plan the garden so you will be ready to plant once spring arrives.

In either case, your efforts this fall

reduce your workload next spring and shorten the time to a more beautiful landscape.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers is the host of The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Part of (abbr.)

4. Persons

9. Moved with a curving trajectory

14. Bitterly regret

15. Cause to feel embarrassed

16. Type of toast

17. Bobby __, NHL champ

18. Analogies

20. Mixes

22. Beloved flowers

23. Clinton special prosecutor

24. Avoids

28. Innermost brain membrane: __ mater

29. Atomic #18

30. Remain as is

31. One who's been canonized

33. Indian king or prince

37. The Bay State

38. Forms adjectives
39. Give off

41. Partner to flow

42. Biblical Sumerian city

43. Popular clothing material

44. Organism parts

46. Central US Native American people

49. Blood type

50. Wrath

51. Perennial tropical grass

55. Vetches

58. Buffaloes

59. Envelope type

60. Tuberculosis

64. Israeli city __ Aviv

65. Pops

66. Indo-European languages

67. Fiddler crabs

68. Large bank

69. Not fresh

70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. High schoolers' dances

2. Style of rock music

3. Maryland athlete

4. Softened by soaking

5. Native Aussies

6. Some are on it

7. Clairvoyance

8. Broken piece

9. Wrong

10. Starts over

11. Where to hang clothes

12. One point north of due east

13. Gov't lawyers

19. Mass of eggs in a shellfish

21. Smile

24. Wrap

25. A citizen of Iran

26. Island off the coast of Tanzania

27. Attempts

31. Beloved "Doctor"
32. Type of turtle

34. Leg (French)

35. Indicates position

36. Self-doubt

40. Of I

41. Retired but allowed to retain title

45. Algerian port

47. African country

48. "Wayward Son" rockers

52. Bring out of sleep

53. Auburn legend Newton

54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece

56. Choose to represent

57. Peace

59. Work hard

60. Reciprocal of a sine

61. Express delight

62. Explosive

63. Journalist Tarbell



Sunoco back on board as World Series presenting sponsor

THOMPSON — Officials from the American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) have announced the addition of several big sponsors for the 58th Annual World Series of Speedway Racing on Oct. 9-11 at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. Sunoco, Budweiser, and the Boston Beer Company are partnering with event promoters Cris Michaud and Tom Mayberry to help support the three-day racing festival.

Sunoco has agreed to return as the World Series presenting sponsor. For many years, the auto racing extravaganza has been known as the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing. Along the way, Sunoco Race Fuels have been used by top divisions and series throughout New England. The latest agreement continues this long-standing partnership of the nation's leading high-performance fuel brand and the Northeast's biggest auto racing event.

Longtime Thompson Speedway partner Budweiser, part of the Anheuser-Busch InBev brewing company, is also joining the Sunoco World Series program. The 75-lap Tour-type Modified Open on Saturday,

October 10 is now known as the Budweiser Modified Open. Entries have already been received from Chase Dowling and Jeff Gallup among others for the \$5,000-to-win event.

The Boston Beer Company of Boston, Mass. is attaching three of their internationally-recognized brands to feature events on Sunday, Oct. 11. Thompson's local Limited Sportsmen and SK Light Modified divisions will be known as the Samuel Adams Limited Sportsmen and Twisted Tea SK Light Modifieds, respectively, for their 20-lap main events. The visiting NEMA Lite Midgets are receiving sponsorship from Truly Hard Seltzer.

Both Budweiser and Boston Beer Company products will be served in the Thompson Speedway concession area during the Sunoco World Series weekend. Sunoco Race Fuels will be available in the paddock area for all teams.

"We're excited to have Sunoco, Budweiser, and Boston Beer Company as World Series partners," ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. "Support from companies like these is part of what makes it possible for us to go to the race track. We encourage all of our fans and

teams to let them know they appreciate their involvement with auto racing."

The Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing card includes 19 divisions across three days of racing from Friday, Oct. 9 to Sunday, Oct. 11. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, ISMA Big Block Supermodifieds, Budweiser Modified Open, ACT-type Late Model Open, 350 Supermodified Open, and NEMA Midgets are just some of the highlights on the busy card.

A three-day general admission ticket for the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing is \$55 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 12 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ-WORLD-SERIES-NO2QX>. Pit passes will be sold at the track and are \$75 for adults and \$40 for kids ages 12 and under.

For more information about the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing schedule, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com/thompson-speedway. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

For camping information and general Thompson Speedway inquiries, call (860) 923-2280, email oval@thompsons Speedway.com, or visit www.thompsons Speedway.com. You can follow Thompson Speedway on Facebook and Instagram at @ThompsonSpeedway or on Twitter at @ThompsonSpdwy.

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October brings many new changes: leaves are beginning to change color, the days are getting chilly, and the nights are starting earlier – but what else happens in October? At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we are preparing for Financial Planning Month. This month, we will be discussing various strategies and key tips for you to feel confident in your financial planning process. Financial planning begins with setting goals, determining a time horizon, and recognizing your risk tolerance. Then you can determine a tailored investment strategy and start working toward achieving your financial life goals.

Setting investment goals
Setting goals is an important part of financial planning, arguably the most important. Before you invest your money, you should spend some time considering and setting your personal goals. For example, do you want to retire early? Would you like to start your own business soon? Do you need to pay for a child’s college education? Would you like to buy or build a new house? In addition to these, there are several other considerations that can help you and your financial professional develop an appropriate plan.

Think about your time horizon
One of the first questions you should ask yourself in setting your investment goals is “When will I need the money?” Will it be in 3 years or 30? Your time horizon for each of your financial goals will have a significant impact on your investment strategy.

The general rule is: The longer your time horizon, the more risky (and potentially more lucrative) investments you may be able to make. Many financial professionals believe that with a longer time horizon, you can ride out fluctuations in your investments for the potential of greater long-term returns. On the other hand, if your time horizon is very short, you may want to concentrate your investments in less risky vehicles because you may not have enough time to recoup losses should they occur.

Understand your risk tolerance
Another important question is “What is my investment risk tolerance?” How do you feel about the potential of losing your hard-earned money? Many investors would forgo the possibility of a large gain if they knew there was also the possibility of a large loss. Other investors are more willing to take on greater risk to try to achieve a higher return. You can’t completely avoid risk when it comes to investing, but it’s possible to manage it.

In general, the risk-reward relationship makes sense to most people. After all, no sensible person would make a higher-risk investment without the prospect of a higher reward for taking that risk. That is the tradeoff. As an investor, your goal is to maximize returns without taking on more risk than is necessary or comfortable for you. If you find that you can’t sleep at night because you’re worrying about your investments, you’ve probably assumed too much risk. On the other hand, returns that are too low may leave you unable to reach your financial goals.

The concept of risk tolerance refers not only to your willingness to assume risk but also to your financial ability to endure the consequences of loss. That has to do with your stage in life, how soon you’ll need the money, and your financial goals.

Remember your liquidity needs
Liquidity refers to how quickly you

can convert investments into cash. Real estate, for example, tends to be relatively illiquid; it can take a very long time to sell. Publicly traded stock, on the other hand, tends to be fairly liquid.

Your need for liquidity will affect the types of investments you might choose to meet your goals. For example, if you have an emergency fund, you’re in good health, and your job is secure, you may be willing to hold some less liquid investments that may have higher potential for gain. However, if you have two children going to college in the next couple of years, you probably don’t want all of their tuition money invested in less liquid assets. Also, having some relatively liquid investments may help protect you from having to sell others when their prices are down.

Saving builds a foundation
The first step in investing is to secure a strong financial foundation. Start with these four basic steps:

Create a “rainy day” reserve: Set aside enough cash to get you through an unexpected period of illness or unemployment—three to six months’ worth of living expenses is generally recommended. Because you may need to use these funds unexpectedly, you’ll generally want to put the cash in a low-risk, liquid investment.

Pay off your debts: It may make more sense to pay off high-interest-rate debt (for example, credit card debt) before making investments that may have a lower or more uncertain return.

Get insured: There is no better way to put your extra cash to work for you than by having adequate insurance. It’s your best protection against financial loss, so review your home, auto, health, disability, life, and other policies, and increase your coverage, if needed.

Max out any tax-deferred retirement plans, such as 401(k)s and IRAs: Putting money in these accounts defers income taxes, which means you’ll have more money to save. Take full advantage if they are available to you.

Why invest?
To try to fight inflation
When people say, “I’m not an investor,” it’s often because they worry about the potential for market losses. It’s true that investing involves risk as well as reward, and investing is no guarantee that you’ll beat inflation or even come out ahead. However, there’s also another type of loss to be aware of: the loss of purchasing power over time. During periods of inflation, each dollar you’ve saved will buy less and less as time goes on.

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Scarecrow & Great Pumpkin Contests coming to Pomfret

POMFRET — Pomfret residents, businesses, non-profits, and organizations will be getting creative! The Pomfret Town-Wide, Drive-By Scarecrow Adventure is coming to the Town. Homemade scarecrows located throughout Town will make for a terrific fall foliage drive in the country and an interesting adventure for the whole family. Recognition for Best in Show in Adult, Children, and Business/Organization/Non-profit categories will be awarded by popular vote.

Pumpkins
Don’t miss the Great Pumpkin Contest and display at the Pomfret Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pomfret Town Hall, 5 Haven Rd., Pomfret Center. With the Woodstock and Brooklyn Fairs cancelled, Pomfret will offer an opportunity to exhibit the fruits of area pumpkin growers. ‘Great’ Pumpkins will be accepted and weighed-in by Pumpkin Whisperer Alex Noel, winner of the 2019 All New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off with a pumpkin of 2,294.5 pounds. Bring your fruit for competition and for fun. Big, small, odd shapes, or colors? Stop by for the weigh in! Adults and Children (under 12) will be awarded ribbons for size, color, and shape. Join the great fruit fun! Pumpkins will be on display through Halloween. Please put any fruit over 400 pounds /three feet wide on a pallet in your truck or trailer to facilitate unloading.

Scarecrows
Registered Scarecrows will be located on a downloadable map and entered in the voting. The display / contest will be held Oct. 10 through Halloween. Voting

will take place from Oct. 10 – 23, with winners announced on The Town’s Web site on Saturday, Oct. 24. www.pomfretct.gov

Pomfret’s Town Wide, Drive-By Scarecrow Adventure, Scarecrow and Great Pumpkin Contests will offer a

fun, creative, low-cost, family friendly activity, incorporate social distancing, and offer residents an opportunity to express their inner scarecrow and show off their pumpkins! Look for more information, a downloadable map (after October 7th) and the registration

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The positive solution is American optimism

I awoke this morning, thinking, “When pessimists pick up a brick, they throw it, but when optimists pick up the same brick, they build something positive and useful.”

There is much in the news as I pen this column about Judge Amy Comey Barrett and her spiritual beliefs. She is an enthusiastic participant in her Roman Catholic faith and that seems to offend some and frighten others. How is it we’ve come back to this point?

Criticize her for her rulings on the bench. Her political ideology is certainly fair game and open for debate. Roe v Wade, the Affordable Care Act ... there are many areas of her public, professional and ideological life that can be debated, but I believe there is one area that is off limits and that’s her family. And when it comes to her faith, politicians should tread very lightly. Unless her faith is leading her to break the law or have some life view that is so extreme as to be completely out of the American mainstream, which she does not ... her faith should also be off limits.

How did we get here?
The ideological differences are stretching us to limits that

are in danger of tearing apart the very fabric of our nation. I believe our national character is in danger of being scarred forever, and in the process, altering our very way of life. The rational majority of people across the nation must stand up and reject the violence in the streets and political vitriol that is pulling us apart.

Optimistic people do not react this way to ideological differences.

No nation in history has shared, nurtured, and prospered, with such powerful optimism as the United States of America. When people talk about “American Exceptionalism,” I believe we are talking about our optimistic spirit and positive belief in our future. I don’t believe we are smarter or better than other nations, but I am certain that it has always been our optimism in our future that has propelled us into world leadership. I believe the ultimate optimism is our history of faith that has created the foundation of our constitution and is woven tightly into the fabric of our nation.

Scripture speaks of Thomas and how his doubts brought a



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risen Jesus to his side to proclaim, “Blessed are those who believe but have not seen.”

Judge Amy Coney Barrett, by all accounts, lives the life of a faithful believer and again, it seems to offend some and threaten others. Within twenty-four hours, her faith has been dragged through the mud and her family criticized. I read an opinion commentator who said it was wrong for her to adopt two children with different skin pigmentation from Haiti, as it caused them some type of psychological damage. Another criticized her for not aborting a child with down-syndrome. Are there no limits? I’ll not comment on her political leanings, but I’ll fervently defend with deep admiration, this judge, and her family for not only practicing but living out their faith.

You can be an optimist and not like the President’s choice.

You can be a positive person yet disagree with this nominees’ rulings from the bench, but optimistic people do not try to damage those with whom they disagree. Optimistic people enter debates believing something better will come because of the discussion. Positive people believe that others with differences of opinion can still work together for the betterment of our nation and world. An optimist will not throw bricks, damage other people’s property and physically harm others over ideological differences. When an optimist has a brick in hand, they build something positive and beautiful.

I am confident that rational people on both sides of the political debate can find common ground and return our nation from the brink. I believe in American Optimism. But let me assure you that believing in optimism is only half the battle. We must rise together and demand an end to the vitriol that’s tearing us apart. Both extreme sides will stand and point fingers at the other side, but I assure you, it is coming from the extremes on both sides. Those in the extremes will never admit fault, it’s going

to take those of us in the middle who believe this nation and our values are worth saving, to rise up without a brick in our hand and say enough is enough.

I believe it will be “American Optimism” that will save us. The silent majority of us in the middle must demand more and better from our elected officials. Write your representatives in all branches of government and on both sides of the aisle and tell them enough is enough. Right now, they are only hearing from the extreme pessimists on both sides, and as such, it is the vocal and negative minority that will drive us over the cliff unless we stop them.

I believe in “American Optimism.” I believe in the collective “us.”

What will you do today with your brick?

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HIKING TOGETHER



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The Putnam Rotary Interact Club and friends hiked a portion of the Air Line Trail in Thompson to the Tri State Marker with guidance of Ranger John Kochinskas. The next Interact meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Gazebo at Riverside Park in Thompson. Students ages 12 -18 from the surrounding towns are welcome. The Interact club’s main focus is community service, so you need community service hours, this club may be just what you are looking for. For information: 860 -933-8603. From left: Tom and Leah Cutler, Tuesdie Kochinskas, Katie Lamontange, Brayden Cutler, Kaylin Kochinskas, Ranger John Kochinskas, Putnam Rotarian Marcy Dawley, Sierra Girard, Putnam Rotarian Roberta Rocchetti and Mike Rocchetti.

BREAKFAST WITH THE LEGION



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The Benson-Fluegel American Legion Post #111 of Woodstock honored three veteran members of the Post on Saturday, Sept. 26 at a recruitment breakfast held on the Post grounds. Edward Gilmore was honored for 50 years of continuous service in The American Legion. Ernest St. Jean and Kenneth Marvin were presented “quilts of valor” for their honorable service to our country. The trio seated (l to r) Gilmore, St. Jean and Marvin are pictured with Post #111 Commander Glenn Boies (standing right) and District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre.

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Marshall Hudon

Danielson resident receives award from Sigma Beta Delta

DANIELSON — Danielson resident, Marshall Hudon, received a \$1,000 award from the Sigma Beta Delta () Fellowship Program. Sigma Beta Delta is a scholastic honor society that recognizes academic achievement among students in the fields of business, management, and administration.

Hudon is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson University's Bachelor of Science in Integrated Technology with a concentration in computer information systems/Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. He is a member of the University's Sigma Beta Delta chapter.

According to the honor society's Web site, "Each year, the Sigma Beta Delta

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"The ISMA Supermodifieds are one of the most exciting divisions in pavement racing and we are happy to bring them back for their traditional visit to Thompson as part of the World Series," PASS President Tom Mayberry said. "The World Series is one of the biggest weekends of racing in New England and we are really happy to provide such a great card of short track racing to our fans."

The first ISMA Supermodified race to be held at Thompson as part of the World Series was in 1975 and was won by nine-time NASCAR Modified Champion Richie Evans. Since ISMA returned to the World Series at Thompson in 2010, legendary names like Chris Perley, Ben Seitz, Dave Shullick, Jr., and Jon McKennedy have taken their Supermodifieds to the hallowed frontstretch victory lane.

World Series action begins at Thompson Speedway on Friday, Oct. 9 and will showcase feature races at approximately 6 p.m. for the STAR Late

Models, Open Vintage Modifieds, Mini Stocks, STAR Modifieds, and Street Stock Open. On Saturday, Oct. 10, heat races for PASS Super Late Models and ACT Late Models will start at 2 p.m., followed by qualifying for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, and features for the North East Mini Stock Tour, Pro 4 Modified, NEMA Midgits, ACT Late Model Open, 350 Supermodifieds and Modified Open. On Sunday, Oct. 11, racing starts at 12:30 p.m. featuring the Sunoco Modifieds, PASS Super Late Models, ISMA Supermodifieds, Limited Sportsman, NEMA Lites, SK Modifieds, and NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

More information and the complete weekend schedule for the 58th Annual World Series can be found at www.proallstarseries.com, www.acttour.com/thompson-speedway, or www.thompsonspeedway.com. Advance general admission tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://happysnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ/WORLD-SERIES-NO2QX>.

The Pro All Stars Series is recognized as North America's premier sanctioning body for asphalt Super Late Models

and boasts such marquee events as the legendary Oxford 250 at Oxford Plains Speedway and the Easter Bunny 150 at the historic Hickory Motor Speedway. For technical information concerning all PASS divisions please send questions to passracing@roadrunner.com. And, don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @PASSSLM14 to keep up with breaking news as it happens

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ed solar projects will be partially reimbursed through a school construction grant program administered by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants and Review ("CT DAS OSCG&R"). Each school will realize electricity savings in two ways: By generating its own renewable energy and by generating revenue from Zero Emission Renewable Energy Credits (ZRECs). ZRECs is an incentive program offered by the state of Connecticut and the local utility company, Eversource.

CSW Energy is overseeing the OSCG&R grant process, sourcing design and construction services through a competitive bid process and serving as the construction manager. Both

installations are forecasted to be completed later this year and will be fully owned by the Town of Brooklyn. Students and school staff will be able to monitor each project's solar energy production and environmental benefits from information kiosks that will be installed in the lobby of each school.

"I've been thrilled with the quality of the site work and the condition of the sites when the construction crews pack up each night" says Patti Buell, Superintendent of Brooklyn BOE. "The contractors communicate well with the district staff, accommodate the school schedule, and follow all necessary COVID-19 safety precautions. It's great for the students to see the construction project from the playground be able to ask questions and learn about the project."

"Commercial-scale solar projects offer new ways for munic-

ipalities to capture the benefits of clean energy, but the design/build process can be long and complex," says Allen Sabins, Managing Partner of CSW Energy. "We worked with and on behalf of Brooklyn."

"CSW has been invaluable in overseeing each project, helping to select contractors who have done an outstanding job," says Buell. "I look forward to the completion of these projects so we can begin to see energy production rates and share them with the community."

About CSW Energy Headquartered in New Haven, Connecticut, CSW Energy provides full-service solar project development and management services to support commercial and municipal rooftop, ground mount, landfill, and carport projects. To learn more, visit cswenergy.com.



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Leave the signs where they stand

As the days wind down to the Presidential election, we're seeing more division than ever. Fortunately, in smaller areas such as ours, it's largely business as usual, and people on both sides can still have friendly conversations, in person that is.

The online banter and sign stealing is another story, however. We must note that sign stealing is a crime that comes with a fine of \$1,000. Stealing signs will in no way sway someone to change their vote.

Beware the division that social media can sew and intended to sew all along. If you read something, don't automatically take it as fact. There's been a veer from reality due to social media trolls, with the sole purpose of dividing the country. We are better than that, and intelligent enough to see through it. We've said it before, if you see something you disagree with online, you don't need to jump on it and chime in. Think for yourself and trust your own ability to weed out what's true and what's not. Private conversations are also best. Further, commenting on a stranger's post is absolutely useless, don't even waste your time.

It's not OK to hate another person due to their political views. If someone disagrees on policy with you, that's ok. Maybe you don't want to go to Sunday brunch with that person, but there's no need to hate. It's especially hard when you see some individuals who think that acting mean and condescending is a sign of toughness. It's not. It just means they are simply, mean and condescending.

What's interesting is that the people you see on television shouting rude comments and carrying guns as a way to intimidate, probably don't like it when someone yells back. The second amendment was not intended to be used to intimidate fellow Americans into thinking the same way that we do. We think it's safe to say that those same individuals, prefer when people in their own lives are kind to them. So, what gives? The hate is exhausting.

While this may be easier said than done, if you see a sign that you don't agree with, at least try to appreciate the fact that in America we have the freedom to think differently from one another, and to make it known. For example, if you drive by a sign of a person you would not vote for, just shrug your shoulders and remember the freedom that those different signs represent. A freedom that must be protected.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just a thought about Al Capone

To the Editor:

Al Capone was one of the most notorious criminals during the 1920s and '30's, and although he was a swindler, a crook, a liar and a cheat, and involved in other nefarious acts, his downfall was tax evasion. Some of the facts may not be well known, but it was said that Mr. Capone refused to let anyone see his tax returns. But as with most con men things finally come to light. Once his tax returns were made public, citizens were shocked to discover he hadn't paid taxes for 10 out of 15 years. Even when he did pay taxes, one of his returns showed he had only paid seven hundred fifty dollars.

Well once that became known, everything began to unravel, it was even rumored that he owed large sums to foreign investors. The federal authorities arrested him, he was tried and convicted, and he was sentenced to eleven years in prison.

I was thinking, I will bet that Al Capone's unpaid income tax could have helped the gov-

Pelosi vs. Trump

To the Editor:

I read the recent John A. Day piece with interest, and though it presented "what if" scenarios, I'll accept that this type of violence could happen in our quiet corner, as it could in other parts of our state. My hope, beside that it never happens, is that our Governor will do a much better job than his Democratic colleagues did in stopping any problems that may arise from it.

In case I have to clarify things, I said that «violent and damage causing protesters are scum,» and this has nothing to do with the right to peacefully protest, but it seems that certain offended, letter writers would rather offer these «Americans» a beverage, or maybe invite them in for lunch, or just kneel down before them? Some people may not have liked my («puff») solution, so whats yours? But (again) I'd bet that the people who've been affected by this «scum» would prefer batons over a beverage.

So, (and I'll again ask this question) what has your «most powerful leader,» Pelosi, actually done to take care of the people in her own home voting district, or to help stop the rioting and help prevent coronavirus deaths? She has done absolutely nothing, thus my ill feelings for this useless waste of a politician! Did you know that a protestor was arrested for defecating in her driveway? She'd be used to seeing that if only for once she actually went out and toured her home voting district. But no, Pelosi won't do a thing about any of these issues because the focus of her every waking moment is the removal of President Donald Trump, which she has miserably failed at! Imagine that — while Donald Trump does not take a paycheck, the leader of the Democratic Party gets paid to pursue her little crusade while doing absolutely nothing to help benefit the citizenry, and all this time, I was led to

Re-elect Dauphinais

To the Editor:

I believe that most of my fellow citizens can agree that we are at a tipping point in the history of our state. The job losses from the COVID-19 lockdown, combined with perennial budget shortfalls are pushing us closer to the brink of bankruptcy.

We can continue with the status quo and pander to the public sector unions and hope the federal government will bail us out. But what if they don't? It's quite amazing that the Governor can declare emergency measures but not stop an across the board 5.5 percent pay increase for state employees. He said his hands were tied because of the union contracts. So, who runs this state? He had

Anne Dauphinais will fight for us

To the Editor.

I am writing to enthusiastically support Anne Dauphinais for District 44 State Representative.

Given the difficult and uncertain times our local communities (and indeed our whole country) are currently living through, there couldn't be a starker contrast in visions and philosophy between Anne and her Democrat challenger, Christine Rosati-Randall.

The most important role of a local representative is to protect the rights of the individual and minimize the impact of the "state" on all areas our lives-not to consider constituents to be a homogeneous blob that need to be ruled over and moved towards some version of Socialism and statism. Rosati-Randall will do nothing to stop this usurpation, and in fact, will move in lock step with the rest of her party to move us down this dangerous path. There is no end in sight to the downward spi-

ernment in 1930 make America great again. I'm sure there is no one like that today, but if there were someone who didn't pay taxes for 10 out of 15 years, that person certainly wouldn't be making America great again, he would be trying to bankrupt the country, perhaps he might even be familiar with bankruptcy.

But the government still needs the tax revenue to provide good healthcare, improve education, repair roads and do all those other things that the past administrations have done to keep our country great.

Al Capone was infamous for being a crook and certainly not someone we would want our children to emulate. He lived the high life, had a big house, lived a lavish lifestyle, ran around on his wife and didn't pay Federal Income Tax, luckily there is no one like that around today.

RAMON CANNING
DANIELSON

believe that it was the Democrats who cared about us little guys? Suggesting that any of this has anything to do with "the fear and lack of respect toward women in power," or that a writer might just "feel better to see his comments in print," is a very lame assumption! Now, did I make that clear enough for you, Ramon Canning? Our President, Donald Trump, recently helped broker two major and historic mid-east peace deals, but instead of giving him any credit, the "worthless, has-been" that you, Ramon Canning, are defending, only called it a "distraction." Read all the back letters that you'd like, Ramon Canning, but I can't recall anybody ever speaking out in favor of your apparent idol. There is now a possible election scenario where Pelosi - a borderline lunatic - could actually become the President of the United States, and though it would only be for a short time, I'd say that the thought of it happening would make even the most vocal of "no fans" cringe in fear! And at this point, I don't think that any "writer" really cares what the "reader" thinks about what they present.

Again, President Trump declared a travel ban from China on Jan. 31. Following that, Biden's response was that Trump is xenophobic and a fearmonger, Pelosi told us that Trump is being racist and that everybody should visit Chinatown, and Mayor DeBlasio told New Yorkers to get out and use the subway. I will admit, however, that it's both truly sad and pathetic that it's come to the point where the President of the United States and the leader of the Democratic Party won't even communicate with each other.

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no hesitation when forcing thousands of our citizens out of work and no shame in spending 300 million dollars to keep his biggest supporters happy!

Anne Dauphinais is dedicated to pushing back against this insanity. Is her opponent? I think you all know the answer to that question.

That's why this "Unaffiliated" voter strongly endorses the re-election of Anne Dauphinais for State Representative in District 44!

Sincerely,

DOUG HUEY
KILLINGLY

ral we are experiencing as long as there is one party Democrat rule in Hartford.

Anne will fight for all of us to preserve our personal rights, grow our economy by unleashing the private sector, fight against and roll back massive tax, legislative, and regulatory burdens that are killing jobs and small businesses, staunchly defend and protect law enforcement that keep our neighborhoods safe, fight against tolls and forced regionalization, and more.

She is unwavering and steadfast in her beliefs. Thomas Paine once said: Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one. Intolerable is what we are living with in Connecticut. If you feel the same, then I ask you to support her on Nov. 3.

BRIAN GOSPER
KILLINGLY

A welcome distraction in uncertain times



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NANCY WEISS

I arrived at Owen Bell Park early. A friend offered to teach me to play pickle ball, and I wanted to get my bearings. The pickle ball courts are on the tennis courts, but delineated with yellow tape as the area of play is smaller. Outfitted with a racquet and bright yellow balls that look like Whiffle balls, I was ready to learn a new sport. I was ready for something new in the midst of what feels like one long stretch of uncertainty.

All my life, I've done physical things. I just have never been good at sports. I learned to ride a pony and a bike. I skied a week or so every winter, both downhill and cross-country. For years, a friend and I took golf lessons. I can swim, row a kayak and hike the Grand Canyon, but it is a challenge to get the ball over the net, in the basket, or out of the rough. So it seems perfectly reasonable to try a new sport in the naïve belief that perhaps this one is different.

There are people who are born athletes, but no matter their innate gifts, they hone their skills to get better. I'm on the cusp of the generation of women who took up sports with gusto. My mother was captain of her college basketball team. She never suggested that I couldn't play well because I was a girl. She just urged me to keep on trying. While well into middle age, she raced my brothers from the barn to the road wearing white sandals and holding a cigarette in her left hand. Often she won.

Phys Ed classes held promise, but not for me. I wish there had been more focus on fitness and less on smacking each other in the face with kickball. By high school, field hockey was one of very few options and it was the domain of girls who enjoyed wielding sticks. In college I took modern dance and golf and loved both. The women's locker rooms were shabby, but over the years it all changed. Title IX mandated a new approach.

Recently, I watched students at a local private school doing soccer drills. They were happy to be outside. The coaches wore masks and the kids had spots on the field in which to stand. At first, it looked awkward, but soon it flowed with improvised grace. I've no doubt that across the world similar activities are happening. Who knows what improvisations may lead to new sports?

My friend explained the pickle ball rules, which are like tennis, except for scoring. Soon we were whacking the ball back and forth. Even though I often missed, it felt good to return it and get volleys going. Soon other people arrived. One woman gave me an excellent tip on how to serve and I was off, actually playing a game. Both pickle ball courts were soon full. The group, who play nearly every day, were kind to me, but were ready to get some real games going with more competition and skill than I could offer. I picked up my bag and went home.

Will I play again? Yes. Pickle ball is social and physically engaging, without cardiac arrest. Most seasoned players wore at least one brace, but a little pain didn't hold them back. Clutching my racquet and watching the ball, I thought of nothing else. My focus was entirely on the game. The world retreated, and a yellow Whiffle ball was all that mattered. Something new in uncertain times is a grand slam.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A house divided

To the Editor:
It is appalling, the rush to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court. The woman has not even been properly mourned or buried. Politicians and the press should be ashamed of their actions. She was an amazing, inspiring woman who did a lot to further equality for women. Her own struggles to obtain respect and work as a lawyer and advocate for women to be treated on the same footing as men are legendary.
There is no decency and no justice in this divided country. As Lincoln said,

a house divided cannot stand. I am sick of the rhetoric and name calling, Republicans blame the democrats for everything and the Democrats blame Republicans for everything. In this paper, the two sides spout and argue and disagree each week. Somehow, we need to unite for our common good, to work together to create a just and workable future for ourselves and our grandchildren.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
THOMPSON

Woodstock Academy should reconsider eLearning approach

To the Editor:
I am writing as a parent of a junior at Woodstock Academy, but I am also writing from the perspective of a mental health professional who works with children, teens and families. I am very concerned about the social and emotional impact of 100 percent eLearning for our WA students. And would like to encourage the leaders in our school community to re-think the policy of all eLearning, and consider a hybrid version for the fall 2020 and spring 2021.
My intent is not to put Woodstock Academy faculty and staff in physical danger, nor is it to increase our risk of contagion, but I am asking that you find an alternative solution to bring the students back to campus as many of the schools (public and private) are doing in Connecticut.
Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, our teens were suffering from staggering rates of anxiety. In particular, anxiety and worry in teen girls has increased 55 percent from 2009 to 2014. Add the reality of a pandemic, having to suddenly pivot to online learning, remaining in an isolated world where they are required to stay home, keep distant from friends and family (contrary to normal development) and cease all in-person extra-curricular activities, we can hypothesize that teens anxiety will only increase. Not only is anxiety an issue but I have concern about the ‘whole student.’ We are requiring that they remain in isolation to learn, often in the confines of their bedrooms, focused on their screens for classes, homework and all social interactions. What is the impact on their physical well-being? Studies show that insomnia and sleeplessness is directly tied to our lack of exercise, busy minds and use of screens. The recommendations from sleep experts is get outdoors and exercise; to move our bodies; and, to remove all screens and work-related matter from the bedroom to allow for a quiet space and proper sleep. Yet, we in our community are encouraging negative health habits of our children by having them essentially work, play and sleep in the same space. This directive is antithetical to our goal for

high schoolers which is to support the overall well-being of our students.
I wonder then, how can we help our children and teens cope with this “new normal”? One way we can immediately help them is to normalize their days. Encouraging them to have routine. Support safe social interactions and ensure we are being cautious in our decisions and choices as their guardians. And this is where I feel Woodstock Academy could do better by setting an alternative structure for in-person options.
We have more knowledge about the virus and how it is spread. Some of us are able to return to work with changed behaviors — wearing a mask, keeping safe distances from others, washing hands regularly. With safeguards in place, we’re able to return to some routine. What is the reasoning behind Woodstock Academy’s decision not to offer a hybrid learning space? Norwich Free Academy, Putnam High School, Killingly High School, Stafford Springs High School and Pomfret School have successfully pivoted programming and adapted to accommodate the needs of both the staff and faculty — and the students. Allowing for several options to keep the students engaged and learning while keeping everyone safe. So why can’t The Academy do this?
None of this is easy. None of this comes cheaply. But the cost of reopening in a hybrid model should not be the main determinant of this. I realize that WA serves approximately 30 international students who are abroad and eLearning now. And these international students bring great financial support to WA but the public students are larger in number and are part of your community too, and the public school students should garner the same attention and respect.
It is my hope this letter will help the Academy feel support from parents like me and that WA leadership will reconsider the educational options and be flexible in their decisions.

WENDY BRADLEY
WOODSTOCK

One term for Trump is enough

To the Editor:
A third term for the guy in the White House? One is more than enough. The suburbs will be overrun by anarchists, agitators, looters, and, of course, friendly protesters. Just like they were before he took over the White House. Really! But this guy is not trying to cause a panic. Anything can be claimed to be true even if it is not. If you hear lies over and over again, some people actually start thinking it’s true. Don’t think for a second that the guy in the White House doesn’t know this ridiculous tactic. I can’t remember when this country has been twisted into thinking

that it is so divided. People have always had different opinions, but not with so much anger. I would like to think that nobody thinks that our suburbs will be overrun by anarchists. What is the message here?
Voting by mail will cause massive fraud. Let’s just keep saying this, with zero proof, until people start to worry. I have a lot of things to worry about, but fraudulent voting by mail is not one of them. That is because voting by mail has been proven to be safe over and over again. What is the message here?
There is a bully in the White House. He calls people names. I have known

Dauphinais deserves your vote

To the Editor:
Anne Dauphinais (R-44th) is my clear choice to represent me in Congress for three simple reasons.
One, she actively listens, even when we disagree; two, she’s very wise in the ways of politics and how that machine works in Hartford; and three, she is uncompromising in her principals as shown by how tirelessly she works to protect our freedoms. As is the realities in politics, her democratic opponents skew her positions on votes at every turn. But, when I’ve inquired as to her reasons for some votes I didn’t fully understand, I have without exception gotten a clear, well thought out explanation, which is on point, objective and

sensible. Never do I get the emotional answer or the intuitive non-sense of virtue signalers.
Although I’m not a single-issue voter, admittedly I am a very heavy discriminator against those that espouse greater government control or support for handout programs over hand-up programs. To that end, Anne has never waived from her core beliefs that constitutionally protected individual freedoms should not be infringed. She has my vote this November, and you would be wise to give her yours.

ERNEST LEE
DANIELSON

Real news

To the Editor:
First, the answer to the trivia question concerning the businesses that Trump has been successful in running/starting or operated.
Real news none. As Steve Eztel said and showed a few months back. Just a great piece by Ramon Canning, all correct and real news.
What fake news is mostly news of truth that a person or persons cannot except so they label it fake news, since it does not fit their narrative and point of view, so therefore it must be fake.
Especially when the Cult leader tells them so. Trump, himself is the master of fake news. Fake promises, fake realities is his specialty. Remember when he said only will hire the best of people for his administration. Well what is the count of those people serving the administration who have either resigned, went to jail or about to. Secretary DeVoss is under investigation. Energy Secretary Perry of Texas resigned before the hammer was about to fall on him, for padding his pocket while serving in this administration. Another not confirmed member of his cabinet is under scrutiny, he serves even though he was not confirmed by the Republican senate. Now Senator Graham has gotten his foot stuck in his mouth by stating that Supreme Court justices should not be confirmed in a year of an election. Well so much for that, that is of course fake news. Notice I did not insult or demean anyone.
Trump stated he will give you an unbelievable health care, says it is as always, just a little short on details. Fake news. On Nov. 9th he has joined in a lawsuit to break apart the ACA and will replace it with...He used campaign money to pay off his affairs, while his prior fixer Michael Cohen went to jail for paying off the women, you think he did that on his own, Fake news. Good men have gone and tried to work for him, notice no women or people of color, and tried to keep Trump focused, they left screaming in the night, tired of his act. All questioning his intelligence and moral compass,

More fake news straight from the horse’s mouth; he told Bob Woodward that he knew very early that the virus was both deadly and easily spread. Terrible virus, infects the young and is highly infectious because it gets airborne. In his own words. Fake news. At Trump rallies, do you notice that those behind him all wear masks, and yet those in front of him are piled on top of each other yelling and caring on, what they are not spreading the virus to each other. He is not at risk, they are and like Herman Cain at the Tulsa rally back in June who died 3 weeks after attending that rally. More fake news. Please look up what a Longhauler is and be prepared to be sickened., because they are suffering from the virus and do not know how long it will last or if their lives will ever be the same.
On the vaccine, he has degraded science so much, most Americans are not at the moment very secure in the vaccine, both in its potential effectiveness and the rush it seems to be going at and feel that it is more Politics for the reelection than something that is safe and effective. Remember, bleach, UV light, injecting, taking a medication that has shown not to be terribly effective and was harmful to the health of those who took it. Cannot have it both ways. Trump is also a headline boy, loves to state that something is going to happen, the devil is in the details with him. 2018 it was a Mexican caravan and a tax cut for the middle class, Has anyone seen any of that. More favorites of Mexico will pay for the wall. Fake news. He has lied over 25,000 times and counting, wait ‘til the debates, fact checkers will have a hard time keeping up. Real news,
P.S. I do not idolize any mortal man, I put my faith in God. Also, I have talked to my Afro American friends and players who have played for me, and they all agree with me on these letters. Real news.

DAVID CASSETTARI
KILLINGLY

lose? What has he got to hide? Doesn’t this make you wonder?
Sept. 15, the guy in the White House calls Joe Biden “pedojoe”; are you joking? Is this like Pizzagate? I think that you cannot accuse somebody of a worse crime than pedophilia; maybe murder. But then again, the man in the White House also said that he could shoot a person on 5th Avenue and still get elected. I believe him. It doesn’t seem to matter what he says; people will still vote for him. Can somebody tell me why that is? My life has certainly not changed for the better since he was

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Clue: Protection from the elements

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Clue: Teaching skills

D. 10 11 13 26 14
Clue: Restrains a pet

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<div>12</div> HOLIDAY	<div>13</div> NATIONAL Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	<div>14</div> SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE DAY HAM & CHEESE LUNCHABLE Ham & Cheese Slices WG Crackers Fruit ~ Vegetable ~ Milk	<div>15</div> LUNCH WG Pretzel Cheese Sauce Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	<div>16</div> WEEK Strawberry Smoothie WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit & Vegetable Milk
<div>19</div> Italian Bulkie w/ Mayo & Chips Fruit & Vegetable Milk	<div>20</div> Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	<div>21</div> PIZZA LUNCHABLE <i>Make your own Pizza</i> Pepperoni, Marinara Sauce, Flat Bread, Cheese Chick Pea Salad, Apple Milk Choice	<div>22</div> Vanilla Yogurt Cheese Stick Banana Bread Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	<div>23</div> Chicken Salad Sandwich WG Fresh Baked Cookie Fruit & Vegetable Milk
<div>26</div> Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich & Sun Flower Seeds Fruit & Vegetable Milk	<div>27</div> Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	<div>28</div> TURKEY & CHEESE LUNCHABLE <i>Make your own</i> Turkey & Cheese Slices WG Crackers Fruit ~ Vegetable ~ Milk	<div>29</div> WG Pretzel Cheese Sauce Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	<div>30</div> Strawberry Yogurt Parfait WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit & Vegetable Milk

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OBITUARIES

Anita Pearl Summers, 67

Southbridge, Massachusetts - Past early 9/11/2020 at the age of 67.



She left behind her husband, Roswell Summers Sr. of 48 years of marriage, her four sons Benjamin, Daniel, Robbie, and Roswell Junior, and Daughter Lisa.

She was proud to be a Meme of 13 grandchildren. She loved all of them. Anita loved to bake, bowl, go for long

motorcycle rides, and being a home-maker and a stay home mom. Making people feel loved through food was her passion, which she has passed on to so many family members through her food.

Birthday, wedding, graduation cakes were always done by Anita as they were her special gift to family.

She will be truly missed.

There will be no service or calling hours.

Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Kathleen “Kathy” Aubin

DANIELSON – Kathleen “Kathy” (Crandall) Aubin, beloved wife of Dave Aubin lost her battle with lung cancer Saturday, September 19, 2020 at noon. She was determined to pay her respects to her family for the loss of John Firlick (her brother in law and the man who officiated our wedding in 2013), she stopped living shortly after.



Kathy was such a great person to be with, my best friend, my fishing and clamming partner, winters were embraced skiing together. Soulmates...what a great life we enjoyed!

Halloween was her favorite holiday, she loved decorating and dressing up to hand out candy. She was well known for her little yellow 67 Volkswagen Beetle.

Born Kathleen Louise Crandall to parents (both deceased) John Crandall, Sr and Wanda (Pasternak) Crandall in Lackawanna New York on Thanksgiving Day November 25, 1965. She was their “Butterball.” Kathy was the youngest of five, Dianna (and late John Firlik) of Sterling, John Jr and wife Carol of Plainfield, David and wife Lori of Central village and Steven Crandall of Moosup. Also, many nieces and nephews.

Kathy graduated from Plainfield

High, also QVCC where she was certified as a Vet Asst. and UConn as a Master Gardner.

Kathy was originally married to the late Leo Aubin, Jr. They were divorced in 1998. They had a son together-Mike Aubin who with his moms never ending love and support turned out to be a fine man who I love and respect very much. Mike and I were lucky enough to be with her right to the end.

Kathy loved being outdoors and working with everyone at Harts Greenhouses. She also spent almost twenty-five years working for Delta Rubber Company where she made so many friends.

I would like to thank Dave Crandall (her brother) for being there at the end and driving the ambulance.

Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT have been entrusted with arrangements. There will be a Celebration of Life for Kathy on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at David’s residence to honor her love of Halloween. Feel free bring a bag of candy as this is something she would have loved.

In lieu of flowers please consider adopting an unwanted cat or dog as Kathy could never understand why people could just turn their backs on these helpless creatures. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

Howard A. Smith, 77

Howard A. Smith, 77 of Brooklyn, CT passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on September 13, 2020. He was born March 22, 1943 in Putnam, CT, son of Clinton B. Smith, Sr. and Ellen (Smith) Smith. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen E. Smith (Wyman). She died October 23, 2019.

Howard was an honest, reliable, and a hardworking man. Forever improving his land, he is



known for building stone walls, chopping wood and completing other projects, even unto his last day. Howard lived life the way he wanted, but always with his wife’s advice.

Surviving family members cherish many happy memories such as rides in his tractor garden cart and his habit of hiding a small stuffed animal for his granddaughter’s Christmas. Because Howard was a private, modest man who did not even want an obituary, his family asks only for fond memories. Services are private. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Lorraine J. Demers, 90

WOODSTOCK – Lorraine (Breault) Demers, formerly of Putnam, CT and Harrisville, RI, age 90, passed away on, September 24, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late John J. Furlong, Jr., and the late Harold C. Demers. Lorraine was born in Worcester, MA, the daughter of the late Hector and Jeannette (Auger) Breault and sister to the late Edmond Breault.

Lorraine worked for the Risom Manufacturing Company and the Putnam Herzl Finishing Company as an office supervisor and later worked for The Rhode Island Housing Authority and was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post. Lorraine enjoyed spending time with her family, especially weekends on Johnson’s Pond for many summers. Lorraine liked playing cards, board games, puzzles, sewing, cooking, and baking, traveling, and her pets. She made her own wedding dress and was an expert cake decorator.

Lorraine is survived by her son, Richard Breault of Worcester, MA; her

daughters, Sandra Savoie-Mahoney and her husband Jim of Woodstock, Kathy Doiron of Killingly; and her step-daughter, Evelyn Leslie of Westerly, RI; step-granddaughters, Shally Leslie of Milford, CT, Bobbi Grzych of Columbia, CT, and Kelly Leslie of Westerly, RI; five grandchildren, Santina Savoie, Jamie Lang, Andy Doiron, Emma Logan, Maggie Breault; three great-grandchildren, Robbie Logan, Maren Lang and Ira Lang; seven step great-grandchildren, Leslie, Anthony, Carli, Jaime, Benjamin, Maryann, and Samuel; one step-great-great granddaughter, Joey who always made Lorraine smile.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Lorraine’s family from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Harrisville, RI. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

What is herd immunity?



Infectious diseases can strike at any time. Some of them cause relatively minor interruptions to daily life and often can resolve of their own accord when the body’s immune system mounts a successful defense. Other diseases can cause serious, even life-threatening symptoms or spread rapidly, which makes it essential for medical professionals to help slow down or stop the

transmission.

What is herd immunity?

Herd immunity is a term that often arises in relation to infectious diseases. Herd immunity has taken on renewed significance as the world has been battling COVID-19, the novel coronavirus introduced in late 2019. Herd immunity, which is sometimes called “community immunity,” “population immunity” or “social

immunity,” refers to the indirect protection from infectious diseases that occurs when a large percentage of the population has become immune to that disease. If enough people are resistant to the cause of a disease, whether it is a bacteria or virus, that disease has nowhere to go and the spread stalls, according to WebMD.

How does herd immunity occur?

There are two ways that herd immunity can occur. The first is when resistance develops naturally when the body is exposed to the virus or bacteria. At this point, the immune system will produce antibodies to fight off the infection. After recovery, these antibodies are still circulating, and should exposure to the same disease occur again, the body can defend against another infection.

Another way that herd immunity occurs is through vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states

that when the majority of people are vaccinated, it creates the same disease lockdown — fewer people get sick and fewer germs are able to spread from person to person. What’s more, even those who are not vaccinated, such as newborn babies or those who may not be able to get vaccinated due to chronic illnesses, will get some level of protection because the disease will not be spreading as readily within their communities.

When is herd immunity reached?

When enough of a population is immune to a pathogen it prevents further spread and herd immunity is apparent. Diseases are different and herd immunity is reached based on the pathogen’s reproduction number, or R0. Essentially this boils down to how contagious the pathogen in question is. WebMD says the R0 tells the average number of people that a single person with the virus can infect if those people aren’t already immune.

The higher the R0, the greater number of people will need to be resistant to reach herd immunity. Measles, which is very contagious at an R0 of 12 to 18, requires 93 to 95 percent of the population to be immune for herd immunity to be reached. The World Health Organization estimates the R0 for COVID-19 to be between 2 and 3. This means between 40 and 70 percent of the population will need to be immune to halt the spread.

In the case of COVID-19, it’s still unclear whether anyone can get reinfected, and whether antibodies produced for one strain can fend off another strain of this novel coronavirus. This reinfection mystery is what makes herd immunity — both through a vaccine or through natural exposure — challenging for epidemiologists in relation to COVID-19.

Herd immunity is an important factor in disease prevention. Getting the facts about this phenomenon is important.

is not something that I need to participate in, only because I am fortunate to have had a consistent income. Millions of people in this country do not have this option; many through no fault of their own. I think it is very safe to say that the environment and health care are not on the top priority list of the man in the White House. It makes me wonder what it is. A bigger military, bigger bombs, bigger planes. Social issues and social justice do not seem to be an important consideration, and they should be.

The federal budget deficit will be \$3.3 trillion this year. The largest deficit since 1945. We all know how great it is to just keep spending money, but reality still exists. The man in the White

House calls climate change a hoax, that windmills cause cancer; he prevented California from making stricter emission standards. He lowered emission standards on industries, cars and trucks. There is a game show host in the White House. Come on down! When I recently went for my annual physical, they asked if I was experiencing any depression or anxiety. I had to stop and say yes. I am very concerned about the fate of this country.

I hope that civility is a motivation during these next few days before our election. I hope that we can keep P.T. Barnum out of the White House.

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elected. The environmental policies have not made my life safer. This administration supports gas and oil drilling on federal land, as well as allowing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It is called a refuge for a reason. He pulled America out of the Paris Climate Accord, the only nation that is not part of the agreement. New emissions standards which will result in an additional billion tons of carbon dioxide, increasing annual emissions by a out one fifth.

I think that the environmental issues and health care are the two biggest issues that we face. The Affordable Care Act



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OBITUARIES

Rene F. Gatineau, 83

NORTH GROSVENORDALE- Rene F. Gatineau, 83, of Pompeo Rd., died Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of 61 years to Joanne (Smalarz) Gatineau. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Eugene and Loretta (Poulin) Gatineau.

On May 16, 1959 at St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale, Rene was united in marriage to the former Joanne V. Smalarz.

Mr. Gatineau worked for Pratt & Whitney for 10 years and then was a tool and die maker for Ivanhoe Tool for 37 years until his retirement in 2003. He enjoyed gardening and fishing. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Bernard's Council where he was a 4th Degree Knight.

In addition to his wife, Rene is sur-

vived by a son, Peter Gatineau and his wife Karen of Biloxi, MS; a daughter, Melissa Notis and her husband Paul of Woodstock; a brother, Robert Gatineau of Killingly; and sisters, Arline Santerre of RI, Sandra Ward of FL, and Linda Lannon of N. Grosvenordale; a daughter in-law Cynthia Gatineau of N. Grosvenordale; six grandchildren, Rebecca Gatineau, Peter Gatineau, Jr., Kyle Notis, Christopher Gatineau, Jessica Gatineau, and Keira Notis; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Mark Gatineau.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT, on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Richard R. Phaneuf, Jr., 60

EASTFORD-Richard R. Phaneuf, Jr., 60, of Eastford died Friday, September 25, 2020, in Hartford Hospital. He

was the devoted husband to Mary Ann (Horonzewic) Phaneuf, and caring father to Melanie Phaneuf. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Elizabeth (Boies) Phaneuf of Woodstock and the late Richard R. Phaneuf, Sr.

During his youth Rick did a work study program at Linemaster Switch Corporation where he continued to work for thirty-six years as a buyer before he retired. Rick was a very friendly person and enjoyed entertaining many friends in his man cave that was fondly known as "Rickerins". He also loved animals especially raccoons and was fond of motorcycles, particularly Indians. He loved sitting and playing butterfly bejeweled on his iPad. He also enjoyed watching the Celtics,

the Patriots, Perry Mason, American Pickers, Maine Cabin Masters, as well as Beachfront Bargain Hunt on his living room television.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Horonzewic) Phaneuf; his daughter, Melanie Phaneuf; his mother, Elizabeth (Boies) Phaneuf; and his siblings, Raymond Phaneuf and his wife Carol, and Kathy Duke and her husband John. Rick is also survived by many brother and sister-in-laws including, Edward and Heidi Horonzewic, Janet Veldkamp, Cathy and Ken Julian, Kelly and Corey Leveille. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Rick is also survived by his beloved puggle, Cookie.

Due to the current Covid-19 limitations there are no services at this time. A Memorial Mass with burial will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

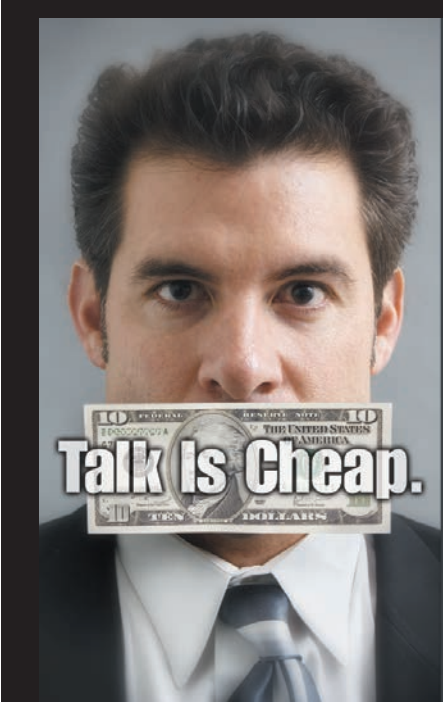
Ruth Ann (Berube) Palmer

Ruth Ann (Berube) Palmer, passed Saturday, September 19, 2020 after a long and courageous battle with her illness. She died comfortably in her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Putnam on July 23, 1944 the daughter of late Joseph Paul and Catherine Mildred (Sears) Berube. Ruth remains the beloved wife of Russell J. Palmer III as they were married for 23 wonderful years. She is survived by her husband, her sister Rosemary Berube, two brothers Gary Allan Berube, and Larry James Berube. She has two daughters Paula

Widman, Donna Pasquerella, and a son Donald Bond. She will forever be the loving stepmother of Carrie Weber, Kellie Palmer, and Ryan Palmer. Ruth was also adored by her 16 grandchildren. During her life, she was well known working as a receptionist at the Day Kimball Hospital pediatric center for many years, until her retirement. She always went above and beyond in a beautiful and completely selfless manner. Her heart touched many, as she will be remembered and sorely missed by each and every one. tilling-hastfh.com

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LEGALS

Town of Eastford

Ordinance on

Fire Fighting Water Supply

Section 1: Fire Fighting Water Supply

Section 1.1 Definitions

Access Point- any public/private roadway/driveway established for the purpose of entry to the development or residence/s.

Cistern- a pre-cast concrete or fiberglass (or other acceptable material) tank with minimum capacity of 10,000 gallons.

Lift- distance between the average surface level of the water supply and surface in which the engine will park plus thirty-two (32) inches.

Natural- pond with minimum usable capacity of 15,000 gallons ten months out of the year.

New Development -three or more new residences on an approved existing or new access point, and new or expanded commercial development exceeding 2,500 square feet, unless the commercial building has a self-contained fire suppression system or sprinkler system from a commercial water source.

Parking Area- fifteen (15) foot wide by forty-five (45) foot long paved or compacted gravel area accessible year-round adjacent to hydrant drafting head. A grass and concrete modular laid surface on compacted gravel is also acceptable.

Section 2 In all new developments the developer shall provide one of the following types of water supply:

a) Natural (alternative) – water source capable of meeting the minimum requirements of Dry Hydrant installation as described below.

b) Cistern (alternative – Total quantity of gallons stored for each development shall be determined by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal, but the minimum amount is 10,000 gallons.

Section 2 (A) Dry Hydrant Installation

Any dry hydrant, meeting the following criteria, shall be deemed to provide the desired firefighting protection for a distance of 1,500 feet, as measured along the center line of existing or proposed streets:

1) All dry hydrants must be designed such that the total lift is not more than eleven (11) feet. The preferred lift is ten (10) feet.

2) Horizontal pipe length shall be limited to no more than forty (40) feet from hydrant head.

3) Hydrant head shall be a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches and a maximum of forty-eight (48) inches. The hydrant head shall be parallel with the finished grade. The hydrant head shall be within ten (10) feet of the parking area. Installation shall be such that a firefighter can easily attach suction hoses to the hydrant head.

4) All underground and underwater piping shall be a PVC Schedule 40 with a minimum diameter of six (6) inches.

5) All joints shall be cleaned and securely glued before being placed in the water. All joint underground or underwater will be secured with stainless steel screws on every joint in at least three (3) places. Gluing of joints above ground or above water is acceptable.

6) All piping extending into the water supply shall be supported on and secured to concrete or stone blocks at least every ten (10) feet such that the strainer portion is a minimum of twenty-four (24)

inches off the bottom of the water supply. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches of water at the bottom, left and right side of the piping and forty-eight (48) inches of water at the top of the piping to allow for twenty-four (24) inches of winter ice. The strainer and hydrant head will be purchased with the approval of the Eastford Independent Fire Department.

7) The hydrant riser shall be protected by two (2) concrete filled steel posts, six (6) inches in diameter, placed twenty-four (24) inches either side of the riser and extending forty-eight (48) inches above finished grades. These posts shall be embedded in concrete after the hydrant is accepted by the Eastford Independent Fire Department. Posts shall be painted safety yellow with six (6) inch red band at the top.

8) Piping installation must be scheduled at least (3) business days ahead of time with the Eastford Independent Fire Department. An Eastford Independent Fire Department official or representative must be on site for inspection before any piping is buried or submerged.

9) Upon testing and acceptance of the hydrant, the Eastford Independent Fire Department will assume responsibility for future maintenance; the Town shall assume the cost related to maintenance unless the property is governed by an Association, in which case the Association shall assume the cost of maintenance.

10) The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal shall determine number of dry hydrants for the development and their locations. All dry hydrant designs and installation shall be in accordance with NFPA 1142 Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Firefighting 2007 Edition, Chapter 8, as amended.

Section 2 (B) Underground Cistern/Tank

1) All tanks shall be constructed of pre-cast concrete or fiberglass (or acceptable material) with minimum capacity of 10,000 gallons of water.

2) The tank shall have six (6) inch dry hydrant drafting pipe, two and one half (2 1/2) inch returns, four and one half

(4 1/2) inch vent and a visible water gauge. Prior to installation the Eastford Independent Fire Department shall approve hydrant head designs and models.

3) The tank shall be installed below frost line and the only visible plumbing shall be the hydrant head, fill pipe, vent pipe and water gauge. The hydrant head and associated plumbing shall be protected by six (6) inch galvanized steel concrete filled posts located no more than twenty-four (24) inches from either side and extending forty-eight (48) inches above finished grade and forty-eight (48) inches below finished grade. Posts shall be painted safety yellow, with six (6) inch red band at the top. Post shall be set in concrete. The hydrant head shall be located no more than ten (10) feet from the parking area. One dry hydrant sign, to be consistent with others approved by Fire Marshal and Fire Chief, shall be installed at a location determined by Fire Chief and Fire Marshal indicating water supplies for fire department use within the Town of Eastford.

4) The tank shall be located within 200 feet from any new access point intersection. Multiple tanks if required, shall be spaced a maximum of 1500 feet apart. The number of tanks shall be determined by the Fire Chief.

5) The developer will provide a deed-ed easement to the town of Eastford for filling, use and maintenance of the tanks and associated plumbing.

6) The owner/developer will be responsible for the initial filling of the tank and the Eastford Independent Fire Department will conduct a flow test prior to acceptance of the tank/plumbing.

7) Upon testing and acceptance of the system, the Eastford Independent Fire Department will assume responsibility for future inspection, maintenance and filling; the Town shall assume the cost related to maintenance unless the property is governed by an Association, in which case the Association shall assume the cost of maintenance.

Exceptions to Sections 2(A) and 2(B)

1) All occupied structures in the development are provided with an approved NFPA 13D automatic sprinkler system acceptable to the Fire Marshal.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after publication, as provided by Connecticut General Statute, §7-157

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: Passed at BOS Meeting Pursuant to Executive Order 7S

Date Published:
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Town Clerk Attest:

October 2, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On September 21, 2020, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for the following application: #09-20-25 – Thomas Coogan, 167 Laurel Hill Drive – Removal of dying tree and stump grinding 15 feet from shore.

October 2, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

ZBA Application #20-05 – Variance Request – Property Owner Charles Tewksbury, 0 Breaults Landing Rd, Map 141, Block 17, Lots 203, 204, 205, Zone R40, seeking a Variance of 30' from frontage setback.

File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman

October 2, 2020

October 9, 2020

STATE OF CONNECTICUT COURT OF PROBATE NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHILDREN'S PROBATE COURT NOTICE TO

Jeremy Petrowsky
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Pursuant to an order of Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on October 21, 2020 at 1:30 PM, on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on June 2, 2018. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

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OCTOBER 2020

Thompson Public Schools (Grade 5-12)

BREAKFAST is FREE to all Thompson School Students

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit ~ Juice Milk	2 WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit ~ Juice Milk
5 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit ~ Juice Milk	6 WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit ~ Juice Milk	7 WG Maple Mini Pancakes Fruit ~ Juice Milk	8 Bacon Egg & Cheese Wrap Fruit ~ Juice Milk	9 WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit ~ Juice Milk
12 HOLIDAY	13 WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit ~ Juice Milk	14 EARLY RELEASE WG Buttery Maple Waffles Fruit ~ Juice Milk	15 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit ~ Juice Milk	16 WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit ~ Juice Milk
19 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit ~ Juice Milk	20 WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit ~ Juice Milk	21 WG Maple Mini Pancakes Fruit ~ Juice Milk	22 Bacon Egg & Cheese Wrap Fruit ~ Juice Milk	23 WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit ~ Juice Milk
26 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit ~ Juice Milk	27 WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit ~ Juice Milk	28 WG Buttery Maple Waffles Fruit ~ Juice Milk	29 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit ~ Juice Milk	30 WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit ~ Juice Milk

We meet USDA Dietary Regulations. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. **MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
Please call your school for details 860-923-9581, ext 588 Lisa Durand or Email ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org
We serve 1% LF White Milk and Lactaid upon request Fruit and 100% Fruit Juice w/NO Added Sugar available daily
Free Breakfast & Lunch available for pick-up at the Thompson Middle School Entrance for "ALL" children 0-18!
They "do not" have to be enrolled at Thompson Public Schools. (Monday-Friday 12:00-1:00pm, when school is in session)

LUNCH

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Mary R Fisher Elementary School (Grade Pre K - 4)

LUNCH is FREE to all Thompson School Students

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 WG Pretzel Cheese Sauce Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	2 Strawberry Yogurt Parfait WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit & Vegetable Milk
5 Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Mayo & Chips Fruit & Vegetable Milk	6 Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	7 PIZZA LUNCHABLE Make your own Pizza Pepperoni, Marinara Sauce, Flat Bread, Cheese Chick Pea Salad, Apple Milk Choice	8 Vanilla Yogurt Cheese Stick Banana Bread Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	9 Turkey Salad Sandwich WG Fresh Baked Cookie Fruit & Vegetable Milk
12 HOLIDAY	13 NATIONAL Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	14 SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE DAY HAM & CHEESE LUNCHABLE Ham & Cheese Slices WG Crackers Fruit ~ Vegetable ~ Milk	15 LUNCH WG Pretzel Cheese Sauce Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	16 WEEK Strawberry Smoothie WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit & Vegetable Milk
19 Italian Bulkie w/ Mayo & Chips Fruit & Vegetable Milk	20 Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	21 PIZZA LUNCHABLE Make your own Pizza Pepperoni, Marinara Sauce, Flat Bread, Cheese Chick Pea Salad, Apple Milk Choice	22 Vanilla Yogurt Cheese Stick Banana Bread Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	23 Chicken Salad Sandwich WG Fresh Baked Cookie Fruit & Vegetable Milk
26 Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich & Sun Flower Seeds Fruit & Vegetable Milk	27 Taco Salad (cheese, chips, meat) Fruit & Vegetable Milk	28 TURKEY & CHEESE LUNCHABLE Make your own Turkey & Cheese Slices WG Crackers Fruit ~ Vegetable ~ Milk	29 WG Pretzel Cheese Sauce Chick Pea Salad Fruit & Milk	30 Strawberry Yogurt Parfait WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit & Vegetable Milk

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Please call your school for details 860-923-9581, ext 588 Lisa Durand or Email ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org
We serve FF Choc and Lactaid upon request Fruit and 100% Fruit Juice w/NO Added Sugar available daily
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