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VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIANS HONORED

The Putnam Rotary Club recently honored the area's valedictorians and salutatorians. From left: Incoming President Kathy Kirk, PSA valedictorian Dominick LaDuca, PHS valedictorian Madison Lamothe, Woodstock Academy salutatorian Kira Greene and valedictorian Xander Miller and committee chair Kristen Willis. Not pictured: Marianapolis - salutatorian Chloe Alba and valedictorian Vincent Vo; Pomfret School - salutatorian Zoe Lovett and valedictorian Eason Yishen Zhao, PHS - salutatorian Isabelle Magalhaes; PSA - salutatorian John Devine; Tourtellotte - salutatorian Luke Senosk and valedictorian Sofia Thurber.

Killingly moratorium spurs continued frustration in Brooklyn

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN — While the Town of Killingly continues to work towards a resolution to resolve its capacity limitations at its sewer treatment plant, residents of neighboring Brooklyn are getting restless as the moratorium also prevents hookups from their town.

The moratorium was imposed in 2024 after it was determined that Killingly's sewage treatment plant on Wauregan Road was close to reaching capacity. The act prevents any new or expanded hookups not already underway or approved by the Water Pollution Control Authority. The move came nearly two years after Brooklyn signed an agreement with Killingly to connect, receive, and treat up to 0.36 million gallons a day on average from the town. Brooklyn eventually exceeded this number reaching 0.38 million gallons a day in 2023 which Brooklyn officials saw requires them to pay an additional fee through the contract. Town officials and citizens in Brooklyn have viewed the moratorium as a breach of the agreement that stymies potential economic growth.

The situation has left Brooklyn in a wait and see situation as Killingly works to determine future solutions for the capacity limits. However, some in town are

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Roland Lapensee named Thompson's Veteran of the Month

THOMPSON — Roland F. Lapensee of Fabyan Road has been selected by the nominating committee to be recognized and honored as the July 2025 Town of Thompson Veteran of the Month.

Korean War Veteran, Roland F. Lapensee enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1955, and received his honorable discharge eight years later in January 1963. During that eight-year span, E-5 second class pipefitter petty officer Lapensee carefully accomplished with honor and valor, his many roles, duties and great responsibility conducting multiple dangerous and secret missions in a varied arena of settings where he was deployed to. Most notably, he completed a two-year stint in Germany on two heavy duty cruisers, the CA 132, USS Macon, and the CA 124, USS Albany. Both of those ships had nine eight-inch guns which were used to protect the aircraft carrier. Petty Officer Lapensee also was assigned to the Rhine River Patrol that was located in Wiesbaden, Germany. The mission there as part of a NATO initiative,

was to assist the 7th Army by transporting tanks and guns from the East to the West Bank in the event of a war with Russia. Additionally, any bridge that was still in tact had to be eliminated and destroyed. For this mission he used P.T. boats in his assigned area. Numerous magnetic mines would be used to properly complete those extremely dangerous assignments, assuring complete safety for those military shipmates working those missions with him.

In Petty Officer Lapensee's last six months of duty, he was involved in a secret mission which took him to a very remote area in the South Pole to test space rockets for NASA. For that he was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, CV 40. During his tour of duty Petty Officer Lapensee traveled to numerous countries and remote locations to conduct his military assignments including stints in Cuba, Jamaica, Bermuda, Brazil, Barcelona Spain, Casablanca Africa, Naples and Genoa Italy along with stops in

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Local lawmakers applaud veto of state housing bill

BY JASON BLEAU
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REGION — State Lawmakers representing the Quiet Corner are applauding Gov. Ned Lamont's veto of House Bill 5002, An Act Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons, a controversial legislation passed through the Democratic-led house that many felt violated municipal controls over zoning and land use.

The bill was approved earlier this year in an 84-67 vote in the House, and while every Republican voted against it, they were joined by 17 Democrats showing division within the dominant party over the law. Locally every elected member of the House, including the lone Democrat representing the region Pay Boyd, voted against the bill. The massive 100-page document sought to impose requirements for zoning regulations that lawmakers hoped would help close the affordable housing gap in the state. The bill, which was an opt-in legislation rather than a requirement, drew criticism for its potential impact on local land use authority and the implication that

towns that embraced the bill would have priority in some grant funding. Lamont made it clear he would veto the legislation and made good on his promise believing the bill went too far and that the state can do better.

Locally, the move was praised by members of the House and Senate. Republican State Representatives Anne Dauphinais, Kurt Vail, and Chris Stewart who all serve towns in Northeastern Connecticut applauded the governor's veto with the overwhelming opinion that the law would have stripped local governments of control over zoning decisions.

"I opposed this bill, as it undermines local control, setting a harmful government mandate for our unique communities," Stewart said in a statement.

His colleague, Dauphinais, felt the same.

"Gov. Lamont vetoed HB 5002, a partisan housing bill that would have stripped local control over zoning decisions. Some sections of the bill were not subject to a public hearing, denying residents a voice in decisions impacting their towns," Dauphinais explained in her own statement.

Local State Senator for the 35th District Jeff Gordon also supported the veto. The long-time chair of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission explaining in a lengthy statement from his office that while HB 5002 sought to address a real problem but was a significant overreach.

"Governor Lamont made the right call. I appreciate that he took the time to review this bill carefully and ultimately

recognized what so many of us have been saying all along: H.B. 5002 'crossed the line,' as he said during his press conference," Gordon said in a press release. "Connecticut needs more housing affordability opportunities, but it must be done in a way that respects the voices of local residents, local leaders, and the unique needs of each of our communities all across Connecticut. I continue to work toward realistic

and responsible ways to do this."

While the veto puts an end to the bill as it currently stands, Lamont made it clear that it's not the end for the legislation but an opportunity to improve it. It's likely that a recrafted version of the bill will be addressed, possibly during a special session, later this year with Republican opponents urging their constituents to stay informed on how the bill evolves.



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Northeast Martial Arts Academy students recently participated in their first competition. Pictured: Front row — Bentley Boisse—Black Belt 13-14 year olds: Sparring-3rd place, Harrison Poirier—Red Belt 9-10 year olds: Sparring-2nd place. Back row — Master Gary D Guay-Instructor, Sami Bouzrak-Black Belt 15-17 year olds: Breaking-1st place & Sparring -2nd place, Matthew G Guay-3rd Degree Black Belt & Instructor. Not pictured: Faith Robitaille—Black Belt 13-14 year olds: Forms - 3rd place.

Killingly chooses "Trailblazers" as new mascot

BY JASON BLEAU
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KILLINGLY — The Killingly Board of Education has approved a new name for the Killingly High School mascot. After months of discussion, and years of debate and controversy, the transition away from the "Redmen" and "Redgals" is finally complete, with the district moving forward with a name that proved to be the most popular among the student body, the Trailblazers.

The Trailblazers was chosen from a list of four finalists which also included "The Storm," "The Iron Horses," and "River Hawks." River Hawks and Trailblazers were the final two candidates, narrowed down by a special ad hoc committee which employed the services of the town historian to help determine a name that would honor Killingly's history while serving as a unifying symbol after the former Native American mascot had created significant division within the community dating back to the late 2010s when it was first retired. The Trailblazers was officially selected in a 6-1 vote of the Board of Education, although official logos, imagery, or color schemes were not presented during the meeting.

Kevin Marcotte, a member of the Board of Education and the ad hoc committee charged with recommending the new mascot, revealed that a poll of parents and guardians, staff and coaches, and students from Killingly Intermediate School and Killingly High School collectively gave the advantage to the River Hawks, however the Trailblazers were the more popular choice of the students. The total tally among all three groups was 280 River Hawks and 267 Trailblazers which the ad hoc committee felt was too close a gap to determine an outright winner. Instead, they leaned on the results of the student survey specifically which overwhelmingly preferred the Trailblazers with 189 votes, compared to 140 votes for the River Hawks.

"The committee felt that because the overall result of all three groups surveyed was so close, a difference of 13 votes, and the results of the student survey was significant difference of 49 votes that more weight should be given to the student result," Marcotte told the Board of Education. "The Trailblazers mascot reflects the town's pioneering history, innovative spirit, connection to the natural environment, and identity."

The celebration of a new mascot continued to be weighed down by the controversy over the retirement of the Redmen as several board members expressing their continued disappointment over the change but a desire to finally pick a new name and move on from the issue. Member Kyle Napierata, who proved to be the lone dissenting vote, said he felt there was a lot that the town could take away from how the debate has played out over the years.

"This is a learning process for all of us, the kids and the town. I didn't agree with the change in the first place. I'm not trying to go back to it, this is where we're at now, but people need to be able to work together and hopefully we can move forward from this," Napierata said.

The transition from the "Redmen" and "Regals" dates back to 2019, when the Board of Education first moved to retire the controversial mascot

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Horizons Rectory School launches second summer, expanding opportunity and learning for local students

POMFRET — Horizons at Rectory School officially launched its second summer of transformative learning this week, welcoming two vibrant classrooms of local students entering first and second grade. The tuition-free academic enrichment program is part of the national Horizons network, which partners with independent schools to provide high-quality summer education to students from under-resourced communities. Over the course of six weeks, students will

experience a nurturing learning environment designed to prevent summer learning loss and support long-term academic success. Horizons combines hands-on academics with project-based learning, field trips, daily swimming, and a strong emphasis on social-emotional development. “Our goal is to build not only academic confidence, but a deep love of learning that will carry students through their entire educational journey,” said Dave Farrell Director of Auxiliary

Programs at Rectory School and Executive Director of Horizons Rectory School. This summer marks a meaningful step forward for Horizons Rectory School, growing from one to two classrooms and expanding its reach within the community. Each class is led by a certified teacher and supported by dedicated assistants and volunteers. With a focus on literacy, math, and

social-emotional growth, the curriculum is designed to meet children where they are—and help them thrive. “In just six weeks, we see remarkable academic gains, but just as important is the social and emotional growth,” said Meghan Fluckiger, Rectory School Fifth Grade Teacher and Horizons Rectory School teacher. “Students leave this program more con-

fident, empowered, and ready to take on school in the fall.” Horizons Rectory School is part of a national network serving over 7,000 students at 75+ sites across the country. Data shows that Horizons students gain two to three months in reading and math skills each summer—and maintain that growth into the school year. As Horizons Rectory

School begins its second summer, the program reaffirms its commitment to educational equity, local partnership, and the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed. For more information about Horizons at Rectory School, visit: <https://www.rectoryschool.org/horizons>.

URI’s Kelsey Tichenor of Danielson recognized for academic excellence

KINGSTON, R.I. — Each year, the University of Rhode Island presents Academic Excellence Awards to graduating seniors for their exceptional academic performance. Departmental faculty and deans select students for these prestigious awards based on grade point average and other indicators of excellence, such as the completion of an honors project, a research presentation, community service, and extraordinary professional and civic promise. Kelsey Tichenor of Danielson was recognized for academic excellence in Environmental Science and Management. “As educators, there is little we enjoy more than celebrating the achievements and impact of our students,” URI Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Wolfe told attendees. “Through

your hard work and determination, you have set an example for what can be accomplished here at URI. Thank you for taking full advantage of the opportunities you have had to learn and to grow at URI, setting yourselves up for success in whatever challenge or opportunity you take on next.” Awards were conveyed at a ceremony in Edwards Hall by URI President Marc Palange, Wolfe, and the deans of each student’s respective college. Each recipient of a University Academic Excellence Award receives a certificate of academic excellence suitable for framing and a URI medallion. To watch the awards ceremony in its entirety, visit the University of Rhode Island on YouTube.

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Salve Regina University announces Dean’s List


NEWPORT, R.I. — The following students were named to the Dean’s List during the spring 2025 academic semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits. Livia Armstrong of Woodstock

Jacob Hernandez of Pomfret Center
Mallory Tyimok of Pomfret Center
Ella Davis of Brooklyn
Ella Mandeville of Dayville
Kendall McCormack of Brooklyn
Gianna Ormstead of Dayville

Salve Regina University is a Catholic, coeducational institution of higher education founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. For more than 75 years, Salve has offered rigorous, innovative academic programming in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be global citizens and lifelong learners. More than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world are enrolled at Salve in 48 undergraduate majors, 13 master’s degree programs, combined bachelor’s/master’s programs, and doctoral programs. Every undergraduate student engages in Salve Compass, a four-year transformational framework through which they develop the experience, skills, and wisdom required for a fulfilling career and to make a positive difference in the world. The University is also home to the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, a multi-disciplinary research center focused on the intersection of politics, policy, and ideas. For more information visit salve.edu.

SUNY New Paltz congratulates Charlotte Adase for earning Dean’s List honors!

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — SUNY New Paltz is proud to congratulate Charlotte Adase of Woodstock for being named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester. Well done! Dean’s List designation is reserved for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load. Follow us on Instagram @sunynewpaltz to see more about our students’ academic excellence. Located in the heart of a dynamic college town, 90 minutes from New York City, SUNY New Paltz is a highly selective university of more than 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. One of the most well-regarded public universities in the nation, New Paltz delivers more than 100 programs in Business, Liberal Arts, Sciences, Engineering, Fine & Performing Arts and Education. New Paltz is a community where talented and independent-minded people from around the world create close personal links with real scholars and artists who love to teach.

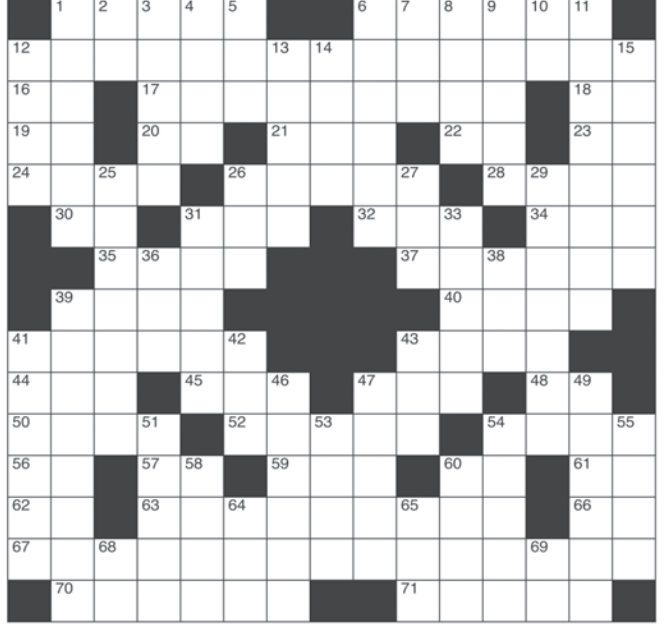


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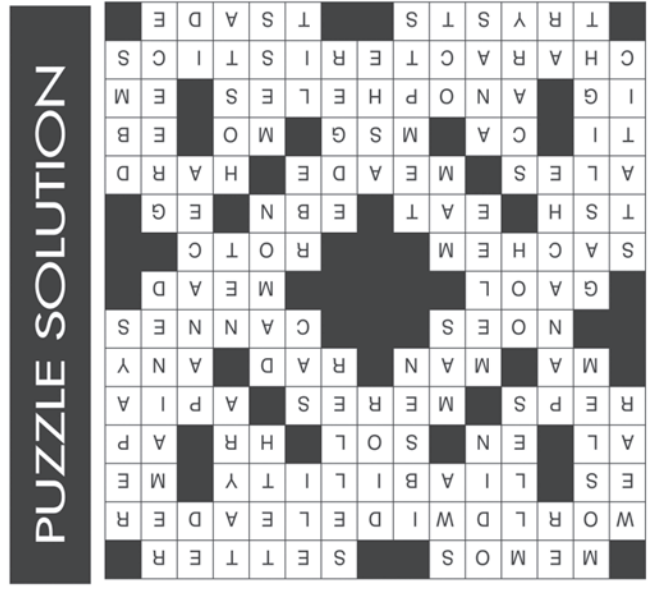
CLUES ACROSS

- Notes
- Long-haired dog breed
- ESPN’s nickname
- Spanish be
- Disadvantage
- Of I
- Actor Pacino
- On your way: __ route
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Companies need it
- News agency
- Faces of an organization
- Ponds
- Samoa’s capital
- Partner to “Pa”
- Adult male
- Cool!
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- No No No
- Hosts film festival
- British place to house convicts
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Chief
- College army
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- Consume
- One point north of due east
- For instance
- Brews
- Alaskan river
- Not soft
- Atomic #22
- “The Golden State”
- “The world’s most famous arena”
- Larry and Curly’s pal
- One billion gigabytes
- Conducts inspections
- Malaria mosquitoes
- Unit to measure width
- Features
- Affairs
- Letter of Semitic abjads

CLUES DOWN

- Follower of Islam
- Trauma center
- French young women
- Norse god
- U.S. commercial flyer (abbr.)
- Merchant
- Peyton’s younger brother
- Jungle planet in “Star Wars” galaxy
- Tree-dwelling animal of C. and S. America
- “Pollack” actor Harris
- Stuck around
- Put on
- Influential Norwegian playwright
- Christian __, designer
- Fulfills a debt
- Style
- More (Spanish)
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Remedy
- Disturbance
- “The Martian” actor Matt
- Express delight
- Brooklyn hoopster
- 1900 lamp
- Motionless
- One’s mother (Brit.)
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Compels to act
- Gardening tool
- Ancient country
- Frightening
- Wimbledon champion Arthur
- Popular plant
- Database management system
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Where soldiers eat
- Tenth month (abbr.)
- Illuminated
- Atomic #18
- Adults need one to travel

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At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of June 23: Bobolink, American Kestrel, Baltimore Oriole, Catbird, Mockingbird, Wood Thrush, Veery, Barred Owl, Hummingbird, Red-tailed Hawk, Purple Martin, Red-eyed Vireo, Robin, Pine Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Ovenbird, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow

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TOURTELLOTTE ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

N O R T H GROSVENORDALE — Tourtellotte Memorial High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.	Santos Honors: Naisha Ruiz Aquino, Brody Vincent	Jordyn Poplawski, Matthew Rybacki, Caue Sarto Barrows	Cunningham-Ingram, Julia Lewis, Briana Martin, Ember Merrill, Gaige Smith, Ava Tucker, Jenna Valby	Recognition: Isabella Barrows, Alex Davis, Vivianna Hill	Honors: Avianna Blair, Jinalyse Denham, Glen Fontaine, Christopher Holton, Hannah Mead, Jack Perry, Nicholas Ruggieri, Angel Sherpa, Lindsey Sturtevant
	Recognition: Brookelynn Pearson, Ayden Perry, Bradley Pettis, Ryan Szarkowicz	Honors: Dylan Axtell, Leah Belair, Amelia Brousseau, Jordan Burns, Ty Chausse, Kaleb Laporte, Kaydyn Racca, Chyanne Rock	Honors: Bailey Benton, Logan Boss, Dylan Bryniarski, Deanna Burruss, Quintin Cabral, Chloe Hebert, Caitlyn L'Heureux, Sahara Moore, Amaya Munoz, Noelia Reed, Laci Sinni, Joshua Tackson, Fabiola Torres, Kevin Vescera, Jadyn Ward	12th Grade High Honors: Ashley Birch, Aiden Bourget, Gianna Brinson, Joshua Carlson, June Ferraro, Lucas Gillon, Samantha Keller, Paige Kelley, Isabelle McGlynn, Megan Nachtigall, Pavanny Phav, Jackson Santos, Luke Senosk, Serena Smith, Sofia Thurber	Recognition: Grace Akana, Kali Carita, Nicholas Helwig, Mackenzie Lewis, Jacob Paulauskas, Abigail Raduege, Matheus Romano
	9th Grade High Honors: Adyson Boyden, Olivia Cabral, Paisley Comeau, Travis Coomey, Jeremi Helwig, Madison Marchitelli, Madison Perry, Gabriella	10th Grade High Honors: Alexis Andrews, Gabriel Bourget, Maddison Carlson, Estela Freitas, Billie Lewis, Tanisha Patel, Mabel Perreault, Samantha Podgorni,	Recognition: Thomas Kenadek, Nicholas Lavallee, Calleigh Levesque, Alyssa Yanis		
		11th Grade High Honors: Nicholas			

Heidi Clyne named to Dean’s List at University of Maryland Global Campus

ADELPHI, Md. — Heidi Clyne of Woodstock was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 135 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland. For more information, visit umgc.edu.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

Grade 5
High Honors: Maica Abrajano, June Bardellini, Mason Caya, Quinn Cooney, Chloe Faucher, Amelia Hendrickson, Lillian Kiley, Jeffrey Kuras, Isabella Leveille, Emma Moriarty, Patrick Paquette, Jacob Racine, Brooke Renaud, Henry Rivers, Alanah Tsouridis, Sierra Vallee

Honors: Austin Auger, Sophia Benoit, Isaiah Blaise, Lance Burden, Olivia Desjarlais, Brielynn Fijol, Oliver Files, Heaven Labonte, Ethan Meyers, Elsay Monahan, Ava Tremblay, Jase Tsouridis, Jonas Tucker, Jessie Wuensch

Recognition: Mason Andrzejewski, Laura Barros Castro, Reis Mailloux, Aurora Thivierge, Julia Varney, Jack Violette

Grade 6
High Honors: Kasandra Beckett, Joshua Boss, Emily Cabral, Ella DiCicco, Joshua Freitas, Chloe Gillon, Jasmine McCutcheon, Mitchell Murzycki, Jaeda Rose, Kinslie Stewart, Julianne Valby, Elizabeth Vescera

Honors: Parker Beck, Cole Benoit, Hailey Caverly, John Clarke, Kileigh Comptois, Selena Curry, Annabelle Estabrook, Jaxton Freeman, Jakub Krupa, Eva Lafontaine, Jordan McDonald, Jacob Poirier, Grace Roy, Kaylee Valdes, Lily Wolf, Bailey Young

Recognition: Alexander Apley, Jezarya Denham, Caleb Desjarlais, Jade Gaboury, Tripp Hoenig, Ezerik Johnson, Damyen Lowe, Logan McCarthy, Dylan Morzinski, Bryce Rock

Grade 7
High Honors: Stephen Andrews, Kiley Audette, Lacey Barnett, April Boudreau, Brooke Caya, Matthew Chrzanowski, Alexis Fiske, Gracie Greene, Amelia Hachigian, Maya Khaomongkhoun, Lily Kimball, Simon Lepino, Laura Logsdon, Ellyana Mayo, Owen McBrien, Lucey Miller, Colin Peckham, Sienna Ring, Allison Rivers, Rilynn-Mae Sargent, Amelia Senkhamtar

Honors: Jordyn Aponte, Jacen Beaudreault, Yvonne Clavette, Aiden Girard, Maggie Keegan, Samiah Laffleche, Elizabeth Lemay, Jack Lyon, Nathan Lyon, Ashley Martin, Rylee Parkin, Alison Phav, Chaice Seney, Avery Szarkowicz, Summer Warburton, Logan Wedda

Recognition: Madyson Grazulis, Jack Gustafson, Aidan Hanley, Liam Maliff, Otto Monahan, Jayden O'Connor, Carly Smith, Dante Warren

Grade 8
High Honors: Shyla Beckett, Payton Bolte, Deegan Bryniarski, Hazel Clavette, Logan Delicata, Emma Fournier, Sydney Jacobson, Sophia Kus, Andrew Marquette, Colin Mead, Shawn Sinni, Cameron Snow, Levi Tucker

Honors: Timothy Charbonneau, Jeylia Denham, Amilia Fraser, John Lowe, Paris Lowe, Jacob McHugh, Danika Minarik, Adylin Stewart, Jayden Watkins

Recognition: Laylanie Benitez, Braeden Carlson, Brendalis Labonte, Alexis Light, Kellan Mrozinski, Gia Reynolds-Rankin, Jacob Saad

Quiet Corner Al-Anon group meets Wednesdays

WOODSTOCK — An open Al-Anon meeting meets at the East Woodstock Congregational Church every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The Quiet Corner Al-Anon Family Group is open to anyone affected by alcoholism, family or friend. Any enquiries can be directed to 860-634-3271.

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Fitchburg State announces Dean’s, President’s Lists

FITCHBURG, Mass. — Fitchburg State President Donna Hodge has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean’s List and President’s List for the Spring 2025 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean’s List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

The President’s List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

President’s List

Brooklyn :
Mackenzie E. Leveille

Danielson :
Sophia J. Moore

Plainville: Stella R. Liebler

Dean’s List

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Make the most of your summer

This past weekend’s wet weather aside, summer has finally arrived with its warmth and vibrant energy. As we step into this long-awaited season, it is crucial that we seize the opportunity to embrace the outdoors, bask in the sun’s rays, and make the most of these few precious summer months.

The transitional period from spring to summer has been marked by an uncharacteristic gloom, with the dreary weather dampening spirits and limiting outdoor activities. But as the days grow longer and the sun regains its strength, let us reinvigorate our spirits with the bright prospects of summer.

There is an inherent enchantment that comes with this season, leading us to explore and indulge in the myriad of activities that the warmer months offer. It is the time to relish in the simple pleasures that nature provides, to feel the grass beneath our feet and to savor the coolness of a refreshing dip in the water.

Embracing summer not only renews our connection with the natural world but also nurtures our mental and physical well-being. Studies have consistently shown the positive impact of spending time outdoors, from reducing stress and anxiety to improving overall mood and cognitive function. It is during these sunny months that we have the opportunity to recharge our batteries, to foster a sense of balance, and to enhance our overall quality of life.

Summertime presents us with a golden chance to reconnect with our communities. Festivals, concerts, and outdoor events are resuming, offering opportunities for shared experiences and the celebration of the arts and culture that make our society thrive. By participating in these activities, we not only support local economies but also foster a sense of unity and togetherness that can heal the wounds inflicted by recent hardships.

Moreover, summer offers an array of recreational pursuits that cater to everyone. Whether it is hiking, picnicking in scenic spots, trying out water sports, or simply lounging in the sun with a captivating book, there is something for everyone. These leisurely activities allow us to create lasting memories, deepen relationships, and inspire a sense of adventure within us.

As we immerse ourselves in the joys of summer, remember to do so responsibly. Climate change is an ever-present threat, and our actions must reflect a commitment to the environment. As we embrace outdoor activities, let us also prioritize sustainable practices, such as reducing waste, conserving water, and protecting natural habitats. By doing so, we can ensure that future generations will have the privilege to enjoy the beauty of summer as we do today. Let us make this one summer to remember!

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Earth — the stuff of stars!

To the Editor:
Carl Sagan often said, “We are the stuff of stars.” I’d heard that phrase before, but never fully grasped its meaning—until I started reading Sagan himself, along with Stephen Hawking and Neil deGrasse Tyson. As they explained, every atom that makes up our planet—oxygen, silicon, aluminum, iron, calcium, sodium—was forged in ancient stars.

The uncountable trillions of stars in our universe, composed mostly of hydrogen, are powered by continuous nuclear fusion. Under immense gravitational pressure, they fuse hydrogen atoms into helium—creating a completely new element with its own atomic structure and properties. As stars evolve, fusion continues, building heavier and more complex elements until all the natural elements in the periodic table are born in their fiery cores. A few elements with names like neptunium and einsteinium are actually synthesized by man.

After billions of years, many stars explode, scattering their elemental creations across the cosmos. A bunch of this star stuff coalesced 4.6 billion years ago to form our solar system, including the Earth. Working through processes of an evolving planet with a molten core and proximate to a medium-sized star, the Earth made the oceans, the atmosphere, the polar ice caps, and the rainforests. Eventually, we humans churned up.

Everything we’ve ever built—our homes, roads, cell phones, cities, and even tonight’s dinner—was crafted by rearranging the elements born in stars. We humans are brilliant at rearranging the elements to create creature comforts and security. But we’re far less skilled at doing so without unintended side effects—many of which now threaten the very comfort and security we seek.

Earth is enormous compared to any one of us, which makes it hard to imagine how humans could meaningfully alter its elemental or living biological systems. But by 2050, there will be 10 billion of us here on Earth. Across the span of human history, around 100 billion people have lived. If a swarm of five billion puny locusts can strip vast tracts of the African content of vegetation in only a day, what could 100 billion humans do to the Earth in the span of 10,000 years? When we think of

the greatest power ever unleashed by man, the image of the atomic bomb comes to mind. But the more pressing danger to humanity is much subtler as our oceans, atmosphere, ice caps, and rainforests slowly heat up and shift from green to brown.

Take carbon, for example, one of the universe’s most versatile elements. It fuels our bodies as carbohydrates and our machines as hydrocarbons. But we also used it to create over 400 million metric tons of plastic annually and more than 100,000 synthetic chemicals—substances unknown to nature. Carbon is also the backbone of carbon dioxide, the gas that makes life on Earth possible through nature’s “greenhouse effect.” But by burning hydrocarbons at an unprecedented rate, we’ve driven atmospheric CO₂ to levels never before experienced by human civilization. The result: a warming planet that may, if trends continue, grow too hot to support us.

With trillions of stars and planets, the universe is almost certainly teeming with life. I suspect that for any advanced species, the great existential challenge is learning how to manage the elements—the stuff of stars—without burning up the ship. Stephen Hawking warned in 2017 that what humanity does in the next 100 years will decide our future as a species. He was deeply concerned when Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord, warning it “could push the Earth over the brink, to become like Venus, with a temperature of 250 degrees, and raining sulphuric acid.”

The choices we make now—how we manage the elements—will determine whether humanity continues deep into the future, or becomes just another failed experiment of the cosmos. We are 25 years into the 21st Century and it’s time we humans start playing the long game. Not by throwing the fossilized carbon of Earth’s crust up into the atmosphere, but by simply collecting the free, non-polluting, five-billion year supply of energy from that nearby star we call the Sun. Let’s leave the atmosphere alone, and let it keep working the way we need it for the generations to follow.

KEN WOLSLEGEL
WOODSTOCK

Military service is about more than the uniform

To the Editor:
“We the People” live in challenging times. As a child, I went to a Vacation Bible School at a local church. We learned a song called “Onward Christian Soldiers,” marching off to war. We lined up on the sidewalk and sang this song every day as we marched into the building. Just recently, the second line was changed as it was not “politically correct.” Remember, this was in the middle 1940’s, during WWII.

We’ve just observed 250 years of having an army to defend our freedom. The first was the Continental Army made up mostly of farmers who joined to defend the thirteen colonies at war with the parent nation they had left behind for more freedom.

Today, our army is our largest service of men and women willing to pledge their allegiance to the United States of America. As veterans are passing away, firsthand accounts of their service time are becoming scarce but still need to be remembered. These accounts are the most powerful way to keep history alive and understand the toll of wars. We cannot afford another war. It must be avoided at all costs.

We are living in an age of contradictions and social media does not help this. Some posts pay tribute to those who have served our military, yet other posts criticize our involvement in military actions. We must form our

own opinions based on facts and not rely on the hearsay of social media.

Vietnam veterans faced many problems when they returned home after serving their country. They had physical and emotional scars from the war which they had to live with for the rest of their lives. Those of us who were in leadership positions and responsible for the lives of others grew up quickly. Coming home, something we dreamed of from day one, was not easy because we had changed so much in such a short time. I was not the same kid who was put on a train in Putnam five years earlier.

Military service isn’t about a uniform; it’s more about impact. It’s about standing up when it matters most. It’s about keeping our freedoms alive. As we honor 250 years of military service, imagine the courage it took early in WWII for our American fly boys inside a B-17 bomber. They knew they had a one in four chance of surviving their tour of duty. Terrible odds. Let’s keep in mind those who are serving right now and are in harm’s way all over the world working to keep all of us safe and our freedom alive. Let’s keep them in our prayers and welcome them home with open arms when their tour is over.

God Bless America.
G. TOD STEVENSON (USAF)
WOODSTOCK

The state of dairy in 2025: Challenges, opportunities, and a bright future in Connecticut and beyond

To the Editor:
Across the country, dairy farming is undergoing a transformation. Processing facilities are being built at a record pace, with billions of dollars invested to meet growing consumer demand. High-quality dairy products full of protein and nutrients are in high demand, both domestically and abroad. Dairy consumption is at record levels, with roughly 18% of U.S. dairy production now being exported.

This has created both opportunities and challenges, with farmers navigating an ever-changing landscape where growth and technology are becoming common place. Farmers are increasing their efficiency through precision record keeping and cow care technology (think Fitbits for cows), robotic milking systems, GPS-guided equipment, drone equipment, anaerobic digesters, and more. These innovations help farmers make faster, more informed decisions to keep cows healthier, crops stronger, and operations more profitable. American dairy farmers are the best in the world at adopting new technologies to produce a safe, nutritious product.

Connecticut dairy farmers are proud to be part of that leadership. We have a rich dairy heritage with 84 farms holding strong. Diversity defines our operations from farms bottling milk to making yogurt and more. Many, like ours, have found creative ways to engage with the public to share our passion for farming.

At Fairholm Farm in Woodstock, we milk 400 cows using robotic milking technology. Our farm is a member of the Dairy Farmers of America co-op, which shares our commitment to enriching communities and consum-

ers through dairy. We have diversified our dairy business with a summer camp that educates kids ages six to 12 on farming, a farm store where we raise our own beef, pork and chicken and we make compost to sell.

June is National Dairy Month and it’s one of my favorite times of the year. It’s a chance to recognize dairy’s contributions and promote its nutritional benefits. It’s also a time to acknowledge the hard work and resilience of our farmers, who face challenges like fluctuating milk prices, unpredictable weather, and competition for available land. To help navigate these risks, farms rely on tools like milk price insurance, crop insurance, and farmland preservation programs that make it more affordable to buy or lease land. Other tools farmers are using include contracting grain purchases and being proactive about understanding markets.

Our farm recently hosted its third annual open house, where we explain what we do and provide tours to the public. I feel extra optimistic this year, especially talking with other farmers who share my belief that things are heading in the right direction. I feel a shift in consumers wanting to support and connect to their local farms. I believe it’s especially coming from younger generations, who are becoming more educated about the source of their food and seeking less-processed options.

I believe Connecticut agriculture is only getting stronger. With innovation, teamwork, and community support, the future of dairy farming looks bright, not just in our state, but across the country.

JONATHAN HERMONOT
WOODSTOCK

Selective hearing

The sickening crunch that rose from beneath the tires of my car as I drove down our country road is rooted in my brain. After removing three painted turtles from the pavement over the past weeks, I had killed one. The snap of its beautiful black shell was unmistakable and sickening. The sound joins another moment when

I crossed the road in front of our library. The light was flashing. Two cars stopped. One did not and smashed into the others. Seconds of skidding tires, breaking plastic and chaos ensued.



NANCY WEISS

Hearing, sounds and noise, fill our days. During a recent trip, my husband, who began wearing hearing aids about a year ago, struggled with where to sit at group dinners in restaurants and cafes. Since his odyssey began with the devices, he has tried to find the right mix of effectiveness, comfort and acuity at filtering out unwanted noises. When he cranks up the television to watch the stock market, I know he won’t hear a word I say.

Given the price, lightweight design and speedy recharging many of my tech items, it is a puzzle that hearing aids are not better. I read that half of people in the US over seventy-five have some hearing loss. Looks like there are real opportunities to make better hearing aids and sell them to those of us who are tired of asking or being asked to repeat what we just said. Besides, hearing loss is part of the sad road to cognitive decline, which already inches toward catastrophe.

Just before dawn, I listen to the birds offer up their morning recital. It is one of the countless benefits of a rural life to hear nature at her best. There are the soft sounds of rain on the roof and wind in the evergreens. There are the shivers of realization when a February midnight brings the sound of ice pelting the windows.

My neighbors tell me the barred owls living between our houses are so vocal that they jokingly may need ear plugs. These low-frequency sounds are soothing.

Not so, the aggressive blasting of motorcycle engines that taints the summer season. If the noise of the vehicles isn’t enough, the riders crank up the music as they roll along as if they can even hear it. The grizzled faces I see driving through seem to be people happy to be out with friends and ready to patronize local establishments. They raise money for good causes and drive fancy bikes. They must have a different emotional response to the mechanical roar than rest of us. We are prisoners of their delight in loud noise.

The summer concerts on the lawn at Roseland Cottage bring free live music to the area. I watched a woman bounce her feet and move her arms and shoulders to the lively notes of a rock band on a warm evening. She was sitting in a lawn chair, but in her heart she was a college kid at a concert dancing in a tie-dyed t-shirt. Music

transports us by touching special parts of ourselves and releasing some of the best feelings ever. Whether I am dancing in my kitchen to Aretha or feeling tears in my eyes from Bryn Terfel, sound is transcending.

The sad memory of crushing an innocent turtle will fade. The fender-bender clash of cars will abate. The motorcycles will keep on roaring. I’ll raise my voice to catch my husband’s attention and because his hearing aids are good enough, he will answer. Our lives are awash in sounds and noise. Selective hearing is best.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The fanatics don't ever intend to leave

To the Editor:

MAGA supporters often fault people like me for rarely complaining about Democrats, real conservatives, and traditional Republicans while constantly criticizing Donald Trump. There are abundant reasons.

Trump is completely and radically different from every president in US history. Dozens of letters in your Opinion section over the past few years documented the outrageous grifting, seizure of autocratic power, backstabbing of traditional allies, embrace of autocrats, intention to give billionaires enormous tax breaks, withholding of food and medicine from sick and starving people, and issuance of illegal and unconstitutional executive orders.

Trump's actions would drive Republicans and their right-wing media berserk (justifiably so) if taken by a Democratic president. Therefore, the inescapable conclusion is that the MAGA ruling class never intends to give up power. They can't tolerate the thought that Trump's authoritarian powers could be wielded against them. They understand that a Democratic president could use expanded executive power to coerce billionaires, conservative universities, law firms, think tanks, and state and local governments to do his bidding and adopt DEI policies. She could order FBI investigations and prosecutions and IRS audits of political enemies.

He could issue an executive order confiscating certain firearms from all residents. After all, why yield

authority to the Supreme Court anymore? Liberal presidents might prefer the Second Amendment the way it was interpreted by the Court until 2008, limiting individual gun ownership.

If Trump is successful in negating the plain constitutional language regarding birthright citizenship, MAGA supporters could find themselves stateless and subject to deportation. Trump has talked about revoking the citizenship of naturalized citizens. How would MAGA like to see Elon Musk deported to, say, Sudan? Green card holders who express hateful, right-wing ideas or positions in opposition to US foreign policy could be abducted and imprisoned by masked, unidentifiable federal agents without recourse to the courts. White citizens could "accidentally" be abducted and sent to an El Salvador gulag and the president could claim he has no way to get them back.

All of these actions are plausible should MAGA relinquish power in 2028. They're clearly not about to let that happen. Our electoral system is already legally skewed to benefit Republicans plus a massive effort is being mounted to suppress the vote, gerrymander congressional districts, and flood the courts with challenges to election results MAGA doesn't like. MAGA adherents now know that they can mount a violent insurrection if necessary and get away with it if a fanatic like Trump returns to the presidency.

BILLY G. TAYLOR
KILLINGLY

We couldn't be under worse leadership

To the Editor:

Bombing Iran, military parades in Washington, D.C., the "Big Beautiful Bill" in Congress — what's the common denominator here? Donald Trump's insatiable ego. Trump's idea of being president is one big campaign rally — reading nonsense from a teleprompter to cheering supporters as his gutless cabinet members nod their heads. The concept of doing what's best for our country and the American people is lost on him.

With all the challenges our nation is facing, including the dangerous events unfolding around the world, I can't think of a worse person to be sitting in the Oval Office. This lying, draft-dodging con-artist with a legacy of corruption and cheating is determined to carve his name in history — one way or another. God help us.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

United we stand, divided we fall — what is to become of the United States?

To the Editor:

The overreach of presidential power today is staggering. Consider President Trump's own words: "I will be a dictator on day one." "I am your retribution." "I run the country and the World."

This isn't leadership. The White House even posted an image of Trump in a crown with the caption, "Long live the King." Trump shared doctored images of himself as the Pope. What are we teaching our children when the highest office in the land is for sale to the highest bidder? When one can commit felonies and crimes and still have a legitimate career path to the Presidency?

Once, the question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" might have drawn answers like "doctor," "teacher," "astronaut" or "President." Now? Are we preparing a generation that sees "Dictator" or "King" as a legitimate career path?

Since January, the Trump Administration's authoritarian threats have been nonstop, aimed at allies, neighbors, and even U.S. states. Tariff threats have destabilized confidence for consumers and businesses from Mexico to the EU. The trade promise "90 deals in 90 days" has flopped. Instead of negotiations, the administration has resorted to what amounts to blackmail over natural resources like critical minerals and oil.

The international rhetoric has turned dangerous. Military threats toward Greenland and Panama. The SignalGate debacle with the bombing attack in Yemen. Now, a strike on Iran. This isn't diplomacy, it's authoritarianism with a military budget.

Domestically, the Administration claims to favor state autonomy, on edu-

cation, reproductive rights, and disaster relief, its actions show otherwise. Withholding congressionally allocated funds from states that don't fall in line is coercion, not cooperation. Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Wisconsin, and California are considering fighting back, possibly withholding federal payments in response.

California is even exploring secession. A measure to put independence on their 2028 ballot has been cleared to collect signatures. It's not a fringe idea anymore, it's a symptom of growing fracture.

According to USA Facts, in 2023: 35 percent of U.S. federal revenue came from just four states: California, Texas, New York, and Florida.

19 states paid more into the federal government than they received.

New York gave \$89 billion more than it got. California: \$78 billion. New Jersey: \$70 billion.

When states that prop up the system financially are threatened and punished, it's no surprise they begin to rethink the union. Do you remember learning about the Boston tea party? Something to think about as we celebrate our (fading) independence on the 4th of July.

We are more divided and more ununited than ever before. This isn't sustainable.

So, the real question is: how do we come back from this? How do we rebuild trust in leadership, in one another, and in the idea of a United States? How do we move beyond power grabs and threats, and start working together to solve the real crises that face humanity and the planet? Let your voice be heard at election time.

LISA ARENDS
BROOKLYN

What financial freedom really means & how to achieve it

Financial freedom—it's a term we hear constantly, but what does it actually mean? At WHZ, we've found that true financial freedom isn't just about reaching a specific dollar amount in your bank account. It's about creating a financial foundation that gives you choices and peace of mind throughout all of life's stages – which is the ultimate goal of our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ strategic financial planning process.

Defining financial freedom

Financial freedom represents the ability to make life decisions without being overly constrained by financial considerations. It's when your money works for you, rather than you constantly working for money.

This might look like having enough savings to weather unexpected expenses without stress, being able to take career risks or pursue passion projects, retiring comfortably on your own timeline, or helping your children through college without sacrificing your own security. The beauty of financial freedom is that it's not a binary state—you can experience increasing levels of freedom as you implement smart financial strategies over time.

Essential habits for building wealth

Live below your means: This doesn't mean cutting out all enjoyment from your life. Instead, it's about being intentional with your spending and ensuring you're consistently saving and investing a meaningful portion of your income. The goal is to create a sustainable lifestyle that allows for both current enjoyment and future security.

Invest early: Time is your greatest ally when building wealth. Thanks to compound interest, even small amounts invested consistently over time can grow substantially. Start with what you can afford—even \$100 monthly can make a significant difference over decades.

Automate your success: One of the most powerful strategies for building wealth is automation. Set up automatic transfers to savings and investment accounts, and automatic bill payments to avoid late fees. When saving and investing happens automatically, you're more likely to stick with your plan consistently.

Strategic approaches to accelerate progress

Optimize your emergency fund: I recently wrote an entire article on just this topic – you can read all the details at whzwealth.com/blog. But in short, your emergency fund shouldn't just sit idle in a low-yield account. Consider high-yield savings accounts, money market funds, or a tiered approach that balances immediate access with better returns. A properly funded emergency fund (3-6 months of expenses) provides the foundation for taking calculated investment risks.

Maximize your tax-advantaged accounts: Take full advantage of 401(k)s, IRAs, HSAs, and other tax-advantaged accounts. These vehicles can significantly accelerate your wealth-building by reducing your current tax burden and allowing investments to grow tax-deferred or tax-free.

For 2025, maximize these contribution limits:

401(k): \$23,500 (plus \$7,500 catch-up for age 50+)

IRA: \$7,000 (plus \$1,000 catch-up for age 50+)

HSA: \$4,300 individual, \$8,550 family (plus \$1,000 catch-up for age 55+)

Smart debt management: Not all debt is created equal. High-interest consumer debt should be eliminated aggressively, while low-interest debt (like mortgages) can often be managed alongside investment strategies. Focus on paying off credit cards and other high-interest debt first.

Investment principles for long-term success

Diversification and asset allocation:

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Don't put all your eggs in one basket. A properly diversified portfolio across different asset classes, geographic regions, and market sectors can help manage risk while pursuing growth. Your asset allocation should reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon, and financial goals.

Stay the course during market volatility: Market downturns are inevitable, but they're also temporary. Historical data shows that patient, long-term investors who stay invested through market cycles typically achieve better outcomes than those who try to time the market.1

Regular rebalancing: Periodically rebalance your portfolio to maintain your target asset allocation. This disciplined approach forces you to sell high-performing assets and buy underperforming ones, which can improve long-term returns.

Avoiding common pitfalls

Lifestyle inflation: As income increases, resist the urge to increase spending proportionally. Instead, direct raises and bonuses toward savings and investments.

Emotional decision making: Fear and greed are wealth destroyers. Stick to your long-term plan and avoid making impulsive financial decisions based on market movements.

Neglecting protection: Adequate insurance protection (life, disability, property) protects your wealth-building progress from unforeseen setbacks.

Your path to financial freedom

Financial freedom isn't achieved overnight—it's the result of consistent, strategic actions taken over time. Whether you're in your "Balancing Act Years" juggling career growth and family responsibilities, or approaching your "Next Chapter Years" preparing for retirement, the principles remain the same: spend less than you earn, invest consistently, and stay focused on your long-term objectives.

At WHZ Strategic Wealth Advisors, our "Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.™" process helps individuals and families create comprehensive strategies tailored to their unique situations. We understand that financial freedom isn't just about accumulating wealth—it's about creating the confidence and flexibility to live life on your terms.

Ready to start your journey toward financial freedom? Contact us for a complimentary consultation at whzwealth.com or call (860) 928-2341. Let us help you develop a strategic plan that will help to provide you with Absolute Confidence. Unwavering Partnership. For Life.

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Gardening in extreme heat

The recent heat wave that swept across much of the country is a good reminder to take extra care of our plants and ourselves as temperatures climb. Extreme temperatures can take their toll even on plants normally suited to the growing conditions.

Many plants suffer when short- or long-term temperatures exceed 86 degrees Fahrenheit. You will see withering, leaf and flower drop, stunting and more on heat stressed plants. The longer the heat wave persists the greater the risk of damage.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90, and night temperatures remain above 70, blossoms drop, and poor fruit development may occur



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MELINDA MYERS

on tomatoes.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile, and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells.

We can't change the weather, but we can help our plants cope when temperatures soar. Provide some midday and afternoon shade for plants struggling with the heat. Move containers

to a shady location and use a patio umbrella or shade cloth suspended on hoops or stakes to provide your permanent plantings with a bit of relief.

Mulch the soil to conserve water, keep plant roots cooler, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as it decomposes. Spread a one-to-three-inch layer of leaves, evergreen needles, woodchips and other organic matter on the soil surface surrounding plants. The coarser the material, the thicker the layer of mulch needed. Pull mulch away from the trunk of trees and the stems of shrubs and other plants. You obtain multiple benefits from this one task while burning a few calories and strengthening your muscles.

Water plants thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Plants will develop deeper roots able to access water from a larger area, making them more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Avoid frequent light watering that encourages shallow roots more susceptible to drought stress. Make sure new plantings, moisture lovers, and stressed plants are the first to receive a good, long drink.

Don't overlook established trees and shrubs that need a helping hand during extended periods of hot, dry weather. Soak the area under



Photo Melinda Myers

Soaker hoses and drip irrigation save water by applying it directly to the soil where it is needed.

the tree's dripline when the top four to six inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Provide ten gallons of water per inch diameter of tree trunk measured at 4.5 feet high.

Water early in the day, when possible, to reduce moisture loss to evaporation. Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation whenever possible. You'll use less water by applying it right to the soil where it is needed.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly when the top inch or two of soil is dry.

Take care of yourself when gardening especially during hot weather. Try to work in the garden when tempera-

tures are cooler and in the shady spots in your landscape. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water.

Cover up your skin with brightly colored, loose-fitting clothing made of densely woven fabrics. Wear a broad-brimmed hat to protect your skin and UV-blocking sunglasses for the health of your eyes.

Apply a broad-spectrum UVA & UVB sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. Apply it 30 minutes before going outdoors and every two hours. You'll prevent sunburn and skin damage while making it easier to return to the garden each day.

With proper care, you and your plants will be better able to withstand the summer heat.

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Grace of Eastford won a cake at the 2024 Frog Jump.

Eastford Church to hold frog jump and band concert

BY MIKE MORAN
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EASTFORD — The Congregational Church of Eastford will hold its annual free summer Band Concert and Frog Jump on Saturday, July 12.

The evening will feature a frog jumping contest and a concert by the East Woodstock Cornet Band. Bring your own frog (loaners will be available). Also on tap will be a bounce house, games and fun activities for children. The waterfront will be open for swimming. Burgers, hot dogs and sides will be served as well as local premium ice cream. There will also be cotton candy and an old-fashioned cake walk. Last year over three dozen guests took home home-baked treats! Everything is Free! The event has been a community summer favorite for at least a century. "It's a great event for kids young and old" said Katie Cote of Eastford.

Frog registration begins at 5 p.m., and events begin at 5:30 p.m. The event will be at Crustal Pond Park - 305 Crystal Pond Rd., Woodstock Valley.

Is time moving faster? That's what Terrence McKenna thought.

He asked the question, "What lasts longer: a million years with nothing happening or ten seconds packed with fifty thousand moments?"

He postulated that in the universe's early days, so little was going on that time itself felt slow. Back then, the cosmos was almost empty—few particles, few forces, few events—and now, there seem to be countless events and moments happening at an exponential rate. More and more events are piling up in our days. Which makes one feel as if time is speeding up.

McKenna saw this acceleration on a universal scale—but we feel it every day in our own lives. The average morning now contains more stimuli than a whole week used to. We're living in a digital downpour.

Everything we see is designed to pull at our attention. One sensational headline after another—storm warnings, market crashes, political scandals—but that's just the beginning. Every screen you look at flips to a new commercial, a pop-up ad, a push notification begging you to shop, a sponsored post in your feed, a "limited-time offer" email, or an autoplay trailer for the next hot show. Each one a mini-event in an avalanche of distractions.

With so many things happening at once—our days feel overloaded. Time seems to slip through our fingers.

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it? We could run away to a cabin in the woods and hide from all the screens. Short of doing that, there is no escape.

We are trapped in an ever-accelerating timeline—more events, and more noise happening faster and faster each day. If you let it. It can take you from your destiny.

We stand at a crossroads. One path leads us deeper into distraction, a life dictated by alerts, ads, and headlines we didn't choose. Another tempts you toward total escape—setting off for a remote cabin to become a hermit in the woods.

There is a third way, the most powerful of all: to become the navigator of your own timeline. You don't need to run from the storm. You just need to grab the wheel and live with intention.

It's easy to become like a leaf blown around in the wind and tossed this way and that by every notification, every breaking story, every flash of someone else's success. When we make those outside events our priority, we're not living our own dream but chasing pieces of someone else's. It's not wrong to stay informed or enjoy a viral moment, but when our attention is always pulled toward the next big thing, our own purpose gets lost in the whirlwind.

Living intentionally means waking each morning with a clear sense of where you want to go. It starts by naming your biggest dream—writing that book, launching that project, getting that promotion, mastering that skill. Keep that

vision at the front of your mind as you move through your day. When a notification tugs at you, ask yourself: "Is this helping me get closer to my goal?" If not, let it go and steer back to your course.

Chart your journey in small, steady steps. Block out time on your calendar for your highest priority—twenty minutes of writing, fifteen minutes of practice, half an hour of research. Whatever it is that you choose. Protect these pockets of purpose like sacred appointments.

As you return to them day after day, you'll see your timeline bend in your favor. The hours you invest become deep rivers of progress rather than shallow puddles of distraction.

Along the way, celebrate each mile marker. Did you apply for that job? Did you send that first email? Each success, no matter how small, proves you're charting the right course. Adjust as needed—if a path grows rocky, try a new route—but never lose sight of your horizon.

Even if the pace of life keeps accelerating, your path doesn't have to. Time, like clay, is shaped by the hands that hold it. Don't let it be molded by algorithms, ads, and someone else's agenda. Choose your moment. Chart your course. And let each small, steady step become the story of who you're becoming and advancing toward the life you've always imagined.

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Cooling off

Chicken BBQ: Support Killingly Grange #112 at 801 Hartford Turnpike. Saturday, July 12. 5-7 p.m. Half chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, roll, slice watermelon. \$15. Dine in or take out. Call 860-884-1813 to reserve your meal. Tickets are limited. The Grange is also collecting non-perishable foods for local food pantries.

I am not a hot weather person, so did not appreciate our recent heatwave! It did, however, quickly produce a topic for this week’s column--cooling drinks and foods. What’s your go-to summer drink? Soda? Iced water? Iced tea? Lemonade? I was reading about historical drinks in “The Best of Shaker Cooking,” edited by Amy Bess Williams Miller and Persis Wellington Fuller. “Members (of the Shaker community) were urged to grow lemon trees ‘within doors’, as it is much easier than it would seem to be and the fruit can be used for most refreshing

beverages” (p. 403). An AI overview had this to say about the history of lemonade, “Lemonade has a history stretching back to 10th-century Egypt, where it evolved from a simple mix of lemon juice, water, and sugar to a popular drink with perceived health benefits. Its popularity spread through the Middle East and Europe, with vendors selling it from tanks strapped to their backs in the 17th century. The drink became further popularized in the United States through the temperance movement and the circus, and lemonade stands became a symbol of childhood entrepreneurship.” Lucy Webb Hayes, (11831-1889) wife of president Rutherford B. Hayes, was called “Lemonade Lucy”. “Historians have christened her ‘Lemonade Lucy’ due to her staunch support of



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the temperance movement; however, contrary to popular belief, she was never referred to by that nickname while living. It was her husband who banned alcohol from the White House.” (Wikipedia). I keep a pitcher of water with sliced lemons in my refrigerator for a refreshing drink on its own or to add to my iced tea.

I remember learning about a cooling farmer’s drink called “switchel” from some of my historical fiction reads. I really didn’t know what was in it, but remembered vinegar. Yes, vinegar! The Shaker cookbook provided a short commentary and a recipe. “Never in New England was there a haying without quantities of cold switchel at hand. Men working in the fields could drink any amount of it without cloying the taste or destroying the appetite. Even if it became tepid, it was still refreshing. Recipe: 1 cup brown sugar, 2 quarts water, ½ cup molasses, ¼ cup vinegar, ½ teaspoon ginger. Stir and cool. Serves 5 cups.” (p. 409).

Many years ago, my youngest sister, Susan Markunas Dayan, was a docent at Fort Hunter Museum just north of Harrisburg, PA on the Susquehanna River. When I told her about my topic, she said that they used to served syllabub and even had special glasses. So what’s syllabub? “Syllabub is a sweet dish made by curdling sweet cream or milk with an acid such as wine or cider. It was a popular British confection from the 16th to the 19th centuries. The holiday punch, sweet and frothy, was often considered a ladies’ drink.

Early recipes for syllabub are for a drink of cider with milk. By the 17th century it had evolved into a type of dessert made with sweet white wine. More wine could be added to make a punch, but it could also be made to have a thicker consistency that could be eaten with a spoon, used as a topping for trifle, or to dip fingers of sponge cake into.” (Wikipedia).

“It was sipped or spooned from special syllabub glasses, so that the effect” of highly whipped cream above, “contrasting with the clear liquid below could be fully appreciated.”

(https://www.mountvernon.org/inn/recipes/article/syllabub). Both the Mount Vernon

website and Wikipedia showed different syllabub glasses; one set had double handles.

Do you know what a shrub is? Not the leafy, flowery variety but a cool, refreshing drink. The Shakers used both raspberries and currants to make them. The syrup also helped preserve the fragile berries for future use. The Hancock Shaker village had the following recipe for raspberry shrub: “3 quarts red raspberries, 1 quart very mild vinegar (more vinegar), and sugar. Crush berries and add vinegar. Let stand 24 hours, then strain. Add ½ pound white sugar to each quart of juice. Let come to boiling point and put in jars. Makes 2 quarts. To serve, dilute with 3 parts cold water to 1 part juice and pour over crushed ice in tall glass. A currant shrub may be made this way.” (p.413).

What are your favorite foods to eat in hot weather? I immediately think ice cream and watermelon. In fact, I will have both today. Do you know how long people have been eating frozen desserts? The AI overview noted, “As early as 500 B.C. Persians were known to use yakhchais (underground chambers) to create frozen desserts like faloodeh, which involved ice, honey and fruits. Around 200 AD Chinese royalty enjoyed frozen milk and rice mixtures. The Arabs developed recipes for sherbert, a sweetened and chilled drink which likely influenced European ices and sorbets. Antonio Latini’s publication of a milk-based sorbet recipe in Naples is considered a significant step towards modern ice cream. King Charles II of England also served frozen creams at banquets, showcasing the dessert’s popularity among the elite.”

The British Museum Web site had much of interest on the subject. “The first printed ice cream recipe in Europe was in the handwritten receipts of Lady Anne Fanshawe (1625–1680) in 1665 – whose husband Sir Richard was Charles II’s ambassador to Spain. Her recipe titled ‘To make Icy Cream’ suggests the addition of orange-flower water, which were both fashionable ingredients at the time. However, the recipe would never have worked, as she forgot to mention that you needed to add salt to the ice around the ice cream mixture. The technique of adding salt, or saltpeter, to the ice surrounding the ice cream base, was an early modern development that allowed mixtures to be frozen solid. The salt creates an

endothermic reaction that lowers the freezing temperature of water, therefore making it colder.”

What is your favorite flavor? The Museum website noted, “The 18th century was arguably the heyday for ice cream, with more varieties on offer in Georgian London than could be found in most establishments today. Flavours such as chocolate, pistachio, pineapple, jasmine, artichoke, candied pumpkin, pine nut, pear and chestnut appeared in many of London’s fashionable ice cream parlours.” Hmm! Artichoke and chestnut? I don’t think I’d care for those. “As well as these fabulous flavours the Georgian era promoted the shaping of ices into a myriad of forms. The ice cream cone hadn’t quite been invented yet, so making moulded ice cream was the most fashionable way to serve your dessert. The moulds, made from pewter, were available in all sorts of shapes; from lobsters and joints of ham, to pineapples and roses – all waiting to be cast in your frozen dessert. To make an ice cream using one of these hinged moulds, they would first be filled with partially frozen ice cream (made using a sorbetiere), then closed, sealed with a wax mixture and plunged into a tub of ice and salt for three hours. The frosty forms were then painted with their natural colour, decorated with real stalks and foliage – or in the case of a certain candle-shaped ice cream mould that I have in my collection, adorned with a working wick for an illusionistic centerpiece”. (https://www.britishmuseum.org/blog/ice-cream-inside-scoop). The site had wonderful photographs of old ice cream making equipment including the sorbetiere mentioned in the article. You won’t be disappointed if you take the time to visit it.

Meanwhile, summer is just beginning. Stay hydrated; stay cool; and look for refreshing drinks and foods. These are just a sampling from our past.

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Valuable life skills for summer



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MIKE BOGDANSKI

Finally, we are seeing our anticipated summer weather. The prolonged spring of cooler weather and rainy days seems over. The current Amazon jungle heat wave has pounced on us like a panther on its prey, so we need to be careful, but it’s not just the heat that I want to warn families about.

As a lifelong martial artist, I have always been concerned about self-defense in many facets of daily life. I am not talking about ninjas attacking, but about valuable life skills kids need to be safe for everyday living this summer.

As a martial arts Grandmaster, I consider that everything in life can have a self-defense component. Here are a few examples of how to

keep our kids safe.

- Sunscreen = self-defense against sunburn.
- Brushing your teeth = self-defense against cavities.
- Making your bed = self-defense against getting yelled at by Mom!

I will start with the sun. As a teen, I visited a fantastic island resort with my family. We spent all day playing in the pool, and of course, back in those days, we did not use sunscreen. I suffered a severe sunburn that kept me in bed for the night. The next day, I had to cover myself in the pool. This was before modern swim shirts, so I had to wear my long-sleeve sweatshirt (which weighed ten pounds in the water!).

Put water in the kids, not kids in the water. Kids’ metabolisms run hotter than adults’, producing more heat. Their water depletion can be dangerous because their sweat mechanism is less developed than that of adults, making it harder for them to cool down effectively and risking overheating. Kids who play hard in the summer may forget to drink, so please keep them hydrated. Recently, on one of our hot days, I became tired and had a rare headache, so I had to lie down in the AC, becoming a victim of dehydration, too.

Self-defense against brain decay. The brain is like a muscle that needs regular exercise. Summer slide is not a term for kids playing by the swing set. School-age kids receive summer take-home work for a specific reason. Research consistently shows that children can lose two months of reading skills if they don’t participate in summer learning activities. This accumulated loss can put kids significantly behind their peers by the time they reach middle school. Summer exposure to books expands a child’s vocabulary, improves comprehension, and strengthens critical thinking. My wife and I have a technique where one of our seven-year-old grandchildren receives tablet time equal to reading time. Ten minutes of reading gets her ten minutes of tablet time. Seems like a great trade to us. With lots of mental stimulation, kids brains will become super tuned up for September. Developing a love for reading can bring tons of achievement and pleasure throughout a lifetime. I love our Putnam library, which we visit often for our grandchildren and ourselves. They host many kids’ activities and even provide lunch all summer. Feel free to pass on one of my most-used tips for kids: Readers are leaders!

Fireworks are fun (and dangerous) The most fantastic part of Putnam’s Independence Day celebration is the fireworks. I heartily suggest watching the professionals do the work. Did you know a sparkler burns at 2,000 degrees? I have been at cookouts where five-year-olds played with these as if they were toys, and yes, my adrenaline was spiking off the charts.

Water self-defense. Every year, an average of four people will drown in the state of Connecticut. One summer, when I worked as a lake lifeguard, I had to personally pull kids out of the lake twice who couldn’t swim but ventured into deep water. As kids and families frolicked nearby, I had my eye on one of the kids as he began floundering and struggling, and when he realized his feet could not touch the bottom, he immediately began to panic. As I jumped out of my lifeguard chair and ran into the water, I watched him go under. I didn’t even have to swim to him because the water he was in wasn’t that deep. He had no swimming skills and had no adult supervision. This situation could have turned very badly. Drowning happens quietly and quickly, so I suggest a watch-watcher. In a crowded swimming situation, one adult should have a designated time where they do nothing but watch the kids, with no phone and no distractions.

On a more serious note, many years ago, one spring, I lost one of my five-year-old students in a home drowning situation. He was playing with his cousin in the backyard. He decided to climb up on the edge of the above-ground pool, which had a cover on it. He stepped onto the cover and was not secured well. In he went. The cover came down over him, and he could not grab onto the side to save himself. His was the saddest funeral I have ever been to.

Let’s be careful out there. Please don’t make me send the ninjas.

Mike Bogdanski is a martial arts Grandmaster and anti-bully activist.

Local students earn Dean’s List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY, Mass. — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the spring 2025 Dean’s List.

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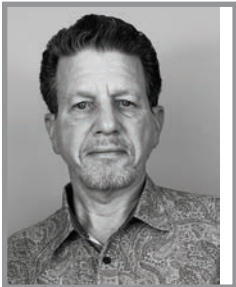
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It must have been humiliating, frustrating, and terrifying. I am not sure he even understood why he did what he did, but he would often go into fits of rage. He was so disturbed that he roamed in graveyards buck-naked, causing people to give him a wide berth. Since his problems were fueled by evil, we can assume he was often confused, angry and miserable in every way.

Then, one day, he spotted a boat on the Sea of Galilee coming to a dock near his place of homeless wandering. He felt that familiar power inside rise up and drive him to meet those who were disembarking from the boat. He heard his voice being hijacked and must have dreaded what was about to hap-

pen, because he was not in control. This is how the story is told in Luke 8:26-39 nt:

So they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee. As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him. For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in the tombs outside the town.

As soon as he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down in front of him. Then he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon’s power.

Jesus demanded, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, for he was filled with many demons. The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby, and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting at Jesus’ feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been healed. And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them.

So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake. The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, “No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.” So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.

Luckily, this time, that evil power had met its match. God is wanting to set more people

free from the spirits, addictions and mindsets that have hijacked their lives. Believers need to stand ready to do what Jesus did, and set at liberty those that are bound. The results will be similar to the story we just read. Not only will people be delivered, but

many others will see the power of God and believe.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more resources or sermon videos, please visit www.ActsII.org.

LAPENSEE

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Paris and London. Petty Officer Lapensee was awarded The Korean Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Service Ribbon for his extraordinary service to his country.

Looking back, Petty Officer Lapensee relayed to me that his time in the Navy was an experience that provided him with the ability to learn about the importance of teamwork and completing his assignments to the best of his ability for his country. With those experiences he was able to channel what he had endured in his service to his professional work, to position himself for a lifetime of success in his private life. It was an honor for him to serve his country and the memory of his shipmates will remain with him forever.

Life was never easy for Lapensee. He was born in Bristol in 1936. He was the oldest of four siblings. He had two brothers and a sister. As the oldest child, he had to quit school when he turned 16 years old to help support his mother and siblings financially, after his dad tragically passed away. He did so with no trepidation knowing his family needed him for their survival. Many years later, after Lapensee was discharged from the service, he enrolled in the Newman Preparatory School in Boston, where his family had moved to, and proudly earned his GED. Both his brothers were in the service. Roland and his brother Jerry enrolled in the Navy together, and ironically served on the same Navy ship together for a period of time. Jerry served in the Navy of for 30 years. His younger brother Paul also served admirably in the Navy. Ronald’s son from a previous marriage, Christian, enlisted in the Coast Guard and served for 20 years. He participated in the rescue of the 1991 Hurricane Bob, which was later coined “The Perfect Storm.” Roland and his extended family are indeed a proud, patriotic and honored military family.

Roland went on to enroll at Northeastern University in Boston and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 as a finance and insurance major. That started him on a long career path in the Insurance industry where he first worked at the Commercial Union Insurance Company for 23 years. That experience gained, along with his military training, earned him a position as an Assistant Vice President in the Automobile Claims Department at the Commerce Insurance Company in Webster, Ma. where he remained for over 11 years. His responsibilities at Commerce included oversight in the homeowner’s division, auto appraisal division, auto theft division and the auto fleet division where he oversaw a staff of dozens of employees. His staff admired him for the professionalism and kindness that he displayed with them. Roland worked closely with Arthur Remillard, Jr: a name very much associated with Commerce Insurance during his brilliant career at Commerce.

Roland and Lynne married in 1980 and had a son, Jeffrey. Sadly, when his wife became ill in 2000, Roland became her full-time caregiver until she passed in 2019. Lynne was an expert horse trainer and well know horse rider who participated in numerous horse shows throughout New England. Together, Roland and Lynne owned three quarter horses at their gentleman farm on Fabyan Road. One of their horses, Honey, won a National Championship in Missouri at a 1998 National Show.

Petty Officer Lapensee is a vintage car enthusiast. He still treasurers his 1949 Buick Convertible Roadmaster which he fully restored to its original likeness in 1995, (identical to the one that appeared in the movie “Rainman”). Over the years he has attended numerous area car shows, winning many ribbons and trophies. Roland is also been an airplane pilot since 1974, and still maintains his pilot license. He is a member of the Collings Foundation of Acton, Ma. as a flight member of WW2 Bomber B-17 touring throughout New England is that capacity. Mr. Lapensee has been a long- time member, and is a Past President of the Webster Rotary Club. Most of all, Mr. Lapensee is a wonderful, caring, and honorable individual who has always gone out of his way to help a fellow person in need.

Paws holding can and bottle drive

PUTNAM — Paws Cat Shelter is holding a Can and Bottle Drive on Saturday, July 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at the shelter, located at 74 School St. in Putnam. Please separate two-liter bottles. Pet food and donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Paws is a non-profit, all volunteer organization caring for the cats of our communities. For more info or to make a monetary donation, contact Paws at 860-315-1228.

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pushing officials to take a harder stance on the issue and seek a solution sooner. During a meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Selectmen on June 12 citizen and Economic Development Committee member Keith Gosselin expressed his continued frustration over the situation with Killingly.

“I personally don’t feel like we can sit on this for another five years and just be idle. That’s my thought. I know that we can stomp our feet all the time, but it makes a huge difference if we actually stood together on some of these issues – Some of us want to see this brought to a little more light for the public,” Gosselin said.

Selectman Joe Voccio was equally frustrated but clarified that the issue involved the town’s Water Pollution Control Authority more than the Board of Selectmen.

“I’ve urged them from time to time to take a more aggressive approach, but I also have to be careful because I’m just a selectman and they’re a separate authority and I have to skate in my lane sometimes, but I agree. It can’t go on forever,” Voccio said, noting that Killingly had

a meeting scheduled to discuss negotiations with Frito Lay one of the biggest sewer customers in the town. “I think the lawyers that have been engaged are ripping and ready to go. because what the town of Killingly has done is not in alignment with the contract we have.”

First Selectman Austin Tanner also expressed his disappointment after his office received a response from Killingly that indicated the two parties are in disagreement over the contract. Selectman Voccio added that Killingly’s response was “lazy” and “lukewarm” and that State Representative Pat Boyd offered to contact the Attorney Generals office to see if there was an opportunity to have one of their staff attorney’s review the contract and interpret the document from both sides.

“Clearly the way it’s read by everyone - it’s pretty easy to understand that the moratorium is not an option and if we go over our limits we just pay for it,” said Voccio. “So, if they don’t like that, too bad. They negotiated a bad agreement, but that’s the agreement.”

First Selectman Tanner also noted that the contract with Killingly imposes a yearly limit and that Brooklyn came below that limit in 2024 and is on track

to stay below the limit in 2025.

“They’re saying that we’ve been over other years so this is really not an accurate way of determining what we put in there so they’re basically throwing last year out and saying we’ve been over other years so it doesn’t count which that’s part of the reason I think we should just get going on this and act because I think they’re being unreasonable,” said Tanner.

The First Selectman clarified that the Water Pollution Control Authority shouldn’t be alone on the issue and that both the WPCA and Board of Selectmen should meet with attorneys to determine their next course of action. However, the Water Pollution Control Authority will inevitably be the only party that can engage Killingly on the issue.

Brooklyn’s WPCA met on June 25 where several citizens, including Gosselin, expressed their disappointment in a lack of action and urgency by the Authority and how the issue has continued to impact economic growth in town. The WPCA adorned the meeting to executive session, inviting Austin Tanner to join them, to discuss matters related to any potential legal action or proceedings regarding the moratorium.

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during a growing national push to eliminate Native American imagery from sports teams. The town initially changed the team mascot to the Red Hawks before Republicans utilized the

issue as a driving force behind their election season campaign earning a majority on the Board of Education and reinstating the “Redmen” mascot, a move that gained the school national headlines. Democrats eventually gained a majority again in 2023 and rekindled talks to retire the

mascot for good. The “Redmen” and “Redgals” were officially retired in a special celebration in 2024 with a banner erected in the high school acknowledging the history of the name in Killingly sports.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Eli Apperson, Gunnar Basak, Addison Beausoleil, Lillian Beausoleil, Kaitlyn Becker, Madison Bloom, Liliana Bottone, Lucas Boynton, Madisen Braunstein, Emma Brody, Om Brown, Katelyn Bruce, William Bushey, Tyler Chamberlin, Ryder Chaput, Jiahao Chen, Samuel Clark, Leah Costa, Olivia Dahl, Chi Dam, Filippo De Giorgi, Bella DiGregorio, Gabriel DiPierdomenico, Abigail Elliott, Kaitlyn Erskine, Samantha Espeseth, Maizy Ferreira, Chandler Folkerts, Jayden Fuller, Gavin Gluck, Ava Golden, Kira Greene, Adyson Grether, Sophie Gronski, Avery Hardacker, Madeline Jezierski, Emily Jurnovoy, Dominic LaFleur, Leo Larkin, Isabella Lefebvre, Celine Leffingwell, Kevin Lewis, Max Lim, Valerio Lorigiola, Hong Luo, Audrey MacPherson, Isabella Mawson, Margaret McHugh, Sophia Milardo, Xandar Miller, Dorisabel Mojica, Aurora Moore, Ryley Morin, Timothy Mozzi, Thao Nguyen Nguyen, Bailey Nordman, Keira Notis, Diana Petrova, Alice Pham, Grace Pokorny, Katherine Ritzau, Freya Robbie, Elizabeth Roberts, Sophia Sarkis, Austin Sebastian, Isabella Selmecki, Nina Silva, Emily Smock, Mia Sorrentino, Avery Thienel, Lauren Thomas, Kevin Thomson, Kaelyn Tremblay, William Wasko, Jack Wiggin, Evelyn Young, Daniela Zeka Grossocordone
Honors: Cody Austin, Linnea Barlow, Brandon Baron, Jay Beebe-Olivo, Mikayla Bessette, Logan Blow, Abigail Budd, Garrett Bushey, Austin Byer, Maria Castaneda Banderas, Abdullah Choudhry, Thomas Coleman, Abigail Converse, Emma Costa, Finley Couture, Benjamin Cross, Shauna Daka, Jacqueline Dearborn, Samuel Desmond, Richard Duncan, Brady

Ericson, Julian Escobar, Francisco Filho, Ela Gadoury, Alyssa Gilbert, Madison Goetz, Tanner Graham, Phoebe Griffin, Meadow Harnois, Matthew Hernandez, Duyen Hoang, Abigale Houle, Thomas Johnson, Kason Kelly, Jocelyn Kraus, Destiny LaMarre, Matthew Letourneau, Georgia Lukachie, Devlin Mansolf, Olivia Martocci, Emily Mayne, Alvaro Medrano Lopez, Christian Menounos, Nhu Nguyen, Kaya Nichols, Ty Nichols, Brady O'Brien, Catherine O'Brien, Lydia Orlowski, Kelsey Pabon, Francesco Panetta, Jiwoong Park, Tomas Pejkov, Andy Pham, Erik Proctor, Evan Quinn, Macy Rawson, Cameron Robida, Maya Rodriguez, Colton Sallum, Ava Salsich, Jack Shea, Dylan Shinkiewicz, Kristina Sirrine, Eli Susi, Michael Susi, Olivia Tappenden, Riley Titchen, Khang Tran, Tien Tran, Mariia Ursal, Isabella Vasconcelos, Autumn Wade, Gwendolyn White, Jillian Wiggin, Arthur Witek, Seonung Yu
Recognition: David Abbamonte, Olivia Aleman, Thiago Andrade, Ajani Banton, Nathan Billings, Emilia Costa, Keegan Covello, Grace Delsanto, Livia Gerum, Christian Ireland, Aidan Kane, Muhammad Kiani, Chyanne Machamer, Emma Manis, Gianna Materas, Angelica Oliveira, Raiden Olsen, Avin Orvos, William Papineau, Haydon Rowland, Olivia Smith, Juliana Stacy, Daion Swan-DeSilva, Bailey Sweeney, Chauntel Vandal
Grade 11
High Honors: Rania Almashharawi, Noemia Amaral, Benjamin Arters, Aiden Bachand, Vivian Bibeau, Ngoc Bui, Kaylee Bundy, Vaughn Buzak, Gabriella Carito, Ryan Chabot, Maci Corradi, Adelyn Cournoyer, Nathaniel Couture, Isabel D'Alleva-Bochain, Avery Danis, Andrea De Cos, Scarlet Delaney, Alexa Delmonaco, Olivia DiGregorio, Abby Ditzel, Jackson Dorez, Clara Dowdle, Amelia Duquette, Jackson Durand, Kiley

Elliott, Nathan Faucher, Campbell Favreau, Jenna Forcier, Lilly Frechette, Galit Frenk Shabot, Avery Gallagher, David Genay, Owen Hamilton, Maura Hart, Lilah Jafar-DeCesare, Shih Yong Jung, Soyul Jung, Emmanuel Kaberia, Julia Kerr, Danylo Kyryliuk, Madison LaVallee, Kenzie Le, Philip Le, Payton Leite, Ivan Lin, Eli Manning, Mykola Marchenko, Spencer Mayo, Katelyn McArthur, Ivar McDonald, Camden Mercer, Lilyanne Mercier, Obama Ngarambe, Van Nhat Anh Nguyen, Avery Nielsen, Alec Nunes, Eric Oller Sales, Rafael Paez Requena, Diya Patel, Gabriella Payne, Avery Plouffe, Lucas Quercia, Emma Quinney, Jomaraliz Rosado, Emma Rustichelli, Kaylee Saucier, Ivan Serrano Vinas, Siyuan Shen, Ella Simoes, Jocelynn Sirrine, Abigael Stevens, Olivia Tracy, Emma Weitknecht, Wynter Worth, Oliver Zhang
Honors: Nicole Alonso, Bree Antaya, Armando Araujo, Anthony Beaudreault, Aidan Botelho, Tiernan Curran, Edward Cygnarowicz, Logan DelFarno, Danielle Demers, Greysen Dery, Gianna DiCola-Keddy, Harrison Durand, Madilyne Ead, Emma Eaton, Riley Faber, Philip Feanny Aleman, Ruben Fernandez, Emma Forcier, Sara Forcier, Henry Forrest, Kaydence Foster, Jialiang Fu, Ekin Gokcimen, Kaylyn Hall, Lindsey Hanlon, Blake Hudock, Frank Iannucci, Aidan Jeon, Jaelyn Knox, Elizabeth Ladzinski, Andrew Landreville, Emma Long, Eden Lusignan, Jayzlyn Miller, Liliana Moran, Lillian Morgis, Emily Mumford, Giulia Musumeci, Emma Nagel, Aidan O'Connor, Nicolas Ochoa, Tianna Ortiz, Thatchter Paterson, Ozzie Pearman, Evelyn Pine, Sophia Rattray, Nathan Rauls, Emma Raymond, Kerrigan Reynolds, Kyrialis Rivera Cabrera, Carlos Rodriguez Camacho, Ellary Sampson, Jacob Say, Caleb Simoneau, Mykhailo Smoliar, Kayla St. Louis, Jamie-Dean Stewart, David Sumner, Abby Thatcher, Tymofii

Vybornyi, Braeden Williams, Michael Wolchesky, Sadie Wood, Thatchter Wood, Ryan Yang, Ava Zellweger, Jiacheng Zeng, Ahmet Zobali
Recognition: Sofia Aguilar Del Olmo, Natalie Borges, Jack Buyers, David Cho, Avery Crescimanno, Haoran Dong, Collin Gaudette, Caydence Haley, Eva Lusignan, Kuanzhi Ma, Miranda Miller, Akira Newall-Vuillemot, Mariia Oliynyk, Kloe Pike, Connor Racine, Collin Teal, Helen Telford, Luke Thompson, Oliver Trudeau, Bram Van Rooij, Nicolae Velicico, Daniel Yang
Grade 10
High Honors: Nova Almquist, Catalina Baarda, Maggie Beams, Sofia Benito, Izabella Bernstein, Sydney Betty, Brayden Bottone, Drew Bundy, Jorge Castellanos, Jiayue Chen, Evan Chernik, Elise Coyle, Ronan Curran, Brayden De Oliveira, Kathryn Dobosz, Bronson Eddy, Arianna Fox, Patrick Fox, Gage Gawron, Ethan Gilchrist, Sophia Giourelis, Avery Grant, Brayden Graves, Samuel Greene, Finley Hamilton, Tristan Hayden, Jake Henderson, Bohdan Hnat, Gabriel Hull, Maria Jordanoglou, Delilah Kesselman, Tymofii Kholod, Maxwell Kopp, Winston Kvanli, Elina Makarenko, Maria Martinez Adiego, Evony N'Chonon, Jessica Palmerino, Weiyan Qin, Jake Quattlebaum, Damien Redman, Sydney Reed, Avery Schaefer, Bella Stillitano, Isabelle Tedisky, Zachary Thibeault, Kaitlyn Thiffeault, Gia Bao Vu, Wyatt Weaver, Heath White, Owen Williamson, Anthony Wolfe, Qucheng Wu, Jiangqi Xu, Adelise Young, Jimmy Zhang, Grette Zheng
Honors: Antonio Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Mia Auger, Christian Bard, Aiden Batista, Ava Beauchemin-King, Connor Bessette, Pathy Boriboun, Charlotte Caisse, Jylliana Camacho, Kaylen Coleman, Kaylyn Converse, Joshua Couture, Fabian Crespo,

Mason Davis, Claire Ellsworth, Laia Garcia Miralles, Michael Gasperini, Cooper Harris, Cora Hefner, Halle Jolly, Blake Kudzal, Kealyn Lamarche, Luke Larkin, Dakota Mackenzie, Xawier Matwiej, Brooke Mayo, Mitchell Mazzucco, Kennedy McCooey, Molly Mead, Alexander Milardo, Caylee Morrison, Landon Murdock, Jason Nelson, Natasha Oatley, Tyler Odorski, Rocco Pascale, Luca Passinha Braz, Tatum Perez, Cameron Perreault, Riley Quinn-Perkins, Lyra Ritner, Blake Robida, Derek Emiliano Rodriguez Arenas, Brooke Roireau, Grace Sallar, Richard Sarpong, Kieran Shepherd, Matias Solano Platero, Daniel Song Ding, Leah Thibodeau, Can Yakal, Erika Yeliguo
Recognition: Braden Andersen, Tess Anderson, Adriana Benavides Rodriguez, Isabella Billings, Griffen Bloom, Madison Byer, Caroline Costa, Jonah Costa, Lyla Cowles, Matthew Dearborn, Miles Densmore, Rhea DeSota, Ivan Fernandez, Julia Gomez-Alvado Moreno, Patrick Griswold, Ethan Haynes, Brady Hebert, Matthew Johndrow, Matthew Kruger, Callum Lusignan, David Rahall, Drew Rhault, Gabe Ruoppo, Aiden Sanchez, Alexis Sansone, Tre Sotomayor, Wyatt Voter

Grade 9
High Honors: Carolina Ahearn, Rhys Asikainen, Grace Audet, Penrose Ayeyie, Shealyn Bannon, Danika Beliveau, Scarlett Beliveau, Zoe Bibek, Jacob Bickoff, Lily Buisch, Jack Capobianco-Dildine, Weilin Chen, Brynn Choruzek, Zachariah Conroy, Madison Crevier, Georgia Cross, Colby Deary, Alexander DeCarli, Olivia Devolve, Melanie DiPippo, Nathaniel Drake, Olivia Durgin, Ava Eaton, Caroline Ethier, Julien Farwell, Madden Ferreira, Gabriel Flannery, Timothy Gardner, Jax Golden, Sophia Groves, Eli Hamilton, Aocheng Han, Scarlett Hogarty,

Abigail Hollenbeck, Phoebe Houston, Abigail Keser, Abigail Langevin, Jeong Bin Lee, Andrew MacNeil, Kaitlyn McQuiston, Oliver Moulton, Adian Newall-Vuillemot, Kristina Nieminen, Colbie O'Connor, Ajani Osborne, Hattie Patenaude, Ella Petersen, Payton Plasse, Colby Plouffe, Stella Puchalski, Patrick Raftery, Aaliyah Raymond, Cassidy Rosinski, Noelle Smith, Lily Smock, Dylan Syriac, Chenglin Tan, Kaitlyn Teal, Stanley Ten Eyck, Ian Thayer, Elizabeth Thomas, Addison Tyler, Kennedy Xeller, Lauren Young, Nevaeh Youssef, Zixuan Zhou
Honors: Drake Abdullovski, Juliette Bernier, Brett Bibeault, Meadow Blain, Jason Burns, Mason Castillo, Zoe Cloutier, Ash Collige, Kayleigh Cote, Samantha Cote, Brody Dexter, Charlotte Donovan, Jacob Gollop, Summer Goodell, Henry Griffin, Evangeline Gurski, Aidan Hall, Jude Harrison, Anastasia Haves, Daniel Jameson, Damien Kacerik, Hae Sung Kim, Jaehee Kim, Kaleb Langlois, Lilah Ledogar, Lily Leite, Myla Leone, Kaylee Letourneau, Ethan MacNeil, Teagan Maloney, Abigail Manning, Lily Mioduszewski, Owen Murdock, Kaleb Nagel, Madison Parsons, Eli Petrarca, Ryael Riche, Erin Russell, Addison Shaw, Levi Sigfridson, Harper Simoneau, Rainie Singleton, Nolan Smeltzer, Faith Sortwell, Joseph Spring, Ella Stone, Evelyn Thayer, Lucille Trudeau, Nevaeh Vardaro, Stevie Wilmot, Olivia Wolchesky, Charlie Wood, Muhammad Zameer
Recognition: Kai Brailsford, Jeffrey Caron, Keagan DeNolfo, Mikel Dong, William Ellsworth, Giuliana Galante, Rose Granger, Caydem Herlihy, Alexia Kacerik, Caitlin Kilcollum, Zoe Laffert, Elijah Laprade, Tristen Maloney, Makenzie McMahon, Marcus Riendeau, Scarlett Sistare

Nicholas Buoniconti named to Salve Regina University Dean's List

NEWPORT, R.I. — Nicholas Buoniconti of Putnam was named to the Dean's List during the spring 2025 academic semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits.
Salve Regina University is a Catholic, coeducational institution of higher education founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. For more than 75 years, Salve has offered rigorous, innovative academic programming in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be global citizens and lifelong learners. More than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world are enrolled at Salve in 48 undergraduate majors, 13 master's degree programs, combined bachelor's/master's programs, and doctoral programs.
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Ethan Rodriguez of Putnam named to University of Scranton Dean's List

SCRANTON, Pa. — Ethan M. Rodriguez of Putnam was among more than 1,725 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2025 spring semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences, Kania School of Management and the Leahy College of Health Sciences.
Rodriguez is a junior political science major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.
The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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Brady Devlin of Putnam achieves President's List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY, Mass. — Brady Devlin of Putnam has achieved President's List honors for the spring 2025 semester at Nichols College.
President's List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.
About Nichols College
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Area residents graduate from UConn

STORRS — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students on graduating at the conclusion of the spring semester of 2025.
UNDERGRADUATE
BROOKLYN-Emily Colangelo, Cole Lavigne, Julia Purcell, Ida Sanders.
DANIELSON-Jessie Adams, Evelyn Allen, Thomas Bernier, Julia Hopkins, Patrick Pagano, Aidan Parsons, Sarah Roberts.
DAYVILLE-Abby Card, Jaime Chase, Viren Patel.
EAST KILLINGLY-Madisen Ventura.
EASTFORD-Izetta Asikainen.
KILLINGLY-Laney Dunn.
NORTH GROSVENORDALE-Alexis Elkinson.
PLAINFIELD-Brianna Ghio, Zachary Knowlton, Julia Koski,

PUTNAM-Kevin Champagne, Zachary Cutler, Tyler Eddy, Emma Green.
WILLIMANTIC-Laila Almotwaly, Norah Almulhem, Jesus Ariasabad, Sandesh Bhusal, Tianamarie Blessingale, Hayes Brenner, Apoliana Daconceicao dossantos, Binit Gautam, Amia Jolie, Cherie Langlois, Huijie Li, William Malwitz, Jihey Moon, Melissa Perez, Mahdi Pirayeshshirazinejad, Javier Rodriguezroman, Salem Smith, Tirth Thakar, Ashten Vassarcan, Runxin Wu.
WOODSTOCK-Stephanie Auger, Emma Durand, Emma Kelleher, Emma Rhynhart.
WOODSTOCK VALLEY-Chandler Creedon.

Grace Marie Johnson, 68



She attended Putnam High School and graduated from UCONN's school of nursing at age 20. Grace was a compassionate and caring person. She worked at the Dempsey Center and at St. Luke's family practice, but found

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to Estonian Christian Ministries or Mission MSA.



A lifelong, avid gardener, Shirley left



Jeannette had three grandchildren, ecstatically welcoming them into her family. She always looked forward to

A graveside service will be held at a later date. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

For more information about Al-Anon, visit www.al-anon.org. For information about the meeting in Pomfret, call 203-561-7954.

On June 25th, 2025, the Agent for the IWWA approved, with conditions, permit #06-25-31, 261 Lyon Hill Road (MBL 5169/15/21), Jay Hibbard, Above-ground pool & deck within Upland Review Area. Dan Malo, Wetlands Agent
July 4, 2025

Woodstock resident named to St. Joseph’s Dean’s List

WEST HARTFORD — Kaden Murphy of Woodstock has been named to St. Joseph’s Dean’s list for the spring semester of 2025.

This marks the fourth straight semester that he has been named to the Dean’s list at St. Joseph’s.

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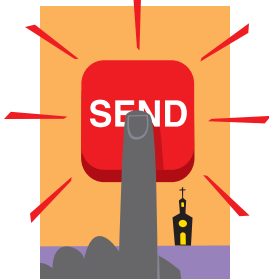
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