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Vernon Scout completes Eagle project

Sam Yencho of Boy Scout Troop 2020 in Vernon completed his Eagle project on Oct. 5. The project benefitted the YMCA preschool and childcare at Center 375 in Vernon. Yencho built a sandbox with a permanent canopy, collected gently used playground toys, cleaned the existing toys, and cleaned and weeded the area.



Kingswood Oxford school honors local students



Sasha Dausey, left, of South Windsor and Esha Kataria of Ellington were recently named winners of the Dux Prize at the Kingswood Oxford School's 2019-20 convocation ceremony. The prize is given to the student in each class who achieved the highest GPA for the previous year.

Univ. of Saint Joseph recognizes distinguished alumnae

The University of Saint Joseph held its annual distinguished alumni awards ceremony at the Hartford Golf Club on Sept. 20, where alumnae Kathleen McGrath Fitts '79 and Maureen Gorman '86 were honored. McGrath Fitts is assistant vice president and senior corporate counsel for Liberty Mutual Group in Boston. She received the Mary Rosa McDonough Award for distinction in her professional field and outstanding service to her local community. Gorman, managing director at Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. in New York, received the Business and Entrepreneurial Award for seeing new opportunities and developing those into a successful business. Pictured from left are McGrath Fitts, University of Saint Joseph President Rhona Free, and Gorman.



Marine Corps League supports homeless Veterans



Several Marines from the Peter P. Monaco Jr. Detachment 40 of the Marine Corps League mustered at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport with nearly 1,000 other participants and spectators to support the annual Step Up for the Brave fundraiser to benefit Homes for the Brave. The MCL Det. 40 were gold sponsors of the event. Since 2002, Homes for the Brave has provided housing, vocational training, and life skills coaching to help

veterans leave homelessness behind. To date, the group has served more than 1,300 homeless individuals by helping them with housing, nutrition, life skills, computer training, and more. They also offer a program specifically for female veterans called Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes. This is Connecticut's first and only transitional housing program exclusively for homeless female veterans and their children. One of the MCL members went above and beyond in participating in the event. Retired Cpl. Manny Jimenez is a purple heart recipient from the war in Afghanistan. He lost his left arm, hearing in his left ear, and is partially blind in his left eye. Undeterred, Jimenez has become a leader and a victor with his happy and kind spirit as he continues to compete in triathlons, marathons, and this signature fundraising event. Jimenez tied for fourth place, completing 19 laps in 90 minutes. One time around the course is a combination of 1,000 steps and stairs. Pictured left to right are Thomas Santelli, Brian Bacarella, and Jimenez.

Brookdale resident celebrates 104th birthday

Brookdale Buckingham Memory Care Community in Glastonbury recently hosted a 104th birthday celebration for Carmella Sellitto. She is the mother of daughters Barbara Wilson and Louise Benson who were on hand to celebrate this milestone event. During Carmella's party she was presented with a proclamation from Gov. Ned Lamont. She also was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed lasagna, her favorite meal. Carmella maintains a healthy lifestyle and credits her longevity to staying active, having a social life, and never considering herself as being old. At Buckingham, she is known for her spunk and sense of humor.

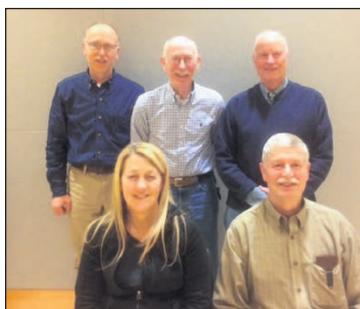


MCC students learn about green business practices

Students enrolled in the Principles of Microeconomics course at Manchester Community College received a master class in green business practices on Sept. 26 from Kate Mosley, marina manager of Saybrook Point Inn, Marina & Spa, and Kim Trella, from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The class, which was open to Connecticut hospitality professionals, covered how environmentally sound practices can have a positive impact on a business' bottom line. Pictured is Mosley presenting to the class.



Land Trust elects 2019-20 officers



The Northern Connecticut Land Trust elected officers for the 2019-20 operating year at their annual meeting on Sept. 22. The Trust is committed to preserving and protecting natural resources such as open space and working farmland in the Vernon, Ellington, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, and Stafford region. Pictured seated, from left, are Patrice Carson of Somers, president; and Karl Hasel of Manchester, second vice president; standing, from left, are Paul Lagel of Enfield, secretary; Rick Dewey of Stafford, first vice president; and Jim Gage of Ellington, treasurer.

Stafford hospital staff takes part in two events

Employees of Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford recently participated in the Outrun Addiction 5K in Enfield and Stafford's 300th Anniversary Parade.

Mental illness and addiction have no boundaries, and it is sad to lose someone and not have an explanation. The Outrun Addiction 5K, top right, raises money for local addiction awareness programs such as the Community Addiction Awareness Project, Today I Matter, and the Alex Fisher Foundation. More than 400 people ran and made this event a huge success. Johnson Memorial had a handful of silver sponsors and also took first place in the largest running group category.

For Stafford's 300th Anniversary Parade, bottom right, Johnson Memorial's theme was "Then and Now," showing how the hospital has changed over the years.

