

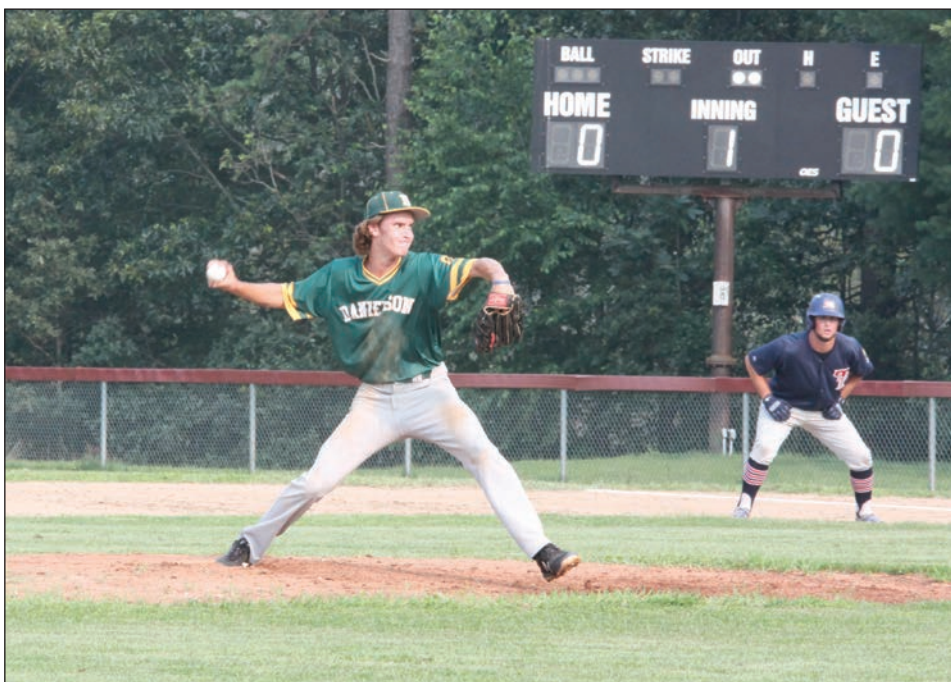


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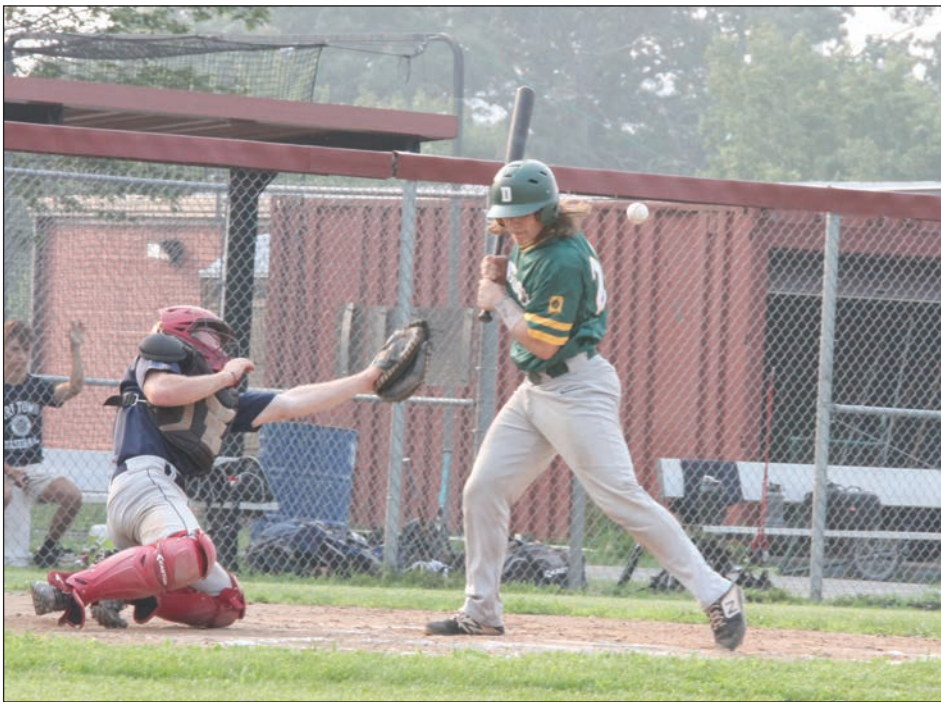
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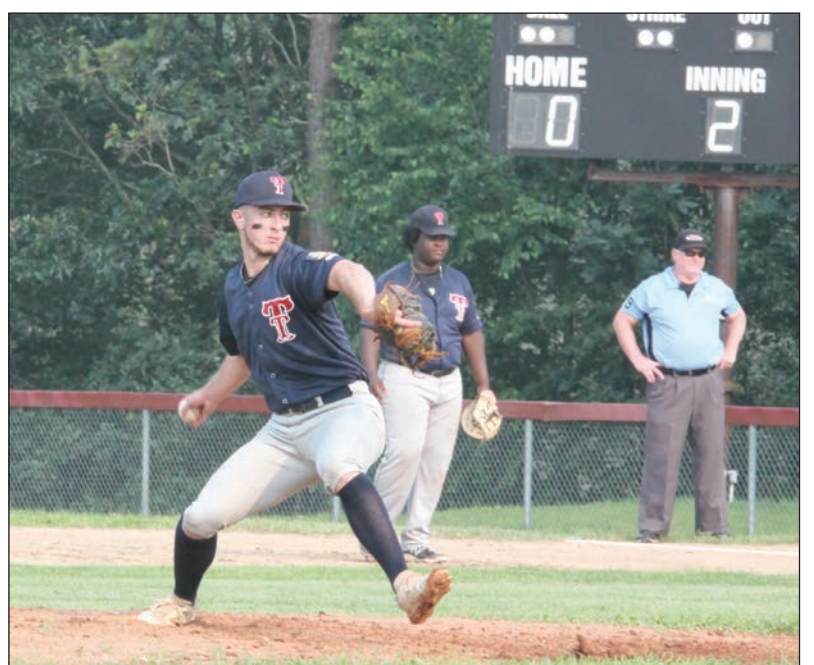
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Danielson pitcher Zach Roethlein peers toward his catcher before releasing the ball.



Danielson's Chris Jax braces for impact while being hit by a pitch.

Barnes helps Tri-Town Legion inch past Danielson



Tri-Town's Jack Merrill kicks up his leg for extra power as he prepares to toss a pitch toward the plate.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — With one swing of the bat, Hamilton Barnes' day improved significantly.

Barnes, a rising senior at Woodstock Academy and a member of the Tri-Town American Legion baseball team, was hitless in three official at-bats against Danielson Legion as he walked

to the plate at Tourtellotte High on Tuesday, July 20, in the bottom of the ninth inning, the game tied, 3-3.

Barnes' teammate, Alex Grauer, representing the winning run, was on base, but there were two outs in the half-inning. Grauer had reached as the result

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Killingly High School hosts blood drive

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School played host to a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, July 24, one of many local opportunities to give blood to help those in need during a year where support is desperately needed.

Sean Oppenheimer, Account Associate with the American Red Cross who helped check donors in to the drive, said that blood donations are a valuable resource to saving people's lives, especially those in serious accidents. Now that states are reopening following the 2020 pandemic blood drives are once again in full swing seeking those willing to give.

"As our COVID restrictions come to an end and hospitals see an increase in the amount of trauma cases, people

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Day Kimball Healthcare names Caitlyn Sward Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Caitlyn Sward, registered dietitian in the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month for July by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Sward began her career as a certified registered dietitian/registered dietitian nutritionist at Day Kimball Hospital in 2019 after graduating with a bachelor's of science in dietetics from the University of Connecticut.

In her role, Sward is responsible for providing nutrition counseling to cancer patients in the hematology/oncology department. Earlier this year, she obtained her Cancer Exercise Specialist certification and looks forward to providing exercise recommendations and personal training to patients receiving active treatment and those in remission. Sward also oversees Caitlyn's Cupboard, a hospital-based food pantry she established in March of 2020 to

address malnutrition and food insecurity among patients treated in DKH's Cancer Center.

According to Sward's supervisor, Jayme Dandeneau, RN, BSN, oncology nurse navigator in the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital, "Caitlyn is a breath of fresh air and her courtesy towards her colleagues and patients is contagious. She meets every day and every cancer patient with enthusiasm and respect. She provides excellent patient care and helps patients overcome barriers all with a positive attitude. Caitlyn is an employee who elevates the department and is incredibly deserving of this award."

In response to being named employee of the month, Sward said, "I was quite surprised to be named Employee of the Month, but also excited! I have

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Day Kimball Healthcare's Employee of the Month for July 2021, Caitlyn Sward, RDN, in the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Creation Church sees record attendance at Vacation Bible School

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON — Creation Church in Thompson was a busy place during the week of July 19, hosting its annual Vacation Bible School.

The nightly camp-style gathering of local youths from within and beyond the Creation Church community sought to teach children the lessons of

Photo Courtesy — Laura Bembenek

Creation Church in Thompson was a busy place during the week of July 19, hosting its annual Vacation Bible School.



the Bible through fun themed activities while embracing a sense of community in their united faith. The week was themed around camping with different stations set up to represent different traditional activities and sights of a summer camp including rafting, campfire songs and more.

Camp Director Gail Norman called it the largest group of participants the church has ever had in several years of hosting the camp. Around 67 kids ages two to 12 took part in the program. After COVID halted camp in 2020 she wasn't

sure how 2021 would play out but it proved to be a popular summer activity.

"We really didn't know what we were going to get. We plan it for night, so we have lots of volunteers and the kids are rested up. It's for a week, Monday through Thursday and then Friday night we have a movie night to bring the parents in. The most important piece of it all for us as a church is the Bible lesson. They're learning about Jesus, when he walked the earth and what has he done

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Recalling local businesses



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Do you have a rural Danielson mail address? From the little articles I was seeing while reading 1909 newspapers for last week’s column, Danielson was establishing a rural route that summer. “The new R. F. D. route out of the Danielson office will be started Aug. 1. A large number of persons on the route have already placed their orders for delivery boxes.” (Norwich Bulletin, Monday, July 12, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com). “Arthur W. Logee has been recommended by the chief of the civil service commission in the postmaster general to receive the appointment as carrier of the rural free delivery route to be established from the Danielson office on Aug. 2. The examination ratings of the candidates for the office have not yet been received here..” (Norwich Bulletin, Monday, July 19, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com).

I have been taking advantage of a few beautiful, rain-free days to try to get back to walking on the Putnam River Trail. Usually, I start at Simonzi Park, but with all the rain, I was very curious about the upper portion of the trail, particularly Cargill Falls. On July 20, the river was raging and roaring so rapidly that the falls were barely visible. One does not expect whitecaps on this usually placid river. The ducks and ducklings had tucked themselves in a shallower portion of the Quinebaug above the dam. As my younger sister Susie, an avid fisherwoman, remarked, “No fishing there!”

The waterpower generated by the falls was harnessed very early on in the settlement of the Northeastern

Connecticut. The first known gristmill was that of David Howe. “In 1730 the privilege of the Great Falls was utilized by David Howe of Mendon, clothier, who purchased the point of land between the Quinebaug and Mill Rivers...from Captain John Sabin and his son Noah. A dwelling house, grist mill, malt house and dye house were soon set up and in motion, accommodating his own neighborhood and adjacent parts of Pomfret and Killingly.” (Bayles, Richard, ed. “History of Windham County, Connecticut,” p. 756).

In her “History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vol. I,” Ellen D. Larned added this, “In 1737, excessive rain, with boisterous winds, raised the streams higher than ever known, carried off bridges and greatly damaged Howe’s grist-mill.” (p.355). “Howe’s mills were sold, in 1742, to John Daniels* for twenty four hundred pounds, viz., the land adjoining the Falls, with dwelling house, barn, mill, malt-house and shop, together with the whole manufacturing stock of the Quinebaug valley, comprising ‘ye conveniences of three coppers, two presses, one iron screw, two pairs shears, two iron bars, a blue pot, paper for pressing and sear –cloth for malting.” (Larned, Vol. I, p. 354; *Bayles, p. 760 says Nathaniel, not John). Nathaniel Daniels improved the site to include both grist and fulling mills and in 1760 it was conveyed to Benjamin Cargill of Mendon, Massachusetts. Bayles noted that by Cargill’s time he had nearby competition at the upper falls from the sons of Deacon Eaton. (p. 760).

When I have time, I like to look at some of the resources at the Killingly Historical Center that I rarely use. I discovered notebooks titled Windham County Transcript Businesses 1974 thru 1976, compiled by Gloria Bergeron. How many do you recall? Please feel free to share your memories. The following are from 6-20-1974 and 7-25-1974 Transcripts. Wildwood Park Restaurant; F. C. Davis Transportation Co., Inc. North Main St., Danielson; Dragon Barber Shop, 25 Furnace St., Danielson; Leo’s

Hilltop Auto Service 58 North St., Danielson; Tropiquarium, 5 So. Main St., Danielson; Danielson Launderamat, 187 Main St., 17 Furnace St; Line Well Company, South Killingly (Norman E. Clowes); Alco Construction Company, Rte 12, Dayville; S & S Electronics, 275 North Main St.; Danielson Clinic, 39 Broad St. Danielson; Magic Mirror Hair Fashions, 38 Main St., Danielson; Despathy Furniture Centers-Warehouse Furniture Mart, Danielson; Arthur St. Amant, Ceramic Tiles-walls and floors, 37 Maple St., Danielson; Highway Lunch, Route 6, South Killingly; Radio Shack, 275 North Main Street; Grand Opening of Discount Cycle Center, Route 101 East Killingly. Free coffee & cake. Parts and accessories at Savings.” Dr. Maurice R. Harton, 81 Broad St, Danielson.; Wig-N-Things, 72 Main Street, Danielson; “Photographic Service, passports, portraits, graduations, anniversaries, wedding candids, L.A.Diaz.” (7-25-1974). “Raymond Brien, General Contractor, 4 So. Main St., Danielson.” “Roger F. Barbeau, Plumbing and Heating, Fall Brook Rd., Danielson.” (Both 9-5-1974).

“Anthony’s Opens in Brooklyn. Anthony’s Chicken and Fish Platters is now open for business. This new eating place is located at Route 6 and Day Street in East Brooklyn (next to Cumberland Farms) and is owned and operated by Anthony Apergis. (WCT 8-8-1974).

How much are you paying for fresh produce this summer? “Quinnequack Farm, Route 101 Dayville- Native Cukes 5 for 25 cents; lettuce, 29 cents a head, R. I. Potatoes 10 lbs for 89 cents; native blueberries, native tomatoes, native corn. (8-8-1974). “Condon Moving & Storage Co., Inc. Commerce Ave. Danielson, CT”. (9-5-1974; Rogers Corporation, Jacobs Rubber Co., “ (both 9-5-1974).

“New Business. Ray LaPointe and Paul Phaiah recently introduced a new business in the Killingly area. They are owners of Paul and Ray’s Catering Service featuring canteen service and catering to parties and weddings.” (8-8-1974).

Bon Aire Motel Route 101 Dayville. (9-5-1974); Big Dollar Foods –Formerly Foodarama-S & H Green Stamps, Route 12 South of Danielson (9-5-1974). Acme Cotton Products Co., Inc. East Killingly (9-5-1974); William Prym, Inc.–Manufacturers of Sewing Notions, Dayville (9-5-1975). Fleury Trucking, Valley Road Dayville (9-5-1974). Note that Acme is still in East Killingly.

How many of you recall Miss Leach’s Nursery School in Danielson? The August 22, 1979 Windham County Transcript contained a photo of a yard sale to “raise money to save the Miss Leach School, a Danielson Nursery School which is troubled by fire code violations. Improvements required at the school will require almost \$5,000 and Raymond Masters is one of the parents who are trying to raise the necessary funds for the project to keep the school open.” Items included a “unique three wheel bicycle” which was featured in the photo. Please email me with your memories.

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center to Reopen: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center will reopen on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Center will follow the Covid guidelines in place by the Town of Killingly at that time.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian July 2021. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or www.Killinglyhistorical.org. After it reopens you may leave messages at the Killingly Historical Center 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10-1 beginning August 4. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

BASEBALL

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of a two-out single to right field — his second hit of the game — and a steal of second base during Barnes’ at-bat.

With the count 1-and-1, Barnes delivered, singling softly to a part of right field that no Danielson player could get to in time, while Grauer raced home with the winning run.

“I was just looking for a fastball to hit,” Barnes said of his ninth-inning at-bat. “I saw a nice pitch and I went with it. I felt like it was going to get down when it left the bat. This was a huge win for us.”

Barnes, Tri-Town’s leadoff hitter and regular shortstop, was asked to describe his day at the plate prior to the ninth inning.

“Not good,” Barnes said. “In my first three at-bats I saw three pitches [two pop-ups to short and a grounder to third] and missed a sign on a bunt call.”

Despite Barnes’ struggles at the plate, Tri-Town head coach Jason Akana did not feel the need to talk to him before the ninth-inning at-bat.

“(Barnes) has been struggling a little recently,” Akana acknowledged. “But I didn’t say anything to him before the at-bat because I feel my guys just have to have faith in their ability to do what

they can do. It was good at-bat. I’m glad for him.”

Barnes’ game-winning single came off Danielson’s Ben Jax, who entered the game with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning in relief of starter Zach Roethlein.

“Zach had reached his pitch limit [105 pitches]; we had to take him out,” Danielson head coach Dan Krot said. “Zach gave us a great effort; he pitched a great game. It was, hands down, one of the best pitching performances we’ve had all year.”

Roethlein pitched 8-1/3 innings, allowing two runs on six hits while walking two, striking out one and hitting a batter.

Krot was philosophical when talking about Barnes’ game-winning hit.

“It was just a hit that no one could get to,” Krot said. “That’s baseball for you. We had our opportunities in the last couple of innings to get a base hit, score a run and take the lead. We just weren’t able to push that go-ahead run across. To their credit, they got that hit they needed and pushed that run across.”

After three innings of sharp pitching — the teams combined for two hits — and crisp play in the field by both teams, Danielson grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning, getting to Tri-Town starter Jack Merrill.

Danielson’s Jacob Hernandez (two hits) and Roethlein opened the inning with outfield singles and Merrill then hit Chris Jax to load the bases. Ben Jax, the next batter, hit the ball back to Merrill, which resulted in Hernandez making the first out of the inning at home, but left the bases loaded.

Danielson’s next batter, Jackson Goetz, gave his team a 1-0 lead with an infield single that scored Roethlein, and moved Chris Jax and Ben Jax up 90 feet. Chris Jax then pushed the Danielson lead to 2-0 when he scored on a sacrifice fly to center field by Keon Lamarche. Merrill got out of further trouble by getting Kale Hart to pop out to short.

Jon Smith relieved Merrill to start the fifth inning for Tri-Town and prevented Danielson from scoring by working out of one jam after another, including two on and one out in the fifth,

a runner on second with one out in the sixth and seventh innings, and a runner on third with one out in the ninth, and



Eric Matterson of Tri-Town swings away and makes contact with the pitch.



Right fielder Kale Hart of Danielson not only makes the catch, but then also turns a double play by throwing home for another out.

bases loaded and two out in the ninth.

In five innings of work Smith, a rising senior at Woodstock Academy, allowed five hits (four singles), struck out six, walked one and hit a batter.

“Smitty’s a bulldog,” Akana said. “He came through for us on the mound again.”

Krot let out a long sigh when asked about Smith’s relief effort.

“He pitched well. He kept us off balance a little bit,” Krot said. “But we battled against him. We put some goods swings on the ball. Again, that’s baseball. We, unfortunately, hit a few balls



Tri-Town center fielder Alex Grauer looks up and gets under the ball before catching the pop fly hit his way.

right at guys. Our guys hung in there and got the bat on the ball a few times, but the hits just didn’t fall our way.”

Tri-Town tied the game, 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Brayden Akana started the game-tying rally with a walk and went to second on a bloop single to center field off the bat of Cam L’Hereux. Up next was Riley Sargent and during his at-bat Roethlein was called for a balk, sending Akana to third and L’Hereux to second. Sargent ended up striking out, but both runners scored when the next batter, Mason Barber, doubled to center field.

With the win over Danielson, Tri-Town improved to 9-7. Tri-Town entered play on Friday, July 23 with a 10-9 record. Danielson dropped to 3-10 and were 3-11 heading into play on July 23.

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Loos & Co. supports local women and girls

POMFRET — At Loos & Company, a diverse workforce is integral to a productive and enriching environment. Among that staff, from engineers to machinists, women know “the ropes” of the business.

That’s why the Pomfret company was proud to present a \$500 check this week to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut’s Northeast Women & Girls Fund.

In total, Loos & Company has recently awarded \$3,000 in donations to local nonprofits, charities and social service groups.

This donation was made even more special through an anonymous donor who has matched all recent donations to the Northeast Women & Girls Fund, bringing the \$500 donation to a total of \$1,000.

Donations were made possible through Loos & Company employees choosing to receive a coronavirus vaccination. Once an employee received their vaccine, a \$50 contribution was made to the general donation fund.

Employees were then asked to provide recommendations for local organizations to support.

The Women & Girls Fund was established in 1999 to help empower women of all ages in 11 communities in the southeastern portion of Connecticut. In 2013 the fund was expanded to serve women and girls in northeastern Connecticut, including Pomfret, Putnam, Killingly, Brooklyn, Woodstock and more.



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Last week, Pomfret’s Loos & Company donated \$500 to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut’s Northeast Women & Girls Fund. From left to right: Loos Marketing Assistant Claire Galvin, Loos HR Manager Terri Falcone, Women & Girls Fund Chair Tina Lajoie, Central Wire Industries Rope and Assemblies Division President Tom Dodds, Women & Girls Fund Chair Laura Moorehead, Loos Director of Manufacturing Jason Kumnick, Loos Quality Manager Meredith Breault and Loos Engineer Annie McDonald.

“I’m thankful that we have the opportunity through our vaccination incentive program to not only protect our employees, but also support organizations who work within our local com-

munity to benefit at risk individuals and provide resources for historically underserved groups,” said Loos Quality Manager Meredith Breault.

Fund chairs Tina Lajoie and Laura

Moorehead said the fund is used to support nonprofits that help women and girls in their personal, professional or educational goals. Past recipients have included Girl Scouts, United Services and the 4-H. Since its inception, the northeastern fund has awarded 44 grants totaling \$92,500.

“We sincerely appreciate this donation,” said Moorehead. “We have a great group of people that work very hard to help women and girls in need.”

More information about the fund is available at cfect.org.

HR Manager Terri Falcone said there are currently seven leadership roles within Loos held by women.

“25 percent of our plant employees, including operators and supervisors, are women,” she said. “Women hold positions in every department of the company- including the engineering department where two of the last three hires are women.”

This is the sixth donation to be made by Loos & Company this summer. Donations were recently given to the Danielson United Methodist Church Food Pantry, the Pomfret Community/Senior Center, the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, the Putnam Daily Bread Food Pantry and the Norwich St. Vincent de Paul Place.

Loos & Co., headquartered at 16B Mashamoquet Rd. in Pomfret Center, is the leader in the wire and cable industry. More information about Loos is available at loosco.com.

Anna Grace Murphy named to Dean’s List at Elon University



ELON, N.C. — Anna Grace Murphy

has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2021 spring semester at Elon University. The Dean’s List is composed of students with no grade below a B-minus and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Murphy is the daughter of Mr. Raymond F. Murphy III and of Putnam, and Ms. Emily J. Murphy and of East Woodstock.

Elon University has built a national reputation as the premier student-centered environment for experiential learning, with an emphasis on strong personal relationships between students and their faculty and staff mentors. Elon’s 6,291 undergraduate and 826

graduate students come from 46 states and 49 other countries. Elon’s rigorous curriculum is grounded in the arts and sciences and complemented by nationally accredited professional programs.

Elon is ranked among the top-100 National Universities by U.S. News & World Report, with a #2 ranking for excellence in undergraduate teaching and #10 for innovation. Elon is the only university in the nation recognized by U.S. News for excellence in all eight academic programs “Focused on Student Success.” Included are #1 rankings for study abroad and learning communities and #2 rankings for first-year experiences, senior capstones and service learning.

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aren’t donating blood as much and that also typically comes with the warmer weather. It’s crucial that every person who can of all blood types, but especial type-O, come out to donate,” Oppenheimer said, acknowledging that the COVID pandemic did effect donations in 2020. “There are certainly people who didn’t want to come out an donate during COVID. That’s totally understandable. However right now we need everyone who can to come give. There’s been a great need this past year, but especially right now.”

The Killingly High School blood drive wasn’t the only chance locals will have to donate blood. In fact, the Red Cross makes monthly trips to the region to

welcome donors at the Dayville Fire Department and the Putnam Elks. Oppenheimer said the Quiet Corner has long been a great supporter of the Red Cross’s mission.

“The Killingly and Putnam area has been a great place to get blood. People in this corner of Connecticut are very enthusiastic to help save lives,” said Oppenheimer, who also offered some input for those who may let their fear of needles or other phobias keep them from donating. “What I say for people who are scared of needles is that the person receiving the blood may not care for a needle either, but they still need the blood. Besides it’s just a little pinch for saving people’s lives, literally.”

Anyone wishing to give blood can visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red-Cross to schedule an appoint-

ment and find a donation near you. Donors are required to bring and ID and encouraged to get plenty of sleep, eat and drink well, and avoid caffeine the day of their appointment.

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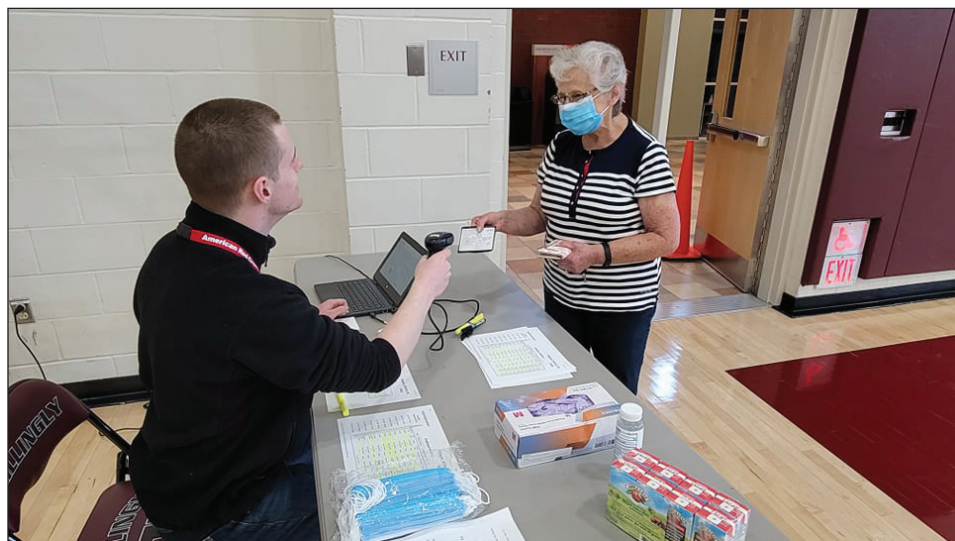


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Blood donor Pat Young is checked in for her appointment with the Red Cross in Killingly.

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Eastern offers Master’s degree in Special Education

WILLIMANTIC — To prepare students for the evolving field of special education, Eastern Connecticut State University is offering a new Master of Science in Special Education. The program is an advanced degree for certified teachers, teacher candidates who have completed a teaching certification program or those with appropriate teaching experience.

The program combines theory and practice to enhance the ability of educators to instruct K-12 students with special needs. It emphasizes school-community partnerships and includes practica in the field. The program leads toward the Connecticut

cross-endorsement certification in comprehensive special education for those who hold an existing initial teaching certificate.

“Our new program is designed to enhance the ability of current educators to work with students with disabilities, their families and other special education personnel,” said Kwangwon Lee, assistant professor of early childhood education. “We envision that our candidates will develop a holistic understanding of special education for individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds in a variety of settings, as well as with professionals who work in special education and related services.

Our uniquely designed program helps fill a need for qualified special educators in the state of Connecticut.”

Lee said in recent years, reports show a steady increase in the prevalence of students with disabilities in the United States and a shortage of qualified special education teachers to meet this demand nationwide and in Connecticut. Of the 1,277 special education teacher job openings in Connecticut posted in the past year, 798 ads sought special education teachers certified to teach in grades K-12. JobsEQ also indicates that most job ads required skills in written and verbal communication, mathematics, collaboration, problem solving, adaptive technology and the ability to initiate and maintain relationships, all of which are supported by Eastern’s new master’s program in Special Education.

Tara Ruschmeier graduated in May from Eastern with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a B.A. in English and will start her master’s program this fall, and said “I worked with students with special needs when I was in high school and had thought about studying special education in the past. I am excited to learn how to provide my students with the best quality education based on their unique needs.”

Another recent Eastern graduate and student in the new program is Gabrielle Bielak, who said, “What excites me most about the discipline are

changes to the instructional pedagogy which are transforming and improving the delivery of special education programs and services. Training in the field of special education doesn’t just benefit the educators who are directly charged with providing these types of services and supports. There’s been a shift in teaching ideology toward providing a more inclusive educational environment whenever possible.”

“I am very excited that students enrolled in our new program will learn how to overcome hardships and beat the odds,” said Tanya Moorehead, assistant professor of education. “Our program offers students a unique opportunity to learn how to address a variety of areas including academic, social and community needs of students with disabilities and their families. Eastern’s M.S. in special education is the only program in Connecticut that includes a practicum in local agencies. These experiences give our candidates the opportunity to address the needs of students and families outside of the school setting.”

Lee said the program will be offered in a hybrid model, with 80 percent of course offerings occurring online, and 20 percent occurring on-ground. The six practicum credits comprise 20 percent of the on-ground courses. The program offers working professionals the flexibility to complete their coursework within the demands of their work schedule.

“I recently began working in the EastConn Autism Program and have completely found my calling in working with children with special needs,” said Caitlin Edwardsen ‘10, who earned her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and teaching degree in Early Childhood Education more than a decade ago. “I made the decision to pursue my master’s degree in Special Education just this past year and waited for Eastern’s new program. I love the ability to do classes online but also have consistent communication with professors as well as be able to do practicums for experience out in the field. This hybrid model has worked perfectly with my full-time work schedule.”

Moorehead said the program does not duplicate other programs offered in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System, adding “This program takes a school and community-based approach, including inter-agency collaborations and the integration of arts, thereby fulfilling a need that other institutions locally and regionally do not currently address. We are proud that our program honors Eastern’s founding as a normal school, approaches the teaching of Special Education in a manner that highlights our liberal arts identity and enacts our strategic plan’s initiative to ensure that programs are relevant, effective and challenging.”

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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 July 19: Black and white Warbler, Wood Thrush, Catbird, Bluebird, Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Barred Owl, Barn Swallow, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Yellow-throated Vireo, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting. Visit ctaclub.org/Pomfret-home.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Language group with Iranian influence

5. No seats available

8. Health insurance organization

11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste

13. Defunct European economic organization

14. Dutch word for “language”

15. Hard to penetrate

16. When you’ll get there

17. Iranian city

18. Small fishes

20. Dry white wine drink

21. Turkish city

22. U.S.-born people

25. Synthetic resin

30. Major nerve in human body

31. Type of recording

32. Small drum

33. Alters

38. General’s assistant (abbr.)

41. Venezuelan capital

43. Free of deceit

45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation

48. Competition

49. Launch an attack on

50. Cavalry sword

55. Spiritual leader

56. One point east of due south

57. Afflicted

59. Database management system

60. Snake-like fish

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Small drink

63. Not wet

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Father

2. Performed perfectly

3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

4. Thin, compact object

5. One attempting to find something

6. No longer working

7. Egg-shaped wind instrument

8. Book of Genesis character

9. Volcanic craters

10. Brand of American automobile (slang)

12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe

14. Bangladeshi monetary unit

19. Self-immolation by fire ritual

23. Family of genes

24. Et _ : indicates further

25. Pacific Standard Time

26. S. American wood sorrel

27. Women’s _ movement

28. Chinese hoopster Ming

29. Layers of rock

34. Patriotic women’s group

35. Solid water

36. Shade of brown

37. Very fast airplane

39. Put clothes on

40. Quality of one’s character

41. Time zone

42. Primates

44. Pleasantly

45. Metrical feet

46. Rogue

47. German river

48. Relieves from

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Those who resist authority

58. Criticize

Hofstra University congratulates Dean’s List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean’s List.

Lily Brin of Pomfret Center Maxwell Underhill of North Grosvenordale

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and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

SWARD

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worked tirelessly to build this nutrition program and it’s wonderful for others to recognize my hard work.”

When asked what she likes most about her job, she shared, “The tangible effect I can have on patients. In many positions throughout the field, dietitians are often left feeling like second-rate healthcare professionals. This job is different – not only does my role actively impact the course of treatment, but patients often want my expertise. A cancer diagnosis is overwhelming and sends people on a journey that they have limited control over; nutrition

is one of the only things they still have autonomy over and it’s an amazing feeling to help empower patients to take back a bit of control in an otherwise overwhelming experience. It’s not just the patients that make this job enjoyable, but the people that I work with make me feel valued and knowledgeable. Being able to make a difference in the lives of patients while also being respected by your peers is something I could only dream of prior to getting this job.”

A Northeast Connecticut native, Sward was born at Day Kimball Hospital and currently resides in East Putnam. She is a member of the QVR Rotaract Club and is an American Council on Exercise (ACE) Certified

Personal Trainer, ACE and CETI Certified Cancer Exercise Specialist, ACE Youth Exercise Specialist, and an NASM MMA Conditioning Specialist.

Sward is currently working towards becoming a Certified Nutrition Support Clinician and is pursuing board certification as a specialist in oncology nutrition. She also owns and operates Sward and Shield LLC, where affordable, inclusive nutrition counseling and physical activity services are provided to those living in Northeast Connecticut.

Day Kimball Healthcare’s employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

“The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino has been focused on taking care of the people that serve within our community, and we appreciate everything Day Kimball Healthcare does,” said Foxwood’s Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships Roy Colebut-Ingram. “Supporting meaningful employee recognition programs like that at DKH is just one way that we feel we can express our appreciation.”

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Day Kimball Healthcare to host blood drive

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) will host a community blood drive to benefit patients in need on Friday, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive will be located at Day Kimball Hospital in the Robert H. Field Conference Rooms. Donors are to enter the Hospital through the Main Entrance, Entrance A at the back of the hospital.

According to the Rhode Island Blood Center, every day, patients in Southern New England need blood transfusions to recover from illness and injury. One pint from you can help save as many as three lives. Blood donations are especially needed now as blood supplies are low due to reduced donations since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at

least 110 pounds, and be in good health. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment online, visit www.ribc.org/drives and use sponsor code 3844.

Day Kimball Hospital takes strict precautions to keep donors safe and prevent the spread of the coronavirus during these drives. Blood drives are set up to create physical distancing, and donors are required to wear masks at all times when donating blood. All donors are prescreened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the blood drive.

Please do not present to donate if you have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19, had close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 in the last 14 days,

or been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 until 14 days after your illness have resolved.

If you are unsure whether to donate, or if you have donated recently and you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or you test positive for COVID-19, please contact the Blood Center medical team via email at medicalstaff@ribc.org or 401-453-8307.

To learn more about the extra safety precautions implemented to keep staff, patients and donors safe visit www.daykimball.org/return-to-care and www.ribc.org/safety.

The Rhode Island Blood Center is the sole supplier of DKH's blood bank and provides all of its blood services. For questions about donating blood, contact the Blood Center at (401) 453-8383 or visit www.ribc.org.

To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare's laboratory and blood services, visit daykimball.org/lab.

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Woodstock resident receives Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Academic Excellence Award

WEBSTER, Mass. — JoAnn Milford, LPN of Woodstock, and a graduate of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2020, recently received the Academic Excellence Award at a special ceremony at the Lakeside Pavilion of the Indian Ranch in Webster. The award was granted in recognition of Milford's academic achievements and obtaining the highest GPA from PN Class of 2020.

The Academic Excellence Award is an annual award to recognize a graduate with the highest GPA. Thanks to the dedicated support of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, the Academic Excellence Award was renamed The Virginia Dockstader Academic Excellence Award, after Professor Dockstader who officially retired in 2018, but whose dedication, hard work, and commitment is still evident by remaining as adjunct faculty. The Virginia Dockstader Academic Excellence Award is recognizing a student who has not only excelled in their academic pursuits but also developed all the clinical skills, clinical reasoning and attained remarkable achievements in the domains they have a strong passion for or are talented at.

At the special ceremony, Milford was given an engraved Tiffany & Co. crystal platter.

"It was an honor to recognize our alumna's great work," Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said. "JoAnn Milford, LPN was unable to be presented her award last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic" Bolandrina explains.

While a student at Bay Path, Milford was certified in Mental Health First Aid by the National Council for Behavioral Health Mental Health First Aid, certified in Dementia Care, and attended the Stop The Bleed Course by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. Milford was also inducted to the National Technical Honor Society in 2020.



JoAnn Milford

WOODSTOCK RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM GEORGETOWN LAW

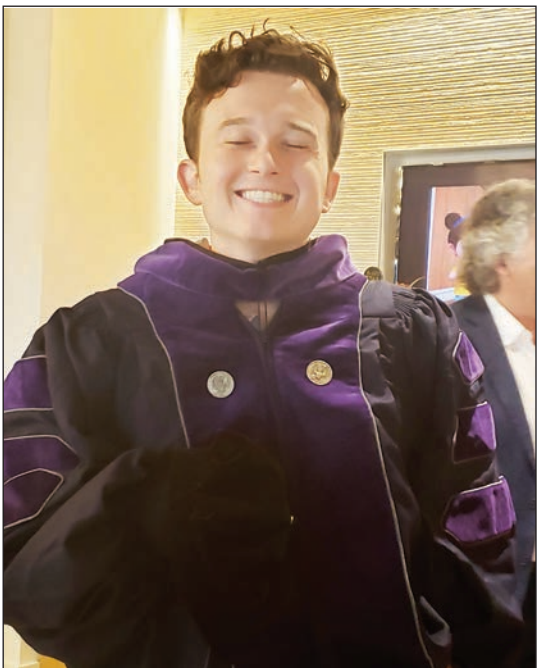


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Daniel Murphy graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown Law School on May 24 with a degree of Juris Doctor. Son of Raymond F. Murphy III of Putnam and Emily J. Murphy of East Woodstock, he will begin his legal career in Boston this fall at the firm of Ropes & Gray.

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for us," Norman said. "The other big piece of this is the music. The kids really love it, and they do a lot of dancing and learning songs that have to do with what the Bible lesson is all about."

Campers Samuel Finn and Molly Norman both said they enjoyed the experience and found the Vacation Bible School to be a fun a rewarding experience.

"It's been really fun. I felt sad when we couldn't do it because of COVID. I wanted to do all the amazing things we do last year, and this year is even better than the first," said Finn.

Molly Norman added, "It's been good. I've had a couple rough moments, but I got through them, and I know Jesus is always there for me so I can always have fun no matter where I am."

Seeing the response and participation to the Vacation Bible School, Gail Norman said it was inspiring and uplifting that the children embraced a chance to celebrate their faith, community and new friendships with some even joining the Creation Church community in the process.

"It's incredible. The kids have come out in droves, and they love being together. They're little groups are like little communities and by the fourth night they're high fiving each other, they're sharing with each other, and they know each other. We're excited that it's not just Creation Church kids, there are kids from the community here as well," Gail added.

In addition to activities themed around lessons of the Bible, the campers also brought their change to camp with the boys and girls competing to see who could raise more money to help support Hope for Tomorrow, a non-profit organization that serves orphans and at-risk children in Guatemala. Creation Church has a history of supporting the program and through the Vacation Bible School the youngest members of the community had the chance to make a difference as well.



DKH pediatricians from left to right: Nicholas Cundiff, DO; Mafalda Tudela Martins, MD; Amr Elmeki, MD

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Pop-Up Markets continue in Putnam

PUTNAM – The town of Putnam held its third “Pop-Up” open air market event of 2021 on Saturday, July 24 bringing even more unique vendors and activities to Rotary Park as part of what has quickly become a new local tradition. Unique gifts, food, art displays, music and more were all part of the afternoon bringing both locals and visitors to the center of town for a beautiful day of community togetherness and entertainment. The fourth and final Pop-Up Putnam event of 2021 will be held on Aug. 21.

Photos Jason Bleau



The Broken Back Farm of East Putnam sold good made from sheep wool including hats and stuffed animals.



Members of the Art Guild painted the likeness of Rotary Park on a refinished barrel as the live art project on display at the event.



Troop 25 of Putnam was on hand selling popcorn and water to support their programs.



Abey of Putnam takes part on the community art project creating a colorful glass sand art piece.



Representatives of the Northeast District Department of Health continued their appearances at Pop-Up Putnam providing access to the COVID-19 vaccines.



The vendors at Emmerly Lane show off some of their graphic t-shirts and other goods, with part of the proceeds helping families affected by childhood cancer.

Thompson Public Schools Facilities Department Job Available ~ Maintenance Person ~

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Be in good health, and meet all pre-employment conditions set forth by the Thompson Board of Education.
- 2. Possess high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate
- 3. Preferably will hold one of the following. Refrigeration license, Electricians license, Plumbing license, Pipefitters license, Boiler Operators license, or Stationary Engineers license.
- 4. In the absence of above must have verifiable commercial, municipal, or industrial experience in one or more of the above mentioned.
- 5. Extensive knowledge of HVAC systems and controls a must.
- 6. Possess excellent mechanical aptitude.
- 7. Possess excellent organizational and communicative skills.
- 8. Must have excellent problem solving abilities.
- 9. Must be available to respond to emergencies.
- 10. Will occasionally be required to work days or shifts not normally scheduled.
- 11. Must work well independently and with others.
- 12. May be required to work in unpleasant conditions.

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- 2. Keeps all boiler and mechanical rooms clean and free of debris.
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- 5. Completes and maintains daily fuel oil consumption logs.
- 6. Maintains all HVAC equipment in good operating order.
- 7. Maintains an adequate inventory of spare parts for all above equipment.
- 8. Ensures that all athletic fields and exterior areas of the complex are kept neat clean and well maintained by coordinating work with the athletic Director and the grounds crew.
- 9. With Facilities Manager conducts full load generator tests.
- 10. With Facilities Manager conducts fire pump tests.
- 11. Troubleshoots and corrects minor electrical issues.
- 12. Troubleshoots and corrects plumbing issues as needed.
- 13. Maintains and documents all life safety equipment.
- 14. Maintains custodial equipment and ensures that an adequate supply of spare parts is available.
- 15. Assists grounds department when necessary in the repair of grounds equipment.
- 16. Carries out repairs on an emergency basis during the school day.
- 17. Works on special projects as directed by the Facilities Manager.
- 18. Keeps the Facilities Manager and school Administrators informed of any problems that may impact the normal operation of school.
- 19. Any other assignments deemed necessary by the Facilities Manager.



Some hand made goods, including Disney art, from Painting Kidsly.



These unique items from Tina's Steampunk Creations were all made from broken electronics and other household items like watches and utensils.

Creation Church hosting dinner to support Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala

THOMPSON — Creation Church will be hosting a Fiesta Dinner this Friday evening at 6 p.m. to support the ministry of Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala. The evening will be a rich blend of meals from tacos to chili to chicken to rice and beans to Mexican soup to salsa and chips and sour cream, etc. In conjunction with South Woodstock Baptist Church, Creation Church is seeking to raise funds for Pastor Noe Guyen of Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala to purchase a new truck to be able to climb the mountain to the villages of El Chico and El Mirador in Taculatan. Pastor Noe and his family bring food to 150 children in El Chico and 120 children in El Mirador each week along with medical supplies and education-

al supplies. El Chico is roughly a half a mile up the mountain and El Mirador is roughly a mile up the mountain. Pastor Noe's present vehicle is on its last leg, so in order to continue feeding the children on a regular basis, South Woodstock and Creation have formalized three separate fundraising events, the first of which is the Fiesta Dinner this Friday night. Admission is free and open to the public, but donations are welcome. On Saturday, Aug. 14, Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala will be hosting a Christian concert at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds from 4 to 8 p.m. called HopeFest. It will feature local worship leaders such as Tim Norman from Creation Church and Johnny Geeze from Groton Bible Chapel and Sam Antonelli of Crossway

Church along with the Gordon College Praise Team. The featured performer is Ben Laine of New Hampshire, who will be a performer at SoulFest, one of the largest Christian concert venues in the country. Tickets are \$10 a person, \$5 for children, and \$20 for a family. In addition, Hope For Tomorrow Guatemala will be hosting a 9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament at the Woodstock Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 18, beginning at 2 p.m. with a cookout and prizes to follow. The cost for each golfer will be just \$75. For more informaton, go to www.hopefortomorrow.org or go to www.creationchurch.org. Creation Church is located at 47 West Thompson Rd. in Thompson.

LIONS IN THE GARDEN



Photo Courtesy
Members of Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions assisted Mother Nature's Garden with cleanup of the Rain Garden on Main Street in Danielson on July 21 and 24.

EDUCATION

Tufts University announces 2021 graduates

MEDFORD/SOMERVILLE, Mass. — Tufts University awarded approximately 1,500 undergraduate students degrees in disciplines ranging from the sciences and engineering to the humanities and fine arts during its online degree conferral ceremony commemorating the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. The graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included Evan Cunningham of Brooklyn, with a degree in Biology (BS), and Rebekah Budd of Eastford, with a degree in Studio Art (BFA). In addition to the degree conferral, the ceremony featured a keynote address by Bryan Stevenson, the acclaimed civil rights advocate and lawyer, who called on Tufts graduates to be the generation that creates “a new era of truth and justice.” The virtual event was also highlighted by remarks from President Anthony P. Monaco and recognition of retiring faculty receiving emeritus status. Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

Emmanuel College announces Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. — In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named nearly 900 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List include:

Rebecca Hermann of Eastford
Kathryn Smith of Pomfret Center
Renee Auger of Woodstock
Kennedy Davignon of Woodstock
Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

Bryant University students named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2021 semester. Corrine Khamphoukeo, class of 2022, from Danielson
Emily Robinson, class of 2023, from Danielson
Lucie Castagne, class of 2024, from Putnam

Audrey Chase, class of 2021, from Pomfret Center

Matthew Roethlein, class of 2024, from Pomfret Center
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Pomfret Center resident Audrey Chase named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. Audrey Chase, class of 2021, from Pomfret Center, has been named to the President's List for the spring 2021 semester. The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations to Audrey on this outstanding achievement!
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Dean's list honors announced at Tufts University

MEDFORD/SOMERVILLE, Mass. — Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester. Among students earning dean's list honors is Travis White of Pomfret Center, class of 2024.

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.



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Moon madness

Is what ‘they’ say really true regarding the full moon? Do people actually turn into ‘lunatics?’ We’re not so sure, but science has much to offer on the topic, with the next full moon now literally on the horizon.

Some people claim that they become unexplainably moody for a few days or have trouble sleeping. Some say they experience breakouts or other aches and pains that affect the joints. Typically, when people are observed acting slightly less than normal, you will hear the phrase “it must be the full moon.”

Logically, it makes sense that because the tides are higher during the full moon phase due to the pull of gravity that our bodies which are made up of 80% water would experience some sort of side effect as well.

Studies show that tides in large lakes undergo minimal tide changes during the full moon. Tides take place twice a day in the ocean, which could mean that we would be ‘off center’ twice a day, however that isn’t the case from what we currently know according to science.

Some myths claim that the full moon can incite epileptic seizures in people, however a study in 2004 showed no such connection.

As far as bouts of psychiatric outbursts, one study in 2014 showed an increase of emergency room visits within 24 hours of the full moon however a study in 1996 showed no significant difference. The term ‘lunatic’ is derived from the word ‘Luna’ the name of the ancient Roman goddess. Aristotle and Hippocrates once implied they thought the moon was at fault for abnormal behavior.

Interesting was the study that took place in Colorado, where researchers found that the risk for pet injuries increased by 23 percent during the full moon phase. Proven is that wild animals behave differently during the full moon in that the light effects their hunting habits.

As for sleep deprivation, we all know that before modern times the moon provided light during the nighttime hours. During the full moon, the increased amount of light was said to have wreaked havoc on those with bipolar or seizure disorders. Many people say they have trouble sleeping during a full moon however no studies have indicated a scientific correlation as of yet.

As far as myths go, the claim that a full moon increases fertility and births is as old as time. The truth is that fertility methods based on moon phases have proved inconclusive, as did the effect on gravitational pull to induce labor.

February is the only month that may not experience a full moon because each full moon appears every 29.5 days. A super-moon takes place when a full moon coincides with the moon’s closest approach to earth. The last time we witnessed a super-moon was in 2015. The next one will occur in 2033. Some say that the full moon is an unlucky sign if it happens on a Sunday. Interesting to note is that the name ‘Monday’ is from the Old English word Monandaeg, which means ‘moon day’. Another fact is that on March 28, the Royal Air force used the light from a full moon to attack Lubeck in Germany during WWII.

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a ‘blue moon.’ This occurrence takes place every three years. A red moon happens when the full moon phase occurs during the same time as a lunar eclipse.

The man on the moon that we often see during a full moon, is nothing more than dark areas called basaltic plains and the lighter colored highlands of the moon’s surface. Making sense, and interesting is that between 1765 and 1813, the Lunar Society of Birmingham, England met during the full moon because the extra light made the walk home safer.

July is said to be the best month to get married because it falls between the planting and harvesting of crops. The term ‘honeymoon’ is named after the first full moon in June for this reason.

We can’t mention a full moon and not mention werewolves. Old folklore claimed that if you slept outside under a full moon on a Wednesday or a Friday you could turn into a werewolf. Perhaps the most entertaining spin on this myth, aside from the Universal Pictures’ influential 1941 classic “The Wolf Man” with Lon Chaney, Jr. is the 1985 film “Teen Wolf” starring Michael J. Fox. If you haven’t seen it, you might want to pull it from the dusty archives during the next full moon for a celebratory showing. For those with prefer straight-up horror, we also recommend “The Howling,” “Wolfen,” and of course, “An American Werewolf in London” (but make sure you’ve sent the little pups to bed first!).

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The far left are the true radicals

To the Editor:
Last week, it was mentioned that those who oppose CRT are the true radicals. But to that, I’ll say that those who support it are also. Take the squad for an example. These people are part of the radical left. They are not liberals, and there is a big difference between the two. Liberals are our neighbors, our friends; they love this country and they follow the laws, especially when it comes to voting, and I’d be willing to bet that some of them also oppose CRT. It’s the radical left, however, that’s seeking to turn the USA into a socialist nation that’s the true threat!

There were many gallant people nationwide - some of whom were black - that stood in front of school boards and spoke out against CRT, so they must be radicals also? It was because of their voices, that Biden’s education secretary decided that a school’s choice to not teach CRT would not keep them from getting federal education grants, which is what they (the Biden regime) had originally planned to do. And if it matters any, I have a black nephew that has young kids in school and he’s totally against teaching CRT

DeLuca should try the civil approach

To the Editor:
In his July 23 letter, “Cowards hailed as heroes,” Ed DeLuca embraces many of the ills that have infected American society: misogyny, authoritarianism, ignorance, intolerance and a lack of civility and empathy.

His continued childish use of gratuitous insults, especially when referring to women, e.g. “worthless old hag,” “Cackala,” “numb-skull,” is deplorable and toxic. Misogyny in plain view. Hate glorified. Why does he continue to lie and attack the possibility of Vice President Harris assuming the presidency upon President Biden’s death, resignation or removal by impeachment as provided in the Constitution “without ever receiving one single vote.” I think most of your readers know the answer.

He can poo-poo and make fun of elderly black citizens who can’t obtain an acceptable ID under some states’ laws because their births were never recorded in the Jim Crow South due to institutional racism, or because they don’t have a driver license. And, either out of ignorance or lack of empathy, he expresses astonishment that many people don’t have access to computers or photocopiers.

In a democracy, we should strive to ensure that all qualified citizens have easy access to the ballot. But Republicans know that they can’t win a national election if all adult citizens vote. The cult leader admitted it to Fox

in schools.

According to Webster, the definition of the word «theory» (as it applies to CRT) is either: «an explanation based on scientific study and reasoning,» or, a “guess.” Choose whatever definition that you think applies, but either way, it might result in you being labeled a radical.

Also mentioned was the need to teach «complete history» in schools, but maybe you should watch what you ask for? A true part of our history is that the party of white supremacy, slavery, oppression, the brown shirts, the Jim Crow laws, (black) voter suppression, and the KKK - was the Democratic party! (That’s quite a list now, isn’t it?) So how about adding that to the curriculum and teaching it as part of CRT? But the response to that question from Biden’s education secretary, the Democrats, and those who support CRT would no doubt be the sound of crickets chirping.

ED DeLUCA
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

News last year, saying, “levels of voting that if you’d ever agreed to it, you’d never have a Republican elected in this country again.”

Other Republican leaders have made too many comments in support of voter suppression to list them all. But consider, for example, North Carolina GOP official Don Yelton advocating restrictions that would discourage “lazy blacks” from voting. Or Georgia State Senator Fran Millar who complained about voting places being too convenient for black voters.

Mr. DeLuca again displays his authoritarian bent by insisting that Democratic Texas representatives be punished for their non-violent civil disobedience by compelling them to clean toilets and remove trash. He deplores them as cowards for refusing to participate in Republican efforts to make it harder to vote. But I’ll bet he celebrated Mitch McConnell’s refusal to advise and consent per the Constitution on President Obama’s Supreme Court nominee.

Sometimes when I read the bile that Mr. DeLuca writes in your newspaper, I wonder why you continue to publish it. On the other hand, you may be doing the public a service by exposing his transparent hatred for those he disagrees with. Civility, which he doesn’t appear to be capable of, would facilitate more thoughtful debate.

BILLY G. TAYLOR
KILLINGLY

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19: Learn about it

To the Editor:
The updated data from Connecticut’s Department of Public Health reports that 69 percent of people in our state have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination and that 63 percent have received all doses. That COVID-19 can be harmful or even deadly is not in dispute. As the virus mutates, more deadly strains can emerge. We see this with other viruses, such as influenza, which causes the flu. As time goes by, people who are not vaccinated comprise a large and increasing percentage of those who get ill from COVID-19. This is not unexpected. The vaccine has proven to be effective in protecting people from or mitigating the severity of COVID-19 infections. Very few vaccinated people are falling ill to COVID-19.

As a doctor, I have seen many people get sick from or die from the infection. I have encountered many people who have asked me if I am vaccinated, why I got vaccinated, and if they should get vaccinated.

Yes, I am fully vaccinated. I did so soon after a vaccine became available. The decision was a personal decision for me. I made my decision to get vaccinated after I learned the information about COVID-19 and the vaccines. I weighed the benefits and the risks of taking the vaccine. I weighed the pros and the cons of not taking the vaccine. I decided that the best way for me to protect myself, my family, and my community from

COVID-19 was to get fully vaccinated. Did I have concerns and uncertainties? Yes. It is understandable for people to have such on their minds given the evolving nature of COVID-19, the changing landscape of public health guidelines, and the newness of the emergency roll out of the vaccines. Was I able to sort through my questions? Yes.

Many people who are hesitant to get vaccinated are trying to make the best decision for themselves and for their families. There is a lot of misinformation, mistrust, misconception, and misplaced politics and punditry about COVID-19, the vaccines, and public health efforts. These things create fear and uncertainty. I talk with people that it is important to parse through these things. I tell them that they do not have to navigate the situation alone. There are reliable resources to access. I talk with them that it is important to have a discussion with their doctors or healthcare professionals. I tell them that whether to get vaccinated is a personal, individual decision. I tell them that it is a decision they should not ignore.

If you have not yet become vaccinated, then consider the reasons for getting vaccinated. It is your individual decision. Make the best, informed decision that you can to help yourself, your family, and your community.

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Searching for inspiration

Lately, I’ve been around people who are looking for inspiration. One is a painter. One a musician. One is a potter. As a writer, I’m always seeking something new, something creative. Recently, I attended a poetry reading at Roseland Park organized by poet Karen Warinsky. As I sat in the barn listening to the recitations, I was struck by the multiplicity of voices and styles. Everyone was untied in a common goal of trying to express emotions and images through words, occasionally augmented by music. Inspiration.

Watching the Olympic Games, I am dazzled by another expression of inspiration. The athletes, regardless of country of origin or the sport they play, are as close to ideals of human perfection as could ever exist. They are young, fit and in possession of remarkable levels of mental discipline in addition to their physical skills. Their statements of individuality stand out in tattoos or painted fingernails. Hairstyles, always a topic of controversy among different generations, represent quiet rebellion against the norm.

To get to their levels of perfection, inspiration must play a pivotal part.

When I feel adrift and in need of inspiration, I dig out a copy of “The Artist’s Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity,” by Julia Cameron. Published in 1992, the collection of essays on creativity, inspiration and productivity is a classic in the world of artists and wannabe’s, like me. Her fundamental belief is that creativity comes through us as a spiritual force she called God. For people who don’t ascribe to or are uncomfortable with the concept, she suggests words such as orderly flow or creative energy. Regardless of the term, all of us know times when we it happens.

In yoga, our instructors urge us to get into the flow of the practice. Anyone who has spent time on the mat knows that eventually there are moments when the asanas seem simple and as one moves from pose to pose. Time, pain, and mental distraction disappear in the confident repetition of the movements. Yoga is the closest I come to getting a glimpse of what Olympians must feel when they warm up to compete in their special events. Their sense of what they need to do is at the molecular level in their brains and bodies. Wherever it resides, it is stunning.

Several years ago, my husband and I went on a two week trip to Japan. It was everything we hoped and more. I was interested in gardens. My husband was eager to learn more about food. We had the experiences we anticipated, but were unexpectedly moved by the philosophical and spiritual aspects of Japanese life. Our guide, who came to visit us in the US, helped us understand more. The Japanese are often hold both Buddhists and Shinto beliefs and don’t require life to be as concrete as we do. While many opposed holding the Olympics at this time, they adapt to whatever confronts them. Inspiration comes from many sources for them.

Author Cameron notes: “We are meant to midwife dreams for one another. Success comes in clusters.”

Our rural area will never be a cluster like a city, but it offers inspiration through unforgettable sun rises and sunset, glimpses of deer that look like apparitions, and places for people to read, sing, dance, and play together. We even had our own Olympian from Woodstock. Perhaps another will emerge. In the meantime, inspiration is found in trying to do what one can as well and as often as possible. The result won’t be a gold medal, but a sense of knowing one’s self.



NANCY WEISS

Surviving the Great Gulf Wilderness

BY DENNIS BLANCHETTE
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“The idea of wilderness needs no defense, it only needs defenders.”
— Edward Abbey

Three hours into the ascent of the Six Husbands Trail it seemed to dead end at a nearly vertical rock promontory. The trail was visible on the other side of the promontory, but there was no way around – we had to climb it. While I was evaluating the possible routes Janet said, “I see it,” and began climbing. There was nothing on her left except a 2000-foot fall into the ravine, so it was commit or fall off. I barely had time to get out my camera and she was over the crux. The problem was that it had taken 3 hours to cover 1.7 miles and we still had 7 hours of hiking to get back to the campsite.

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The seed for the trip was planted during the Northern Presidential Traverse a few years ago. Coming down Gulfside Trail, I saw the sign for Great Gulf Wilderness and said to Janet. “We should go in there some day.” The next thing I knew she had a trip planned, just waiting for the right time, and the second week of July we got a forecast for 3 clear days. Driving up Janet said, “I’m not sure we’ll be able to complete this.” It was the first time she had ever expressed doubt about our ability to complete a hike. This was like Michael Jordan wondering if he could play bas-

ketball and I pondered whether my random comment to come here had been a good one.

The Great Gulf Trail crosses the Peabody River on a suspension bridge and follows along the river, gently sloping through moss forests up to The Bluff. Then it drops down to the river and we rock hopped to the other side. Holes in the moist moss sucked in toads crossing the trail in front of us. The humidity was as oppressive as my 8th grade confirmation teacher and my t-shirt was soaked by noon. The river chortled through the rocks laughing at my misery. The placid pools murmured “jump in,” but Janet, like the energizer bunny, just kept going. We found a tent site around 3:00, set up the tent and hung the bear bag. I read the trail descriptions for the first time and still wasn’t concerned – 7 miles seemed well within our range.

The next day at 8:30 a.m., we began the traverse - Six Husbands Trail up to Gulfside Trail and down Buttress Trail. Six Husbands started just across the river from our campsite and the water was too high to rock hop, so we waded across barefoot. The trail heads steeply uphill over large boulders and through two boulder caves. Then it climbs straight up the main buttress (aka north knee) of Mt. Jefferson to a series of ladders with spectacular views into the Great Gulf, to the aforementioned rock promontory.

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After topping out the crux, we

reached the Edmands Cutoff at 11:45 a.m. It had taken us twice as long as planned but it still seemed as if there was plenty of time. The trail ascended through dense alpine conifers and across a boulder field. It joined the Gulfside Trail, which is part of the Appalachian Trail, and follows the presidential ridge. Entirely above tree line, it afforded excellent views of the buttress we had just climbed, as well as Jefferson Ravine, Wildcat Ski Area and the Mt. Washington Auto Road. If there’s any better hiking, I haven’t found it yet. Passing Thunderstorm Junction, we got down to Madison Spring Hut at elevation 4,800 feet. It was now 2:40, and there were still four more miles and 1,600 vertical feet between us and camp. We bought some brownies and a headlamp, just in case.

At 3:10 p.m., we left the hut and followed Star Lake Trail to begin the descent of Buttress Trail. Both of these trails, Six Husbands and Buttress, are little used because of their difficulty and it seemed like no one had hiked on Buttress in years. Head high conifers covered the trail and made it difficult to see the ground, which was little more than intertwined tree roots and boulders. Hiking poles stabbed through the meager soil to emptiness. The alpine vegetation eventually gave way to a boulder field. The trail was marked by cairns which led uphill. Going up at this point was like finding the lifts closed after driving 4 hours to ski fresh powder. We climbed to the top and

began descending an easier section, thinking we were home free. But the trail wasn’t done with us yet. Two steep slabby sections, wet and overhung, presented two options. Slide down on your butt and hope for a soft landing or go down backwards and hope for a good foot placement. More easy hiking and then another boulder field loomed in front of us. We crossed that one more gingerly than the first one, legs and brains succumbing to the day’s efforts.

We finally reached the lower section of Six Husbands, waded across the river and made it back to camp at 7 p.m. The overall hike took 10.5 hours, including a half hour rest at Madison Springs and covered 7.3 miles. The total 3-day distance was 16.3 miles.

Great Gulf is a designated “Wilderness Area” and “structures for user convenience” such shelters, are not permitted. Federal regulations emphasize protection of wilderness qualities even when “substantial inconvenience to hikers results.” There are no mileages on signs, no blazes and blowdowns are left in place. Fires are not permitted, there are no toilets, no trash cans and few bear lockers. The trails were built in areas already cleared by nature, such as landslides and boulder fields, and follow “painfully direct routes to the top.” It’s not an easy trip, but anything worthwhile seldom is.

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Make 2021 more profitable with this 5-step mid-year business review



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When you started your business, you likely spent lots of time and effort putting together a business plan. At the start of each year, you probably revisit that plan and update it with revenue and other goals for the year ahead. But how often do you review and update that plan to measure your progress so you can make adjustments to maximize your profit?

This year is already halfway over – now is the time to take stock of how your business has performed thus far this year, so you can build on your strengths and strengthen your weaknesses. Do this 5-step mid-year business review to maximize your chances of ending the year with the kind of business growth and bottom line you were hoping for.

1. Review your cash flow statement.

The cash flow statement presents the sources and uses of cash generated from busi-

ness operations. It should include monthly projections for the following year and be updated to reflect actual performance. If your company has been in business for some time, you can use past and current figures to generate predictions. If you are just starting your business, you will have to project all of your financial needs. Regardless, your cash flow statement should identify two things: (1) when and how much cash will be received, and (2) when and how much cash will be disbursed to pay expenses.

2. Review your balance sheet.

A balance sheet is like a photograph of your business’s financial health at a particular point in time, such as the end of an accounting period. The balance sheet contains three categories: (1) assets—all those things of value owned by your business, (2) liabilities—all the debts your business owes, and (3) net worth or capital—the owners’ equity in the business. A simple mathematical equation will show the relationship between these three categories: Net Worth = Assets minus Liabilities.

The balance sheet is a good measure of your business’s financial health and can be a useful indicator of what busi-

ness changes are needed, if any.

3. Complete a mid-year profit and loss statement.

The profit and loss statement (P & L) is similar to the balance sheet in that it reflects your business’s financial health. Unlike the still photograph of a balance sheet, the profit and loss statement usually covers your business’s tax year. The P & L is generally separated into several categories: (1) income, (2) expenses, (3) income from operations, (4) pretax net profit (or loss), (5) income taxes, and (6) post-tax net profit. The statement is especially effective in helping you determine your business’s financial strengths and weaknesses. For example, a review of your profit and loss statement may show that a particular activity has not generated the revenue anticipated and should therefore be terminated.

4. Determine if your business is on track to meet its financial goals and identify how to build on strengths and correct weaknesses.

After reviewing the financial statements noted above, you should have a good understanding of whether your business is on track to meet your financial goals for the year. The next

step, and the one most critical to ensuring your success at year’s end, is to determine the causes of your success or shortfall thus far.

By identifying what’s working well, you’ll be able to build upon those strengths through the rest of the year to bolster your performance even further. And by examining where and how you’re falling short, you’ll have the information you need to correct and adjust.

While external forces (such as slowed sales due to the pandemic, a supply chain issue or the introduction of a new competitor to the market) are not directly in your control, your ability to respond to them and adjust your business plan accordingly through the end of the year is.

5. Don’t go it alone – get the financial guidance you need to make strategic business decisions.

The financial health of your business, of course, serves as the foundation for the health of your own and your family’s financial health, as well as that of your employees’. The importance of planning well to achieve business success cannot be overstated.

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Memories my father gave me

BY TOBY MOORE

As Gary Moore’s son, I had a unique vantage point to get to know my father in a way that almost nobody else could. He was a fantastic father!

I observed how he treated his family, close friends, distant friends, business associates, and strangers. He treated everybody with respect.

As a boy, I sat in his office, playing with toys, listening to his phone calls, and watching how he conducted his meetings. He was filled with enthusiasm.

He was at almost all of my Karate tournaments, soccer games, and swim meets. When I failed, he brought me up. When I succeeded, it was a celebration. He was a source of constant encouragement.

Every day, he said to me, “Toby, you can do anything you want in this world and be successful, as long as you don’t hurt others in the process.” I usually rolled my eyes, “I know, dad,” sometimes taking for granted that I had a father who believed in me.

I watched as he crawled his way from the bottom to the top of one business and then did it again with another. I watched him succeed, and I watched him fail; I observed how he dealt with it all. I didn’t always understand, but the memories remain, and upon reflection; I couldn’t have asked for a better role model.

The phrase “practice what you preach,” goes back thousands of years. The Roman playwright Plautus said, “Practice yourself what you preach.” I

can say with complete confidence my father practiced what he preached. Did he have his failings? We all do, but even in his failings, he was quick to get back on track.

How was he able to do this? Was it because he listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, and other motivational speakers? Was it because of the hundreds of books he studied on human excellence? Was it his belief in what Jesus taught in the gospels?

Actions speak louder than words, and you can usually tell what somebody believes by their actions. My father’s actions displayed precisely what he believed.

When I was a child, there was a mother and her son who rode their bikes by the office every day. There was a barbershop next door, and one day the mother took her son for a haircut. When finished, they walked out to find the boy’s bike was stolen. With tears in their eyes, the mother explained to my dad that she didn’t have money to buy him a new bike. My father was struggling financially during those days, but still, he bought her son a new bike the very next day. He and his mother were overjoyed from this act of kindness.

My father had hundreds of employees throughout the years. Every once in a while, he’d catch one of his employees stealing. When caught, they were brought into the office for a meeting, and a couple of them cried and begged him for forgiveness. He forgave all of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Pandemic or not”

To the Editor:

Don’t we, readers of the Villager, have a favorite section that we look at expectantly each week when we walk the paper into the house? Tip-top right-hand corner, page 1. That’s the one for me: the small box inside the banner with a reminder or uplifting comment, or even a quote. All during what we’ve collectively been through, someone has taken the time, made the effort, to plant a small gem up there, week after week.

And this week, we are reminded in that tiny text that the Villager has pulled us through this period, with ads from our local businesses as their source of financial stability. “Pandemic or not, we never missed a week.” For the determination that it must have taken to “keep on keepin’ on,” it would do all of us readers well to remember back to the time the little box said “This, too, shall pass” as we collectively work our way out of the Covid era and toward what we create for our new lives ahead.

The Villager fulfills a role: within our region, they convey the activities, people, events and soon the candidates for local offices. How many families have clipped out a document or photo that captured a special moment, maybe in sports, or at an event recognizing success? Tackling The Trail! Even Frog jumping contest contestants!

This week, the Villager brought us some sad news. The Positively Speaking

column will now be written by Toby instead of his dad, Gary Moore. Just like local writers Margie Weaver and Nancy Weiss, whose columns always bring us a light moment or a dose of history, his brought us a different way—a brighter way- to look at life around us. Until his final column mentioned U of Iowa, I fully expected to run into Gary when I was pumping gas or was out someplace. And even though I now know better, I will continue to keep my eyes open. I might still spot him or maybe look around through his eyes... maybe perceive a brighter way to take in what is right in front of me or so easily had just been overlooked.

Just like how easy it may have been to miss the little box up in the banner on page 1 that someone at the Villager inserts there, week after week, each time carefully selected, as they continue to provide news and event coverage here in our part of New England. Thanks to you at the Villager for getting us through the pandemic. And thanks, advertisers; we do see your ads. Thanks for sticking with us; customers/clients like to stay with local businesses, who care enough to help us get through the pandemic in their own way, by providing us with the Villager, never missing a week.

DOTTI DURST
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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

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

In this issue we’re meeting with maker Steve Babbitt, experienced in the art of fly tying (yes, the lures used in fly fishing to mimic insects). Steve is well versed in the techniques and history of fly tying (which dates to ancient Macedonia). With almost 40 years of involvement in fly-fishing and fly tying, he started as a boy, learning from his father.

I am very excited to learn more about the intricacies of crafting flies as objects which are not only beautiful, but require knowledge of aquatic life and etymology, dexterity, and functionality.

Hi Steve! What led you to start tying your own flies and what did the first one look like?

I learned early on that it was much more inexpensive as well as very satisfying to tie my own flies. I would mow lawns or bale hay for extra money to buy materials. The one overall factor was that I could create what I needed when I needed it.

How has your work progressed over the years?

Most of my first flies were older patterns that were what are termed wet flies. These mimic the insect as they swim to the surface to transform into an adult. I now tie a great array of different flies from the ones that imitate the aquatic insect larva, to more complicated flies imitating the adult insects as well as others tied to imitate small baitfish. Probably my biggest accomplishment has been being able to tie classic salmon hair winged flies.

What sort of equipment and materials do you need to tie flies?

The basic tools we use are a tying vise, scissors, and a bobbin holder for threads. With those you can basically start tying flies. The material choices can be far more daunting. There are different type and style hooks to choose from as well as threads. There is a mix of natural, bird feathers, furs, and hairs, as well as some synthetic materials that kind of fill in where natural materials do not cover.

Do you sell your work and, if so, where/to whom? Do you do custom work?

I do not sell directly to the public. I tie flies for JT’s Fly Shop in Union. I tie most of their common patterns, a few of my own design, and custom orders.

I assume that the fly fits the fish. What are the local species you focus on?

You are correct; the fly being used will depend on the species as well as the water they inhabit. In Northeast Connecticut we have a diverse fishery. There are trout (Brook trout, Brown trout, Rainbow trout and Tiger trout) in many of the rivers and lakes. There



Golden Triangle

are also some waters with special regulations that hold wild or native trout. There are also largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and chain pickerel in most of the lakes which are a very fun target with a fly rod.

In addition, Mansfield hollow and Quaddick lake have northern pike which are considered a trophy when caught off a fly. One of the best ways for a beginner to learn is to fish small ponds with sunfish and perch in them. They are eager to eat a fly, with large populations.

Tell us something about the fly-fishing community in the Quiet Corner.

Prior to the internet social media explosion, most of the fly-fishing community in the Quiet Corner interacted either through clubs or the limited number of shops in the area. But now the community is much tighter and diverse than it has been before.

You mentioned something about the “golden triangle”; what is that?

The golden triangle is a term that a group of local anglers, as well as a few visiting anglers from the Boston area, call the upper Thames Valley Water Shed. Union (the town I live in) is at the very top, or origin, for much of the water flowing South into the Thames River and eventually into Long Island Sound.

There are 4 waters in particular that make up the “triangle”: the Natchaug River is the farthest east with the Mount Hope being the middle and the Fenton River forming the western side. They all flow into Mansfield Hollow reservoir. Each one is a unique fishery with qualities that draw fisherman from all over the area. The larger triangle is made up by the Quinebaug River on the eastern side and the Willimantic River on the west. The sheer number of quality tributaries the flow into both is incredible. You could spend your whole life fishing the area and may not be able to fish them all. I know personally as I have been trying for 43+ years!

If someone wanted to get into fly-fishing, what resources are there around here?

To preface this answer, it takes me back to a phone conversation with a good friend who is in his late 80’s and still fly fishes a couple days a week. I asked him what the “Golden Age of Fly Fishing” was like. He answered “You tell me; from my point of view, we are living it now”.

At this point in time there are many resources to learn how to fly fish. The Fly shop [JT’s in Union] has classes in the winter at no cost. The Connecticut



Blue Charm



Yellow Humpy

Fly Fisherman’s Association also does a series of classes. There are also thousands of YouTube videos that are good starting points. The equipment is also better than anything in the past. Inexpensive gear now is better than the best gear was 18-20 years ago.

What do you like most about tying flies? About fly-fishing?

Fly tying is my down time to decompress and clear my mind because it is something that you must concentrate on to do correctly. Fly fishing is much the same for me. You must be observant as to what is happening around you, so you tend to not think of anything but what you are doing. The other reason I love fly fishing is because of the places it has taken me to and the great people I have met.

What is the most challenging part of fly tying?

The most challenging part is getting the proportions of the fly correct. Even after 40 years I struggle with it on new patterns.

Flies can have some pretty unusual names. Do you have a few favorites?

There are some crazy and off-color names for flies. A few of my favorites:

Circus peanut – which is a streamer pattern that looks nothing like a peanut.

Thin mint– also a streamer with a brown, mint green and black tail.

I have a few of my signature patterns that I have named like the BLT bugger. It is also a streamer with a red, green and brown tail with a burnt brown body (thus the name BLT).

One other with an interesting name is the Yankme Pupa. It is a caddis larva pattern that I created in the early 2000’s when I was working part time at Yankee Outdoors in Enfield.

What is your connection to the Quiet Corner?

I have lived in the Quiet Corner for my entire life. I spent my earliest years in Thompson we later moved to Pomfret. My family has had strong ties to both towns for several generations.

I understand that there are classes locally, and that you give presentations, yes?

Yes, there are classes on fly tying done by several groups in the area. As was mentioned, the Connecticut Fly Fisherman’s Association does both fly fishing and fly-tying classes. The Thames Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited and Western Mass Fly fishermen do classes. JT’s fly shop does a



Peeking Caddis



Thin Mint” (left) and “BLT” (right) flies.

series of beginner classes in the winter months as well as some intermediate and less formal sessions called tying and lying. Tying and lying started about 18 years ago with a group of us who fished together would meet on Saturdays at my house and tie flies. It is a great to learn techniques and flies you normally would not. When Jim Trinique opened JT’s, we just kept doing it once a month or so. The classes at the shop do not have any fees.

I do presentations from time to time at fly fishing clubs, Trout Unlimited chapters and a few other associations. They are mostly on fishing in eastern Connecticut , aquatic insects and how they relate to fly fishing , and Steelhead fishing in the great lakes tributaries. I can be contacted at cthighlands@yahoo.com for info.

Please share some images of your work.

This salmon fly is called a “blue charm”. It is an old fly which was developed in the mid-19th Century for the rivers of Northern Scotland.

“Yellow humpy” made with deer hair, chicken feathers, and yellow floss.

“Thin mint” (left) and “BLT” (right) flies.

“Peeking caddis” imitates a case-making caddis fly which uses stick, grasses, or rock to build a case to live in while in larval form (one of my favorites to tie or fish).

Wow. This has been most enlightening and informative. Thank you so much for taking the time for this interview. I think I’ll be stopping by JT’s (664 Buckley Highway in Union) to learn more!

Word of the day

Dry fly fishing involves flies which are cast and will float on the water’s surface in a naturalistic position, seeking a rising fish. (from “The History of Fly Fishing in Fifty Flies”)

The wet fly is fished underwater often with a deliberate action caused by current or angler. (guiderrecommended.com)

Cynthia Saari (Woodstock) is a nationally recognized flamework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. <https://www.facebook.com/JT's-fly-shop-121465164667881/>

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them and usually gave them a second chance. They became his very best and most trustworthy employees.

He performed in the Drum & Bugle Corps as a young man. As an older man, he partnered with a ministry in town and helped to teach dozens of middle school and high school kids how to play. One early morning he received a call from one of the kids who had nowhere else to turn. He was in jail and needed help. My father woke up, drove his car a couple of hours to the other side of Illinois, bailed him out, and brought him back home.

My father truly believed in all the principles he wrote about in this column. He believed in people. He believed in love, peace, kindness, generosity, compassion, mercy, second chances, and the ability for anyone to change. No matter how low somebody sank, he believed they could turn it around and become a shining light in the darkness.

Perhaps that’s why his funeral had hundreds of people who came to give



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their condolences. He impacted the world around him in a positive way. He wanted the best for everyone. His actions will echo into eternity and confidently testify that he practiced what he preached.

Toby Moore is a freelance columnist.

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Beautiful and tasty blueberries



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Blueberries are a summer favorite, great for snacking, baking, topping your oatmeal and so much more. This nutritious fruit also adds a bit of brain power to your diet and beauty to your landscape with spring blooms, fall color, and of course tasty and colorful fruit.

Blueberries are one of the most nutritional foods loaded with antioxidants that fight cancer, disease, and the effects of aging while helping preserve your eyesight. Boost the benefits by growing your own blueberries. The act of gardening helps strengthen our muscles, increase flexibility, fights stress and boosts our mood.

Do a bit of research to find the best blueberry for your garden and dining pleasure. Planning ahead prepares you for placing your order when you are ready to plant. Anxious gardeners can put their research to work immediately. Blueberry plants are still available from



Photo Melinda Myers

Blueberries are one of the most nutritious foods with antioxidants that fight cancer, disease, and the effects of aging.

some nurseries for those who are ready to plant now.

Select the blueberry plants suited to your growing conditions. Northern highbush blueberries are productive and suited to moderate climates with at least two months of temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Southern highbush blueberries only need 200-300 hours of 32-45 degrees Fahrenheit in winter to pro-

duce fruit. This makes them a good choice for those gardening in milder climates. Lowbush blueberries are low-growing varieties native to Northeastern United States. Half-high blueberries are a cross between low and high bush blueberries, tolerating -35 to -45 degrees Fahrenheit, making them a good option for colder climates. Rabbit-eye blueberries are large shrubs and suited to areas with

long, hot summers and mild winters.

Newer compact varieties allow small space gardeners, apartment dwellers and those with less-than-ideal soil the opportunity to grow their own blueberries. These smaller plants are suitable for containers as well as the garden. In addition to their compact size and tasty fruit, several have attractive foliage, adding to their ornamental appeal. The Leaves of Pink Icing variety is a mix of pink, blue and deep green. Boxwood enthusiasts will enjoy the foliage and dark blue fruit of Blueberry Buckle. And for those who cannot get enough fruit, check out Perpetua that produces two crops a year.

Find a sunny, well-drained location where your plants will thrive, produce a bountiful harvest and you can enjoy their beauty. Although most blueberries are self-fertile (you only need one plant to produce fruit), you'll get better results when growing several in your landscape or containers. Consider including several varieties with different ripening dates to extend the harvest season.

Blueberries are particular about their growing conditions. They prefer moist, well-drained and acidic soils. Properly pre-

pare the soil by adding organic matter like compost, aged manure, or peat to the planting bed. Or grow your blueberries in a container filled with quality potting mix. Water in-ground and container plantings often enough to keep the soil moist. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark to keep the roots cool and moist and add organic matter to the soil as the mulch breaks down.

And don't forget to protect your harvest from hungry birds. Cover plantings with netting or try scare tactics to keep the birds and other wildlife from devouring your harvest.

Once you harvest your first ripe blueberry, you will discover there is nothing better than the flavor and satisfaction of consuming something you grew yourself.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment program. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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recent trends. She finds customers have "a greater interest in early stoneware." Her businesses sell a lot of painted furniture and she told me that "blue seems to be making a comeback." She also noted that shaved brooms (from the 18th and early 19th centuries) have been selling well, with some bringing over \$1,000.

Casucci had some good advice for collectors, suggesting that "they buy what they love," adding that "someone else is going to like it too." She also offered helpful perspective when looking for items

saying collectors should look for "something that makes that piece more special than the one next to it."

Beginning with her own grandchildren, Casucci finds time to help young people who are interested in antiques. She believes it's important to "encourage each child that's in your life to appreciate old things." She added, "I think it is really important, especially in this technical age where everything is instantaneous." Casucci also helps mentor young people who are interested in antiques. For example, she and her husband have been helping a young man who is about 20 who has been picking since he was 12 to

pursue his interest in antiques.

Casucci's next antiques and primitive goods show will take place at the Walker Homestead on Sept. 25. You can see the 1698 estate and you could even find that special piece that will be perfect for your home.

We have three upcoming auctions. We'll be auctioning a 1962 Corvette, two 1950s Corvette project cars, boat motors and other memorabilia. We will also be running a sports card & memorabilia auction as well as a model railroad and die-cast car auction. I'll be appraising items at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, Mass. on Saturday, Aug. 7 from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Later this year, I'll be virtually appraising items on Nov. 13 for the Townsend Historical Society. My "Evaluating your Antiques" class will take place at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Please visit our Web site for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **FIRST** installment of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle tax bills on the assessment of Oct 1, 2020 becomes due July 1, 2021. The **FIRST** installment of sewer usage and fire district taxes also becomes due July 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on Aug 3, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.

The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ATTENTION: You can pay via credit/debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklynct.org.

Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector
June 25, 2021
July 9, 2021
July 30, 2021

ORIENTS HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT TAX NOTICE

All residents and non-residents of the Orients Heights Fire District liable to pay a property tax in the Orient Heights Fire District are notified that by virtue of a tax warrant placed in my hands, I am directed to collect a tax of .60 mills on the dollar, which was laid on the Grand List of October 1, 2020. Said tax becomes due and payable on July 1, 2021 with 30 days to pay without interest. As soon as such tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of one and one half percent of such tax for each month or the fraction thereof, which elapses from August 2, 2021. I will be accepting mail in payments only, make checks payable to Orient Heights Fire District and mail to: Orient Heights Tax Collector, 34 Bonneville St., Danielson CT 06239. A copy of each tax bill must accompany payment so proper credit may be recorded. Those wishing a receipt must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Cheryl Lukowski, Tax Collector
July 16, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via a virtual WebEx Meeting and at the Clifford B. Green Community Meeting Room,

Suite 24, 69 South Main Street on the following: 0713 21 A A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 3 7, Lot 17 and Map 3 7 Lot 20/21, Wetlands crossing for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic systems, wells, minor grading. A copy of the application is available for review.

All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.

Jeffrey Arends
Chairman
Dated this 14th day of July 2021 July 30, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
Woodstock Villager
To run Friday, July 30, 2021

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS of the Corporators of The Woodstock Academy on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM** and of the Trustees of The Woodstock Academy on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. Meetings of the Corporators and the Trustees of The Woodstock Academy will be held on August 17, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Loos Center on South Campus.

Julie Woodland, Executive Assistant to the Head of School
The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees
July 30, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the July 12, 2021 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency, the following applications were approved:

- **05-21-02** – John Brisson and Jo A. Hannifan – 220 West Quasset Road – install new dock.
- **04-21-05M** – Angela Billings – 0 Dividend Road – new single-family dwelling and accessory structure – Modification of approval required by PZC to widen driveway.
- **06-21-05** – Ryan Sansoucy – 72 Indian Spring Road – adding beach sand
- **UP 06-21-04** – Muddy Brook Fire Department – 112 Woodstock Road – use permitted as of right
- **07-21-06** – Carl & Patricia Noren, 1015 Route 198 – 2 Lot Subdivision determined as Agent approval

July 30, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and took the following ac-

tions:

ZBA 21-02 Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotnoir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recycler's yard or motor vehicle recycler's business. Continued from July 12, 2021

ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, block 57, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16 foot sideyard setback to build a 36' x 21' detached garage. Application Amended - ZBA meeting on June 7, 2021, to request a variance from Town of Thompson Amended Zoning regulations, Article 4A Rural Residential Agricultural District, Section 3, General Development Standards, Accessory Structure to the Primary Building, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
July 30, 2021
August 6, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the July 19, 2021 regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the following application was denied:

- **#21-05** - Patrick & Deirdre Monahan- 64 Pulpit Rock Road- variance request, front yard setback

July 30, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On July 15, 2021, Woodstock Planning & Zoning Commission approved #647-03-31 Phyllis Gilbert Trustees c/o John Kennison, English Neighborhood Rd (Map 5707 Block 14 Lot 05) 3-lot subdivision – *as presented with 3 E&S Bonds* and #649-05-33 Angela Billings, Dividend Rd (Map 5130 Block 30 Lot 03) – *as buildable lot/1 lot subdivision with conditions and E&S Bond*.

Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, Chairman
July 30, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the July 13, 2021 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission approved Application #IWA21013, Paul M. Duquette, 0 Plum Rd (Assessor's Map 83, Block 56, Lot 41D) - Fill in wetlands and grading in upland review area for the construction of a new single family home, driveway, yard, well, and septic system.

George T. O'Neil, Chair
July 30, 2021

**Town of Thompson
Invitation to Bid on the Purchase of 0 South Shore Road Real Property**

The Board of Selectman of the Town of Thompson, per Town ordinance 10-014, hereby provides notice that the Town is soliciting bids for the purchase and sale of a .16 +/- acre parcel of real estate owned by the Town known as 0 South Shore Road in Thompson, CT and shown on Assessor's map 133 Block 1 Lot 48A.

Sealed bids in the form of a proposed purchase and sale agreement will be accepted at the office of the First Selectman, 815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at noon (12:00 pm.) Bids must be in a sealed envelope with a notation of Sealed Bid – 0 South Shore Road on the envelope. Sealed bids will be opened on August 17, 2021 at the 7:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen meeting, or at another Board of Selectmen meeting. Award of contract shall be made, if at all, to the highest, responsible and qualified bidder. The Town of Thompson reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, to waive defects in same, or to accept any proposal it deems to be in the Town's best interest. The Town of Thompson reserves the right to negotiate with any bidder prior to award. The Town may make investigations to the extent it deems necessary in order to determine the bidder's qualification. To that end, the Town of Thompson reserves the right to award this contract, if at all, to a bidder other than the highest bidder.

Information on the property is available on the Town website www.thompsonct.org and at the First Selectmen's Office. July 30, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Alan Bernier (21-00206)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 20, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Patrice B Bernier. 1012 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson, CT 06277
Attorney: ALYSON R ALEMAN
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July 30, 2021

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MONDAY

Chicken Ranch Wrap w/Lettuce, Tomato & Chips
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Meals Include
Green Beans
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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TUESDAY

Beef Taco Kit w/Tortilla Chips, Salsa & Grahams
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Baby Carrots
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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WEDNESDAY

Deli Turkey Bulkie w/Lettuce, Tomato Cheese Stick
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Chick Pea Salad
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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THURSDAY

Flatbread Pizza Kit w/Marinara, Cheese & Pepperoni
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Niblet Corn
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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FRIDAY

Chef Salad Ranch Dressing & Cinnamon Roll
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Broccoli
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Chicken Ranch Wrap w/Lettuce, Tomato & Chips
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Green Beans
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Beef Taco Kit w/Tortilla Chips, Salsa & Grahams
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Baby Carrots
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Deli Ham Bulkie w/Lettuce, Tomato Cheese Stick
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Chick Pea Salad
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Flatbread Pizza Kit w/Marinara, Cheese & Pepperoni
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Niblet Corn
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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Chef Salad Ranch Dressing & Cinnamon Roll
Or
Vanilla Yogurt & WG Muffin w/Cheese Stick

Meals Include
Broccoli
Fruit **and/or** 100% Fruit Juice
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

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SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM ENDS
August 13, 2021

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WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2021/2022

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DID YOU KNOW?

The official flowers of August are the Gladiolus and Poppy and Peridot is the August birthstone.

BREAKFAST

Includes: Fruit, 100% Juice & 1% Low Fat White Milk

MONDAY
WG Pop-Tart w/Cheese Stick
Or WG Cereal

TUESDAY
WG Apple Frudel
Or WG Cereal

WEDNESDAY
WG Glazed Donut
Or WG Cereal

THURSDAY
“Iced” Sweet Potato Roll
Or WG Cereal

FRIDAY
WG Lemon-Blueberry Bar
Or WG Cereal

GRAB & GO SITES

Monday-Friday (Excluding Holidays)
11am-12pm

River Mill Village
(Concession Stand/Near Ball Field)
4 Central Street, N. Grosvenordale CT

Thompson Middle School
(Main Entrance)
785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale CT

Thompson Public Library
(Parking Lot)
934 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale CT

WEEKEND MEALS
(Sat/Sun: Included w/Friday Meals)
Breakfast
Director’s Choice
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets, Mozzarella Sticks
Pizza Cheese Bites, BBQ Pork Rib
(Meals Include Fruit, Veggie, Juice, Milk)

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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Northeast District Department of Health

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Schedule

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10-2 in July at NDDH and
Tuesdays 10-2 & Wednesdays 2-6 in August (No clinic on 8/4)
at NDDH, 69 S. Main St., Brooklyn
and at these convenient dates, times, and places:

Sun 7/25	11:30a-1:30p	Creation Church, 47 W Thompson Road, Thompson
Wed 7/28	3p-5p	Plainfield VFW, 7 Winsor Avenue, Plainfield
Thur 7/29	3p-5p	Interfaith Human Services at WINY Radio, 45 Pomfret St., Putnam
Fri 7/30	2 p-4p	Thompson Public Library, 934 Riverside Drive (Rt.12), N. Grosvenordale
Sun 8/1	1:30p-3:30p	First Congregational Church, 13 Church Road, Pomfret Center, Pomfret
Wed 8/4	4p-6p	Brooklyn Middle School, 119 Gorman Road, Brooklyn
Wed 8/4	4p-6p	Thompson Middle School, 785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale
Fri 8/6	3p-5p	Davis Park, Main Street, Danielson
Sat 8/7	10a-3p	Celebrate Plainfield Day, 8 Community Ave, Plainfield
Thur 8/12	3p-5p	Sterling Recreation Park
Sat 8/14	9a-11a	Eastford Public Library, 179 Eastford Road, Eastford
Sat 8/14	1p-3p	Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret
Tue 8/17	4p-6p	Moriah Lodge #15, 220 Providence Road, Brooklyn
Thur 8/19	5p-7p	Killingly Bike Night, 210 Main Street, Danielson
Sat 8/21	9a-12p	Old Home Day in Union, 18 Kinney Hollow Road, Union
Thur 8/26	4p-7p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn
Fri 8/27	3p-7p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn
Sat 8/28	3p-7p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn
Sun 8/29	3p-6p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn

Vaccines offered at all locations:
PFIZER (Ages 12+) two-dose series
(Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian)
JOHNSON & JOHNSON (Ages 18+) one-dose (one & done!)


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