





# St. James celebrates 150th anniversary

Marilyn Labbe, the former director of the Killingly Historical Center, recently sent me copies of several historical articles pertaining to Killingly that she had come across. One was an obituary of a “Pioneer in Electric Railroading; Drove First Car to Putnam; Inventor of Trolley Harp” which she came across in the scrapbook of Hope Eddy Kennedy of Foster, Rhode Island. The date Sept. 4, 1941 was written on the paper. From information on the site findagrave, this seems to be the death date, not that of the paper. Although the paper was not noted, Marilyn thought that it was probably the Windham County Transcript. Following are extracts from the article.

“Percy Clifford Bliven died last Thursday at his home in South Killingly, the community where he had resided for thirty-nine years. He was born in North Stonington, April 25, 1872, a son of Joshua and Elsie Moffit Bliven. The major part of his life was spent in the service of the street railway company. He furnished the ties for the electric line running through Danielson to Putnam, and later in 1902, he entered the employ of the company as a motor-man, running the first car over the tracks through Danielson to Putnam to Webster. In 1907 he invented a trolley harp and wheel, which did away with the difficulty of changing a wheel, as this harp opened and a new wheel could be inserted in a few seconds. This invention was manufactured and put on all cars through New England, New York and the West. A company was formed in 1908, under the name of the Bliven Manufacturing Company (which was located in Putnam). During his employment with the railway company, Mr. Bliven was given charge of construction of all bridges built over the railway line. Later he built the concrete apron at what is known as Dyer Dam, where divers were employed, taking a year to complete the work.

“Mr. Bliven left the employment of the railway company because of ill health and built a home in South Killingly, entering on a business career there, where he conducted a filling station and

store. During his last years he worked as a carpenter.”

Percy Bliven married first Emeline Hovey Bliven who died in 1931. In 1938, he married Miss Florence Wood of Danielson who survived him. Two daughters by his first marriage also survived him: Pansy Bliven Gates and Florence Miller Barlow. Percy was interred in the South Killingly Cemetery adjacent to his first wife and his daughter Myrtice.

Did you know that St. James Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary as a parish and the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the LaSalette priests the weekend of Dec. 5-6? “The History of Windham County, Connecticut,” edited by Richard Bayles (published in 1889) gives some very early history of the church before it was a parish. “St. James Roman Catholic Church had its beginning here in the labors of Father McCabe, a Franciscan monk from Ireland, who was the pioneer priest of this county. Jesuit missionaries from Boston had visited this region occasionally, passing through perhaps two or three times a year, and saying mass in the towns on the way. The mission of Father McCabe extended beyond this county as far as Colchester. He began his work here in 1851. The first mass said by Father McCabe was in a house on Franklin Street, by Five Mile River. Afterwards services were held in Bacon’s Hall. Father McCabe died in Danielsonville about 1862. John Quinn succeeded him as pastor of this church. Father Quinn made his residence at Moosup and this church then became a mission. The Second Advent chapel (Winter Street) and the lot upon which it stood, were private property, and were now purchased by Father Quinn, of Sally D. Brown, Aug. 29, 1864, and that became the nucleus of St. James Church, as it is today (1889),



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the Advent chapel being the transept of the present structure. The front part of the building was added during the pastorate of Father Quinn, who also bought additional land adjoining on the north, of Elisha Chamberlin, July 3rd, 1869. This extended to the corner of Hutchins and Mechanic Streets, and the parochial residence was soon after built upon it by Father Quinn. In September 1869, Father Princen, a Belgian priest, followed as parish priest of St. James. The cemetery ground, comprising several acres, a short distance northwest of the church, was bought by Father Quinn, and in November 1870, this and the church lots were transferred by him to St. James Catholic Church. Father Princen built the sanctuary and vestry to the church. He remained here until his death, which occurred in April, 1883.” (p.971).

Father John J. O’Neill, current pastor of the church, has been writing tidbits in his Daydreams of a Pastor column in the church bulletin about the church history. His list of pastors is as follows: Rev. A. Princen, 1870-1883; Rev. Thomas J. Preston, 1883-1895; Rev. Clovis Socquet, M. S., 1895-1898; Rev. John Guinet, M. S., 1898-1905; Rev. Celestin Crozet, M. S., 1905-1912; Rev. Julien M. Ginot, M. S., 1912-1921; Rev. Jean Roux, M. S., 1921-1924; Rev. Joseph Deschaux-Beaume, M. S. 1924-1926; Rev. Antheime Mollard, M. S. 1926-1947; Rev. Leo Martel, M. S. 1947-1957; Rev. Armand Nadeau, M. S. 1957-1967; Rev. Emile Dusseault, M. S. 1967-1979; Rev. Richard Boucher, M. S. 1979-1991; Rev. John J. O’Neill, M. S. 1991-present. The Missionaries of LaSalette (M.S.) are celebrating their 125th anniversary in the parish. “On December 3rd 1895 the LaSalletes were asked to minister at St. James in Danielson” (Bulletin Aug. 23 & Sept. 20).

The original St. James School opened on September 5, 1874 and was located where the present church parking lot now stands. Some of you may have actually attended that school. The present church was constructed in 1900. For many years the Sisters of St. Joseph staffed the school and assisted in the parish. Perhaps some of you recall the more recent ones—Sr. Ernestine, Sr. Isabelle, Sr. Adele, and Sr. Ethel. For over a decade the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Sr. Noble, Sr. Rani, Sr. Bridget, and Sr. Anila) have assisted the parish in many ways (Bulletin 10/25/20).

Masses for the 150th anniversary will be at 12 Noon and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 7, 9, and 11 a.m. on Dec. 6. Face coverings are required, and social distancing is practiced. Fr John notes in the church bulletins, memorial donations in memory of loved ones, for the “St. James Heavenly Hall of Fame” “are most welcome.” Please put their names in an envelope and drop them off in Church or mail to 12 Franklin St., Danielson, CT 06239. For information on the availability of a virtual masses and other announcements visit the website at stjameschurchdanielson.com.

The mail and answering machine are being checked although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed.

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November, 2020. Special thanks to Marilyn Labbe and Rev. John J. O’Neill. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329.*

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# Woodstock Dems to hold Winter Boot Drive to benefit TEEG and area children

WOODSTOCK — Warm, winter boots are a basic need of children here in New England, and something every child deserves. The Woodstock Democratic Town Committee wants to help fill this special need.

The Democratic Town Committee invites residents to participate in our Holiday Winter Boot Drive to benefit children from Woodstock and neighboring towns through TEEG. The event will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Station #76, 399 Route 169, in South Woodstock.

Please bring new, unwrapped winter boots in children’s sizes for either gender and in original packaging to WVFA Station #76 on Dec. 5th between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Woodstock Democratic Town Committee will turn over all donations to TEEG. In its role as a youth services bureau, TEEG will distribute the donated boots to deserving families in Woodstock and neighboring communities it serves.

Donors who prefer to contribute

cash can bring donations to the boot drive or mail checks, payable to TEEG, to the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee, ATTN: Holiday Winter Boot Drive, P.O. Box 813, Woodstock, CT 06281. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional boots for area children.

Last year, TEEG served 87 families (250 individuals) in Woodstock. But “families that struggle to afford food and rent often do not have a budget for children’s footwear,” said Anne Miller, TEEG executive director.

“WDTC’s Holiday Winter Boot Drive will make sure that every child who needs warm, winter boots gets them!” Miller said.

“The Democratic Town Committee is pleased to host a community service project in these times of particular health and economic distress,” WDTC Chair Charles Super said.

“Please support this community effort to benefit Woodstock children,” he said.

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**Putnam police log**

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

Jonathan Austin, age 27, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 17 for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Violation of a Protective Order.

Victoria Cusson, age 20, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 21 for Disorderly Conduct and three counts of Assault in the Third Degree.

Michael J. Donovan, age 33, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 22 for Breach of Peace and Disorderly Conduct.

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**At CT Audubon**

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# Lending a hand in a socially distanced world

WILLIMANTIC — The global pandemic has decimated many industries, including the nonprofit and social services sectors that provide essential support to local communities. In today's socially distanced world, how do traditional service-based institutions continue to lend a helping hand? The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) at Eastern Connecticut State University tackled this dilemma this fall by creating new ways to meet the needs of the Windham community.

In a typical semester, the CCE deploys hundreds of student volunteers throughout the Windham area to perform thousands of hours of service through weekly programs and special events. Due to pandemic safety protocols, the CCE was forced to reduce its nearly 40 weekly programs to five socially distanced adaptations this fall. A pandemic-inspired sixth program was also launched.

In deciding which weekly programs to adapt, CCE staff first determined its community partners' most vulnerable populations, and then determined how to safely offer support in this "new normal." Preference went to programs that engage the elderly - whose mental health has suffered from familial isolation - and youth, who face education and socialization challenges because of remote schooling. The CCE was also able to carry forward two other programs that engage middle-aged adults.

"So much of our work is on the ground, but we didn't want to leave the community abandoned," said CCE Associate Director Kemesha Wilmot. "We're happy we were able to translate our support virtually and keep up the important work that our community partners rely on-as well as continue to offer these opportunities for students."

To meet the technological limitations of the partnering organizations and clients, the CCE utilized a combination of online video chat platforms, social media and video content, and old-fashioned pen and paper.

The residents at St. Joseph Senior Living Center in Windham have been identified as some of the CCE's most at-risk clientele. For one hour each week, six volunteers chat with guests via FaceTime as St. Joseph staff circulate iPads among the center's three residential wings.

"These conversations help them to feel connected to people outside of the facility," said Wilmot, referring to the center's restrictions on visitors due to COVID-19. "They look forward to the calls; sometimes they ask for help from the St. Joseph staff to have their make-up done in advance of the calls. They want to look good for our students."

"Having led this program in previous semesters, I do miss having the face-to-face contact with the residents, hanging out, coloring, playing bingo," said student leader Mayra Santos Acosta, who majors in health sciences. "Every time we FaceTime, they're in awe that we can see and talk to each other through these

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'tiny devices.' They just love talking with us and sharing their stories. And they never fail to mention how much they miss us and how much they would like for us to come to the center."

The program with the Douglas Manor nursing home in Windham has taken a refreshing approach to the remote mandates of the pandemic. Unable to enter the facility and opting out of a virtual component, this program's seven volunteers have become pen pals with Douglas Manor residents. Student leader Zaira Hernandez acts as the courier, delivering and retrieving letters to and from the facility. Some of her deliveries include care packages consisting of coloring materials, flowers and cross-word puzzles, based on the interests described in the pen pals' letters.

"Many of our volunteers have never had a pen pal before, so this has been an exciting opportunity for them," said Hernandez, who majors in Spanish and criminology. "I'm happy to say this has been an enriching experience."

One of the CCE's most important community partners is Windham Public Schools. As a brand-new project this semester, CCE volunteers have been creating and uploading short educational videos to the CCE's Facebook and YouTube pages. More than 20 Eastern students have produced 23 videos for elementary-aged children spanning a variety of topics, including mathematics and boardgame tutorials, story time, science experiments, arts and crafts, and more. Young children can learn how to play Battleship, create art using fallen leaves, make a pumpkin volcano, get study tips on how to do schoolwork at home and more.

"The idea for this project came from discussions we had with staff from the afterschool programs as a way to engage the children when we can't be with them in person," said CCE Director Kim Silcox. "The projects in the videos are what the volunteers would be doing if we were able to go into the afterschool programs in person."

Student leader Jack Irvine, who majors in liberal studies, added, "This new program has given us a fun way to indirectly interact with the students in the school system. The volunteers are extremely engaged and love making the videos. You can see the tremendous amounts of effort that they put into each video."

To view the content, visit the CCE's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ECSUCenterforCommunityEngagement> or at the YouTube channel «Eastern Center for Community Engagement»

Another first this semester is the virtual pilot with Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters (NBBBS), which partners with Windham Middle School and Eastern

to provide mentorship opportunities involving college students and middle schoolers. Seven Eastern volunteers, known as "bigs," work with seven "littles" one hour each week via Zoom and Google Classroom on schoolwork, games and other activities.

"Considering the circumstances, my volunteers are doing amazing work," said student leader Camryn Tyson, who double majors in elementary education and liberal studies. "Each activity is designed to create conversations and learning experiences between the big and little. It's not easy to keep a child interested through a webcam, but I've witnessed our volunteers connect with their littles in many ways."

Another virtual pilot is the CCE's partnership with the Connecticut Department of Corrections' Second Chance program, in which Eastern volunteers serve as tutors and teaching assistants for inmates who are pursuing GEDs or college credit. Via Zoom, professional instructors teach courses in English, sociology, entrepreneurship and math, while Eastern volunteers assist with the content during breakout sessions and serve as tutors in a virtual writing center. Nine students volunteer in two-hour sessions on a rotating schedule four days a week.

"Our volunteers have grown accustomed to online learning," said student leader Zaira Hernandez, who also runs the Douglas Manor program. "While technological difficulties can get annoying, assisting the students is not difficult. We all wish that we could meet in person for greater growth and connection, but we're making do as best we can right now."

The CCE's partnership with the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) in Windham is another longstanding program that's been adapted for the pandemic. Via WebEx, 12 volunteers sit in on all-recovery meetings and offer vocational support. In two-hour sessions four days a week, students participate in the meetings, hearing the guests' stories and sharing their own, then provide assistance with resume writing and job searching.

"This has been a big change from how this program typically runs, but we've taken it on with enthusiasm and a positive attitude," said student leader and mathematics major Lexi Mastroianni, who co-runs the program with political science and criminology double major Tashieka Sangster. "The guests at the recovery center took some time adjusting to us being on the screen, but over the weeks, as they've grown more comfortable, there's been more interaction, with guests coming up to us asking for support or just to chat. We've seen much improvement and involvement in our time with the recovery center!"



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# Pomfret Scarecrow Adventure a success



POMFRET — Pomfret’s first Town-Wide, Drive-By Scarecrow Adventure was a huge success. Residents, businesses, non-profits, and organizations put up 22 creative, homemade scarecrows throughout town.

The Scarecrow Adventure made a terrific fall foliage drive in the country a fun, creative, low-cost, family friendly activity incorporating social distancing. The variety of scarecrows was fun to see and truly made for an exploration around town. Pomfret School had the walk of scarecrows many residents had wonderful creations and several businesses displayed fun scarecrows



with personality. Watercure Distillery had some large spiders on their stone gate for a seasonal interest. There were athletic scarecrows fishing, biking, and dressed for baseball and field hockey. Ruth Bader Ginsberg even made an appearance on Tull Lane.

Registered Scarecrows were located on a downloadable map on the Town’s website. An online contest was held

and over 80 votes were received. Having such a healthy response will ensure that the contest will be offered again next year. Congratulations to all who participated and made the Scarecrow Adventure such a success. The Turbesi family scarecrow on Kearny Road was the high vote getter in the residential category and the Pomfret Public Library was the winner in the busi-



ness /nonprofit category. Berkshire Hathaway Realtor Mary Collins was “Best in Show” with a creative look-alike scarecrow on Kearney Fork Road that is sure to set a trend in the future.

The Scarecrow Adventure and Great Pumpkin weigh-in were sponsored by the Pomfret Economic Planning & Development, Recreation and Agriculture Commissions, Board of Selectmen, Green Team, and the Pomfret Proprietors. The Second Town Wide Scarecrow Adventure and Great Pumpkin weigh-in are already being talked about for 2021.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Cold War player

5. Flat-bottomed sailboat

10. Jamaican tangelo

14. Debauched man

15. Less covered

16. Require to live

17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two

18. Mixes

19. Insurance claim expenses

20. Tries to persuade

22. Equal (prefix)

23. Czech name for Prague

24. London soccer team

27. Greek letter

30. Small Eurasian deer

31. Swiss river

32. Miller beer

35. Less appealing

37. 8th month (abbr.)

38. \_\_ Alto, California city

39. Grandmothers

40. American time

41. NW Chinese people

42. “Westworld” actress \_\_

43. Northeastern US university

44. Poplar trees (Spanish)

45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe \_\_

46. Not or

47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

48. Comedienne Gasteyer

49. Fonts

52. Female cattle mammary gland

55. Down time

56. Spiritual leader

60. Small brown and gray American rail

61. Trimmed by cutting

63. NY Giants owner

64. A long narrative poem

65. Old World lizard

66. Product for sale

67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)

68. Pacific Island country

69. Whale ship captain

CLUES DOWN

1. Language

2. Fly high in the air

3. Made musical sounds

4. Organized again

5. TV channel

6. Unable to fly

7. Get up

8. Air traveler

9. Married woman

10. Take weapons from

11. Sicilian city

12. Actress Remini

13. Thought

21. Infections

23. Golf score

25. Hill or rocky peak

26. Witch

27. Adjusted

28. Succulent plant

29. Forearm bones

32. Hot fluid in the earth’s crust

33. Subatomic particle

34. Part of an organism

36. 007’s creator

37. Burned material residue

38. Brain layer: \_\_ mater

40. Unable to partake

41. Lesion

43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)

44. Basics

46. Scottish port

47. Flower cluster

49. Instruct

50. Untamed

51. Moth genus

52. Utilizes

53. Foolish

54. Fall in small drops

57. A place to get clean

58. La \_\_ Tar Pits

59. Metrical foot

61. Semiliquid food

62. Small crow

## Local minister to attend National Clergy Renewal Program



Rev. Dr. Susan Foster

WOODSTOCK — The East Woodstock Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) has been awarded a prestigious Lilly Foundation Grant of \$50,000 to allow their minister, the Rev. Dr. Susan J. Foster, to participate in the 2020 National Clergy Renewal Program.

EWCC is one of only 140 congregations nationwide to receive this competitive grant. Established by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. in 2000, and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, the grants enable Christian congregations to sup-

port their pastors with the gift of a sabbatical or extended time away from their ministerial duties and responsibilities.

Grant recipients give their ministers the opportunity to temporarily step away from the demands of their daily work for reflection and renewal. Pastors are encouraged to create a carefully considered respite that may include travel, study, rest, and prayer, or immersive arts or cultural experiences.

Applicants to the National Clergy Renewal Program may seek up to \$50,000 to support these enhanced sabbaticals. Since the application and program are collaborative in nature, they allow congregations and clergy to develop shared experiences that will address their unique renewal needs and aspirations. Up to 30 percent of the grant may be used to support interim pastoral leadership during the pastor’s retreat, as well as renewal activities within the congregation.

Recognizing that ministers’ families are affected by the stress and demands placed on pastoral leaders, the program encourages pastors to involve their families in renewal activities. Rev. Foster’s plans include an extended personal retreat, a rare family vacation with her husband Roger Solomon and their adult children, followed by five weeks in Anchorage where Foster and Solomon will volunteer at a homeless shelter.

During her absence, EWCC will welcome a substitute minister to lead worship and guide parishioners in learning about homelessness and food insecurity in New England. When Rev. Foster and her congregation are reunited in September, they will learn from one another as they reflect on their separate experiences.

“Pastors play an important role in nourishing the spiritual lives of individuals and in guiding the work of the Christian congregations they serve,” said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for religion. “Through these grants, we seek to honor pastors for their extraordinary service and enable them to engage in a brief period of rest and renewal. We have learned that such experiences invigorate the leadership of pastors and bring new vitality to their congregations as well.”

The Rev. Dr. Foster received a Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hartford Seminary in Hartford. She is the author of “Retreats to Go: Twelve Creative Programs that Renew and Refresh.”

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# Bungay Fire Brigade elects officers, announces Service Awards



WOODSTOCK — Members of the Bungay Fire Brigade celebrated their accomplishments and elected Officers

The Bungay Fire Brigade recognized Joe Surozenski for forty years of dedicated service to the Brigade and community. Left to right: newly-elected Chief Josh Bottone, BFB member Joe Surozenski, retiring President Mike Charette and retiring Chief Roy Chandler.

during their November Annual Meeting. Retiring Fire Chief Roy Chandler thanked Brigade members for their dedication and service during this challenging year and announced that Brigade volunteers had responded to 242 emergency calls, including 112 medical calls, 13 structure fires and 18 motor vehicle accidents. The Brigade provided mutual aid assistance 36 times to neighboring towns and to the other Woodstock fire districts. Bungay Fire Brigade members collectively contributed more than 2,000 volunteer hours responding to calls, participating in training and drills, opening the station

to the public during storm events and maintaining the Brigade's equipment. The following members were recognized for their years of dedicated service: Ross Kudzal, 10 years; Nick Webster and Dave Elliott, 20 years; Lois Bruinooge, 25 years; Josh Bottone, 30 years and Joe Surozenski, 40 years. Retiring President Mike Charette was also thanked for his strong leadership over the last four years. The members recognized Roy Chandler, Josh Bottone and James Montanez as Officers of the Year and named Dan White as Firefighter of the Year. Diane Odorski and Nick Webster were recognized as EMS Responders of the Year and Diane was also given the Chief's Award for Outstanding Service. Josh Bottone was elected Fire Chief, a position he previously held with the Brigade between 2000-2009. The following Officers were also elected: Deputy Chief - Roy Chandler; Captain - Dave Elliott; Chief Engineer & Captain - Steve Froehlich; President - Diane Odorski;

Vice President - Mark Van der Voort; Secretary - Lois Bruinooge; Treasurer - Amanda Powers; Plant Engineer - Rob Wrobel; Board Member at Large - Cam Chandler; Auditors - Bill Wagner and John Hart; Nominating Committee - Robert Wrobel, Dave Elliott and Anna Grudzinski; Woodstock Fire Protection Association Members - Diane Odorski, Dave Elliott, Anna Grudzinski and Mike Charette. The Bungay Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer fire department established in 1937. Today the Brigade serves West Woodstock and Woodstock Valley, and responds to fire, search and rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material, mutual aid and service calls 24 hours a day 365 days a year. For additional information about the Brigade or to obtain membership information, visit the Brigade's web site at [www.bungay.com](http://www.bungay.com) or contact Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Route 171, West Woodstock, CT 06281, 860-974-0316.

## NOW seeking Director of Development

PUTNAM — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) is seeking a Director of Development to manage the organization's development, fundraising, and grant writing. NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides opportunities in sports, fitness, and nutrition for children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities. The NOW Director of Development will manage and expand fundraising in conjunction with the Executive Committee including but not limited to annual appeals, capital campaigns, grant writing, bequests, and creation of additional income streams. Throughout its 10-year history, NOW has provided scholarship support and wellness programs for thousands of children in northeast Connecticut. The Director of Development will play an important role in helping to maintain and expand NOW's capabilities to continue providing important youth outreach and education programs in the 10-town area. An ideal candidate would be familiar with the business & philanthropic community of the region and have prior experience working in the non-profit, foundation, and/or family business sector.

The Director of Development will receive a 15 percent minimum commission on new donations brought into the organization with the potential for additional compensation, based on the total amount of new funds raised annually. Successful grant applications completed by the Director of Development will also present an opportunity for commission, with the exception of grants that do not support operational costs. Qualified candidates are encouraged to send a resume, cover letter and references to: Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. Attn: Executive Committee, P.O. Box 206, Putnam, CT 06260, or by email to: [info@NOWinMotion.org](mailto:info@NOWinMotion.org). For more information on NOW programs, visit [www.NOWinMotion.org](http://www.NOWinMotion.org).

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### Our Lady of La Salette cookie sale canceled

BROOKLYN — The annual holiday cookie sale and basket raffle at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn has been canceled this year due to the Coronavirus. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy new year, and hope to see you all next year.

### Bells will be ringing ... for the Salvation Army!

PUTNAM — Since 1997, the Putnam Rotary Interact Club has coordinated bell-ringing efforts for the Salvation Army Kettle campaign. They've helped raise more than \$200,000 total. Despite COVID-19, this year is no different. This year the kettles will be located outside of Putnam Price Chopper, Putnam Supermarket, Walmart and the WINY Radio parking lot. Collections will be made from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. All volunteers will be wearing masks and will be 6 feet from the kettle. The kettles will be sanitized throughout the day. This year, Walmart has three ways of giving to the Salvation Army: At the register, buying an item listed on the store's Giving Tree or depositing money in the kettle. Donations at WINY Radio's parking lot are drive-thru. Volunteers will hold out collection baskets. The money collected in the kettles stays locally, assisting Daily Bread, TEEG and other charitable groups that assist the needy. The Putnam Rotary Interact Club and the Salvation Army thanked all those who volunteer as bell ringers. For more information, please contact Roberta Rocchetti at 860- 933-8603.



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# Is your business prepared for the PPP Loan Forgiveness Program?

This year small businesses and private non-profits were impacted the most by the pandemic and have since had difficulties with keeping up with overhead cost and providing services to their communities. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was created to help alleviate the incremental cost to operate without business by providing loans to support small businesses and save jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this U.S. lenders issued more than \$5 million forgivable loans through the federal government's coronavirus aid initiative for small businesses. The Small Business Administration in August started accepting applications to have the loans forgiven, and it began approving them this month. Here are some things you need to know if you applied for the PPP loan for your business.

### How can I apply?

PPP borrowers should apply for forgiveness through the lender that issued the loan. The lender then submits the application to the SBA, which makes the final determination on how much forgiveness a borrower should receive.

Submission procedures vary by lender. Some lenders have just begun to accept applications or have currently opened up applications to select borrowers. For example, JPMorgan Chase, the top PPP lender by dollar amount, is emailing customers on a limited basis and inviting them to apply based on when they received their PPP funds. Other lenders are still working to get technology and personnel in place before they start accepting applications.

Borrowers may apply for forgiveness at any time before the loan's maturity date. However, to avoid having to start loan payments, PPP borrowers must apply for forgiveness within 10 months of the end of their covered period. The covered period began on the loan disbursement date and is either the subsequent 24 weeks, or eight weeks for some eligible borrowers who opt for this time frame

### What is required to have a loan

### forgiven?

To have the full amount forgiven, borrowers must spend at least 60% of their loan on payroll costs and may use the remainder of the funding for other eligible costs, such as mortgage interest, rent and utilities. The amount of forgiveness may be lowered if the business reduced its employee head count or cut salaries and wages.

Borrowers should prepare to apply by gathering documents and taking stock of how much of the loan they have spent on allowable expenses, focusing especially on payroll, said John Asbury, chief executive of Atlantic Union Bank, a Virginia-based lender that issued about \$1.7 billion in PPP loans. "See how much of this you can have forgiven based on your payroll alone, before you start thinking about your other eligible expenses," Mr. Asbury said. "If you can get the whole thing forgiven based on your payroll, you're done." Lisa Simpson, director of firm services at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, said some payroll-processing companies offer reports customized to provide the information needed for the forgiveness application, so borrowers should see if that service is available to them.

Borrowers may also need documentation of other eligible expenses, such as utility bills and lease agreements.

### What is the application like?

The SBA and Treasury Department have issued three different application forms, and which one borrowers should use depends on the nature of their business, their loan size and whether they reduced employee head count or salaries and wages.

The full forgiveness application and the EZ application both require the borrower to calculate their forgiveness amount, make certifications about how closely they followed program guidelines and submit supporting documentation. The full form is longer and more complex, but only certain borrowers



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are eligible to use the EZ form, such as those who are self-employed with no employees or those who maintained salaries and wages and head count at certain levels.

The third and most recently released application, Form 3508S, is for loans of \$50,000 or less and "streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief," the SBA said. Similar to the other applications, Form 3508S asks borrowers to make certifications and to submit documentation to the lender. A key difference: Form 3508S "is less about the calculations and more about the certifications," said Greg Clarkson, SBA division manager at BBVA USA. "While the documentation is still required to be gathered and provided, it is not required to be reviewed [by lenders] to the same extent that it was in either the EZ form or the full form." Importantly, borrowers who use Form 3508S won't face any reductions in their forgiveness amount if the business lowered head count or wages and salaries.

Several lenders and organizations are providing resources such as checklists, webinars and online calculators to help borrowers understand how much forgiveness they might qualify for and which of the application forms to use. Some of these tools are free of charge.

### How long will it take to get an answer?

A lender has 60 days to review the borrower's application and submit it to the SBA. The agency then has up to 90 days to review the submission and issue a decision. The agency said it "expects to address the majority of forgiveness decisions in a timely manner."

### Anything else to know?

Amid contentious negotiations in Washington over more Coronavirus aid, many PPP lenders and small-business advocates are lobbying the Trump administration and Congress to further simplify the forgiveness process for

loans under \$150,000.

Some lenders are "being careful not to put people through the process now where it's essentially a full-on forgiveness process that could potentially be difficult to navigate, when new guidelines could be coming out," said Ryan Battles, a principal in the technology consulting group at the accounting firm Ernst & Young, which has been helping several lenders set up their forgiveness portals. Given the legislative uncertainty, Atlantic Union Bank has opened forgiveness applications only to borrowers with loans over \$150,000 and is letting customers with smaller loans know that it may make sense to hold off on applying, according to Alison Holt-Fuller, the bank's head of product management.

Still, Ms. Holt-Fuller said there may be benefits to starting the process sooner rather than later. "If you've already ended your covered period, then everything is fresh," Ms. Holt-Fuller said. Borrowers may "lose track of the accounting perspective of it" by waiting, she said. When it comes to taking the next step, the team at WHZ knows that one size does not fit all. We'll help you plan for all the changes that suits your goals and priorities.

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**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** — The TEEG food pantry has been presented with a new cooler which will help provide increased access to dairy products for families in need. TEEG, a social service agency that serves the towns of Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock, received the donation through a joint initiative between the Connecticut Milk Promotion

*Photo Courtesy*

**TEEG's new dairy cooler recently granted by the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board and new England Dairy.**

Board and New England Dairy called the Connecticut Dairy Farmer to Food Pantry Cooler Grant Program. As part of the grant program TEEG also received a \$275 contribution to help stock the cooler with dairy products. The cooler can hold up to 64 gallons of milk at a time.

"Here at TEEG we strive to provide a balanced selection of products to fit the dietary needs of roughly 200 families from Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock that utilize our pantry every month. This

cooler will be an important tool to adding a larger assortment of dairy selections to our pantry and increasing their access to healthy, protein-rich foods," said Jason Bleau, Food Services Coordinator at TEEG.

The Connecticut Dairy Farmer to Food Pantry Cooler Grant Program was launched in mid-2020 to provide coolers to pantries to help meet the high demand for dairy products in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was supported by dairy farmers statewide who saw the grant

as a way to embrace their role in feeding and supporting communities across the state, especially during these challenging times. TEEG was one of 25 organizations to receive a new cooler through the program.

"Dairy products are a needed source of protein and calcium for many of our pantry guests," TEEG Executive Director Anne Miller added. "We are very grateful to the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board and New England Dairy for making this resource possible."

## TEEG receives cooler through state grant program



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# Tayler Shea Named NOW Interim Executive Director



Tayler Shea

PUTNAM — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) is proud to announce the promotion of Tayler Shea as Interim Executive Director. Shea

has been a part of the NOW organization since May of 2018, first serving as an intern before accepting a Wellness Leader position in September of that year. Most recently, Shea was promoted to Programming Coordinator, leading all NOW outreach programs in the community before being tapped to take on the Interim Executive Director role. Shea is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University ('19), Summa Cum Lade, with a degree in Child Psychology. In addition to her time with NOW, Shea has had extensive experience working with children in clinical settings, has been published in multiple scientific research journals, and is a member of the National Psychology Honor Society (PSI CHI).

Shea will step into the position following the departure of the organization's first Executive Director, Sarah Wolfburg. Over the past month, Shea and Wolfburg have been working closely to prepare for the transition of responsibilities.

Wolfburg, who has served as Executive Director since 2015, stated, "As I move on to new opportunities, I could not be happier to see Tayler take on the Interim Executive Director role with NOW. Since her time as an intern, Tayler has continued to impress both me and our board of directors with her professionalism, hard work, optimism, creativity and connection to the NOW mission of promoting youth wellness in our community. Tayler has grown so much and I look forward to seeing her lead this organization in the months and years to come."

NOW President Gene Michael Deary shared his thoughts on Shea's promotion, "Tayler has proven herself to be a dynamic talent. The depth of knowledge Tayler possesses about NOW programs and scholarships will be an asset to her as she becomes the new face of NOW."

As Interim Executive Director, Shea will hit the ground running beginning December 1, 2020. She will begin managing the organization's day-to-day operations and will continue to expand wellness programs to serve more children and families in Northeastern Connecticut. One such program that will expand over the coming months into 2021, is a whole-body wellness outreach program in conjunction with local schools and fellow non-profit organizations. NOW will produce monthly educational and activity packets focused on a variety of wellness topics, including general nutrition, snacking on a budget, hygiene, fitness, mindfulness, managing emotions, and more

relevant topics.

Shea expressed her excitement to take on this new role with NOW, stating "It has been a wonderful experience working for NOW in my previous roles of Wellness Leader and Programming Coordinator. My time working directly with the youth population NOW serves has allowed me to see the positive impact our programs can have on children in our community. I am thrilled to become Interim Executive Director and to work together with the NOW board of directors to expand the number of children and families NOW can reach with new programs, education, and scholarships."

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.

For more information on NOW, including programs and scholarships, visit [www.nowinmotion.org](http://www.nowinmotion.org).

## Tourtellotte Memorial High School Student Spotlight

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. November's Student Spotlight honoree is senior Brayden Cutler. Brayden was nominated by TMHS student Katie Lamontagne and Librarian Mrs Ouillette.

In her nomination, Katie stated, "I believe Brayden has earned this award because he goes above and beyond in all the things he does, always giving 110 percent. Whether it's in sports, in classes, in the community, or just with his friends, Brayden works hard to be the best he can be and brings out the best in others, helping when and where he can to guide them in the right direction for success."

In Mrs. Ouillette's nomination she wrote, "Brayden has been highly involved in his school

and community. Brayden is a scholar, an athlete, a musician, a volunteer, a kind young man, and an excellent role model for others."

When asked what motivates him, Brayden responded with, "What motivates me is seeing others succeed, which pushes me to do better because if they can do it, so can I."

Brayden also mentioned that his family is a huge motivator for him because they are very supportive, and that they always come first.

Brayden is very involved at TMHS and the community. In school, Brayden is a member of National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, FBLA, TMHS Leadership Team, a Peer Point Tutor, a member of the concert band, cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. In the community, Brayden has spent hours volunteering for Thompson Community Day and Salvation Army Bell Ringing, among other contributions.

He is also the President of the Putnam Interact Club which is a youth organization that is sponsored by the Putnam Rotary Club. Brayden has earned several awards for his achievements including the Instrumental Magazine Merit Award, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Integrity Plus Award, the John Philip Sousa Award, varsity letters for cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, ECC All Star for cross country, ECC Sportsmanship Award for cross country and outdoor track, and ECC Scholar Athlete Award for both cross country and indoor track. Brayden plans to attend college next year and major in political science. A personal message Brayden would like to share with the community is, "...through hard work and perseverance, anything is possible. Never give up on a dream or a goal and give one hundred percent of your effort on everything."



Brayden Cutler

### SOCCER

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Woodstock carried the play in the first half, finishing it with eight shots on goal and 11 corner kicks. The score was tied, however, 0-0 at intermission because, try as they might, the Centaurs' could not solve Windham goalkeeper Jose Luis Candia.

"I felt throughout the first half we would get (a goal), and even heading into the second half I felt that way," Rearden said. "The trouble with that feeling is, no matter how much we dominated play, if we didn't get one (early in the second half) there was the likelihood, especially with the players that Windham has got, that they could

have easily broke in on us and scored first. You always have that in mind the longer the match is scoreless, and it might cause you to take more chances."

Senior Eric Phongsa, one of 12 upperclassmen on the team, scored that all important first goal — his 12th of the year — putting the Centaurs ahead, 1-0, at the eight-minute, 53-second mark of the second half, converting a cross from classmate Richie Hickson.

"I saw the cross come in and I was just running as fast as I could," Phongsa told [woodstockacademy.org](http://woodstockacademy.org), which streamed the game live. "The ball got in front of me and it was at the same angle that I scored from in our game at Windham. I hit it with my left (foot), and it went into the goal to the right."

Four minutes later Hickson put WA

ahead, 2-0, scoring unexpectedly by being in the right place at the right time.

Senior Huck Gelhaus sent the ball into the goal box on a corner kick (the Centaurs finished with 16 corner kicks in the game) and it bounced harmlessly into and then out of a scrum in front of the net.

Hickson tracked down the ball, got possession and fired a lined drive that, somehow, found its way into the left corner of the goal.

"I'm not going lie, I didn't think it was going in," Hickson told [woodstockacademy.org](http://woodstockacademy.org).

Having been staked to a two-goal lead less than 15 minutes into the second half should have allowed Rearden to feel a little relief, but it had the opposite

effect.

"I was even happy when we scored our third goal (off the foot of Ty Morgan with two minutes to play)," Rearden said. "Windham has some really good, really dangerous players, so I knew the match wasn't over at two-nil. At two-nil, if Windham gets a goal back, the game can change in an instant."

"When we scored our third goal with two minutes left, that was really the first time I thought, 'OK we've got this.'" Rearden said. "I've seen too many games where one team is up two-nil with five minutes to go and they don't walk away with anything. Three-nil always feels a couple of goals better than two-nothing. Two-nothing is an extremely dangerous score."

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in demand that we have experienced in both our programs, and our pantry."

Earlier this year, the Foundation made a \$5,000 pledge to the Pomfret Library Building Campaign in addition to a pledge in the amount of \$30,100 to the Hale Family Youth and Family Center for the installation of a swim scoreboard, which will serve to allow the expansion of swim team competition.

Mr. Borner commented, "We

are pleased to be in a position to provide meaningful support, now and for years to come, to organizations that help make Northeastern Connecticut such a great place to work and live."

Mr. Borner stated that the Foundation, originally organized in 1999, has a mission in supporting northeastern Connecticut philanthropic organizations.

"The charitable organization under the IRS Section 501 (c) (3), and continues to be to provide support for not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other

organizations operating in the community as a way of adding to the quality of life in northeastern Connecticut," stated Mr. Borner.

The independent Foundation targets its areas of investing in the communities which relate to education, health and human services, art, cultural and youth programs. Grant applications and requests will be considered on a semi-annual basis and may be obtained by contacting Thomas A. Borner, P.O. Box 166, Putnam, CT 06260.

### JAM

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ed that this was a success. I'm happy the rest of our grade was able to participate and work together to collect all of these items. It's a cool feeling," said Schultz. "I felt pretty happy about the participation. So many people came together and were willing to be a part of this project."

The cause was close to Schultz's heart as he had desires to help those in need, particularly the homeless, since he was young. Causes

like this are why he joined Peace Jam and he was happy to see the group support a worthy organization.

Named after Kasia Jurczyk and dedicated in her memory, Kasia's Hope is an initiative that started in April of 2019. The center, located at 79 Woodstock Ave. in Putnam, is housed on property that was purchased by Quiet Corner Cares, a local group that strives to assists addicts with sobriety, education and housing, utilizing a \$50,000 grant. Those looking for more information or ways to donate can visit [www.quietcornercares.org](http://www.quietcornercares.org).

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to Heifer International. The children in the church voted to send a hive of bees, a flock of chicks, a flock of ducks, one pig, and a Hope Basket. The church is also including funds to send a girl to school. Heifer seeks to provide education and material resources to help families break

the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient."

Another innovation was to shift the Silent Auction to an online format.

"We are especially grateful to Golden Gavel Auctioneers for sponsoring our charity auction. This was a new approach for us, and it worked very well," commented Debby Kirk, Fair Coordinator.

"Any fundraising event requires a team effort," continued Kirk. "Thanks to many hours of preparation by our dedicated volunteers, paired with some excellent weather, our hybrid fair was a big success!"


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# To infinity and beyond

On Nov. 15, the world watched as a Space X spacecraft blasted into space with four astronauts on board. As one news outlet put it, it was ‘eight minutes of terror’ as the fiery bullet took off. This title nailed it. As we watched the rocket take off, we were awestruck at how far mankind has come. The science and intelligence that is behind what was once unthinkable, is mind blowing.

Watching the takeoff on Sunday evening was just as exciting as it was nerve wracking. In 1986, while in school, we all watched as the Challenger met it’s fatal fate after just 73 seconds after taking off. In 2003, the Columbia shuttle broke apart while attempting to re-enter the Earth’s atmosphere, killing all seven crew members.

The crew, made up of Victor Glover, Shannon Walker, Soichi Noguchi (of Japan) and Michael Hopkins, traveled the 27 hours it takes to get to the International Space Station. As we write this, the crew is safely in orbit.

The launch was delayed from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather from Hurricane Eta. The trek is historical in that it’s the first fully operational mission for the private company, SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk. A test mission did take place this past spring with two test pilots, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley who successfully traveled to the space station.

The crew will remain in space for six months, where they will administer several experiments. One experiment includes how microgravity affects human heart tissue. Microgravity is defined as the condition in which people or things appear to be weightless. An attempt to grow radishes will also take place, which could lead to longer space missions.

In 2011, NASA did away with the Space Shuttle program. Since then the United States has used Russian spacecrafts to bring astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX created and developed the Crew Dragon capsule.

In 1961, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in Vostok 1. The flight lasted for 108 minutes, reaching an altitude of 202 miles. That same year, Alan Shepard became the first American to go to space. A year later in February, John Glenn became the first American to land on the moon. In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon.

Some interesting facts about space are that it is completely silent. Because there is no atmosphere in space, sound has no way to travel. Astronauts use radios to communicate. In 1986, NASA discovered what could be fossils of microscopic living organisms on a rock brought back from Mars. Halley’s Comet won’t orbit by the Earth until 2061. A space suit from Nasa costs \$12,000,000. A research by Yale scientists suggests that there may be a planet made out of diamonds, that is twice the size of Earth and eight times greater. They say it’s 40 light years away; however, it can be seen by the naked eye in the constellation of Cancer. The footprints left on the moon will last for 100 million years. One day on Venus is longer than one year due to a slow axis rotation which takes 243 Earth days to complete it’s day. If two pieces of metal touch while in space, they will weld together. There is floating water in space. The moon was once a piece of the Earth. Scientists say that when Earth was young, it was struck by a giant object breaking a piece off that began to orbit the Earth due to gravity.

Sunday evening’s excitement was a much needed break from the national news cycle. Listening to the ground crew at NASA headquarters was like listening to something out of a movie. It was a refreshing reminder that there are bigger, more positive things taking place in our lifetimes and for that, we are thankful.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Time for Trump to comply with his eviction notice

To the Editor:  
Wow, the Trump Presidency has shifted into full blown “Looney Tunes” mode.  
Trump has always been a whiny little rich kid --- tell him something he doesn’t like, and he’ll probably fire you or sue you, or both. But watching him still declaring victory in the election, while “nut bag” Giuliani goes on public tirades with hair dye running down his face, is like viewing a pilot for a new sitcom. This would all be funny as hell, if it wasn’t so pathetic and scary.  
In my opinion, this really isn’t a Republican vs. Democrat thing. After all, Trump has been both in the past. This is about an unqualified con artist who scammed his way into the White House, and now he’s having a tantrum because he has to leave. Obviously, his hardcore Kool-Aid drinking supporters are still

### Wake up, America!

To the Editor:  
Let me preface this letter by asking a simple question to anyone who voted for Joe Biden, Joe Courtney, Mae Flexer, or any other Democratic candidate this election cycle: Why?  
Over the last decade in the United States, there has been a major shift in population. While Democratic strongholds like New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, and others have seen very low or negative population growth, Republican-controlled states like Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, and others have seen explosive population growth. Why is that? First, in nearly all of the Democrat-controlled states, taxes are very high. In fact, the nine states with the highest tax burden per resident are all controlled by Democrats. In contrast, eight out of the nine states with the lowest tax burden per resident are controlled by Republicans.  
According to the Tax Foundation, the top ten states to start a business include nine Republican-controlled states and only one Democratic-controlled state (Nevada). In

### The Law and Order President

To the Editor:  
It is not surprising that the so-called “Law and Order President” is refusing to follow the rules and the law of the land in the aftermath of the elections. The ever-tempestuous number 45 continues to sow chaos and disruption, digging in his heels by flaunting debunked conspiracy theories that only his zombie followers would accept. Meanwhile, he poses a national security risk, while the rest of the world, allies, and foes, are scratching their heads in disbelief. His infantile behavior and disrespect for the Constitution and the office of the Presidency is itself an act of sedition, and he should be physically removed so that we can get on with the business of governing.  
What is surprising is that the republicans are standing by and allowing the antics of a mentally unstable megalomaniac continue to create yet another Constitutional crisis by not conceding the election. A fair and democratic election, I remind you with no evidence of massive fraud. A sitting president committing seditious acts, sowing hate and division, setting the stage for violent, civil unrest by egging on his white supremacist militia fans, and possibly attempting a coup: how is it he has not been arrested for treason and forced to immediately resign?  
This week, while continuing to deny the results of the election, number 45 fired his defense secretary, Mark Esper, replacing him and other Pentagon officials with loyalists. At best, this was a vindictive move true to the deeply flawed character of someone who thrives on vengeance. At worst it is a strategy that will surely test the Constitution and the rule of law as he surrounds himself with people whom he believes will follow his orders. Unlike Mark Esper who refused to order the military to turn against peaceful protesters who were exercising their constitutional rights, number 45 is relying on his sycophants to come through in the event of civil unrest. By stacking the courts and the Pentagon with loyalists, spending millions of dollars on frivolous lawsuits, denying the integrity of the elections and refusing to allow a peaceful transition of office, number 45 is buffering for a coup. Another ominous sign of insurrection was when Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo stated “There will be a peaceful transition to another Trump administration”, in-spite of the election results.  
There may not be hope for those who have drunk the Kool-Aid, by following their cult

buying his endless lies and idiotic conspiracy theories. But there also has to be people who voted for him (for whatever reason) who are watching his psychotic behavior and wondering --- what was I thinking?  
For Donald Trump, I have a short civics lesson: You’re a temporary tenant living in a house owned by American taxpayers. You were issued an eviction notice on election day, which becomes effective Jan. 20, 2021. If you refuse to leave, you’ll be removed by the same Marines who’ve had the misfortune of protecting you for the last four years. For me, watching you get escorted out would be the one and only good part of your disastrous presidency.

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terms of business regulation, the ten states with the most burdensome regulations are all run by Democrats. As a result, it is easy to see why small-business owners in these Democratic states are flocking to business-friendly states like Texas, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia.  
When will people finally realize that the Democratic Party is not the answer? It is baffling that people continue to vote for a party that has destroyed once-thriving cities like Baltimore, Detroit, New York City, St. Louis, and once-thriving states like California, New York, and Connecticut. Over the last decade, the Democrats have controlled all three branches of government in Connecticut, and what has that resulted in? Connecticut is one of only four states to have a negative population growth since 2010.  
So, I ask once again, how can the Democratic Party be the answer to our problems?

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# Ideas from the Weiss Files

I cut articles out of newspapers and magazines or print off things from the Internet. I file it all under a broad category: Ideas. Over the 15 years I have been writing this column, I have amassed a pile of file folders, expanding pockets and notebooks with snippets of things that I found of interest and thought other people might, too. As the holidays roll around during these strange, unsettled times, I decided to look back at what once caught my eye. I hope these very random thoughts add some brightness to your mental landscape.

I don’t know about you, but I always worry about being in a hotel when a fire breaks out. Some of the anxiety comes from my childhood. My father and I traveled together and often, after a nice dinner, he would leave me alone in my room in a hotel. Before he left, we would figure out the best exit should a fire break out. Armed

with a plan, I would pick up a book and drift off to sleep secure in the knowledge that I was safe. Fortunately, nothing happened, but a friend had a different experience. One winter night at a fancy Boston hotel, the alarms went off. She grabbed her coat and her husband and they took the stairs to the lobby. Only a handful of other guests were there, several wrapped in fur. It was a false alarm, but had it been real, many would have been in trouble.


The article I saved, (New York Times, Dec. 24, 2017) recounts an experience in the Netherlands, where they have half the death rate from fire that we have. People, participating in an experiment in a hotel, were awakened by a call telling them the building was on fire. They stalled before exiting, which was bad. The researcher’s advice: never wait, don’t go up to the roof or hide in the bathroom. Get outside fast and stay there. Trust your own instincts.

Sometimes I can’t remember a person’s name. I spent decades in fund-raising, where recalling a name was the minimum requirement. Ask Ron Coderre, a consummate professional in the field, who can remember the name of a donor’s dog, how he does it. He will shrug as if it is nothing special, but it is.  
An article from 2015, by Malia Wollan, gives tips. Concentrate when one is being introduced, link the person to a characteristic and then say the name several times. I also read it helps to look up to the right when trying to remember someone’s name. At the moment I see so few people, I can recall everything about them. I almost look forward to forgetting again.


I’ve been thinking about holiday gifts and found an item from 2013 called – “The Gift Not Worth Giving” from Real Simple. It changed my ideas. Let’s say you give a fancy piece of kitchen equipment as a wedding present and tie a spatula on the package. Nice, right? No. Research says the recipient averages the value of the two items together and down-grades the larger one.

Cookbook author and philosopher, MFK Fisher wrote, “The purpose of living is to get old enough to have something to say...” Something to say, or write is a way to reach other people and share experiences. The holidays will be different this year, but our sense of thankfulness for all that goes in to making our lives what they are can grow in the quiet. Our minds can dance around big ideas and little ones. We can learn, forget, remember and be grateful for ourselves and each other.


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# Pizza ... a circle of life

My mother taught me many things. She gave me the gift of curiosity. She questioned everything and encouraged her children to do the same. She spent her early teen years as a short order cook and waitress. With her experience she taught me to cook and enjoy the creativity of the process.

In 1943, Mom moved from Sapulpa, Oklahoma to Oakland, California to work in the shipyard to support our war effort. There, she was introduced to her first pizza. It was love at first bite. She later passed her love of the pie to her children and today, we are all pizzaholics. And why not? What's not to love about pizza? She used to make it. We didn't have much money when I was a kid, so I've had pizza made from Bisquick, ketchup, cheddar cheese slices and sliced hot dogs. It wasn't good, but sometimes even bad pizza is better than no pizza at all. I've learned that it's maybe not the taste of the pizza, but the role it plays in American life.

Growing up, a great thrill was being told the pizza delivery man was coming. It was a rare treat but when it happened, it was pure delight. It

was like waiting for Santa, but instead of us feeding him cookies, he's bringing a pizza!

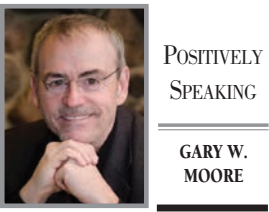
Pizza has become a national celebratory food. When something good happens, we order a pizza. It's easy to order, readily available anywhere, and compared to most foods, inexpensive. It's a food for the common people. When our doorbell rings with unexpected guests, I immediately think about ordering a pizza.

Do you know what cheese said the first time it met sausage? It's Slice to Meat you!

In a nation where regional food has now been homogenized and can be found everywhere, pizza seems to remain regional. I'll show my bias by claiming Chicago is the pizza capital of the world and boasts the best pizza on the planet. Chicago has the extremes from its deep-dish delights to the thin and crispy treats. All of it good. I do enjoy New York style pizza but have found two regions of pizza that I don't love ... yet.

Before I go on ... How do you fix a broken pizza? With tomato paste!

Tim, a close friend, is from suburban Detroit and raves



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about Detroit style pizza and he couldn't wait to show me. But upon arrival in Levonia, Michigan, I was served something that seemed like a flat and square loaf of heavy bread with a little sauce drizzled over it and covered in cheese. It wasn't bad ... it wasn't round ... it wasn't what I perceive as pizza.

And just for a little background ... what's the difference between a columnist and a large pizza? At least the pizza can feed a family of four. (Ouch!)

Then there's Southern California. I love the weather, landscape, and beach. As for their pizza ... I searched far and wide and thought it was all awful. I think if you put avocado on it ... it's no longer pizza. California Pizza Kitchen does offer a great Thai Chicken Pizza, but in general, I find SoCal is a pizza desert ... at

least so far?

Hey ... did you hear about the Hawaiian chef who burnt his pizza? He should have baked it on Aloha temperature.

Pizza is as diverse as the people who eat it.

Originally from the Chicago area, I like my deep-dish pizza with cheese and a flat, thin sheet of Italian sausage that spans the entire pie. I like my thin crust with pepperoni and onion. I prefer my sauce to be on the sweet side and my crust not to be soft and soggy.

Did you hear about the pizza chef with the terminal illness? He pasta'way. Now he's just a pizza history.

Writing this column, I'm reminded of a scene in Forrest Gump where Bubba is telling Forrest of all the ways to make shrimp. "There's thick crust pizza, thin crust pizza, sausage pizza, BBQ chicken pizza ..." I'm guessing the list could go on forever.

Aside from the silliness of this column, here's what's important.

When we gather around pizza, people smile. It's not just another dining experience to provide nourishment, but an activity that has become a

prominent thread in the fabric of our American tapestry. The enjoyment isn't just in the consumption, but the idea that pizza is a gathering point ... a touchstone that brings us together. And we all know in this time of intense national anxiety, we must find something we can agree upon. I believe conservatives and liberals alike can still sit around a pizza and find some common ground ... and maybe laugh together ... and just maybe ... begin to heal our American spirit.

The election is over. Can we all order a pizza and smile? Can we enjoy the companionship of those we may disagree with politically and eat a pizza together? Isn't it time to try?

P.S. - I'd tell more pizza jokes, but they're all too cheesy!

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# Winter care for trees, shrubs and perennials in containers

As you prepare your landscape for winter don't overlook the trees, shrubs and perennials you have growing in containers. These need a bit of extra protection to help them survive cold winter temperatures.



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The small amount of soil in container gardens does not always provide sufficient insulation. The roots are more exposed to temperature extremes than those of their counterparts growing in the ground. Extremely cold temperatures can damage or kill the roots and even the plant.

Plants rated at least one zone harder than your zone can usually survive when left outside for winter. Just make sure your containers will also tolerate the challenging winter weather.

Here are a couple strategies for helping your other containers through the winter. Select the one that best fits your landscape space and gardening style. Those in apartments or with limited space may need to enlist the help of their gardening friends.

Move containers to a sheltered location. Place them close together for added insulation. Then surround this with annual pots of flowers and vegetables to further insulate the roots. Wait until spring to empty and compost the annual plants. Or cover the pots with woodchips or surround them with

bags of leaves, potting mix or bales of straw. Add another layer of insulation by piling snow that is free of deicing salt over the pots throughout the winter.

Any plants growing in nursery pots or plastic containers can be overwintered in a vacant section of the garden. Sink the pots in the ground and make sure the pot is covered with and surrounded by soil. Water if needed. Then lift the plants in spring and set them in a decorative container to enjoy throughout the growing season.

An unheated garage also provides a suitable location for overwintering container gardens. Heated garages are usually too warm and plants will begin to grow. With a lack of sufficient sunlight, they usually struggle through the winter and often die.

Place the plants away from the overhead garage door. Add a bit of insulation such as packing materials, bagged soil or other potential insulation you probably have in your home or garage. This protects the roots when the temperatures plummet. Water your stored containers whenever the soil is thawed and dry. A scoop of snow that is free of deicing salt works well. Just toss a scoop on each pot. When the temperatures rise the snow melts and waters the pots. Dry soil during a winter thaw



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Moving containers to a sheltered location and placing them close together for added insulation is one strategy to help them survive cold winter temperatures.

is the usual cause of death when pots are stored this way.

If space allows, you may decide to plant those trees, shrubs and perennials growing in containers into the garden each fall. You will eliminate this overwintering task and have a great excuse for buying new plants next spring.

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# I saw Heaven

I saw the Garden of Gethsemane over 25 years ago. Just not in person. My father-in-law, who was also my pastor, was able to take the trip he had long dreamed of to see The Holy Land. Since the church he led funded his trip, we arranged for him to call us during a Sunday Service. We heard him describe the place he was standing, half-way around the world; it was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before the mob and the politicians called for his crucifixion. His voice was laden with emotion as he told us about olive trees and rocks that may have been there at the time of Christ. Hearing him describe the garden was the next best thing to being there.

I saw heaven recently. Just not in person. It was, once again, my father-in-law who described it to me. Over the past few years, he has been experiencing the unsettling symptoms of Alzheimer's. He no longer drives and has trouble remembering anything. He requires constant care and must be monitored 24/7 so he does not wander off and put himself in harm's way. The disease has progressed to the point that he often does not recognize his own wife or children. I mention these things only to let you know that he is not in any shape to make up an extravagant story.

Just a few days before the writing of this story, my father-in-law began struggling to breathe and complained of chest pain. Then he began to describe a bright light and beautiful voices. Aware



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that something significant was taking place, his daughter called and put us on speaker phone. For the next hour or so we all listened to him describe heaven. Neither he nor his family were in heaven, but it was the next best thing.

He was not articulate - it was too real for that. It was more like he was amazed and overwhelmed, saying things like, "It's so beautiful, it's so beautiful. The people are so happy. Oh, do you hear it? The singing is so beautiful." We could hear him gasp for air and then he would continue saying things like, "It was so worth it. Don't quit. It's so worth it." On occasion he would take a deep breath and talk directly to Jesus, telling him how thankful he was and how much he loved Him. Knowing my father-in-law's weakened mental condition, we were overwhelmed at the intensity and clarity of the experience. He was getting a real glimpse of his eternal home.

Then, for a good while, he coherently addressed each person who was in the

room and those who were on the phone. He talked to them as he might have done so twenty years ago, telling them how much he loved them. He pleaded with each one to be sure to make heaven their home, because he was sure he would soon be going there and wanted everyone to join him there some day. Then, he began describing the beautiful things he was seeing until he was exhausted. We hung up the phone and everyone went to bed. The next day his daughter told us that later that night, and early in the morning, he was back to wandering in and out of the house, disoriented and unable to remember his experience.

While he may never have another lucid moment on earth, I will remember the night I saw heaven second hand - through his spiritual eyes. I will also remember the thankfulness my father-in-law expressed to God that night. It is the kind of thankfulness I hope to foster deep in my own heart. We don't know how long my father-in-law will be with us, but we will always be thankful for the little glimpse into heaven that he gave us. And, this Thanksgiving, we will be a little more passionate about all the good things God has done in our lives.

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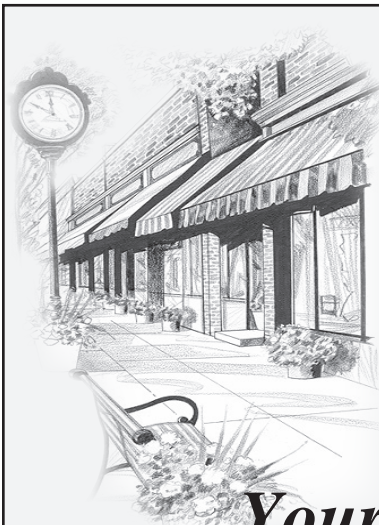
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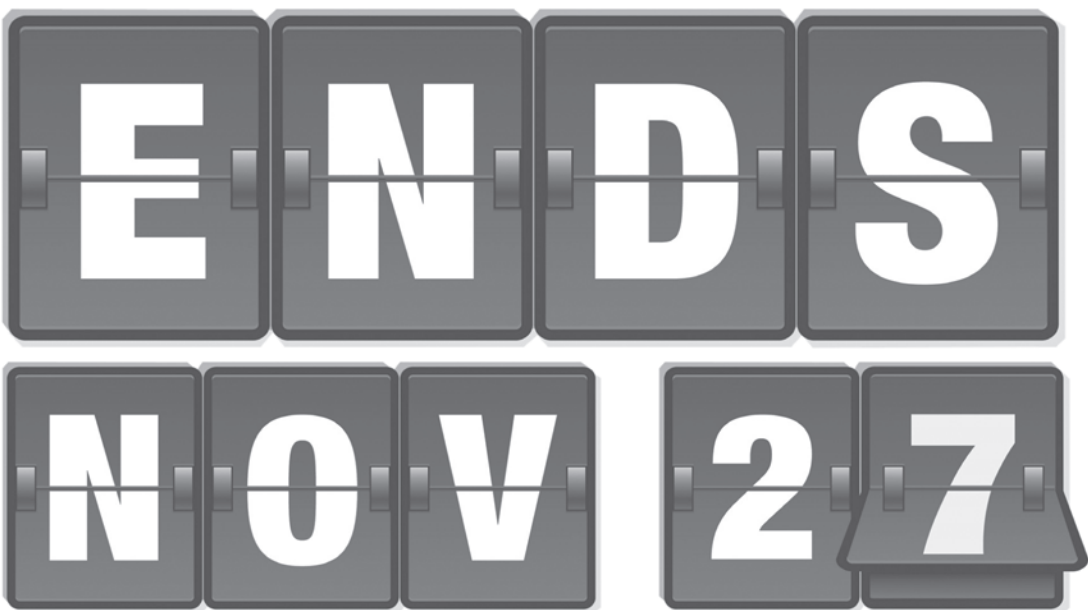
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OBITUARIES

Chester Misiaszek Jr., 71

Chester Misiaszek Jr., 71, of Putnam, passed away unexpectedly November 6, 2020, at his home. He was born December 12, 1948, in Putnam, son of Chester and Stasia (Boyko) Misiaszek Sr. Chester loved sports and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed playing tennis and loved the outdoor life. He traveled to the Caribbean four times in the past years. Chester leaves his identical twin brother, who was his best friend, Fred Misiaszek of Putnam; his sister Joan Galenski and her husband Donald of Woodstock; his niece Heidi Urias and her husband Luis of Los Angeles, CA. He was predeceased by his mother, father and a niece Melissa Galenski. Funeral services are private. Donations may be made in his memory to a local dog shelter. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com.

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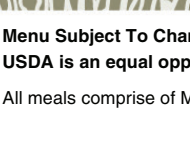
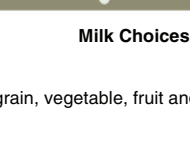
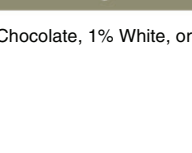

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Breakfast Menu:

2020-2021

Day of The Week:	Menu subject to change
Monday	Bacon, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Bacon, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Wednesday	Sausage, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Thursday	Sausage, Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Friday	Wg Maple Burst n' Pancake

OTHER DAILY SELECTIONS:

ENTREES:

Breakfast Bars

Assorted Wg Muffins w/Cheese Stick or Chortles

Assorted Cereals w/Cheese Stick or Chortles

Banana Bread

Cinnamon Buns

WG Bagel

If you choose a Muffins or Cereal, you may choose a string cheese or chocolate chortles with your breakfast or 2 Cereals (2 of 1 grain items)  
•You can take up to 2 Fruits  
•Only 1 juice per meal. You may PURCHASE additional juice,ala carte pricing applies.  
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December 2020

Thompson Public Schools  
“Free” Breakfast Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 ES/MS/HS Mini Maple Pancakes w/Syrup	2 ES/MS/HS Breakfast Pizza	3 ES/MS/HS Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	(1/2 Day) 4 ES/MS/HS Pop-Tart Cheese Stick
7 ES/MS/HS Cinnamon Bun	8 ES/MS/HS Buttery Maple Waffles w/Syrup	(1/2 Day) 9 ES/MS/HS Breakfast Pizza	10 ES/MS/HS Ham, Egg, & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	(1/2 Day) 11 ES/MS/HS Bagel w/Cream Cheese
14 ES/MS/HS Cinnamon Bun	15 ES/MS/HS Mini Maple Pancakes w/Syrup	16 ES/MS/HS Breakfast Pizza	17 ES/MS/HS Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	(1/2 Day) 18 ES/MS/HS Pop-Tart Cheese Stick
21 ES/MS/HS Cinnamon Bun	22 ES/MS/HS Buttery Maple Waffles w/Syrup	(1/2 Day) 23 ES/MS/HS Breakfast Pizza	24 “HOLIDAY RECESS NO SCHOOL	25 “HOLIDAY RECESS” NO SCHOOL
28 “HOLIDAY RECESS” NO SCHOOL	29 “HOLIDAY RECESS” NO SCHOOL	30 “HOLIDAY RECESS” NO SCHOOL	31 “HOLIDAY RECESS” NO SCHOOL	DID YOU KNOW? On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed.

**Sides**  
“Served Daily w/Breakfast”  
1% Low Fat White Milk  
Fruit & 100% Fruit Juice  
(Excluding “Fresh” Apple Day)

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Behavioral Issues  
Absenteeism  
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**FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT**  
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Thompson Middle School “Entrance” (Main Lobby)  
**Available**  
On-Site/Remote Learning Days  
**Not Available**  
Snow Days  
  
(Lactaid Available Upon Request)  
If your child has a special dietary need, please call the Director for more information on meal substitutions. (MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

December 2020

Thompson Public Schools  
“Free” Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 MS/HS #1 Meatball Grinder or #2 Turkey Salad Bulkie ES Chicken Nuggets/Ketchup Mac & Cheese or Yogurt Bag Lunch	2 MS/HS #1 Popcorn Chicken Or #2 Zesty Orange Chick. Dinner Roll ES Taco Salad or Yogurt Bag Lunch	3 MS/HS #1 Pulled Pork Sand. or #2 Chef Salad ES Hot Dog/Bun Ketchup or Yogurt Bag Lunch	(MS/HS (1/2 Day)) 4 #1 Cheese Pizza or #2 Buffalo Chick. Wrap ES “Red/White/Blue” Parfait Cinnamon Bun or Yogurt Bag Lunch
7 MS/HS #1 Hamburger/Bun or #2 Cheddar Jack Burger ES Turkey/Cheese Sandwich Mayo & Chips or Yogurt Bag Lunch	8 MS/HS #1 Mozzarella Sticks w/Dipping Sauce or #2 Tuna Salad Bulkie ES Cheese Pizza or Yogurt Bag Lunch	(MS/HS (1/2 Day)) 9 #1 Chicken Patty/Bun or #2 Italian Grinder ES Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Ham Roll-Up ~ Cookie or Yogurt Bag Lunch	10 MS/HS #1 Hot Dog/Bun or #2 Chef Salad ES Mozzarella Sticks Dipping Sauce or Yogurt Bag Lunch	(MS/HS (1/2 Day)) 11 #1 Chicken Quesadilla or #2 Sloppy Joe ES “Red/White/Blue” Parfait Cinnamon Bun or Yogurt Bag Lunch
14 MS/HS #1 Hamburger/Bun or #2 Cheddar Jack Burger ES Ham/Cheese Sandwich Mayo/Chips or Yogurt Bag Lunch	15 MS/HS #1 “Soft” Taco w/Rice or #2 Chicken Salad Bulkie ES Chicken Nuggets/Ketchup Mac & Cheese or Yogurt Bag Lunch	16 MS/HS #1 Popcorn Chicken or #2 Zesty Orange Chick. Dinner Roll ES Taco Salad or Yogurt Bag Lunch	17 MS/HS #1 BBQ Pork Rib/Bun or #2 Chef Salad ES Cheeseburger/Bun Ketchup or Yogurt Bag Lunch	(MS/HS (1/2 Day)) 18 #1 Cheese Pizza or #2 Chicken Fajita Wrap ES “Red/White/Blue” Parfait Cinnamon Bun or Yogurt Bag Lunch
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**Sides**  
**Elementary/Middle/High School**  
(M/F) Broccoli ~ Carrots (ES/MS/HS)  
(T) Potatoes ~ Corn (MS/HS)  
(T) Beans/Cole Slaw (ES)  
(W) Yellow/Green Beans (ES/MS/HS)  
(TH) Beans/Cole Slaw (MS/HS)  
(TH) Potatoes ~ Corn (ES)  
**Elementary School (Friday’s)**  
Take Home “Nutritional Activity”  
  
“Yogurt Bag Lunch”  
Yogurt/Muffin/Cheese Stick  
Fruit/Veggie/Milk  
  
**SERVED DAILY**  
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ANSWERS: TURKEYS

### What’s the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

**A**

**B**

Answers: 1. Extra grapes on left 2. Missing pumpkin in back 3. Turkey wing missing 4. Handle is on drawer in back

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- **1520:** PORTUGUESE NAVIGATOR FERDINAND MAGELLAN TRAVELS THROUGH THE STRAIT THAT NOW BEARS HIS NAME.
- **1925:** THE GRAND OLE OPRY PREMIERES AS WSM BARN DANCE ON WSM RADIO, NASHVILLE.
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### New Word

## PILGRIM

a person who travels on long journeys

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Corn  
**SPANISH:** Maíz  
**ITALIAN:** Mais  
**FRENCH:** Maïs  
**GERMAN:** Mais

### Did you know?

TURKEYS THAT ARE BRED FOR THE DINNER TABLE ARE NOT ABLE TO FLY. HOWEVER, WILD TURKEYS CAN FLY, BUT ONLY LOW TO THE GROUND FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PUMPKIN PIE

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to games & puzzles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = I)

**A. 9 19 11 21 11 13**  
Clue: Pieces of information

**B. 5 2 11 22 22**  
Clue: Ability to do something well

**C. 4 20 16 15 26 9 26**  
Clue: Strive to gain or win

**D. 17 11 18 18 26 19**  
Clue: Person who comes out on top

Answers: A. trivia B. skill C. compete D. winner

### SUDOKU

4			1		5			
	3	6	9					8
2	9		6					
		1					4	9
			4	5				
							3	
3		9		8			5	
				6			2	1
5						8		7

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6	8	3	1	4	8	9	7
2	3	9	6	5	8	7	1
1	9	2	8	7	6	5	4
8	2	4	7	9	6	1	3
9	8	1	2	4	5	1	2
7	4	3	2	8	1	6	5
3	4	1	8	7	6	5	9
8	2	5	7	4	6	3	1
4	8	7	1	3	5	9	6

ANSWER:



# Rise and Shine



# Putnam High School Breakfast Menu

## 2020-2021 Hybrid Blue and White

"New" quick grab and go Breakfast will be served on breakfast cart outside the gymnasium and also served in the Kitchen daily. Grab your FREE breakfast!!!

BREAKFAST IS FREE TO ALL PUTNAM STUDENTS

Breakfast Served Daily 7:10-7:25am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials Entrées:	Special Entrées:	Special Entrées:	Special Entrées:	Special Entrées:
Bacon Egg and Cheese on English Muffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Choc. Chip Muffin</li><li>• Blueberry Muffin</li><li>• Assorted WG Low Sugar Cereal</li><li>• Chocolate Chip BeneFit Bar</li><li>• Pumpkin Bread</li></ul>	Bacon Egg and Cheese on English Muffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Choc. Chip Muffin</li><li>• Blueberry Muffin</li><li>• Assorted WG Low Sugar Cereal</li><li>• Chocolate Chip BeneFit Bar</li><li>• Pumpkin Bread</li></ul>	Sausage Egg Cheese on English Muffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Choc. Chip Muffin</li><li>• Blueberry Muffin</li><li>• Assorted WG Low Sugar Cereal</li><li>• Chocolate Chip BeneFit Bar</li><li>• Pumpkin Bread</li></ul>	Sausage Egg Cheese on English Muffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Choc. Chip Muffin</li><li>• Blueberry Muffin</li><li>• Assorted WG Low Sugar Cereal</li><li>• Chocolate Chip BeneFit Bar</li><li>• Pumpkin Bread</li></ul>	Wake Up Wrap: Ham Egg and Cheese <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Choc. Chip Muffin</li><li>• Blueberry Muffin</li><li>• Assorted WG Low Sugar Cereal</li><li>• Chocolate Chip BeneFit Bar</li><li>• Pumpkin Bread</li></ul>
Choose : Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Choose : Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Choose : Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Choose : Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Choose : Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice
Assortment of Low Fat and Non Fat Milk Variety	Assortment of Low Fat and Non Fat Milk Variety	Assortment of Low Fat and Non Fat Milk Variety	Assortment of Low Fat and Non Fat Milk Variety	Assortment of Low Fat and Non Fat Milk Variety

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