

Putnam doesn't miss a beat in another successful season

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

PUTNAM — Right where we belong. While it's likely there are many catchphrases that could adequately describe the 2020-21 season for the Putnam High girls' basketball team, the aforementioned slogan should definitely be on the list.

That's because, despite losing four seniors — three of them starters — off last year's super successful squad, the Clippers, led by coach Mandi Hogan, now in her eighth season, finished this year's COVID-19 abbreviated regular season with a 7-1 record, in the process securing the No. 2 seed in the Northern Division playoffs.

Putnam continued its winning ways on Friday, March 19, defeating seventh-seeded Wheeler, 41-16. The Clippers led throughout, including 15-6 at the half and 28-8 after three quarters. With the win, Putnam improved to 8-1 and

advanced to the semifinal round of the Northern Division playoffs, where the Clippers played third-seeded Windham on Monday, March 22, in Putnam.

A year ago, with upperclassmen Kayleigh Lyons, Jillian Gray, Molly McKeon and Haley Cutler leading the way, Putnam finished the season 21-4. It was a record that included a 10-0 mark in Division 4, after which they were crowned division champions.

Following the season, Lyons, a 1,000-point scorer and four-year starter at point guard, was named to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) All-State team. Lyons, Gray, and McKeon all started for Putnam last year while Cutler was the first player off the bench for the Clippers.

Also in the postseason last year, Putnam suffered a narrow loss to



Photo Courtesy
The Putnam High girls' basketball seniors, from left, include Alex Hutchins, Laylah Chavez, Abby St. Martin and Emma Braithwaite.

Thompson voters approve school roof replacement

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON – While the turnout was small, voters overwhelmingly approved a proposal to finance a \$4.7 million school roof replacement project during a referendum on Tuesday, March 9.

The project was initially approved in January of 2020; however, an issue with the publication of a legal notice forced the town to send the proposal back to the voters for consideration. While 656 voters turned out for the referendum last year, around 10 percent of the registered voters in town, only 309 participated in the latest vote with a 225 to 63 decision, just under 5 percent of registered voters, solidifying the funding.

The \$4.7 million will be achieved through short term funding, with \$3.4 million expected to be reimbursed through a grant from the State Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction. The project was touted as an essential need by officials within the school district and the Board of Selectmen who noted that roofs on several parts of the complex had suffered leaking issues. The project is not expected to include the entire school system with the high school and elementary school cited as primary areas of concern when the project was proposed in 2019.

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Jim George, Commander of American Legion Post #14 (center), received recognition for 100 percent Post membership renewal from District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre (left) and Department Sr. Vice Commander and Post #91 Moosup Past Commander Jeff DeClerck. Commander George doubled the membership of Post #14 from 200 to more than 400 members in shortly more than one year.

Day Kimball Urologist appointed Clinical Professor of Urology at Yale

Dr. Stephen Schiff

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) is pleased to announce that Stephen F. Schiff, MD, FACS, urologist and vice chairman of surgery at Day Kimball Hospital, has been appointed Clinical Professor of Urology at Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Schiff attended Princeton University, where he graduated with honors and received an AB degree in biology. He went on to earn his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1981. He completed his surgical and urology training at Harvard Medical School's residency program at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1987.

Following his residency, Dr. Schiff was appointed Assistant Professor of Urology in the Department of Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine. In 1992, he accepted a faculty member position at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University where he served for 27 years.

Prior to joining Day Kimball in January 2019, Dr. Schiff was a Professor of Surgery (Clinical Educator) at The Warren Alpert Medical School, and a partner with Urological Specialists of New England, LLC, University Urological Associates, and Brown Urology.

"Dr. Schiff's reputation as a leader in the field of urology, clinically and academically, is a huge asset to Day Kimball," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Since his joining our team, the urology program has grown in its clinical prowess and its contribution to our overall success. We are proud of Dr. Schiff's appointment and know that he will contribute greatly to Yale's academic and scientific advancement."

Killingly hopes for in-person town meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
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KILLINGLY – The Killingly Town Council is hopeful that citizens will be able to attend the 2021 annual town meeting in person as COVID-19 restrictions continue to be lifted in the coming months.

Selectmen approved the dates for the annual town meeting and budget referendum vote during a meeting on March 9 with both to occur in early May. Town Manager Mary Calorio said as of right now it looks like citizens will be able to attend a live town meeting as the state continues to roll back restrictions with COVID-19 cases decreasing and vaccination numbers on the rise.

"It's unclear as to where we're going to be exactly at that point. After the executive orders expire on April 19, we

have the annual town meeting slated for the first Monday in May, and that is by charter and then is adjourns to a machine vote. We typically do it the following Tuesday after that town meeting. Based on the newest release from the governor, I think that we'll be able to hold our town meeting in person at the high school," Calorio said.

Town Council members were excited at the prospect of bringing citizens back into the budget process, although Calorio stated there is still a lot the state has to finalize. Specifically, state officials are discussion whether or not mail-in absentee ballots will be permitted for town referendums which could complicate the timing of Killingly's scheduled budget vote.

"There is still a lot of discussion around the referendum portions of our budgets. The state is still in conversa-

tion and there are still communities that are really pushing for doing mailed absentee balloting. For our budget referendum absentee ballots are allowed but the person has to come to town hall, get the ballot and then deliver the ballot here at town hall. There's no mail process. The absentee process that allows for mailing is a minimum 21-day period which would be in excess of what our charter allows for with the referendum. Our charter requires that the referendum be held within 14 days of our adjourned town meeting," Calorio said.

Her hope is that the state will allow towns to make their own decisions when it comes to mail-in absentee ballots.

Calorio further stated that she would like the town to continue with virtu-

Memories of springs past

March is time for planning gardens and deciding whether to plant new trees in the coming months. In his booklet “Killingly Moments and Mementos,” Wayne Magao included a receipt for trees sold to Mrs. W. H. Brooke, 209 N. Main St., Danielson by I. P. Elfgrén & Sons, Evergreen Trees and Fruit, East Killingly, dated June 12, 1928. The previous day, they sold 2 C. (Colorado) blue spruce at 75 cents each; 4 N. spruce at 75 cents each; planting \$1.00; 2 Norway spruce at \$1 each; planting 50 cents. Paid June 12, 1928-\$8.00. Signed by Ernest T. Elfgrén. Unfortunately there are no entries for this business in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia by Natalie L. Coolidge. If you can supply some additional information, please email me and share your memories. In separate entries an Ivar P. Elfgrén is listed as a civil engineer from births in 1908 and 1911. Ernest T. Elfgrén operated Elf Welding and Machine Company during the 1930’s and 1940’s. By 1943 it was located on East Franklin Street.

I’ve been busy watching spring training baseball and am anxiously awaiting the Red Sox opening day on April 1. I periodically have come across mention of Powdrell and Alexander’s baseball team in the papers but didn’t know where they played. I was so glad to come across this article in Transcript extracts that Marilyn Labbe had done. “The lot known as the P. & A. baseball field has been purchased by St. James’ parish, it was announced, part of the property to be eventually used as a site for a new parochial school. Plans for the school, to take the place of the present inadequate frame structure on Franklin Street, have been under consideration for several years and a considerable fund has been raised toward construction. The P. & A. field extends northerly from the rear of St. James’ parish property on Franklin Street to Cottage Street, being bounded on the east by the New Haven railroad tracks and on the west by White Row. It was purchased by Powdrell & Alexander, Inc. about ten years ago, together with the Sherman or Danielson

Cotton Company mill on Main street. A brick storehouse connected with the mill is located at the northeast corner of the tract, which also has railway siding facilities. Included in the transfer to the church was a four-tenement house standing at the southerly end of the White Row (St. James Row). The property will include ample room for playgrounds for the parochial school, as well as for any building program which may be undertaken by the parish” (Windham County Transcript, Feb. 9, 1933).

“Dog Captures Muskrat in Main Street – On a recent morning, about 2.30 o’clock, Franklin D. Crosby and his dog started out from their home on Academy Street for a little constitutional. Strolling along near the Armington home on Main Street, they encountered a small animal. Thinking it was a cat, Mr. Crosby commanded the dog to let it alone, but when Mr. Muskrat started across the street his identity was established and the canine went in hot pursuit. A short encounter near the Brooklyn Savings Bank, in which the dog was bitten on the leg, ended in the demise of the aquatic rodent, whose pelt on the following day was disposed of to a fur dealer” (WCT April 6, 1933)

“Spanish Tavern to Open Here Friday. – The Casino Spanish Tavern and Garden will be opened tomorrow in the Casino building on Railroad Square by Frank Barber, well known sportsman, and Frank Gorman. The Casino will be the only tavern of its kind within a radius of one hundred miles, its sponsors state, and will be most attractively decorated in the Spanish style. The interior of the building, which at various times in recent years has been used as a roller skating rink, boxing arena and automobile salesroom, has been entirely renovated. It is provided with twenty-three booths, four tables and a bar and will



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provide seating accommodations for 130 people, leaving a dance floor 32 feet by 32 feet. The tavern is to be open day and night for the serving of beer and light lunches and it is planned to stage an entertainment and floor show once each week. For Friday evening reservations have been made by a party from the Rhode Island School of Design, the festivities to be a farewell party before the closing of the Providence institution for the summer vacation” (WCT May 25, 1933). For two photos of the Spanish Garden see p. 52 of “Images of America Killingly” by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer.

In honor of Women’s History Month, I thought that I’d mention this early female physician from Killingly. “Dr. Ellen Hammond Gladwin died at Hartford 12 Dec. 1932. She was born in East. Killingly in 1845 daughter of Dr. Justin and Susan Hammond. She received her M. D. degree in 1872 from the Women’s Medical College of New York, and was the first woman graduate of a medical school to open an office in Hartford where she practiced medicine successfully for nearly fifty years. Dr. Justin Hammond was the father of three children, two daughters and one son, all of whom practiced medicine.” (WCT 2/9/1933). Ellen “was a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and in 1872 was graduated from the Woman’s Medical College of New York...She had been in ill health for five months (prior to her demise). She retired shortly before the death of her husband, Sidney M. Gladwin, in 1923. She leaves four cousins, Dr. Grace Murrery and Miss Katherine Peckham in Putnam and Miss Faith Levens and Miss Delia Levens in Norwich. She was a member of Center Church and of the Hartford Medical Society.” She was interred in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in

Hartford. (Hartford Courant, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1932, p. 4; newspapers.com) Did you know that the former Killingly Center School at 801 Hartford Turnpike is one of Killingly’s Historic properties? Perhaps you or a family member even attended school in that building which is now under the auspices of Killingly Grange No. 112. You can help support their fund-raising efforts by attending one or more of their “Fish Fridays” on March 26 and April 2 from 4-6 p.m. Take out only. The \$12 meal includes baked fish, baked potato, cole slaw, tartar sauce, a roll, and a slice of apple pie. There will be a limited number of meals. Pre-order by calling 860-412-9811.

It’s almost April, and I, for one, am looking forward to April Fool’s Day this year. My favorite bookstore, Pourings and Passages, is in the process of relocating and will reopen that day at 103 Main St. in Danielson, the site of the former Trinket Shoppe. The grand reopening is Thursday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Stop in and find some new reading material. The mail and answering machine are being checked on a regular basis (usually Wednesday) although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed to the public. Please send an email to the director or leave a message on the answering machine if you would like to donate items or have research questions.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, March, 2021. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (when it reopens) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329

Putnam police prepping for 125th anniversary

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department has a long and storied history, dating back to its early existence in 1896. The Department, Chief Christopher Ferace and Captain Justin Lussier, is currently working on plans to share its history with the Putnam community as it enters its 125th year. For more than a century, the men and women of the Putnam Police Department have served the residents of Putnam faithfully. They’ve answered calls for emergencies, maintained a community presence ensuring

the safety of its citizens, assisted at public functions and have generally been the ‘watchdog’ of Putnam, answering the call for any type of assistance. The Department, under the leadership of Chief Ferace and Captain Lussier, is now asking for the community’s help. As plans are being formulated to honor the Department on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary, Ferace and Lussier are reaching out to the people of Putnam. They’re asking that anyone with photos, articles or memorabilia of the Department get in touch with

them. “As we begin to develop community plans that will include the publication of a commemorative issue of The Community Beat, posting of historical articles on the website, and other community related activities, we’re asking anyone with photos, articles or memories of the early Department get in touch with us. Our plan is to wake up memories and to provide some local history of our 125 years of existence,” said Capt. Lussier. The Community Beat, the newsletter of the Putnam Police Department, has been

in existence since 2007, and is published twice per year. The plan is to publish an expanded edition this summer, featuring historical information about the Department. The Community Beat is mailed to every home and business in Putnam. It’s also available at locations throughout the community. The summer 2021 issue will be of historic value. It will be one that individuals interested in local history may wish to retain and pass on to future generations. “We’re excited to share our history with the people of

Putnam. We’re hoping that individuals with old photos or other interesting artifacts will respond and share their items with us. Our plan is to make copies and return the material to the owners,” said Chief Ferace. Anyone interested in sharing historic material with the Putnam Police Department can contact Chief Ferace or Captain Lussier at 860-928-6565 or the Department Web site, www.putnampolice.com.



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New Hampshire woman dies in Pomfret crash

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POMFRET – State Police confirm that a New Hampshire woman lost her life after a roll-over incident on Wednesday, March 17 in Pomfret. Police confirmed that 27-year-old Francisca Zorilla of Manchester, New Hampshire was pronounced dead after being transported from the scene to UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. According to police reports, troopers out of the Troop D Barracks in Danielson responded to a motor vehicle accident just after 8:30 p.m. on March 17 on Route 1010 in Pomfret. Original reports stated that the crash involved an SUV, but later reports identified the vehicle as a Jeep Wrangler which was discovered to have left the roadway and struck two utility poles before rolling over. Zorilla was ejected from the vehicle in the process. Emergency responders transported Zorilla to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam before she was flown by helicopter to UMass Memorial Medical Center. State Police have not disclosed a cause of the crash however it was confirmed no other individuals or vehicles were involved in the incident. State Police are currently investigating the crash and those with information are asked to contact the State Police Troop D Barracks and Trooper Patrick Lewis at 860-779-4900.

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Honor Roll
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al public hearings before the annual town meeting due to the uncertainty of whether or not regulations will be lifted to allow for an in-person meeting in April. The town is also exploring whether or not they can use a hybrid model for the annual town meeting in May, although Calorio said she can't promise that they will be able to allow both virtual and in-person participation at this time. As of the March 9 meeting, the council unanimously approved holding the annual town meeting on May 3, with the referendum to follow on May 11.





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Putnam Science Academy cheers on alumni in NCAA Tournament

BY STEPHEN NALBANDIAN
PUTNAM SCIENCE ACADEMY

PUTNAM — There were plenty of options and plenty of rooting interests for Tom Espinosa as the NCAA Tournament kicked off last Friday.

That's because Espinosa, the Putnam Science Academy boys prep coach, had 12 former players involved in the tournament. Ten of them were expected to see some minutes; of the remaining two, one just joined the team in January and had yet to play, and the other was part of a coaching staff.

"It's exciting, for the kids especially," Espinosa said. "They're the ones playing in the NCAA Tournament, March Madness, all that. But it is certainly exciting for us here too, and for me personally for sure. A lot of these kids were special players here and had a lot to do with what we've become. But

it's really cool to see so many of them getting this chance."

Tyson Etienne and Wichita State played in a First Four game Thursday night. Etienne did not have a good game, scoring just one point in 27 minutes, as the Shockers lost 53-52 to Drake, which got nine huge points and 10 rebounds from Darnell Brodie. Drake's run ended in its next game, a loss to USC, in which Brodie had six points and seven rebounds.

Josh Gray and LSU knocked off Kyle Lofton, Osun Osunniyi, and St. Bonaventure in the first round. Lofton had 10 points and five assists, Osunniyi finished with 15 points and nine rebounds in the 76-61 loss. Gray played just one minute and did not score. LSU played its second-round game Monday night against No. 1 Michigan.

Akok Akok didn't play in UConn's opening-round loss

to Eric Ayala's Maryland Terrapins. Ayala had a huge game however, scoring a game-high 23 points. Maryland faced No. 2 Alabama Monday night. (UConn graduate assistant coach Mamadou Diarra is a PSA alum.)

Vlad Goldin did not play in either of Texas Tech's games, a first-round win followed by a second-round loss. Gabe McGlothlin had 13 points and seven rebounds as No. 15 Grand Canyon's bid to upset No. 2 Iowa fell short. And Abou Ousmane had four points in 16 minutes as North Texas, a 13-seed, upset No. 4 Purdue in the first round. He played just one minute in the team's second-round loss to Villanova.

Sean Durugordon, who joined Missouri in January after playing for PSA in the fall, did not play in the Tigers' opening-round loss to Oklahoma.

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High School Roundup

Local basketball teams continue to survive and advance

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Fast and furious was the recipe the Killingly High girls' basketball team used to remain undefeated, racing out to a 21-point first quarter lead en route to a 57-29 win over visiting Lyman High in a quarterfinal round game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Northern Division Tournament.

"I think it was awesome, the intensity we came out with in the first quarter," said Killingly coach Gina (Derosier) Lindberg, whose team led, 21-0 as play moved into the second quarter. "It's something we've been fixing because the last couple of games (that intensity) kind of got away from us a little. This week in practice we went back to basics. We had such an intense practice Thursday (March 18); it was one of our best practices of the year, and it just flowed over into the game."

With the win top-seeded Killingly (11-0) advanced to the semifinal round of the ECC Northern Division Tournament, where it hosted fourth-seeded Plainfield High

(6-5) on Monday, March 22.

Killingly used a balanced offensive attack to defeat 2-8 Lyman, the No. 8 seed. Sophomore Aila Gutierrez led the way with 14 points. She was followed by freshman Hannah Grudzien (12), and juniors Emma Carpenter (11) and Sophia Moore (10).

"It's a beautiful thing when you have balanced scoring like that and you don't have to depend on one player for points," said Lindberg, who doesn't think being undefeated is too big a burden for her players to carry. "I did worry about that but when I took a step back I realized the wind got taken out of our sails in the Tourtellotte when (sophomore) Ella Lach broke her wrist. The girls hung their heads a little when they found out that Ella was out for the season. I think that certainly played a role."

After the win over Lyman, Lindberg gave her players a Tom Brady-esque motivational talk.

"I told the girls, 11-0 is fantastic; any coach in the world would love to be 11-0," Lindberg said. "But it really means nothing if you finish the season 11-1 or 12-1. I

think that hit home with the girls and I think their focus is dialed back in and they're ready to up their intensity even more."

Elsewhere in girls' basketball:

Third-seeded Ellis Tech's season ended with a 41-33 loss to second-seeded Goodwin Tech (9-2) in a quarter-round game of the Charter Oak Tournament. Senior Vivianna St. Jean scored a game-high 15 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter as the Eagles rallied a from 21-point third-quarter deficit. St. Jean also finished the game with a game-high 17 rebounds. Senior Amber Cutler added nine points for Ellis Tech (7-4).

Senior Alexa Pechie led the way for sixth-seeded Woodstock Academy in its ECC Northern Division Tournament quarterfinal against third-seeded Windham in Willimantic on Friday, March 19, scoring 10 points, but it wasn't enough as the Centaurs (3-7) were defeated by the 8-2 Whippets, 55-31.

BOYS' BASKETBALL
Top-seeded Woodstock Academy used a fast start, thanks to some hot shoot-

ing by Logan Talbot, to race past visiting Wheeler High in the Centaurs' ECC Northern Division quarterfinal, defeating the ninth-seeded Lions, 78-37. The win was 9-1 WA's seventh consecutive victory.

Talbot, a senior, poured in a game-high 29 points for the Centaurs — 18 of those points coming in the first half. Classmate Andrew Johnson added 10 points while junior Ethan Davis chipped in 10.

With the win Woodstock Academy advanced to the semifinal round of the tournament, where it played fifth-seeded Windham (6-5) at home on Tuesday, March 23.

The Centaurs scored the first 12 points of the game and led by 27 points at halftime.

Wheeler finished its season 1-7.

Elsewhere:

Junior Jay Grzysiewicz tossed in a game-high 27 points to lead second-seeded Killingly past visiting Tourtellotte, 63-43, in an ECC Northern Division quarterfinal on Friday, March 19. With the win 9-2 Killingly advanced to the semifinal round of the tournament, where it hosted sixth-seeded Plainfield on Tuesday, March 23.

Junior Jason Simoneau contributed 17 points to the win while sophomore Yianni Baribeau grabbed 19 rebounds and blocked 10 shots.

Seventh-seeded Tourtellotte (3-8) was led by Brady Monahan, who scored 16 points.

Prior to its tournament appearance, Killingly wrapped up its regular season with a 60-33 home win over Griswold on Monday, March 15. Grzysiewicz led the way with 20 points and 11 assists, while Baribeau finished the game with 11 points and nine rebounds.

ALPINE SKIING
Woodstock Academy junior Eliza Simpson finished third and senior Zach Brody fourth in their respective divisions of the Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League State Open championship, held Monday, March 14, at Mount Southington Ski Area in Southington. Also competing in the event for the Centaurs were sophomore Davis Simpson, Eliza's brother, and eighth-grader Emma Brody, Zach's sister. More than 150 boys and 140 girls competed in the event.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Volcanic crater

5. Long times

10. Swedish rock group

14. Having the means to do something

15. Rods or spindles

16. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood

17. Missing soldiers

18. Measuring instrument

19. All of the components considered individually

20. Play “__ Irish Rose”

22. Gene

23. Barrels

24. London-based soccer team

27. Feline

30. Breed of sheep

31. Body part

32. Doctors' group

35. One who follows the rules

37. Cigarette residue

38. Ancient Greek sophist

39. Polish yeast cakes

40. Promotional materials

41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour

42. Completed perfectly

43. Photo

44. A peninsula in SW Asia

45. The common gibbon

46. Disfigure

47. Ribonucleic acid

48. Japanese honorific

49. Pieces of music

52. Expressed pleasure

55. Having ten

56. Type of sword

60. Humble request for help

61. Eating houses

63. Italian Seaport

64. Cain and __

65. Measure the depth

66. U. of Miami's mascot

67. Political outsiders

68. Greek sorceress

69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Mother

2. Jewish calendar month

3. Jai __, sport

4. Establish again

5. Swiss river

6. Racetrack wager

7. __ but goodie

8. Closeness

9. Soviet Socialist Republic

10. At right angles to a ship's length

11. Women's undergarments

12. Mountain stream

13. Expresses pleasure

21. Painful places on the body

23. Automobile

25. Scandinavian god of battle

26. Expresses surprise

27. Secret political clique

28. Yields manila hemp

29. River in central Italy

32. Brain injury science acronym

33. Mental illness.

34. A person from Asia

36. Father

37. General's assistant (abbr.)

38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style

40. Large terrier

41. Hillsides

43. Golf score

44. Not or

46. Type of student

47. Flower cluster

49. Closes tightly

50. Saudi Arabian desert

51. Famed vaccine developer

52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)

53. Actress Jessica

54. Pay attention to

57. Beloved big screen pig

58. __ Clapton, musician

59. Take a chance

61. Cost per mille

62. Helps little firms



Photos Courtesy

Woodstock Academy junior Eliza Simpson finished third at the Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League State Open championship Monday, March 15, at The Mount Southington Ski Area in Southington. More than 140 girls competed in the event.



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Woodstock Academy Model UN team declared national champions

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy Model United Nations team recently captured the 2021 MUN National title for a third year in a row, winning first place in both research and overall.

The Woodstock Academy team also set new standards for individual first-place awards and it was also the first time that every Woodstock Academy student who took part placed in the competition, earning them the highest award percentage at the conference.

The success was the result of months of preparation as Woodstock Academy head delegates and seniors Ashley Nunes, Eli Werstler, and Ethan Bove began combining their efforts in January to gather research and prepare the team for competition.

“Winning Nationals this year for the third time in a row felt amazing,” Nunes said. “This year has been everything but what we expected, and it meant the world to me that we continued to hold

this team to the same standards as ever. Winning was the biggest sense of relief, closure, and happiness many of us have felt in a long time.”

“(The preparation) ended up being worth it, as it really showed in debate. I am very proud of everyone for the work they put in,” Werstler added.

Model United Nations is an extra-curricular activity in which students, referred to as delegates, are assigned a country to represent in one of the UN’s numerous committees with set topics to debate. They research the background of the country, the country’s position on the topics at hand, and prepare notes on possible solutions to the problems faced.

The Woodstock Academy students also had to deal with changes brought about by the pandemic, preparing and competing virtually all year. MUN advisor Sara Dziedzic said being able to clear those hurdles helped in the national competition which was also

held virtually.

“Due to COVID-19, this group knew instinctively how to overcome challenges. They were ready for whatever happened in committee,” Dziedzic said.

To allow for less distractions, Dziedzic decided that the best course of action was to make it feel like the road trip that it traditionally is.

The Woodstock Academy team spent the weekend competition at a hotel in Manchester.

“Being able to stay and do the entire conference from our hotel rooms offered us the environment to bond, focus, and perform our best,” Nunes said. “Ms. Dziedzic was another factor which contributed to our success the entire year as a team.”

The strategy paid dividends when it came to the awards. In addition to competing for the team award, MUN Nationals also recognizes individual student achievements with Awards of Distinction (first place); Awards

of Excellence (second place); Awards of Merit (third place) and Honorable Mention.

The following Woodstock Academy MUN students received individual awards at Nationals:

Award of Distinction: Riley Chapuis
Award of Distinction: Alexander Williams
Award of Distinction: Kaily LaChapelle
Award of Distinction: Hannah Darigan

Award of Excellence: Eli Werstler

Award of Merit: Sam Massey

Honorable Mention: Ethan Bove
Honorable Mention: Ashley Nunes
Honorable Mention: Clayton Singleton
Honorable Mention: Katie Ben
Honorable Mention: Emily McClure

The criteria for alcohol use disorder

Less than 10 percent of adults who struggled with alcoholism received professional help for their disease, according to a report from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. That’s a troubling statistic, especially given the high percentage of people who meet the criteria for an alcohol use disorder, or AUD.

According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, approximately 14.4 million adults in the United States had AUD in 2018. The 11 criteria for AUD are outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), and people who meet any two of those criteria in a 12-month period are considered to have AUD. People who are unsure if they meet the criteria for AUD can ask themselves the following questions:

- Have there been times when I ended

“People who are unsure if they meet the criteria for alcohol use disorder can ask themselves the following questions.”

up drinking more or longer than I intended?

- Have I, on more than one occasion, wanted to cut down or stop drinking, or tried to, but couldn’t?
- Have I spent a lot of time drinking? Or being sick or getting over the after-effects of drinking?
- Have I experienced a strong need, or urge, to drink?
- Have I found that drinking — or being sick from drinking — has often interfered with my ability to take care of my home or family? Has drinking caused problems at work or at school?
- Have I continued to drink even

though it was causing trouble with my family or friends?

- Have I given up or cut back on activities that were important or interesting to me, or gave me pleasure, in order to drink?
- Have I found myself in situations while or after drinking that increased my chances of getting hurt (such as driving, swimming, using machinery, walking in a dangerous area, or having unsafe sex)?
- Have I continued to drink even though it was making me feel depressed or anxious or adding to another health problem? Or after having had a memo-

ry blackout?

- Have I had to drink much more than I once did to get the effect I want? Or have I found that my usual number of drinks had much less effect than before?
- Have I experienced withdrawal symptoms, such as trouble sleeping, shakiness, irritability, anxiety, depression, restlessness, nausea, or sweating, when the effects of alcohol were wearing off? Have I sensed things that were not there?

The NIAAA warns that people who have any of these symptoms may already have a problem with drinking. Those who suspect they have a problem can utilize the NIAAA Alcohol Treatment Navigator at <https://alcoholtreatment.niaaa.nih.gov/> to get started on their road to recovery.

QVCC hits the lights for Earth Hour 2021

DANIELSON — Each year, Earth Hour and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) ask people, businesses, and government agencies all over the globe to shut off their lights for one hour to promote awareness of environmental and climate change issues and to demonstrate the power of the individual to promote change.

This year, the event will take place on Saturday, March 27, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. QVCC will be shutting off all nonessential lights during this time,

including the street sign. If you are interested in standing up against climate change and showing your support for environmental issues, please turn off your lights for one hour on Saturday, March 27. Thank you from Quinebaug Valley Community College.

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What is the ‘good news’?



The term “good news” is often used by Christians in reference to their faith. Good news is at the heart of Christianity, and it has both symbolic and literal meaning in reference to the New Testament. According to the online biblical reference Bible Odyssey, “good news” is the literal translation of the Greek

word “euangelion.” It also can be interchanged with gospel, which is “good spiel” or “godspel,” which means good news. New Testament authors offer that the good news means the salvation and liberation from sin and estrangement from God. The Apostle Paul summarized the gospel, and in turn the good news, in this way: Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. Christians believe Christ’s death symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice and paved the way for Jesus’ resurrection. The death and resurrection — proving

that their would be life after death for the faithful — became the core tenet of the Christian faith. Everyone who accepts the gospel and has faith in God will receive salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven. Easter celebrations are important to Christians because this holiday is the most meaningful on the liturgical calendar. Easter highlights the good news in its most potent form.



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ANSWER: THE MILITARY

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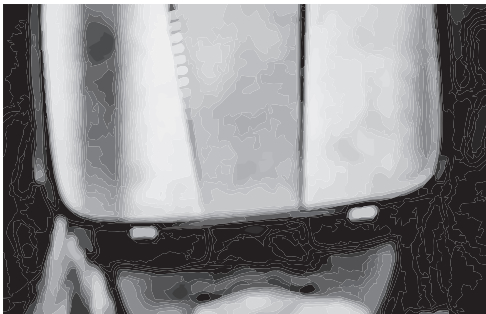
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Clue: Utility vehicle

B. 19 9 2 6 9 19
Clue: Car’s powerhouse

C. 11 19 16 4 26 9 6 16
Clue: Works on vehicles

D. 17 19 25 26 6 17 3
Clue: Fixes

Answers: A. truck B. engine C. mechanic D. repairs

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Celebrating strong women

March is Women’s History Month, which includes International Women’s Day that took place on March 8. This may seem like a new progressive holiday; however, it stems back to 1909, when the Socialist Party of America, organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman’s Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. In 1975, the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless, therefore naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200-page editorial we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women’s Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, ‘Deeds, not words’ being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator, Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional. To find Colvin’s name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse’s aid.

In an interview in 2005, Colvin said, “I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on.”

As for recognition, Colvin said, “I’m not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation.”

Colvin’s family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be “The Year of Marie Curie.” She became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris in 1995.

In 1933, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regard to civil rights for African Americans. She was the first, First Lady to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson should keep town and school budgets split

To the Editor:

I recently moved to Thompson after living 37 years in Hebron. I just read the Thompson Villager dated March 12, and was quite surprised and dismayed to learn that Thompson is proposing (or may have already approved at a town meeting) combining the education and town budget into one vote. (I looked through the Thompson Villager archives from Jan. 1, but could not find any articles by the town on this proposed change.)

During several Hebron town charter revisions, residents requested that the combined budget vote be split (bifurcated) in order to increase the transparency and clarity of each budget and allow taxpayers a clearer voice regarding allocation of tax dollars. Unfortunately, some players influencing the Hebron charter revisions blocked any change to bifurcation. Instead, they tacked on “advisory” questions to the budget vote which have no benefit, are meaningless and confusing.

Having a combined budget vote does not necessarily create a sense of unity, as suggested by First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge. Hebron’s combined budget vote has certainly had a history of requiring multiple revisions and referendums before the voters passed it. Town government officials scratched their heads trying to discern if the town budget

or the education budget was being rejected by the voters – and which one was too high or too low. So they played a guessing game, tried again and failed again and again. The guessing games the combined budget vote created was a complete waste of taxpayer dollars and caused frustration for voters. On occasion, town officials threatened to eliminate library services or transfer station hours or other town services unless the next budget proposal was passed. In those instances, it seemed that was easier than working with the people in charge of the education budget to make changes.

When I moved here, I was impressed that Thompson had a bifurcated budget vote, and that the residents were vested in keeping taxes under control. Thompson may have experienced some difficulties with passing budgets in recent years most likely because of the actual budgets themselves and not because the town and education budgets were bifurcated. In my experience, Hebron’s combined town and education budget vote resulted in confusion as to voter intent, less transparency and diminished voter say in how tax dollars were allocated, and did not eliminate or reduce multiple costly referendums.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY ANNE ZEH THOMPSON

Woodstock Academy’s continuing money grab

To the Editor:

Woodstock Academy has, for the third year now, added a capital assessment to the bills sent to all sending towns. Looks like they have discovered a handy funding source for all their pet projects.

The first two assessments were claimed to be necessary for essential projects that had not been properly planned for by Academy administration. Little things like removal of underground oil tanks and replacement of leaking roofs. Fiscal mismanagement at the Academy, combined with spending over-

reach in the purchase of the former Hyde School, left the Trustees in a bind. So they passed on this problem to the sending towns to correct. Town money for a private school! How resourceful. And let’s keep it up!

This year, the proposed capital assessment is \$493 per student. What will that be used for? The rehabilitation of the pretty old wooden Academy building! The project has already received a \$1.5 million grant, but that’s less than half of the projected cost.

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Let’s build a better Thompson

To the Editor:

As First Selectman for the town of Thompson, I am proud of this year’s budget, presented to the Board of Finance and the public on March 4. The Board of Selectmen worked diligently to present a budget worthy of voter approval at referendum.

What my residents will see in the budget is a heavy emphasis on improvements to infrastructure. Most notable, I am asking our residents to approve \$500,000 towards road resurfacing. This is the largest expense in the capital improvement portion of the budget, but is vital to our community.

In the past two years, our Public Works Department has rebuilt and resurfaced 10 percent of our town roads. At this pace, the town of Thompson will eventually be able to move to a regular schedule of road maintenance. Roads have been neglected for too long. With the leadership of our current Public Works

Director and a highly skilled labor force under his direction, long neglected work can finally be accomplished. However, getting this work accomplished comes with a price tag. The department needs resources and funding to accomplish this significant work.

Additionally, we are requesting two new trucks. A new roll-off truck for our Transfer Station, and a new nine-ton truck for plowing. The roll-off truck is vital, utilized multiple times per week to haul recyclables and waste out of our Transfer Station facility. Unfortunately, it has been a battle to keep this truck operational. Our current roll-off truck is 18 years old and thousands of dollars have been spent this year to keep it on the road. The nine-ton plow truck will replace a 1994 International that has been placed out of service due to multiple safety concerns. These two

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The blame game continues

To the Editor:

President Donald Trump was constantly being called a dictator, but how about Joe Biden? He now has control of Congress, and in the event of a 50/50 vote tie (in the Senate), Kamala Harris would be the deciding vote. (Gee, and I wonder how that would end up?) Wouldn’t all that basically give him (or whom-ever it is that’s pulling his strings) the opportunity to do whatever he wants? So, now, convince me that Joe Biden isn’t closer to being a dictator than Trump ever was? (I’ll wait.)

Whether there is a «crisis» at our southern border, or if it’s just a «challenge» and a «concern,» as Biden’s press secretary put it,

What’s the plan, Joe?

To the Editor:

I honestly believe that a very significant number of people are convinced that the presidency of the United States really doesn’t matter. Many see it simply as a popularity contest along the lines of a television reality show, where the viewers get to vote someone ‘off’ the show every four years. Taking that example a step further, I believe many view the candidates as simply the face and talking head of ‘their own’ group of people, kind of like the head of the ‘cool kids’ group in elementary school. Our elections have come down to ‘our side’ against the others, and very little attention is paid at all to the actual ramifications of political philosophy or policy.

is up for opinion, as is who is to blame for it. However, that numbskull, Pelosi, Biden’s Department of Homeland Security Secretary, and other democrats are blaming it on Donald Trump - what a surprise! So how is the current administration dealing with all of this? The Biden regime now wants to spend \$86 million to put illegals up in hotels. I wonder what all the homeless Americans living on the streets would have to say about that? Good news from Washington this morning was a report that the border is now closed, and I’ll leave it at that.

Donald Trump’s removal from office is a perfect example of this ‘disconnect’ from reality.

I firmly believe that if all of the political policies, practices and positions of the two candidates in the last election were completely reversed, all of Trump’s positions now becoming Biden’s, and vice versa, the outcome of the election would have been virtually the exact same. I do not believe the majority of voters grasp even a very basic understanding of what practical policies the two men were actually advocating, at all.

Furthermore, another significant portion of the electorate will attempt to validate their

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Hope Springs eternal

On a chilly afternoon, I looked out my kitchen window to see what, at first, I thought was a snow squall. My heart sank for a moment until I realized that it was a swirl of white insects hatching in the sunshine. After all that has happened this past year, we need spring more than ever and here it is, right on time.

I’m grateful to have had both vaccine shots, and I am slowly returning to entering other people’s houses. I missed visiting, and feel especially alert to the pleasure of seeing familiar places again. In three out of four homes, there were hopeful signs of spring in trays of seeds sprouting on window-sills. As the tiny green plants unfurl toward the sunshine, one veteran gardener promised to give me a Rutgers tomato as soon as they were ripe. From green shoots as thin as thread, he can imagine fat tomatoes warm from the sun. Me too.

Our “new” house has become far more familiar to me because of a year of lockdown. After more than five years of residence, I’ve forgotten about my gardens at the farm where we lived for more than three decades. There I put in all the gardens. They were as messy and inconsistent as I was in those years of working, raising children, hastily throwing things together in an attempt at projecting a sense of order. Once I planted a night garden, all white flowers and leaves, that I thought I could visit when our household settled down in the evening. I don’t recall ever walking out in the moonlight to look at it.

Here I inherited a lovely, more sophisticated landscape, planted by professionals when the house was built. At first, I was intimidated by the specimen trees and the raised beds. I felt as if anything I might do would ruin the plan. I began to walk around with an odd worry about the resale value of the place. I decided instead to make my mark. Hundreds of bulbs I planted are popping up. Snowdrops, given to me by an old friend, Easter candy colored crocuses and Lenten roses poke up through the mulch. I never regret what I plant and wish each spring that I had put in more.

The next few weeks are perfect for hiking in the woods. Before they leaf out, it is possible to see for miles through the bare trees. A friend and I watched spring’s progress from the top of Easter Hill in Pomfret. Underfoot is muddy, but bright green moss glows like pure chlorophyll. The brooks are high, but fun to jump across on slippery rocks. A boot full of cold water reminds me of childhood expeditions and the pleasure of hearing the first peepers of spring. As temperatures rise, the tiny frogs will begin their romantic chirping, a sound that is the essence of regeneration.

The other day, I watched a friendly beagle roll luxuriously on a patch of lawn. My grandchildren found a small puddle and began stomping happily in the mud. The cattle at the farm across the road bleat exuberantly and rest all day on a side hill in the sunshine. The witch hazel is in bloom in damp places and, somewhere, though I can no longer find them, wild pussy willows offer up their furry catkins.

After all that has happened, we are owed a glorious spring. I look forward to heirloom tomatoes, asparagus pizza from Sweet Evelina’s and real estate activity in the form of nest building in my apple trees. We welcome renewal.



NANCY WEISS

Latest antique and auction news

There has been a considerable amount of antique, collectibles, and auction news since my last update. A bowl purchased at a Connecticut yard sale made news across the globe when it was recently sold at auction.

An unnamed man purchased the white and blue Chinese bowl for \$35 at a yard sale in the New Haven, Conn. area. The Smithsonian Magazine reported that “the ornately decorated dish, which features depictions of lotuses, peonies, chrysanthemums and pomegranate blossoms, dates back to the reign of the Yongle Emperor (1403–1424).” The auction house claimed that there are only 6 similar pieces known to exist. The Smithsonian reported that “these specimens are housed in such prominent cultural institutions as Taipei’s Palace Museum, the National Museum of Iran, the British Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum.” The “Lotus bowl” had a pre-auction estimate of \$300,000 to \$500,000. An unknown buyer purchased the bowl for nearly \$722,000.

An ArtFix daily report stated that a rare Charlie Chaplin poster was also headed to auction recently. “Produced in 1913, when Chaplin was still a vaude-



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WAYNE TUISKULA

ville performer and aspiring comedian, the 42 inch long by 14 inch wide, broadside advertises Fred Karno’s London Comedy Company and a show called “The Wow Wows”, starring Chaplin and other comedy performers. The show was held at the Empress Theatre in San Diego, with performances on February 17th, 1913,” according to ArtFix. The poster had a pre-auction estimate of \$300 to \$3,500. A search of auction results shows that it sold for \$10,500.

Tom Brady’s move to Tampa Bay is a sore subject for many local sports fans, but it hasn’t hurt the value of his sports memorabilia. One of Brady’s rookie cards recently set an auction record and another rookie card currently being auctioned online has already surpassed that record. A 2000 Playoff Contenders Championship Ticket Tom Brady card sold earlier this month. Fox 19 Cincinnati News reported that James Park, who is the CEO of Fitbit, purchased the card. Park explained to USA Today why he wanted the card. “I lived in Boston for 10 years and so am a huge fan of Brady. I’ve also had a love of collecting cards since I was a kid. Given Brady’s uncontested status as GOAT in football, this card is

an important piece of sports history and of any collection.” The card was graded 8 out of 10 and was one of only one hundred produced, according to USA Today. It sold for \$1.32 million, making it the most valuable football card ever sold. A higher-grade version of the same card is currently being offered in an online auction now. This card graded 8.5 and the signature was graded at 9.0. The card is numbered 99/100 (99 of 100). The auction description notes that the consignor purchased it on eBay over a decade ago. Bidding ends on April 2. As of March 20, the current bid is over \$1.7 million. The card is expected to break the \$2.0 million mark, which is more than 10 times Tom Brady’s rookie salary of \$193,000.

We will soon be offering an important collection of sports and non-sports cards all from one estate, with some dating back over 70 years ago. Our May auction with paintings, jewelry, sterling silver, antique Asian pieces, Larry Bird and Wayne Gretzky rookie cards, and other quality pieces will go online in early May. Deadline for consigning for that auction ends in April. We will also be running our next online auction of antique, vintage, and contemporary toys soon. You can join our email list on our Web site to keep updated on upcoming events.



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Optimism: The vaccine for disappointment



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING

GARY W.
MOORE

Writing is a hit or miss proposition. Sometimes I hit and the email reflects that the goal of my column was reached. At those moments, I’ll admit, I feel a sense of satisfaction.

At other times, I clearly miss the mark and the email also reflects it in many ways. I receive email of anger, dissatisfaction, disagreement, or disappointment, or even worse, no email at all. Regardless of the column, I rarely file it away not knowing how others feel.

Writhing “Positively Speaking” is a true joy. I love hearing from readers and

eagerly accept the challenge of trying to help others live happier and more optimistic lives. I’m grateful that this publication allows me to do so.

If I can humbly say so, the last two columns seemed to hit a sweet spot. The first was a column on dealing with disappointment and the other on hope being the anchor of our souls. I’m still receiving positive email on both.

I believe the positive impact is partly because they were back-to-back. I think in essence, hope and optimism are our vaccines for disappointment.

We all experience disappointment. It’s an unavoidable part of life. The problem is most people dwell in it. Like a vaccine, hope and optimism can reduce or eliminate the despair of disappointment, but like a vaccine, you must

take the action to get the shot.

I received my second dose of the Covid vaccine two weeks ago. My side effects were minimal. I had a sore arm. I was told by a few family members and friends not to get it ... that it would change my DNA by some and by others it was a conspiracy to insert a chip into my body. I listened, did my own research, then got the shot. I learned that cancer patients in my age bracket were three times more likely to die of Covid than others, so it was an easy decision.

But what about becoming more hopeful and optimistic in your life? What are the negative side effects? If you do it, you will occasionally be disappointed ... which you’ll be by nature anyway, but you’ll find yourself more willing to reach for your dreams and accomplish goals and live a happier,

more fruitful life.

Whether we realize it or not, everything that we are consuming via media, stories, or the world around us, is forming our mindset. Not too long ago, my wife and I were spending a lot of time watching talk news. It was always playing in the background throughout the day, and I noticed I was getting more agitated, and my thoughts were gravitating towards more doom and gloom in this world rather than hopeful thoughts. It occurred to me – the news was forming me away from positivity. So, what did I do? I turned it off. Less news, more positivity. Less polarizing talk radio, more activities that bring me hope.

The question we must all ask ourselves, is what are we being formed into? What are you feeding your mind? What

are you consuming? Are we being formed into becoming more cynical, angry, and negative? Or are we surrounding ourselves by positive media, positive people, and positive stories that our forming us into joyfully optimistic people? Perhaps consider taking an audit in your life and discover who or what is forming you towards or away from optimism.

Research positive and optimistic stories of people like you and what they’ve accomplished. Follow optimistic people on social media. Immerse yourself in positive and optimistic news. Look for symbolic stories with positive meaning and outcome. They help guide and inspire you. I suspect that is why Jesus told so many parables. Whenever

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own preference between the candidates by strenuously extolling the evils, or negatives of the opposing side’s candidate. Very rarely out here on social media, did we see posts that promoted the things a candidate wanted to do that his supporters thought were ‘right,’ but rather, the focus always seemed to be how wrong everything the other guy wanted to do was. This fact belies a very real ignorance as to what the Presidency is all about, and a woefully inadequate understanding among the populace of how our system is supposed

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And with asbestos and other issues, I doubt that the project will avoid cost overruns. But we’ll see.

Remember, image is all-important to The Woodstock Academy. Brand is important. Witness the beautiful stonework on Hill Cemetery Road. And the refurbished theater at South Campus. These are all nice things, and some were gifts to the school. But I think priorities are lacking when unnecessary pretty things get billed to sending towns. In the middle of a COVID-19 recession, no less.

This year’s capital assessment represents about \$208,000. It gets worse. In the recent five-year Capital Plan submitted by the Board of Education, these annual assessments are expected to continue, costing the taxpayers a projected over \$1.2 million over the next five years. To subsidize a private

to work.

All too frequently, on any given day during the campaign, you could ask any avid supporter of Joe Biden’s what it was that he had done or said in his 47 year career in Washington that earned him the support of his follower, and the answer was always ‘crickets’... followed immediately by some disparaging commentary of Donald Trump’s boorish behavior. Very little, if any, practical political or policy discussion ever came up at all.

So, where does this leave us? I do not know yet; my crystal ball is on the fritz.

I do not wish for Joe Biden to fail, and certainly not for my country to ‘fail,’

school.

To further complicate things, these funds are not even in the Board of Education’s budget. No, they are sought from the Town’s Capital and Non-Recurring Fund – intended to used for major town projects. Seven years of annual assessments strike me as the definition of recurring, not non-recurring. And money taken from this fund is outside the line item budget caps set by Woodstock’s Prop 46, so this handy process also evades the spending cap designed to protect Woodstock taxpayers.

This has to stop. To paraphrase Chief Brody from Jaws: Woodstock Academy’s gonna need a smaller boat.

Disclaimer: I am a member of the Woodstock Board of Finance. The opinions expressed are mine and do not necessarily reflect those of the Board of Finance. But I sure hope they do.

ROY BRADRIK
WOODSTOCK

to our freedom today. The identify of ‘355’ is not yet known, however she is referred to as ‘lady’ 355 in Washington’s code book. The only direct reference to ‘355’ was from ringleader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper, Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull described her as “one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence.” We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.

While we pay homage to strong women who have done incredible things, this does not negate the influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don’t have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we’re gone.

so I will keep my fingers crossed. I will continue to pay attention as best I can, wading through the daily nonsense that passes for news and information in an effort to stay on top of things.

I can tell you this much so far, just a few months into this new ‘administration.’ Things do not look good at all. I mean no disrespect or insult to the president, but so far it does not appear to me that any kind of cohesive, forward thinking, focused theme or approach is coming forth out of Washington. We seem to be a ship adrift, without a rudder or a Captain at the helm. What will be the direction we take as a nation once the work of dismantling all of the Trump administration work is done through executive order and cancel culture removal of all offending parties is completed?

What is the plan, Joe? Kamala? Nancy? Anyone?

As of right now, I don’t think they know, and that is actually pretty frightening because history shows us time

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trucks combined with the road resurfacing request make up 60 percent of this year’s capital improvements.

Smaller requests include preliminary engineering design for the Buckley Hill Road bridge replacement project. Preliminary engineering is necessary to apply for state grant funding for the project. We have also included the cost for inspections to the town’s under 20-foot bridges. These inspections are overdue to be completed. Maintenance

DELUCA

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Human trafficking has become a big business. There was an interesting piece put out by The Guardian entitled: «People Smuggling: How it works and who benefits.» That article (along with several others) details the fees charged by smugglers of illegal immigrants and the network of people involved in doing it.

Andrew Cuomo sent hundreds of elderly people to their deaths in a nursing home scandal, and he is also facing sexual harassment charges from seven women. A few weeks ago, Rush Limbaugh’s final resting place was questioned, but come Judgement Day, where do you think that Cuomo should end up?

When the \$1.9 trillion Covid relief bill finally passed through Congress, Pelosi

and time again that a nation without purpose, without direction and or leadership, is a nation headed for very real trouble.

I think we have made a very grave error in throwing out Mr. Trump, as annoying as some of his personality traits may have been. I think we have fooled ourselves into thinking that it really didn’t matter as long as we put in anyone else who would not make us uncomfortable, or would convince us that ‘our’ side, was in fact the correct and ‘cool’ side of the schoolyard. We have placed personality over practicality because we simply don’t want to take the time to fully understand or accept the responsibilities inherent in our system of SELF governance. That is what we have television for.

I sincerely hope I am dead wrong on all of this, but those who know me best know full well, I doubt that I am!

CHARLES F. HARRINGTON
POMFRET CENTER

on the Library/Community Center, repairs to the Tourtellotte Memorial High School and funding to go towards the future repair of the school track and/or Bull Hill Recreation area are also included in proposed capital projects.

I am a strong advocate for investing in our town’s infrastructure. It is important to take pride in our community and take care of the basic infrastructure needs of the town. I ask Thompson residents to join me in supporting these efforts to build a better Thompson.

AMY ST. ONGE
THOMPSON

called it “a most important piece of legislation,” but of course this hypocrite didn’t think that passing a relief package was as important when Donald Trump was President.

The shootings in Atlanta that saw six Asian women murdered were indeed horrific and sad, but the Democrats blaming it on Donald Trump is indeed the height of their continual blame game stupidity. They’re now saying that a spike in hostility against Asian Americans is because Trump called Covid-19 the ‘China virus’ and the ‘kung flu.’ (And the virus came from where?) Maybe the Democrats should call it the “Trump virus” instead because it was totally his fault that it entered our country in the first place, right? (But maybe I shouldn’t give them any ideas?)

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LEGALS

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
METERED USE LEGAL NOTICE**
Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm Tuesday 9-5pm Friday 9-11am.
Second installment metered use is due March 1, 2021 If payment is not received on or before March 31, 2021 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half per cent of such tax for each month or fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment.
Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov.
Dated at Killingly this 12TH, day of February 2021
Patricia Monahan CCMC
REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY
February 19, 2021
March 3, 2021
March 26, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
On March 1, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency granted wetlands approval for the following applications: 03-20-03 – ND Swadia LLC dba Woodstock Country Store – revised site plans titled “Convenience Store & Gas Station with Apartment”; 11-20-36 – Town of Woodstock – Peake Brook Road – bridge replacement with a condition; 09-20-23 – Noreene Stehlik – 294 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond as modified; 09-20-24 – William Stehlik – 1030 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond as modified.
Chair Mark Parker
March 26, 2021

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TAX COLLECTOR’S
NOTICE**
The second installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and Sewer Usage bills listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List become due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **January 1, 2021**. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, **Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 9R, will extend the no-interest grace period for all taxpayers (except escrow accounts and non-qualified landlords) to APRIL 1, 2021**. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by **APRIL 1, 2021** to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on **APRIL 2, 2021** on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for APRIL 2ND and continuing at one and one-half percent per month, or 18% annually. **All escrows and non-qualified landlords** making payments on Real Estate bills have a **due date of January 1, 2021. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by FEBRUARY 1, 2021 to avoid interest charges.** Interest will be charged on **FEBRUARY 2, 2021** at a rate of one and one-half percent per month or 18% annually. There is a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each bill, including Sewer Usage bills. Motor vehicle taxes not paid by **April 1, 2021** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department on **April 2, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector’s Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor’s office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326. The Tax Collector’s office hours **during the month of March, 2021**, are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The town hall is **closed on Fridays**.
Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169

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flat-bottom glass to flatten them to about 3/8 thick; they’ll be about 1 1/2 in diameter.
Bake the cookies for 8 minutes (for soft cookies) to 10 minutes (for crunchier cookies). Remove them from the oven, and cool them on the pan until they’re firm enough to transfer to a rack to cool completely.
Store any leftover cookies, well wrapped, at room temperature for several days; freeze for longer storage.
Tip: If you prefer chewier cookies, chill the dough before making into cookies and do not press the snickerdoodles as thin. PC215947



Woodstock, CT 06281
March 26, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON
On March 15, 2021 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application #WAA21003, Gary Rawson, 3&4 Logee Rd (Assessor’s Map 141, Block 17, Lot 184AAB & 184AAC) - Stump removal involving regrading and stabilization with grass in the upland review area.
Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
March 26, 2021

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LEGAL NOTICE**
Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4PM Tuesday 9-5PM Friday 9-11AM.
The fourth quarter installment of taxes becomes due on April 1, 2021, and becomes delinquent on May 4, 2021 and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment.
Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killingly.org
Dated at Killingly this 26TH day of March , 2021
Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the Town of Killingly
March 26, 2021
April 9, 2021
April 23, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
On March 19, 2021, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for 03-21-13 – 69 Dugg Hill Road – Scott & Tracy Parker – 24x36 detached garage with open loft; 03-21-14 – 67 East Quasset Road – Wendy Costa – 18x36 inground pool; and 03-21-15 – Lot 1 J Center Circle – Jeffrey & Julie Danforth – New home construction.
March 26, 2021

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 6, 2021 7:00 P.M.
WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL**
The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Hybrid Public Hearing at the Woodstock Middle School on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in regards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 16th day of March, 2021
Michael Dougherty, Chairman
Woodstock Board of Finance
For those who cannot attend in person you may join via zoom
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March 26, 2021

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
LEGAL NOTICE**
The **THIRD** installment of real estate and personal property tax of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2019 becomes due April 1, 2021. The **SECOND** installment of sewer also becomes due on April 1, 2021. Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills are due on April 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on April 2, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date of January 1, 2021 at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.
The **FOURTH** installment of real estate and personal property tax of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2019 becomes due April 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on May 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.
Please call 860-779-3411, opt. 5 to find out the hours of the Tax Office. 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. You can also drop off a payment in the drop box located on the building at 4 Wolf Den Rd, Brooklyn. You can also pay via credit/debit card online or by phone. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklyncct.org.
Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC,
Revenue Collector
March 26, 2021
April 9, 2021
April 30, 2021

**DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION
ON PREMISES PLACARD NOTICE**
This placard must be affixed to the outer front door of the proposed premises. If the front door is more than 25’ from the road, a 4’ x 6’ sign must be posted by the roadside with the attached placard. The sign shall consist of black letters with a minimum height of 4” on a white background having the same wording as below, including the attached placard. The placard must be posted by 03/23/2021 and must be maintained in a legible condition through 04-13-2021. The enclosed publication notice must be published twice in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the business is located. The first notice must be published within seven (7) days of the placard date. The second notice must be published the following week, not more than fourteen (14) days after the placard date. After the placard has been maintained for twenty-one (21) days on the outer front door of the premises (or the 4’ x 6’ sign), return the certificate of publication to the Department of Consumer Protection, Liquor Control Division. Questions can be directed to (860) 713-6210 or email dcpl.liquorcontrol@ct.gov
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE John C. Rukstela (21-00058)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 11, 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Betty L. MacParland,
c/o THERESA IMPERATO MADONNA (attorney for Bony L, Macfarland),
LAW OFFICE OF THERESA I. MADONNA, LLC, IIO MAIN STREET,
JEWETT CITY, CT 06351, (860)376-9993.
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE Theresa P Gelinas (21-00055)
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Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Eileen Duval, PO Box 3, Wauregan, CT 06387
Attorney: PAUL M SMITH, BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HERZOG & CERRONE, 124 WAUREGAN ROAD, DANIELSON, CT 06239, (860)779-0348
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE Nonnan S. Palazzini, AKA Norman S. Palazzini (21-00079)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 9, 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Christopher J. Palazini,
c/o FRANK GERARD HERZOG, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE,LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-2429
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE Marian D. Thomas (21-00060)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 17, 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.

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The fiduciary is:
Philip Thomas,
c/o ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR, 163 PROVIDENCE STREET, P.O. BOX 187, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-9694
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE Margaret Lane, AKA Margaret M.E. Lane (21-00059)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 12, 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Seth Laprey,
c/o ALAN SCOTT HERMAN (attorney for Seth Laprey), LAW OFFICE OF ALAN SCOTT HERMAN, 16 SO. MAIN STREET, P O. BOX 663, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-0406.
March 26, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE Louise Anne Mayo (21-00096)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 18, 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Dennis M, Mayo, 154 Laconia Avenue, Putnam, CT 06260
March 26, 2021

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Jesus told a parable, it was an invitation to imagine things differently. Jesus’ stories formed the listener towards the values of the kingdom, not away. Jesus’ stories formed the listener to think on pure, lovely, gracious, merciful, and kind values.
What am I saying? Act! We usually find what we seek. Want a more successful and happier life? Seek a happier and more successful life. Don’t marinate in your disappointment. Do something ... take action to leave it behind.
Take the vaccine of optimism and your life will change for the better.
It’s easy ... it’s self-administered, and the only side effects are happiness and success.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.



Financial advice for women at every age

Women face particular challenges when it comes to financial planning, investments and saving for the future. Lesser earning power thanks to the gender pay gap, less tendency to take charge and take risks in financial investments, a greater tendency to leave the workforce to care for children and ill or aging family members all combine to reduce the amount of wealth that women amass over a lifetime as compared to their male counterparts.

In fact, a recent survey by The WealthiHer Network showed that, on average, a 60-year-old woman has just one-third the retirement savings of a man the same age. That's especially troublesome considering that women tend to live longer than men, making their needs for retirement savings even greater.

The good news is, most of the factors that will affect your financial future are well within your control. Here's some key financial advice to help women (and anyone, really) to make the most of their finances at every age.

In Your 20's – Set the Foundation for Your Future Build financial knowledge and the confidence to use it. One of the biggest challenges that women face when it comes to finances is a lack of confidence in taking charge of their long-term financial planning. Starting off on the right foot by building basic financial knowledge and putting themselves in the driver's seat from day one can make a huge difference in ensuring they can make the most of all the future financial decisions to come.

Work hard and have a plan. Most of us have the most free-



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dom to do as we please that we'll have in our entire lives during our twenties, before the responsibilities of home and family begin to encroach on our time. This is particularly true for women, who still take on a greater share of child rearing and household chores than their male counterparts. So use this time wisely – work hard to build your income as well as your career opportunities. And take the time now to think seriously about your major goals for the future. Write them down, create a timeline for yourself, and get clear about what it will take to get there. Then, execute on that plan.

Live below your means so you can pay down debt and build up savings – while still building credit by using it wisely. Use the income from all that hard work mentioned above to pay off debt like student loans as soon as possible. Don't run up credit card debt, but do open credit accounts and use them wisely, paying charges off quickly and on time so that you can build up the healthy credit score needed for future large purchases, like your first home. At the same time, contribute at least 10% of pre-tax income to a retirement account. If your employer offers a matching contribution, be sure to contribute enough to maximize that match.

Build an emergency fund so that you can weather the inevitable rough seas of life without getting blown off course from your long-term goals. Typically that means having between 3-6 months of spending saved in an easily accessible savings account should you need it.

In Your 30's – Build Toward Your Goals

A lot happens in our 30s – your career will begin to build steam, you may get married and you might also have children. In the midst of all these large life events it's important to continue with all the habits put into place in your twenties, while adding in these other important steps to the mix:

Continue to save at least 10% of your income for retirement, making sure to increase your contribution as your earnings increase. And, keep on stashing cash in your emergency fund.

If you get married, ensure an equal partnership in managing finances by maintaining good communication about your long-term goals and ongoing involvement in all major financial decisions.

If you have children, start a college fund for them. Many people wonder if it's worth saving for college – it is, and you will be glad you did when the time comes (often faster than you could have imagined) for your "little one" to leave the nest and start their own lives off on strong footing. (And hopefully without any parental loans required.)

Create a living will. It may feel odd or uncomfortable to think about creating a will while you're still so young, but it's a necessity once you begin to amass assets and start a family.

Meet with a financial advisor to ensure you're making the optimal financial choices for your current situation and future goals. Those that have a written financial plan, tend to be more likely to execute on financial strategies to achieve their financial goals.

In Your 40's – Stay the Course (And Course-Correct When Necessary) Continue to stay focused on living within – if not below – your means. Earnings often

increase during your forties and it's easy to let that extra income go toward a few too many splurges that, in the long run, could put quite a dent in your ability to build wealth. Stay focused on your long-term goals and remain committed to maximizing savings and eliminating debt.

Continue to save for your children's college education, and also consider the impact of potentially having to care for aging parents – but don't put saving for your own retirement on the backburner. For women in their forties, the role of caregiver is often intense, as they continue to raise their children while also sometimes finding themselves providing care for aging parents.

Get comfortable with calculated risk and partner with a financial advisor to optimize and accelerate your ability to build wealth during your prime earning years. Women tend to be more cautious in their investments, which is a good thing overall. But avoiding any of the risk that comes along with the types of investments that bring the highest yield could result in seriously stunted growth in wealth.

In Your 50's and Beyond – Formulate and Execute an Exit Strategy and Enjoy The Fruits of Your Labors

This is when all the hard work, careful planning and strategic investments of the last few decades begin to pay off. It's also the time when a strong relationship with a financial planner is most essential. He or she will help you to:

Evaluate whether your goals for retirement have changed, and whether your current financial strategy will still be sufficient for you to meet them.

Adjust your investment allocations to decrease risk and preserve wealth for retirement. Form your exit strategy from

work or a succession plan for your business, creating a timeline for when you can retire based on your current financial situation and how long your current retirement savings would last you.

Consider downsizing your home to reduce resources and expenses required for upkeep.

Review your will and update as necessary based on any changes in your personal life or financial situation to ensure that your estate is passed on to your loved ones as you would like.

As I mentioned earlier, there are many challenges women face when it comes to finances, however taking these steps throughout your life, can have a profound impact on the wealth you can build. This will help you work towards achieving your financial goals so you can live fearlessly. At Weiss, Hale and Zahansky, we want everyone to do just that!

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Local students received Dean's Award at Colgate

HAMILTON, N.Y. — Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses for a conventional letter grade during the fall 2020 semester earn the Dean's Award with Distinction.

Hannah Burgess of Pomfret Center is a graduate of Woodstock Academy, and is a Education major at Colgate.

Jessica Farrell of Woodstock is a

graduate of Pomfret School, and is a English major at Colgate.

Colgate is a leading American university for students who want classes with rigor, faculty with passion, and confidence in knowing they will learn how to thrive in work and life. Colgate offers 56 majors and supports 25 Division I athletic teams on a campus of about 3,000 students in central New York.

SCHIFF

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"I'm thrilled to have been able to re-establish urology services at Day Kimball, expanding the scope of specialty care we are able to provide our community," said Dr. Schiff. "Accepting this position as Clinical Professor of Urology at Yale University School of Medicine, where I first began my academic career, has brought me full circle. I look forward to utilizing the tertiary and quaternary resources available through Yale to better serve our patients here in Northeast Connecticut."

Dr. Schiff is certified by the American Board of Urology and his professional interests include general urology, urologic malignancies, stone disease, and voiding dysfunction. He currently resides in Riverside, Rhode Island with his wife who is a neonatal nurse in the intensive care unit at Brigham and Women's, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Schiff is seeing patients in the

Medical Specialty Suite (on the first floor) within Day Kimball Hospital located at 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam. A referral from a primary care practitioner is required for an outpatient consultation. For more information on the practice or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Stephen Schiff, please contact 860-963-3802 or visit www.daykimball.org/urology.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

CLIPPERS

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rival Killingly High (55-49) in the ECC Division II Championship game, and advanced to the third round of the State Class S Tournament.

In the Class S Tournament, after first- and second-round wins over Achievement First (59-12) and Portland (43-32), second-seed Putnam was scheduled to play Thomaston, the No. 7 seed, in the quarterfinal round, but before that could happen the remainder of the tournament was cancelled due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

This year, even though Putnam had games postponed and cancelled because of COVID-19 and every player had to wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing, the Clippers haven't missed a beat.

That's because Putnam, again, has four seniors on the team — returning starters Laylah Chavez and Abby St. Martin and first-year starters Alex Hutchins and Emma Braithwaite. Junior Amayah Chavez, Laylah's younger sister, rounds out the starting five.

The 5-foot-11 St. Martin plays center and forward while Amayah Chavez (5-7) lines up at forward. Hutchins is the team's point guard, and Braithwaite and Laylah Chavez (5-7) are shooting guards, and along with Hutchins, defensive specialists. St. Martin and Hutchins are the Clippers' captains this season.

Rounding out the Clippers' roster are junior Reagan Boledovic, sophomores Emily St. Martin (Abby's younger sister) and Sarah Lackey, and freshmen Melodie Anderson and Lily Goyette.

"As far as the transition from last

year to this year, I wasn't too concerned because we were returning two starters (Abby St. Martin and Laylah Chavez), and I was pretty confident Alex would be able to handle the point," Hogan said. "Emma had experience, playing-time wise, from the year before, too, so I was comfortable with her."

"Amayah stepped in and has been playing great," Hogan continued. "Last year we didn't have a JV program, so she didn't get much playing time in the varsity games, but she worked hard in practice every day and that has paid off for her this year."

Abby St. Martin is Putnam's leading scorer, averaging 18 points, 10 rebounds, 3 blocks, and 3 steals per game. Hutchins averages 10 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals per game.

"Abby is our main focus offensively; she's a traditional post player and very strong inside, but she flexes out to the forward position, too. And her range extends all the way out to the three-point line when she needs it to," Hogan said. "Alex is our main three-point shooter."

A tenacious defense is a key ingredient in the Clippers success this season. Putnam is allowing its opponents to score an average of just 29.87 points per game.

"We work on our defense a lot," Hogan said. "Every practice we focus on our defense. We're a smaller team, and we're disciplined on defense, but we try to be scrappy, too. We try to jump out on the guards and create problems. All our players know their role as it relates to playing defense and they work very hard at it. It's a challenge to the kids every game. They want to go out on the floor and play an attacking defense."

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Post winter care for your lawn



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As winter gives way to spring, take a walk around the yard. Check the lawn for damage and provide a bit of early season care to help it recover from winter.

Use a leaf rake to lightly lift and separate the matted grass blades. This helps speed drying, increase airflow, and reduce the risk of pink and gray snow mold developing and damaging your lawn.

These fungal diseases are most common when heavy snowfalls or ice covers non-frozen turf or after late winter snowstorms. The damage is usually seen where snow lingers late in the season.

Symptoms appear as circular areas of matted brown grass. You may even see a gray or pink cobweb-like growth over these areas. Fortunately, lawns eventually recover. Reduce the risk of future problems with proper timing of lawn fertilization.

Remove any leaves or debris that ended up on the lawn. Large leaves on the grass capture moisture and prevent sunlight from reaching the plants below. Use leaves you collect as mulch in the garden or add to the compost pile.

Look for vole trails in the lawn. These

small rodents travel beneath the snow and over the grass in search of food all winter long. Their travels create trails of bare or dead grass. The surrounding grass will eventually fill in the damaged areas. Speed recovery by sprinkling grass seed over the trails. Just mix a handful of grass seed in a mop bucket of topsoil to make a lawn patch. Sprinkle the mixture in the trails, gently tamp and water.

Check areas along walks, drives and the street for deicing salt damage. Even if you don't apply deicing salts, passing cars can spray it onto your lawn. Your car also brings home salt as it travels along salted roadways, depositing salty snow onto the drive.

Make sure these areas receive sufficient water this spring. Regular spring showers often do the job. Thoroughly water these areas during dry springtime weather to help wash the salt past the grass roots into the soil below. Consider shoveling first and using plant-friendly deicing salts in the future. This will reduce the need for deicing salts and reduce the time and money spent repairing salt-damaged plants.

Use this time to sharpen your mower blades. Using sharp blades to cut the grass results in a healthier and better-looking lawn. The clean cut made by a sharp blade closes quickly, reducing the risk of disease problems. Sharp blades also save time as you can cut the grass more efficiently. And speaking of savings, your mower will consume 22% less fuel and the lawn will use up to 30% less water when using sharp blades.

Soon it will be time to mow the lawn. Mow high and often, leaving grass clip-



Photo Melinda Myers

Snow mold appears as circular areas of matted brown grass sometimes found with gray or pink cobweb-like growth over these areas.

pings on the lawn to add organic matter, moisture, and nutrients to the soil. Always sweep clippings off walks and the drive to keep this valuable organic matter out of waterways.

Take care of winter damage now before the even busier garden season begins. Investing time now helps improve your lawn's health and beauty, allowing you more time to enjoy the summer.

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April 2021

THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY

Did you know?

In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.

5

LUNCH

#1 Hamburger/Bun (Ketchup)

#2 Cheeseburger/Bun (Ketchup)

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Cinnamon Bun or Cereal

12

LUNCH

#1 Chicken Patty/Bun (Mayonnaise)

#2 Chicken Filet/Bun (Honey Mustard)

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Apple-Cinnamon Bun or Cereal

19

NO SCHOOL

SPRING RECESS

26

LUNCH

#1 Hamburger/Bun (Ketchup)

#2 Cheeseburger/Bun (Ketchup)

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Cinnabar or Cereal

TUESDAY

6

LUNCH

#1 Chicken Nuggets & Rice Bowl (Sweet & Sour Sauce/Ketchup)

#2 Fish Patty/Bun (Tartar Sauce/Ketchup)

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal

13

LUNCH

#1 Meatball Grinder

#2 Tuna Salad Grinder

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal

20

NO SCHOOL

SPRING RECESS

27

LUNCH

#1 Chicken Nuggets & Rice Bowl (Sweet & Sour Sauce/Ketchup)

#2 Fish Patty/Bun (Tartar Sauce/Ketchup)

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal

WEDNESDAY

7

LUNCH

"Cookie Day"

#1 BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders

#2 Bacon-Ranch Chicken Wrap

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Ham/Egg/Cheese on Eng. Muffin or Cereal

14

Early Release LUNCH

"Cookie Day"

#1 Hot Dog/Bun (Ketchup)

#2 "Chili" Dog/Bun

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Yogurt w/Grahams or Cereal

21

NO SCHOOL

SPRING RECESS

28

LUNCH

"Cookie Day"

#1 BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders

#2 Bacon-Ranch Chicken Wrap

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

Ham/Egg/Cheese Wrap or Cereal

THURSDAY

8

LUNCH

#1 Quesadilla (Salsa ~ Sour Cream)

#2 Deli Turkey Grinder (Mayo)

Pickle ~ Chips

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

French Toast or Cereal

15

LUNCH

#1 Beef Nachos

Cheese Sauce ~ Pasta Salad

#2 Deli Italian Grinder

Italian Dressing ~ Pickle ~ Chips

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

French Toast or Cereal

22

NO SCHOOL

SPRING RECESS

29

LUNCH

#1 Enchilada Stack (Sour Cream)

#2 Deli Turkey Grinder (Mayo)

Pickle ~ Chips

#3 Yogurt Meal

BREAKFAST

French Toast or Cereal

FRIDAY

2

NO SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY

9

EARLY RELEASE LUNCH

#1 Cheese Pizza

#2 Pepperoni Pizza

#3 Yogurt Bag Lunch

BREAKFAST

Pop-Tart or Cereal

16

EARLY RELEASE LUNCH

#1 Cheese Pizza

#2 Bacon Pizza

#3 Yogurt Bag Lunch

BREAKFAST

Pop-Tart or Cereal

23

NO SCHOOL

SPRING RECESS

30

LUNCH

#1 Cheese Pizza

#2 Pepperoni Pizza

#3 Yogurt Bag Lunch

BREAKFAST

Pop-Tart or Cereal

DAILY VEGGIE SIDES

Monday (Other)

Green Beans and/or Wax Beans

Tuesday (Green)

Broccoli

Wednesday (Legume)

Baked Beans and/or Chicken Pea Salad

Thursday (Red/Orange)

Carrots

Friday (Starchy)

Oven-Baked "Crispy" Fries

Meals Include

Milk, Fruit and/or Juice

Yogurt Meal

Yogurt ~ Cheese Stick ~ Muffin

Fruit and/or Juice ~ Veggie ~ Milk

"Cold" Grinders

Served w/Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese

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(Main Entrance)

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North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

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(When School is In-Session)

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