

Killingly wins classic over Centaurs



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The Killingly High girls' varsity soccer team is all smiles following its 2-1 victory over Woodstock Academy in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Region III Tournament Experience Final, played at the Bentley Athletic Complex on Friday, Nov. 13.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — On a rainy and overcast Friday afternoon, the sun shined bright on the Killingly High girls' soccer team.

Senior Kaleigh Hopkins scored what ultimately would be the game-winning goal in the 11th minute of the second half to lead second-seeded Killingly to an upset of top-seeded Woodstock Academy, 2-1, in the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Region III tournament experience. The game was held at the Bentley Athletic Complex on Nov. 13.

"The girls are thrilled with the win; it's a nice

way to end a tough season," said Killingly coach Jim Lackner, whose team finished the season 9-1-1. "I'm very happy with the way we played in such a big game. It wasn't a championship as far as the [ECC] was concerned, but up here, in this corner of Connecticut, it was a big deal."

The title game was the fourth time this season the teams played, and the first three games could not have been more even, with both teams entering the championship game with a 1-1-1 mark and seven goals scored in the three games.

With the score tied, 1-1, Killingly senior Abbie Burgess gained control of the ball about 40 yards from the Centaurs' net. Using a backward heel

pass, she quickly moved it to sophomore Casey Beauregard, who pushed it deeper into the WA end.

At just the right moment Beauregard passed the ball to Hopkins behind the left side of the Centaurs' defense and Hopkins one-touched the ball and shot it on net from an improbable angle, the ball sailing over the head of Woodstock goalkeeper Rebecca Nazer and into the far side of the net.

"That is probably the best goal I've ever seen Kaleigh score; a one-touch left-footer. It was tremendous," Lackner said. "That was a great pass by Abbie to start the play. She does that kind of

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Marianapolis student signs letter of intent University of North Carolina



Photo Courtesy
Sydney Masciarelli with parents Loanny and Stephen, and twin brother Salvatore.

THOMPSON — Sydney Masciarelli, a senior from Northbridge, Mass., signed her National Letter of Intent to run cross country and track and field for The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last Wednesday.

OverhertimeatMarianapolis, Masciarelli has broken numerous records in both cross country and track and field, including beating Olympian Shalane Flanagan's under-18 record at the Mayor's Cup in Boston in 2018 with a time of 17:04. She is a NEPSA D III Track & Field Champion and a NEPSA D IV Cross Country Champion. Masciarelli also won the 2018 Foot Locker Northeast Regional Championship (17:12), 2018 Foot Locker National Championship

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Day Kimball, community partners to host COVID-19 virtual educational forums

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) is reconvening a panel of local health experts, behavioral health specialists, and human services agencies to host a second series of virtual community educational forums that will address the serious public health issue of the coronavirus, including what experts have learned over the past months and what can be expected moving forward.

Once again, a panel of representatives from Day Kimball Healthcare, led by Andre Bessette, PhD., Clinical Psychologist and Supervisor; Generations; the Northeast District Department of Health; TEEG; and United Services will share pertinent information, clinical perspectives, and community resources relative to Windham County.

Titled, "What We Have Learned and are Still Learning about COVID-19 and How to Move Forward," these one-hour virtual community educational forums will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to noon, and again Monday, Nov. 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.

There will be an opportunity for the audience to submit questions to the panelists during the talks. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Participants can call into the events by phone or join through a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or a desktop computer equipped with a web camera. To register for any of these upcoming COVID-19 Community Health Educational Forums visit www.daykimball.org/events.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of 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.

Woodstock & Community Fire Station toy collection hits record numbers

WOODSTOCK — The 15th annual Woodstock Toy Collection will be one for the record books while bringing holiday joy to youngsters and families in northeast Connecticut this year. On Saturday (Nov. 14) the drive set new records for toys collected (1,806, compared to 1,106 last year) and in cash

donations (\$10,022 vs. \$8,116 last year)! Donations are still coming in.

The Toy Collection is organized each year by the Woodstock Fire Departments and Community Fire Station 81 in North Grosvenordale.

If you couldn't make it to Saturday's kickoff, you can still

donate by dropping off donations (new, unwrapped toys in original packaging) or monetary donations at Woodstock Volunteer Fire Station 76, 399 Rt. 169 in South Woodstock (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.) or at Community Fire Station 81, 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

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WEAVER

Did you feel the earthquake on Sunday, Oct. 8? I didn't, and would not have known about it if I hadn't received a text from my youngest sister Susie Dayan. I was quick to do a Google search. The following is only one of the many reports that were posted. "An earthquake struck Sunday off the coast of Massachusetts, jolting residents throughout New England, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The earthquake measuring 3.6 on the Richter scale struck at 9:10 a.m. in the Atlantic Ocean about 8 miles off the coast of New Bedford in Buzzards Bay at a depth of 9.3 miles, the USGS reported...The last time New England experienced an earthquake of 4.0 or stronger was on Oct. 16, 2012, when a 4.5 magnitude temblor struck near Saco, Maine, according to USGS records." (<https://abcnews.go.com/US/40-earthquake-reported-massachusetts/story?id=74091140>).

Although I did not feel the quake, several of the Killingly Historical Society members did. Society president Bernie Mitchell, who lives right by the bridge in Attawaugan, said that the whole house shook. Vice-president Kira Holmes, who lives in Danielson, also felt the rumblings. Bernie also

mentioned that a few years back there had been tremors in Plainfield. I knew that I had written about them so searched my back Killingly at 300 columns. I found the following in a Jan. 23, 2015 column.

"As I write this column, this past week has been one of continuing small earthquakes in the northern Plainfield area. Of course, that became a topic of conversation at the Killingly Historical Center on January 14th. Both Lynn LaBerge and Doug Flannery remember having an earthquake that they felt in Danielson sometime during the 1980's. Lynn was on the couch in her home on East Franklin Street and felt it move. Her sons had been upstairs "wrestling" and had been banging into the wall so at first she thought they were at it again. Later that evening she learned that there had been an earthquake. Doug lived on Cottage Street near the railroad underpass in an apartment that had been part of the old bowling alley and heard it. At first He thought the noise was the sound of railroad cars being coupled together. How many of you also remember those quakes?"

Pauline Hillmann called after reading my Jan. 15 column and shared her memory of the 1940 earthquake that I had mentioned. She said that she was a young girl of six or seven at the time and her family was living in a duplex at the corner of

Tiffany Street in East Brooklyn. Since the kitchen was nice and warm her mother was helping her get dressed there. Pauline remembered that all of the sudden the salt and pepper shakers started 'dancing' on the back of the stove (Jan. 17, 2015). Please contact me if you have other earthquake memories from when you were growing up.

I decided to do a little searching about earthquakes in Connecticut and New England. "Although earthquakes have been centered in a number of different parts of Connecticut, the state is best known for its seismic activity near the little town of Moodus. The word Moodus comes from the local Native Americans, who called the locality Machemoodus, which means 'Place of Noises'. The Native Americans had long considered the area to be a sacred place because of the booms, cracking sounds and rumbles that often occurred at that locality. The noises seemed to originate beneath a hill that the local colonists called Mount Tom. In the 1980s, scientific data confirmed that the Moodus noises are the sounds of small earthquakes that are taking place less than a mile below Mount Tom. The Moodus earthquakes tend to be concentrated in earthquake swarms, when many small events are heard and felt over the course of several weeks or months. During the 1980s, several earthquake swarms took place at Moodus, each of which lasted a few months and were documented to consist of well over 100 small earthquakes.

"Furthermore, Moodus is not the only place in Connecticut to have experienced earthquake swarms. A swarm of well over one hundred small earthquakes took place at Wauregan, CT between October 2014 and July 2015. The most energetic part of the swarm was in January 2015,

with the largest event being a magnitude 3.1 earthquake on Jan. 12, 2015 at 6:36 a.m. These earthquakes caused no damage but frightened local residents."

"Several strong earthquakes that were centered outside of Connecticut were felt strongly in the state, although none caused damage anywhere in the state. The magnitude 6.2 Cape Ann, MA earthquake of November 18, 1755 caused strong shaking throughout the state. The same is true of the magnitude 5.6 of October 29, 1727 earthquake that was centered at Newburyport, MA. The earthquake of August 10, 1884 that was centered near New York City and had an estimated magnitude of about 5.0 was felt quite strongly in southwestern Connecticut and noticeably in the rest of the state." (<http://nesec.org/connecticut-earthquakes/>).

After hearing the Legend of Alexander's Lake, I periodically have pondered whether there had been an earthquake in Killingly in the pre-colonial period. John Warner Barber's Connecticut Historical Collections (published in 1836) is the earliest reference I have seen of this legend. According to the legend there was once a mountain where Alexander's Lake now stands. This mountain was favored by the Native Americans as a gathering place during their various festivals. One "good old squaw" did not like the carousing that resulting from their drinking and warned them that the Great Spirit would punish them because of it. On one occasion while they were celebrating, suddenly the mountain gave way and water quickly filled the place drowning all but the old squaw who was eventually rescued from the island in the lake—all that remained of the mountain. What do you think? Was there an earthquake in Killingly many years ago?

How many of you have heard of the Lake Char Fault, which runs through Eastern Connecticut? Formed during the ancient collision of the continents, it was named for an abbreviated form of the Native American name for Webster Lake. John Rogers' Connecticut Bedrock Map clearly shows the fault, which runs through Plainfield and Killingly and runs close to the intersection of Routes 12 and Attawaugan Crossing Road in Killingly. An internet search will provide many links and photos which you might enjoy. (Former planner) Eric Rumsey from the Killingly Planning and Zone Office mentioned that the bedrock map could be accessed by entering Connecticut Bedrock Map in your search engine." (Extracted from the Jan. 23, 2015 Killingly at 300 column).

Again, if you have earthquake memories, please email me so I can add them to my list. Thank you.

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November, 2020. Special thanks to Susie Dayan, Bernie Mitchell and Kira Holmes. 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

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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

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In the Studio is a new feature for the Villager Newspapers. The Quiet Corner is home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art.

In this semi-weekly series, we'll talk with your artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We'll also learn some "artspeak" terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those "artist words."

Today, we're talking with David Sullivan, Studio Manager at Sawmill Pottery in Putnam. David teaches ceramics at QVCC, and exhibits at several New England shows (most recently, the Roseland Cottage Arts Festival in Woodstock).

Tell us a bit about your art.

I'm a potter and, while most of my work is functional, I like to believe that I make usable sculptures. Nearly every piece I make, while related to other pieces, is totally unique. I am most influenced by the natural world around us, often relating my pieces to objects found in nature. Most importantly, I make work to bring joy and happiness into the routine parts of our lives. A morning coffee is often the start of the day for many of us. Using a favorite or special mug for that coffee can start every day off a little special. A great coffee mug can be like a good friend that we get to spend time with every morning. My cabinet is full of these special pieces. Some of these pieces bring me joy in themselves, while many are reminders of the people who made them, the time when I got them, and my experiences with them. I want to make work to bring this same joy, and these experiences to others.

What are you working on right now?

Right now, I'm finishing up some dinner sets for friends, steins for Black Pond Brewery's members and, hopefully, I'll get started on making some work for a potential wood kiln firing.

Do you have a general philosophy about making art?

I don't have a strong philosophy on making art, other than to love and listen to the process. As I continue to progress, I find I am more and more influenced by the process of making, allowing myself to be guided by the material that I am using. As my teacher Joan Watson says, "working with clay is a conversation." You have to have a conversation with your material, you ask it to do something and it responds; you listen and learn from that relationship.

Where can people see your work?

My work is always on display at Sawmill Pottery in downtown Putnam. My website is www.davidsullivanceramics.com or you can follow me on Instagram at [@dsceramics](https://www.instagram.com/dsceramics) for my everyday interactions with clay!

What is one of your greatest challenges as an artist?

My greatest challenge ever was to accept that I am an artist, as I never thought of myself as one. I always enjoyed making art, but was never the best at drawing or any of the two-dimensional art forms. I found working three-dimensionally suited me better, but really only as a hobby. For a long time, I considered myself a potter but not an artist; I eventually gave up that line of thinking. I'm not sure why I conceded to calling myself an artist, but I believe it has something to do with realizing the time, thought, and effort



POLICE LOGS

Putnam police log

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

David J. Challinor, age 35, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 11 for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

Andrew Laverty, age 41, of Putnam was arrested on Nov. 12 for Disorderly Conduct.



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that I put into every piece and allowing myself to be granted that title. My greatest challenge now is to find time to make work, as most of my time is spent teaching, while trying to grow our arts community.

Did you go to school for art, or something else?

I went to school originally as an environmental engineer at the University of Vermont, while being part of a non-academic clay program through the living/learning center at UVM. I ended up graduating with a degree in Political Science, but after graduating, started working for Dot Burnworth at Sawmill Pottery and have been there since.

Do you have a funny art story?

As a very young child I used to say I wanted to be a farmer and an artist. At preschool one day, my friend leaned over and told me I was supposed to color INSIDE the lines. Never did I even think of that option, so I believe I decided I wasn't cut out for art. And now, here I am making pots and working on turning my thumb a little greener.

Thank you, David.

I encourage our readers to visit Sawmill Pottery in Putnam, and to enjoy the photos you've sent here. (And, by the way, I'm drinking coffee from one of your cool mugs as I write this.)

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Word of the day: Makers is a relatively new term for innovators and producers of things made in the artisan spirit. It includes technology and handcraft, sharing ideals of individualism and use of materials which do not negatively impact the environment. One could call a 3-D printer medical mask or an angling basket as something created by a "maker". "Maker spaces" are places (studios, workshops, offices, labs) where people who work on similar things gather to share ideas and projects.

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized flamewerk glass artist. She has exhibited her work and taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications and invitations. Significant projects include the establishment of flamewerk classes at the Brookfield Craft Center

and The Corcoran College of Art, guest demonstrator and speaker at the Peabody Essex Museum, textile work for the Santa Fe Opera costume department, featured artist at the Kittrell-Riffkind Art Glass Gallery, and Gallery Shows Chair for the Lowell "International Society of Glass Beadmakers" conference. Cynthia offers talks and workshops in the Quiet Corner and is adjunct professor of art at a local college. She has also been a Main Street Putnam retailer for over 8 years.

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High School Roundup

Woodstock Academy volleyball, boys' soccer, field hockey enjoy successful weeks

The Woodstock Academy girls' volleyball team relied on a strong service game that produced 22 aces to defeat Windham, 3-0, and capture the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) tournament experience Northern Division Bracket I championship at Alumni Field House on Thursday, Nov. 12.

The Centaurs, who trailed in the first set 5-0 and 6-1, turned their fortunes around with an impressive performance from behind the service line. Senior Marissa Mayhew started the turnaround with eight service points, which helped WA rally to win the first set, 25-15. The Centaurs remained on their game the rest of the way, winning the second set, 25-13, and the third set, 25-9.

"We started out slow; we were not in the right head space early on," Woodstock Academy coach Adam Bottone said after the game on woodstockacademy.org. "I thought a springboard for us was that they struggled receiving our serve.

"That was huge," Bottone said referring to Mayhew's service run. "I know firsthand what it's like when you can't

receive against a team. It puts your back against the wall."

Mayhew, who finished with a team-leading 19 digs, recorded six of the Centaurs' 22 aces in the match.

"A lot of the girls had good service runs. I was glad I could keep it going when I had the chance," Mayhew, the Centaurs' Libero told woodstockacademy.org. "It was good to see all the work in the past few years pay off."

Another senior, Kileigh Gagnon, served up five aces, all coming on consecutive serves.

"Kileigh had some pretty good float serves," Bottone said. "The floats, when you hit them right, they die once they get over the net and that's what they were doing for her. When you have that movement on it, it's hard to receive."

Prior to its title-winning victory over Windham, Woodstock Academy closed out its regular season with a 3-0 road victory over Plainfield on Friday, Nov. 6.

Junior Aurissa Boardman led the way with 10 kills and 12 digs, while senior Sierra Bedard added 3 kills and a block, and classmate Annarose Avery

had 18 assists.

Woodstock Academy finished its season 8-3.

Boys' Soccer

The Centaurs advanced to the ECC Region III tournament experience championship game thanks to a 5-0 home win over Windham Tech on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The top-seeded and undefeated Centaurs hosted second-seeded Windham in the title game, which was played at the Bentley Athletic Complex on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Senior Marco Maluf opened the scoring for the 10-0 Centaurs, thanks to an assist by junior Ian Hoffman, in the 22nd minute. WA led, 3-0, at the half on the strength of goals by seniors Huck Gelhaus and Matt Marshall. Seniors Andrew Johnson and Eric Phongsas both scored in the second half for the Centaurs.

Woodstock Academy picked up its ninth win of the season to close out the regular season, defeating Windham, 2-1, in Willimantic on Friday, Nov. 6.

Phongsas scored his 10th goal of the

season 10 minutes into the second half to stake the Centaurs to a 1-0 lead. Senior Richie Hickson assisted on the goal. Johnson doubled the WA lead to 2-0, 12 minutes later, scoring off an assist by Gelhaus. Windham's goal, off the foot of Alexandro Coj, came with six minutes left.

Field Hockey

Woodstock Academy's pursuit of an ECC tournament experience championship ended in the semifinal round, the third-seeded Centaurs losing at second-seeded East Lyme, 1-0, on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The Centaurs (6-4) advanced to their semifinal showdown with the Vikings by defeating sixth-seeded Norwich Free Academy, 5-1, at the Bentley Athletic Complex, on Monday, Nov. 9.

Woodstock Academy started fast, leading 3-0 before the first quarter ended, on a pair of goals by senior Eliza Dutson and another off the stick of classmate Rachel Canedy. Fellow seniors Meg Preston and Maddie Silberman each scored their first of the season in the second half.

Day Kimball Healthcare to host virtual Tree of Life ceremony

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) invites the community to join together virtually to celebrate its 31st annual "Tree of Life" ceremony to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut in the safety and comfort of home on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 related public health concerns, this year's celebration will be a virtual ceremony recorded in advance and will include a simultaneous tree-lighting experience representative of the many towns DKH serves, and will honor the many lives that have been touched by Day Kimball's hospice team of professionals.

"This year, we'll certainly miss gathering with families and friends across Northeastern Connecticut as has been our tradition for the past 30 years," said Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. "But we can still participate in this time-honored tradition while staying safe, and in a unified but deeply personal way. Each of us has the opportunity through the Tree of Life ceremony to celebrate the life of a loved one, honor a caregiver, and pay tribute to the remarkable individuals who have left their mark on our community and in our hearts," she said.

The purchase of memorial lights on each community's Tree

of Life benefits the work done by Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, a service division of Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, to enhance the lives of seriously and terminally ill patients and their families. Skilled and experienced professionals and trained volunteers provide care through an individualized plan that meets the physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and emotional needs of each patient and their families throughout end-of-life and bereavement care.

"I am extremely honored to serve as the Chair of the 2020 Annual Tree of Life for a second year and to have the opportunity to spread the message of hope and healing through this important community event in support of the hospice program," said Roger Franklin, Hospice Tree of Life Chairperson. "I've experienced first-hand, the care and compassion of the Day Kimball Healthcare At Home hospice team of nurses and aides whose amazing skills and professionalism allow our loved ones to have a pain-free, special kind of dignity during their end-of-life experience. I hope that community members of northeast Connecticut will join me in illuminating their own Hospice Tree of Life as a beacon of hope and remembrance, and a reminder to all of the caring

and compassion of the hospice team," he said.

Honorarium lights can be purchased online or by mail. Learn more at daykimball.org/TreeOfLife or call the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

To experience the virtual ceremony throughout the holiday season, visit daykimball.org/TreeOfLife or facebook.com/DayKimballHealthcare beginning Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

To learn more about Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, visit daykimball.org/athome.

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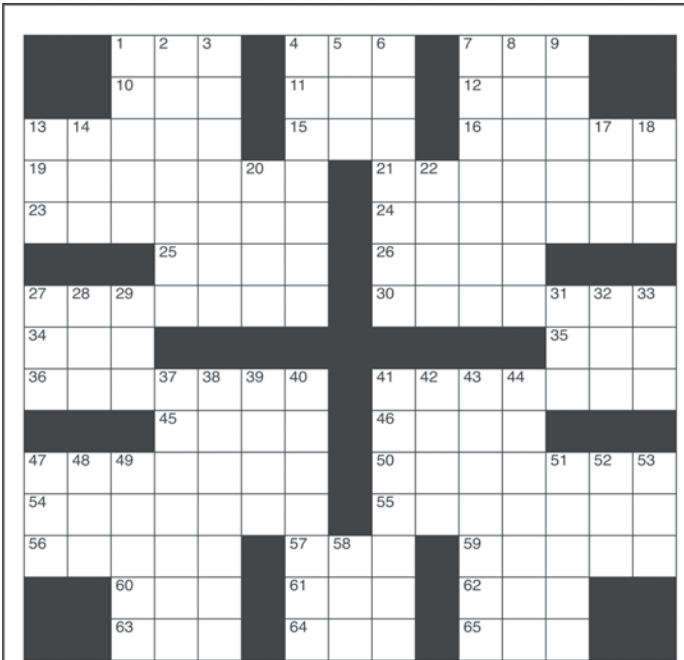
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Proceeds from this event will benefit Legion programs.

Friends of the Assisi Food Pantry hosting food drive

DANIELSON — The Friends of Assisi Food Pantry will be hosting a Food Drive this weekend, Nov. 21-23. The collection will be held at the pantry from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; at 77 Water St. (home of Friends of Assisi) from noon-4 p.m. Sunday; and outdoors at the St. James gymnasium from 5-6 p.m. Monday.

Our wish list includes apples, broth, quick breads, cake mixes, nuts, rolls, olives and pickles, canned yams, boxed instant potatoes, monetary donations and grocery store cards.

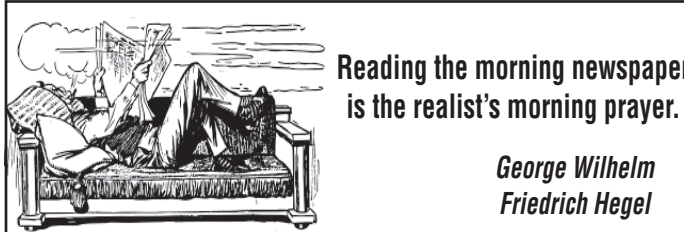
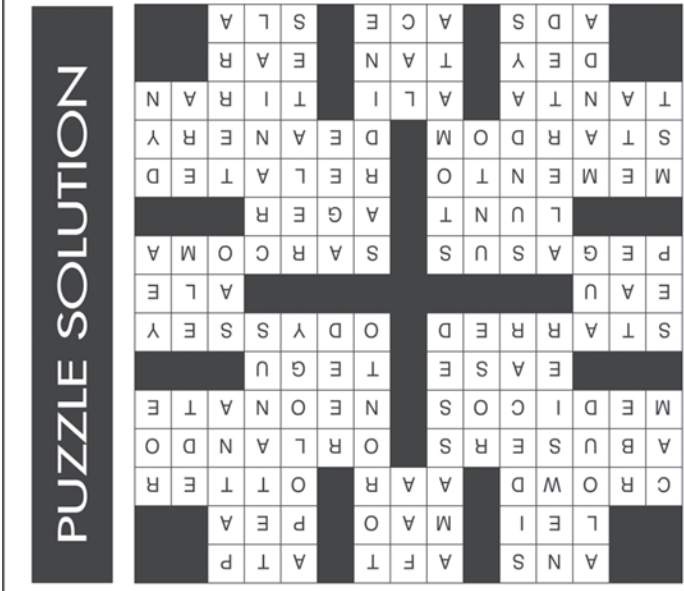


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- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. At or near the stern
- 7. Adenosine triphosphate
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie
- 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaquatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers
- 21. Home to Disney World
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child
- 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- 30. A long wandering and eventful journey
- 34. Water (French)
- 35. Brew
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. A usually malignant tumor
- 45. Alfred __, American actor
- 46. Austrian river
- 47. A reminder of past events
- 50. Connected with
- 54. Status
- 55. Dean residence
- 56. Egyptian city
- 57. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Straits along the Red Sea
- 60. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 61. Get some color
- 62. Facilitates hearing
- 63. Commercials
- 64. A team's best pitcher
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speak up
- 2. More informative
- 3. Where passengers sit
- 4. Gathered
- 5. Supervises flying
- 6. Home of the Blue Jays
- 7. Public statement of regret
- 8. Lockjaw
- 9. Indian city
- 13. Patriots' Newton
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. Eggs in female fish
- 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis
- 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen __-bo
- 29. The 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. __ Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree
- 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days
- 39. Archaic term for "to"
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil __, former CIA
- 43. Connects with
- 44. Of the skull
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
- 48. When you hope to get there
- 49. Hindu goddess
- 51. Land
- 52. Pitching stat
- 53. Field force unit
- 58. Lakers' crosstown rivals



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In 2020, COVID has demonstrated just how tentative and fragile life can be. We have all witnessed how quickly governments can take liberties, and how quickly people give them up when their health and safety are at stake. The social unrest in our nation has also demonstrated how volatile our society can become and how much hurt lies beneath the surface. The uncertainty can make us wonder what the future holds. Luckily, there is hope.

I grew up on a church pew. As a child, I heard preachers explain Bible passages that predict that the world would become more tumultuous. Their contemporaries scoffed. I heard preachers use Scripture to point out that someday there

will be a global order and that everyone on earth will be given a number in order to buy or sell. Unbelievers mocked such an idea as impossible. Others pointed out that Scripture talks about a short period of peace in the Mideast. Those ideas were also dismissed as improbable. Yet here we are: many of those preachers have passed on, but their predictions are coming to pass. Come to find out, the Bible has accurately predicted the future for millennia, and continues to be a reliable glimpse into the future - and into eternity.

One of the most significant prophecies in the Bible predicts that even as our world experiences turmoil, many people will become believers, just before Jesus Christ (who died and rose from the dead 2000 years ago) comes back to “catch away” those who are looking for Him. Such a claim may seem far-fetched,

but God is good enough to give open-minded people little glimpses into eternity by letting them see similar miracles in real time. For example, several years ago a colleague of mine, Lee Stoneking, who lives in upstate New York, dropped dead in the airport in Sidney Australia. He was pronounced dead on arrival, but forty-five minutes, and ten shock treatments later, he came back to life. His story was so exceptional, that in 2003, he was invited to tell the whole world in a speech to The United Nations General Assembly. To date millions have viewed it on Youtube and other venues.

Jesus gave us all a little glimpse into the future. Here is one of his more famous predictions:

Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal

your return and the end of the world?”

Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my follow-

ers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:3-14 NLT)

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries located at 1366 Riverside Dr., Thompson, CT. Please visit www.ActsII.org for more information.

Day Kimball to offer free mammogram screening and education event

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) invites eligible women to a free Mammogram Screening and Education Event on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield.

This free mammogram screening and education event is supported by the Connecticut Early Detection and Prevention Program (CEDPP). *To be eligible for a free mammogram, a woman must have income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level, be 40 or more years of age, haven’t had a mammogram in the past 12 months, and must have no health insurance. Individuals who have an insurance deductible of \$1,000 or more are eligible for the CEDPP program if additional screenings and tests are required after their initial preventative mammogram screening.

Registration is required and mammogram appointments are limited. For more information and to determine eligibility for the free mammogram screening and education event, please contact Morgan Clark, community health navigator, at (203) 814-2369, or Dawn Hippert, RN, BSN, women’s health system and clinical navigator, at (860) 963-3864.

Multiple safeguards have been put in place at the Plainfield Healthcare Center to protect both

staff and patients including masking requirements for employees and patients, social distancing measures, visitation restrictions, frequent cleaning of all areas, and symptom screening before building entry. For more information and guidelines about returning to care at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit www.daykimball.org/return-to-care.

To learn more about women’s health services at DKH visit www.daykimball.org/women. For more information about diagnostic imaging at DKH visit www.daykimball.org/diagnostics.

*The Connecticut Early Detection and Prevention Program funded by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control for the period of Jan. 1, 2019 through

June 30, 2023.

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CT VA Director to speak at Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse

PUTNAM — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is pleased to welcome Alfred A. Montoya, Jr., Director of VA Connecticut Healthcare System, on Nov. 24 at the Putnam Elks Lodge, 64 Edmond St., at 9 a.m.

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System was officially formed in 1995 with the integration of the VA medical centers in West Haven and Newington. The West Haven campus is a tertiary care facility classified as a Clinical Referral Level One Facility. The Newington campus is an ambulatory care center that provides primary and specialty care. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Danbury, New London, Stamford, Waterbury, Willimantic and Winsted.

Mr. Montoya is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving for more than 10 years as a Russian Cryptologic Linguist. He served as an Instructor of Technology and Military Science, providing our Air Force personnel operational training on the EC-130H Compass Call which is a system on a C-130 Hercules airframe that disrupts enemy command and control communications. He previously served as the Director for the VA Medical Center in Manchester. Mr. Montoya received a master’s degree in Healthcare Administration from Walden University and a bachelor’s degree from Wayland Baptist University. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, Leadership for a Democratic Society program, and the Leadership Veterans Affairs (LVA) program. Mr. Montoya joined the VA in 2009 and served in various leadership positions of increasing responsibility including Assistant Director, VA Connecticut HCS; Director, White River Junction VA Medical Center, and Manchester VA Medical Center. Montoya was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College. The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is open to all veterans at all times.



Day Kimball Healthcare’s Women’s Health Team

Front Row: Amna Aziz, MD; Elena Poloukhine, MD; Robyn Martin, APRN; Lacey Luneau, PA-C; Regan Murchison, MD
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Midcentury glassware

Regular readers of this column know that “brown furniture,” glassware and china prices have dropped over the years. There are a few notable exceptions though, including many midcentury (1940s to 1960s or 1970s) glassware pieces.

Some kitchenware from the midcentury is collectible. Green “Jadeite” Fire King prices may have peaked when Martha Stewart displayed pieces in a cabinet behind her on her cooking show, but it still sells fairly well today. Five Fire King mixing bowls recently sold for \$70 at auction. A large 87-piece group of mixed dinnerware brought \$550. Pyrex kitchenware is also in demand. A pink one and a half quart divided covered casserole cooking dish recently sold for \$54. A set of nesting Pyrex mixing bowls in yellow, green, red and blue went for \$120 this month.

Midcentury modern art glass is also quite popular with collectors. When thinking of glass from this era, most people think of Murano (Venetian glass). It was popular in the 1960s



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but has a much longer history, dating all the way back to the 1200s. Venetian glass was in high production during the 15th and 16th centuries. Glassmaking in Murano declined in the 17th century, but it came back in the 19th century. During the 1920s, Murano produced art nouveau design glass. World War II saw production drop, but it came back strong again after the war.

Prices have increased for midcentury Murano glass. Glassware that may have sold at estate sales for anywhere from two bucks to \$10 in the 1990s may now bring 10 times those prices. For example, a Murano cockatoo recently sold for \$50 and two Murano “Aquarium bowls” by Alfredo Barbini, with fish designs on the bottom, sold for \$200 and \$250 this month.

Nordic countries also produced some quality art glass during this time. Gerda and Asta Stromberg made tall cylindrical “Sputnik” vases, along with other patterns for Strombergshyttan of Sweden. The well-known Swedish glassmaker Orrefors

purchased Strombergshyttan in 1976. Riihimäki glass of Finland made colorful vases and other art glass objects during the 1960s. Many had a clear base with curves, creating the effect of multiple levels.

America also produced some quality midcentury art glass. Higgins glass designed what was called a “glass sandwich.” According to higgins-glass.com: “on one piece of enam-

el-coated glass, a design is created, either drawn with colored enamels, or pieced with glass segments.” Another piece of enameled glass is placed on top of that. Blenko Glass created amberina glass (red and yellow colors merging) among many other patterns during the 1960s. Other companies like Heisey offered some

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Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair going virtual



POMFRET — The annual Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair at Christ Church in Pomfret will be a Covid-safe event, while still offering gifts at great prices and supporting local charities and agencies. The Fair will feature an on-line auction and shopping experience from Nov. 18 through Dec. 2. There will be many amazing items to bid on plus food & crafts for sale. Purchases will be picked up in person at Christ Church on Saturday, Dec. 5. If you want to shop local this year and give back to your community, visit the Saint Nicholas Fair Auction at www.biddingowl.com/ChristChurchPomfret.

The auction goes live on November 18 at noon and closes on Dec. 2 at noon. You may bid on items as well as purchase items outright. Directions for how to use the auction site and how to pay

are located on the auction web page. Purchases must be picked up in person at Christ Church (527 Pomfret St., Pomfret) on Saturday, Dec. 5 between 10 a.m. and noon (Snow Date – Dec. 12).

All proceeds from the Saint Nicholas Fair are allocated for outreach programs, including TEEG, the Access Agency, Day Kimball Hospital Hospice, ARC of Quinebaug Valley, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Deary Memorial Cancer Fund, and Community Kitchens of NECT and more.

Questions? Call 860-315-7780 or email christchurchpomfret@gmail.com. To learn more about Christ Church, visit ChristChurchPomfret.org. Follow them on Facebook at @christchurchpomfretct.

Christmas at First Congregational Church of Pomfret

POMFRET — As is the case with just about everything during this unusual year, our opportunities to welcome the community to First Congregational Church of Pomfret for Christmas celebration will be altered this year.

We will host our annual Bonfire and Carol Sing on Sunday evening, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. We will maintain our distance as appropriate and wear masks as we sing. Sadly, we will not be able to invite you inside for refreshment as

is our custom. However, we do plan to enjoy safely served cocoa, cider, and cookies outdoors following the singing.

Regretfully, we will not be holding our Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. We do, however, invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., either in person (masked and appropriately distanced) or through our Facebook Live Stream. You do not need a Facebook account to watch! Anyone can search for First

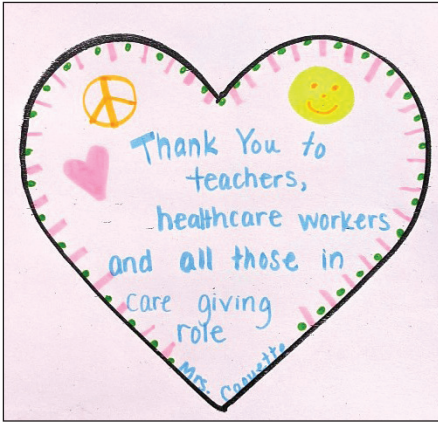
Congregational Church of Pomfret on Facebook.

We seek to serve you during these difficult days as best we can. One thing we can always do is pray for you and your needs. There is a mailbox in front of the church marked “Your Cares Our Prayers” into which you may anonymously put any concerns that you would like prayer for. We wish you and your family the very best during this season of celebration!

HEARTS FLOURISH AT POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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CCSU partners with EASTCONN to offer new sixth-year certificate cohort in Hampton

HAMPTON — In collaboration with EASTCONN, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) will offer a new, Hampton-based Sixth-Year Certificate program in Educational Leadership for aspiring northeastern Connecticut administrators, starting in the summer of 2021.

This will be the third cohort in CCSU’s Educational Leadership program offered to educators in the northeastern Connecticut region. Since the program began four years ago, 20 educators have earned and graduated with their Sixth-Year Certificate through the CCSU-EASTCONN collaboration. The second CCSU/EASTCONN Sixth-Year cohort, which began its coursework in Hampton in 2018, graduated in May 2020.

An online information session is planned for Thursday, Dec. 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. To learn more or to register for the information session, contact Assistant Professor Dr. Toni Ryan, of CCSU’s Department of Educational Leadership, at amryan@ccsu.edu.

“We remain committed to serving the needs of schools and districts in the northeastern corner of Connecticut, and we are extremely pleased that we’re able to continue to offer educators from the EASTCONN region the opportuni-

ty to earn a high-quality, Sixth-Year Certificate closer to home,” said Ryan. She added that the CCSU/EASTCONN Sixth-Year program concentrates on issues that are unique to small, rural school districts.

The EASTCONN-region’s CCSU Sixth-Year cohort will start its all-online class schedule in the summer of 2021. If a decision is made to hold in-person sessions next fall, classes will meet at EASTCONN’s Conference Center, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, in a hybrid format with both online and in-person sessions. A start date and meeting times will be announced later. The new Sixth-Year program application deadline is March 1, 2021.

The CCSU Sixth-Year Certificate is a post-master’s program for experienced educators who seek their Intermediate Administration and Supervision 092 Certification, issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education. In Connecticut, an 092 certification is required for any educational administrative position.

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thing all the time; she is a very creative player. Abbie got it quickly to Casey, who made a great run and then made a perfect pass to Kaleigh.”

Woodstock Academy (8-2-1) scored first, going ahead 1-0 in the 10th minute on a goal by senior Lucy McDermott.

Sophomore Grace Gelhaus started the scoring play, getting control of the ball 35 yards out from the Killingly goal. Gelhaus quickly sent the ball into the middle to senior Arianna DiDomizio and DiDomizio, just as quickly, got it to McDermott.

McDermott carried the ball down the right side, split two defenders and then shot from about 10 yards out, the ball zipping into the upper right corner, over Killingly keeper Ayrn Nisbet.

The Centaurs nearly doubled their lead two minutes later, on a scoring bid by senior Peyton Saracina. Gelhaus sent the ball in left-to-right to Saracina 10 yards from the goal and Saracina quickly pushed it right-to-left on goal, the ball rolling past Nisbet and then wide of the goal by about 12 inches.

Killingly tied the game, 1-1, with 12:14 left in the first half when freshman Laura Farquhar scored her fourth goal of the season.

Beauregard got control of the ball

at midfield, moved to her left, dribbled up about 10 yards and then sent a skipping, bouncing pass downfield. The pass went between Burgess’s legs right to Farquhar, who carried it to the six. At that point, after she got Nazer to lean slightly to the right, Farquhar pushed the ball left and the ball rolled harmlessly into the net.

“That scoring play started with Laura,” Lackner said. “She came back into the middle of the field won a 50-50 ball and knocked it back to Casey. Laura then released up-field and Casey sent a great ball through. When Laura got the ball back, she made a little cut on her defender, got around her, and put the ball in the corner.

“That was a huge goal,” Lackner continued. “It was a few minutes before the end of the half. It gave us the momentum, it got us back in the game.”

After Hopkins put Killingly ahead, Lackner turned the game over to his defensive back line — senior Grace Nichols, juniors Sophia Moore and Sage Lamparelli and sophomore Lyana Cuevas.

“The challenge was to go out there after we got the lead and keep them from scoring again, and my girls did that,” Lackner said. “They went out and finished the game; their attitude from that point on was, ‘we’re going to win this.’ Our back defensive line was just tremendous down the stretch.”

Research finds increase in car crashes with decrease in traffic during pandemic

WILLIMANTIC — Mitchell Doucette, assistant professor of health sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University, in collaboration with eight other researchers, has published new research on how Governor Lamont’s initial COVID-19 stay-at-home order impacted motor vehicle crash rates in Connecticut. The research, titled “Initial Impact of COVID-19’s Stay-at-Home Order on Motor Vehicle Traffic and Crash Patterns in Connecticut: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis,” is published in the latest edition of Injury Prevention journal.

“We compared motor vehicle crash rates before and after the March 23 stay-at-home order,” said Doucette. “We found that single-car crash rates overall and single car crash rates that involved a fatality increased significantly in the initial period of the stay-at-home order (March 23-April 30), after accounting for large drops in traffic volume. Overall, the single crash rate increased more than two times while the fatal, single car crash rate increased around four times.”

Doucette said additional sensitivity analyses comparing previous years to

2020 suggests that the increase in crash rates is likely wholly due to the COVID-19’s associated stay-at-home order.

“We believe that an increase in speeding likely drove these findings, consistent with previous news media reports of increased speeding among motorists and reduced police presence on roadways during the initial stage of the pandemic.”

Doucette said it is essential to understand how COVID-19 associated stay-at-home orders have impacted motor vehicle crashes in order to prevent future unintentional injuries and fatalities.

“During emergency situations that involve sheltering in place, or even future stay-at-home orders, Connecticut and other states should consider implementing strategies to prevent single car crashes, such as introducing traffic calming measures or increasing police presence on roadways. These strategies can potentially reduce the number of injuries on our roadways during similar, future events.”

For more on Doucette’s research, visit: <https://injury prevention.bmj.com/content/early/2020/10/28/injuryprev-2020-043945>.

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(17:00), and 2019 New Balance Outdoor Track & Field National Championship (5K - 16:16.20; 2-mile - 10:11.99). In addition, she was named the 2018 & 2019 Gatorade Connecticut Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year and 2019 Gatorade Connecticut Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic has prohibited interscholastic competition since March 2020, Masciarelli was still able to compete in three local races this fall. The highlight for Masciarelli was “being able to run at night under the lights in a twilight 5K.”

On signing with UNC, Masciarelli said, “I chose UNC because of the amazing coaches and team. When I went to look at the school over the summer, I loved everything about it and I knew it would be the right place for me. I’m most excited for meeting new people, running with teammates that will push me to be my best every day, and to work hard every day to win a national championship as a team.”

“Marianapolis is so proud of Sydney and her signing with UNC,” said

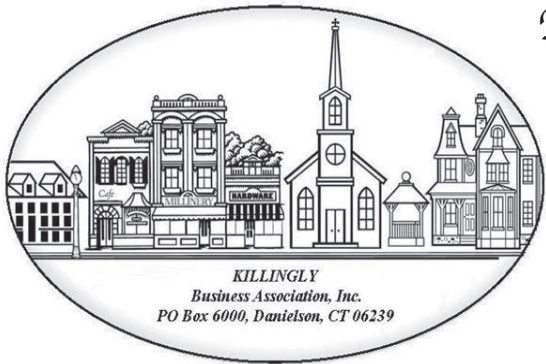
Marianapolis track and field head coach David DiCicco. “She is a driven and talented student-athlete. Since her freshman year, and across the seasons thereafter, she has challenged herself each day to get better and never rested on her many accomplishments. We are excited for this next chapter in her life as a student-athlete and look forward to her cheering her on for many years to come.”

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EDITOR

A story of inspiration for a sunny morning

Twenty-one-year-old Chris Nikic of Maitland, Fla. made history last Saturday when he became the first person in history with Down Syndrome to complete a full distance Ironman triathlon. Watching the video of Nikic crossing the finish line in Panama City, Fla., did not leave this writer with dry eyes. This was good news, in an otherwise chaotic news cycle.

As most people know, a full Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. The race, has a time cap of 17 hours. Nikic completed the race in 16:46.09.

Nikic had a few setbacks throughout the race, including two falls from his bike.

Special Olympics Florida President and CEO Sherry Wheelock released a statement. In it she said, “He’s become a hero to athletes, fans, and people across Florida and around the world. He’s an inspiration to all of us.”

Nikic is no stranger to triathlons and has been training since he was a teenager. Looking ahead he will strive to qualify for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

In an Instagram post, Nikic wrote “Goal set and achieved. Time to set a new and bigger goal for 2021. Whatever it is, the strategy is the same. One percent better every day. Yes, I did the work, but I had angels helping me. God surrounded me with angels. Best part of all. New family and friends. All about awareness and inclusion. Awareness for Down Syndrome and Special Olympics. Inclusion for all of us with all of you.”

His proud father, Nik Nikic, released his own statement: “To Chris, this race was more than just a finish line and celebration of victory. Ironman has served as his platform to become one step closer to his goal of living a life of inclusion, normalcy, and leadership. It’s about being an example to other kids and families that face similar barriers, proving no dream or goal is too high,” he said.

Nikic completed the 2.4 mile swim (along with his coach Dan Grieb) in just under two hours. Just prior to getting on his bike to attack the 112 miles, he was bitten by fire ants. He forged ahead and finished the bike portion in 8:12:37. He then went on to finish the 26.2 mile run in 6:18:48.

Nikic’s father says that the mantra is to improve one percent each day. His coach, Grieb said in a statement, “I’m no longer surprised by what Chris can accomplish because I recognize who Chris is; a human being that has goals and dreams just like everyone else. He wants to make the path easier for those just like him and can follow his lead.”

He is now a Guinness World Record holder.

This is a story of inspiration, hope and positivity, and now, more than ever, the world needs more of it.

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Checks, payable to WVFA Woodstock Toy Collection, can also be mailed to WVFA, PO Box 222, South Woodstock, CT 06267.

All monetary donations are used to purchase additional toys. All toy donations are given to local schools and organizations in the surrounding area.

“Due to the pandemic and its impact on our economy, this will likely be an especially tough holiday season for families; the needs will be greater than ever,” Russell Downer, WVFA president, said. “We are thankful for such a great start and encourage our neighbors who haven’t yet donated to please consider joining this rousing community success,” he said

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our election officials deserve thanks

To the Editor:
The Woodstock Democratic Town Committee (WDTC) thanks and congratulates the Woodstock Registrars of Voters, the town Constables, and the host of volun-

teers and poll workers for making our Nov. 3 election process go safely and efficiently. Charles Super

CHAIRMAN
WDTC

Is the election over?

To the Editor:
Yes, the election is over, but some are still whining foul. Whether you voted by a mail in ballot or in person, you voted. Thank you for voting. Some of my friends, can’t except the facts. The people who worked the polls in Pomfret are dedicated workers, both Democrat and Republican. I thank the poll workers.

Ex-President Trump is a sore loser and he predicted before the vote, he would protest it if he did not win. I voted for the “bum” in 2016,

Let’s all keep an eye out for trash

To the Editor:
I wrote about this issue last Spring, and feel compelled to express my concerns again, as they may resonate with readers this time.

As a resident of Woodstock, I feel blessed to live in a quaint, rural town with lots of wooded areas and open fields. The beauty of that does not go unappreciated. It dismays me, however, that many of the town’s roads remain littered with discarded trash, largely cans, plastic bottles and nips, and takeaway containers. I do my part on a regular basis to pick up trash along my neighborhood streets, sometimes into the woods beyond, and often wonder why others are not likewise motivat-

ed. If we each took time to inspect the areas near to our homes – along the tree belts, across the street, in the woods – and gathered up the trash we find there, our town would be an example of how a pretty place can keep its scenic appeal.

I encourage everyone to take time regularly to remove trash from their Woodstock neighborhood. It’s the right thing to do. Who knows, it may set an example for others and dissuade those litterers from their careless habits.

PATRICIA SUSLA
WOODSTOCK

Let’s work together to create a better community

To the Editor:
I want to thank each and every one of the almost 5,000 voters that had faith in me to represent them and gave me their vote on Nov. 3. The voter turnout was incredible. My wife Erica and I have been promoting voting for over 20 years, so we were very pleased to see people exercise their right to vote.

Though I would have been honored to represent each of you in the 51st District – meaning all residents, as I did when I was First Selectman of Thompson for six years, the numbers weren’t there for us. Despite that, I am proud of what we did because we ran on facts.

I’ve been blessed in this lifetime to have my wife always by my side. She is always by my side supporting me in all I do. Special thanks to Erica! We are a great team in everything we do! Special thank you to my amazing family, both near and far that helped in so many ways. I am truly blessed to have the family that I do, that always supports me. Thank you to all the volunteers that made calls, put up signs, shared my message, donated and helped with the campaign. A special thanks to my treasurer Gloria Marion, whom was always working and available 24/7 just like when she was in law enforcement. Thank you also to Scott Pempek and his entire family. A shout out to all the members of the Putnam Democratic Town Committee, Thompson Democratic Town Committee and the Killingly Democratic Town Committee. Thank you also to Geoffrey Bolte who is an incredible photographer. I highly recom-

mend his business Clarus Studios. It was my honor to have former 51st District State Representative and former Putnam Mayor Danny Rovero supporting me throughout this campaign. Thank you Danny! Thank you also to long-time friends Congressman Joe Courtney, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, and Majority House Leader Matt Ritter for their support. Also, Jason Knight who is a dedicated member of the House Democrats, is an important asset to each person and team that he works with. Though I was not elected, I am extremely grateful for the trust so many of you put in me. I love our area that belongs to the 51st District. Whether behind the scenes or on the frontlines, I have always enjoyed being involved and working towards helping others and helping our community and will continue to do so.

Now that elections are over, it is time to come together. Throughout the recent campaigns I continually heard us vs. them in local and national politics. It is more important than ever to work together and treat each other with respect. There are many local political town committees that need help, but there are also many local charitable organizations that need volunteers. My wife Erica and I feel very strongly about giving back to the community. I encourage you to do so in any way you can. Let’s work together for a better community! Thank you again and blessings to all!

LARRY GROH, JR.
THOMPSON

The big black cloud has been lifted

To the Editor:
Now that the big, bad ogre has been beaten, and despite all of his pre election ranting about the voting being rigged, we have a winner and the country can move on, right?

They did try their hardest, cult leader and GOP, to hold down the vote with little tricks to prevent Americans from the right to vote. Messing with the Post Office, closing election voting locations etc.; none of it worked. The threat of Totalitarianism and facism are gone, if he could only come to grips that he lost without being such a big baby. Cult leader’s biggest goal, to divide America, has been lessened, not gone, so his chance to be king will not happen. Hopefully, any damage done to our Democracy can be repaired and the country can move on from the past darkness of the past four years.

First step in moving on was the amount of people who risked their lives and voted during a pandemic, His plans to make voting so difficult did not work out. It failed and the aftermath is about what could expect from him. He spent months ranting about all the bad things that would happen on election day did not pan out. No vote fraud, nobody stealing the election, just democracy in action. Why we have to wait for him to accept the vote is just another symbol of what was wrong with him, the GOP allowing him to act like a big baby who did not get his way is also a thing that will soon be gone. never before has this happened. To allow him to continue this childish tirade is exactly what has been wrong with the GOP over the last four years. Catering to a cult lead-

er that has led the party down this rabbit hole and they deserve it. He is doing this mainly to raise money, remember he is 431 million dollars in debt, somebody will have to pay it, better for him if his followers help in paying. He once said that he would put his own money into the campaign. Just another lie in years of lying. How long before him and Rudy are wearing orange jumpsuits, maybe near each other’s cell.

Another problem or realization is that the GOP for the most part has become an anti-democratic and obstructionist party. they have become a party with little to offer the American people. Except for making billionaires in the country richer, their only other concern is to fill the Supreme Court with justices and in this year doing that instead of providing suffering Americans relief from the pandemic. McConnell, said that he did not have the time to work on an economic package and get a new justice confirmed. He must have known that Trump was going to lose and the confirmation of a new justice was his top concern. Why? Because that is what is most important to him and the GOP. FYI that two senators from Wyoming population of less than a million get the same representation as California with 40 million in the US Senate. This almost makes the United States ungovernable. Makes the leader of the Senate almost as important to the country as the President. A Senator from the small state of Kentucky can be as important to the country as the US pres-

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Our sacrifices now will make next year’s holidays sweeter

The box of bulbs arrived, including paper whites and amaryllis among the daffodils and tulips. After I planted the outdoor assortment, I looked for interesting containers in which to plant the bulbs I want to force for the holidays. Glass vases from florist shops

and hand thrown pots came readily to hand. As I filled them with white stones, I thought of Dorothy Horton, a local woman, long since gone, who forced bulbs for the

Christmas fair at the Abington Congregational Church. She was a motivated holiday fundraiser. This year, everything is turned on its ear. Church fairs and holiday celebrations are cancelled or altered, but that doesn’t mean we need to give up on traditions. We just need to do things differently.

Some local organizations are offering holiday on-line auctions. I’m a supporter of the Windham –Tolland 4-H Camp, which is trying hard, like so many other groups, to make up for a serious financial shortfall. It’s easy to bid at www.biddingowl.com/WindhamCounty4hfoundation.

Our area is typically bustling with church fairs on the first Saturday in December. Christ Church will hold its St. Nicholas Fair in Pomfret with an on-line auction, details of which can be found on the site. Many other local churches are doing similar things. We need to support them. Put on an ugly Christmas sweater and bid from home.

Since I was 16, I have cooked Thanksgiving dinner. I roasted the first turkey with the entire bag of giblets still stuck inside the cavity, but as I covered it with Pepperidge Farm stuffing, no one complained. It made us laugh, which we needed. From that shaky beginning, I went on to cook farm raised organic birds and store bought smaller ones. As long as he lived, my father-in-law proclaimed each one to be “too dry,” but we just passed him the gravy and ignored his comment.

This year, however, I have ordered our dinners from The Inn at Woodstock Hill. A friend, an extraordinary cook, suggested it. I chewed on the idea, as it seemed heretical, but it makes perfect sense. We aren’t hosting a dozen people this year, and there’s no left-overs party for us the day after Thanksgiving. We will see some of our family members from a distance, but we will not sit down together. Once I made the call and ordered the meals, I felt a great weight lift from my shoulders.

Artist Open Studio shows the depth and quality work of artists in our area. This year some have opted out and others are on line. Some are welcoming visitors under specific guidelines. The event runs on the last weekend in November and the first in December. Holiday gifts from local artists are the best way to purchase something original and it feels good to support creative people.

I’m missing the Northeast Concert Choir holiday concert and the Hospice Tree of Life of Day Kimball Hospital. I’ll send checks and call up memories of other years.

The Holiday Dazzle REVERSE Light Parade is a remarkable idea. The floats will remain stationary while families drive by in their cars. Everyone will be safe and warm. I hope my grandchildren go.

Now that I’ve sorted through what remains of our holiday traditions, I feel better. I’ll shop locally, instead of merely saying it, and I won’t have to cook. I’ll serve the Thanksgiving meal on my wedding china and it will taste even better. Next year, the fairs, concerts, auctions, parades, art shows and parties will be even better. The holidays next year will be sweeter because of what we are missing now.



NANCY WEISS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The world we live in now

To the Editor:

The presidential election was won in an identical electoral vote landslide as President Trump’s dramatic 2016 contest. In fact, Mr. Biden’s popular vote victory margin eclipsed Ronald Reagan’s thumping of Jimmy Carter in defeating that former one term president. Still, Mr. Trump who has for months repeatedly criticized the American election infrastructure, has yet to concede. To question the results serves only to undermine the normal transition of power. It leaves us vulnerable to losing our battle against the pandemic as well as to unsavory foreign actors. It also gives Russia a decisive win. When the backbone of democracy is questioned, namely a free and fair election system, Communism and dictators are the victors. This along with Trump’s threats to release classified documents related to the Russia investigation which will expose the inner workings of our national intelligence agencies, does make one wonder whether the whispers of Trump being under Mr. Putin’s influence are correct.

In perpetuating baseless accusations of voter fraud, confidence in any future election is eroded. Supporters of Trump applaud his never give up the fight mentality but even a skilled prize fighter, after a knockout, must accept that the contest is over. That is the rules of the game. In this case the Department of Homeland Security has stated that this has been the safest and most secure election in American history. The President fought the good fight as he barnstormed the country even after a bout with Covid. But the final bell has rung.

Mr. Trump points to mail in ballots as an aberration. They are not. The thousands of military members and millions of expatriates have long relied on this as a way of having their voices heard and many states for years have made mail in ballots the norm. The President and many others in the West Wing have utilized this method for years. What is different this year has been the unprecedented number of mail in votes due to the pandemic.

That more Democrats used the mail in option comes as no surprise. They are far more likely to believe that the virus is real. Republicans were also told by Trump that only an in person vote is a true vote. Wrong. All votes are legal votes. That the totals changed as the post election clocked ticked is also no surprise. Mail in ballots take more time to process due to state laws regarding the way the counts take place. The larger urban areas also have many more ballots to process and are therefore slower than smaller rural counties.

Unfortunately, Trump does not believe in either the election or the pandemic and he leads half the country off a proverbial cliff. How supporters don’t question his belief that the Covid virus would miraculously disappear or that it was a Democratic hoax which would dissipate the day after the election was over is astonishing. Numbers show a soaring number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. We will see stricter lockdowns and more business closures. We will see much more pain. The fact that he pulled this off mark him as a kind of new age Svengali.

Americans are demonstrating that we may be no better than an early 20th century Germany, Russia or China. The right person, given the right platform, is capable of soulfully manipulating us, despite what may be genuine and what is a simple fabrication.

Mr. Biden certainly has his work cut out for him in a goal to unify the country. No doubt half the people reading this letter will be nodding in agreement while the other half will tear the paper up with indignity. Half the population can be fooled by fibs, conspiracies, and hoaxes. Half the population is sure the other half is wrong.

Donald Trump is not going away. And when those of his ilk see just how easily he succeeded, no doubt there will be many more to take his place. That is the world we now live in, and woefully may be the harbinger of the Republic’s demise.

LEE WESLER
WOODSTOCK

Our country is stronger when we all have a say

To the Editor:

It might have been helpful to readers if William Hull had given, in his Letter to the Editor of Nov. 13, a clue as to the source underlying his diatribe against mail-in voting. As it is, it is hard to tell if it is directed against all mail-in voting or just Democrats using mail-in voting. Or is “inner city” mail-in voting the problem? He refers to “outright cheating in Democratic controlled cities such as Chicago and Philadelphia...Cheating by back dating ballots, ignoring signature mismatches and in Wayne County Michigan, tens of thousands of 100 percent Biden ballots suddenly being dumped on the counter at 4:30 a.m. the day after voting.” But he gives no source for these allegations, and appears to be unaware that virtually no independent investigation into voting in the 2020 election has produced any evidence of significant voter fraud and, of course, he could not have been aware that this past Thursday the Department of Homeland Security would state that the election was “the most secure in American history” and “there is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised.” So too, he could not have anticipated

that the sixteen U.S. attorneys assigned to monitor malfeasance in the 2020 election would on Nov. 13, in a letter to Attorney General William P. Barr, state that they saw no evidence of any substantial anomalies. If Mr. Hull has verifiable evidence to the contrary, I hope he will share it with both the relevant authorities and readers of the Villager. Otherwise, he is simply passing on lies. Mr. Hull may or may not be familiar with Utah’s eight-year experience with mail-in voting. In an article published on August 18, 2020 in the Deseret News, Utah County Clerk/Auditor Amelia Powers, who oversees elections in one of Utah’s most conservative counties, and “shares a political party with Trump,” is quoted as saying that she was “very frustrated with our president” and worried that his comments could erode the public’s confidence in the election process when states like Utah have for years conducted vote-by-mail with success. “Anytime you undermine people’s confidence in election results without fact-based data, you’re actually undermining the integrity of our elections,” Gardner says in the story. But the “heads I win, tails you cheated”

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For God and country

To the Editor:

To quote Joni Mitchell, “...*you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.*” If anything, the last four years has taught me that I had more patriotism in my blood than I realized. With democracy teetering on the edge of an authoritarian dictatorship, and the Earth crumbling at our feet, a sad victim of the neo fascist corporatism of the Trump administration, Joni Mitchell’s song, “Big Yellow Taxi” has taken on new meaning. I certainly did not appreciate the Constitution, or the bright light America used to beam out to the world until it was nearly snuffed out by a megalomaniac imposter in the Whitehouse. And as far as climate change and environmental issues go, number 45 has done more damage to the environment than any president in U.S. history. It will take true patriotic grit and the rolling up of sleeves to heal the divisions, racial hatred, and environmental fiascos left in the wake of the Trump administration and their white supremacist supporters. It will require a new kind of patriotism, one that believes in the possibilities of America and justice for all.

Real patriotism is not for the faint of heart. Waving a flag and toting a big gun does not make you a patriot. Hating the “other” in the name of God and country does not make you a patriot. Spewing hateful slogans at political rallies does not make you a patriot, nor does blindly following a leader in the name of partisan politics. In fact, patriotism is and ought to be non-partisan. In the last four years I have been accused of being a hater of God and country because I chose to stand and kneel for justice, and refused to stand by while democracy, and yes – the country I so love, teetered on the brink of destruction. But this I know is true: my true colors don’t run. There is a difference between patriotism and nationalism. Patriotism requires us to hold our leaders accountable even when they threaten to call out the military to stifle our voices. It requires vigilance and nurture, recognizing the vulnerability of this precious child we hold in our hands. It requires us to engage rather than follow. Nationalism, on the other hand, is the sycophant of tyrants requiring nothing more than to turn a blind eye. Nationalism always fades into the sunset in the dust left behind by its authoritative and fascist leaders, but not without cost. Nationalism has long been the tool of white supremacy.

We have been here before, dear country. In the 1920’s, the KKK infiltrated small towns and rural communities throughout the Northeast, in the name of “God and Country.” They littered the streets with pamphlets warning citizens to be wary if not fearful of Catholics, Jews, Italians, and immigrants from southern Europe, and of course anyone with a skin tone other than pink. The KKK held massive rallies and handed out flags to children encouraging neighbors to turn against neighbors and join the righteous in the name of Christianity. They did not need their confederate flags or white hoods. The propaganda emphasized patriotism and Christianity (not including Catholics). In rural New England, folks toted their toddlers off to KKK rallies as if they were off to a Grange meeting.

I have always been wary of flag-waving pseudo patriotism. When I was thirteen, I stopped saluting the flag, a practice I continued through high school. It had something to do with religious convictions, false idolatry, and all that. It was the era of “Godspell” and “Jesus

Christ Superstar,” after all. I used to close my eyes and say a little prayer instead. I was probably reprimanded a few times before a wave of new teachers fresh out of college began to change the atmosphere. It was during the Vietnam War, and patriotic sentiments were not appreciated. Although I was no longer alone in my practice, I bet there weren’t too many kids my age using the time to pray. It wasn’t a political statement, although I’m sure many assumed otherwise.

A few years ago, I wrote an essay titled “Call of Duty”. It was part commentary on the rising division and how Trump used pseudo patriotism as one of his tools of mass destruction. But the essay also reflected upon the many ways one can serve their country. We throw the term “hero” around so carelessly, it no longer carries weight. It is so much more than putting on a uniform and toting a gun. It’s taking your job seriously and in the case of the military, living up to the vow to protect the constitution and the people (all of us) of the United States. And on this Veteran’s Day, 2020 I do want to acknowledge those who have served. However, I also want to acknowledge those of us who serve our communities and our country in other ways. Healthcare workers, police and fire-fighters come to the mind very easily when it comes to answering that “Call of Duty.” But teachers also fit into the category of “true patriots” if you must flash around such bold terms.

I was not one of those teachers who chose my career because I wanted the summers off or because I loved children (not that I didn’t). My motivation was down-right patriotic. I wanted to make a difference in the world, and I wanted a job that held meaning and could make the world a better place. Being a lover of American History, I thought it was my duty to teach young people about civics and how to become critical thinkers who could participate and engage in democracy even if they were poor and regardless of their race, ethnicity, cultural practices or religion. In many ways, my “Call of Duty” was to uphold the Constitution and the values of freedom and justice for all. But then the sad day came when we were no longer allowed to teach history, civics, social studies or even science, because they were not on the standardized tests being forced upon public schools. And that was a sad day for America, my friends. We now have several generations and a president who don’t know much about history or anything about the way government works, and the differences between communism, socialism and democracy, much less a respect for the rule of law.

To paraphrase Jefferson in one of my favorite quotes, “A democratic republic requires an educated people,” I’d like to point out that an uneducated populace is easily duped by dictators, despots and fascists who use the ruse of patriotism to divide and conquer. I don’t have an American flag or one of those little lapel pins, and I’m not sure I would flaunt them if I did. But I do have what I call deep patriotism running through my veins, and that is a belief that we are a country filled with potential and possibilities, moving toward the audacious ideals of justice and equality. Not perfect, but a work in progress, and if we truly do love our country, we will roll up our sleeves, embrace our history (the good, the bad and the ugly), and hold her accountable to those uniquely American ideals.

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Carl L. Matson, 92

Carl L. Matson, 92 of Woodstock, CT died on November 8, 2020. He was born in Cambridge, MA on May 14, 1928 and spent his early years in West Medfield, MA before moving to Southbridge, MA where he went to school through high school. A very good and meticulous student, he was always interested in mathematics, statistics, and puzzle solving of every nature. A master model airplane maker, he later achieved his dream of flying “real” ones joining the U.S. Navy’s flight school, flying out of Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.



After leaving the Navy, Carl moved to California and worked at a major aerospace firms, including Boeing and North American Aviation. He was proud of his University of San Francisco college education, often mentioning a number of great pro athletes who also graduated from his alma mater. Eventually moving back East, he joined Mass Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield, MA, working there a number of years before retir-

ing. Following retirement Carl moved to Woodstock, CT in 1970 from Agawam, MA and took up and excelled at a number of skills, including becoming a master woodcarver. Many of his carvings are in homes in the area. Other skills included the building of exquisitely detailed dollhouses, clocks, etc. His extraordinarily detailed model train layout filled his entire basement. A master at puzzle solving, Carl maintained an active mind, taking on the most difficult crossword puzzles (never in pencil, always in ink!) as well as 2,000-piece jigsaw puzzles. And even at 90 years old, he’d daily walk a mile round trip to chat about the day’s activities with his Woodstock “family” and to visit with his 4-legged friends there. He was also frequently seen doing his “laps” around Roseland Park near his home in Woodstock.

Never married, he became part of the Everburg family and was a key part of their family activities. He had two “proxy” grandchildren, Audrey and Erika Helmetag. They loved being with each other and Carl very much enjoyed being a part of their growing up years. Carl was very generous in his quiet, reserved way. Never any show.

A Graveside Service was held in Elmvale Cemetery in Woodstock, CT on November 13, 2020. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Richard “Dick” A. Bernier, 90

PUTNAM – Richard “Dick” A. Bernier, 90, of Richmond Rd., died Wednesday evening, November 11, 2020 at his home. For sixty-two years, he was the loving husband of Claire (Biron) Bernier. Born in Danielson, Dick was the son of the late Harry and Cordelia (Chabot) Bernier. He was the last surviving and youngest of their five children.

A proud veteran of the Korean War, Dick aptly passed away quietly in his sleep on Veterans Day. He served in the US Navy (1950-54), aboard the USS Yosemite. After his military service, Dick returned to Danielson and began his career as an apprentice at Pratt & Whitney in Hartford. He quickly discovered an aptitude for welding, and through the support of his mentor, Don Bowman, Dick advanced and eventually became a premier class TIG welder. With those skills, he worked on aircraft at Kaman Aerospace Corporation in Moosup, and some of the earliest prototypes of fuel cells at United Technologies Corporation in South Windsor, and eventually retired from Whitcraft Corporation in Eastford. Dick was an avid gardener, bowler

and could cut a rug like the best of them, especially if it was a polka. He was a champion in card-playing, and particularly loved both cribbage and pitch.

A communicant of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, Dick was heavily invested in the early education of his two sons at St. Mary’s School, having served as a parent leader and fundraiser, and one of the founding leaders of the Circle of Fun.

In addition to his beloved wife, Dick is survived by his sons, David R. Bernier and his wife Rebecca of Lansing, MI and Kevin D. Bernier and his spouse David N. Henriques of Woodstock; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, November 24, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT.

Memorial donations may be made to the Richard A. Bernier Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Putnam Bank, 40 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260. Proceeds will benefit local students who choose to pursue a career in Richard’s chosen field of welding.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. All are encouraged to visit a memorial guestbook available at www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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ident in getting any legislation passed. McConnell blocked almost everything Obama wanted during eight years, ran a charade of an impeachment proceeding as possible no witnesses and may do the same over the next four

years. The biggest reason why no Republican will speak about Trump and his being a baby, due to the fact that two Senate seats in Georgia are very important and they need to appease both Trump and his voters. McConnell is more interested in his consolidating of power than the United States itself. While he does that

many Americans will suffer, will have to go without food over the holidays, maybe even medical, since they are interested in removing ACA, they will replace it with... nada. two senators from Georgia. That is top priority. Rest can be damned. Something to think about.

As far as the virus is concerned we are turning the corner-it will disappear by Easter-it will go away as soon as the election is over. It is Thanksgiving and it is raging all over the country. The only good thing is his presidency will be over soon. God Bless us All. Hope for the best.

David Cassettari
Killingly

Caroline L. Messier, 97, died November 7, 2020 at Christopher Heights in Webster, MA. She was a longtime resident of East Thompson, CT. She was the beloved wife of the late Clifford G. Messier, who predeceased her in 1998. She was born February 8, 1923 in Westborough, MA, daughter of the late George and Maude (Clark) Morse.



Caroline was a longtime employee of the Thompson Public School system, before retiring to enjoy many activities. She enjoyed working at the Thompson Public Library part time during her retirement. She was a member of the Thompson Congregational Church for many years, a member of the Thimble Club, Christian Women’s Group, Ladies Aide, Quinebaug Pomona Grange, Evening Circle and an AARP member. She was an avid reader, enjoyed crafts and Bingo with friends at Christopher Heights. She traveled with her husband with the Royal Travelers and to many places

visiting with her daughter and family while they were stationed at various Air Force Military bases across the country.

She leaves her son Alan Messier (Ruth) of North Smithfield, RI, daughter Karen Rivers (John) of Smithfield, VA, grandchildren Katharine Dubois (Jason) of North Smithfield, RI, Erin Martineau of Danielson, CT, Jack Messier of Burrillville, RI, Brian Rivers (Elizabeth) of Houston, TX, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Rivers (Erica) of Jamestown, RI, great grandchildren Cole Dubois, Adam Dubois, Kaileigh Martineau, Christopher Martineau, Nathan Martineau, Emma Rivers, Katherine Rivers, Elise Rivers, Henry Rivers, and Caroline Rivers. She was predeceased by her sisters Evelyn Benoit and Ruth Small.

A graveside service was held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 12:00 (Noon) at Fairview Cemetery, 380 Providence Road, South Grafton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Thompson Congregational Church, PO Box 308, Thompson, CT 06277. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

James Paul Kania, 56

James Paul Kania, 56, passed away unexpectedly at his home. He was born on September 8, 1964 to the late Joseph Francis Kania, Sr. and Rita Barbara (Cyr) Kania in Danielson, CT where he lived throughout his life. Jim was the fifth of five children.



He attended St. James Catholic School, the Brooklyn School and received an Associate’s degree from Quinebaug Valley Community College.

Like his older brother Joe, who predeceased him in April, Jimmy was a member of the Danielson Volunteer Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Team. He enjoyed learning the chemistry of fire-fighting and hazardous material safety protocols. He also taught fire prevention and safety classes.

Jimmy was fascinated with all things Space. Perhaps inspired by the sci-fi Star Trek TV series of his childhood, he developed an interest in and became a history buff of manned spaceflight. He enjoyed studying about the Gemini and Apollo programs and the astronauts who made history flying them. An ideal vacation for Jim, was a visit the NASA Kennedy Space Center where he witnessed the return of a space shuttle mission and stood in wonderment in the Saturn V rock-

et exhibit, whose size dwarfed every man-made structure that Jim had ever seen. It was thrilling for the boy who watched weekly star missions, “...boldly go where no man has gone before”. Sci-Fi had become reality!

Jim was a creative, skilled, and talented handyman who could repair and maintain just about anything. He was known as the tool man because of the awesome array he had acquired to tackle many projects, from building and woodworking, to replacing the hot water coil in his furnace.

But felines brought out the softer side of Jim. This big, burly gentle giant gave shelter and love to many kittens and cats through the years. They repaid his kindness with the unconditional love only an animal lover can know. They were as independent as he was and provided perceptive companionship.

Jim is survived by his loving sisters: Gloria Kania Fabian, Maryann Lalumiere (Richard), Pamela Dion (David), and sisters-in-law Dianne Kania and Eileen Kania; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. James Church in Danielson on November 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. followed by private interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in James memory to animal rescue organizations such as PAWS Cat Shelter, 240A Route 171, Woodstock, CT 06281. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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Trump and Republican approach to this election (so perfectly demonstrated in Mr. Hull’s letter) is more than just sour grapes or poor sportsmanship; it represents a window into a way of thinking about elections and voting that is profoundly undemocratic. For the past 20 years, Republican operatives have set about improving upon the tremendous leg up on power that both the Electoral College (Republicans have only won the national popular vote once since 1992) and the Senate (composed of two members from each state, regardless of population) have given them. They have done this via a multi-pronged assault on the concept of one man, one vote such that more than 50 million Americans live in a state in which the legislature is controlled by the party that won fewer votes. In Texas, there was the limiting of ballot drop boxes to one per county and the acceptance of gun licenses but

not student ID for voter registration. Residents in Detroit received robocalls from two conservative operatives stating that if they voted by mail, they would face debt collection and forced vaccination. Residents in Florida were greeted at an early voting location by gun-toting men in para-military uniforms. Polling locations moved at the last minute or non-existent in minority neighborhoods. Gerrymandering. Purging of voter registration rolls of people have not voted in the last couple of elections. It goes on and on and the list of methods is remarkably creative and seemingly endless. But, make no mistake, it is by careful design. Paul Weyrich, co-founder of the Heritage Foundation, Moral Majority, and multiple other right-wing organizations may have articulated it best: “Now many of our Christians have what I call the goo-goo syndrome — good government. They want everyone to vote. I don’t want everyone to vote. Elections are not won by a majority of the people,

they never have been from the beginning of the country and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down.” So, it would seem to be a lot more honest and a lot less likely to contribute to the loss of confidence in our elections, and thus to our system of government, for Mr. Hull (and the President) to simply say that he feels that people in Chicago and Philadelphia and Wayne County (and Pittsburgh and Atlanta and Milwaukee...) should perhaps not be voting at all. Never mind stating or implying that the election was stolen or that it was rigged or that there was “voter fraud.” But, I still can’t figure out why we wouldn’t want to make it as easy as possible for everyone in the country to vote. Especially during a pandemic. A country where everyone has a say is ultimately a stronger country.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. DAY, JR.
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Barbara A. LaCoille, 84

PUTNAM- Barbara Ann LaCoille, 84, passed away peacefully at Davis Place in Danielson on November 11, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Barbara was born November 2, 1936 in Putnam, Connecticut, the only child born to the late Eugene and Esther (Lessard) Deotte. She attended St. Mary School, graduated from Putnam High School Class of 1954, and attained a medical secretarial certificate from the Worcester School of Business Science. Upon graduation Barbara worked as a medical secretary for an internist in Worcester for 6 years. In 1960, her best friend and future sister-in-law Rachel (Morin) LaCoille, introduced her to Eugene LaCoille. They were married on November 25, 1961 at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam and made their home in Pomfret Center for 40 years. From 1970-1981, Barbara worked as a teacher's aide at the Pomfret Community



School, and from 1982 until her retirement in 1990, she worked in the family appliance and furniture retail store, Gene's, Inc. After retirement, Barbara and Gene were Florida "snowbirds" for many years. In 2001, they sold the Pomfret house and became permanent Florida residents, settling at Orange Tree Village in Orange City, Florida. Barbara was an active member of the village, volunteering at various activities, dinners, and socials in the OTV clubhouse. Barbara was a dedicated and passionate supporter of our military and veterans. Each year on Memorial Day, she would set up a Missing Man Table in the OTV clubhouse and recite the Missing Man Toast in remembrance of fallen and missing service men and women, and prisoners of war. She would also gather donated items and books to send to our troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. As Barbara's health began to decline, she and Gene made the move back to Putnam in early 2019 to be closer to family. Barbara served on the Putnam High School Class of 1954 reunion committee

for several years and enjoyed annual summer luncheons with a small group of friends from her class. Barbara was an avid reader, enjoyed crossword puzzles, playing cards and marbles with dear friends, travel, bowling, loved animals and spending time with her family. She was a loving and dedicated mom who never missed a softball or basketball game or any other activity her two children were involved in over the years. Besides Eugene, the love of her life for 59 years, Barbara is survived by daughter Tammy LaCoille and her wife Cindy Morse, of Brooklyn, CT; son Randy LaCoille and his wife Susan (Wilson) of Putnam; grandson Mark LaCoille and his wife Krystyl of Danielson; great-granddaughters Brooke, Topanga, and Sapphire LaCoille, all of Danielson; great-grandson Alex Taylor of Boston; her aunt Pauline (Lessard) Halley of Bartow, FL; beloved "extended family" Claire and Sean Guerin of Danielson, David Guerin of Gering, NE; Karen, Paul and Becca Locke of Enfield, and Spencer Locke of Phoenix, AZ, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Barbara's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff at Davis Place for the compassionate care they gave to Barbara for the past 20 months. Thanks also to Beacon Hospice of East Hartford, especially Chaplain Denny. A calling hour was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, CT at 11:30 AM burial to follow at West Thompson Cemetery. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to one of Barbara's favorite charities in her memory. They are St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Wounded Warrior Project; also, The Dementia Society of America, and Davis Place Recreation Department, 111 Westcott Rd, Danielson, CT 06239. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

Charitable gifting strategies for the Season of Giving

For many, the holidays are a time for giving back—whether by donating to a favorite charity or helping a family member. This year has challenged many non-profit organizations as they are not able to raise money as they normally would be due to the pandemic. A small donation can go a long way to help those in need and can have a lasting impact on your community. As you may recall, we briefly scratched the surface on charitable giving strategies earlier this month. In this article we will dive deeper into the importance of choosing a strategy that is meaningful, while paying close attention to potential tax and legal implications before you donate or gift.



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Charitable giving strategies for the Season of Giving. If there's a charitable organization you'd like to donate to, be sure to take the time to consider the charitable giving vehicle you'll use to make your gift. Let's look briefly at some of the options. Outright gifts. Outright gifts of cash or property provide charities with immediate resources. Be sure to keep your receipts or bank records to validate any income tax deductions you wish to claim. Keep in mind that you may need a professional appraisal to qualify for a tax deduction on certain noncash contributions. Donor-advised funds. A donor-advised fund is a charitable giving vehicle managed by a public charity for the purpose of distributing funds to other charities. When you contribute to a donor-advised fund, you can advise the charity on the grants it makes, as well as take advantage of possible tax deductions. Be aware, however, that there may be a minimum donation amount, and administrative fees may cut into the funds available for grants. Charitable remainder trusts. With this type of trust, the donor receives income from the trust for his or her lifetime, the lifetime of another person, or a period of up to 20 years. At the end of the specified term, the remaining trust assets are distributed to a charitable beneficiary. The greatest benefit of a charitable remainder trust is that you can take advantage of immediate tax benefits while continuing to utilize the assets, as you may deduct the present value of the charitable remainder interest. On the downside, charitable trusts tend to be complex to set up and usually require legal and administrative support.

Charitable gift annuities. A charitable gift annuity is a split-interest gift made directly to a charity that provides you, your spouse, or a family member with fixed income payments for life. The charity typically ends up with about half of your donation, while you get an immediate tax deduction and some guaranteed income. Keep in mind that an annuity is a contract between you and the charity, and your return isn't guaranteed by the government. Private foundations. A private foundation is a charity established by an individual, family, or corporation. Although it offers donors a great deal of control over their gifts, a private foundation can be costly to administer, and it must adhere to a strict set of rules designed to ensure that it carries out its charitable purpose. Bequests. If you wish to give to charity after you pass away, you may make bequests by way of your will, trust provisions, or beneficiary designations. Although bequests offer simplicity and are easy to set up, they are not income tax deductible during your life. Gifting to Family Members. Giving back doesn't always mean giving to charity. Gifting to family members can be just as rewarding, and it can be an effective way to transfer wealth while reducing or avoiding taxes. Here are several common strategies for gifting to family members: Making an outright cash gift. For tax year 2019, you may gift up to \$15,000 to any individual without tax consequences. (This amount increases to \$30,000 for married couples). This limit will remain the same for tax year 2020. If you're sharing gifts with your spouse, or you'd like to gift more than this amount to one person, you'll need to file a gift tax return using IRS Form 709. Paying college tuition or medical bills directly. If you'd like to pay a family member's expenses directly to a school or health care provider, the \$15,000 limit does not apply. Plus, you're still free to give the individual a separate tax-free gift of up to \$15,000. Contributing to a 529 plan. With this strategy, you can contribute to a relative's qualified education expenses while paring down your own estate. Contributions to 529 plans grow tax deferred, and withdrawals for the beneficiary's education are tax free at the federal level (and usually at the state level, too). Additionally, 529 plans are eligible for a special exemption that allows you to gift up to five years' worth of annual exclusion contributions (i.e., up to five times \$15,000, or \$75,000, per person per year) without using any estate and gift tax exemption. You will need to file IRS Form 709 to document the transaction. With all the options available, choosing the best way to give to charity or family members can seem overwhelming. Don't hesitate to reach out to your financial advisor to discuss various strategies and select an option that makes sense for you, your family, and your financial situation. We look forward to next week as we wrap up Yearend Planning, as we discuss what you need to know before you apply for The Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Program.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Elaine N Jeffrey (20-00341) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 26, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Stella Kwasek, 109 Ledgewood Acres, Plainfield, CT 06374
November 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Emily E. Quintal (20-00366) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated October 27, 2020, 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

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ESTATE OF Mignon J. Tourtellotte (20-00364) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, 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:
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(860)774-4717
November 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Elle Migneault (20-00385) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, 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:
Jean Claude Migneault
C/O STEVEN MALLINSON, ALLINSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 439 MAIN STREET, YALESVILLE, CT 06492, (203)871-3964.
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NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE
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INSPECTION TIMES: 10:00AM & 3:00PM
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Select the right tool for the pruning task

Deadheading, trimming, and pruning are part of growing and maintaining a beautiful and productive garden and landscape. Make sure you are outfitted with the right tool for the job. Matching the tool to the pruning task will help ensure a proper cut, reduce hand fatigue, and allow you to work longer.

Since most pruning cuts in the garden and landscape are between a quarter and three quarters of an inch, a bypass hand pruner is a must. These pruners have two sharp blades like scissors, making a clean cut that closes quickly. This helps reduce the risk of insects and disease moving in and harming your plants.

Avoid hand-held pruners that are too heavy or open too wide for your hand size. Those with a spring action return help reduce hand fatigue as long as the opening matches the size of your hand. Make sure the pruner does not open wider than your hand can easily grip. Select a tool that fits in your hand, is comfortable, has an ergonomic grip and is easy to control.

Matching your pruner to your hand size is as important as matching it to the cutting job. Opting for an oversized pruner to make larger cuts can lead to hand fatigue, frustration, and improper cuts. Measure the width across the palm of your hand at the base of your fingers. Next, measure the height from the middle of the base of your hand to



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the tip of your middle finger. A pruner rated for half inch cuts is a good match for those with small hands less than 3 1/2" wide and 6 1/4" high. If your hands measure three and a half to four inches wide six and a half to eight inches high, you may want to purchase a three-quarter-inch pruner. Those with larger hands should do fine with a one-inch hand-held pruner.

But size is just one factor to consider. Hand strength also influences the diameter of the stems you will be able to cut. Just because a tool is rated for three quarters of an inch doesn't mean everyone will be able to apply the needed pressure to make such a large cut. Invest in tools with compound levers or ratchets when you need a mechanical advantage to make cutting easier.

When the job is too big for you or the tool, select one better suited to the task. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona Tool's ComfortGel SL 3164D with tactile handles. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach. This extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs, and roses.

Invest in a foldable pruning RazorTOOTH Saw (coronatoolsusa.com) with a pull stroke cutting action and ergonomic handle. You'll be able to make cuts fast and easy and minimize hand fatigue. Foldable saws allow you to tuck the blade into the handle for



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The FlexDial bypass pruner allows you to adjust the grip to fit the size of your hand, reducing fatigue when making repetitive cuts.

safekeeping and reduce storage space.

Saws are useful tools for cutting larger branches on trees and shrubs that you can safely prune. Although I am a certified arborist, I only prune small trees and shrubs. I save big tree work for my colleagues that climb, have the equipment and training to do the job safely.

Melinda Myers has written numer-

ous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Yes, you can be fined for not wearing a mask



BY KATE CERRONE

Along with the Corona Virus pandemic have come 79 Executive Orders from the governor's office. Seventy-nine, and counting! These orders have dealt with COVID-19-related direction for the citizens of Connecticut, ranging from whether or not our liquor stores remain open to the number of people allowed to dine at one table inside our favorite restaurant. Each person may have a different view as to whether the state government can impose these restrictions. Setting aside one's personal view, from a legal perspective, the mask mandate is generally viewed as in line with other state requirements and not overreaching.

According to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 9B, some

authorized agents, such as local health directors, district health directors, municipal chief executive officers, and state and municipal police officers may issue fines to those failing to wear a mask or cloth face-covering.

Where are these masks or face coverings required? According to Executive Order 7NNN, any person in a public place, whether indoors or outdoors, who is not maintaining a six-foot distance from other people, must wear a mask or cloth face-covering. Masks or cloth face-coverings are also required when riding in taxis, in cars, on public transit, or while within any transit stop or waiting area.

The Executive Orders, with particularity, require "mask-or cloth face-coverings". What is considered to be a face-covering, and what if it isn't cloth? The Executive order specifically requires masks, which form to the face, or cloth face-coverings, so it is best to avoid the plastic face shields to prevent incurring a fine. Perhaps more clarification may be forthcoming from the governor's office, but until then, it is best to keep to these two specific types of face-coverings.

What if you have a medical condition that makes masks and cloth face-cover-

ings impractical or dangerous for you? In that case, you are exempted from wearing a mask or cloth face-covering, but you better have some documentation with you to prove it. Your doctor can provide you with written documentation that you are qualified for the exemption. The documentation need not name or describe the condition, but you should have a signed order from your doctor that you are exempt.

Can the state really levy fines for failing to wear a mask or face-covering? The answer is yes. es. Under Con. Gen. Stat. Section 51-164n, there is a Centralized Infractions Bureau of the Superior Court that handles the payment of fines. The Governor's Executive Order makes the failure to wear a mask or cloth face-covering a violation under the jurisdiction of this Centralized Infractions Bureau.

Is failing to wear a mask or face-covering a criminal offense? No. The fine levied under Con. Gen. Stat. Section 51-164n(e) is not treated as an offense for purposes of Connecticut's penal code.

How much is the fine? One hundred dollars. You may choose to pay the fine without any admission of having engaged in conduct justifying the fine, and the violation for the conduct is inadmissible

in any civil or criminal proceeding. You may also plead "not guilty" and then reach an agreement with the state prosecutorial officer and agree to pay a lesser fine, without having to go to court. If you plead "not guilty" and oppose the fine, the Centralized Infractions Bureau will arrange for you to have a hearing in the Superior Court assigned to your geographical area.

It is helpful to think of this new mandate as you do the requirement to wear your seat-belt. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 14-100a, operators and front seat passengers of motor vehicles must wear the seat safety belts that were originally installed in their vehicles. Violations can result in fines ranging between \$50 and \$75. Similar fines are imposed regularly for conduct such as cell phone use while driving, the obstruction of an ambulance or emergency medical service vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license or failing to stop a motor vehicle at the direction of a school crossing guard.

The justification for fines such as these is that they mandate behavior that keeps people safe. Conceivably, they also reduce taxpayer- and insurance-subsidized health care costs associated with illness that could have been prevent-

ed by mask-wearing, as well as conserving the strain on the health care system caused by widespread illness. "Face coverings of nearly every kind help reduce aerosols when speaking or interacting with others," said Summer McGee, associate professor of public management at the University of New Haven, in a recent CT Post article. "In short, face coverings work and successfully can mitigate COVID-19 spread."

Presented by Kathleen M. Cerrone, Esq. Sources: *CT Lawyer*, Vol. 31 No. 2, Nov. / Dec. 2020, *Connecticut Fines for Personal Health and Safety Violations* by Elizabeth C. Yen; *State of Connecticut Executive Order Nos. 7NNN; 9B; CT Post, September 23, 2020, www.ctpost.com, Experts: Most Face Coverings Offer COVID Protection* by Amanda Cuda. Kathleen M. Cerrone is a partner at the law firm of Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog & Cerrone LLC d/b/a The Northeast Law Center, with two locations: 155 Providence Street Putnam Connecticut 06260 and 124 Wauregan Road Danielson Connecticut 06239. Kathleen (best known as "Kate") can advise you on civil litigation matters. Ask Kate about her Corporate Care Plan.

Create the quintessential autumn meal

Autumn evokes all types of cozy images. There are the chilly evenings spent around the fire pit outdoors or nights spent by the fireplace sipping warmed cider. Afternoons strolling through crunchy leaves or seeking out the perfect apples in the orchard also make autumn a special time of year.

Comfort foods are popular in fall, and many people have their tried-and-true recipes that they prepare when temperatures starts to dip. Perhaps no fall meal is as coveted and enjoyed as beef stew.

Simmered for hours, stew meats fall apart, and soft potatoes and carrots perfectly complement the rich beef. This recipe for "Harvest Beef Stew" from "Crock-Pot® 365 Year-Round Recipes" (Publications International, Ltd.) from Crock Pot® Kitchens is a make-ahead-then-forget recipe that promises all of the flavors that make beef stew so delicious. Serve it with a fresh-baked loaf of crusty bread to soak up the mouth-watering sauce.

Harvest Beef Stew

Makes 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds beef for stew
- 1 quart canned or stewed tomat-

- toes, undrained
- 6 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 celery stalks, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour (optional)
- 1/2 cup warm water (optional)

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Brown stew meat on all sides. Drain excess fat.

Placed browned meat and remaining ingredients except flour and water in Crock-Pot® slow cooker. Mix well. Cover; cook on high 6 to 7 hours.

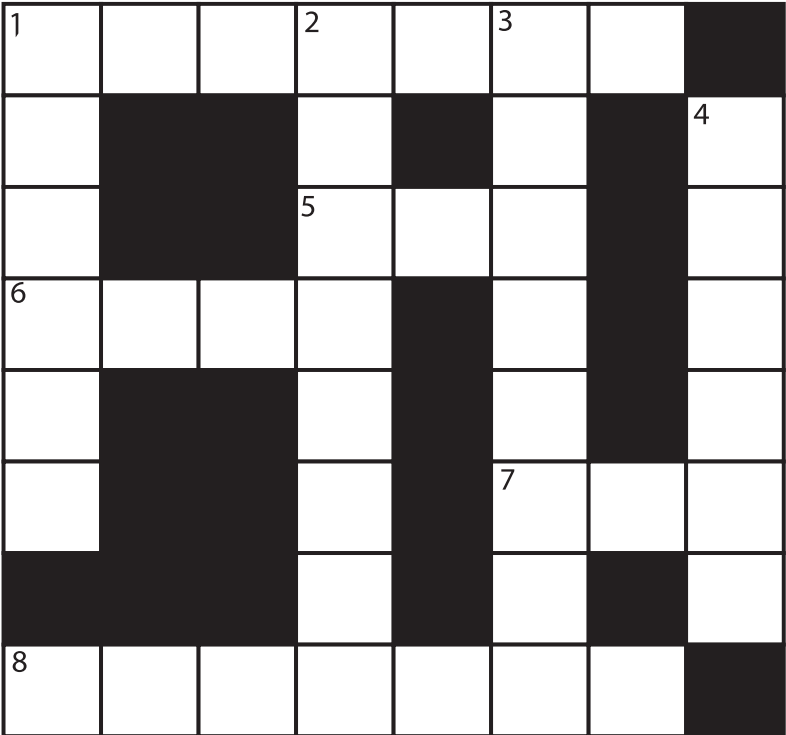
Before serving, thicken gravy, if desired. Combine flour and warm water in small bowl, stirring well until all lumps are gone. Add mixture to liquid in Crock-Pot slow cooker; mix well. Cook 10 to 20 minutes, or until sauce thickens. Remove and discard bay leaves before serving.



Rich "Harvest Beef Stew" is the perfect meal for chilly autumn nights.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Winged food
- 5. Frozen water
- 6. Harmful
- 7. Join together
- 8. Flat meat patties

DOWN

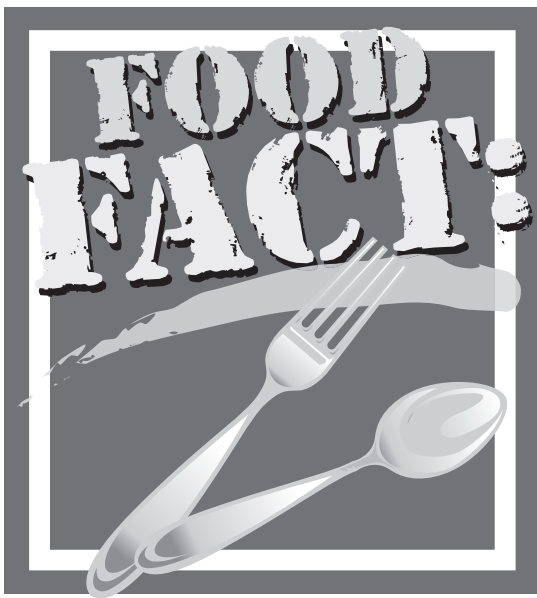
- 1. Covered with cheese
- 2. Meat covered frankfurter
- 3. One who puts something into action
- 4. Small chunk

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

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1. Chicken 5. Ice 6. Evil 7. Tie 8. Burgers

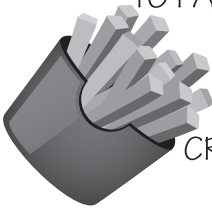
Answers:

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Hamburger
- SPANISH: Hamburguesa
- ITALIAN: Hamburger
- FRENCH: Hamburger
- GERMAN: Hamburger



MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE FRENCH FRIES CAN BE TRACED TO PARTS OF FRANCE, WHILE OTHERS CREDIT THE BELGIANS WITH CREATING THIS BELOVED FOOD.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HAMBURGER

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = I)

A. 15 14 7 13 1

Clue: Sweet stuff

B. 3 20 15 14 22 3 20

Clue: Hormone that regulates glucose

C. 26 6 15 26 3 20 7

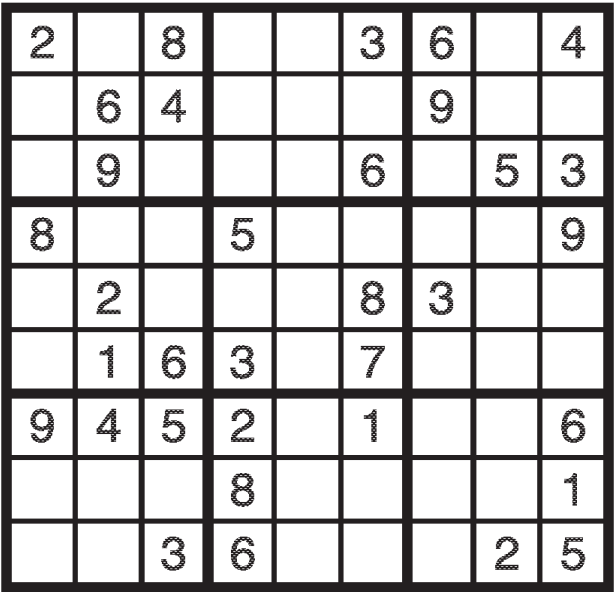
Clue: Checking something

D. 19 6 13 22 26 19

Clue: Concerns wellness

Answers: A. sugar B. insulin C. testing D. health

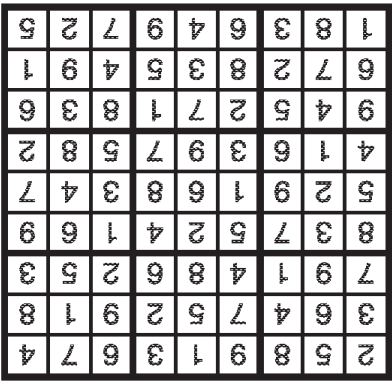
SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Thompson celebrates Veterans Day

Thompson's Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on Nov. 11 at Oscar Swanson Park in North Grosvenordale is an annual event put on by VFW Post 10088. Again this year, it was a beautiful ceremony that honored the Veterans. This year as well as honoring the Veterans, an award ceremony that had been postponed due to COVID-19 was included. Jane Ellison of Thompson received the VFW's Citizen of the Year Award for all her work she does for Veterans. Among many other things Jane does to honor veterans, each year Jane Ellison organizes the Wreaths Across America event in Thompson. Neil Bernier an eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher from Thompson Middle School was awarded the Teacher of Year award. Neil Bernier who is in his 19th year teaching, was nominated by Melinda Smith, Superintendent of Thompson Public Schools Thank you to all our veterans and Congratulations to Jane Ellison of Thompson and Neil Bernier of Putnam.

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Online auction to benefit Windham County 4-H Foundation

REGION — The Windham County 4-H Foundation will be hosting an online holiday auction beginning Nov. 13 and running through 3 p.m. on Nov. 22. We have gift certificates from local businesses and a variety of auction baskets donated by our Board members

and friends, including a “pie of the month” offering. You can find stocking stuffers, antiques and collectibles from our barn for unusual one of a kind gifts as well. Gift certificates will be mailed to winning bidders but other items will need to be claimed by arranging for pick up at the camp in Pomfret. Go to <https://www.biddingowl.com/WindhamCounty4HFoundation>, click on “view all items,” register, and start bidding. Send any questions to wc4h-founders@gmail.com.

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modern design glassware as well. Some midcentury glassware can fetch high prices at auction. A large 1940s-1950s Asta Stromberg Diamant (Diamond pattern) glass vase by Strombergshyttan sold for \$735 in a 2013 online auction. A “peacock” Blenko floor bottle brought \$2,100 at auction in 2016. A set of four Riihimaki glasses made by the artist Nanny Stil for the Riiimaën Lasi Oy company went for £4,000 (\$5,278 U.S.) in 2011. A 1960 Michael and Frances Higgins Rondelay screen with five rows each with five round pieces of glass and brass sold for \$13,000 in 2014. A 1960 Murano “Dorico Corniola” vase by Ercole Barovier, described in one auction catalog as “colourless glass with inclusions in carnelian, white, violet and colourless,” was auctioned for \$29,000 in 2013. Art glass has still been selling well more recently. A pair of Murano glass chandeliers sold for \$2,750 in late October. Despite the pandemic, there is still bottled up demand for high quality art glass. We will be offering a large collection of antique and newer toys from one estate in several online auctions over the next few months, beginning with some die-cast cars. We also will be offering paintings by Fay Moore from her estate. Moore is well known for sporting scenes and horse rac-



ing paintings. I'll provide additional updates in future columns. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.

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