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The 160th edition will begin Friday, Sept. 3 and run through Monday, Sept. 6 at the fairgrounds on Route 169 in South Woodstock.

Gates will open every day at 9 a.m.

The Fair will have its favorite attractions including agricultural displays, giant pumpkins, demonstrations and competitions.

The barns will be filled with horses, sheep, cattle and poultry.

The birthing center will include a variety of baby animals.

Fine arts, handwork, food, fruits and vegetables will fill the exhibition halls.

The Fiesta Shows midway will provide plenty of excitement for children and adults.

Entertainment on two stages and will feature regional and



local performances.

With the unpredictability of the Covid-19 virus and local and regional bands and performers having limited work in 2020, the Fair elected to take a more prudent course of action to showcase regional and local talent.

Included in the entertain-

ment are a pair of tribute shows.

The Linda Ronstadt Experience starring Tristan McIntosh will perform two shows on Sept. 4. Lynyrd Skynyrd fans will be thrilled to hear that Vyntage

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Wyndham Land Trust protects critical grasslands

WOODSTOCK—Threatened grassland birds in the Quiet Corner just got a boost thanks to a donation of farmland property to the Wyndham Land Trust. An anonymous donor recently gave 112 acres on Cabbage Hill Road in Woodstock to the Wyndham Land Trust. The land is a mixture of hayfields, meadows, and forests that is now protected from development in perpetuity. "The new 'Cabbage Hill Preserve' is a great asset for us," said Andy Rzeznikiewicz, land manager for the land trust. "Threatened grassland birds, such as Bobolinks, nest in the hayfield. We will let a local farm-



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A large hayfield provides nesting habitat for Bobolinks.



Photos Courtesy

Jack Merrill received the Tom Auclair Award and the Program Graduate Award.

Tri-Town Legion baseball team holds postseason banquet

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — The Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Team, fresh off a berth in the state tournament, held its postseason banquet on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Oscar W. Swanson American Legion Post No. 67.

Also sponsoring the team are American Legion Post 13, located in Putnam, and American Legion Post 111, located in Woodstock.

Jack Merrill received the Tom Auclair Award and the Program Graduate Award. The Auclair Award annually goes to the team's outstanding senior division player as determined by the coaching staff. The Program Graduate Award is given to a senior player who is aging out of the program.

Vin Tocci received the Stan Lesniewski Award, better known as the team's 10th Player Award, and the

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New book offers guidance for growing careers

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

POMFRET — Barry Jessurun has accomplished a lot over the decades. At one time, he served as a selectman for the town of Pomfret and has spent several decades working in the hospitality business eventually heling open four local eateries. Today, he serves as the President of Green Valley Hospitality and has added another title to his resume,

Jessurun debuted his first



Photo Jason Bleau

Barry Jessurun presents his new book called "The Drunkard's Path."

book in 2021, "The Drunkard's Path," which seeks to guide people through their journeys of career growth inspired by Jessurun's own path to success in the hospitality business dating back to the 1970s. The book is the result of 20 years of papers written by Jessurun simply to better understand the business and in the last four years he gained a better idea for his audience speaking with college students at UConn and gaining an understanding of what they wanted to learn from people like himself. Jessurun finished writing

the book in 2019 and put the finishing touches on it while in quarantine during the pandemic last year.

"I was able to come up with an outline for the book that worked for me and was able to sit down, write and get the product finished. The COVID year was my edit, rewrite and polishing stage. Really, it's a book for my staff to help them become better at what we do. We know that people who work at restaurants for the most part aren't here because this is their

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Putnam Library’s relocation signifies the end of an era



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Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center now open: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Center will follow the Covid guidelines in place by the Town of Killingly.

I feel a twinge of sadness when I drive past Putnam Library on Kennedy Drive, for outside is a For Sale sign since they are preparing for the move to the new

municipal complex at 200 School St. I live on the Killingly-Putnam town line, so over the years have borrowed many books from that library in addition to Killingly Library. I thought I'd give you a little of the history of this long-standing institution.

“The History of Windham County, Connecticut,” edited by Richard Bayles, noted that prior to the formal organization of a library association Chandler A. Spalding and George Williams “tried to meet part of the need by leaving books for a library in the Congregational Church. Others added additional volumes.” In 1884 a Citizens’ Library Association was formed which collected almost six hundred volumes under the Women’s Temperance Union. Following a gift from Edmond Wilkinson, a reorganization occurred with the following as a board of managers: J. W. Manning, E. H. Bugbee, George W. Holt, Jr., L. H. Fuller, C. H. Johnson, J. B. Kent, A. B. Williams, E. A. Wheelock, George E. Shaw. (p. 808).

Emma J. Kinney wrote a detailed history of what was then the Putnam Free Public Library in Allen B. Lincoln’s “A Modern History of

Windham County, Connecticut,” which was published in 1920. She noted that Putnam Library “had its beginnings in March, 1884 when Mr. R. S. Helmen, a representative of the Empire Library in New York suggested to some of the citizens a plan to start a library in Putnam. 200 members would subscribe \$1.50 for life membership thus obtaining a library of 200 volumes. The plan met with approval and in a short time the necessary names were secured...and books were selected. At a meeting of the subscribers March 21, in Union Hall, the library was organized, and the following officers elected. President, Dr. J. B. Kent; secretary and treasurer, L. O. Williams; librarian, S. M. Hewitt...

Bylaws and a constitution were adopted at a subsequent meeting and it was “voted that in order to become a stockholder in the library, a fee of not less than \$2.00 should be required. At a meeting held April 16, 1884, the following officers were elected: President, J. B. Kent; secretary and treasurer, E. H. Johnson; librarian, S. M. Hewitt; board of directors, W. B. Ferguson, A. W. MacDonald, G. A. Hammond, M. G. Leonard,, E. H. Johnson. The Citizen’s Library Association library was formally opened Saturday evening, April 25, with 270 books and 140 members. “The library was opened Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings....The first home of the library was in the jewelry store of the Wright Brothers, one of whom acted as librarian.

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society is home to many newspapers but not many Turnpike Buyers or Shoppers Guides. It has been fun to look at an Oct. 23, 1968 Turnpike Buyer and compare the prices and businesses with those of today. Danielson Federal Savings and Loan Association was offering 5.25 percent three-year certificates with a \$3,000 minimum. Those were the days! Parent Trap with Haley Mills was playing at the Danielson Cinema. During the week you could see Julie Christie in “Far From the Madding Crowd.” “Parent Trap” was also at the Imperial Cinema on Front Street in Putnam. A more adult movie called Sweet Ecstasy was playing at the Twin Drive-In on Route 12. (Three theaters. Wouldn’t that be nice!)

If you needed a new dryer, Lavalley Furniture on Commerce Avenue had Hotpoint dryers starting at \$99. Need a radio? DV-TV & Appliances on Route 12 in Central Village had them starting at \$6.95. “Portables, pocket-fuls, swingers, easel stand, on-the-go sizes, travel clock radios, tiny pockets, wall clock radios.” Do you remember the days of the tvs in their own cabinets? Phil’s Radio, Inc. at 71 Main Street, Danielson was advertising a “sensationally priced deluxe full-featured Zenith Console 23 “ Color tv for \$499.95.

The 1960’s were also the days of local egg stands. “Farm fresh eggs. Jumbo...55 cents a dozen, extra large, 50 cents a dozen. Dayville, Route 12, Next to the former Danco plant.

Perhaps you did business at the Danielson office of the Willimantic Trust Company at 84 Main Street. Did you stop in Diskay Discount Stores at 119 Main Street in Danielson? Prestone Anti-freeze was on sale 2 gallons for \$3. 4 oz., 4-ply virgin wool knitting worsted was only 77 cents. Mattel’s Hot wheels were \$1.97; Kenner’s Spirograph, \$1.97; Mattel’s Tipee Toes, \$9.98 (“Horse and Trike included! The Doll of the year!). I wonder what these would be worth to today’s toy collectors? Do not throw away your old toys. If you no longer want them, bring them to the Killingly Historical Center. The children who visit would find them quite interesting.

In 1889, as the city of Putnam was being chartered, it was proposed that the library be a chartered library. Citizens Library Association members and books first became part of the Putnam Library Association then became the Putnam Free Public Library in 1894.

During the early Twentieth Century the library found several different homes. When the Union Block location became inadequate, a room was fitted out in the Court House building and was dedicated in March, 1904. For economic reasons the town voted in the fall of 1912 to change the location of the library to the municipal building. Efforts were being made to acquire books for the French-Canadian and Polish populations. (pp. 797-799; see Lincoln for a more detailed account).

The present Putnam Public Library, located at 225 Kennedy Drive, was one of the buildings damaged by the devastating flood of August 1955 with five feet of water in the first floor. Fortunately the library had not yet opened and books and furniture were not yet in the building. Nevertheless, the opening was delayed until the following year. In late November, 1956 the local Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Putnam town officials aided in moving the books from the municipal building to the new library. At a special program in the Putnam High School auditorium, the library was dedicated on December 1. It opened for business on Monday, December 1, 1956. (“Perspectives of Putnam,” Margaret M. Weaver, p.108, 115—see 1957 Putnam Town Report).

Head librarians at the current Putnam Librarian have had long tenures so perhaps you can easily remember them: Abbie F. Scott (1932-1962), Millicent Beausoleil (1962-1979), Mary C. Brumbaugh (1980-2006), and Priscilla D. Colwell (2006 to present). An era is ending but you can look forward to a modern library at the new Putnam municipal complex. The change will take place in a few weeks.

Allard’s Pharmacy, located at 56 Main St., Danielson, had a “Medical Mirror” ad with health tips. Answering a question about the nutritional value of radishes, “Many people are not aware that three small radishes provide about one third the recommended daily allowance of Vitamin C.” Did you need a locksmith? Visit Duffy’s Shop at 34 Main St., Danielson. It also provided bicycle repairs and vacuum cleaner parts and repairs. Perhaps you shopped for a pair of Hush Puppies at Lord’s shoe store at 97 Main St. Women, if you were updating your wardrobe, you might have visited The Bridal Corner in the Putnam Shopping Center. In addition to a bridal line, the store included casual clothes, skirts, sweaters, slacks, blouses, and shells. In Danielson you could find an assortment of men’s and women’s clothing at Keech’s Department Store, 55 Main St.

I chuckled when I saw the “Waltz Thru Washday” contest, which featured a chance to win a new washer or dryer “value up to \$250.” Complete the following jingle: ‘A modern clothes dryer will save you time, Do away with that old-fashioned clothesline, No more sun-faded clothes, frozen fingers, or toes (Complete the last line).” Danielson appliance dealers participating in the contest were D. Blumenthal, Inc., LaValley Furniture Co., Phil’s Radio, Inc. and Sears Roebuck and Co. I wonder who won?

Please share your memories about any of the above businesses by emailing me at the address below.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian August 2021. Special thanks to the Putnam Librarians for their assistance. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or www.Killinglyhistorical.org. Leave messages at the Killingly Historical Center 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10-1. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistorical-society. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

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Whether they have been a Westview employee for decades or they are a recent hire; whether they are a staff member at Westview Health Care Center or the recently opened Country Living at Westview Commons, their endurance, dedication, sacrifice, innovation, and encouragement exhibit a wealth of hope for brighter days ahead.



The "Westview Coat of Arms" design above will adorn this year's apparel given to employees during Westview's annual Employee Appreciation Week. As they carry this symbol on their shirts, this symbol carries deep meaning for the elements within.

In the top left quadrant, a stylized version of Westview's core logo appears. It is a sun that is seen rising by our 1st shift staff, seen setting by our 2nd shift staff; featuring a crescent at its center acknowledging the overnight watchfulness of our 3rd shift staff.

To its right, a constellation of 5 stars portrays the high marks that our employees continue to achieve for our facility. Westview has consecutively earned these accolades over the past 13 years in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' 5-Star national rankings, as well as in US News & World Report's national rankings. Even amidst a global pandemic, Westview employees persevere to maintain this excellence.

Appearing in the lower right block is the crest for the newest member of the Westview family, Country Living at Westview Commons. Just as this insignia represents a budding flower, the staff at Westview Commons actively cultivates the residents' growth into lifestyles they deserve.

The lower left features an illustration of the Magnolia tree planted this June at the four-corner juncture of Westview Health Care Center and Country Living at Westview Commons. This tree's location was chosen to remind us of the lives lost, the love gained, and the new hope planted at life's crossroads.



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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

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

Today we’re talking with maker Al Pacheco of Woodstock. Al has worn many hats over the years, but most recently he’s getting attention for his hand-made lamps. Call them whimsical, steampunk, industrial, or assemblage art, Al’s lamps are made from a clever mix of disparate parts resulting in original and functional lighting, both chic and accessible.

It’s good to see you Al. Your lamps have featured just about everything from electric mixers, old radios, and faucets to auto parts. How did the idea to create lamps from salvage come about?

The idea to make lamps came from seeing how everything used to be made. The craftsmanship, and pride in making



What’s Shaking

something that was meant to last a lifetime.

I would find obsolete items that I thought looked fantastic but were no longer useful and thought that I would make a lamp out of it.

Tell us something about your process. Does the featured component or the idea come first?

I think that the component comes first. If it catches my eye for whatever reason, then the idea for a lamp comes next. Sometimes it makes no sense at all and seems challenging but that’s half the fun.

Please share some pictures of a few of your favor-



The Powers That Be

ite pieces.

“What’s Shaking?” Not milkshakes from this old mixer. It’s been retrofitted with a (decorative) gas gauge and functioning light bulbs to create this lamp.

“Stay Tuned” was made combining a 1940’s radio kit and a voltmeter. The light on top is on a moveable arm.

“In the Mood” indicates that it’s date night. The industrial cage fixture has been fitted with a red bulb.

“The Powers That Be” is actually stamped on the face plate of this duct hygostat. The lampshade was fashioned from a speaker.

“Spit it Out” was made combining vintage dental apparatus with projector bulbs.

Your workspace must be fascinating. How would you describe it?

My workspace is the basement and the barn which is sort of an organized chaos of treasures and junk which makes me happy and eventually turns into something that hopefully makes others happy as well.

“Three Boy’s Lamps” is the name of your enterprise. Where did that come from?

The name of the business “Three Boys Lamps” came from I guess my wife Wendy, who would come home from work every day and when our pets, two cats Digit and Harley and our dog Jackson would



Spit it Out

rush to greet her at the door, she always said “I love my three boys”. I, of course, was not counted in the mix.

Do you have several projects going at once? What are you working on right now?

I usually do one project at a time but sometimes a few are left around in various stages of completion if I need to find a part or if I haven’t quite figured out how to finish the piece in my head.

I’ve seen your booth at the “Hill Church” in Woodstock during their October craft fair, and also at Art’s & Framing in Putnam. Do you have other venues for selling your work?

I will be at the craft fair October 16th and 17th at the Congregational church in Woodstock across from the Pink House.

I also have some pieces at Puffins which is an art and collectibles store at 44 Washington street in Mystic CT.

What is your connection to the Quiet Corner?

I was born and raised in Putnam and lived and worked there until 2000 when we moved to Woodstock

When you’re not making lamps, what are you doing?

When I’m not making



Stay Tuned



In the Mood

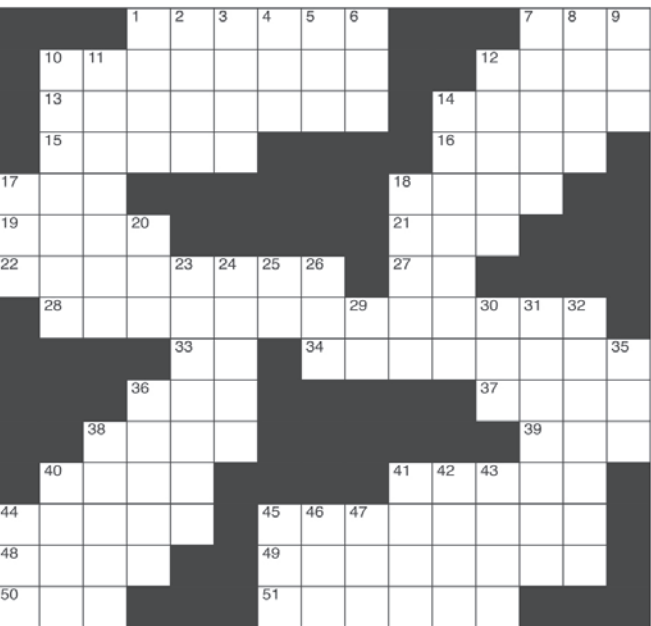
lamps, I’m working part time at Lowe’s, going picking with Wendy looking for new junk and gems at flea markets, or playing golf if it ever stops raining.

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Word of the day
Steampunk is a style of design and fashion that combines historical elements with anachronistic technological features inspired by science fiction. [Oxford Languages]

Assemblage art is a form of sculpture comprised of «found» objects arranged in such a way that they create a piece. [ThoughtCo.com]

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized flame-work glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitationals. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Nature expedition
7. Take the energy from
10. Bungled
12. Young salmon
13. Botanical gardens
14. Source of chocolate
15. Country singer LeAnn
16. Yokel
17. Unit of energy
18. Plant of the lily family
19. Tusked wild pig
21. Form of “to be”
22. Formerly
27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
28. Former First Lady
33. News organization
34. Shining brightly and intermittently
36. Brew
37. Teams’ best pitchers
38. Edible fruit
39. Pitching stat
40. ___ or bust
41. Baby product manufacturer
44. Monetary unit of Finland
45. Small spherical structures in cells
48. Pouches
49. Reached
50. Investment account
51. Oft-repeated slogan

CLUES DOWN

1. Nuclear undersea weapon
2. Helps the skin
3. Evergreen coniferous trees
4. Relieve of employment
5. A way to drench
6. Journalist Tarbell
7. ___ and Venzetti
8. Alcoholic liquor
9. An athlete who plays for pay
10. Where to get drinks
11. Japanese art form
12. Baseball great Satchel
14. Winged angelic beings
17. One point south of due east
18. Group of islands in Polynesia
20. A place to play: ___ center
23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
25. Millilitre
26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
29. Railway above ground
30. Satisfaction
31. Aggregate of molecules
32. Type of barometer
35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
36. Long periods of time
38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
40. Deliver
41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
42. Modern Israel founder
43. Small NY college
44. Pounds per square inch
45. Veterans battleground
46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
47. Popular kids’ channel



JESSURUN

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career. They’re here because they have a short- or long-term story they’re working-on in their lives and we want them to be better in the moment so they can be more valuable in the future. That’s what we do and so I wrote about the ideas philosophies and practices that you’ll need to do and work on to be the employee that everybody wants to work with and become the manager everyone wants to work for and eventually the business owner that creates a space that attracts al those right people,” Jessurun said of his book.

The title of the work is inspired by the name of a difficult pattern used by quilters that Jessurun said is learned as quilters reach higher levels of experience and opens up their work to new possibilities. The name was chosen because his

book attempts to capture that same idea explaining that everyone starts simple but working your way to more difficult and complex goals is how you grow and challenge yourself eventually opening yourself up to new possibilities.

“From beginner, you step up, learn these new ideas, learn these new practices and embody them. Guess what, a whole new space of possibilities will open up because you did that. Step up and learn the difficult stitch. Step up and learn the difficult job. You can be that person,” Jessurun said.

The book also breaks down three themes that Jessurun feels is key to success similar to the famed four agreements popularized by Don Miguel Ruiz. However, Jessurun’s themes are more relevant to growing as an employee and workers and start with understanding that you are valuable as a producer for yourself and not just your employer

and moving to seeing language as a verb that helps you create realities and culminating in self-ish altruism that states that you are building your business and dreams for you but also to provide for those around you.

“You do something, and it does affect others. I want to create a space where things are awesome. That’s what our restaurants do and that’s what this book is trying to do. Pick it up, read it and things will be different,” said Jessurun. “If you’re someone changing careers it’s going to help you on that journey. It’s about your story. What’s your journey? Create the future you’re trying to reach.”

“The Drunkard’s Path” can be purchased at most book retailers but is also available at the four restaurants represented through Green Valley Hospitality: 85 Main in Putnam, The Vanilla Bean in Pomfret, and Dog Lane Café in Storrs and Fenton River Grill in Mansfield.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Aug. 16: Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Catbird, Bluebird, Barn Swallow, Pileated Woodpecker, Great Blue Heron, Hummingbird, Raven, Carolina Wren, Bobolink, Song Sparrow, House Finch, Goldfinch. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home.

News

Putnam Plastics completes state-of-the-art manufacturing expansion

DAYVILLE — Putnam Plastics Corporation, a leader in advanced extrusions and assemblies for minimally invasive medical devices, has completed construction on its latest state-of-the-art expansion in Dayville. The 57,000 square foot facility will be utilized as clean manufacturing space, increasing production capacity for both existing and new medical device customers. This new addition provides additional space for the company to continue to grow and support the growing needs of their partners within industry.

This expansion has been added onto the existing headquarters in Northeast Connecticut. Similar to the corporate headquarters, this space was designed specifically with Putnam’s medical device partners in mind, offering additional clean manufacturing space to expand their product lines. Several new extrusion lines, along with braiding and coiling machines to manufacture reinforced catheter shafts are just a few of the new pieces of equipment that will



be housed in this space. Along with the benefits of adding machinery and employees for additional production, by expanding the overall footprint of the headquarters, Putnam is able to keep everything under one

roof. This means that their tooling room and engineering team are all located in the same building providing customers with quicker overall lead times and speed to market. While the company expects to hire 100+ employees to fill positions that this expansion will provide, they are able to avoid unnecessary duplications in personnel that are common when creating new divisions in different locations. By adding onto the existing facility, Putnam minimizes logistical issues which increases overall efficiency.

“We are excited to complete our new addition. This space will allow us to increase our capabilities in manufacturing as well as product development,” said Jim Dandeneau, Putnam Plastics CEO. “We are committed to meeting our customers need to quickly develop complex components for life saving devices.”

For more information on the Putnam manufacturing expansion, visit www.putnamplastics.com.

So Jin Lim named to University of Utah’s Dean’s List

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — So Jin Lim of Seoul, ST, has been named to the University of Utah’s Summer 2021 Dean’s List. Lim’s major is listed as Psychology BS.

Lim was among more than 970 students named to the Summer 2021 Dean’s List at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

About the U

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate

level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. In 2019, the university was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities—an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions. Known for its proximity to seven world-class ski resorts within 40 minutes of campus, the U encourages an active, holistic lifestyle, innovation and collaborative thinking to engage students, faculty, and business leaders.

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Spencer Fulone of Thompson selected as Lasell University orientation leader

NEWTON, Mass. — Spencer Fulone, a Lasell University student from Thompson, is one of 11 orientation leaders selected by the University to welcome and guide incoming students this fall.

Lasell’s orientation leaders help first-year and transfer students acclimate to the campus community. This summer, multiple virtual orientation sessions were held and led by the leaders, including Fulone. Throughout the upcoming year, the orientation leaders will continue to answer questions and provide support for the new students.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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Skynard, out of the Boston area, will perform two shows on Sept. 5.

The Fair is also proud to welcome the Rustlers Band, a country act out of Long Island, N.Y. on Sept. 6.

The South Stage welcomes back the East Woodstock Cornet Band, the Old Time Fiddlers, and the Mychael David Band along with some familiar and some new competitions for fairgoers to take part in.

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2021 Pop-Up Putnam series wraps up

PUTNAM – The 2021 Pop-Up Putnam series concluded on Aug. 21, once again bringing a variety of vendors to Rotary Park for visitors to wonder through. As with all past Pop-Up Putnam events, music and some games and artist displays graced the event as well and a beautiful day allowed for a glorious finale to what could become a new community tradition. *Photos Jason Bleau*



Killingly High School graduate, educator and author Rebecca Snay shows off her new book, Cackle Cackle Croak.



The crew of Tie-Dye Buy show off some of their tie-dye creations.



Zachary Simpson shows off his work through Simpson Woodworking.



Customers examine products at The Nomads Garden Tea, Co.



Daisy Doodles puts together a balloon creation.



Larry Geer of Yankee Woodworking shows off some of his handiwork.



Representatives of Day Kimball Healthcare were on hand raising awareness of HPV.



The Alzheimer's Association worked to spread their mission during Pop-Up Putnam.



Members of Jewett City Savings Bank helped promote Putnam's Pluck-a-Duck event.

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Local residents named to Clark University's Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents were named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List: Emily R. Vincent, of North Grosvenordale, was named to first honors. Caitlyn Elizabeth Bavosi, of Pomfret Center, was named to second honors. Megan E. Gohn, of Woodstock, was named to second honors. Kendyll L. Smith, of Brooklyn, was named to second honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors. Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

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Killingly Bike Night returns

DANIELSON – Despite the potential for rain, the town of Killingly persevered and brought Bike Night back for 2021 on Aug. 19. Countless motorcyclists filled Main Street with the array of vehicles ranging from sporty to classic and from modern to antique. Music,

vendors and plenty of sights to see made Danielson the place to be as Mother Nature held off allowing for successful day of community much needed after the many cancellations of 2020.

Photos Jason Bleau



Representatives of the Danielson Elks Riders met with visitors to Bike Night.



Pam Harris of Cranston, R.I. shows off her blue Can Am Spyder.



A flashy blue and silver Triumph.



While there were plenty of traditional motorcycles on hand, a few sporty models also grabbed attention on Main Street.

A group of bikes lined up in front of the U.S. Veterans MC booth made up of Connecticut veterans helping fellow veterans.



Bikers arrive at Killingly Bike Night 2021.



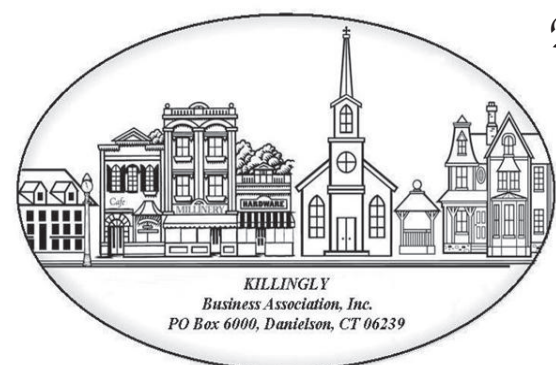
A trio of bikes accompanies the Christian Motorcyclists Association.



A couple custom bikes, Victory Jackpot and a 1997 Sportster 1200 Sidecar, were among the special additions to this year's Bike Night.



Roc-Kin-On provided some great music outside of Pourings and Passages on Main Street.



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School days, school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year when a more structured schedule takes hold; however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider late August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall in the height of the '80's when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave (a release of the vintage originals can now be purchased online). Back then, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match.

Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all-time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today, most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

Way back when, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit, however; we remember a slew of kids standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at a New Jersey elementary school. Some students may have had to stand against the wall for not returning a permission slip, or for talking in class, but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the '70's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 80's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (as in the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our cursive

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect sacred land

To the Editor:
I would like to commend the thoughts of the author of "Pet peeve #1" in the May 28 issue. Dogs in cemeteries. But it can go much deeper than that.
Cemeteries these days are not only used for walking dogs, but are used as a place to socialize, exercise, and sometimes even used as a place to use recreational vehicles. I have seen multiple dogs, sometimes unleashed, and owners without a bag in their hand. There are no canine service stations in a cemetery for one simple reason. No dogs should be allowed.
I have seen joggers, walkers, parents pushing baby carriages and even parents teaching their children how to ride a bicycle. I have

even heard of someone sunbathing in a cemetery! The sign says "No dogs allowed," but yet they come. Ignoring a well posted property rule of respect.
There are plenty of recreational parks and athletic fields funded by your tax dollars to use. Well lit and without having to worry about traffic. Use them and leave the cemeteries to those that want to want to honor their loved ones or perhaps want to honor a veteran with all due respect. There should be no excuses or exceptions. This is sacred land and should be respected at all times by everyone.

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PUTNAM

We all have a right to our opinions

To the Editor:
When you write letters to a public forum, you have to be ready for any and all reactions — "it goes with the territory." I've had both positive and negative feedback from my letters in the past, and I'm fine with that.
Recently, after my letter about vaccines and masks appeared in the Villager, someone who apparently didn't have the self confidence or courage to write a public response looked up my address and sent an angry letter to my home.
The letter had no return address, and was signed with a partial name that seemed fake. No surprises there. The content was also what I would expect — nonsense about Covid vaccines that you find on the Internet or social media, and a slew of personal insults directed at my character and intelligence. I found that a little ironic, since the handwrit-

ten letter had several errors in grammar and spelling. After all that, this "mystery person" said they would pray for me. Thanks, but save your prayers for yourself — you'll need them when you contract the Delta Variant as an unvaccinated person.
So, for the record, Mr. or Ms. whoever you are, you and I (and all Americans) have the right to voice our opinions. Generations of my fellow veterans have shed blood and died to ensure that we've kept that right. If you dislike my letters so much, don't read them. Pretty simple. Maybe you should step-up and make your opinions known in a more public way, but don't send me any more letters — I already get too much "junk mail."

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

Kudos to Lee Wesler

To the Editor:
Kudos to Lee Wesler for clearly explaining the importance of wearing masks as our country struggles to stop the spread of COVID-19. (When did "mask" become a four-letter word? Aug. 20). As a physician, he knows what he's talking about.
Most of us must know at least one person who caught this nasty virus. Talk to one of them and hear about how sick they were, how long it took to recover, and the side effects they continue to deal with months later. It's too late to talk to the ones who have died.
I know several people who were very sick. I also know several people who fought the virus, but didn't make it. They were friends and relatives I cared about. There are 626,833 people in the United States who have died from COVID-19. To put that number in perspective, it's more than the entire population of the state of Vermont (623,241).
I cannot understand why so many people

continue to downplay the seriousness of this pandemic. The new Delta strain is spreading much faster than previous versions. The more it spreads, the more it mutates into other, deadlier, viruses. The government is doing what it can to contain this virus, but it's up to the people to do their part to protect the health and lives of our fellow citizens.
Get vaccinated and wear a mask! Stop complaining about the supposed burden of wearing a mask. Do you wear a seatbelt? Do you get a driver's license and register your car? Do you obey the rules of the road that make you stop at a red light? You do these things because it's in the best interest of the public and helps keep everyone safer.
When you put on a mask, think of it as a seatbelt that will help protect not only you, but everyone around you, including the people you love and care about.

MARGIE HUOPPI
POMFRET

Where were the calls for civility over the last four years?

To the Editor:
People seem to forget that President Donald Trump was harshly criticized and called every name under the sun for well over five years now, including those seen in 44 letters from one writer alone. (Or was it 45 letters, as in Donald Trump was the 45th President?) What I find funny, however, is that during all that time, nobody (including myself) ever cried for "civility," nor did anybody (including myself) ever consider the scathing to be in any way a form of "hate speech." Also, while President Trump was constantly being bashed, you "no fans" loved it, you kept your mouths shut, and none of you (including myself) ever questioned the Editor as to why he allowed such "bile" to be published. But isn't it hypocritical that (some of) these same people are now suggesting that I be civil and avoid name calling?
I've been raked over the coals a few times myself, but thats to be expected. In addition to being on the receiving end of ridicule and other puny little jabs, I've been accused of

being «ignorant.» but remember that the first part of the word «ignorant» is (to) «ignore.»
Ah, but apparently, it's not so much fun anymore now that the shoe is on the other foot, now is it? So what are you going to do as I write 46 anti-Biden letters? (However, I'll bet that I already know the answer to that question, and next week's paper shouldn't prove me wrong.) And God knows that the Democrats and this pathetic joke of an administration is easily handing me the fuel to do just that. But what doesn't surprise me at all is that seven months into this debacle, not a single one of you has ever posted anything positive about the job Biden and Harris are doing!
Anyhow, I'll end this by quoting the letter writer who aptly said: «If differing opinions offend you that much, maybe you should grow a backbone!»

ED DELUCA
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

A rural perspective

To the Editor:
To paraphrase... "The more things change, the more they stay the same."
Fortunately, I was old enough, astute enough, interested enough and perceptive enough to observe the chaotic evacuation of American and South Vietnamese personnel in Saigon, 1975. It's a perception I won't soon forget, regardless of how contemporary pundits attempt to dissuade the obvious. Are there similarities with the current, chaotic, haphazard, ill conceived, poorly planned, disgracefully executed evacuation plan in Afghanistan? Yes...oh, my goodness, yes... more than you could possibly realize!
We're talking about a foreign policy that occurred almost 47 years ago. One might think that with all our resources, our plethora of intellectual experts, our intelligence services, the resources we have available... that maybe, just maybe, we could have handled this differently. Let's face it, everybody...

you can put whatever partisan spin you want on this debauchery...and that really is what it is...a debauchery!
This was, and is, a [boondoggle] of biblical proportions, and the Biden Administration owns all of it. Not a little...not just a portion... you have the whole enchilada! Don't want to hear about previous administration concessions. You elect a leader. He or she has access to the same intelligence information...same facts...same intelligence...same bureaucratic agencies. You make a choice and decision. You recognize that it's complex, complicated, with no real positive outcome. Which is all the more reason why you proceed gradually, incrementally, methodically and listen to all your intelligence sources. Apparently, this was not part of the Biden Administration's agenda.

I can certainly understand the ratio-

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Last week, I wrote about following your dreams and not listening to the naysayers.
I believe this with all my heart, and at the same time, I know that often the naysayers can be correct. Why? Lots of reasons. No matter how hard I tried, I didn't have the physical ability to be an Olympic swimmer. I gave it my all, but it wasn't in the cards; there were those around me who knew it.
If the naysayers are correct, don't let it be because you didn't try.
Some people are afraid of failure; for me, failing isn't the worst outcome. Failing because I didn't try, failing because I didn't care enough; That's the worst outcome! How do I know? I've done it; I've wept the bitter tears.
Knowing that I did everything I could to accomplish a dream is a great comfort.
John C. Maxwell said, "Dreams don't work unless you do."
Mahatma Gandhi said, "All good thoughts and ideas mean nothing without action."
People often fail in their dreams because they don't try, don't care, make excuses, and procrastinate.

What is belief? If you believe in something, doesn't that mean you live in a manner consistent with that belief? If you aren't doing the action if you aren't taking the necessary steps, is it possible that you never truly believed in it in the first place?
The ancient disciple James said, "Faith without works is dead."
If you're starting a business, but you're not writing down the goals, putting the business plan on paper, going to school, reading the books, building the team, raising the money, and executing the program, do you believe?
Jim Rohn said, "Ideas without labor never become tangible; they never become real."
Procrastination is a killer of dreams. That bears repeating; procrastination is a killer. Years can be wasted, and a whole lifetime can be wasted procrastinating. Everyone sometimes procrastinates; at times, I've been a great procrastinator. I could write a book teaching you how to be a better procrastinator!
What are some potential causes of procrastination?
Excuses can cause procrastination. "I can't go for my dreams until I lose weight." "I can't work towards my dreams until I get a new job." "I can't try for my dreams until I get out of debt." "I can't go for my dreams until my kids grow up."
The excuse maker says, "First let me focus on this other thing, and then after it's finished, then I can go for my dreams." Next week comes, and a new excuse is made; it can go on forever.
A lack of passion can cause procrastination. I've seen many actors who wanted to make it in Hollywood, but they weren't into the art of acting. They never took the classes, they never sought the auditions, if they did get auditions, they didn't rehearse.
They weren't passionate about what mattered. They pursued the lifestyle, but they didn't seek what makes the lifestyle sustainable. They majored in the minors, and they minored in the majors.
Drugs and alcohol can cause a lot of problems and are considerable procrastination. Many competent people cease to be competent when using drugs and alcohol. If you want to accomplish a dream, quit-

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Business owners, take note of these tax & policy changes for 2021



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As we emerge from the pandemic and congress resumes its next legislative session, there are many changes to tax codes and policy – both already enacted and looming on the horizon – for business owners to consider. Here are some of the major changes and proposals to bear in mind for your business in the months ahead.

If your business received COVID-related financial assistance, here's what to know now and what to expect for the 2021 tax year.

If you took a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan in 2021 and are eligible for loan forgiveness, make sure you apply for it. Your business is eligible for loan forgiveness if: during the 8- to 24-week covered period following the loan disbursement your business maintained employee and compensation levels; at least 60% of the loan proceeds were spent on payroll costs; and all loan proceeds were spent on payroll costs and other eligible expenses.

If you meet the requirements for loan forgiveness, you must apply for it after all loan proceeds have been used but within 10 months after the last day of the covered period. To apply for forgiveness, contact your PPP lender and complete their required form and documentation.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) extended the rule allowing cer-

tain forms of business loan forgiveness to be nontaxable. These programs include the PPP, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for advances up to \$10,000, the Shuttered Venue Operator Grant (SVOG) program, Targeted Economic Injury Disaster grants to small businesses in low-income communities, and Restaurant Revitalization Fund grants to small and independent restaurants. If you have any of these types of loans forgiven in 2021, you will not pay federal tax on the amount forgiven, and you can also still deduct expenses as usual on your federal return. However, you should check on whether your state tax guidelines follow suit.

If your business has a loss this year, be aware of these policy and tax credit changes.

The Employee Retention Credit has been extended through the end of this year as part of ARPA. If your business's gross receipts are down 90 percent or more in any quarter this year from the corresponding quarter in 2019, you can claim the credit on all wages paid to employees who worked during that quarter. The credit can offset the employer share of the Medicare tax included in the FICA payroll tax.

The threshold for deducting business losses is back in 2021 for owners of pass-through entities. This threshold had been suspended since 2018, but from 2021 through 2026, any excess loss that is not currently deductible becomes part of an owner's net operating loss.

ARPA employee benefit changes extended through Sept. 30

While not mandatory, employers may choose to offer paid sick and family leave to employees and claim a credit for the paid leave granted of up to \$12,000 per employee, with a maximum of 10 days.

As with the Employee Retention Credit, this credit may be used as an offset to the employer share of the Medicare tax.

Employees who've been involuntarily terminated or had their hours reduced are eligible for premium-free COBRA coverage through Sept. 30. Premiums must be paid by employers during this time, but you can recoup the cost via a new Medicare tax credit that can be received on an advanced basis. However, it's important to note that this credit is reduced by the amount of any employee retention credit or paid leave credits that are also claimed.

Watch for these proposed business tax changes in the future.

An increase in the corporate tax rate is unlikely, but still worth preparing for. President Biden has proposed an increase to the corporate tax rate from 21 to 28 percent (President Trump had lowered the rate to 21 percent from its previous 35 percent rate in 2017). While it now seems unlikely that this increase will even be put forth by the administration, let alone passed by congress, business owners should consult with their accountant and financial advisor to have a plan in place for how to adjust to the potential increase should it occur. There is also talk in congress of tightening enforcement for collection of corporate taxes owed that have not been paid, so if your business falls into that category, be prepared.

A phase-out of the 20% qualified business income (QBI) deduction for pass-through entities. Currently, non-C-corporation taxpayers can deduct 20 percent of their QBI from pass-through entities or qualified real estate investment trusts. President Biden has proposed legislation that would phase out this deduction for those earning more than \$400,000. Legislation in the

proposed American Families Plan would also apply the 3.8 percent Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) to pass-through business income for those earning over \$400,000.

As a business owner, you want to maintain a growing business, a healthy bottom line, and happy employees, but meeting those priorities while running your business in the midst of ever-changing tax codes and policies can be overwhelming. It's best to partner with trusted financial professionals to ensure your business taxes and finances are continually monitored for the best possible outcome, so you can focus on actually running your business. We help our business clients to create a tailored Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ long-term strategy, designed to maximize income, savings, tax efficiency and value. See how we can help you to build your own Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™ strategy at whzwealth.com/business-owners, or call us at (860) 928-2341.

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Paddling the Allagash River

BY DENNIS BLANCHETTE
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

"Who hears the rippling of rivers will not utterly despair of anything."—Henry David Thoreau

The Allagash Wilderness Waterway was established by the Maine legislature in 1966 to preserve the section of river and ponds from Telos Landing to Allagash Village, a total of 98 miles. We spent five days paddling a 60-mile section of it, from the north end of Umsaskis Lake to St. Francis. Canoe camping is a great way to enjoy the wilderness and find solitude without having to eat freeze dried food. Here are a few tips we learned along the way.

The most important thing is planning the trip. How long, how much food and most importantly when. Water levels are higher in spring, but black flies are more numerous. In the summer, when the bugs go away, the water levels drop. The suggested minimum flow is 400 CFS (cubic feet per second). Up to date water levels can be found at www.usgs.gov. We tried to balance the two, by scheduling the trip for mid-July. The flows were hovering slightly below 400 CFS in the days before the trip, but a few days

of rain brought the water levels back up enough that we never scraped bottom. The only bugs were mosquitos at a couple of campsites. Some guidebooks say the river is crowded in July and August, but we rarely saw anyone and campsites were easy to obtain.

There are several places that will rent canoes and shuttle you to your put-in. Norman L'Italien of Pelletier's Campground took good care of us and provided excellent service.

The paddle across Long Lake, about five miles long and 2,500 feet wide, is fairly easy. The dam at the end of Long Lake presents two choices – portage right or line down left. Being too lazy to unpack the canoe, we decided to line down. It was accomplished with minimal difficulty and we headed for a camp site.

There are 80 campsites along the river, marked by small signs which are sometimes hard to see from the water. Each site has a fireplace, outhouse and a picnic table with a ridgepole above it which can be used to hang a tarp in case of rain. The general etiquette is one party to a site (unless it has multiple cells), so it pays to get one early in the day. Otherwise, if a site is occupied you keep paddling to the next one.

We camped at Sweeney Brook, Squirrel Pocket, Bass Brook and Big Brook South. All were fine sites. Squirrel Pocket was the best and worth the little bit of extra paddling to get there.

The days start out calm and sunny, at least in July. After noon, the wind picks up and crossing the lakes becomes difficult, which is another reason to get underway early in the day. In late afternoon or evening a shower or thunderstorm can be expected.

The river is very narrow at the start, with trees lining the banks and only at sharp bends is there a glimpse of the mountains in the distance. The water is calm and peaceful, with perfect reflections of the sky and clouds. As the river widens, the trees recede and more distant vistas come into view. The rapids in this 60-mile section, mostly rips and class 1, are not technically difficult but require some ability to read the water and pick the proper route. The hardest part is the 9-mile section before Umsaskis Lake which includes Chase Rapids. There is a portage service if you want to run the rapids, but don't want to lose all your gear.

Allagash Falls is a mandatory portage because of the dangerous waterfall. The take out was steep and muddy but the

carry trail is wide and level. This is the only place where your solitude may be disrupted, since it is a choke point and everyone converges here to portage.

Eventually the Allagash empties into The St John River which is three times as wide as the Allagash and provides spectacular views of distant mountain ranges.

Canoe camping is a great alternative to backpacking for those in search of solitude and wilderness. The canoe carries all your gear, so you can bring a cooler with fresh food and more importantly, beer. With an early start and five hours of paddling, the whole afternoon is available for hiking, swimming, fishing and relaxing. There is no cell phone reception and one rarely encounters other people, so you can't borrow something you may have forgotten. You can't readily summon help if something goes wrong. You are on your own and need to be completely self-sufficient. "The Allagash Guide" by Gil Gilpatrick is a great reference book. It lists the necessary outdoor skills you should have and the equipment you will need to undertake this trip.

Dennis R. Blanchette is an environmental engineer and travel writer.

Put kitchen scraps and landscape trimmings to work in the garden

Convert landscape and garden trimmings into valuable compost. Incorporate this soil amendment into garden soil to improve drainage in clay soil and increase water-holding ability in fast draining sandy soils. It also promotes healthy plant growth more resistant to insect and disease problems and keeps plant-based kitchen scraps and garden waste out of landfills.

Composting is as simple as placing disease- and insect-free plant debris into a pile and letting it rot. Don't add meat, dairy, or fat that attracts rodents or weeds that have gone to seed, invasive plants or perennial weeds that can survive the compost process and end up back in the garden.

You can enclose the pile in a bin to keep the process neat, tidy, and out of sight. Some gardeners prefer tumbler composters for added ease when it comes to loading, unloading, and turning the pile. Dual bin tumblers allow you to stockpile the raw materials in one bin while actively composting in the other.

Always check with your municipality first. Some have restrictions on the type of bins that are acceptable while others may offer them at a discount.

Start your pile in an accessible space hidden by nearby plantings, fences, or decorative bins. Turn the pile frequently, moving the more decomposed materials in the center to the outside



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like herbicide-free grass clippings, fruit wastes, vegetable clippings and manure with carbon rich (brown) cornstalks, evergreen needles, straw and fall leaves will speed the process. But don't let this recipe prevent you from composting. All plant waste will eventually decompose as weather, insects and micro-organisms digest the materials over time.

Start with an eight- to 10-inch layer of garden trimmings. Cover with an inch of soil or compost and sprinkle with fertilizer to help speed things along. Repeat until the pile is at least three feet tall and wide. Moisten the pile to a consistency of a damp sponge.

Turn the pile as time allows or frequently for faster results. Move the more decomposed materials from the center to the outside of the pile. It's a great work out and speeds up the decomposition.

The more effort you put into composting the sooner you will have rich organic matter for your garden. But even casual composters end up with a wonderful amendment for the garden.

Compost is ready when it is brown and crumbly. Mix finished compost

and less decomposed to the center.

Speed things up by mixing nitrogen and carbon rich plant debris, topping with soil or compost, and adding a bit of fertilizer. Including equal parts of nitrogen rich (green) materials



Photo Melinda Myers


Composting can be as simple as collecting disease- and insect-free plant debris, placing it in a pile and letting it rot.


into potting mixes for containers, work it into garden beds or spread a one-inch layer over the soil surface of perennial gardens every other year.

Start putting your landscape trimmings in a heap and watch the magic happen.

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Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.





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THE POPULAR GAME OF GOLF IS ENJOYED ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE MODERN GOLF GAME WAS INVENTED IN WHICH COUNTRY?

ANSWER: SCOTLAND

What’s the Difference?

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

A

B

Answers: 1. Tire is black 2. Extra letter on cart name 3. Golf ball on green 4. Extra clubs

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1859: EDWIN DRAKE DRILLS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL U.S. OIL WELL IN TITUSVILLE, PA.

1939: THE WORLD’S FIRST JET AIRCRAFT, THE HEINKEL HE 178, TAKES ITS FIRST FLIGHT.

2003: MARS MAKES ITS CLOSEST APPROACH TO EARTH IN NEARLY 60,000 YEARS.

New Word

PUTT

hit a golf ball gently

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Golf

SPANISH: Golf

ITALIAN: Golf

FRENCH: Golf

GERMAN: Golfspiel

Did You Know?

GOLF BALLS ORIGINALLY WERE MADE OF WOOD. TODAY THEY HAVE A SOLID RUBBER CORE, A MANTLE AND A HARD COVER.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GOLF CLUB

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to bargain hunting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = E)

A. 15 11 12 26 10 1 24 23
Clue: Money off

B. 12 14 20 4
Clue: Reduced price

C. 6 18 11 26 4
Clue: Cost of something

D. 6 1 18 26 9 14 12 4
Clue: Buy

Answers: A. discount B. sale C. price D. purchase

SUDOKU

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

Level: intermediate

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!

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

ANSWER:

Students helping students

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club's very active Interact Club helped TEEG give back-to-school backpacks to 90 students recently.

Members of the Interact Club, which included Suzette and Quinn Lefevre, Kaelyn and Talia Tremblay, club president Amayah Chaves, plus Benjamin Northup and Tyler Fullerton and advisor Roberta Rocchetti helped TEEG distribute the backpacks at the Woodstock Middle School, Pomfret Community School and at the TEEG facility. The Interact volunteers helped families fill their new school back-

packs with all the essentials to start the new school year. The club and the Putnam Rotary Club were among numerous organizations that started collecting supplies in July. TEEG has run this community program for about 20 years.

In addition to the school supplies, this year TEEG was able to give each student \$20 to go toward shoes.

TEEG has expanded and grown the program each year. It offers a client choice model, and encourages each student to come in and select their own supplies. Distribution is done the week before school starts.



Photo Courtesy

Putnam Rotary Club Interact Club members Kaelyn and Talia Tremblay work with TEEG volunteers as they distribute backpacks to students “on the road” at the Pomfret Community School.

This year, TEEG took its distribution on the road to reach families in Woodstock and Pomfret. TEEG was then able to tailor its lists so that at each distribution site, each child

was able to get the supplies needed for their specific grade. TEEG officials said, “The goal of our program is to make sure that each child starts the school year with all the sup-

plies needed to be successful.” The expansion of the distribution sites was no doubt helped by the presence of the Interact Club’s volunteers.

Danielson Lions Club to host Information Night

DANIELSON — Did you know there is a service club in your community? Would you consider giving back a portion of your time, meet new friends, and have fun while doing it?

The Danielson Lions club is inviting the public to an information night on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at the former Killingly High School, Park & Rec Cafeteria, Broad Street, Danielson. Meet the Lion members and discover what Lions Clubs have to offer. Topics to include local, state, and global initiatives that Lions support.

Since they were chartered over 60 years ago, the Danielson Lions have served both local community and Lions projects and organizations. Some of them include: Danielson Park & Recreation Events, Camp Quinebaug, Day Kimball Hospice, High School Scholarships, Food & Fuel Bank, Summer Camp for Kids, Eyeglasses for the needy, Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut, Diabetes Awareness, Camp Rising Sun for kids with cancer, and Hearing & Speech projects.

Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Join us Sept. 8. Light refreshments will be served.

For information or to donate to these worthy causes, please contact Club President David (860) 208-4646 or Past President Betsy at (860) 208-7857.



QUEST MARTIAL ARTS STUDENTS RECEIVE BLACK BELTS

Photo Courtesy

Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts in Thompson proudly announces new Black Belt promotions. First degree Black Belt -Anthony Buckner, Landen Reschke, Aris Roane. Second degree Black Belt - Emma Rainville. Third-degree Black Belt- Alexander Boligan, Alexis Elkinson, Jacob Mainhart. Quest Martial Arts has served northeast Connecticut for more than 35 years.



HERE TO HELP

Photo Carol Davidge — Courtesy

On Monday morning, Aug. 23, hundreds of emergency bucket trucks with workers in chartreuse vests mobilized at Killingly Commons. Those pictured were from North Carolina. License plates from Illinois, Michigan and other states along with Eversource trucks showed that they were ready to help if needed in northeast Connecticut and now on their way to other areas.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF
ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Citizens of Woodstock are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Woodstock will hold its sessions on the following dates: September 13, 2021 – Monday, beginning at 6:00pm September 14, 2021 – Tuesday, beginning at 6:00pm September 15, 2021 – Wednesday, beginning at 6:00pm. Appeal forms are available by calling the Assessor's Office at (860) 928-6929 ext. 327 or downloading the form from the website at www.woodstock.gov. Such sessions are held solely for appeals on motor vehicles for 2020 Grand List and the 2019 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List. Vehicle in question must be present at appeal session.

Due to covid restrictions, meeting format to be determined. Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the state of Connecticut.

Board of Assessment Appeals
Rebecca Hyde,
Ronald Cabana,
John Davis
August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. held at the Clifford B Green Meeting Center 69 South Main Street Brooklyn, CT and via Web Ex on the following applications:

1. ZBA-21-003 Brad and Heather Oatley, 268 Allen Hill Road, Map-33, Lot-88-7, Acres 2.15, RA Zone. Construct 32-ft x 30-ft two car garage with second story storage area with log siding. Requesting variance of section 3. C.5 .2.1 from the minimum front yard setback.

2. ZBA-21-004 Brian and Christine Therrien, 286 Cherry Hill Road, Map-I 1, Lot 1-2, Acres 0.5, RA Zone. Construct a farmer's porch with roof including handicap accessibility ramp. Requesting variance of section 3.C.5.2.1 from the minimum front yard setback.

3. ZBA-21-005 Theodore R. Stever, 82 South Main Street, Map-47 Lot 012,

Acres .43, NB Zone. Construct living space on third floor, convert space to a one-bedroom apartment. Requesting variance of section 6.E.3.8 for living quarters above the second story. Interested persons may appear and be heard. Written communications will be accepted. A copy of the application is available on the Town of Brooklyn Website. Web Ex meeting information will be included on the September 8, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Commission Agenda.

Bruce Parsons, Vice Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
METERED USE
ROAD ASSESSMENT
LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-4:30pm Tuesday 8-5:30pm Friday 8-11:30AM. By mail, online, or in our drop box.

The first installment metered use and installment of benefit road assessment is due September 1, 2021. If payment is not received on or before OCTOBER 1 2021 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment.

Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov.

Dated at Killingly this 12th, day of August 2021
Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the Town of Killingly
August 27, 2021
September 10, 2021
September 24, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the August 10, 2021 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application #IWA21018 approved, Jason Lepino, 59 Wrightson Dr. (Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 15) - demolish existing wood retaining wall and replace with rip rap revetment along shore of Quaddick Reservoir.

George T. O'Neil, III, Chair

August 27, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF
ASSESSMENT APPEALS
MOTOR VEHICLES

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Due to Covid-19 restrictions, meeting format to be determined. Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Rebecca Hyde, Ronald Cabana,
John Davis
August 27, 2021
September 3, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Douglas D Bailey, Jr, (21-00284) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 17, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Jessica Bailey-Deblois, 11 Szegea Road, Columbia, CT 06237 Attorney: THOMAS SALVA TORE FIORENTINO, FIORENTINO, HOWARD & PETRONE, P.C., 773 MAIN STREET, MANCHESTER, CT 06040
August 27, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Gladys K Grochowski (21-00258) The Hon. Leah P. Schad,

Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 17, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Albert R. Poloquin, 18 Durfee Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 Attorney: ANDREA L TRUPPA, LA W OFFICE OF ANDREA L. TRUPPA, LLC, 880 ROUTE 171 WOODSTOCK, CT 06281
August 27, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Paul G Hennen (21-00279) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 12, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Ann B Hennen, 52 Putnam Road, Pomfret, CT 06259, Attorney FRANK GERARD HERZOG BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
August 27, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Ralph W Gilbert (21-00252) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 16, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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The fiduciary is:
John F Kennison, 1344 Barre Road, New Braintree, MA 01531 Cynthia G Kennison, 1344 Barre Rd, New Braintree, MA 01531 Attorney: DAVID C ERDOS, LAW OFFICES OF DAVID C. ERDOS, LLC, 29 FIFTH STREET, STAMFORD, CT 06905
August 27, 2021

A connection that transcends time and place

Standing inside the beautifully renovated barn, I was struck by the artfulness of the changes and the simple integrity of an old building. It felt both modern and antique, with the original floorboards, now sanded and bright and the large windows opened to green, rain soaked lawns. I've lived here all my life and I'd been in the barn before, but now a new generation owns it. The renovation made me think about friendships.

It's easy to read thousands of quotes on the subject. The pandemic brought the importance of relationships to the fore, but we all know the importance of friendships. As the child of older parents and older brothers, I was drawn to making friends. I liked being with people my own age and learning about how they lived, what they ate and what was unique about them. With some friends I am still in touch. With others, we drifted away.



NANCY WEISS

My husband and I were talking about childhood friends recently. He feels that when he sees an old friend, he is grounded again. Although years may go by, often these are not active friendships, time slips away when he meets a boyhood pal. I'm wired to maintain connections with people, even if merely through Christmas cards, but every year the number I send to old friends dwindles. Aging takes its toll.

We have both been disappointed by friends who move away, and chide us for staying where we grew up. They seem to suggest that we have failed by not leaving, as if one can't grow and change without physical distance. One of the themes of school reunions is the story of who left and who stayed. In the early years, bragging focuses on personal success. Later conversations are about health and grandchildren. Boring, but less aggressive.

Poet David Whyte, in "Consolations," says: "Through the eyes of a friend we especially learn to remain at least a little interesting to others...boredom is the second great killer of friendship." Whyte goes on: "Friendship transcends disappearance: an enduring friendship goes on after death...the relationship advancing and maturing in the silent internal conversational way even after one half of the bond has passed on."

We were guests in the lovely barn because of our friendship with the parents of the current owners. They choose to stay in touch and we are grateful. One of my closest friends was thirty years my senior. She taught me about life, beauty, entertaining and courage. She loved a good party, and she sprang to mind the moment I stepped inside the space.

Samuel Johnson is quoted as saying: "If a man(sic) does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone."

I'm with wise old Johnson in welcoming younger friends, but making friends of any age isn't always easy as I discussed recently.

I just spent two days with four women. We formed a writing group, which during the pandemic focused on writing haiku. Communicating in seventeen syllables revealed deep stories. Empathy is the foundation of friendship and through it we hold up a mirror to each other and truly hear and see the other person.

Poet John Donohue wrote of Anam Cara, a Gaelic word that means soul friend. He said: "a friend is a loved one who awakens your life in order to free the wild possibilities within you."

I'm grateful for the friends who are gone, for the friends who disappointed me, for the friends I have now and for those I hope to meet. Friendship is a connection that transcends time, place and generations.

Antique and vintage cars selling well

Before I dive into today's topic of collectible cars, I have some exciting baseball card news to share. The T206 Honus Wagner card that I thought might set an auction record did just that on Aug. 16. It's now the highest priced baseball card ever sold, hitting a home run when it went for \$6.6 million.

America is said to have a love affair with cars. Some believe the love affair ended many years ago as styles have changed. The muscle cars of the 1960s have been replaced with today's SUVs. But many baby boomers and middle-aged buyers want to own cars from the era when they grew up, or even from before they were born. Past columns have discussed automobile memorabilia like advertising signs and gas pumps. I'll focus on the cars themselves in this article.

The New York Times reported that the pandemic did not hurt the collectible car market. In fact, the Times reported that "rather than back away from classic automobiles because of the pandemic, buyers flocked to them, sometimes in stunning numbers." The New York Times noted that collectors were "choosing to quarantine themselves in what some might consider the ultimate safe distancing bubble — the cockpit of a classic car."

There are a few examples of older cars selling well at auction over the past several years. When they were first produced, Model Ts were mass-produced and therefore affordable. They were manufactured from 1908 to 1927. A 1910 Ford Model T Touring car sold for \$35,000 at auction in 2019.



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The Stanley Motor Carriage Company of nearby Newton, Mass., built steam powered "Stanley Steamers" (nicknamed "flying teapots") beginning in the late 19th century until 1924. A 1919 Stanley Steamer sold for \$60,000 in 2019.

Cars that you may have seen on local roads in the 1960s and 1970s are also bringing phenomenal sums at auction.

Here are some 2020 auction results:
1958 Chevrolet Apache 32 Napco Pickup - \$68,200
1971 Dodge Charger R/T - \$86,900
1955 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible - \$88,000
1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner - \$99,000
1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible - \$106,700
1970 Plymouth Road Runner - \$176,000
1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Fastback - \$225,500
1970 Plymouth Superbird - \$151,800
1962 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible - \$242,000
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1963 Chevrolet Corvette Split Window Coupe - \$151,250
1968 Mercury Cougar GT-E 1 of 101 Produced - \$132,000
1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS/SS Pro Touring - \$126,500
1968 Ford Mustang GT500CR Fastback - \$225,500

And here are some auction results from this year:
1963 Corvair 95 Pickup - \$49,500



1958 Chevrolet Impala Resto Mod Convertible - \$253,000
1971 Plymouth Cuda Convertible - \$962,500
1967 Chevrolet Chevy II Hardtop - \$132,000
1968 Dodge Hemi Charger R/T - \$231,000
1957 Ford Thunderbird F-Code - \$203,500

As for more recent models, CNBC reported that a 1995 McLaren F1 race car recently sold at Monterey Car Week for \$20.5 million. It was the "most expensive car to sell at auction since 2018." Hopefully, it's good on gas.

We will be offering a 1962 Corvette as well as other Corvettes in an online auction that will end on October 13th.

There are also vintage boat motors, bicycles and other estate items in that sale. Our next online model railroad and die-cast car auction is underway. I'll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend Historical Society on Nov. 13. My "Evaluating your Antiques" class will take place on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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Nine-year-old Shienna sat up a little straighter and vocalized her dissent: "That's not true, three times nine is twenty-six. I memorized it, so I should know."

"Well, you might be right about that," countered Kelli, "but you were wrong about gravity. There is no gravity in Arizona – I saw it on TV."

"I know," Shienna said agreeably. "I once threw a rock in the air, and it never came down."

If you were listening to this conversation, would you change your views on math and gravity? What if 200 people agreed with these darling fourth graders? What if the government or an Ivy League School published such statements, would it change the truth?

Our world is shifting, and people are so ready to throw out the old so they can rush on to "bigger and better things." But what about the steadfast, proven truths? Should we be quick to discount the truths and stories that have been proven for thousands of years in hundreds of cultures just because a "new take" is suddenly in vogue? It doesn't seem wise to me.

There is, for example a story that has been taught for centuries. It is a sobering story that reminds mankind of a God to whom he will be held accountable. It is the story of Noah's Flood. There are over two hundred stories from almost every culture that tell a story of a worldwide flood. As a truth-seeker, I must agree with Francis Schaeffer's who wrote, "... among the common myths in the world's history, no other one is so widespread as the story of the flood. From China to the American Indians and even the pre-Colombian Indians, one finds in strange forms the myth of the great flood. Most of these myths have weird elements—foolish elements, for example the descriptions of the boat that was used. In the Bible these strange and foolish elements are not there. We would say, then, that the Bible gives us the history of the flood; the myths all over the world are contorted, but show that men everywhere have a memory of it. Here in the Bible is the one flood story whose details, including the construction of the vessel, are reasonable." (Schaeffer, Francis A. 1972. Genesis in Space and Time: 129-130)

Scientifically, the flood explains a great many geographical features of our earth. If Creation Science was not suppressed, these facts would be common knowledge. Unfortunately, many powerful voices have joined to discount the things that were discovered and taught for many years. Those forces often try to intimidate others. Thankfully, there are still many who believe.

To oversimplify, I believe two plus two equals four. I believe in gravity for all. I believe in a global flood. I believe in Almighty God. I believe in a Creator. I believe in a God who will hold mankind accountable. I will not be changing my views simply because a few people decide to ignore the overwhelming evidence. It would be chaotic if we did that with math and science. It is chaotic when we do it with faith and values. Avoid the chaos – believe.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson, where the Bible is still taught and believed. As a result, many in the congregation have experienced things much like the Bible describes in the book of Acts. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

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Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- **Gutters hanging off the home:** Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task

relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- **Gutter separation:** Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.
- **Peeling exterior paint:** Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.
- **Basement flooding:** Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.



Long-term challenges related to the pandemic

Vaccines have enabled some parts of the world to regain a sense of normalcy after more than a year of living under restrictions instituted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges individuals faced in that time, including staying healthy, dealing with the consequences of social distancing and virtual schooling, may be subsiding. But various long-term challenges could affect businesses for years to come.

Consumer trust and loyalty

Businesses spend years developing trust in their brands and services. Businesses that were forced to close or limit their offerings during the pandemic may need to start rebuilding the trust and loyalty of their customers all over again. One factor that could make that a bigger challenge after the pandemic is how businesses that remained open handled restrictions. Those that insisted customers wear masks in their stores and establishments may not be quick to regain the trust and loyalty of

customers who disagreed with those practices. That could prove especially challenging for small businesses that work on thin margins.

Reduced demand

A 2020 survey of leading European companies conducted by the European Central Bank found that reduced demand for products and services is a significant concern for business owners going forward. Roughly 30 percent of survey respondents cited reduced demand as one of the foremost consequences of the pandemic for their businesses. More than 20 percent indicated lasting changes in the structure of demand will prove challenging in the years ahead. That change in the structure of demand, which includes increased consumption online, could force business owners to make potentially costly adjustments to how consumers access their products.

Staffing

Businesses may find the competition

for talent is especially competitive after the pandemic. Workers who worked remotely during the pandemic may be reluctant to leave their jobs if they're allowed to continue working remotely as economies reopen. That means fewer qualified candidates for open positions, especially if those positions do not offer the remote work option. In addition, firms based in large cities may not have as many applicants for their openings in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic. A June 2020 study from the Pew Research Center found that 28 percent of the 10,000 adults surveyed who

relocated during the pandemic did so because they feared getting COVID-19. Cities where maintaining distance from others was difficult were viewed as riskier than less populous areas. It might be some time before people who left cities or planned to move to cities prior to the pandemic are comfortable living in such crowded places again. That could make it more challenging for city-based businesses to attract qualified job applicants.

Businesses could face some new, long-term challenges as the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRUST

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er continue to cut hay in the field, but the first cut will be taken after July 15 to allow time for the young birds to fledge. "The hayfield sits on a hill that rises to an elevation of 750 feet," continued Rzeznikiewicz, "and older maps of Woodstock refer to it as Mathewson Hill. Most of the rest of the property is forested. Bosworth Brook flows through the southern portion, and a beaver impoundment blocks the brook on the western edge. The resulting combination of forested stream and open swamp provides diverse wetland habitats for both plants and animals." "The donated property sits in a remote section of Woodstock and Pomfret that we're actively working to protect," said the land trust's President, Mike St. Lawrence. "We've christened the project 'Nightingale Forest' because it lies in the watershed of Nightingale Brook. Our preserves in the Nightingale Forest, together with open space protected by the town of Woodstock, already cover more than 865 acres. It's big enough to provide a corridor for the movement of wildlife and serve

as a buffer to protect water quality. "We're very grateful to the generous people that have donated land and funding to make Nightingale Forest possible. Together we are making an important contribution to preserving the ecology of this small piece of the Quiet Corner." The public is welcome to visit the new preserve. Parking is available at the end of Cabbage Hill Road, and a set of mowed hiking trails runs through the parcel. One of the trails leads deep into the woods to a cemetery dating back to the end of the 19th century. The lichen-covered headstones of the Mathewson and Hammond families, and the omnipresent stone walls, are a silent witness to the farming community that once worked this land. The forest is also a testament to the stewardship of the native American Nipmuck tribe that lived productive lives on this land for many centuries before European settlers arrived. The Wyndham Land Trust was formed in 1975, and the work of the all-volunteer group is possible only through the generosity and dedication of its members and donors. To learn more about the Wyndham Land Trust visit wyndhamlandtrust.org. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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nale for ending our commitment in Afghanistan. The real tragedy here... and make no mistake about this, it is a tragedy that appears to epitomize “that the ends justify the means.”

Without question, this is an irreversible stain on American foreign policy. And the Biden Administration owns every bit of it. No, it’s not a product of Trump, or partisan entrenchment...let’s be really clear about that. Let’s not buy into the media spin everyone! It is and was a disastrous decision...it was generated by the current administration...there is no easy way out...you can try and blame, circumvent, spin, project blame...whatever it is you choose to do. You can try to blame the Afghanistan army (really, everyone? We’ve been there for 20 years. Are you really trying to say that our efforts were meaningless? Are you trying to say that the

trillions (yes, everyone, trillions) spent were in vain? Are you trying to say that we were unable to accurately evaluate the Afghan army’s capability after 20 years of involvement? I guess what I’m saying is....”how obtuse, ignorant or nave” does the Biden Administration think we are? It is our moral responsibility and duty to exercise every means available to assist the Afghan population who assisted us over the past 20 years. The US is responsible...it is our moral responsibility to do the right thing...even if it implies sending a substantial ground force back into this area. We weren’t blind. We had the intelligence. We knew but apparently chose to disregard the obvious for the sake of expedience. Frankly? A disgusting commentary on our administration and Foreign Policy. No small wonder our allies question our resolve or purpose...and you really don’t need a Ph.D. in International Relations to understand this. Nevertheless, it is our

responsibility to do the right thing... for the Afghani...for our allies and for the citizenry of the United States and the service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and freedom. There is no other choice or spin...do the right thing, Mr. Biden. Not the politically expedient thing...not the partisan thing...not something to manipulate positive approval numbers in the polls. You’re entering the twilight of your years. There’s still time to exercise moral courage. You can still make a difference. You can still make a difference by exercising moral courage in the face of political expediency. We don’t live forever. All of us will be forgotten over time, regardless of what any of us may think. What determines our tomorrow’s are the decisions we make in the present. There’s nothing complex about it.

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ting the addiction can sometimes be the difference between success and failure.

Fear of failure can be a cause of procrastination. Sometimes the most successful people have failed the most, but they succeed because they keep trying; they never give up. Not pursuing a dream because you’re afraid to fail is a failure in itself.

Some say Thomas Edison failed 10,000 times while trying to invent the lightbulb. That wasn’t his perception; he is quoted, “I have not failed; I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

I’ve been told that perception is everything. If you’ve tried 10,000 ways to accomplish your dream and haven’t achieved it yet, but you keep on trying, have you failed?

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skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

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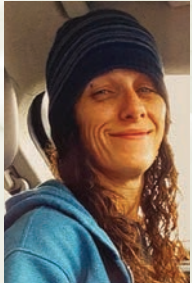
Today is the anniversary Of the day I lost you, And for a time it felt as though My life had ended too.


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