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Day Kimball limits patient entrances

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital is implementing further measures to reduce the number of publicly accessible hospital entrance points to enhance the safety and security of our patient care environment during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Main Entrance at Day Kimball Hospital (Entrance A at the back of the hospital)

will be accessible only to DKH employees with badges until further notice.

All other patients and visitors coming to the hospital will need to enter through the Emergency Department to access the hospital. The Main Entrance of the hospital will remain open for patients to access a limited number of outpatient services,

including: Day Kimball Medical Group OB/GYN; Day Kimball Medical Group Pediatrics; Northeastern Asthma & Allergy Associates, LLC.

“The decision to reduce patient entrances is part of a continued effort to protect patients, visitors, employees, medical staff, and the community from COVID-19 exposure and

to limit potential spread of the illness,” said Joseph Adiletta, Interim President, Day Kimball Healthcare. “We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause and we thank the community for their continued understanding and cooperation.”

DKH will continue to monitor hospital operations, assess

the needs of the community, and take necessary COVID-19 precautions as the situation develops and new information emerges. The Hospital closed its entrance at the front of the hospital to visitors earlier this month. For more information and guidelines about visiting Day Kimball Healthcare visit daykimball.org/visitors.



Charlie Lentz photo

David Navarro, left, and Brian Musumeci practice proper social distancing while playing a round of golf at Harrisville Golf Course in Woodstock on Tuesday, March 31.

Local golf season back on course

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — David Navarro had a tip for his fellow golfers but it also applied to just about everyone during this effort to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

“Everybody just has to behave,” Navarro said.

Navarro and his playing partner, Brian Musumeci, behaved like perfect gentlemen and followed all the newly instituted rules during a round of golf at Harrisville

Golf Course on Tuesday, March 31. Golfers throughout the Quiet Corner enjoyed a reprieve from a ban on golf. The state of Connecticut lifted its golf-course ban on March 25 amid pleas from golfers and the industry that clubs should remain open during the coronavirus pandemic. The lifting of the ban made sense to Navarro.

“I’m also a fisherman,” said Navarro, from Eastford. “What’s the difference between two guys in a boat

and two guys playing golf?”

The Connecticut State Golf Association (CSGA) in a letter to members on March 25 said the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is allowing golf courses to re-open, but the decision came with a few conditions.

According to CSGA, all clubhouses should remain closed, golf carts among non-family members are being limited to one person

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QVCC donates gear to Day Kimball

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is donating personal protective equipment and supplies to help frontline workers at Day Kimball Healthcare in their response to the surge of patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

QVCC is providing the hospital with disposable gloves and gowns, lab coats, masks, and safety glasses. The supplies come from the science department and certified nursing assistant, medical assisting, medical laboratory technician, and phlebotomy programs which are unable to run lab courses this spring.

“The college is happy to provide our community partner, Day Kimball Healthcare, with the supplies we are unable to use due to the closure of our physical locations,” said Rose



QVCC donated protective gear to DKH.

R. Ellis, Ph.D, QVCC Campus CEO.

QVCC, along with all the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, transitioned to virtual learning as of March 23 for the remainder of the spring semester. College staff is telecommunicating and available daily to assist current and future students for the summer and fall semesters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUSPENDED

With many local groups and organizations wisely canceling planned events due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, we have temporarily suspended publication of our weekly calendar of events.

Once the current situation settles down, we will return to being your go-to source for the area’s most comprehensive listing of local events and activities.

Pomfret online budget survey continues

POMFRET — Pomfret is soliciting taxpayer input through April 20 with an online survey for the third year in a row. The SurveyMonkey survey for the 2020-2021 budget is available from the Town’s website at www.pomfretct.gov. The survey has been extended through April 20 to allow for more feedback which will be used by the boards of finance, education and selectmen in deliberating the final 2020-2021 budget. All three boards collaborated on the survey questions which range from demographics to specific budgetary items. Budgets are posted on the Town website as well. Due to the dra-

matic change in the economic climate, the proposed budgets are in the process of re-evaluation by boards of finance, education and selectmen.

In 2018, just under 200 responses were received and last year 152 residents participated. It is hoped that this year will see greater input from Pomfret taxpayers. The survey was established to offer another format for taxpayers to have input into the budget process. In addition to regular meetings, budget workshops, email, news releases, and a public hearing, the survey is a convenient way for citizens to have input 24 hours a day

seven days a week. In light of the corona virus shut down of public gathering and cancellation of meetings, it is particularly important to get as much feedback as possible from citizens.

Pomfret’s remaining budget meetings this year will be virtual / online with a final format and schedule to be determined. Check the Town’s website and sign up for E-Alerts for an up to date meeting schedule. Access codes for each meeting will be on the meeting agenda and posted on the Town’s website. Citizens will be able, and are encouraged, to participate

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A Note to Readers

This week’s edition of the paper might seem a bit smaller than you are accustomed to, but rest assured, this is only temporary. Due to the unique circumstances we are all living under at the present time, local sporting events and community activities have wisely been canceled as we all try to stay closer to home and practice social distancing.

As we ride out this tempo-

rary interruption of life as usual together, we urge you to continue supporting the local businesses that advertise in your newspaper. They have always been here for you through good times and bad, and now, more than ever, they need you to be there for them in any way you can.

Amid this temporary absence of local events and municipal meetings, we are also looking to celebrate the many quiet heroes in our

communities who have gone above and beyond to make this situation easier for those most affected by it. Let us know if there is someone in your community who you think should be recognized by e-mailing news@stonebridgepress.news.

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SHELTERING IN PLACE



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WOODSTOCK — Eva Hulme reads to her dog, Willy, a Schnoodle rescue. Hulme is the Language Arts teacher for 92 fifth and sixth grade students at Pomfret Community School. Her beloved Willy Dog came from the “Willi-mantic” pound. From an early age, he learned that books are good. “Willy loves it whenever I read. I think because that’s when I finally sit still and he can cozy up next to me,” she said.

Day Kimball Hospital visitation restrictions

PUTNAM — As Day Kimball Healthcare continues its efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 in the community, it is implementing expanded visitation restrictions to the Maternal Child Health Unit at Day Kimball Hospital.

Many Connecticut hospitals are seeing an influx of patients to their labor units from other regions. These patients are seeking the ability to bring a support person to their own delivery. For many services, these patients are presenting from high risk regions such as New York City, where the support person has now been banned from the delivery room.

“This practice pattern raises many concerns,” said John Graham, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Quality and Medical Affairs, Day Kimball Healthcare. “First, potentially higher risk patients may be traveling to our currently lower risk

region with a greater risk of exposure for our patients and staff to COVID-19. In addition, there are various concerns with regard to continuity of care for these patients. Some patients may present unannounced to our labor unit, and our OB physicians have no knowledge of their medical condition or complications that may have occurred over the course of their pregnancy.”

Therefore, DKH has made necessary changes to its visitation policy on MCH. The most recent temporary visitation restrictions include:

Patients must be a patient of the Day Kimball Medical Group (DKMG) OB/GYN practice to have a support person allowed with them on MCH.

Patient visitors will be limited to one support person per patient.

This support person will be screened for risk factors for COVID-19 and only allowed on the unit if deemed low risk.

If a support person has risk factors,

or shows symptoms of illness, DKH will ask that an alternate support person be identified, as this person will not be allowed on the unit.

All support people will be asked to use alcohol based hand sanitizer prior to entering the unit, and then wash their hands again with soap and water upon entering the labor rooms.

Children will not be allowed on the unit.

If anyone presents to MCH for acute care who is not from the DKMG OB/GYN practice, they will still be cared for in standard fashion. However, their support person will not be allowed in the hospital.

To assist in this containment process, the DKMG OB/GYN practice will also be adjusting its current policy for new registrants of the OB service. Any new OB patient registering with the practice must currently reside (proof required) in Windham County, or the

surrounding counties of Tolland, New London, Providence and Kent (R.I.), Worcester (Mass.). This policy does not affect currently registered patients of the practice.

“These are temporary measures put in place to limit exposure for our patients, newborns, as well as our staff,” said Dr. Graham. “These measures are subject to change at any time, and exceptions may be made for unique circumstances at the discretion of medical leadership. We understand this may be an inconvenience for many, but we believe this is a necessary step to promote the safety of our new mothers and children.”

For the latest information, refer to the CDC website, www.cdc.gov and the CT DPH website, www.ct.gov/coronavirus. Local measures to contain the spread of the virus are available at Day Kimball Healthcare at www.daykimball.org/coronavirus, or call 2-1-1, the CT State Hotline for information.

FEMA aid available for state

WASHINGTON, D.C. — FEMA announced on March 30 that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Connecticut to supplement the state, tribes and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020, and continuing.

Federal funding is available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

W. Russell Webster has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

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and golfers are being urged to walk if possible. Restaurants are also closed or limited to take-out service only. Flagsticks and holes have also been raised to prevent players from touching cups.

Navarro and Musumeci, from Woodstock, obeyed all the conditions recommended by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Navarro rode a cart and Musumeci used a pull cart. Family members are allowed to share a cart. The flagsticks and holes have been raised at Harrisville Golf Course to prevent the touching of cups.

Clubhouse closures might mean golfers will need to pay for their rounds by phone or online, officials say. The Connecticut State Golf Association is also suggesting that golfers maintain a social distance of at least six feet at all times in parking, practice and playing areas. Navarro and Musumeci maintained a distance of six feet throughout their round of golf on Tuesday.

Other CSGA recommendations include: No caddies or bag handlers (players handle their own equipment); No distribution of scorecards or writing utensils; Sanitation of golf carts after use; Players should not touch stakes marking penalty areas; Starting time intervals should be a minimum of 10 minutes apart. All carts at Harrisville Golf Course are sanitized after each use.

Navarro and Musumeci were getting in a practice round on Tuesday. Both players are member of the Tuesday Night Diehard League at Harrisville Golf Course. Navarro was pleased that common sense has been applied and his league can begin play.

“I’m very happy,” Navarro said. The Connecticut State Golf

Association echoed Navarro’s sentiment.

“With this announcement from Department of Economic and Community Development, golf can be played, and played safely in Connecticut during the COVID-19 pandemic,” the statement from the CSGA said. “But only if everyone follows these guidelines at all times — especially maintaining strict adherence to social distancing.

The decision was viewed as good news for the Quiet Corner and the state. Connecticut’s golf industry generates roughly \$638 million annually.

To review: on Sunday, March 23, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont issued a state-wide stay-at-home directive, calling for employees of all non-essential businesses to work from home, effective at 8 p.m. on March 23, with no in-person workforce allowed through April 22. It appeared golf courses would be among the establishments required to shut down, except some wording in the directive could have been interpreted otherwise.

Less than 12 hours after that order went into effect, further guidance came on March 24 that golf courses would not be exempted, although they could continue having employees doing course maintenance. Shortly after, the Connecticut State Golf Association circulated an email imploring golfers to contact their state representative or the governor’s office to ask them to reconsider. The measure worked. On Wednesday, March 25, the state reversed course and made golf allowable under the restrictions designed to make the sport safe — as long as everybody behaves.

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Bentley Athletic Complex off limits

WOODSTOCK — In a press release from Woodstock Academy, the school said that Bentley Athletic Complex will be closed until further notice. The press release said administrators had to make the “unfortunate decision after multiple incidents of misuse of the facility.” The

release continued that “For the safety of our community, we cannot have groups gathering, especially those engaging in improper activity.” For the safety of residents, the South Campus and the track and fields are also closed to visitors.



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in all upcoming meetings.

Last year, citizens provided great budget suggestions and ideas that were taken under consideration by the boards of finance, education and selectmen. The 2018 and 2019 budget votes were by paper ballot, one of the suggestions that came out of the survey. In addition to fiscal suggestions and budget comments, citizens also suggested potluck pie to attract more taxpayers to

Annual Town Meeting which was done last year.

Pomfret residents are asked to take a few minutes (the survey takes about 7 minutes) and help their elected officials serve you better by giving them feedback. Paper copies of the survey are available in the Pomfret Town Hall on Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 – Noon by . Pomfret’s mill rate this year is 26.40, the Fire District mill rate is .78 for a total mill rate of 27.18. Call the Pomfret Town Hall / First Selectman’s office if you have any questions or suggestions at 860-974-0191.

POLICE LOGS

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PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 24
Roger Rioux, 52, 92a Powhattan St. Putnam, was charged with Creating a Public Disturbance.


March 25
Joseph Lamontagne, 30, 4B Marshall St. Putnam, was charged with Interfering with an Emergency Call; Disorderly Conduct

March 29
Paul Acampora Jr., 32, of 179 Hartford Pike Dayville, was charged with Operating Under the Influence of drugs/alcohol; Operating Under Suspension; Failure to Have Headlamps.

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At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of March 23: American Kestrel, Field Sparrow, Northern Harrier, Bluebird, Killdeer, Wood Duck, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Red-winged Blackbird, Woodcock, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl, Flicker, Tree Swallow, Eastern Phoebe, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Common Grackle. Visit ctaudubon.org



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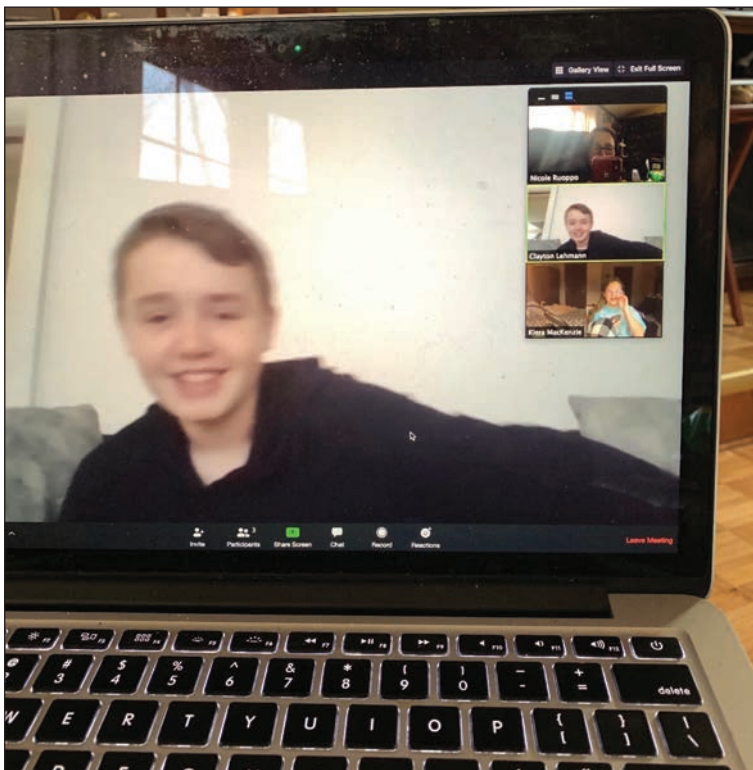
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St. Joseph School has distance learning



Courtesy photos
Clayton Lehmann, an eighth grader at St. Joseph, in a Zoom class with his teacher, Mrs. Nicole Ruoppo, upper right corner, and Kiera MacKenzie, a fellow eighth grader, bottom right corner.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — St. Joseph School has made make swift changes in a short period of time in order to keep the educational process moving forward for students in Grades pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Students and teachers physically gathered for the last time on Friday, March 13. On that date plans were already underway to enact a Distance Learning Program, which culminated in a special Professional Development Day for teachers on March 16.

“I cannot thank the entire SJS community enough for their patience and flexibility during this new normal we are all facing,” said David Sizemore, Principal of SJS. “In terms of the faculty, they have created a hybrid approach of worksheet packets, links to educational websites for students to work on, as well as an increased capacity to conduct classes via Zoom, a technology which allows students and their teachers to meet online in a virtual classroom. We collectively meet as a faculty/staff twice a week via Zoom so that we can continue to make

improvements and adjustments to our Distance Learning Plan. Nicole Ruoppo, a teacher at the middle school level for SJS, explains her distance learning experience over the past two weeks by sharing the following sentiments.

“So far, our distance learning program has gone well. I have already been having Zoom classes and I have been able to set up a discussion board about a new book that we are reading that covers the Revolutionary War period. Feedback from the students thus far has been positive, but their biggest complaint is that they miss each other. In the meantime, however, I going to make sure they keep learning and that we all stay connected with each other,” Ruoppo said.

“I love that the top priority for teachers is the education for our students, even from a distance,” said Kelly Arsenault, mother of Manny Santos, a current 6th Grader at SJS. “As a full-time nurse, I was initially concerned how I was going to be able to manage this.



Louisa (pre-kindergarten), Josephine (pre-k), and Edythe, (kindergarten) work on assignments from home.

All of the teachers have been extraordinary in helping to facilitate this process.”

Families at the pre-kindergarten level are also expressing their gratitude with a new type of partnership that has been forged with the faculty at SJS. One Pre-K parent, Jean Hemmig, has cited fun activities that she is doing with her son Jace like completing outdoor scavenger hunts and making a volcano.

“As a former elementary school teacher, I have incorporated some of the lessons I have used previously with the materials and communication provided to us by Jace’s amazing Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Apley,” said Hemmig. “The most important thing is to make sure your child is having fun while learning.”

Courtney Brooks, a mother of three students, two in pre-kindergarten (Josephine and Louisa) and one in kindergarten (Edythe) also shared her thoughts about this unique situation we are all facing.

“There could be many reasons to fret during this uncertain time, but I am thankful for the strength and the commitment of the SJS community, maybe now more than ever. SJS families are kept in constant communication, parents and teachers are helping each other out, and kiddos still interact with each other, just virtually. My girls love to see photos of their

friends doing their schoolwork at home and look forward to a story read to them every night by Mr. Sizemore through Class Dojo, the school’s Learning Management System,” Brooks said.

“While our Distance Learning Program can in no way replace the in-person experience of learning, I do think that once this situation passes, we will hopefully have some new innovations that will become part of the fabric of the SJS community,” said Sizemore. “Finally, one of the key elements of our mission is that we are a caring,

respectful, and nurturing environment, and that, without a doubt, has been on full display more so than ever before.”

To find out more information in regards to registering your son or daughter for the 2020-21 school year, please send an email to Mr. Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschoolng.com. Additional information about the school can be found on its website, www.schoolofstjoseph.org, especially with a new blog that has numerous activities for families with regards to distance learning. When you go to the website, click on the link PSC at the top of the page to see those activities.

The next Open House that SJS will host for families will be Sunday, May 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously where guided tours will be offered by current SJS families as well as faculty members. Breakfast is complementary for all prospective families. Although this revised date follows after Easter, the Easter Bunny will still be coming to town on May 3 for family pictures. Please visit the school’s website as listed above for any future date changes to this event that may occur.



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Jace Hemmig, a pre-kindergarten student, making his “volcano” with his mother, Jean Hemmig.



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It’s times like these that you can count on us most.

These are concerning times for everyone. And while no one can ever predict a health crisis like COVID-19, Day Kimball stands ready to provide our community with the care and support it needs.

To keep you better informed, we’ve developed a COVID-19 dedicated web page with important information on what symptoms to look for and how to seek help. We encourage you to visit it at daykimball.org/coronavirus.

As part of this community for over 125 years, we’re committed to looking out for our neighbors. Not only with the best medical care, but with emotional support, compassion and reassurance. That commitment has never been stronger than now.

Whatever health situation you may face, we’ll be here for you 24/7.



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Day Kimball seeks personal protective donations

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare’s annual Warmth and Wellness Holiday Drive returned for a third year collecting over 45 cases of personal care and warmth items, including hats, gloves, blankets, and more, for those in need across Northeast Connecticut.

“Northeast Connecticut is widely known for its generosity and willingness to take care of others” said Kristen Willis, Director of Development, Day Kimball Healthcare. “The overwhelming support of this community for grassroots efforts like our Warmth and Wellness Drive is a significant component for how DKH has been able to continue to meet the health and wellness needs of our community.”

“We are now calling upon the Northeast Connecticut community to give back to Day Kimball Healthcare,” said Willis. “On a local level, we are coordinating a mass collection of critically needed supplies to prepare for the coronavirus spreading into our community. This collection platform will allow us to get these supplies in the hands of those who need them.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused international shortages of critical personal protective equipment (PPE). In collaboration with the Northeast District Department of Health for the procurement of these critical supplies, DKH is accepting PPE donations from the community to keep colleagues, patients and families safe during these unprecedented times.

“While we are currently successfully managing PPE supplies as responsible stewards of our resources, with the number of COVID-19 patients rising daily throughout the state, we are asking for the community’s help in donating supplies now. That way, supplies will be ready if needed in coming days and weeks, to protect staff and patients at Day Kimball Healthcare,” said Willis.

Donated items must be in original, unopened packaging. Equipment being accepted by DKH include: disposable head covers; disposable gowns; disposable gloves; N95 respirator face masks; disposable face masks; face-shields/goggles; coveralls/scrubs; shoe-covers; disinfection wipes and liquids; and general-purpose hand cleaners and hand sanitizers.

“We deeply appreciate the community’s generosity to assist DKH’s response to COVID-19. These supplies are going to be critical in keeping our healthcare professionals safe and healthy as they put themselves at risk every day and will ensure that we can continue to be on the front lines to provide care for our patients during this public health crisis,” said Willis.

In addition, DKH is now accepting homemade face masks. Prior to starting this project DKH asks individuals to please consider if they have been in contact with anyone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past two weeks and if they have fever, cough or shortness of breath. If



Courtesy photos

Kristen Willis, DKH Director of Development, delivers donated personal care and warmth items to Peter Neal, Ph.D, Director of DKH Behavioral Health Services and his team.

they are able to answer no to both questions, then they can proceed with making masks. If they answer yes to either or both questions, DKH asks that they please do not make masks and contact their primary care provider.

DKH advises individuals who are experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath and have a concern that they may have COVID-19 to call their primary care provider for a risk assessment. For more information on general guidance for those who wish to participate and help by sewing masks for donations, visit www.daykimball.org/DonatePPE. Individuals who wish to make PPE donations, please email DonatePPE@daykimball.org to coordinate drop off times with a DKH staff member. For more information on Day Kimball Healthcare’s coronavirus response visit www.daykimball.org/coronavirus.

Hundreds of donated items were delivered the week of Feb. 21 to Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Interfaith Human Services of Putnam’s (IHSP) food pantry, the DKH Family Advocacy Center, and the DKH Behavioral Health Outpatient Services, so they can be distributed to those in need.

“We love our community partners,” said Karen Osbrey, President, Interfaith Human Services of Putnam. “As a 100 percent volunteer organization, IHSP relies on the help of others to fulfill our objectives. We are so happy that DKH shares our mission of caring for the most vulnerable members of our community.”

The drive was held throughout December and into the first week of January. DKH staff and the community were invited to drop donations at designated Warmth and Wellness holiday trees at various DKH sites. Items collected included hundreds of toothbrushes and related dental hygiene products; body wash, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and hand sanitizer; toilet paper and feminine products; facecloths and hand towels; laundry detergent and wet wipes; pillows, sheets, blankets, and sleeping bags; and pajamas, socks, hats and mittens for children and adults.

Included in the distribution this year, were donated knitted newborn hats, handmade by local yarn shop, Woolworks Ltd. The hats were created by the Woolworks knitting group in honor of DKH’s 125th anniversary celebrated in 2019. During September, the local business showcased



Maternal Child Health Department: Rachel Katsoulis, Dr. Andrew MacKenzie, Dr. Erica Kesselman, Jennie Beaudry, Kristen Willis, Betty Caffrey, Jennifer Ruggirello, and Shelley Holman.



Kristen Willis and DKH Facilities employees Brian Hawes and Alex Gosselin deliver personal care and warmth items collected from DKH’s Warmth and Wellness Holiday drive to Karen Osbrey to be distributed through the Interfaith Human Services’ food pantry.



Kristen Willis delivers items to the team at DKH’s Family Advocacy Center.

a window display of newborn hats all month long in memory of Day Kimball Hospital maternity nurse and knitting group friend, Paula Nelson (1935-2019), and in the spirit of raising awareness of DKH’s 125th anniversary.

“We are appreciative to the

knitting group at Woolworks for donating these beautiful hand knitted hats to our organization to help keep newborns in our community warm this winter,” said Christine Millette, Clinical Supervisor, DKH Family Advocacy Center.



Kristen Willis, and DKH Facilities employees Brian Hawes and Alex Gosselin deliver a wide array of personal care and warmth items to Anne Miller, Executive Director, TEEG and her team.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bond villain Mikkelsen

5. A team’s best pitcher

8. French river

12. Mountain nymph (Greek)

14. City of Angels airport

15. Military force

16. Scrawny

18. Value

19. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

20. Highly seasoned sausage

21. Trouble

22. Prong

23. Showing varying colors

26. Cloaked

30. Renters sign one

31. Acquires

32. Type of language (abbr.)

33. Partner to pains

34. Third portion of the small intestine

39. Excessively theatrical actor

42. Infraction

44. Classical music for the stage

46. Slogged

47. One who terminates

49. Breakfast is an important one

50. Moved earth

51. Medical procedures

56. Genus of clams

57. Not well

58. Comparative figure of speech

59. Covered thinly with gold

60. Principle underlying the universe

61. A parent’s sisters

62. Professional engineering group

63. Coniferous tree

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Female parents

2. Region

3. Transaction

4. Heroic tale

5. Of algae

6. Luminous intensity unit

7. Uncovers

8. French commune name

9. Poisonous gas

10. Pearl Jam’s bassist

11. Horse groom in India

13. Destroyed

17. A way to alter

24. Promotional materials

25. American state

26. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

27. “Modern Family” network

28. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

29. Exercise system __-bo

35. Type of bulb

36. Opposite of beginning

37. Utilize

38. Type of student

40. Deficiency of moisture

41. Areas of the eye

42. Select

43. Sheets of floating ice

44. Priests who act as mediums

45. Roof of the mouth

47. Unnatural

48. Illuminated

49. There are three famous ones

52. Large, fast Australian birds

53. “Dracula” heroine Harker

54. Substitutes (abbr.)

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Pomfret Road Closures Begin April 6



POMFRET — Holmes Road will be closed on Monday, April 6 and shortly after that, Modock Road will be closed. These are the first closures related to the construction of the Transportation Alternative Program project on the Air Line Trail. Three under road pedestrian culverts will be installed at Holmes, Modock and River Roads where they intersect with the Air Line Trail State Park. In addition to those excavations, two bridges will be installed over Route 169 and Needle’s Eye Road. The detour

signs are installed but will remain covered until needed. Construction is phased out over the coming year. The first evidence of construction will be building the bridge abutments at Needle’s Eye and Route 169 and the excavation at the Holmes and Modock Roads’ culvert (tunnel) sites. For additional information please contact the Pomfret Selectmen’s office at 860-974-0191 or First Selectman Maureen Nicholson at maureen.nicholson@pomfretct.gov

Finding joy in quarantine

I awoke at 5:30 am, started a fire in our darkened kitchen fireplace and am sitting in the quiet of the morning, counting my blessings.

My family is healthy and quarantined together. We are only missing my oldest, who is sheltered in Los Angeles. My daughter, son-in-law and my two grandsons are sleeping soundly on the floor above me. My youngest son is sleeping in the basement with our grand dog Walter. Our dear friends and my daughter’s in-laws, Stu and Lynn, are here and I’m going to make my grandmothers recipe for biscuits and gravy for breakfast. I cannot describe the joy am feeling at this moment.

I think people often interchange the words joy and happiness as though they are the same. They are not. Happiness is a feeling you get from outside events and/or circumstances, while joy radiates from within. Your happiness is dependent on things or other people while your joy is only dependent upon you. Want to be joyful? Easier said than done? Start



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by counting your blessings.

Joy is from the heart. I find my joy in my love of family and friends. I am joyful in making breakfast for my family. I get happiness from seeing them feel enjoyment from my efforts. I feel joy in writing. I’d do it even if no one ever read it. I get happiness knowing people do.

So, what is my goal in quarantine? Love my family. Reach out to friends. Write to positively influence others. Finish my book, “Carbon Hill.” Spend more time in prayer and contemplation. My plate is as full as my heart.

What about you? How many times have you wanted to do something, but you complain you have no time? How often have you thought you’d just like to have a little time to yourself, or just a moment of peace and quiet? Sheltering in place can make those wishes come true.

You know me as a weekly columnist, but I’m also an author. In fact, I think of myself as an author that also writes a column and not the other way

around. I need to get busy and finish my fifth book.

I’m told that Shakespeare wrote King Lear while in quarantine for the plague. When I first heard that, I laughed and thought, as an author, hearing that is a lot of pressure. But then again, No pressure. I’m just a storyteller. I need to dig in and finishing telling the story of the Tallman brothers and “Carbon Hill.”

Make positive decisions during quarantine and put them into action!

Why waste time? What is that project you’ve always wanted to complete? Get moving! Write a book, build the model, complete the puzzle, write some letters, renew contact with those you’ve lost contact with. Explore the possibilities, then act!

And I do understand that some of you are afraid. I think we all harbor some level of fear and that’s normal. Work to turn your fear into healthy caution and follow all the guideline for remaining safe.

And for some of you who have a loved one who is sick, or you are not well, I’m praying for you now and I encourage others to do the same. Want me to pray for you or a friend

or loved one by name? Send me an email or snail mail and I will do so. I won’t post it here, but my phone number is on my web page. It’s easy to find. If you want me to pray with you, give me a call. And for those of you who don’t believe in the power of prayer, please accept my positive thoughts for you as I pray for you.

To pray is a decision I make personally. You don’t have to do the same. I had a young student who said, “I don’t believe in God or prayer ... so will you pray for me?” I prayed for her until her crisis passed. (Let the contradiction of her question sink in ...)

This too shall pass. I don’t know what’s in store for us over the next few weeks and months. I’m not a health care worker or government official.

All I’m certain of is that this isn’t the end of the world. This too, shall pass. The world will survive. I also understand that the death toll is high and growing. Just remember, if you shelter in place, the odds of you getting sick are minuscule. And if you are sick and remain in place, you won’t pass it to others. I think this will fit into the category of “Do good. Be good.”

Turn your fear and boredom into positive productivity during quarantine. Decide to make the most of this time and find both happiness and joy in doing something you have always wanted to do. Stay healthy. Don’t be afraid. I’m praying for you.

Gary W. Moore is at www.garywmoore.com

FEMA to fund Connecticut Guard assistance

PUTNAM — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. – Second District) released the following statement on March 30 after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it will fund 100 percent of the Connecticut National Guard’s emergency assistance activities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA’s announcement came following a Department of Defense (DOD) order to accelerate the process for authorization of the use of National Guard forces under Title 32 Section 502(f) of U.S. Code.

“The Connecticut National

Guard are some of the heroes we need right now,” said Courtney. “They’re on the front lines of this pandemic, and DOD’s order to provide their response activities with full federal funding through FEMA will give them the kind of backup they need to really maximize their efforts, and will help to keep strengthening our financial backstop to state and local COVID-19 emergency efforts.

“This order coincides with yesterday’s announcement that FEMA had approved Connecticut’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration, which unlocks additional feder-

al assistance programs for our state to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. As with the Major Disaster Declaration request, today’s announcement from FEMA responds to a request for assistance made by Governor Ned Lamont, which was supported by entire Connecticut Congressional Delegation.

“Connecticut’s emergency response efforts are already saving lives in eastern Connecticut, and throughout the region. We’ve got to keep finding ways help Connecticut’s first responders win this fight, and decisions like these put more resources at their disposal.”

Pomfret budget schedule of virtual meetings

POMFRET — While all details are not known at this time, the Town of Pomfret is moving forward and will have answers soon on how future meetings will be held. Basically, the regular meeting schedule is in place as usual, but those meetings will be held in an online format. There is a significant learning curve to getting up and running to hold public meetings without meeting publicly.

The Pomfret Boards of Finance, Selectmen, and Education value public input and will make every

effort to allow taxpayers to participate in next year’s budget development while keeping the process as transparent as possible. Go to www.pomfretct.gov for updated information and details on how to access all virtual meetings.

April 6 Board of Selectmen 7 pm, sign in details to be published w/agenda; April 13 Board of Finance 6:30 pm, sign in details to be published w/agenda; April 20 Board of Selectmen 8 am, sign in details to be published w/agenda; April 22 Board

of Education 7 pm, sign in details to be published w/agenda; April 30 All Boards Virtual Public Hearing 7 pm, sign in details to be published w/agenda.

Check the Town’s website and sign up for E-Alerts for news and alerts. Access codes for each meeting will be on the meeting agenda and posted on the Town’s website. Citizens will be able, and are encouraged, to participate in all upcoming meetings.

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Scholarships at Killingly High

DANIELSON — Killingly Public Schools 2020-21 Board of Education scholarship applications will be available April 1 through May 1. Applicants must be past graduates of Killingly High School or anticipated Class of 2020 graduates. Applicants must be pursuing their first degree or a bachelor's degree.

Applications can be accessed and

downloaded by going to the Killingly Public Schools District website at <http://www.killinglyschools.org/> under the "Community" tab, or on Killingly High School's main webpage at <https://www.killinglyschools.org/killingly-high-school> under the "Departments" tab, and "School Counseling" page.

All applications must be received and

in the Central Office, (not postmarked) by 4 p.m. Friday, May 1. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be reviewed. There will be no exceptions. Please Mail Application to: Killingly Public Schools; Attn: Scholarships; P.O. Box 210; 79 Westfield Ave.; Danielson, Ct. 06239.

While mailed applications are preferred, due to current circumstances

and for this year only, applications will be accepted via email. (Same closing date / time applies.) Email applications to: kdoyle@killinglyschools.org Please type "scholarship" in the subject line. If you have any questions, please call 860 779-6603.

Pomfret School honor roll

POMFRET — Students named to the Pomfret School Winter 2019-2020 Head of School Scholar Honors list: Meredith Bergendahl of Pomfret Center; Thomas Bergendahl of Pomfret Center; Grace Bullied of Pomfret; Maya Bullied of Pomfret; Isabella Canavan of Pomfret Center; Jessica Farrell of Woodstock; Maya Gerum of Pomfret Center; Kevin Li of Pomfret; Vivien Mark of Woodstock; Angelo Rovero of North Grosvenordale; Blake Zahansky of Pomfret Center; Hannah Dean of Brooklyn.

High Honors List: Cooper Ames of Pomfret; Tatum Fisher of Pomfret; Jeffrey Gibbs of Pomfret; Benjamin Gordon of Woodstock; Jack Heroux of Pomfret Center.

Honors List: Ethan Dinges of Woodstock; Helen Hale of Pomfret Center; Kale Hart of Pomfret Center; Kellen Horst of Pomfret; Caroline Labbe of Pomfret Center; Daphne Li of Pomfret; Zachary Stolarek of Pomfret Center; Brooke Zahansky of Pomfret Center; Brennan Holmes of Killingly.

St. Joseph School honor roll

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — St. Joseph School's academic honors list for students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 for the second trimester is as follows.

High Honors: Maya Chojnicki; Justin Griffiths-Lam; Kiera MacKenzie; David Palmisciano

Samantha Smyth.

Honors: Amelia Hull; Clayton Lehmann; Rowan Lehmann; Liam McBrien.

Recognition: Beatrice Foronda; Johnathan Granata; Dezo Novotny; Nicholas Ruggieri; Jocelynn Sirrine.

Courtney statement on FEMA approval

PUTNAM — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. - Second District) released the following statement on March 27 after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Connecticut's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in the State of Connecticut, and a concurrent order by the Department of Defense (DOD) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which unlocks additional federal assistance programs for the state:

"Today's announcement that FEMA has approved Connecticut's request for a Stafford Act disaster declaration is a critical order that provides a strong financial backstop to state and local COVID-19 emergency efforts, which

have been underway for weeks now. Just like in past emergencies, the Stafford Act will reimburse 75 percent of COVID-related costs that first responders at the state and local level incur, like overtime, equipment, and fuel, to name a few. It is, of course, important that good records be kept for reimbursement, a practice that town finance officials have experience with during events like Hurricanes Sandy and Irene.

"This order dovetails with this past Friday's passage and enactment of House Resolution 748, the CARES Act, which appropriated \$45 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund. That funding will pay for Connecticut's

FEMA related expenses.

"Finally, this order coincides with a new order from the Department of Defense, released on Friday, March 27, which authorized the use of National Guard forces under Title 32 of the U.S. Code for COVID-19 emergency response efforts. As with the FEMA order, DOD was responding to a request from Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, which was supported by the entire Connecticut delegation.

"These decisions will help remove any possible financial barriers from Connecticut's heroic emergency response effort, which is already saving the lives of our fellow neighbors."

CBIA lauds emergency small business loan program

PUTNAM — The Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the largest business organization in the state welcomed the launch of a state-backed no-interest loan program designed to help small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 26 CBIA president and CEO Joe Brennan called the new Connecticut Recovery Bridge Loan Program critical for providing small businesses with immediate, much-needed liquidity.

"Small businesses and their employees are bearing the brunt of this severe

economic downturn," Brennan said. "Putting cash in their hands to pay their employees and their bills for several months will hopefully allow them to stay in business until the crisis is over."

Brennan said that the new loan program was one of a series of steps taken by Governor Ned Lamont's administration to lessen the pandemic's impact on small business.

The Department of Economic and Community Development has already suspended loan and interest payments

on existing loans, while the Department of Revenue Services extended the filing deadline for income tax returns to July 15.

"All signs indicate that we're only at the beginning of what will be a very difficult and challenging time," Brennan said. "It's clear the state's economy will take a major hit and we will continue working with the Lamont administration and the legislature to provide all possible resources and assistance."

Brooklyn renters rebate

BROOKLYN — Due to the Brooklyn Town Hall being closed to the public, applications for the Renter's Rebate Program will be taken by appointment only by June 1. Updates will be posted on the town's website at brooklynct.org.

Improve soil quality for a better lawn

A lush, green lawn can vastly improve a home's curb appeal. Thick, healthy grass indicates that homeowners care enough about their properties to invest the time, effort and money to make them beautiful.

According to the landscaping tool company Troy-Bilt, soil fertility is the foundation of healthy lawns. In fact, the quality of the soil is essential whether one is growing acres of grass, potted plants or vegetable garden beds. No matter which type of soil a homeowner is working with, there are various ways to make it better.

require oxygen to thrive in the soil. The Briggs & Stratton Company says the best time to aerate a lawn is during the growing season when the grass can heal and fill in any holes, such as spring and fall. Aeration can help develop deeper grass roots for a healthier lawn.

TEST AND AMEND SOIL

A great lawn has loamy soil, which has a key ratio of clay, silt and sand. Silt is a granular material of a size between sand and clay that originates from quartz and feldspar. It is the most fertile of the three types of soil components. Sand does not retain water, but it helps to create spaces in the soil that permit air to circulate. Clay particles are small and bind together tightly, but clay is naturally nutrient-rich. The home improvement site BobVila.com says loamy soil should have equal parts sand and silt and half as much clay.

If the lawn is not yet established, loamy soil can be created and then the grass seeds planted. For established soil, after removing thatch and aerating, top-dressing the lawn can help. This involves adding a thin layer of soil over the lawn. It can improve the soil without killing the existing turf. Ideally, it should be done in early fall or spring, as this gives the grass time to grow through three to four more mowings before severe heat or cold sets in.

Healthy soil is vital to a lush lawn. It takes a little work, but improving soil can create vibrant, healthy, green grass.

REMOVE THATCH

Thatch is a tightly knotted layer of leaves, grass roots, stems, and other debris that accumulates between the grass blades and the soil. Too much thatch can hinder the movement of water, air and nutrients into the soil. According to organic fertilizer company Organo-Lawn, thatch often occurs if the production of dead organic material in the lawn exceeds the ability of the microorganisms in the soil to break down that organic matter. A half-inch of thatch is normal. If thatch gets too thick, it will need to be removed. The home improvement resource DIY Network says dethatching can take place in the summer, fall and winter using a thatching rake.

AERATE

A lawn aerator will create holes in the soil. This can improve drainage and encourage worms and helpful microorganisms that

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Resilience of the human spirit

The Mur de la Peste stretches for 17 miles through the Vacuse Mountains in Provence. Several years ago, I hiked along the dry stone wall as it meandered along a well-worn path with six other women. Occasionally we came upon watchtowers that were shelters and look out stations for the guards that from early 1720-1722 protected the pope and his entourage from the plague. I think about that wall now.

We'd all like to crouch down behind a plague wall. When I saw it, I was surprised that the disease had been virulent in the 18th century. I recalled that it was much earlier, but I was thinking about the Black Death of the Middle Ages, not the later onslaughts that ravage parts of the world then and now.

Eventually the disease subsided and everyone behind the wall came out to see who was left. We arrived at the pretty town of Gault, at the end of the day. It had also withstood a savage assault by the retreating German army at the end of WWII. The town survived. Getting over catastrophes and moving forward is part of the human spirit. It just seems a few places, perhaps like some people, get tested more than seems fair.

The phrase "out of an abundance of caution" is driving me crazy. It is too stilted, too trite. We need to be cautious about how we interact with each other and we need government to do the broader job. I'm not sure how to measure when the caution we are exercising is abundant. It's easier to assess when it is too little.

I'm grateful that I can walk outside and feel an encouraging whiff of spring. When we lived in an antique farmhouse, every year I watched the rays of sunlight sweep across the Keeping Room floor all the way to the back of the large old fireplace around the first day of spring. I thought about the women who had lived in the house before me and how elated they must have felt at the promise of light and warmth. Spring is well on its way, just when we need it.

The forsythia and quince that I've forced in vases brightens the house, where we spend most of the time. I wish I'd stocked up on library books, but I can read online. I'm getting more phone calls from friends than I have in years as we cherish the sound of familiar voices. I'm grateful for everyone.

Like the forced branches of shrubs that become lovely flowers, connections blossoms when expectations of what is normal vaporize.

My oldest grandchild is doing school work from home on a laptop. Our three-year-old granddaughter looks into the camera and makes a silly face. I watch my youngest grandchildren take their first steps over and over on a video. I've shared virtual cups of tea and glasses of wine with friends. A friend and I plan to learn mah jong on line. My church service, on my iPad, helps me feel connected to that community. We may moan about the changes technology has brought, but at this moment, it is integral.

The Mur de la Peste was a symbol of the past. Now I feel a kinship to the people who stood on either side of that wall. The ones on the inside believed they were safe. Those on the outside, not so much. As we face our challenges, I'm hoping that abundance comes from bonds we have to each other, decisions that include everyone and the historic resilience of humans. Some good luck, too.

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Move over runners

On a recent walk along the back roads of Woodstock, taken to decompress during these stressful times, I encountered a young woman jogging. Thankfully, I noticed her approaching me from behind with enough time for me to move to other side of the road. It was obvious she had no intention of doing so. I realize those in their youth often think they are invincible — recall scenes of spring break students congregating on the beaches

Trump is incompetent

I guess my letter about our incompetent and failing president touched a nerve with a local Trump fan. I get it, truth hurts. His angry response was sadly predictable — the usual paranoid rants about Democrats and liberals with a few insults and some name calling thrown in. Classic Trump! For the record, I'm not a Democrat or a liberal — never have been — but Donald Trump has been. Trump has changed his political affiliation several times to suit his needs, just like his wives and girlfriends. I've been registered "unaffiliated" my whole life. I've voted for candidates from both major parties, and a few third party and independent candidates also. I don't expect Mr. Angry Trump Fan to believe that, but I really don't care either.

A little history: Donald J. Trump was a (not very bright) rich kid who got richer by making sleazy real estate deals in NYC back in the 70's and 80's. Many of those deals involved corrupt politicians and members of organized crime. Lots of hard working average Americans got hurt or ruined by his many bankruptcies, or by being evicted from their apartments so Donny-boy could turn them into high end condos. Living close to NYC back then meant we had to see his mug on the news frequently — rarely for something good. Everyone I knew considered him a bad joke — a rich playboy with a big mouth and bad hair, even by 80's standards. Fast forward to Trump jumping on the reality TV bandwagon, and most of the nation got to know his name and face, but not who

in Florida. In this national crisis, it is critical that they remember those of us over 60 are not, and practice the social distancing recommendations in all situations. It is a shame to worry about a jogger not doing so thereby carelessly endangering others.

PATRICIA SUSLA
WOODSTOCK

and what he really was. When he decided to run for president, he presented himself as a friend of the working class, a champion of the "average Joe". Nothing could be further from the truth! Aside from his phony image, his campaign also played on people's fears and prejudices — a tactic that also worked well for Adolf Hitler in 1930's Germany. Although he lost the election by over three million popular votes, he's our president because of our outdated and flawed electoral system. Again, for the record, Trump has spoken out against that system several times in the past, but not lately for some reason. To sum up, Donald J. Trump is (and has always been) a lying, thin-skinned, narcissistic, con artist who BS'd his way into the presidency and now we're all paying the price. The job is way beyond his abilities, which makes him extremely dangerous on top of everything else. Trump didn't cause this national crisis we're in, but he's made it worse by his initial denial and looking for someone to blame, followed by his continuation of stupid and inaccurate public statements and tweets. He's floundering because of his total lack of leadership ability and his inflated ego that won't allow him to step back and let the pros take over. In his own words " I don't take responsibility at all". I'd actually feel sorry for him, if he wasn't such a mean-spirited, arrogant jerk. We need him gone.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

Reader responds to another reader

To Mr. Day of Woodstock Valley, thank you for naming me and promoting my opinion by personally attacking me throughout your lengthy opinion letter published in the March 27th issue of the Killingly Villager. You have no idea how positive the outcome has been despite the negativity you spewed.

That being said, let's focus on reality. The reality is that families are being brought together...sharing learning for our young ones, slowing down the pace that keeps them apart and relying on the divine intervention and purpose that believers believe should

be our primary focus. Our broken political system is working together and innovative solutions are being presented daily.

There is no room or desire for personal or political hate. I pray for you and the many who are so anxious, worried and angry at our current events. Let your actions speak and please let your words generate calm and action to impact the greater good.

My opinion is mine and yours is yours.

TAMI JO WYKES
BROOKLYN

No fan of Trump

Last week, a Trumpster wrote in his letter to the editor, "I love our President, warts and all". I find this astounding that a Trump supporter admitted that Trump wasn't perfect but that he has some minor imperfections. The only problem is that these imperfections are much deeper than mere skin lesions.

Look what he's doing with the pandemic. He's said that he is not responsible for anything. What sort of a leader says that in a national crisis? A weak one. He's said that the federal government is not a shipping clerk putting the problem solely on the state governors to do the job.

And, you know, we could have supplied medical equipment and supplies back on February 7, but no, we didn't. Instead we shipped 17.8 tons of medical supplies to China. These supplies were part of Obama's emergency preparation response, which Trump disbanded and defunded.

Our idiot-in-chief has lambasted the media for making up stories by "quoting unnamed sources that simply do not exist." He shouted out "Name your sources". This is rich coming from someone who daily lies and makes up unproven "facts". He said on the Sean Hannity show on March 26 that Andrew Cuomo was exaggerating the number of ventilators needed. When asked why he thought that, our man said he just "has a feeling". What a wonderful and provable source.

Stick to issues

As we go into election season, the relative styles of the arguments from Left and Right were so concisely demonstrated on this page last week: In one letter, Mr. Day responded to an earlier letter by Ms. Wykes that had offered a rosy view of the administration's response to the coronavirus. He answered her three main points, with verifiable references to the facts on the ground. Agree with him or not, Mr. Day attacked her arguments, not her.

Mr. Bedard's letter on the same page was shorter but was nothing but insults and slander for every Trump critic and interest group from center to left, with rah-rah for his team.

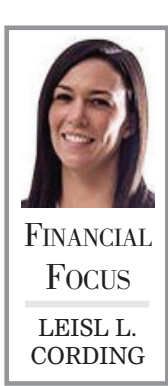
As we are all, young and old, swept up in the first real crisis of this administration, working together is no longer an option, but a patriotic necessity. I have no influence to narrow the gulf between Fox News and the New York Times, but I will call out any local mud-slinging Fascist yahoo.

Oh, darn, see how easy it is to get pulled down to that level? My apologies, Mr. Bedard. I expect you're just a passionate partisan, as am I. Let's stick to the issues.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Beyond the portfolio – details on the CARES Act

As the nation, the community, and the markets continue to feel the effects of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors is committed to providing you with updates and reliable information. This week, we will focus on thinking beyond the portfolio – what does the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security or CARES Act mean for Americans, how is the Federal Reserve stepping in to help, how are personal finances and budgets being affected, and what can you do to continue to Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.



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What is the CARES Act? The CARES Act was passed on Friday, March 27, 2020. It is a \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus package designed to help individuals and businesses, along with hospitals and health care professionals, manage the negative effects we have seen on the economy since the beginning of this month. As you may know, we have entered a bear market, meaning that the major indices, NASDAQ, DOW Jones, and the S&P 500, have dropped 20% or more from highs this year. Bear markets can have a devastating effect on the economy if contingencies are not put into place to help alleviate the drop as well as the sudden stops in economic activity. To help potentially mitigate the negative effects of these sudden economic stops and tame the bear markets, the U.S. Congress and the President came together to forge the CARES Act bill.

Relief for individuals: One way the bill is designed to help individuals specifically is by providing direct payments to American taxpayers. With certain exemptions, individual tax filers who earn up to \$75,000 of adjusted gross income (AGI) per year will receive checks for \$1,200. Couples filing taxes jointly earning up to \$150,000 AGI will receive payments of \$2,400, and an additional \$500 per child. The payments decrease for individual tax filers earning more than \$75,000 AGI and couples filing taxes jointly earning more than \$150,000 AGI. Individual tax filers earning more than \$99,000 AGI per year and joint tax filers earning more than \$198,000 AGI per year will not receive direct payments. If you have direct deposit or you paid the IRS via electronic funds transfer from your bank in the past, the US treasury plans to send your stimulus money directly to your bank account in next 3 weeks. It will be longer if they are sending physical check to your mailbox.

Unemployment benefits enhanced: CARES Act provides for an extended unemployment insurance program and expands eligibility and offers workers an additional \$600 per week for four months on top of what state programs pay. It also extends unemployment benefits through Dec. 31 for eligible workers. These enhancements apply to the self-employed, independent contractors and gig economy workers.

Need more money now? A few potential options: Perhaps you need emergency funds beyond the direct payment or that unemployment benefits are not enough? The CARES Act increases 401k loan limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for 2020. Additionally, the bill enables use of retirement funds beyond the loan options and waives the IRS

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MARGARET
WEAVER

I know that the coronavirus has changed our way of life these past few weeks. Never did I imagine that church services would be cancelled, schools would be closed, non-essential businesses would be shuttered, social gatherings would come to an end, etc. Thank goodness for modern medicine and technology!

Many of you have unexpected extra time on your hands. I have a favor to ask. Please sit down, take a piece of paper (or your computer), and write down a few memories and mail or email them to me. I've heard of days when downtown Danielson was bustling and businesses were open on Friday nights. Take a timeframe (perhaps a particular year, perhaps a certain time when you were in school) and write down memories from that era. Even one or two paragraphs would be welcome. The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center may not be open right now but that doesn't mean sharing has to stop. I'm sure others would be glad to hear what you have to say. If you can't email me, send a letter to the Killingly Historical Center at the address below, and I will receive it when we reopen. Meanwhile, hang in there, and have an Attitude of Gratitude for all that is good — an early spring, family and friends, etc. Use your phones and email to be blessings for others. We will get through this together, and someday it will be one of those memories we reminisce about! My email is margaretm-weaver@gmail.com

This week I'd like to continue with the history of the Westfield section of Danielson as recorded in H. V. Arnold's Memories of Westfield. (If you missed the beginning years, see last week's Killingly at 300 column). Arnold wrote that in the 1820's "the women could aid the church only in a comparatively small way. It was not then or for many years later permissible for women to bear any part in public services apart

When women and children raised pennies for good deeds

from the choir. [Now Northeastern Connecticut has many women clergy]. In the 1820's there existed among them a 'Cent Society'; each member contributed one cent a week for missionary purposes, and the children contributed pennies for the same purpose. A society formed on such basis may now seem trivial; but to the women of that generation it bore no such aspect; though the decade was one of greater prosperity than before. The pennies of those times were large copper pieces nearly the size of a silver half dollar. In 1830 the society mentioned became 'The Sewing Society' in aid of church projects and the women plied the needle and also did knitting work" (69-70).

It was in this time period that what is now Hutchins Street was apparently begun as a lane to a new cemetery. According to Arnold a Westfield blacksmith named John Sparks invested in a piece of property west of his shop and laid out the cemetery. Sparks "had a considerable family to support and in a moment of depression he tried a chance in a lottery and won \$1,000. This is said to have occurred in 1830. In those times \$1,000 was a large sum of money for any average man to become possessed of and forthwith Sparks invested it in pieces of land adjoining Westfield" (p.70).

The 1830 United States census lists the following heads of household in the Westfield vicinity: Barnabas Davis, John Davis, Abigail Starnes, Jerman Bunn, David Fisher, David Bacon, Jabez Allen, Stephen Smith, Widow Luna Johnson, William C. Bacon, Roswell Whitmore (pastor of Westfield Congregational Church), Ebenezer Young, Thomas Backus, Isaac T. Hutchins, Joshua Wilbur, Penuel Hutchins, Rufus Jillson, Samuel Starnes, Warren Starnes, John Sparks, Jonathan Clough, William Tanner, Philip Tanner. I believe that the Tanners take us south to about the present Davis Park area.

Several of the above individuals were well known outside Northeastern Connecticut. Although he was a lawyer,

Ebenezer Young must have caught the "manufacturing fever" that was beginning to spread through this area. About 1813 he became the principal investor of one of the earliest cotton mills in Killingly. Young's Mill on the Whetstone Brook in East Killingly was not far from the old Acme factory with which many of you are familiar. (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 19, p.201). (For a photo see Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 98). In addition, Ebenezer was very active in Connecticut politics and was elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives as a Federalist in 1810, 1811, 1816, and 1817. He served in the Connecticut Senate from 1823-1825, in the House again from 1826-1828 and was Speaker of the House in 1827 and 1828. He served in the United States Congress from March 4, 1829-March 3, 1835. (Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1949, p. 2053). Ebenezer Young died August 19, 1851 and was buried in Westfield Cemetery. Ebenezer Young's son, John B. Young, was the co-founder with Charles L. Tiffany of the noted New York City jewelry store. In fact, John B. Young's sister Harriett went on to marry Charles Tiffany and became the mother of the renowned artist and stained glass maker Louis Comfort Tiffany. If you have not seen the Tiffany exhibit at Lyman Allen Museum in New London, you might want to make a trip when life returns to "normal".

Another of Ebenezer Young's daughters, Sarah A., married Westfield lawyer Thomas Backus. Like Ebenezer Young, his father-in-law, Backus became active in politics and served as a Representative to the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1829 and 1833, the Connecticut State Senate in 1835 and 1838, was Probate Judge of Killingly, Judge of the County Court in 1848 and the 41st Lt. Governor of Connecticut from 1849-1850 under Governor Joseph Trumbull. Backus retired in the early 1850's due to ill health. He died on December 9, 1858

and was interred in Westfield Cemetery (Memories of Westfield, p. 118, Wikipedia, Hale Cemetery Collection-Ancestry.com).

By the 1820's a second section of the future Borough of Danielson(ville) was springing up not far away near the Five Mile River. In 1809 James Danielson, Walter Paine, Israel Day, William Reed, Ira and Stephen Draper, Ebenezer and Comfort Tiffany, John Mason, Thaddeus Larned, and William Cundall, Sr. and Jr. invested money and by 1810 had erected a small cotton mill not far from William Cundall's woolen mill; by 1819 they had constructed a second mill and a small village was beginning to develop. The Tiffanys ran the company store, which at that time was situated at the southern end of present-day Main Street on the site of the former brick cotton mill where the Women's Institute Housing now stands. Grist and sawmills served both the residents of the mill village and the Westfield inhabitants.

In the 1820's what are now Water and Franklin Streets were part of a main stagecoach road from Providence to Hartford with the bridge across the Quinebaug River being angled to join present-day South Main Street in Brooklyn. About 1831 Randall and Joseph Davis erected a tavern, which was used as a boarding house for mill workers, between the present Dyer Street intersection and the mills. It later became known as Hutchins' Tavern after owner Silas Hutchins (See Images of America Killingly, p. 11 for a photo of the tavern).

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A lesson of faith in an uncertain time



BEYOND
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On April 8,1630, four ships left the English Isle of Wight. On the ship named Arbella was a Puritan lawyer by the name of John Winthrop, his two sons, and many other future colonial leaders. Their ships joined seven more ships in a convoy to the New World. He was leading a group of 700 migrants to the Massachusetts bay colony where he would serve as its the third governor for twelve years and its lieutenant gover-

nor for six years.

While many have attempted to rewrite history or question the motives of those who founded the colonies, it is wiser to read the works of those people and give them the benefit of the doubt. Certainly America's founders had their faults, and not all of them were "good Christians," but many of them were heroic in their efforts, and I consider myself a beneficiary of their faith.

Winthrop wrote a sermon entitled A Modell of Christian Charity, which was delivered either before or during the crossing. The sermon outlined ideas and plans for keeping the Puritan society strong in faith. In it he compared their journey to that of the Israelites leaving Egypt and he talked about the struggles that they would face in the New World. He also coined a now-famous nickname for America: "The City upon a Hill". Here is a snippet of that famous sermon.

"for we must Consider that we shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world, we shall open the mouths of enemies to speak evil of the way of God and all professors for God's sake; we shall shame the faces of many of God's worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into Curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whether we are going."

Winthrop's sermon set the tone for the new colonies, which would be a beacon of freedom seen around the world for centuries to come. Much of what he cast vision for came to pass. Winthrop's son, John, later became one of the founders of the Connecticut Colony. Winthrop also wrote one of the best-known historical accounts of the

founding of the colonies. His descendants include many famous Americans, and his writings continue to influence politicians to this day.

At the writing of his sermon John Winthrop could have considered himself to be just one struggling Christian, but he was all-in, and he made a huge difference in the lives of many Americans who would be born in subsequent generations. This gives us all hope! Maybe our faith will help make a way for those who follow. Who knows how consequential your life and my life can be if we pray sincere prayers and do our best to live lives pleasing to the one to whom we pray? One thing is certain, if we are timid in our faith, no one will benefit. If we are bold and unashamed, we can be part of that "City on a Hill."

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson.

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10% early withdrawal penalty for distributions up to \$100,000 for coronavirus-related purposes, retroactive to Jan. 1. Withdrawals are still taxed, but taxes are spread over three years, or the taxpayer has the three-year period to roll it back over.

Income tax extensions and exemptions: All IRS and CT income tax April 15th deadlines for 2019 taxes are extended to July 15th including tax filing, payments, penalties due, and IRA, HSAs, and Roth contributions. If you have a payment set up automatically to be paid between now and April 15th, you can push it out without filing any special forms. If filing an extension, that form is due by July 15th and you have until October 15th, 2020 to complete as usual. Please note that some key areas that do not qualify for extensions: estate and gift taxes, excise taxes, informational forms such as 1099s. For more information, go to IRS.gov.

Beyond the Investment Portfolio: Strategies to help you Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM: In last week's article, we focused on financial strategies related to staying the course on your investments. This week, we wanted to discuss how individuals can make sound financial decisions beyond an investment portfolio. A lot of these insights are helpful for everyone handling their everyday finances, not just those with investment portfolios. During this difficult time, it's especially critical to have a plan in place for your finances. Some people may need to adjust their financial habits to make it through this crisis and the next couple of months. So where do we start?

It's been proven that those who write down their financial goals and the

actions they plan to take to accomplish them are more likely to achieve their goals. First, build a basic personal financial balance sheet. Understand how much you own (or your assets such as your home, investment accounts, savings accounts) and how much you owe (or your debt such as a mortgage, rent, car loans, credit cards, etc.).

Next, track your income and expenses. Break down your expenses by separating and prioritizing the required expenses for comfortable living such as rent, groceries, car expenses, electric bill, cell phone, etc. If you find yourself unemployed, you might consider living without discretionary expenses, such as entertainment, take-out, or your daily latte. Your online banking app may have a tool to tally your expenses and help you determine your average spend rate over the last couple of months. If you are currently, or soon become unemployed, apply for unemployment benefits immediately as it may take 2-3 weeks for checks to start arriving. Visit: <https://uiclaimsct.force.com/Customers> to apply. That way you'll have the best chance of staying afloat and can use the benefits to bridge your needs.

You will then need to determine your financial goals (examples: pay down credit card debt or maintain expenses while unemployed). Setting up transfers or payments automatically will help you be successful in achieving this goal.

Then, you'll need to determine what strategies you will implement and the actions you will take to achieve your goals. For example, if your goal is to pay down debt, decide on how much you can allocate to that goal and how long it will take you. Then determine how you will make it happen; will you spend less on discretionary items and allocate more towards your credit card?

If your goal is to maintain your expenses while unemployed and you're finding that your expenses will be more than the income you'll be bringing in, determine if you can forego any of your discretionary expenses or consider less expensive alternatives. One expense that many people have cut in recent years is the cable bill – can you switch to Hulu or Netflix? Also, during this crisis, companies are trying to make it easier for consumers. Check with your bank, creditors and/or insurance companies to determine if there are options to defer debt and/or premium payments over the next few months while we all work through managing the pandemic and possible loss of income. That doesn't mean stop paying your debts or insurance premiums, but rather considering what cost-effective options may be available to you.

Lastly, check-in periodically on the progress you're making in accomplishing your financial goals and reward yourself for reaching your goals!

Remember to focus on Living Well: On a lighter note, remember to practice healthy habits! Stay in touch with family and friends; if you're able to video chat, that's the best way to make us all feel like we're still connected. Are you able to enjoy the springtime weather? Perhaps go for a walk or sit outside for a bit if your situation allows. Make sure you and your loved ones follow CDC guidelines for personal hygiene and stay up to date on your state's precautions for limiting the spread of COVID-19.

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Killingly’s Lis named to state’s All Century team

DAYVILLE — Killingly High alumnus Tracy Lis has been honored as one of the greatest high school basketball players in the history of Connecticut. Lis was recognized by the CIAC as part of one of the first programs in the CIAC Centennial Celebration. The CIAC completed the unveiling of its 25-player CIAC Girls & Boys Basketball All Century Teams on March 16.

Lis’s No. 22 was retired in a ceremony at Killingly High on March 6. Lis, Killingly High Class of 1988, was celebrated along with her long list of accomplishments at the ceremony.

Some of her accomplishments include but are not limited to: Eastern Connecticut Conference scoring leader 1985-88; All-State CT 1986-88; 3,681 career points – Connecticut record; 64 points scored in one game; New Haven Register Miss Basketball CT 1987, 1988; USA Today Basketball Player of the Year 1988; Scored 54 points in leading team to the 1988 Class L State Championship; Big East Rookie of the Year from Providence College 1989; All-Time leader scorer in Providence College History with 2,534 points; Inducted into first Hall of Fame class at Killingly 2014. Inducted into Providence College Hall of Fame 2003; Inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame; Played professionally with New England Blizzard and Harlem Wizards.

The complete All Century Teams are listed below in alphabetical order. Additional information about all 50 players are available on the CIAC website for the boys team here: casci.ac/5334 and the girls team here: casci.ac/5329. There are also images and brief videos on many of the individuals currently available on the various CIAC social media platforms. The All Century teams were compiled with input from select past and current coaches, veteran high school basketball writers and others closely associated with Connecticut boys and girls basketball through the decades.

Individual statistics along with All State and All-American accolades

weighed heavily in the selection and team success and state championships won were also a significant factor. Players who did not graduate from a CIAC member school were not eligible, and the girls All Century team only features players that competed after CIAC began sponsoring girls basketball championships in 1974. Post high school accomplishments (college and pro) were considered only when necessary as a tiebreaker between two similarly accomplished players.

The All Century Teams compilation and release was an early part of CIAC’s planned months-long celebration of the organization’s centennial. Many additional events will be part of the Centennial Celebration over the coming months, through the conclusion of 2021 spring championship season. CIAC planned to involve members of the All Century Teams in a variety of ways surrounding its basketball championships, and that will remain the case for the 2021 basketball championships. CIAC All Century Basketball Teams. Players are listed with their name during their high school career, their school and graduation year.

CIAC Girls Basketball All Century Team

Heather Buck – Stonington - 2008
Kelley Camp – West Haven – 1977
Tracy Claxton – Wilbur Cross - 1980
Bethany Collins – Branford - 1984
Maria Conlon – Seymour – 2000
Nadine Domond – Bridgeport Central – 1994
Desiree Elmore – Capital Prep – 2016
Kiah Gillespie – Capital Prep - 2015
Bria Holmes – Hillhouse – 2012
Cathy Inglese – Sheehan – 1976
Tracy Lis – Killingly – 1988
Cindy Malinowski – Westbrook – 1981
Jennifer Monti – Ellington – 1998
Jennifer O’Brien – Mercy – 1996
Ann Odoy – Masuk – 1984
Holly Oslander – North Branford - 1989
Amanda Pape – Trinity Catholic – 2003
Krista Rappahahn – Norwich Free Academy – 2002



Killingly High's Tracy Lis's number 22 was retired On Friday, March 6, at Killingly High School. She stands with a basketball inscribed with the number 3,681 — the career points she scored for Killingly.

- Jennifer Rizzotti – New Fairfield – 1992
Symone Roberts – New Britain – 2009
Nykesha Sales – Bloomfield – 1994
Da’Shena Stevens – Trinity Catholic – 2008
Tracy Stolle – Wamogo – 1995
C.B. Tomasiewicz – Weston – 1975
Rita Williams – Brien McMahon – 1994
- CIAC Boys Basketball All Century Team
Chuck Aleksinas – Wamogo – 1977
John Bagley – Harding – 1979
Scott Burrell – Hamden – 1989
Marcus Camby – Hartford Public – 1993
Rick DiCicco – St. Joseph – 1973
Kris Dunn – New London – 2012
Johnny Egan – Weaver – 1957
Walter Esdaile – Hillhouse – 1965
- Rod Foster – St. Thomas Aquinas – 1979
Mike Gminski – Masuk – 1976
Eddie Griffin – Hartford Public – 1962
Tony Hanson – Holy Cross – 1973
Anthony Harris – Danbury – 1991
Mustapha Heron – Sacred Heart – 2016
Dave Hicks – Wilbur Cross – 1961
Walter Luckett – Kolbe Cathedral – 1972
Wes Matthews – Harding – 1977
Calvin Murphy – Norwalk – 1966
Harold Pressley – St. Bernard – 1982
Art Quimby – Bulkeley (New London) – 1951
Tom Roy – South Windsor – 1971
Charles Smith – Harding – 1984
Chris Smith – Kolbe Cathedral – 1988
Corny Thompson – Middletown – 1978
John Williamson – Wilbur Cross – 1970



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DOJ sides with Alliance on CIAC gender policy

HARTFORD — The U.S. Department of Justice filed a statement of interest on March 24 in federal district court in support of Connecticut high school athletes and their mothers seeking to protect fair play in girls’ sports in the Alliance Defending Freedom case: *Soule v. Connecticut Association of Schools*. The issue involves the CIAC’s allowance of athletes to compete on how they gender identify, regardless of gender at birth.

“Girls shouldn’t be reduced to spectators in their own sports. Allowing males to compete in the female category isn’t fair and destroys girls’ athletic opportunities. Males will always have inherent physical advantages over comparably talented and trained girls—that’s the reason we have girls’ sports in the first place,” said Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Counsel Christiana Holcomb. “And a male’s belief about his gender doesn’t eliminate those advantages. The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference policy is also completely at odds with Title IX, a federal law designed to create equal opportunities for women in education and athletics. As the DOJ rightly explains in its statement of interest filed in this case, ‘Title IX and its implementing regulations prohibit discrimination solely “on the basis of sex,” not on the basis of transgender status, and therefore neither require nor authorize CIAC’s transgender policy. To the contrary, CIAC’s construction of Title IX as requiring the participation of students on athletic teams that reflect their gender identity would turn the statute on its head.’”

As a result of the policy in Connecticut, two males have taken 15 women’s state championship titles (held in 2016 by nine different Connecticut girls) and have taken more than 85 opportunities to participate in higher level competitions from female track athletes in the 2017, 2018, and 2019 seasons alone.

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The dangers of mowing too low

Spring marks the return of many things. Trees and flowers begin to bloom again in spring, while warmer temperatures are welcomed back with open arms. Grass also begins to grow again in the spring. That means it's not too long before homeowners have to dust off their lawn mowers and get to work. Those who don't necessarily enjoy mowing the lawn may be tempted to cut their grass very low, as doing so can mean longer intervals between mowing sessions. However, mowing grass too low can have a very adverse effect on a lawn.

- Cutting too low can injure the grass. Cutting grass too low can injure the grass, creating what's essentially a domino effect of problems to come. Injured grass will focus on its recovery

efforts, thereby making it vulnerable to other issues.

- Cutting too low promotes weed growth. Injured grass is vulnerable to invaders, including weeds and insects. Weeds and insects can attack grass as it recovers from injury, and before homeowners know it, their lawns are overcome with a host of problems.
- Cutting too low allows crabgrass to thrive. Crabgrass needs ample sunlight to grow. By cutting grass too low, homeowners may unknowingly be promoting crabgrass growth. Crabgrass is unsightly and can rob surrounding grass of the moisture it needs to grow. So lawns cut too low may not only lose their lush appeal thanks to the unattractive appearance of crabgrass, but also because areas surround-



ing the crabgrass patches might turn brown due to lack of water.

- Cutting too low can stress the grass. Cutting too low also makes lawns vulnerable to summer heat. Without blades tall enough to block some of the summer sun, grass can quickly succumb to summer heat, leading to dried out, discolored lawns.

8 garden tools for beginners

The right tool for the job is essential to working safely and efficiently. This is as true in the workplace as it is in the garden.

Novice gardeners may not know where to begin in regards to which tools they need. The following are eight items that can serve as a solid foundation for beginning gardeners.

1. Gloves: Your hands will be working hard, so it pays to protect them from calluses, blisters, splinters, insects, and dirt. Look for water-resistant gloves that are also breathable.
2. Hand pruners: Hand pruners are essential for cutting branches, cleaning up shrubs, dead-heading flowers, and various other tasks. Choose ergonomic, no-slip handles that will make work easier. Rust-resistant, nonstick blades also are handy.
3. Wheelbarrow: A wheelbarrow can transport gear to garden beds or tote dirt, leaves, rocks, and other materials around the landscape. A good wheelbarrow is strong but light enough to maneuver when full.
4. Loppers: Long-handled loppers will fit the bill for thick branches. The long handles

provide leverage to cut through branches an inch or more in diameter.

5. Hand trowel: A hand trowel is a handy tool that lets you dig holes or unearth weeds. While shopping for a trowel, consider getting a hand-held garden fork, which can aerate soil and cut through roots.
6. Hose/watering can: Keeping gardens hydrated is part of ensuring their health. That makes a hose and a watering can two invaluable tools to have around. Invest in a lightweight, expandable hose if storage space is at a premium. An adjustable nozzle will enable you to customize the water flow as needed. A watering can is an easy way to tote water to hard-to-reach pots and containers.
7. Garden kneeler: Gardeners often bend and kneel while working in the soil. That puts pressure on the back and knees. A comfortable garden kneeler with memory foam or one made from shock-absorbing material can reduce aches and pains.
8. Garden hoe: Garden hoes till soil, remove weeds and perform many other tasks. A gar-



den hoe can be used along with a full-sized shovel, trowel and garden rake.

This list is just the tip of the garden tool iceberg. Visit a garden center and speak with a professional about other tools that can be added to the mix.



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Joke Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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FOOL				JOKE				SMILE			
FRIEND				LAUGH							
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ANSWER: FRANCE

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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ANSWER: April Fool's Day

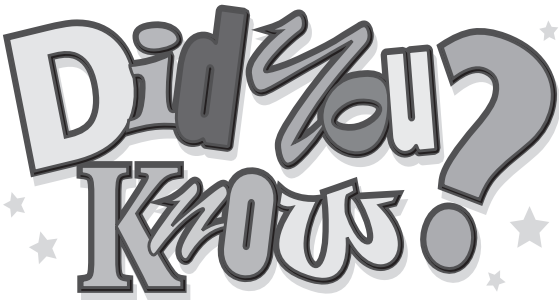


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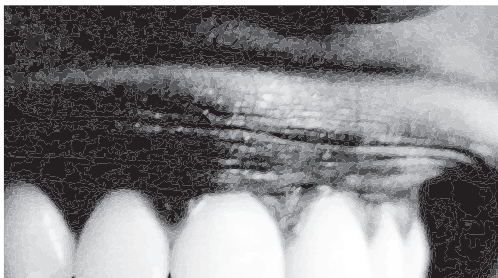
to trick or deceive



- ENGLISH:** Laugh
- SPANISH:** Reír
- ITALIAN:** Ridere
- FRENCH:** Rire
- GERMAN:** Lachen



APRIL FOOL'S DAY HAS BEEN CELEBRATED FOR CENTURIES WITH PRANKS AND HOAXES.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SMILE

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to landscaping.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = n)

- A. 22 3 17 16**
Clue: Contains grass
- B. 23 3 12 7 24 16**
Clue: Organized plants
- C. 26 22 3 16 9 19**
Clue: Living organisms with roots
- D. 7 24 19 8 23 16**
Clue: Plan or drawing

Answers: A. lawn B. garden C. plants D. design

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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!

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

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Leonard Martin, 99

QUINEBAUG – Leonard Martin, a longtime figure on the roads of Quinebaug, he was often seen driving his blue tractor to the Quinebaug Four



Corners. Leonard lived for 99 years and worked to keep the beautiful property in Woodstock so that generations could enjoy the beauty and peace it brings. Our father worked for 30 years at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, MA and a farmer for most of his life. People came from miles around for his great hay. Our mother and father bought this property and had every animal imaginable over the years. They worked together along with my brothers to take in hay, milk cows and keep wood cut for the stoves. We have many wonderful memories of taking trips to Dresser Hill Farm for ice cream on hot days after haying. We also enjoyed many trips to Cape Cod in the summertime. It wasn't always easy, but our mother and father always worked towards a common goal.

Many State children spent precious time here and we cherish those memories as well.

Leonard is survived by his daughter, Mona Lee of Woodstock, CT; a son, George Martin of Charlottesville, VA, and his eldest son, Leonard H. Martin of Sarasota, FL; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his stepdaughter, the late Anne McClellan Pichon, and his loving wife, Hedvig Okeson Martin.

Thank you to everyone who stopped to say a kind word and pick him up or bring him home from Beno's. Thank you to Davis Place in Danielson, CT and to his caregivers along the way. He had a great life. He loved his garden, his blue tractor, bowling, fishing and his family. He loved a good game of pitch on a Saturday night with making her hotdogs and beans.

There will be no services as requested by the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Dorothy "Pat" Harris Ducharme, 79

Dorothy "Pat" Harris Ducharme, 79, of Eastford, CT, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2020 at Hartford Hospital, following a four month battle with cancer. She was born January 21, 1941, daughter of Dr. Marshall and Georgiana (Robinson) Walker.

Pat was a retired pediatric nurse at Day Kimball Hospital. She loved the outdoors and had a deep appreciation for animals and nature. She enjoyed farming, traveling, kayaking and camping with her dog. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and pets.

She was predeceased by two former husbands Richard Harris, Jr. and George Ducharme.

She leaves behind her brother Robert Walker of Maine, four children Diana Lee Bowen (Stephen) of Eastford, CT;

Suzan Riehl (Kevin) of Ballston Spa, NY; Laura Helfrich (Gary) of Mainesburg, PA and Richard Harris of Eastford, CT, seven grandchildren Jonathan (Carriel), Melissa (Sean), Bryan, Heidi (Carl), William (Kristen), Jennifer, Annastasia (Marshall) and three great grandchildren Madison, Noah and Caleb. Her best canine friend Swiffer and four goats.

There will be a celebration of her life at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in her memory to The American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045 or The Eastford Independent Fire Dept., PO Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

James Weiss 54

James Weiss 54, of Thompson CT passed away at home surrounded by his family after a battle with cancer on March 24, 2020.



Jamie leaves his high school sweetheart and wife Tammy (Rohr) Weiss of 32 years; his daughter Samantha Rogers and her husband Zakary Rogers. The joy of his heart, his grand-daughter Ava Marie Rogers; he was predeceased by his mother Barbara Weiss in 2014; he also leaves his father Bernard Weiss; brother Ronnie Weiss with his two children Jennifer and Tyler. He shared a special relationship with his Uncle Jack from Arizona.

He was a talented auto body technician and worked for Precision Auto Rebuilders Inc. for over 30 years. His attention to detail, creativity and precision carried him in so many areas of his life. He could build or fix anything.

First and foremost, he loved football – Go Patriots!! His love of the outdoors took him on family camping trips every year, playing softball for 25 years, ATV

riding, and going to nascar races.

Thank you to all our close family and friends that supported us through this difficult time. Thank you to Jamie's childhood sisters Mia Longo and Misty Holke for all your love and support. The team of Hospice nurses and home health care of Day Kimball Hospital especially Candice Zamagni, Lynn Girouard and Diane Cook. You are all amazing.

In lieu of flower, we ask that you consider a donation to the special work of Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut 32 South Main Street Putnam CT 06260 or to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 383 Culver City CA 90230.

A private service will be held with the family with a celebration of life to be held May 3 2020 at our house starting at 1 pm.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of James.

Judith "Judy" Dennison

On Saturday, March 28, 2020 Judith "Judy" Dennison passed away in her home in Woodstock, CT. She was a loving mother of three children and grandmother to three grandchildren.



Judy was born to Lillian Etta Hoar and Aime Desmarais on December 12, 1939 in Woonsocket, RI. She raised two daughters, Robin and Penny, and one son, Jay. She married Ralph Dennison on December 24, 1984.

Judy worked at Linemaster Switch in Woodstock for thirty-five years as a production supervisor. Judy was a devoted mother and cared for her family more than anything else and loved spending time with them as often as

possible, including celebrating birthdays and holidays with family dinners and celebrations. Fortunately, Judy had the luxury of spending most of her free time with her son Jay and they both took care of one another for the last fifty years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph. She is survived by her three children, Jay, Robin, and Penny, and her grandchildren, Jacob, Lily, and Connor. The family will be having a closed private service on Monday, March 30, 2020. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260. Condolence cards can be sent to Jay Dennison at: PO Box 147, South Woodstock, 06267. Funeral Services are private. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Courtney applauds passage of the Bipartisan CARES Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On March 27 Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. – Second District) voted to pass the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 784), the third coronavirus assistance package the House has passed to provide American families, workers, and small businesses with financial stability and security amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has upended life for everyone, but people in eastern Connecticut need to know that more help is on the way," said Rep. Courtney. "In the past few days I've talked to hundreds of eastern Connecticut parents, workers, small business

owners and sole proprietors, front-line health care workers, and others who have had their lives completely altered, and who need more resources to help weather this storm. These are the people who are going to win the battle against COVID-19 – and it's Congress's job to get to work, and put more resources in their toolbox. The CARES Act will put critical resources where they're needed most right now – with America's health care workers and hospitals, our local communities, and directly in the hands of American families, workers, and small businesses. We've worked together in the House to pass three bipartisan economic stabilization packages now, and we've got

to be prepared to keep working across the aisle to do whatever is necessary to help Americans through this pandemic."

The CARES Act will help to bring urgently needed economic relief to families and small businesses across the country, and will help ensure that America's frontline health care professionals are able to secure the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that they need. The CARES Act also includes a provision first introduced by Rep. Courtney that will ensure a future vaccine for COVID-19 is quickly accessible for all Americans covered by private health insurance plans. Some of the top-line provisions of the CARE Act include:

Checks of \$1200 per adult, and \$500 per child to American workers making less than \$75,000 and under per year, to households making \$150,000 per year and under. To obtain this federal funding, Americans need to have filed their taxes, or must file immediately.

Expansion of Unemployment Insurance (UI), including extended benefits for 13 weeks, plus an extra \$600 per week, and expanded eligibility for gig workers, self-employed Americans, and contractors.

\$367 billion in forgivable loans for small businesses who employ under 500 employees, for the purpose of helping to cover payroll, rent, and util-

ities. This resource is only for small businesses who keep their payrolls steady through the crisis. Small businesses who pledge to keep workers would also receive cash-flow assistance structured as federally guaranteed loans. If the employer continued to pay its workers for the duration of the crisis, those loans would be forgiven. \$500 billion in Fed and Treasury lending to larger businesses, with guardrails including no stock buybacks, no increases in executive compensation, no money for businesses owned by the President's family or for businesses owned by Members of Congress, 72-hour disclosure of all loans, sub-

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Beatrice “Betty” Nydam, 97

WHITINSVILLE- Beatrice “Betty” (Vriesema) Nydam, 97, of Whitinsville passed away on Wednesday March 25, 2020 in CareOne Healthcare in Millbury. She was the wife of the late Edward Nydam who died in 2004.

A very social an active woman, Mrs. Nydam had worked at the former Whitinsville Savings Bank for 17 years before retiring. Previously, she held several jobs in Whitinsville which included working at the former Whitin Machine Works, the former Baker’s Department Store, and her favorite Eileen’s Children’s Store.

She was born in 1922 in Midland Park, NJ, the daughter of the late Garry and Pearl (Vander Meer) Vriesema

Betty was a longtime member and volunteer at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville and was always offering her help for all who needed a hand. She enjoyed Scrabble, which she was usually the winner and Dominoes. There was always a puzzle underway in the den and she loved visits from her family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the neighbor

children and would always have her candy dishes filled for them. She was also driving up until the age of 92.

She is survived by her son, Edward Nydam, Jr., of Ocala, FL; three daughters, Pearl and her husband Mike Largesse of Worcester, Jeanie and her husband Robert McKenney of Putnam, CT and Heidi and her husband David Staruk of Millbury; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Linda Nydam who died in 2018, and two sisters, Trina Ebbeling and Annette Carver.

The family and friends of Mrs. Nydam are mourning her passing. The current environment has prevented them from receiving guests as they would prefer, so we encourage all friends and family to reach out to her family and show your support. Please call or write to them directly or you may leave your name and a memory on a digital guest book at www.bumafuneralhome.com. Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588. Arrangements by Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville.

Mary (Jordache) LeCour, 73

QUINEBAUG, CT- Mary (Jordache) LeCour age 73 passed away at her home, Saturday March 21, 2020. She leaves her husband Robert LeCour of Quinebaug and a daughter Victoria Woodmancy and her husband Joseph of Huntington Beach, CA, five grandchildren, Alexandra, Kimberly, Nicholas, Ian and Ivy. She also had a son that predeceased her, Soren Laica of CA. She was born in Timisoara, Romania and lived in Quinebaug for the past year prior to that living in Huntington Beach CA. Mary taught pre-school for many years and most recent customer care in

retail. Mary loved gardening and quality time with family.

There are no calling hours. A private celebration of life will be held in CA at a later date. Family requests donations in her memory be made to your local elementary school special education program. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Mary

Steven P. Ide, 62

DUDLEY - Steven P. Ide, 62, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 after a long, courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was constantly surrounded by his loving family and friends. Born in Southbridge on December 16, 1957.



He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 32 years, Marilyn (Sims) Ide. His 5 children, Son Steven Jr. and wife Tracy of Dudley; Daughter Melissa Daniels and partner Bill of Rochdale; Son Timothy Magierowski-Howe and husband Nick of Leominster; Daughter Rebecca Ide and partner Bruce of Thompson, CT; and Daughter Samantha Ide and partner Keith of Southbridge. His grandchildren, Adam and Tommy Ide, Maddi and Jordan Daniels and Alice Myotte. He also leaves his companion Margie, the cat who kept him company throughout his days homebound. She gave him great comfort and never talked back.

He also leaves behind his 4 brothers and 5 sisters, Brenda Allen of Charlton, Eugene Ide Jr. and wife Brigid of CA, April Laughlin and husband Ed of FL, Christine McTigue and husband David of Charlton, Jeffrey Ide and partner Marcy of Webster, Jodi Sawyer and husband Paul of W. Brookfield, Roxann Tetreau and husband Jim of Dudley, David Ide and wife Jaimie of AL, and Max Rockatansky and wife Tena of CT. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

His lifelong friends Dan Hebert, Terrence Miner, Jack Kavorkian, Scott Gale and Jimmy Williams. His longtime dear friend, ex-wife, Colleen O’Neil and partner Rick Fontaine.

He also leaves behind his large “family” of close friends – too numerous to mention but you know who you are!! He truly loved and cherished each and every one of you.

Steve graduated from Shepherd Hill

Regional High School in 1975 with the “Highest Temperature” in his class! He has worked in the vending business for over 40 years, starting with Stevens Automatic Sales and ending with Brightside Amusements, becoming partners with friends Brian Stone and Peter Camasso, and would like to thank them for all the love and support they have given throughout this battle. He serviced juke boxes, pinball, video games and pool tables. He loved his work and made many wonderful friends throughout the years.

Steve played softball for 35 years in the Southbridge and Spencer Leagues. He was a proud member and Past President of the Southbridge Lions Club for 16 years and truly loved all his brother Lions. We would like to thank the Southbridge Lions for all the love, support, kindness, generosity and friendship of all the Lions and their partners.

Steve was predeceased by his loving parents Eugene H. Ide and Josephine H. (Porter) Ide.

In luiie? louie? Oh, “What the Dickens”....In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Southbridge Lions Club, Charity Account, PO Box 622, Southbridge, MA 01550.

The family would like to thank Dr. Seidler and all the wonderful staff at the Southbridge Cancer Center, Dr. Bathini and staff at UMass, the Trial Team of Dr. Andrea Bullock, Laura and Shelby at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and the Hospice nurses Tara and Holly for their care and support.

A special heartfelt Thank You to Ruben Rios for the countless trips into Boston and staying by his side the whole day during his treatments.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling arrangements. Due to the current precautions, services will be private. The family would like you to pay your respects by sharing your condolences and memories online at sansoucyfuneral.com.

Robert J. ‘Robbie’ Miller, II, 47



WEBSTER- Robert J. ‘Robbie’ Miller, II, 47, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 in the comfort of his home, with his loving Mom and Dad by his side. He fought the good fight, was always planning and looking forward to doing things, especially doing his yard work, that he enjoyed, his home-made crafts, and organizational talents that were extraordinary, he even had instructions

in “The Book” as to his wishes for his final journey and chores for us to follow. He even in his last week with us, wrote Thank You notes to friends. He thought of everything. Robbie enjoyed his friends and family and was the Life of the Party. He worked as a supervisor for several years at Home Depot in Worcester, and during his short time with us, also worked for other retail stores such as Versace and others and also helped his father at the family funeral homes. He was a mentor to many, and Loved by All. Robbie was born in Southbridge, January 3, 1973, son of Christine M. (Choiniere) and Robert J. Miller and lived in Webster for many years, he also lived in the Newport and Boston areas. He was a graduate of Bartlett High School

and attended Becker Junior College. Robbie enjoyed the arts, and at his last birthday, he donated to the Worcester Art Museum and became a benefactor at the Museum. He leaves his parents; Christine M. (Choiniere) Jacob and Robert J. Miller and his wife Iwona of Webster, his paternal grandmother, Theresa D. Miller, all of Webster, several aunts, uncles and cousins, and numerous friends, who will all miss him dearly. Robbie was predeceased by a sister, Francine M. Miller, his maternal grand- parents; J. Arthur and Dorothy M. Choiniere and his paternal grandfather, Robert G. ‘Rocky’ Miller. The family would like to Thank the VNA of Southern Worcester County and Central Mass. Hospice for the compassionate care that they gave Robbie to make him as comfortable as possible. The family would also like to Thank the hundreds of family, friends and acquaintances that have reached out with condolences, messages and phone calls, this means so much to us, THANK YOU ALL. As per Robbie’s wishes, and written in ‘The Book’, there are no calling hours, his graveside services will be Private in the Choiniere family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Webster. He also instructed that flowers be omitted and Memorial Contributions be made to: The Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA. 01609. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL

HOME, 366 School St., is heartbroken to be directing services, but realizes that Robbie wants us all to continue our lives and go on with our families and friends , and even perhaps, do a good deed or thought for someone. Please leave an on-line message of condolence or Share a Memory of Robbie, visit: RJMillerfunerals.net Love You Son, Mom & Dad Miss You.

Melissa Donna “Honeybee” Morency

Melissa Donna (Choiniere) Morency Honeybee February 3, 1980 – March 13, 2020, Died very unexpectedly Friday March 13, 2020 due to undetermined medical condition.

She leaves behind her 2 remarkable daughters, Charlie 19 and Dani 16. Her boyfriend Michael Hart of 7 years. She was deeply in love and looking forward to their future together. Her daughters father Daniel with whom co-parented. Her mother Pamela Choiniere, 2 brothers Joshua and Jacob and his wife Ginny. Her great grandparents Edward and Donna Leavitt whom she absolutely adored. She leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews that she was absolutely devoted to as well as a very large extended family. Melissa was a devoted mother, not

just to her amazing daughters, but to all of their friends as well, often planning and participating in outings such as Warp Tour, movies, Holiday Light Parade, Fire and Ice, sleepovers, visits to Salem, hikes at Purgatory Chasm, eating out, and so much more. She was a 2nd mom to many. Melissa was a NASCAR fan. Fiercely loyal, her favorite driver was Kevin Harvick. She loved gaming owning several systems. She was partial to Spyro 1 and Crash. She was a prolific shoe collector, she favored Adidas. She loved the Boston Bruins. She had her concealed carry permit and believed in gun rights and ownership. Lastly, she made the best damn cheesecake in the world. In lieu of flowers there has been a gofundme page set up by Melissa Payne.

Erika M. Ryan, 24

PUTNAM- Erika May Ryan, 24, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 19, 2020, at her home in Putnam. Erika was



born in Worcester, MA and raised in both Worcester and Leicester, where she attended school. She was most proud of the time she spent as a Starter Substance Abuse Counselor for Spectrum Health Services. She was in the process of continuing her education to study Human Services.

Erika’s boys meant the world to her and she loved them more than anything. Every breath she took was for them. Erika lived a life filled with hardship, adversity, and crushing loss, yet she remained full of spirit and life. Her resilience shined; she never gave up and she worked so hard to rise above her circumstance; she loved hard and fought harder.

Erika is survived by her three sons, Daniel (5), Brayden (2), and Carson (1); her fiancé, Ryan Peperato; her father, Thomas Ryan; her sister, Brittany Hanna and her husband Andrew; and

her two nephews, Julian and Max; her aunts, Jody Coran & family of Ohio and Mary Evans & family of England; her grandfather, Eddie Lindquist of Leicester, MA; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Erika was predeceased by her mother, Jennifer M. Short, and her grandmother, Bonnie E. Lindquist, with whom she was very close.

Erika, may you finally be at peace, embraced in your mom’s arms. You were loved by all and our hearts are broken by your loss. The world was brighter with you in it. Your smile, compassion, beauty and sense of humor is everlasting. We will miss you forever, more than you know.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to her boys’ college fund: Erika Ryan Memorial, Cornerstone Bank, 200 Charlton Rd, Route 20, Sturbridge MA 01566.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A private burial in Hillside Cemetery will be held at a later date per the request of her family. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Arthur B. McWilliams, 74

DELAND, FL - Arthur

B. McWilliams, 74, passed away in Florida on March 4, 2020 after a brief hospitalization. Arthur spent most of his life working in the glass industry and had retired from Anchor Glass in Killingly, CT, shortly before the plant closed. He spent his retirement with Gloria Thomas, traveling from New Jersey to Florida each year as the seasons changed. Arthur enjoyed cooking- he was known for his chili, pot pie and

subs! He loved being outside, enjoying the warm weather and having a cold one. He will be dearly missed by his children, Arthur L. McWilliams and his wife, Angela, of Florida, Michelle Joseph and her husband, Jason of Connecticut and his grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter, Patricia Woodward, of Massachusetts. Arthur will be laid to rest in his hometown of Salem, NJ.

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OBITUARIES

Eugenia Mary (Evanski) Kubiak

Eugenia Mary (Evanski) Kubiak passed away peacefully on the 21st of March 2020 at Mary Ann Morse Healthcare Center in Natick, MA. She was a lifelong resident of Webster and Dudley. Affectionately known as Nanny, she was a loving wife and mother of six. She always helped provide for her family working as a stay at home mom, part-time restaurant server, and in service to our nation during World War II sewing military gun and tank covers for Waterhouse Co., Webster, MA. Devoutly religious, she donated her time to the church as a Rosary Sodality member and a long time Catechism teacher passionately spreading the Word to young people. In her later years, she selflessly devoted herself and opened her home to her children in times of need.

Eugenia is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Frances Evanski, her sister Rosalie Gregoire, husband Joseph of 55 years, three daughters



Judith Kubiak, Joan Racicot, and Patricia Greenlief, first grandson Paul Kubiak, Jr., and granddaughter Melissa Greenlief. She is survived by three sons: Paul Kubiak and his partner Mary Nickerson of Quinebaug, CT; Robert Kubiak and his wife Joan of Yarmouthport, MA; Joseph Kubiak and Gwen of Oak Hill, VA; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Kubiak family expresses a special Thank You to the wonderful and professional staff at Mary Ann Morse Healthcare Center, and to a close relative, Emily Petterson of Quinebaug, CT.

A memorial service will be held at a future date following the current national health concerns. Donations in her name can be made to local parishes of Dudley and Webster.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Eugenia.

Geraldine C. “Jerry” Reynolds, 94

Geraldine C. “Jerry” Reynolds, 94, of Killingly, CT died at home on Monday, March 23. Her late husband, Harry N. Reynolds, died in 2003.

She leaves two sons and a daughter, a granddaughter and great granddaughter, one sister, one brother, and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, three brothers, one sister, one nephew and one niece. She loved all of them, and



their spouses, deeply.

Geraldine was born in Maine and moved to CT with her family in 1941. She worked at Pratt & Whitney during WW11, and in other factories until becoming a homemaker while expecting her first child. Geraldine enjoyed gardening, music, reading, writing letters and baking her famous tollhouse cookies for loved ones.

There will be no calling hours or funeral services at this time. Memorial service to be held at a future date. Remembrances may be left at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Joy Oneita Bolton, age 63

JoyOneita Bolton, age63, of Worcester, Massachusetts, died Monday, March 23, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital of Putnam, Connecticut after battling cancer for over a year. Joy was born July 19, 1956 in Everett, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of the late Frank Canale and Oneita (D’Andrea) Canale.

Joy is survived by her husband Jason Bolton, daughter Justine Laporte, sons Stephen Laporte and Andrew Laporte, mother Oneita (D’Andrea) Canale, brother Phil Canale and five grandchildren. She is predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Laporte and her Stepfather, Peter D’Andrea.

Joy raised her family and lived in Dudley, Massachusetts for many years. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, and grandma. She worked for over 20 years in commercial insurance at Mapfre Insurance in Webster. Joy loved spending time with all of her



grandchildren who were the light of her life. She loved animals, especially her dog Bella and cats Stormy and Comet and her chickens. She enjoyed tending her vegetable garden in the summer and cooking, recreating many family recipes.

Joy and her husband Jay had recently been able to travel to Hawaii for the first time, which Joy had said was one of her lifelong dreams.

Her family is grateful for the dedicated care and treatments at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in her memory to the Dana Farber Cancer institute at <https://www.cancerresearch.org/join-the-cause/donate/one-time-donation>.

A graveside service will be held at Waldron Cemetery, Ramshorn Rd., Dudley, Massachusetts with a date to be determined. Please omit flowers. Donations in Joy’s memory can be made to Danafarberjimmyfund.org Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel at 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Massachusetts is directing arrangements .

Joseph “Lou” Gravel, 91



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE-Joseph Lucien Gravel, 91, of Pompeo Rd., passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2020 at Matulaitis Nursing Home. Born in N. Grosvenordale, he was the son of the late Elie and Parmelia (Forrest) Gravel.

Joe (or “Lou”) as he was known to many) enlisted in the Army as a young man and served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He loved hunting and fishing which led him to become one of the Founding Fathers of the “Valley Springs Sportsmans Club” where he served as secretary for

some years. He worked for many years at Risom Manufacturing and then at Belding Heminway until he retired.

Joe loved his grandchildren dearly and though he was quite elderly when the great grandchildren arrived, he still enjoyed seeing their pictures and asking about them.

Joseph is survived by his daughter, Debra A. Huber (Tom Fern); his grandchildren, Jared Huber (Katie), Erin Huber (Bryan Butler), and Liane Joly (Justin); and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, the late Michael J. Gravel; his brother, Albert Gravel; and his sisters, Marion McNeal, Jean Leo and Gloria Sypek.

The family has requested no services. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Sr. Blanche Thibault, DHS, 94

Sr. Blanche Thibault, DHS, 94, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit died unexpectedly on Thursday March 26, 2020, at Saint Joseph Living Center in Windham.

Born on June 17, 1925, in Fall River, MA, she was the daughter of Albert and Eva (Vigeant) Thibault. Sr. Blanche entered religious life in 1948 and made her religious profession on August 16, 1949 in Putnam. She was then known as Sr. Albert de Ste. Anne.

Most of her years in ministry were in nurseries and day care centers in Fall River, Newport, and Putnam. She loved the little children and was dedicated to them. In 1989, she moved to the Provincial House in Putnam, and



was active in housekeeping there until she retired in 1993. In 2017, she was missioned to St. Joseph Community in Windham, CT.

She is survived by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit spiritual family – her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the Associates as well as her sisters, Alice Mandeville and Florence Steele, both of Florida and Imelda Bernard of Ohio. She was predeceased by her brothers, Armand and Oscar and her sisters, Anita and Irene.

There will be a private graveside service. A memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Donations may be made to the DHS Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 497, Putnam, CT 06260

The Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence D. Lussier, 65

PUTNAM – Lawrence “Larry” D. Lussier, 65, of Farrows St. Putnam, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 23, 2020. He was the loving husband of 42 years to JoAnn (Brown) Lussier. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Henry and Helen (Morin) Lussier.

In his earlier years Larry worked for Belding Hemmingway in Putnam. When the plant closed, he went to work for Rogers Corporation in East Woodstock where he worked for over 30 years. He was a proud member of the Putnam Fire Department for over 30 years. Larry’s biggest joy in life was being a “Beepa” to his granddaughters. He had a huge heart and always put everyone’s happiness first. He loved family vacations, NASCAR, and working in the yard.

In addition to his wife JoAnn, Larry is survived by his son, Captain Justin

Lussier and his wife Jenny and their daughter Emma of Putnam; his daughters, Kimberly Lussier of Putnam, Rebecca Lussier, DVM of Plymouth, MA, and Karalee Peach and her significant other, Jon Bastura and her daughter, Madyson Peach of Woodstock; his brother, Robert Lussier, Sr. and his wife Barbara of Putnam; his nephew, Robert Lussier, Jr. and his wife Crissy of Hampton, CT.

As requested by the family, a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Putnam Fire Department, 189 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260 or to a pet rescue of your choice. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**BROOKLYN TOWN HALL
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Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the Tax Office will not be accepting any payments in the office. Payments for your April Installment on Real Estate and Personal Property MUST BE MAILED. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Payments are due by May 1, 2020. Online payments can also be made at www.brooklynct.org
March 27, 2020
April 3, 2020

**TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2020 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

ZBA Variance 20-02: Applicant & Owners: Joshua and Jessica Rhodes, 0 Pompeo Rd, Map 61, Block 59, Lot 5A, Zone R40, requesting a variance for 25' Front Setback deficiency.

ZBA Appeal 20-03: Applicant & Owners: 705 Washington Ave LLC, 1391 Riverside Dr, Map 57, Block 61, Lot 3, Zone R40, appealing enforcement letter issued by the ZEO.

ZBA Variance 20-04: Applicant & Owners: Joseph and Wanda Kelley, 86 Lowell Davis Rd, Map 120, Block 30, Lot 3A, Zone IND, requesting a variance to build a house in a non-conforming zone.

Files are available to review in the ZEO’s Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
April 3, 2020
April 10, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Cheryl A. Alarie (20-0-0092)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 24, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Richard N. Alarie
c/o MICHELE ANN PALULIS,
ATTORNEY MICHELE ANN PALULIS, LLC, 158 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2, P.O. BOX 616, PUTNAM, CT 06260
April 3, 2020

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
BOROUGH OF DANIELSON
TAX NOTICE**

The fourth quarter installment of taxes for the Town of Killingly and the Borough of Danielson with the assessment date of October 1, 2018 will become due on April 1, 2020, and becomes delinquent on May 1, 2020 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. Returned check fee is \$20.00.

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Payments will be received by mail at Town of Killingly Dept 1650 PO Box 4110 Woburn MA 01888-4110, by telephone 855-985-1106 or online at our website www.Killingly.org or in our drop box, rear of the building, near the handicap entrance. Online and telephone pay fees apply credit or debit card 2.95% EFT charge 95 cents.

Dated at Killingly this 27th day of March, 2020
Mrs. Patricia Monahan C.C.M.C.
Revenue Collector for the Town of Killingly
March 27, 2020
April 3, 2020
April 24, 2020

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
LEGAL NOTICE**

The **FOURTH** installment of real estate and personal property tax of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2018 becomes due April 1, 2020. Bills will become delinquent on May 1, 2020 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.

The Tax Office’s hours are as follows:

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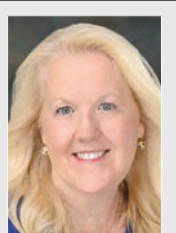
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What to do about an overfertilized lawn

Lush lawns are not achieved without a lot of hard work. That hard work often involves some trial and error, and one of the simplest errors a person can make is overfertilizing a

lawn. Overfertilization is an easy mistake to make, but it's a mistake that can have long-lasting consequences. According to the lawn care experts at

Scotts®, overfertilizing a lawn can damage grass. Overfertilized lawns are subject to excessive leaf growth, which may require more maintenance, like extra mowing, in the interim. Over time, an overfertilized lawn can develop a sponge-like feel and may be increasingly vulnerable to fungal disease.

Of course, homeowners can only address an overfertilized lawn after they learn to spot signs that the lawn has been fed too much fertilizer. Brown and patchy grass is one of the telltale signs that a lawn has been overfertilized. This can occur because too much nitrogen has made its way onto the lawn. Scotts® notes that nitrogen greens up grass and helps it grow, but too much nitrogen can scorch the lawn, making it brown and patchy.

Minimal growth after fertilization is another indicator of overfertilization. Some lawns that have been overfertilized may not grow at all



afterward.

Blackened or limp grass and crusting of fertilizer on the top of the soil are other symptoms of overfertilization.

When fertilizing a lawn, it's important that homeowners recognize that many products are now slow-release fertilizers. Packaging will indicate if your fertilizer fits this mold, and if it does, don't be surprised if results are not immediate. Slow-release fertilizers can help with lawns where the soil does not drain especially well. Give these fertilizers time to do their job and resist the temptation to apply more fertilizer.

If a lawn has indeed been

overfertilized, homeowners can remove any fertilizer they see on top on the soil. Once the fertilizer has been removed, water the lawn heavily, which can wash any remaining residue away. Watering daily in the ensuing days can remove any lingering fertilizer and reduce the likelihood that a lawn will develop issues with fungus.

Fertilizing a lawn involves carefully adhering to manufacturer instructions. If a lawn is overfertilized, removing fertilizer on the soil and heavily watering the lawn can help restore it to health and reduce the risk for disease.

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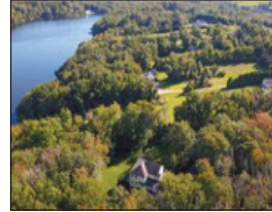
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