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Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut receives grants



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Monique Maldonado, Business Manager of the Theatre of Northeastern CT (center) with (L) Kevin Merchant, President & CEO, and (R) Michael Alberts, Vice President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer of Jewett City Savings Bank.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PUTNAM — The Bradley Playhouse and Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut were announced as the recipients of a pair of grants in November bringing a total of \$37,800 to the local theatre program to help support its continued operation in a post-pandemic world.

On Nov. 19, the Bradley Playhouse announced on social media that it had been granted \$20,000 from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's Jobs for New England Recovery Grant Program after being selected by Jewett City Savings Bank for the award. Representative of the Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut released a statement expressing

their gratitude for the grant which will help the theater continue its operation in spite of the financial losses due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"We are especially grateful to Jewett City Savings Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston for recognizing the key role of our theater in the community, and for this huge boost during dark days to provide the help we need to move towards a re-opening when the time comes," the statement read.

The check was presented by Kevin Merchant, President & CEO, and Michael Alberts, Vice President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer of Jewett City Savings Bank.

On Nov. 30, the Theatre of Northeastern

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Day Kimball Healthcare receives \$3,700 from Putnam PD's Pink Patch Project

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) recently received a \$3,700 donation from the Putnam Police Department's Pink Patch Project, a fundraiser created to help support local patients fighting breast cancer.

The Pink Patch Project is an innovative public awareness campaign, championed by law enforcement departments across the United States, designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease.

This marks the third year that the Putnam Police Department has participated in the Pink Patch Project fundraiser, in which pink law enforcement patches are sold to the community and proceeds are donated to local cancer centers.

The patches are intended to encourage discussion among citizens about the importance of early detection and treatment in the ongoing fight against breast cancer.

Putnam Police officers also replaced their standard shoulder patch with their variation of the Pink Patch throughout the month of October to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer.

"The Putnam Police

Department is proud to have participated in the Pink Patch Project once again," said Putnam Police Chief Chris Ferace. "We all have been touched by breast cancer in one way or another and we are honored to wear this patch in recognition of the thousands of individuals who have been affected."

The department's commitment to raising breast cancer awareness among those they serve doesn't end in October. A pink patch themed police vehicle featuring bright pink — the signature color of the breast cancer movement — can be seen around town and at local events throughout the year to raise awareness for the cure and prevention of breast cancer among the community.

"The Pink Patch Project has been very well received here in the community and is a unique way for us to draw attention to breast cancer awareness," said Putnam Police Captain Justin Lussier. "Anything we can do to raise awareness and contribute to finding a cure locally is something we are eager to be a part of. We're here to serve our community and this is just another way of doing it."

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Black Dog and Gates Group help veterans

PUTNAM — Veterans Day 2020 has come and gone but Craig Gates of the Gates Group and G. David Landry of the Black Dog Restaurant didn't forget local veterans. In past years, the Black Dog Restaurant has been the site of a Veterans Day remembrance and celebration, benefitting veterans and programs associated with The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam.

This year, the novel COVID-19 coronavirus interfered with the planned event but

Gates and Landry didn't allow that to get in the way of assisting the local Post once again. The duo combined to raise \$3,017.60, which they presented to Post Commander Brian D. Maynard and members of the Post on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at the restaurant in Putnam. The combined donation came from

fundraising activities at Gates Buick GMC, Putnam Chrysler Dodge, Columbia Ford, Jolly John Trucking and the Black Dog Restaurant, which allowed patrons on Veterans Day to designate 20% of their tab to be donated to Post #13.

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The Gates Group and the Black Dog Restaurant presented a check in the amount of \$3,017.60 to American Legion Post #13 of Putnam in honor of Veterans Day 2020 on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Pictured (l to r) District #4 Commander Ronald P. Coderre; Black Dog manager G. David Landry; Gates Group owner Craig Gates; Post #13 Commander Brian D. Maynard; Post Sr. Vice Commander Michael Vassar; Post Committee member Barbara Smith; and Post Post Commander Alan Joslin.

Area Knights of Columbus give away winter coats

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BROOKLYN — More than 750 needy local people will have warm winter coats this season, thanks to the area's Knights of Columbus. For the eighth year since 2013, five of Windham County's local K of C councils joined forces to buy or collect new and used winter coats for local children and adults, based solely on need, regardless of their race, nationality or religion.

Working for several months, the local councils, which cover an area from Ashford east to Thompson and south to Plainfield and Moosup, bought and donated specially-made, new, K of C children's winter "Coats for Kids," part of a total of more than 750 new and used winter coats given away in their two-part charitable program.

The first part happened on Friday morning, Nov. 27, when more than two

dozen members of the Catholic family fraternal group gathered in the parking lot outside the Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Department's offices on South Main Street, to give new children's coats away to the needy people who drove in.

While the new coats were being given away on Friday, the second part of the program kicked in. Used coats, blankets and socks were taken in batches to area non-profit agencies that help the needy, so whole families could be helped. In addition to the used coats, this included about 30 used blankets, all clean and in good condition, and over 100 pairs of new winter socks. It all went to local homeless programs, clothing banks, veterans' groups and social service agencies.

Thanks to the Coronavirus, in the interest of health and safety, what had

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During the 18th and 19th centuries, Killingly was home to a number of small villages, some of which are barely visible today. If I mention Killingly Centre, where would you say it was located? Now—close your eyes and mentally ride east on Route 101 past the shopping center with Harbor Freight and Aldis and up the hill past Valley Road. When you reach the intersection with Dog Hill Road and the Killingly Grange, you are in what I think of as Killingly Centre. Would you believe that this part of town was once home to one of Killingly's few post offices? A future trustee of Dartmouth College even lived there. Following is a little history of the area.

The Killingly Grange was originally the school for this area, and even served students living in what we now think of as Elmville near the Dayville post office. Keep in mind that in the 1800's, Killingly was divided into a number of small school districts so children could walk to and from school. According

to the caption under a photo of the school in "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, the school was constructed in 1848. "One teacher instructed some 30 students. According to historical accounts, the building was constructed by resident Julius Thomas and was sold to the Killingly School District in 1877. By that time, the population had doubled and an addition was built on the school." (p. 80; There are two photos of the school including one of the class of 1932-33).

Next mentally continue east on Route 101 and look at the old dwelling on the north side of the road opposite Provost Lane and Cook Hill Road. This is the oldest known structure in the village and was once the home of Rev. Eden Burroughs, pastor of the Breakneck Hill Congregational Church. The church began to disband as the oldest members passed away and younger ones joined other churches, including the Baptists. Reverend Burroughs, left Killingly in 1771 and became one of the first trustees of Dartmouth College. (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 9, p. 22; "Miles of Millstreams," p. 46, 68. Reference to Larned, Ellen D. "History of Windham

County, CT").

In June 1773 Barzillai Fisher of Killingly purchased the three tracts of land from Edward Davis, Esq. of Oxford, Massachusetts., including a house and barn, that had belonged to Reverend Eden Burroughs. Fisher appears in Killingly in the 1790 U. S. Census with three free adult males 16 and up, one free male under 16, and 4 free females. The road from Hartford to Providence passed by the Fisher's house, which was utilized as an inn.

During the 19th century, this was also a stagecoach stop, and the inn was owned by Jeremiah Field-- Field's Tavern. It also became the location for the post office in Killingly Center. Field was appointed postmaster January 19, 1826. (U.S. appointments of U. S. Postmasters, 1832-1971; Vol. year range, 1842-1857 #13 & 1832-1842). Field appears in Killingly in the 1840 U.S. Census.

The next known proprietor of the tavern was George Kingsbury, who married Hannah Maria Field Dec. 21, 1829 in Killingly (Barbour Vital Records on Ancestry.com). The inn then became known as Kingsbury's Tavern and remained so for many years. An extract from the April 19, 1877 Windham County Transcript announced George's death: "Death of a Veteran Landlord. Mr. George Kingsbury, who for nearly half a century has kept the hotel at Killingly Centre, died last Tuesday, at 75 years. (Photo in "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 78). I don't know if it continued to be operated as a hotel under future owners.

During the 1800's two structures with very different uses were located on the south side of Route 101 in the vicinity of Provost Lane and Cook Hill Road not far from the inn. First was the Town Meeting House. On Dec. 12, 1785, the first Killingly town meeting was held at Killingly Town House in Killingly Center rather than at the Congregational meetinghouse on Killingly Hill (now Putnam Heights) as had been the custom for many years. This town meetinghouse was the former Breakneck Hill Congregational Church, which had been moved from its former remote location as the congregation dwindled. "The hall continued to be used for town meetings until 1906 when the town purchased the Music Hall in Danielson (the present Killingly Town Hall). The old building was sold by the town in 1922 and was demolished in 1933." For a photo see "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer. (Quote from there; Also see "Miles of Millstreams" by Margaret Weaver and Geraldine & Raymond Wood, p. 68).

Whetstone Brook was not far removed from the Town Meetinghouse and Route 101. As the abundant water-power potential of the brook began to be utilized for the rapidly proliferating cotton mills, the location was soon utilized. In 1824 the Killingly Centre Factory, adjacent to the old town house, was constructed and sold to Joseph and Samuel Hutchins (KLR Vo. 23, p. 86; 158/9). (See "Miles of Millstreams," p. 85). By 1833 it was operating 1500 spindles as shown on the Killingly-Thompson panel of William Lester, Jr.'s 1833 Map of New London and Windham Counties in Connecticut. Richard Adams, in his "Mills Along the Whetstone Brook" notes that "prior to 1869 the name was changed to the Aspinock Co. with E. B.

Hill acting as agent" (p. 11). The Oct. 27, 1870 Windham County Transcript reported that "a new dam was being erected in the rear of the town house, and it is hoped when it is completed that the manufacturing company will be able to dispense entirely with the use of steam, which has been used part of the time. Mr. E. B. Hill has returned and is now superintendent." Some of the mill housing which was constructed for this factory is standing along Route 101/Hartford Pike although the mill has long since disappeared.

An icehouse was also in use in Killingly Centre in the late 1870's. "Mr. Wilfred N. Thomas was engaged last week in filling his spacious ice house. The ice was reported to be eight inches thick" (WCT Jan. 24, 1878).

While checking old Transcript extracts from the 1870's for mention of the above mill, I came across Killingly Centre notations, which mentioned the S. & H. Sayles stone mill. The foundations and dam are now part of the Town's Cat Hollow Park. Unlike many of the mills along the brook, this was a woolen mill as was the one at Elmville (near the Dayville post office). Apparently the Potter mill was also considered in Killingly Centre. I don't have the space to write about these in this column and think I have written about them previously when talking about the Elmville and Cat Hollow area.

I'll leave you with an interesting tidbit that I came across. "Dame Rumor says that Killingly Centre is to have a brick-kiln.. Land upon which to locate the kiln, and which, which other land adjacent, have been found to contain beds of clay ten feet deep, have been bargained for, with a view to ultimate purchases. Bricks were formerly made within a few rods of the proposed location...and fragments, and even whole bricks, are frequently disinterred by the plow. (WCT Feb. 20, 1873). However, such was not to be! The April 3, 1873 Transcript reported, "We regret to learn that the company which was to engage in the manufacture of brick at Killingly Centre, have (sic) been obliged to suspend operations, as a recent examination develops the fact that there is not sufficient clay to carry on the business. Old residents testify that it was exhausted by persons engaged in that business half a century ago."

The next time you ride that way, pause to think about Killingly Centre's history. If you can add more to the story, please email me.

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

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

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Woodstock Academy to remain in eLearning until Dec. 7

WOODSTOCK — After the most recent return to a full eLearning schedule, The Woodstock Academy had anticipated resuming classes on campus on Mondays and Tuesdays. However, working with other area schools and out of an abundance of caution The Academy has decided to remain remote for the week of Nov. 30 through Dec. 4, following the eLearning schedule with Wednesday office hours.

On Dec. 7 and 8, The Academy will resume their hybrid schedule with classes on campus for blue and gold groups and eLearning from home on Wednesday through Friday.

"While we are eager to have students physically on campus, we want to make our plans reflect the reality that, even with modified Thanksgiving plans, we could see an increase in cases in our area due to gatherings and travel," wrote head of school Chris Sandford in an email to students and parents.

Christmas concert to air on WINY

PUTNAM — The Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra will present a virtual video concert, "A Leroy Anderson Christmas," on Dec. 18 at noon on Putnam radio station WINY. The musical program features perennial favorites "Sleigh Ride" and "Christmas Festival."

After the Dec. 18 performance on WINY, it will be available on YouTube.

This unusual performance venue is due to the Coronavirus quarantine.

As Leroy Anderson's daughter, I wish I could say I had this idea, especially since I am NCCO president. But it was Dr. Saul Ahola, who is NCCO treasurer, who came up with this concept of recording a video concert, socially distanced and masked, at the 4-H Lodge in Pomfret. Melissa Joyal, NCCO vice president, suggested that WINY be asked to broadcast the concert.

We are grateful to WINY owners Gary and Karen Osbrey for airing our concert as our musical gift to our friends and neighbors in the Quiet Corner.

Sleigh Ride

When my father was starting his musical career as a composer and arranger, he worked with Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler who first performed "Sleigh Ride" on May 4, 1948. Two years later, Mitchell Parish wrote the lyrics and the Andrews Sisters made the first vocal recording.

In those days, Fiedler liked to introduce new Christmas music at the Pops' spring concert and then feature it at the winter concert the same year.

When Dad was asked about "Sleigh Ride," he recalled the August 1946 heat wave when he started composing the piece. He had been discharged by the Army after World War II and moved with Mom and me to a vacant cottage owned by my maternal grandmother in Woodbury, Conn. The cottage had no heat or running water but there was a hand pump outside for a hand dug well.

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Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Admissions & Financial Aid

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Admissions & Guest Alumni Speakers

Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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Grade 11: Jai Abrams, Amber Ahearn, Annarose Avery, Hamilton Barnes, Morgan Bentley, Aurissa Boardman, Carleigh Boisvert, Zoe Botta, Leah Castle, Jordan Chiles, Ava Couto, Kaitlyn Dalbec, Nicole Davidson, Ella Davis, Henry Driscoll, Emmaline Ebbeling, Julia Ezzell, Olivia Grant, Madelyn Groves, Liam Hagan, Samuel Hagan, Morgan Hardacker, Emma Hayden, Siyuan He, Emma Heimgartner, Sergio Herrera Moreno de Acevedo, Ashley Kasacek, Anna Kellermann, Hannah Kim, Taewoo Kim, Keenan LaMontagne, Thai Le, Seamus Lippy, Elizabeth Lovrien, Sarah Lucas, Megan Lucier, Allison MacAlister, Madison Malboeuf, Jillian Marcotte, Sofia Murray, Gianna Nichols, Marissa O'Sullivan, Ryan Odorski, Jason Ofarcik, Savannah Olson, Dhruvi Patel, John Pokorny, David Ramos, Hans Rhynhart, Zachary Roethlein, Blin Rollins, Sydney Schuler, Eliza Simpson, Adeline Smith, Conor Stewart, Jonathan Surowaniec, Thao To, Jacqueline Trudeau, Ainslie Tschamler, Ainsley Viano, Norman Warcholik, Tyler Warren, Chase Young, Zhixuan Zhang, Han Zheng

Grade 10: Charlotte Adase, Ella Anderson, Brooke Arpin, Stella Atchinson, Vicente Bastura, Brooke Bergevin,

Emma Blanchette, Morgan Bonin, Tessa Brown, Carah Bruce, Lauren Brule, Italia Burgio, Delaney Carty, Ranze Cao, Summer Chaput, Mitchell Child, Avery Collin, Brianna Connors, Gabrielle Couture, Shannon Cunniff, James D'Alleva-Bochain, Alexis Danila, Taylor Danner, Carolina DaSilva, Bodie Defocy, Kirsten Deorse, Ivy Dowdle, Ella Favreau, Lennon Favreau, Louella Flanagan, Katie Fortin, Grace Gelhaus, Zachary Gessner, Jaydon Gormley, Kylie Gregory, Hadley Grether, Lucas Gustafson, Collin Hamilton, Magnolia Hart, Keira Hawkins, Carl Huber, Aleena Jafar-DeCesare, Brian Jameson, Olivia Jendrewski, Yunseo Jeon, Hannah Johnson, Donovan Joseph, Nathan Joseph, Mario Kasneci, Gyu Kim, Samuel Kim, Emma Korsu, Annika LeBoeuf, Curtis Lefebvre, Rain Lin, Leila MacKinnon, Thy Mai, Olivia Mawson, Dylan Mayo, Kamden Meyer, Reign Milburn, Bryn Miller, Abigail Morin, Abigail Morse, Matthew Myslenski, Angela Newell, Cormac Nielsen, Alyson Niemiec, Lindsay Nuttall, Maya Orbegozo, Paige Owens, Noah Page, Jillian Plouffe, Sophia Quinn, Amelia Racicot, Wyatt Robbie, Natalie Romano, Lillian Rossi, Braiden Saucier, Jonathan Sebastian, Lillian Sharpe, Caira Stevens, Concetta Sumner, Isabel Summer, Linzhuoran Sun, Xin Sun, Allison Surprenant, Camilla Tahirova, Owen Tracy, Jacob Vadeboncoeur, Paige Veilleux-Catlin, Kylie Wakely, Shannon Gagnon, Nathan Gaug, Matthew Griffin, Ryan Hanlon, Sydney Haskins, Avery Kollar, Meghan Slate, Aleksa Stevanovic, Steisi Topalli, Rockwell Valentine, Alison Wall, Caroline Wilcox, Jiacheng Ying, Dmitrii Zinchenko

Grade 9: Elizabeth Adams, Claire Beck, Peyton Bentley, Madison Brown, Anthony Buckner, David Bunning, Danielle Cabassa, Charles Caggiano, Caitlin Chandler, Kelsey Collins, Emily Cournoyer, Julia Coyle, Hunter Eddy, Zoe Ender, Summer Espeseth, Joaquin Fraga, Campbell Fraser, Abigail Gagne, Hailey Gagnon, Sean Gasperini, Alexander Gessner, Gavin Grant, Caroline Harris, Angelos Haveles, Amelia Haynes, Sophia Hernandez, Halie Hoffman, Ava Hovestadt, Emma Kerr, Joel Koleszar, James Koproski, Corinne LaMontagne, Taylor Lamothe, Kaitlyn Lancet, Kayla Leite, Kevin Lin, Phoenix MacRae, Emma Massey, Alexandra Mattioli, Sarah McArthur, Samantha McDowell, Madison McMahon, Cameron McNally, Kayleigh Murray, Jared Nielsen, Mia Pannone, Xuemei Qu, Reegan Reynolds, Evan Rhault, Noah Sampson, Olivia Saraidarian, Matthew Saunders, Gracie Scott, Zachary Shead, Megan Smith, Arthur Soucy, Ethan Staples, Sawyer Stewart, Talia Tremblay, Addison Tyimok, Madison Whitehouse, Madison Williams, Alicia Wynkoop

Honors

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Grade 11: Jingwei Ai, Claire Anderson, Lindsey Arends, Alison Bessette, Elaina Borski, Jacob Boynton, Stella Brin, Ethan Campbell, Paige Campbell, Murphy Chace, Dylan Chamberlin, Annabella Chaves, Hannah Clark, Nicholas Dahl, Walker Dalton, Mia Dang, Ethan Davis, Alivia Dean, Natalie Eichner, River Favreau, Scout Favreau, Alexa Fernandez, Tomson Flanagan, Arimae Gagne, Shannon Gagnon, Nathan Gaug, Matthew Griffin, Ryan Hanlon, Sydney Haskins, Avery Kollar, Meghan Slate, Aleksa Stevanovic, Steisi Topalli, Rockwell Valentine, Alison Wall, Caroline Wilcox, Jiacheng Ying, Dmitrii Zinchenko

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Grade 9: Delaney Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Carleh Avery, Natalie Bell, Logan Bertram, Elizabeth Bishop-Klee, Kerry Blais, Emerson Dalton, Leah Danis, Riley Dupont, Timothy Engstrume, Aiden Finch, Aiden Gagnon, Victoria Gonzalez, Elizabeth Gordon, Allison Griswold, Jada Hernandez, Tyler Hudson, Cade Jones, Christopher Kirkconnell, Madyson Knox, Avery Kollar, Hunter Larson, Samuel Lescault, Jacob Lizotte, Randi Lucido, Connor MacLeod, Kendall McCormack, Karley Medina, Savannah Ortiz, Kyle Pazienza, Lillie Pendleton, Amber Pepper, Brynn Perry, Sophia Petrella, Samantha Richmond, Jordan Sands, Apphia Schley, Ava Simoes, Kaelin Soukaloun, Jack Sumner, Ramaya Talabert, Josiah Vadeboncoeur, Shaun Wall, Mathew Zheng

Recognition

Grade 12: Demosthenes Chrisovechotis, Emily Condon, Cody Currie, Andrew Dilko, Chloe Forsten, Cierra Heersink, Karissa Minkema, Melanie Pazienza

Grade 11: Parker Anderson, Sasha Becker, Hannah Bell, Samantha Bellantone, Alison Benoit, Peter Bergeron, Lyra Boose, Kyle Brennan, Neil Camara, William Chambers, Margaret Ebbingel, Siera Fahey, Atticus Finch, Samuel Forrest, Ian Frankhouser, Cecile Glaude, Gabriel Hill, Boucher, Caleb Koleszar, Lauren LeDonne, Jonah Libby, Brigid McDerney, Mary Morin, Emily Nazer, Bethany Noe, Lily Pierce, Logan Reynolds, Christian Rilling, Andrea Sanders, Graham Scribner, Sadie Susi, Zachary White, Dylan Wynkoop

Grade 10: Matthew Chuck, Ethan Craig, Grant DeParasis, Baden Eaton, Alexandra Flint, Asher Gagnon, Ramon Gomez, Matthew Gouin, Kaiden Keddy, Max Larkin, Caitlin LaVallee, Joanna Lin, Xiaohan Lin, Kaden McCullough-Murphy, Makala McDermott, Aubrey Rumrill, Quintavanh Sangasy, Adele Schmidt, Rhett Tucker, Gabriel Viau, Lauren Weidele, Melissa Zea

Grade 9: Thomas Blevins, Ryanne Bourbeau, Ryan Bradford, Ana Davis, Kambryn Dexter, Hayden Fontaine, Benjamin Gagnon, Kathryn Guillot, Hunter Haynes, Madison Hill-Rickell, Dayeon Kim, Lila Kirkland, Keon Lamarche, Seamus McDermott, Rebecca Nazer, Dominic Pascale, Joshua Rilling, Riley Russell, Summer Saine, Finn Scribner, Don Sousa, Zoe Wiggins, Henry Wotton

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The following Killingly High School SENIORS achieved High Honors in Quarter 1:

Abraham Antonelli, Cal Barber, Abby Card, Janelle Charron, Mackenzie Farquhar, Nikki Flynn, Sophie Griffin, Madison Hopkins, Cole Lavigne, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Grace Socha, Madelyn Sumner, Samantha Swenson, Kaleb Watson, Matthew Weiss, Meghan Wrobel. First Honors: Evelyn Allen, Lorelei Bessenaire, Savannah Buisson, Leilani Dean, Evan Desopathy, Joshua Dumas, Michelle Dumphy, Laney Dunn, Grace Gilman, Annie Griffin, Ann-Marie Hebert, Paige Keefe, Olivia Lamoureux, Chase LeClerc, Emilee Lehtinen, Zachary Lehtonen, Hunter Leite, Abigail Norgren, Alyssa Pomerleau, Jordan Rukstela, Lillian Stockford, Bo Yaworski. Second Honors: Dedrick Baublitz, Vanessa Buquiran, Grace Cerbo, Kelley Chanaphay, Zoe Conklin, Abigail Cornell, Kamila Correa, Trevor Cowart, Morgan Disco, Colton Douglas, Alyssa Elsey, Kayleigh Ethier, Alexis Faucher, Virgil Fensley, Duray Frantz, Jacob Galarza, Brooke Harrington, Julia Hopkins, Kaleigh Hopkins, Tate Larow, Joshua Lavallee, Nevaeh Lyon, Shealyse Ortiz, Viren Patel, Madyson Peaslee, Piper Pellitter, Stephen Reding, Hannah Reid, Sarah Roberts, Hannah Siegmund, Ronald Smith, Nickolas

Steele, Kody Walters, Amaya West, Thomas Wright, Avery Zanauskas.

The following Killingly High School JUNIORS achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Georgia Barry, Emma Carpenter, Makala Dube, Emma Gilbert, Samantha Goulston, Lily Gutierrez, Payton Keefe, Sage Lamparelli, Gianna Ormstead, Benjamin Percival. First Honors: Kylie Beaudry, Shelby Bellows, Ayvril Brytowski, Lucinda Burke, Nicole Cicchetti, Thomas Curran, Quinn Ellis, Lennon Giambattista, Ryan Holmes, Maggie Jellison, Rhiannon Martin, Benjamin Mayo, Sophia Moore, Josephine Palmer, Kathryn Strangman, Kaia Torrente. Second Honors: Brandon Baker, Jayliena Bates, Christopher Berthiaume, Kayla Bonin, William Carver, Payton Cathell, Austin Conrad, Khloe Crossman, MaryGrace Dufault, Mya Elsey, Maura Ericson, Marcy Ferraj, Emily Fortune, Aliya Green, Shealy Harvey, Veronica Hussey, Hannah Jarvis, Nathan Keefe, Faith Klingensmith, Kenna Lavallee, Julia Magao, Ella Mandeville, Thomas Martell, Ryan Miller, Kayleigh Norris, Katherine Poirier, Alyssa Rice, Rachel Sanchas, Jason Simoneau, Kaylei Sirimongkhoun, Felicity Suprenant, Hailey Toth, Lola Ward, Alyssah Yater, Laylah Zea, Sydney Zicolella, Colby Zingilas.

The following Killingly High School SOPHOMORES achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Amber Amosco, Nicole Blanchette, Lainey Buffington, Matthew

Card, Carley DiMartino, Aila Gutierrez, Ciara King, Ella Lach, Anjolina Ortiz, Henrik Pawul, Anthony Purcell, Moss Souksanti, Chloe St. Pierre, Jane Stockford, Jerson Suarez, Salena Thongsouvanh, Kaitlyn Tingle, Joshua Torre, Jady Williams. First Honors: Kalob Barclay, Casey Beauregard, Emily Benoit, Lyana Bott-Cuevas, Renee Bunn, Alyssa Caron, Grace Colangelo, Chloe DiFusco, Hannah Donovan, Mia Falcioni, Owen Johnson, Hailey Magao, Elizabeth Marcoux, Avi Miller, Zoe Miller, Margaux Molyneux, Chloe Nason, Aryn Nisbet, Jack Richardson, Amelie van der Swaagh. Second Honors: Evan Adams, Terrence Allen, Heather Anderson, Jude Anderson, Madison Beausoleil, Jillian Bennett, Sierra Buisson, Robert Carrott, Willow Charles, Lucas Clayton, Giovanni Couture, Taylor Cummings, Aiden Feeney, Logan Gagnon, Lavender Gaudette, Harrison Giambattista, Josiah Hernandez, Allyson Hogan, Katrina Imre, Danny Kien, Ethan Lackner, Rhiannon Lefevre, Rivers Levesque, Kevin Merigan, Hailey Merritt, Zachary Murdock, Jada Neri, Brady O'Donnell, Jayden Olson, Braden Pedersen, Nicole Pimentel, Ryan Rattray, Connor Richardson, Cameron Seiffert, Camden Senecal, Cailyn Spenard, Austin Stratato, Connor Thompson, Tianna Wallace, Kyle White, Madison Zachow.

The following Killingly High School FRESHMEN achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Shanaya Brown, Kiana Capiga, Amber Cobb, Elizabeth

Conway, Molly Crabtree, Sydney Crabtree, Jocelyn Crowley, Darin Exarhoulias, Devin Exarhoulias, Lillian Gaudet, Jonah Hussey, Rachael Hutchinson, Melody Kettle, Emily Lamparelli, Gavin Lanctot, Raigan Leveille, Sofia Morin, Sydney Mullen, Kelsea O'Rourke, Sai Patel, Sherrie Simoneau, Mauricio Suarez, Grace Sumner, Malia Taylor-Robichaud, Emma Vandale, Lilly Verraneault, Julia Young, Gabriella Zink. First Honors: Kaeli Adams, Kaylee Baker, Cassidey Card, Julie Carver, Madison Daniels, Deven Delaney, Annina Desabota, Colin Ericson, Owen Gratton, Hannah Grudzien, Ross Hill, Erika Horne, Ava Izzo, Ava Johnson, Isabella Lepine, Illyana Malarkey, Selina Metzermacher, Ava Peloquin, Benjamin Robinson, Peyton Rosen, Hunter Schafmayer, Kaylee Stillman, Demetrius Thornton, Gabriel Torrente, Talan Walker, Chloe Yip. Second Honors: Aaryanna Adams, Harrison Allard, Ryan Barretta, Kiara Barrientos, Harrison Bauer, Jillian Beach, Trenton Brytowski, Avery Caisse, Domenico Capuano, Ian Cathell, Spencer Chiviek, Kaitlin Cicchetti, Abigail Comtois, Laura Farquhar, Mason Frazer, Isabella Graichen, Brody Khaomongkhoun, Madyson Mitchell, Layne O'Leary, Anya Oliverson, Christina Ratray, Elizabeth Reynolds, Selina Rivera, Zaiden Rukstela, Sophia Scandalito, Emma Seide, Brylee Shaw, Shane Sroczenski, Ian Stone, Olivia Tetreault, Austin Townsend, Maddox Wedge, Justin Wellman

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

PUTNAM — Putnam High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Class of 2021
High Honors: Greyson Anderson, Nathan Barylski, Duston Bonin, Chad Flickr, Anna Ionkin,

Ethan Latendresse, Haddijtou Mbye, Mackenzie Peloquin, Jamie Petre, Emma Rudman,

Bethany Smith, Haley Syrjala

First Honors: Kalai Ayau, Emma Braithwaite, Johnathan Carita, Laylah Chavez, Alexandra Coderre, Alex Hutchins, Catherine LaForest, Brooke Peloquin, Abby St. Martin, Maggie Wojciechowski

Recognition: Joseph Barnett, Emma Fisk, Randy Johnson, Jack Lomax, Dylan McCaughey,

Julie Morris, Mackenzie Oleszewski,

Abbigail Pelletier, Michayla Rugh, Oscar Steinbrick

Class of 2022

High Honors: Autumn Allard, Johnathan Brouillette, Amayah Chavez, Samantha Eddy, Tyler Fullerton, Xander Ruggeri, Ewa Sekula, Dominic Sheldon

First Honors: Johnathan Aguedo, Trinity Bonet Shepard, Olivia Hassett-Mellen, Ariana Hernandez, Emre Karadeniz, Olivia Labbe-Fahy, Celenia Lopez, Halie Reidy, Jack Rindge, Destiney Simas, Hunter Vanasse, Connor Vassar

Recognition: Reagan Boledovic, David DePari, Ethan Gardner, Cody Keene, Avory Kelly, Brooke Lindell, Kayla Morrison, Iasmin Neves, Benjamin Northup, Stephanie Olecki, Avery Pedersen, Michael Roach, Malik

Roberts, Ethan Rodriguez, Adam Tomkins, Isabella Toni-Campion

Class of 2023

High Honors: Grace Benoit, Jenny Boriboun, Elysse Britt, Allyson DiNola, Abigail Fitts, Jack Garcia, Sara Lackey, Cooper Livingston, Enrico Gabriel Ong, Angelina Porter, Ella Schoppe,

Emily St. Martin, Shaina Sudol, Alishia Thompson, Bailey Touchette, Amy Vongvirath,

Gabriel Weidele, Guinevere Weiker

First Honors: Juana Aqui Hernandez, Jillian Anthony, Rafaela Araujo, Shea Bernier, Kaylee Goding, Jacob Maillou, MacKenzie Reidy, Colin Wojciechowski

Recognition: Savannah Acquarulo, Samantha Bennett, Jacob Benzie, Cheyanne Debolt, Cole Dignam, Antoinette Garcia, Tyshon Harper, Blake Hebert, Spencer Northup,

Emerald Perry, DeAnn Pringle, Tegan Saucier, Brenden Womack

Class of 2024

High Honors: Melodie Anderson, Lucian Canova, Robert Dion, Atiana Estes, Danielle Levesque, Savannah Loiselle, Adam Sekula, Isabel Vergoni

First Honors: Aysaiah Chavez, Brady Devlin, Lily Goyette, Grant Hart, Elijah Kelly, Nathaniel Lazarou, Jonathan Racine, Hunter Salvas

Recognition: Skyler Adams, Destiny Beaudoin, Raquel Calderon, Grace Collins, Kaylee Dashnaw, Christopher Denham, CoraRose Desrosiers, Romeo Devil, Travis Fredette, Sophia Ionkin, Draven Levesque, Colin Martin, Pedro Ortiz, Jack Seiffert, Josephine Spalding

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 6
High Honors: Matthew Dearborn, Lorelei Fish, Patrick Fox, Samuel Greene, Julia Guimont, Kelsey McNeil, Landon Murdock, Keegan Porter, Drew Rhault

Honors: Brayden Bottone, Charlotte Caisse, Lyla Cowles, Brayden De Oliveira, Arianna Fox, Maylie Gacias, Brayden Grant, Brady Hebert, Jake Henderson, Kylie Hill-Rickell, Nathan Jezierski, Blake Kudzal, Maura Leonard, Samuel Lindsay, Brendon Lundt, Molly Mead, Tyler Odorski, Elena Petrella, Damien Redman, Jenna Saraidarian, Julia Tellier, Leah

Thibodeau, Chloe Vogt

Recognition: Mia Auger, Owen Benedict, Isabella Billings, Kaylyn Converse, Willow Deary, Halsyn Guenther, Maxwell Kopp, Callum Lusignan, Elijah Nagel, Jessica Palmerino, Tatum Perez, Alexeeya Richter-LaMarre, Blake Robida, Canyon Saracina

Grade 7

High Honors: Scarlet Delaney, Jackson Durand, Ivar McDonald, Diya Patel, Kaylee Saucier, Samantha Smyth, Collin Teal

Honors: Aiden Bachand, Gabriela Brown, Maci Corradi, Adelyn Cournoyer, Nathaniel Couture, Abby Ditzel, Jackson Dorez, Harrison Durand, Emma Forcier, Jenna Forcier, Lindsey Hanlon, Sadie Johnson-Teed, Payton

Leite, Eli Manning, Katelyn McArthur, Alec Nunes, Lucas Quercia, Nathan Rauls, Ella Simoes, Luke Thompson, Sadie Wood

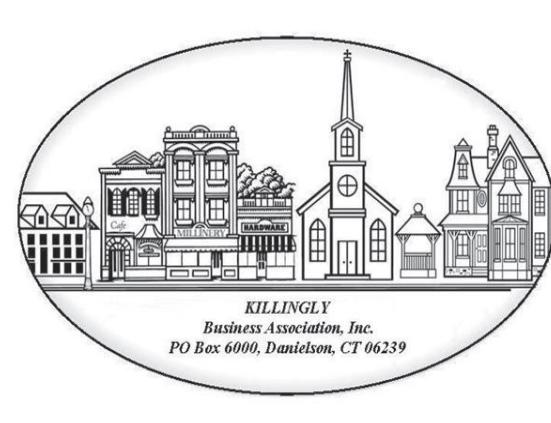
Recognition: Kyle Bain, Raven Dunn, Emma Eaton, Maura Hart, Brady Lecuyer, Spencer Mayo, Gianna Musumeci, Kerrigan Reynolds, Ellary Sampson, Abigail Stevens, Wynter Worth

Grade 8

High Honors: Gunnar Basak, Liliana Bottone, Katelyn Bruce, Ava Golden, Kira Greene, Madeline Jezierski, Emily Jurnovoy, Matthew Letourneau, Xandar Miller, Bailey Nordman, Grace Pokorny, Logan Rawson, Macy Rawson, Freya Robbie, Emily Smock, Avery Thienel, Leah Wasielewski, Haley Whitehouse, Kendra Wilson

Honors: Juliet Allard, John Bennett, Nathan Billings, Cassidy Chabot, Ryder Chaput, Maya Chojnicki, Abigail Converse, Maxx Corradi, Benjamin Cross, Olivia Dahl, Jacqueline Dearborn, Chandler Folkerts, Mila Ganius, Phoebe Griffin, Sophie Gronski, Elmer Hebert, Christian Luperon-Flecha, Emma Manis, Kaya Nichols, Keira Notis, Milo Schwartz, Isabella Selmecki, Brock Swaby, Kaelyn Tremblay

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Windham Chamber joins effort to save small businesses

WINDHAM — The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that it has joined the nationwide movement to save small businesses, and is the first chamber from Connecticut to do so.

The Save Small Business Coalition is a group of more than 200 chambers of commerce and business associations across the nation created to address the issues and concerns generated from the COVID pandemic. This coalition is not about one single industry, this is about all small businesses across the nation that need funds right now to stay afloat to maintain the continuity of their business. We are asking for extraordinary emergency action by the Government to empower an urgent solution that currently doesn't exist.

For many months, communities across our nation have seen their local businesses make difficult decisions to reduce hours, lay off employees, and

sadly, in some cases, close their doors for good. Many businesses have not qualified for disaster loan programs and some cannot afford to incur additional debt. With guidelines changing constantly and business owners trying desperately to meet the requirements, an environment of financial uncertainty has been created.

The SSBC's latest call to action has been a letter to congress asking for an immediate "Phase 4" bill that includes:

Paycheck Protection Program Extension and Enhancement:
• Broaden the definition of forgivable expenses to include costs associated with protecting employees and customers and expand the period during which expenses qualify for loan forgiveness.
• Simplified good faith certification for loan forgiveness of loans under \$150,000.
• Expansion of eligible borrowers to include all non-profits including 501(c)(6) organizations with no

more than 300 employees as long as PPP funds are not used for lobbying.

- Authorization of a second round of loans for small businesses experiencing revenue reductions of 35 percent or more.

Workforce Development:

- Provide \$1.3 billion to assist job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services through a combination of new and existing programs.

Business Liability Protection:

- Protection from COVID-19 related exposure liability for those employers who follow applicable federal, state, or local government guidelines for the protection of their employees and/or customers.
- Protection from liability claims arising from COVID-19 medical care for healthcare workers and facilities.

State and Local Aid:

- Assist state and local governments experiencing one-time COVID-related

expenses and revenue shortfalls based on fixed share of actual costs and revenue shortfalls within an overall funding cap.

For more information about the SSBC or how you can help your local businesses by contacting your legislators please contact The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce at 860-428-7739 or info@WindhamChamber.com.

The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization whose mission is to create a

community of business leaders who wish to help each other be more successful. Our goals are to be a good partner in improving the economic vitality of the region, to build legislative relationships that enable us to help shape the business environment for all industries, and to promote Northeast Connecticut as a great place to live, work and play.

Quinebaug Middle College to host virtual Open House Dec. 16

DANIELSON — EASTCONN's Quinebaug Middle College (QMC), a regional magnet high school, is hosting a Virtual Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place as an online Zoom session and is open to the public. Prospective high school students and their families are invited to attend.

QMC is located on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in Danielson and is open to all Connecticut students. This virtual event will be hosted by QMC Interim Principal David Howes and will feature staff, students and parents. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

The event is free, but registration is required. Email QMC School Counselor Melissa Jacobs at mjacobs@eastconn.org by Dec. 11 to register. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the event.

QMC is currently accepting applications for academically motivated students who will enter grades 9-12 in fall 2021-2022. Students seeking a more independent learning environment, tailored to their academic and career goals, are welcome to apply. There is no cost associated with attending QMC.

QMC offers high school students a middle college experience that enables them to earn a high school diploma, while also earning college credits from QVCC – at no cost.

Students who successfully complete QVCC courses have an advantage when applying to college or any post-secondary program, not only because they've earned transferrable college credits, but because they've demonstrated their ability to succeed in a college environment. Highly motivated students can graduate from high school with enough free credits to earn an associate's degree.

Once enrolled at QMC, students have access to high-tech laboratories, career and vocational resources, and other col-

lege amenities. Unique to the middle college experience is the opportunity to take college courses side-by-side with QVCC college students.

Areas of study at QMC include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), liberal arts, allied health and advanced manufacturing.

QMC enrolls up to 180 students, grades 9-12, from across northeastern Connecticut.

Housed in a \$24-million, state-of-the-art facility on the campus of QVCC in Danielson, QMC offers students small-school advantages that include small classes; one-on-one mentor and advisory support; a rigorous, Humanities-rich and STEM-integrated curriculum; an embedded focus on public service projects; a Manufacturing Pathways program which is a fast-track to earning manufacturing certificates; and a Town Meeting governance model that gives all students a voice in how their school is run.

Students who want to enroll at QMC for 2021-2022 may visit www.eastconn.org/qmc to download an application.

To learn more, call QMC Interim Principal David Howes at 860-455-3997, or reach him at dhowes@eastconn.org.

QMC is operated by EASTCONN as part of a partnership that includes EASTCONN, QVCC, Brooklyn, Franklin, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Thompson, Voluntown, Windham and Woodstock. Enrollment is not limited to students who live in partner towns; students from across the region are welcome to apply.

EASTCONN is a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of schools and communities in northeastern Connecticut since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org and follow EASTCONN at www.facebook.com/wherelearningcomestolife.

Eastern's Carmen Cid elected vice president of Ecological Society of America

WILLIAMANTIC — Carmen Cid, professor of biology and dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been working to improve the career success of women and minorities in science for the past three decades. This November, the national Ecological Society of America (ESA) named Cid as its vice president for education and human resources. The term runs through 2024.

ESA President Kathleen Weathers described Cid as an "exceptional addition to ESA's governing board who brings valuable insight and experience that will help ESA continue to evolve in its mission in service of ecology and the ecological community."

Since the early '90s, Cid has focused on elevating the human dimension in the teaching of ecology, engaging educators and diverse communities in promoting appreciation of nature through the development of multimedia and bilingual environmental education resources. In 2017, Cid was elected as an ESA Fellow and is the recipient of the Connecticut Science Center's 2020 STEM Achievement Award. As vice president for education and human

resources, Cid will advance ESA's strategic plan's goals to link education, communication and diversity efforts in expanding the ESA membership.

"This is a huge honor for me and I am very excited," said Cid. "This has been my life's work. This society represents 9,000 ecologists, the largest such society in the world. In 1991, I was appointed the founding chair of the ESA Women and Minorities Committee and helped to develop the first strategic plan to deal with issues of diversity and ecology education for all audiences."

Cid said that the timing for ESA to recruit and train a diverse, environmental workforce is critical, as climate change and climate justice are pressing environment and ecological issues that need to be addressed. She believes, as vice president, she has the opportunity to advance the ESA's agenda on these matters. She also wants to ensure that students of color have a safer environment to do field work as ecologists.

"Nationally, the issues of promoting safety and access for students of color are particularly true in field sciences such as ecology, so it is important now to be part of promoting diversity initiatives

and education initiatives in ecology. COVID-19 issues are ecological issues that negatively impact people of color. The spread of diseases is an environmental issue that does the same, so in this time of Black Lives Matter and rapid climate change, we need to teach and do more research on elevating the human dimension of ecology. It is critical that the ESA promote and implement best practices in ecology teaching and research. We must engage diverse learners in becoming ecologically literate and working collaboratively to improve career access for all."

In addition to her administrative duties at Eastern, Cid has been busy co-authoring articles, presenting lectures on diversity in ecology and integrating environmental justice into ecological research and teaching. Being cognizant of Native Americans' connections with nature and the environment, Cid recently finished discussions with Native American climate and energy experts, education experts and students to finalize another article on diversity. "My ecological DNA has always been to elevate the human dimension in the teaching and research of ecology."

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Putnam's Reverse Light Parade a huge success

PUTNAM – Every year, the town of Putnam plays host to a classic holiday affair, the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event, the 19th annual edition, looked a bit different. Instead of bringing large crowd to the parade route, the parade became a reverse event as more than 1,500 cars drove through Murphy Park where a series of floats embracing different holiday themes were awaiting them. The event included an estimated 30 floats and displays and a visit from Santa Claus himself. The parade also saw a collection of monetary donations, food items and toys to support Daily Bread and the Putnam Family Resource Center Holiday Giving Campaign.

Photos Jason Bleau



Re/Max brought their famous hot air balloon to the parade keeping a years-long tradition alive.

BELOW: Santa Claus and his massive sleigh were welcomed into Putnam courtesy of the Putnam Elks.



Berkshire Hathaway put together this fun gingerbread house float for the parade.



The local Relay for Life embracing a theme of Relay Around the World.



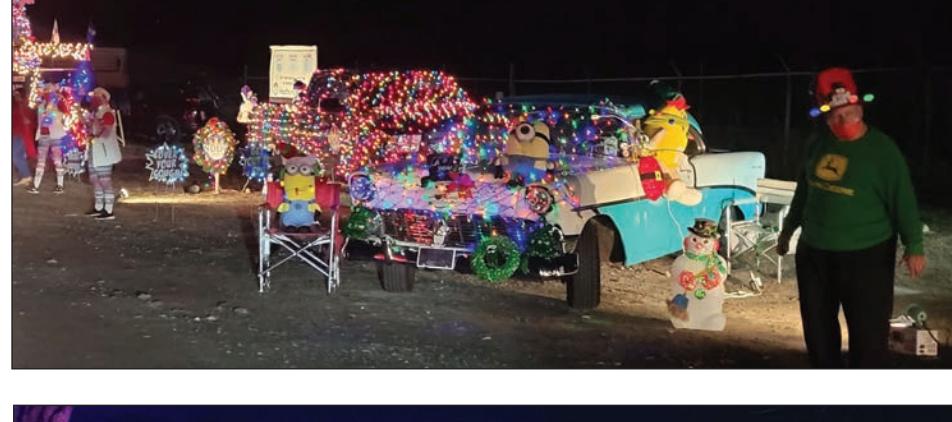
The Northeast District Department of Health continued to implore social distancing and safety measures during the pandemic while also embracing Christmas cheer.



Bank Hometown brought Santa's Workshop to the parade with employees of the different branches dressing as elves.



Mazzarella's Lawn Care and Snow Removal put together this fun penguin-themed float to play off the winter season.



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They keys to a happy holiday season

It's official — the holiday season has arrived, with the first big one under our belts. Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It's when all of the fall decorations, and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes and red and whites come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday has passed, and now it's time to put things into cruise control until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us, with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant amount of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive any. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own family's holidays memorable.

Despite our current situation, holiday spirits remain high. Taking a drive around town, decorations are popping up every day. The night sky serves as the perfect backdrop for flashing holiday lights. Many people have started to decorate historically early, as a way to bring some sense of normalcy and positivity to others.

It may be difficult this season; however, try to do something creative to make someone's holiday one they can remember, something they don't expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is tenfold.

As for relieving stress, don't put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don't have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops making gift buying easier. If shopping isn't your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies, drinking hot chocolate and listening to holiday music really can be uplifting. "A Christmas Carol," while a bit creepy at times, does put things into perspective. If you haven't read the book in a while or watched the movie, now is the time.

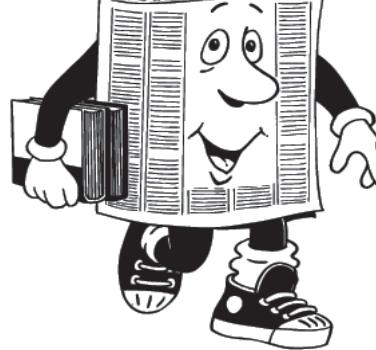
No, things won't look as they normally do this season. With that said, people throughout history have turned lemons into lemonade. This season it's especially important to support local small businesses, many who now offer items online. Throughout this season, let's all focus on lifting each other up as this pandemic eventually will take its place in history.

In the words of Hamilton Wright Mabie, "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please support our winter boot drive

To the Editor:

Warm, winter boots are a basic need of children in the northeast, something every child deserves. Residents are invited to participate in a Holiday Winter Boot Drive on Saturday, Dec. 5, to help fill this special need which will benefit families in Woodstock and neighboring towns through TEEG.

The boot drive is sponsored by the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee. All donations (boots or cash) will be turned over to TEEG. As a youth services bureau, TEEG will distribute the boots to families in Woodstock and other towns in its service area.

Please bring new, unwrapped winter boots in children's sizes (boys or girls) to the boot drive at the Woodstock Volunteer

Fire Station, 399 Rt. 169 (next to Town Hall), between 10 am and 1 pm on Saturday, Dec. 5. If you prefer to contribute cash, please bring a check made payable to TEEG to the boot drive or mail it to Woodstock Democratic Town Committee, ATTN: Winter Boot Drive, PO Box 813, Woodstock, CT 06281. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional boots for area children.

The Woodstock Dems are pleased to host this community service endeavor in these uncertain times. Your support will benefit Woodstock children this winter. Thank you!

GREG KLINE
WOODSTOCK DEMOCRATIC
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NANCY WEISS

An exhibit you don't want to miss

To the Editor:

Here in Northeast Connecticut, we are fortunate to be able to see barns in the landscape, but they are easily taken for granted. Built as part of the infrastructure of an agricultural economy, some are still in use, others have, well, seen better days.

For the month of December, there is an opportunity to reflect on these buildings at the Loos Center at Woodstock Academy. Planned before COVID, this is the first stop on a yearlong tour that will take these images of Connecticut barns to venues around the state.

Preservation Connecticut's traveling exhibition "Picturing History: Historic Barns of Connecticut" displays 35 photographs of barns selected by a panel of judges from entries in its first juried photography contest.

Woodstock Academy's Loos Center for the Arts, all set to unveil its renovated theater for the use of the school and our community when it was closed by COVID, is the venue.

My visit was a socially-distanced opportunity to get away from my screen for an in-person cultural experience. The show is

open only by appointment. Preservation Connecticut has a long interest in the surviving barns in our state and invited photographers to share their perspective. To record survivors and with funding from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the work of 400 volunteers, Preservation Connecticut created an inventory of more than 8,500 barns between 2006 and 2013. The results of the survey include an online database (connecticutbarns.org) of 2,000 barns, the listing of 200 on the State Register of Historic Places, and a tourist trail that enables visitors to view these iconic buildings and rediscover Connecticut's rich agricultural heritage. The images at the Loos Center reveal some of the ways that photographers see a barn—for its geometry or its dilapidated state or as part of the future of agriculture.

The exhibition is on view until Jan. 8, 2021; why not make an appointment to visit? There is no charge.

CAROLINE SLOAT
THOMPSON

Will Biden receive the same "unity" as Trump?

To the Editor:

"You don't know what you've got till it's gone" was a recent Villager letter quote, but the true validity of that statement has yet to be seen. Yes, you Biden voters can think that the sun is shining brighter now, but what happens over the next four years will be the proof. But at least I'll sleep better knowing that these all talk, big-mouth celebrities won't be moving out of the country. For me, the Trump years were just fine, and I doubt that any of you can say otherwise.

Unfortunately, we've had to endure Covid-19 for way too long now, but I wonder how many people actually think that had Hillary Clinton become president, the virus would not have ever touched our shores? It's now

come to light that Joe Courtney has contracted the virus. I wish the man well, but I'm not surprised that I haven't heard of the same criticisms being thrown at him that President Trump received when he got it. Rachel Maddow laughed when Trump was diagnosed with Covid, but I'll bet that she didn't think it was as funny when her "partner" got it. (Karma?)

Joe Biden is now calling for unity, but I'm sure that he doesn't want to receive the same kind of unity that President Trump got while he was in office.

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I wish there were Republicans I could vote for

To the Editor:

The letter last week attacking the entire Democrat party spoke only of taxes, population and business startups. I wish my community's needs were so narrow; we might indeed vote Republican.

My community is more concerned with the purity of our down-slope, downwind air and water, access to health care, the dangers of changing climate (a record 30 hurricanes this year,) the lack of Federal leadership on the Pandemic, big tax cuts for the wealthiest, which deficit, just as planned, now threatens SS and Medicare, internationally choosing abandonment of and isolation from our many allies.

Got kids in public school? Jill Biden, Democrat and experienced teacher, will do her best to undo the work of incompetent, anti-public school Republican Betsy DeVos. Please write in defending DeVos. I look forward to offering some education.

Democrats offer a return to our excellent American science having the ear of our leaders. As the President has aggressively eroded trust in the science of our Medical community, Republicans, most of whom are not such fools, have been silent, lest they risk the Dear Leader's quick criticism. What cowardice.

Speaking of health care and political parties, remember that Massachusetts' popular Romney-care was built on a plan from Mitt's fellow Republicans of the Heritage Institute, and is overseen by The Most Popular Governor in the US, Republican Charlie Baker. Isn't it time, friends, to go back and look for common ground, back before Newt Gingrich found power in declaring all Democrats The Enemy, just like last week's letter writer?

The Republican Party has gotten your faithful vote for years on its stated opposition to abortion, as it attacked sex-ed in schools, attacked the one organization that reduces the number of abortions more than any other, and allows employers to refuse to insure their workers' contraception needs. It's not about abortion for them. It's just about your vote. And, fellow Christians, speaking of taking a life, did you note that the Trump Party is trying to execute as many humans as possible on its way out? The Pope and my Pastor know John 8:7, do you?

I'm still a registered Republican. I wish I had one I could vote for.

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Your money is your property

To the Editor:

Money is property. Whether it is tangible as dollar bills and coins or intangible as numbers on a bank statement, money belongs to someone. When you have a job and you work, you earn money. When you make and sell something or provide a service, you make money. When you save or invest money, you make money. When you run a business, you make money. The money that you earn belongs to you. When you have more money or when you have less money, there is a direct effect upon your family and you, positive or

negative.

The taxes that you pay take money from you. It leaves you with less of the money that you earned. It is property that government takes from you. It is not for me in this article to discuss the pros and the cons of government taxation in general terms. The U.S. Constitution in Article I, Section 8 grants the Congress the "Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and

The view from my couch

I knew an old couple who sat so long in their respective wing chairs that the bottom cushions collapsed. They were enthroned, legs dangling over the sides and hands resting on frayed arms. They weren't poor, they were creatures of habit. I'm beginning to understand them as I sit on the couch with Biscay, the Maine Coon cat, and watch more television than ever before in my life. We are wearing out the couch. You may be too.

One of the strangest side effects of staying at home so much is what happens to time. Every day is Monday, when I write this column. Or every day is Friday,

when we change to sheets. I watch the sun come up. I marvel at the sunsets. What happens in between is a blur as we strive to do something meaningful. By evening, we give in and turn on the television, and engage with people who are our new best friends, or trickiest enemies.

I have shared our devotion to a Danish series, "Seaside Hotel." The summer people who visit and the workers who cheerfully cook and clean are interesting and complicated. Because they speak Danish, I have to pay more attention than usual to read the captions and follow the story line. My husband read that season 6 was available on CDs via a European player, he bought both. Later it came out on Amazon. A minor misstep when one truly loves a show.

We've stuck with the Danes and are devoted to "Borgen," a mix of "West Wing" and "House of Cards." Beautiful, determined Birgitte is elected the first female prime minister of Denmark. There's the usual political intrigue, romance, and glimpses of modern Danish life. We feel like insiders because some of the actors from "Seaside Hotel" turn up in "Borgen."

My husband's new best friend is Rick Stein, an English celebrity chef, about our age, who breathlessly goes on long weekends from the UK, where he owns restaurants. In his rumpled shirt, he sips a few beers and exclaims over the meals he enjoys at homes, markets and restaurants. I've been on so many of Rick Stein's Long Weekends that I am sure I am a member of the crew.

There's equal amount to like and dislike in "The Crown." I love the corgis and the horses, the interiors, especially what's purported to be the "private rooms" and the hats. I'm not a monarchist, so the machinations to save their team fall flat. The acting is incredible, with the Queen expressing her range of emotion with a fast eye blink. The actor playing Margaret Thatcher reminded me of Nancy Reagan's clothes and hairdo more than the first female Prime Minister. The Diana scenes were tedious and made me hate them all, but we watched every minute.

It's a patriotic duty to watch "60 Minutes" on Sunday night as a way to get depressed for the rest of the week. "Frontline" is so dramatic that I feel my pulse speed up at the sound of the announcer's voice opening the show. "Midnight Diner" gives my husband a dose of Japanese food and philosophy, while I like the gardening shows of Monty Don.

When this strange time is over, I'll visit a furniture store. I'll look at couches with the seasoned eye of one who has spent an inordinate amount of time sitting on one. I know now that comfort is worth far more than style, a thought that might have helped Diana, and that Danish pastries, English beer and politics depend on not losing the remote in the cushions.

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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

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

We're interviewing Quiet Corner artist, Lynita Shimizu, in this issue. Her art form is Japanese woodblock printmaking. I first saw Lynita's work at a local show and was captivated by her demonstration of Japanese printmaking and beautiful results.

The prints that you make have a rich history. What can you tell us about it?

I make woodprints using the Japanese technique of woodblock printmaking called, Moku (wood) Hanga (print). This method is the same as that used to make traditional Ukiyoe woodblock prints such as Hokusai's "The Great Wave." Those prints, however, were made by a skilled team consisting of a designer, carver, printer, and publisher. Taking on all of those roles, I carve a block of wood for each color. Next, I then drop a dab of rice starch and pure pigment (mixed with water) onto the carved block. Brushing it until evenly applied, I align paper on the block, and then burnish by hand. The materials and tools for this craft originate from the hands of skilled artisans. From beautiful paper made in the mountains of Japan, to the bamboo sheath wrapped around my hand-held printing disk, this form of printmaking is a non-toxic extension of nature.

What are you working on right now?

I just finished, "Self Portrait During Covid." All of us are doing whatever we can to get through this challenging time

and this print was therapeutic for me. Another way to cope is through humor. I've made over 180 cartoons, "Beaver Ponderings," featuring my silly drawings of beavers superimposed over photos taken around our pond. The humor is about "third grade level," but it keeps me smiling.

What would you consider your most important professional experience(s)?

The most meaningful exhibit in which I participated was at the Kyoto International Woodblock Exhibit in Kyoto, Japan. One of my woodcuts won a prize so I traveled from the US to Japan for the exhibit. On the day of the Opening, I followed the same route I had taken almost 30 years earlier when I walked along the river to go to my teacher's studio. This time, however, my path took me several blocks beyond his home to see my woodblock prints on the walls of the Kyoto Municipal Museum. For me, it was a moment out of a dream.

In 2015 and 2017 I did several printing demonstrations at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts to accompany two special exhibits of traditional woodblock prints. Once again, the experience was more than I ever imagined possible.

Describe your workspace in 10 words or less.

Woodchips. Woodcuts. Beaver Pond View. Sanity space.

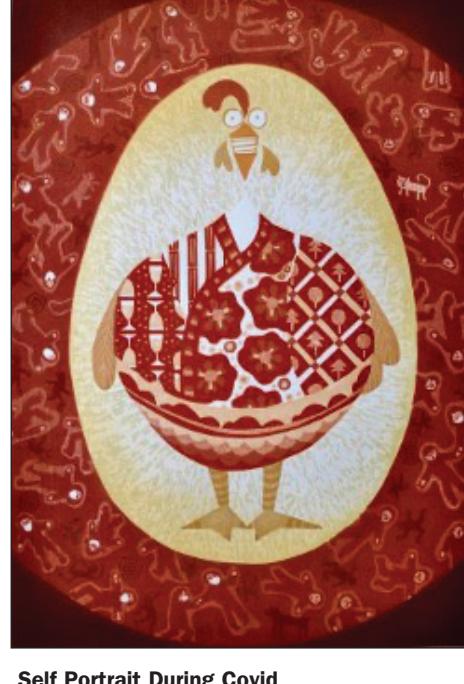
How has Covid-19 affected your business?

I'm treading water while waiting for the vaccine but, of course, continuing to work. Exhibits have gone virtual with few sales. My studio is small, so no "Open Studio" this year.

Where can people see your work?

The majority of my work is sold out of my home studio either during Artists Open Studio or by appointment (except this year). In addition, one or two times a year, I have or participate in exhibits at various venues from libraries to art centers to institutes of higher education. With the exception of Mokuhankan-a woodblock shop in Tokyo-I no longer work with galleries.

To see my work, please visit:



Self Portrait During Covid

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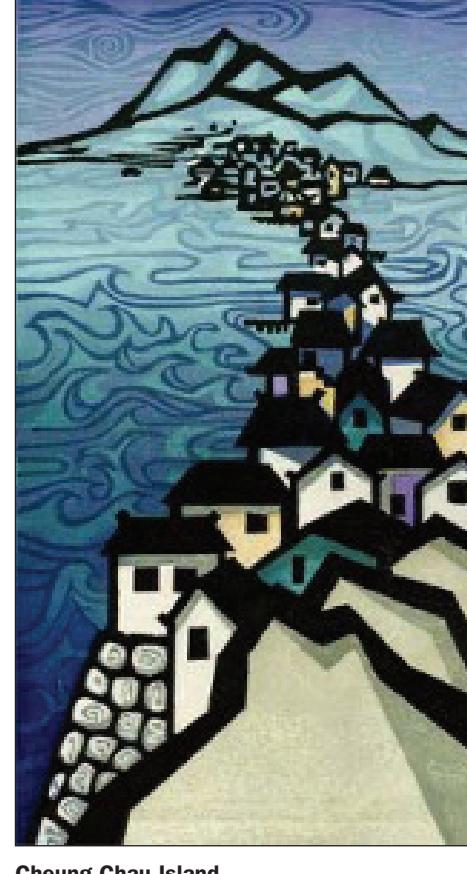
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What is one of your greatest challenges as an artist?

The only limitation of working with mokuhanga is the element of time - never enough. Daily life always gets in the way.

Thank you so much, Lynita. I encourage readers to visit your website—it's like travelling a serene gallery of color, beauty, and a bit of whimsy. This article shows two images from Gallery Favorites at www.shimizuwoodcuts.com

Word of the day: Burnish 1. To make smooth or glossy by rubbing; polish. 2. To rub with a tool that serves especially to smooth or polish. (ref. The Free Dictionary)



Cheung Chau Island

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock, CT) is a nationally recognized framework glass artist. She has exhibited her work and taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications and invitational. Significant projects include the establishment of framework classes at the Brookfield Craft Center and The Corcoran College of Art, guest demonstrator and speaker at the Peabody Essex Museum, textile work for the Santa Fe Opera costume department, featured artist at the Kitrell-Riffkind Art Glass Gallery, and Gallery Shows Chair for the Lowell ISGB conference. Cynthia offers talks and workshops in the Quiet Corner and is adjunct professor of art at a local college.

Holiday antique and auction news

Many holiday related stories have been featured in recent antique and auction news reports. Several Christmas related antiques recently brought strong prices at auction, according to the Antiques and Arts Weekly.



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A "red-robed Santa sitting in the gondola under a wicker dirigible with propellers on the side and holding his bag of toys" sold for \$7,800 at auction in November.

"Santa in red robe riding a white fur nodding reindeer with orange decorative harness" went for \$13,200. "Santa riding a clockwork nodding donkey" with "a feather tree in one hand and the donkey outfitted in a vibrant harness" reached

\$15,600. "Santa on nodding polar bear, 29 inches high with composition feet, hands and head with a mohair beard, the bear covered in rabbit fur" brought \$36,600. Antiques and the Arts reported that the

Santa and polar bear seller is a member of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past Collectors group (goldenglow.org).

A "German composition Santa on sleigh behind six reindeer, all on a wheeled platform measuring 35 inches long" sold for well above the \$1,500 estimate, according to the same Antiques and the Arts Weekly article.

The auctioneer believed that two factors which contributed to strong bidding on this piece were that there were six reindeer, instead of the typical four, and that the reindeer were in different positions, instead of staring straight ahead as is typical. The antique Santa and reindeer toy sold for \$72,000 to a buyer in the United States.

A 46-year-old Army vet and his wife made an important discovery in a drawer of their newly purchased home in South Carolina, according to Fox Business. Fox Business writes that "the two cases (they

found) contained 64 coins in total, including 46 gold \$5 liberty coins and 18 Morgan silver dollars. The Liberty \$5 coins were minted between 1849 and 1907, while the Morgan silver dollar was coined between 1878 and 1904." The estimated value of the coins is \$25,000. Exemplifying the holiday spirit, the couple immediately returned them to the elderly couple who had sold them the house.

KSTP TV reported that the Santa Claus and Rudolph figures from the 1964 "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" TV special recently sold at auction. Prior to the auction, the New York Times reported that the figures were "constructed of wood, felted wool, leather and lead armature" and cost around \$5,000 each to make in 1964. The two figures were expected to sell for between \$150,000 and \$250,000, according to the New York Times article. KSTP reported that "the seller was Peter Lutario, 65, of New York, who told The Associated Press before the auction that he thought he would never part with the dolls but wanted to



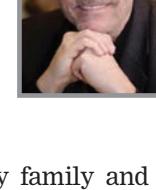
be able to take care of his children and grandchildren with the money." The undisclosed buyer paid \$368,000, well above the estimates. The Lutario family stockings will certainly be stuffed this Christmas.

We are cataloging die-cast toys for an online auction that will end in early 2021. This will be the first of multiple toy auctions. Later auctions will feature rare antique toys from the 19th and 20th centuries. We will also be auctioning hundreds of paintings from the estate of Fay Moore. Moore

is well known for her horse racing and other equestrian paintings. Additional auctions are also being planned. Please sign up for email updates on our website or follow us on Facebook for more information.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://centralmassauctions.com) (508-612-6111) info@centralmas-auctions.com.

Feeling groovy



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The opening lyrics to Simon and Garfunkel's hit song, Feeling Groovy, are "Slow down, you move too fast." Late, I've found this to be sound advice.

Arlene and I built three homes and an office building in our life together. We enjoyed each experience and wouldn't trade the time we spent together in creating these homes and spaces.

Today, I'm sitting in my daughter and son-in-law's kitchen. It's beautiful ... a work of art. The cabinets are white. The light fixtures are large clear globes. The floors are white marble.

As I sit here watching my daughter clean the globes, I said, "Are you sure you want these? They'll be a nightmare to keep clean."

"You say that about everything lately. You walk through our new home pointing out how much work or money it's going to be to maintain," she responded.

I was embarrassed and surprised by my comments, but she's right. I didn't realize how much time and experience has changed me. I don't think I'm being negative, but practical.

In the past, maintenance, whether in time or expense never crossed my mind. We liked what we liked and created our visions of home and workspace together. My daughters' new kitchen is gorgeous, but all I've been seeing is how much

work it will be to keep it clean. When did I change ... and why?

Evolving priorities.

I've decided I only want to spend my time left on earth in four areas.

1. I want to spend more time talking with and listening to God.

2. I want to be with my family and close friends.

3. I want to focus on writing this column and my new books, and,

4. I want to chase Arlene around the house.

Anything else isn't important and takes my time and attention away from what is.

I don't want to clean the house, mow the grass, or shovel the snow. I've spent the last forty plus years maintaining homes and spent the last twenty-six years working in and for an even larger home and forty acres ... and for what? All it did was burn my time, energy, and resources, while keeping me from doing things that are more important and fulfilling. I now have clarity. I see what is important in my life and that's where my focus should be.

Time changes our priorities. I can remember my foolishness in believing

my choices of automobile and size of home was representative of how important I was or how happy I could be. I couldn't have been more wrong. If I could go back and live my life again with my priorities of today, I believe I'd been a better employer, husband, and parent. I believe I'd live life with less stress. Maybe I wouldn't have cancer.

And I've slowed down. Not because of age or health, but because I see life differently. Energy is in shorter supply today and it forces me to think of the most useful way to spend it. And when I'm in a hurry, so much of life passes as a blur. I don't want to miss the important things as they pass. And besides, speeding is getting to the end as fast as you can. The end is not someplace I'm in a hurry to be.

When we are young, we believe we are immortal. The things we have ... time, money, loved ones, a good job, good health ... we assume we'll have forever. Yet in a blink of an eye, one or all of what we have can be gone. As time passes, we learn how fragile life is. It changes our perspective and fine tunes our focus. Time and experience teach us that the possessions in life that we eagerly collect on our search for meaning, are

meaningless.

Legacy.

What will we leave behind? For Arlene and me, it's great children and grandchildren with their priorities in order. Are they all there yet? Of course not. They have not lived enough life yet, but I'm confident the building blocks are there to help them.

For me, I'll leave behind my written words. Some will disappear as wasted gibberish, while others may hang around as useful life lessons. I hope something I've shared will help others live an optimistic and happier life.

And this may surprise you, but I find that I am grateful for cancer. There is nothing like facing the end to sharpen your senses and realize what is important and what is not.

For me, Faith, family (and dear friends), and legacy are what's important. Anything else is a distraction.

Are your priorities in line?

What's important to you?

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Grow frilly, bold and unique amaryllis indoors this winter



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When squirrels are busy storing nuts for winter, it's time for gardeners to start gathering amaryllis bulbs to sustain them through the dreary months ahead. Ordering now will ensure you have lots of choices, so you can select an assortment of different flower styles, colors, and bloom times.

The flowers of double amaryllis are packed full of petals and sure to brighten any day. Double King lives up to its name with three or more layers of brilliant red, velvety petals. Each bulb produces multiple flower stems, so you'll enjoy weeks of blossoms.

Sweet Nymph is another double and its softer coloring is equally beautiful. The flowers feature layers of creamy white petals with coral pink stripes and are sure to add a bit of romantic charm to your winter.

Add some energy to your indoor décor with amaryllis.

lis Dancing Queen (longfield-gardens.com). The bold eight-inch blooms are comprised of layers of ruffled snow-white petals with delicate scarlet-red stripes.

The flowers of Exotic Star have an unusual shape and color that have earned it lots of fans. The asymmetrical petals are parchment-white with narrow, garnet-red stripes and apple green highlights.

Bring in some fresh spring green color with amaryllis Evergreen. Pale chartreuse petals give it a fresh, modern look. Each bulb produces two stems with four to six flowers each. Enjoy them as a living bouquet or cut a few stems to display in a vase.

Grow Ice Queen when looking to add elegance to your winter décor. Its enormous, frosty white flowers have lime green accents and combine nicely with evergreen boughs and holiday decorations. Plant the bulbs by early November to get flowers for the holidays.

Charisma is another variety that blooms in early winter. The two-tone petals have a unique ombre effect. Enjoy the changing colors this variety exhibits as it transforms from bud to fully open flower.

Amaryllis are long lasting cut flowers and the variety Picotee is no exception. Each of its pure white petals are

outlined with a very thin red line. A lime-green center adds freshness. Beautiful displayed in a pot or in a vase.

Rosy Star is another eye-catching amaryllis with snowy white blossoms that are decorated with brush stroke highlights in three shades of pink. The apple green throat adds to this variety's elegance and appeal.

As more people discover the joy of growing amaryllis, flower breeders are busy introducing new cultivars. Gervase is a good example of these exciting new options. Each blossom is a little different, with ruby-red petals adorned with variable stripes and veining. You will have plenty of blooms to enjoy as large bulbs can produce twelve or more spectacular blossoms.

Maximize your enjoyment by growing your amaryllis where you can watch the daily transformation, from the first bud breaking through the soil until the flowers begin to unfurl.

Growing amaryllis indoors will keep you gardening all year round, no matter where you live. You'll enjoy the mood-boosting benefits and stress relief, and the colorful blossoms are sure to brighten your winter days.

Melinda Myers has writ-



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Sweet Nymph double amaryllis has layers of creamy white petals decorated with coral pink stripes.

ten numerous books, tributing editor for Birds & Space Gardening. She hosts "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and con-

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general Welfare of the United States" and to "borrow Money on the credit of the United States." The courts have ruled that the government's power to tax people is neither a violation of the 5th Amendment's protection against being "deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" nor a

violation of the 5th Amendment's prohibition of "private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Therefore, because government has authority to tax you, it is most important that you know what your elected officials propose to do and actually do when it comes to taxing you. There are many ways you are taxed. When you earn money by working, you pay income tax, Medicare tax, and Social Security tax, along with taxes for other

public programs. When you spend the remaining money you get in your paycheck, you pay sales and meal taxes. If you bought a car, you paid a sales tax and then pay an annual excise tax as long as you own it. When you use your car, you pay gas taxes (there are three of them per each gallon of gas in Connecticut). When you have a phone, you pay many taxes (look at your bill to see them all). When you buy a house and the property it is on, you pay taxes and then start to pay property taxes. When you run your house with electricity or natural gas, you pay many taxes. Daily life is full of different taxes you pay.

All of these taxes add up bit by bit incrementally. Whenever government raises taxes, continues taxes scheduled to end, or adds new taxes, the situation is like the fabled frog that is slowly boiled in water. It does not notice the gradual changes that build up until it is too late to take action.

For you, each time you are taxed, you have less of the money you earned and less money you have for things that you need and want. For business owners, taxes take away capital that can be used to create more jobs, to provide raises or more benefits for employees, and to purchase equipment and other services.

Some degree of taxation can serve to provide the core government services we as a society depend upon. But, higher or more taxes, especially if both occur concurrently, can discourage people working, investing, and saving.

It can discourage economic growth, innovation, and development. It is important to note and to remember that a sustainable, healthy way to foster revenue from taxes is by growing the economy and by increasing good jobs for everyone. It is unhealthy to do counter to these things through higher or new taxes.

Here in Connecticut, there were three, huge tax hikes: \$1.8 billion in 2011, \$900 million in 2015, and \$1.7 billion in 2019. The initial Connecticut income tax in 1991 was \$1.1 billion,

which today would be roughly \$2 billion after adjusting for inflation. These tax hikes remain in effect. Tax hikes remain in effect and then are added to in subsequent years, compounding the degree of taxation.

The state debt at the end of 2019 was roughly \$67 billion, which calculated to \$50,700 per taxpayer (you). The state debt was 33 percent of the state's gross domestic product. Numbers for 2020 changed due to federal payments to Connecticut for the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, despite big tax hikes starting in 2011, Connecticut has a budget deficit of roughly \$2 billion for the current fiscal year (that is, spending outpaces revenue by roughly \$2 billion). It is projected that Connecticut faces roughly \$6.5 billion of deficits over the next four fiscal years. Even if Connecticut used its entire \$3 billion rainy day fund, that huge amount of money would not square away the totality of the projected deficits. And, fixed costs and contractual payments continue to increase for state government, worsening the deficit and debt situations.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, looking at 2019 data, Connecticut regained only 86 percent of the 120,300 jobs it lost during the Great Recession, the only New England state not to have recovered all jobs lost. In 2019, Connecticut lost 2,100 jobs. From the end of the Great recession through 2019 (pre-pandemic data), the U.S. economy grew 25.5 percent, while Connecticut grew only 1.1 percent. The numbers for 2020 have varied during the pandemic, but the big job losses in 2020 have not yet been recovered fully as 2020 heads to a close.

Connecticut faced economic and fiscal problems Connecticut before the pandemic hit this year. Now, the headwinds of the pandemic are battering the state. Despite all of this, some elected officials in the state Legislature are calling for more taxes in order to deal with the budget deficits and increased spending proposals.

Many people are asking, "I'm a hard-working person who is trying to feed my family, how can I pay more taxes?" Others are asking, "I'm a hardworking person who is trying to keep my small business afloat and employees with jobs, how can I pay more taxes?" The more taxes you pay, then the less money you have. Money is property. It is your property. It is earned through hard work, entrepreneurial business risk, or wise saving and investment.

Keep your elected officials accountable because it is easy for other people to spend your money. Keep the process of legislating and of running government transparent and accessible. Otherwise, the money you earn will continue to be taken away more and more over time. Before you know it, it will be gone.

JEFFREY A. GORDON, M.D.
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Theatre of Northeastern CT at the Bradley Playhouse awarded \$12,000 grant to help get them through the pandemic

A heartfelt thank you goes out on behalf of all the members and Board of Directors at TNECT!

The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut was selected by Jewett City Savings Bank to receive a \$20,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's Jobs for New England recovery grant program.

"We are especially grateful to Jewett City Savings Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston for recognizing our theatre's invaluable contribution to the local economy and the key role The Bradley Playhouse has in the community. We are thankful for this huge boost during dark days to provide the help we need to move towards a re-opening when the time comes."

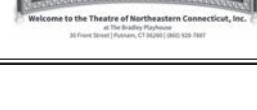
The Jobs for New England Recovery Grant Program was offered by the Federal Home

Loan Bank of Boston to member financial institutions in 2020 to assist small businesses and non-profit organizations that have experienced significant losses due to the pandemic. As a member,



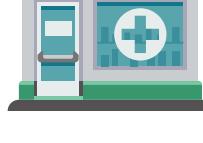
(center) Monique Maldonado, Business Manager of the Theatre of Northeastern CT, with (L) Kevin Merchant, President & CEO, and (R) Michael Alberts, Vice President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer of Jewett City Savings Bank.

Jewett City Savings Bank was able to reserve grant funds for eligible organizations in the Bank's service area. Jewett City Savings Bank focused its support to those organizations that had limited opportunities to participate in other funding sources that became available through the CARES Act and other government programs.



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It happened at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Versailles, France on Dec. 15, 1944. Gen. Omar Bradley who commanded U.S. land forces in the West was desperate for replacements. The U.S. Army had crossed the German border and was making its way through Hürtgen Forest. They were dealing with an average of 2,000 casualties a day, and there were more than 50,000 cases of trench foot. Although Allies had experienced some momentum from their Normandy invasion, the war was taking its toll, and the Allies seemed to be losing steam. Christmas

was only ten days away and bad weather made matters worse. A week later at Bastogne it looked as if the war might be lost. The troops were in desperate need of supplies but airdrops were hindered by the weather.

At this point in the war, Adolf Hitler felt very confident. He had recently survived an assassination attempt at Wolfschanze, and he was convinced that his choices were being guided by God Himself. He was sure that God had saved him so that he could save the German people.

That is when General Patton had an idea. Patton's deputy chief, Colonel Paul Harkins, would later tell about it in his book "War as I Knew It." Harkins relied on Patton's diaries for the details and he records that Patton summoned Chaplain O'Neill into his office and said, "Chaplain, I want you to publish a prayer for good weather." An hour or so later, O'Neill handed Patton a card on which he had written this prayer:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to con-

tend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations.

Patton ordered that 250,000 copies of the prayer be printed and given to every man in the Third Army. And here is how Isbouts records God's answer to this prayer prayed on behalf of His justice.

As the morning of 23 dawns over the men huddling in their snowy foxholes in and around Bastogne, the soldiers look up and see something miraculous. Despite a forecast that has promised more doom and gloom, they find themselves squinting into the sun. The sky above is a vast dome of deep blue that makes the snowy fields around them sparkle like diamonds. Though it is still cold, the men feel the warmth of the sun on their skin, and their spirits rise. Then, at 9:30 a.m., comes the sound that they have longed to hear: the distinctive, deep-throated throb of Pratt

& Whitney engines. A small flight of C-47s, venerable Dakota, appears on the horizon and skims low over the ridges in their final approach to Bastogne.

Bastogne was just one of the many moving pieces connected with the "Battle of the Bulge," which was the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the United States in World War II. It lasted one month, one week and two days and would be the third deadliest campaign in American history. But it would also be another turning point for the Allies. The prayer issued by Patton was one of many prayers God answered as the world was fighting the Third Reich, which was trying to exterminate "undesirables" and establish a master race that would have squelched freedom everywhere. God does not always ensure justice in this life, but if you are in a tough spot, try prayer.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For information on a prayer group that meets in your area or resources on prayer, please visit www.ActsII.org.

Foster Corporation enters partnership with Aran Biomedical

PUTNAM — Foster Corporation, a leader in polymer solutions for medical device and pharmaceutical applications, is excited to announce a new business relationship with Aran Biomedical. Aran, located in Galway, Ireland, is a global leader in biomaterial product solutions for implantable medical devices. Foster will work with Aran to market their ProTEX Med*, a long-term implantable polypropylene.

This new partnership is a perfect complement for both companies. Foster will be able to offer its customers ProTEX Med polypropylene to meet long-term, permanent, implantable needs, while Aran will support the product technically and with regulatory backing. Foster currently provides clean room compounding services to companies that require functionality compounded into permanently implant-

able materials such as biodegradable polymers, PEEK, sulfones, and other thermoplastics.

"We are well connected to companies that use this type of material. We have a great deal of experience working with customers that need implantable polymers through our unique ability to compound and find solutions," said Larry Johnson, Vice President Business Development for Foster. "We have found a great partner in Aran, who wants to augment their marketing efforts for ProTEX Med PP polypropylene, by working with Foster to expand their market reach."

Niall Rooney, Director of Business Development for Aran stated, "ProTEX Med polypropylene is specifically offered as a custom synthesized, permanently implantable polypropylene product. Support for the product includes access to FDA

Master File reference data, certification to technical specifications such as ISO 10993-5 (cytotoxicity - *in vitro* methods), as well as, suitability to long-term clinical implantation supported by data from derived FDA 510(k) cleared surgical mesh."

"Foster is always seeking new implantable polymers," said Johnson. "The permanently implantable polymer market is growing rapidly and continuously needs new products and technologies that enable novel treatments. The expanded presence of Aran's ProTEX Med polypropylene in the marketplace will provide numerous benefits for patients worldwide."

As Foster endeavors to meet the unique needs of their customers, they will continue to focus on expanding their implantable product offering. For more information please visit www.fosterpolymers.com/polymers/protex.

Giving Tree returns to Woodstock Town Hall

WOODSTOCK — First Selectman Jay Swan has announced the Woodstock Town Hall is once again sponsoring the annual Giving Tree to benefit approximately 60 Woodstock senior citizens and veterans in need this holiday season.

The Agent for the Elderly, Recreation Department, and the First Selectman's office have partnered to organize this very necessary project. Citizens interested in helping their neighbors should stop by the Town Hall lobby and select a tag or two. Tags can also be picked up at any of the Woodstock libraries.

Items requested include socks, knit hats, bath towels, washcloths, hand or body lotions, liquid or bar soap, laundry detergent, coffee and tea, puzzle books, toothpaste, shampoo, dish detergent, \$10 Walmart Gift cards, books of stamps, small flashlights, batteries, blankets and other personal care and household items. Bring your unwrapped gift to the town hall or any of the Woodstock libraries.



The deadline for these contributions is Thursday, Dec. 17 so that items can be packaged and delivered in time for the holidays. Questions about this initiative should be directed to the First Selectman's Office at 860-928-0208, ext. 336.

VFW Auxiliary announces kickoff of National Anthem Singing Contest

PUTNAM — VFW Auxiliary Albert J. Breault Post 1523 is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's national anthem singing contest. Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! Local youth ages six to 16 have the opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 national award.

Contestants must submit a video of their solo vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Video

must be saved to a DVD or flash drive or uploaded to an online video platform

(e.g. YouTube or Vimeo) and submitted to a local Auxiliary for judging. The video must be recorded between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Contestants begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to the District competition (if applicable) with District winner advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners advance to the National Auxiliary Program Division competition.

National Auxiliary Program Division winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card. One national winner will be selected from the 10 National Auxiliary Program Division winners and will receive an additional \$1,000 Visa gift card. Winners will be notified the week of Aug. 9, 2021 via the email address provided on the winners' entry form.

The contest is designed to promote patriotism and encourage youth to learn the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" while displaying their creativity and vocal talent.

Contestant entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary Albert J. Breault Post 1523 by March 31, 2021. Interested youth, parents/guardians and teachers should contact Lisa Salisbury at vfwauxiliaryputnamct@gmail.com for more information.

Visit <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities> for eligibility requirements, contest rules and an entry form.

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OBITUARIES

Earle Eugene Long, Jr., 70

Earle Eugene Long, Jr passed away Tuesday November 17, 2020 at the age of 70 at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester after a long two-year battle with cancer. Earle was born November 24, 1949 in Putnam and was the oldest child of Earle E. Long, Sr and Cecile Vezina. He was predeceased by his father Earle E. Long, Sr; two brothers Michael J. Long and Todd E. Long; one stepbrother Emery Richardson; and his wife of 45 years Susanna C (Kanerva) Long.

Earle was a lifelong resident of Killingly and was known as "Butch" to his family. He was a Vietnam veteran and served in the US Army Big Red One 1st Cavalry during the Vietnam War. He was a hard-working man and was a mechanic, truck driver, and a "Jack of all trades". He worked as a cement truck driver for Jolley Concrete, where he was known as "Squirrel", until he retired



in 2018. He was the type of man who would help those who needed his help. In his later life, he took pride in the various flowers he planted throughout his yard. Earle "Butch" is survived by his daughter Karla Long of Central Village; his mother Cecile Barry (Vezina) of Palatka, FL; three sisters Cindy Long of Niantic, Susan Charbonneau of Barnet, VT, and Kathleen Benjid of Salem; his stepmother Gloria (Richardson) Long of Danielson; and two stepbrothers Daniel Richardson of South Killingly and David Richardson of Brooklyn; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, his daughter requests that donations be made to any of these charities for veterans: Gary Sinise Foundation; Homes for Our Troops; Wounded Warriors Project; and Wounded Warriors Family Support. Due to the current situation with the pandemic, a graveside service with full military honors will take place Saturday December 5, 2020 at 11am at South Killingly Cemetery, Danielson. Masks and social distancing will be required. A fellowship dinner will be held later when travel is safe to come and remember the good person that Earle was. tillinghastfh.com

Elaine H. Bernier

Elaine H. Bernier, a lifetime resident of Killingly, CT, passed away November 20, 2020 at Villa Maria Nursing in Plainfield. She is predeceased by her husband Francis, whom she married in 1953 in St. Joseph's Church in Dayville, CT, who died in 2016.

Elaine also leaves her 3 daughters, Sandra Mason and her husband David of Fryeburg, ME; Karen Arremony and her husband Phil of Lisbon, CT; and Linda Bernier of Danielson, CT. She also leaves 5 grandchildren, Ian Arremony; Christin Jagielo and husband Joseph; Lindsey Bauer and husband Brian; Darcy Murphy and husband Matthew; Christopher Mason and wife Bailey, her great grandchildren: Hailey Bauer; Hunter Bauer; Joseph Jagielo; Anna Jagielo; Benjamin Mason; Levi Murphy and Hannah



Murphy.

She was born on June 20, 1934 in Killingly, CT to Antonia H. (Benac) and Romeo J. Beaulac. Elaine graduated in 1952 from Killingly High School. She worked at FW Woolworths and in the Killingly School food service until 1985. She did bookkeeping for her husband's business, Bernier Carpentry, until they retired in 1997. Elaine and Francis enjoyed traveling together and enjoyed going to the casino. Elaine had a proficient green thumb and loved orchids. Elaine also loved to spend time with her family.

Special thanks to the wonderfully caring staff at Villa Maria for her care.

Funeral arrangements will be held privately by the family.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. Share a memory at www.gaganandcostellofh.com

Matthew Herbert Johnson, Jr.

Matthew Herbert Johnson, Jr. of Yarmouth Port, MA and formerly of Weston, CT passed away peacefully Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Born in Plymouth, MA on January 22, 1929 he was the son of Matthew, Sr. and Gertrude and was raised in Pomfret, CT. He graduated from Putnam High School in 1947 where he excelled in all sports

and received a full scholarship to the University of Connecticut. He earned his Master's Degree from Springfield College.

After graduation with a degree in Physical Education, Matt married his high school sweetheart Frances and moved to Westport, CT where he was hired by the YMCA and eventually became the Executive Director for the rest of his career. He was founder and coach for the Staples High School swim team. He spent many years in youth sports and activities in Weston, CT where he and Frances moved in 1959. He was an active member of the Weston Volunteer Fire Department and St. Frances of Assisi Church. Matt was an original member of the Fairfield County Football Official Association and was inducted into the CT Football Officials Hall of Fame. Matt was a member of the

<https://www.ymca.net/>

Matthew Herbert Johnson, Jr.

Matthew J. Kingsbury, 81 of Thompson CT, son of Anna Thibault Kingsbury and William Roy Kingsbury, and born on October 31, 1939 passed away unexpectedly in his home on November 28, 2020. Predeceased by his brothers Alfred Talbot and Robert Kingsbury, he leaves behind his beloved wife of 36

years, Dolores B. Kingsbury. He also leaves behind his sons James, William, and Ronald; his daughters-in-law Gail and Christine; his step-children Lori Butler and her spouse Michael, Bernie Gilbert and his spouse Mary, and Michael Gilbert; his grandchildren Amy Kingsbury and James Kingsbury, Jr., Thomas Kingsbury, Nicole Kingsbury and Michael Kingsbury, Sarah Ginolfi, Matthew Gilbert, and Richard Butler; as well as several great-grandchildren.

Westport, CT and Yarmouth Port, MA Rotary clubs.

Matt and Fran's love of travel brought them around the world but their love was their summer home on Cape Cod. After retirement Matt and Fran volunteered for the Jerusalem YMCA in Israel. His greatest enjoyment were his grandchildren and their multiple activities. He was an avid Red Sox and UConn Husky fan. After losing Frances in 2013, Matt moved permanently to Cape Cod where he continued to play golf, socialize and volunteer.

Besides the love of his life, his wife Frances of 62 years, he was predeceased by his sister Connie and his son-in-law Peter MacLean. Survivors include his daughter Joyce and husband Brian Zukauskas of Fairfield, CT, his son Paul Johnson of Fairfield, CT, his son Peter and his wife Carol of Bethel, CT and his daughter Mary MacLean of South Dennis, MA. Matt also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Erik, Kyle and Karl Zukauskas, Jared Johnson, Kelly and Brooke MacLean and Hilda Johnson who he considered his daughter as well as his in-laws Mary Vandi, Stephen Kacerik and Barbara Ives as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Services will be private but please consider a donation in Matt's name to <https://www.ymca.net/>

William J. Kingsbury, 81

He worked his entire life in the railroad industry as a Railroad Signalman, he owned his own business, Kingsbury Excavating and Septic Service. He was NASCAR official at the New Smyrna speedway in Florida, he was an avid race fan and member of the New England Antique Racing. In his lifetime, he served as a volunteer for the East Thompson Fire Department, was a member of the Policemen's Association, a lifetime member of the Thompson Little League, and a member of the Board of Directors for the East Thompson Cemetery Association. In his later years, he loved to play cards and win at Bingo. He loved Life; Life loved him. He will be sorely missed. Services are private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the East Thompson Cemetery Association, 39 East Thompson Road, Thompson, CT 06277. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

How to support small businesses this holiday season

The holiday season is an important one for small businesses every year, and it figures to take on heightened importance in 2020. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in late 2019 and early 2020 hit small businesses especially hard, with many being forced to close their facilities to customers in an effort to prevent the virus from spreading.

Estimates regarding the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on small businesses varied, but many small business

owners were forced to let go employees as they confronted steep declines in revenue. A ZenBusiness survey of more than 1,000 small business founders, senior managers and decision makers found that 37 percent of small businesses that employ between 11 and 25 people were considering laying off more than one-fifth of their workforce.

As small businesses face difficult challenges, it's no surprise that many consumers want to support locally owned small businesses this

holiday season. Such support not only can help small businesses, but also can help to revitalize local communities.

Shop online. Online shopping has traditionally been dominated by big box retailers. However, many small businesses increased their e-commerce capabilities to generate revenue. Shoppers concerned about shopping in person this holiday season should explore the delivery and curbside pickup options available at locally owned small business-

es. Even businesses that have not traditionally been allowed to deliver, such as breweries and wineries, have been able to do so during the outbreak, giving consumers unlimited online shopping options.

Purchase gift cards. Gift cards take the guess-work out of holiday shopping, and such cards are easily shipped or even emailed to loved ones. That's a significant benefit during the 2020 holiday season, when delivery times are expected to be lengthy. Gift cards

to local businesses simplify holiday shopping, support small businesses and help shoppers avoid potential delivery delays.

Share your experience. Word-of-mouth is vital to small businesses at any time, and can be especially valuable as these companies try to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. Holiday shoppers can share their experiences with local businesses via social media.

Share information about the lengths local small businesses have gone to in regard to safety measures, order fulfillment and their delivery and pickup efforts. Such sharing may compel neighbors and friends to follow your lead and provide vital support to local businesses in need this holiday season.

Small businesses are the backbone of many communities, and the holiday season provides a great opportunity to support such firms as they look to recover from a difficult year.

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Fall Foliage Ride offers a chance for safe fun

POMFRET — Pomfret Horse and Trail's Fall Foliage Ride was a good outlet for those who wanted a safe activity during a pandemic.

On a mild, sunny day in October, 115 riders of all ages enjoyed a seven-mile trail in northern Pomfret. Organizer Sue Jackson said that safety precautions were taken. Horse trailers were parked as far apart as possible in a large field. Masks were required while riders were unmounted. The pizza and deserts normally served for lunch were cancelled, and start times were spaced throughout the morning to keep riders socially

distant. Once on the trail, horses did the rest.

"Riding is a perfect activity during the virus. You have to keep your distance when you're on a horse," said Jackson.

The trail wound through woods and fields on private land, and the clear day offered hilltop views across miles of green and gold foliage. Many of the trails were cleared of trees and low branches by Pomfret Horse and Trail president Penny Foisey and her husband David.

"We had a lot of trees down because of the wind storms this year," said Foisey, "but, most importantly, we are indebted to

*Photo Courtesy
From the left: Nikole Ruddy on Stormy and her daughters Jasmine (age 10) on Laughing and Julia (age 13) on Skippy.*

the landowners who allow us to maintain the trails. They make this ride possible. It is a privilege that we take very seriously."

The ride has been held annually since 2008. Proceeds from the ride are donated to the Wyndham Land Trust, Tyrone Farm, the Connecticut Audubon Society, the Abington 4H Camp, the Last Green Valley, the New England Forestry Foundation, and the Connecticut Horse Council.



Woodstock Dems holding Winter Boot Drive to benefit TEEG and area children

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

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

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

Donors who prefer to contribute

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

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

"WDT's Holiday Winter Boot Drive will make sure that every child who needs warm, winter boots gets them!" Miller said.

"The Democratic Town Committee is pleased to host a community service project in these times of particular health and economic distress," WDT Chair

Charles Super said.

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

Eastern student athlete Benjamin Torre of Brooklyn plays on men's golf team

WILLIMANTIC — Fourteen student athletes competed in the inaugural season of the men's golf team at Eastern Connecticut State University this fall 2020 semester.

Among the student athletes is freshman Benjamin Torre of Brooklyn, who majors in Business Administration.

After a 38-year hiatus, men's golf returned to Eastern this 2020-21 academic year, making it the university's 17th Little East Conference (LEC) championship-eligible sport. The team's home matches are carried out at the Windham Club in North Windham.

A season highlight was the team's October

victory of the 2020 Little East Conference Virtual Men's Golf Invitational, in which all five participating teams played at their respective home courses. Eastern's top four golfers finished a combined six-over-par, yielding a nine-stroke win over runner-up University of Southern Maine.

The team is led by head coach Chris Wojick '11.

"Chris has proven himself to be an exceptional recruiter, and we are anticipating he will help us develop a competitive men's golf program very quickly," said Athletic Director Lori Runksmeier.

For more information, visit the golf team's

website at <https://gowarriorathletics.com/news/2020/10/19/general-freshmen-lewis-dupuis-power-warriors-to-lec-golf-invitation-championship.aspx>.

Eastern offers a broad-based, Division III athletic program aimed at safeguarding the amateur aspects of the various sports and maintaining the proper perspective of athletics within Eastern's academic mission. By placing emphasis on the values of equity, diversity, sportsmanship, health and wellbeing, Eastern's athletic program encourages students to contribute more effectively to our society and live richer, fuller lives.

LEGALS

Public Notice

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Sec.8-3(f). Notice is hereby given that the zoning Official of the Town of Woodstock approved a Zoning Permit to rebuild a single family residence at 39 Walker Lane, Woodstock, Ct. 06281 a.k.a. Assessors Map 6385 Block 39 Lot 14-12. Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Woodstock Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days of the publication of this Notice in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-7 as amended. Contact the Zoning Department at (860)-928-1388 extension 332, for details on filing an appeal with the ZBA. Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 21 day of November, 2020
Eva Spalding, Applicant
December 4, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On November 17, 2020, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent granted wetlands approval for the following applications: #11-20-37 – Colleen Culligan, 245 Rocky Hill Road – 20x20 utility shed with permanent foundation. #11-20-38 – Kenneth & Aubrie Viera, 12 Olde Meadow Road – new SF construction in upland review area. December 4, 2020

Town of Eastford Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Notice of Decision

On November 19, 2020 the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission made the following decision:

- File # 20-013 Gail Hannigan, Map 24, Block 18, Lot 1, Eastford, CT. Replace and repair culvert. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY with conditions.

Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT.

Dated at Eastford this 24th day of November, 2020.

Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
December 4, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON
At the November 10, 2020 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following actions were taken: Application #IWA20011, James Jasmin, 518 Brandy Hill Rd (Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 37) - APPROVED (1) an after-the-fact partial demolition of a retaining wall and its reconstruction and (2) new deck for the home on the Jasmin property and DENIED any portion of the retaining wall and associated fill that does not exist on the Jasmin property; Application #IWA20041, Jerry T. Mileno, 523 & 521 Brandy Hill Rd (Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 4 & 3) – APPROVED the demolition and reconstruction of retaining walls along the shore of Quaddick Reservoir.

George T. O'Neil, Chair
December 4, 2020

Town of Eastford Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Town of Eastford Planning Commission will hold a Hybrid Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the Eastford Town Office Building, Lower Level, located at 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT at 7:00pm and via ZOOM. This hybrid meeting will follow all current CDC Safety Guidelines for COVID 19. Zoom meeting information can be obtained from the Town of Eastford Selectmen's Secretary at 860-974-0133, via email request at landuse@

townofeastford.com, the posted Meeting Agenda or on the Town of Eastford Planning Commission website page at eastfordct.org. This meeting will address the following Application:

SD 20-003 Robert MacFarlane III, 21 Abington Road, Eastford, CT. 3 lot Residential Subdivision.

Copies of this application and related documents are on file and available for review in the Town Clerk's Office located at the Eastford Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT. Application and related documents may also be viewed on the Town of Eastford Planning Commission website page.

All interested parties may appear and be heard either in person or via Zoom. Written correspondence will be accepted via the drop box outside of The Town Office Building at 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT or via mail at Town of Eastford Planning Commission, PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242.

Dated at Eastford this 19th Day of November 2020.
Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
December 4, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On November 19, 2020, Woodstock Planning & Zoning Commission granted the following approval with conditions: #SP640-04-24 ND Swadia, LLC, dba Woodstock Country Store – Special Permit Modification to SP396-98-02 at 1484 Route 171 – Proposed Woodstock Country Store & Gas Station with apartment below. Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, Chair.

December 4, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

Monday, December 14, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

ZBA Application #20-07- David R. Blake of 29 South Shore Rd, property owner of 31 South Shore Road, Map 133, Block 1, Lot 48, Zone RRAD (formerly R20), request for a Variance, 20 foot front setback, to build a residential dwelling.

File may be reviewed online, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals.

Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
December 4, 2020
December 11, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On November 25, 2020, Woodstock Inland Wetlands Agent, T. Lajoie, granted wetlands approval for the following application: #10-20-33 – Scott Szolusha, 53 Laural Hill Drive – Inground pool install in URA.

December 4, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Linda Lee Okerlund (20-00398) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, November 19, 2020 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
David S. Okerlund,
c/o NANCY ELIZABETH FRASER
(attorney for David S. Okerlund),
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COATS

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always been an indoor event was moved outdoors this year. Knights wore face masks and gloves and gave coats to recipients who drove up and stayed in their cars, so personal contact was kept at a minimum. Knights asked for each child's size, then loaded the coats in the trunks of each vehicle.

"Covid-19 was certainly a challenge this year," said Dr. William P. Macnamara III of Brooklyn, who serves as the volunteer Advocate for the Connecticut State Council of the K of C. "We adjusted, kept everybody safe and still helped hundreds of local people. Everybody wins."

In order to find needy recipients, K of C organizers contacted more than 100 schools, churches and social service agencies throughout the county, asking them to invite needy people to come to Friday's distribution event to get children's coats.

"The Knights of Columbus live by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and we demonstrated that today," said Past Grand Knight and Windham County Coats for Kids Director Clifford C. Soucy of Brooklyn, as he helped to pack up moments after the event ended. "It shows what Brother Knights can do when we work together to help people in our community."

Soucy is a member of Mystical Rose Council 49, of Brooklyn. When area Knights decided to hold the second annual regional "Coats for Kids" distribution on the day after Thanksgiving 2014, organizers picked the recreation department's offices on South Main Street, just off Route 6, because it's near a main highway and is centrally located in the region. Because Council 49 is headquartered in Brooklyn, it's co-hosted the annual event with the Brooklyn Recreation Department ever since.

The Plainfield-based Focus on Veterans organization was just one of the social service organizations that received donations. They operate a homeless shelter for veterans, while providing rides to medical appoint-

ments throughout eastern and northwestern Connecticut. Director Richard Conti says the blankets and socks they received from the Knights may seem like a small thing, but having them makes a difference.

"Veterans don't want to get something for nothing," Conti said. "But our guys appreciate what they get. We're very grateful."

Since his death in 2018, the distribution program has been named in memory of the late Brother Knight Richard T. Brophy, an area K of C district deputy who was a devoted supporter of the program.

Councils contributing to and helping Council 49 with the effort included Cargill Council 64 of Putnam, St. James Council 2883 of Danielson, Father William J. Dunn Council 6934 of Ashford and St. Francis of Assisi Council 6999 of Plainfield.

"We're grateful to all the Knights who came out to do this," said Connecticut K of C District 23 Deputy David G. Lamontagne, Sr., who oversees operations for the state council in northern Windham County. "We couldn't do it without the volunteers who put out the effort."

The Brooklyn-based program was similar to other K of C regional new coat distribution programs for children held in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford and Waterbury on the same day. Such distributions have been an annual Black Friday event in Connecticut for several years.

"Coats for Kids" began ten years ago, when the worldwide Knights of Columbus organization recognized the needs of children in the United States and Canada who were living in extreme poverty and started the program. Since 2009, Knights have bought and donated more than 660,000 new coats to needy children in 49 states and all 10 provinces in Canada.

Worldwide, K of C councils provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities to serve the Catholic Church, their communities, their families and young people. In 2019, the almost two million members of the Knights of Columbus donated 187.6 mil-



Photo John D. Ryan — Courtesy

Members of St. Francis of Assisi Council 6999, Knights of Columbus, of Plainfield, (left to right) Grand Knight Eric Encarnation, Past Grand Knight Philip J. Bolduc and Benny Encarnation pose with a rack of new winter coats for children during the 2020 Richard T. Brophy Memorial K of C 'Coats for Kids' program, held outside the Brooklyn Recreation Department's offices on South Main Street on Friday, Nov. 27. They were part of five Windham County K of C councils which bought or collected more than 750 new and used coats, as well as blankets and winter socks, to give to needy, local children and adults on Black Friday. Because of the Coronavirus, what has always been an indoor event was moved outdoors this year. Knights wore face masks and gloves and gave coats to recipients who stayed in their cars.

lion dollars and 77 million hours of service to charitable causes.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven on March 29, 1882, by a parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. Earlier this year, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a child's cure from a deadly case of fetal hydrops while still in his mother's womb as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney. This means Father McGivney was declared "Blessed" by the Roman Catholic Church at an Oct. 31 ceremony at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. A second miracle attributed to his intercession would be needed in order for him to be declared a saint. If he is eventually canonized, Father McGivney would become Connecticut's first Catholic saint and the first American parish priest to be so honored.

Looking at the problems being suf-

fered by immigrant Catholics in and around New Haven in the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus so that Catholic men could continue to practice their faith while supporting each other religiously, morally, socially and financially.

Since then, the organization has grown to become the world's largest Catholic lay organization, a worldwide fraternal benefit society operating in North America, Central America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. In 2005, the Knights of Columbus opened the first councils in Poland. In 2008, after a half-century of persecution, Knights began operating again in Communist Cuba. In 2013, the Knights continued their expansion, moving into Ukraine and Lithuania. The following year the first local councils were founded in South Korea.

GRANTS

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Connecticut was also included on a list of 154 nonprofit organizations awarded a share of \$9 million in grant funding through the state's COVID Relief Fund for the Arts, which is administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). The fund was created to help support art-based nonprofits especially those whose operations have been halted due to the ongoing pandemic.

"Connecticut's arts community provides an incredible

amount of good for our state and supports thousands of jobs," Governor Lamont said in a press release announcing the funding. "Like nearly every segment of our communities, many of nonprofit arts organizations are struggling to recover from its impact. These grants will provide some needed support so that these groups can continue providing the services in our state that on which many depend."

The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut and the Bradley Playhouse was the only local nonprofit named in the list. The organization will receive \$17,800 from the state through the grant program.

VETERAN

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"We missed having the Veterans Day event at the restaurant this year due to COVID-19 but wanted to assist the Post regardless. We hope to be back with the event next year and make it the most successful ever," said Craig Gates.

The Black Dog Restaurant has been hosting the event for Post #13 for more than a decade. The evening, which is one of the Post's largest fundraisers, supports the many charitable and youth programs of the Post, including two \$1000 scholarships, the high school constitutional Oratorical Contest, TriTown American Legion Baseball, Americanism

programs for 5th grade students and assisting a needy veteran's family during the holiday season. The Post is also responsible for the flags that adorn the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge on Pomfret Street and the 'Hometown Hero' banners that are on display throughout town from Labor Day through Veterans Day annually.

"The Post and its membership are thankful to the Gates Group and the Black Dog for finding a way during the coronavirus crisis to continue its support of our programs. We are grateful to Mr. Gates and Mr. Landry for their creativity in providing support to our veterans and their families during these trying times," said Commander

Brian Maynard.

The American Legion was founded in 1919, following the conclusion of World War I. It is founded on 4-Pillars, care and rehabilitation of veterans, supporting our National defense, Americanism and Children and Youth. The Legion prides itself in being the largest veterans' organization in the world with more than two-million members.

On hand for the acceptance of the gift with Commander Maynard were Sr. Vice Commander Michael Vassar, Past Commander Alan Joslin, Executive Committee member Barbara Smith and District #4 commander and Past Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides opportunities in sports, fitness, and nutrition for children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities, is seeking a Director of Development to manage the organization's development, fundraising, and grant writing.

COMPENSATION:

The Director of Development will receive a 15% minimum commission on new donations brought into the organization, with a clear tracking system. At the end of each calendar year, additional compensation may be available, based on the total amount of new funds raised that year. Successful grant applications completed by the Director of Development will also present an opportunity for commission, with the exception of grants that do not support operational costs.

REQUISITES:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Motivated and self-starter.
- Well organized.
- Experience working in the non-profit, foundation, and/or family business sector.
- Fundraising experience.
- Annual/capital campaign experience.
- Grant writing experience.
- Experience with fundraising/donor software (i.e. Donor Perfect, GiftWorks).
- Proficiency in Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend Board of Directors meetings; bi-monthly.
- Manage and expand fundraising in conjunction with the Executive Committee including but not limited to annual appeals, capital campaigns, grant writing, bequests, creation of additional income streams.
- Participate in all NOW events whenever possible.
- Communicate professionally via email, fax, phone, text and website.
- Act as an advocate for NOW's mission and values.
- Solicit help, advice and guidance from the NOW Board and members.
- Build and maintain relationships that exemplify tact and a high level of diplomacy.
- Comply with periodic background checks.
- All other duties as may be required from time to time.

PREFERENCES:

- A minimum of a 2-year college degree; 4-year college degree.
- Familiarity with the business & philanthropic community of Northeast Connecticut.
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A recent survey from Intuit Mint Life found that, in 2019, 59 percent of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck and 65 percent didn't know how much they were spending on a monthly basis. The situation is similar in Canada, where the annual BDO Canada Affordability Index indicates 53 percent of Canadians are living paycheck to paycheck and 25 percent say their debt load is overwhelming.

Saving is a vital component of financial planning. However, more than half of Americans are saving too little and do not have an accurate grasp of their spending habits.

While there's no magic formula to save money, and the amount of money one should save each month depends on how he or she wants to live now and in the future, a handful of strategies can help people save more

money each year.

- Follow the 50/30/20 rule. The popular 50/30/20 rule advocates for allocating 50 percent of your budget to essentials like rent, food and housing, 30 percent for discretionary spending and 20 percent for savings. Many people cannot save 20 percent of their income. In such instances, people can make a concerted effort to save 10 percent of their take-home pay.

• Build an emergency fund. The credit reporting agency Experian recommends consumers keep between three and six months' worth of expen-

ses in an emergency fund. The fund should cover expenses on the absolute necessities paid each month, like utilities rent/mortgage and groceries.

- Set goals. Savings goals can help a person stay on track and provide motivation to put money away. Establish separate savings accounts for each goal to reduce the temptation to spend. For example, if the goal is to save more for vacations, then a person can open an account where funds are used exclusively for vacations.

• Automate with your employers' help. Certain employers allow workers to

direct deposit a paycheck into more than one bank account. It's easy to request the payroll manager put 10 percent or 20 percent of a paycheck into a savings account while the remainder is deposited into a checking account. Automated deposits can help individuals get accustomed to living on less.

Saving money isn't always easy, but with goals and certain strategies in mind, it's possible for individuals to grow their savings and secure their financial futures.

PINK PATCH

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proceeds from the Pink Patch Project will go toward the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH which provides financial assistance for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to obtain needed medical attention.

"We are extremely grateful to the Putnam Police for choosing us as their beneficiary for this year's Pink Patch Project," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "It's especially gratifying to see this kind of support in what we

know are challenging times for everyone. This generous donation will further our commitment to caring for those in our community diagnosed with cancer and underscores the strength of our partnership with our local law enforcement and the value of collaboration. With a combined effort, we are able to increase breast cancer awareness and get the word out about the importance of prevention and early detection to more people.

We also recognize and celebrate our officers for their heroic efforts in keeping our region safe every day, especially this year, as they continue to serve on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic."

To learn more about the Northeast Connecticut Cancer

Fund of DKH, visit www.daykimball.org/nectcancerfund.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

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

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