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To celebrate Killingly High School's 145th commencement, the school hosted a graduation parade on June 19.

Killingly celebrates Class of 2020 with graduation parade



BY REBECCA RAMSEY
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KILLINGLY — To celebrate Killingly High School's 145th commencement, the school hosted a graduation parade on June 19. Beginning at 3:15 p.m. at Killingly Intermediate School, vehicles carrying graduates began heading toward

the high school, going south on Upper Maple to Route 6 and North on Route 12 through Danielson.

Cars were decorated with balloons, confetti, signs, and flags. Graduates waved out of windows and sunroofs as the parade, escorted by fire trucks, moved throughout the town. Local businesses and family

members crowded both sides of the street, cheering for the passing procession.

Upon arriving at Killingly High School, the graduates exited their vehicles to walk down a short red carpet where Principal Elise Guari presented to them their diplomas.

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Jim Yaworski retires from Dr. Helen Baldwin School

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CANTERBURY — Jim Yaworski has invested 50 years of his life into Dr. Helen Baldwin School as a student, a teacher, and a coach. As a student, Yaworski attended from kindergarten through eighth grade. By the time he was in his late teens, he had already coached several youth baseball teams.

Yaworski mentioned two significant reasons why he chose to become a teacher. One was that he already had experience as a coach and had thoroughly enjoyed it. Another was the encouragement he received from John DeStafano, a principal at Huntington School in Norwich. Yaworski has fond memories of the time he spent with DeStafano and DeStefano's three sons John, Jerry, and Jeff as they played sports together in Canterbury.

"As I was around Mr. DeStefano, I saw he believed in many of the same principles as I did," said Yaworski. "These



Jim Yaworski

included hard work, being supportive of others, being honest, and being highly competitive in order to try and be the best that we could possibly be."

DeStefano became a role model to Yaworski. The positive influence he had on many people's lives through education made Yaworski want the same.

With his decision to become a teacher cemented in his mind, Yaworski attended the University of Connecticut to major in education, pre-k through grade eight. To support his way through college, he continued to work as a custodian and painter for Dr. Helen Baldwin School.

The year following

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Graduates celebrate following Tourtellotte High School's 2020 Commencement ceremony last Friday.

Tourtellotte graduates receive socially distanced sendoff

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NORTH GROSVENORDALE—On Friday, June 12, Tourtellotte Memorial High School hosted an outdoor graduation for their 2020 graduates. Friends and family of the graduates drove into the parking lot behind the school, their

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Owner's dream comes alive at Putnam's Sawmill Pottery

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PUTNAM — "All of them tried to talk me out of it," said Dot Burnworth, owner of Sawmill Pottery on Main Street, Putnam. "They all said it wouldn't last—that this area was not ready for something like what I wanted to offer. I suppose that was all I needed to hear. I was determined to prove them wrong."

Seventeen years ago, Burnworth had a dream to start her own busi-

ness making, selling, and teaching pottery. Burnworth had been doing pottery since 1994, but she had only one year of teaching experience at the Hyde School's Woodstock campus. Still, if her mentor Morty Bachar of Lakeside Pottery could quit his job to start a pottery teaching studio in Stamford (now residing in Delaware), then Burnworth could start her own in her quiet corner of Connecticut.

Despite discouragement from other

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Our community, nation, and world continue to be challenged by COVID-19 and its many repercussions. Even as the State and region take steps to re-open, and life begins to return to some sense of normal, significant disruptions—personal, societal, and economic—remain and will for some time to come. For The Bradley Playhouse, which exists to bring people together and celebrate the human spirit through artistic expression, social distancing requirements have made it impossible for us to open our doors and offer our programming to the community. We have been shuttered and dark since March 12.

We have not been inactive, however. Under the leadership of board members Kris and Barry Brandriff, the Bradley Playhouse Virtual Variety Hour has been broadcast each Friday evening over Facebook Live, and both our artistic and programming committees are hard at work exploring ways to keep the arts available to a hungry public. We are horrified by recent events erupting on the evening news that reveal the inequity of systems and widespread indifference, and this further reinforces the need for conversations about experiences and the sharing of stories that build understanding and empathy. That's what we do best.

Many have reached out to offer support and to inquire about our next steps. Thank you for the community hugs and donations that we have recently received, some from unexpected sources. As to our future, The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut (TNECT) intends to continue to serve the greater-Putnam community for another 27 years and beyond. **To ensure that bright future, the TNECT board of directors met recently and reached the decision to cancel the remainder of our 2020 season.** Health practices, capacity limitations, and public reluctance to gather en masse all reinforce this inescapable conclusion. Safety remains our top priority, both for our patrons and our performers. We are working hard to preserve our resources so that we can resume operation in 2021 and again invite thousands to downtown Putnam and into our beautiful theatre.

While we are resolute in our commitment to the future and to our community, we know that we cannot do it alone. It is an expensive proposition to secure and host programming and build shows that offer the variety, spectacle, and quality that you have come to expect from TNECT and The Bradley Playhouse. It is similarly expensive to operate our theatre space and manage the myriad details that support our good work. Unsurprisingly, our budget has been turned on its head as reve-

nue streams have dried up. Many in our community are feeling the same financial challenges and uncertainties. Rest assured we are working to recover royalties, trim expenses, and secure grants, and we will make good on our promises to ticket and season pass holders so that they are made whole. We invite you to work with us to explore options to donate the value of your tickets, secure a refund, or convert this year's Season/Flex and Laugh Passes into vouchers for the 2021 season (see details below).

The Bradley Playhouse has been a destination and a cultural icon in Putnam for nearly 120 years. The building has survived fires and ceiling failures; it was in operation throughout The Great Depression and when America was at war; and time and time again, with the help of the broader community, it has overcome great obstacles to bounce back and emerge stronger than ever. We are all in this together and we thank you for your support.

On behalf of all in the TNECT family, I thank you for standing with us and for your encouragement as we navigate this pandemic and stage a triumphant return.

Ticket Refund and Exchange Details

TNECT announces the cancellation of all 2020 season programming, including musical concerts and NE Comedy All-Stars events scheduled at The Bradley Playhouse through December 31, 2020. If you hold tickets to any 2020 season show, concert, or comedy night, a representative from TNECT will begin processing refunds immediately. TNECT is committed to honoring the wishes of ticket holders and will work swiftly to process requests.

Holders of individual tickets for 2020 Season Shows, Comedy Nights, and Musical:

TNECT at The Bradley Playhouse will begin to issue refunds to ticket holders. Whenever possible, we will reverse charges on credit card purchases. We will begin this process by first resolving tickets for School of Rock and Mamma Mia, then work through the remaining calendar of events.

If you are inclined to donate the value of your purchased ticket to TNECT and The Bradley Playhouse, please connect with us via email (office@thebradleyplayhouse.org) or by phone (860-928-7887). Please include the name as it appears on your ticket order, the show and performance date of interest, your contact information, and detailed instructions outlining how we should process your request.

**Holders of 2020 Season/
Flex and Laugh Passes:**

TNECT at The Bradley Playhouse will issue any 2020 Season/Flex or Laugh Pass holder a comparable pass good for the 2021 season. Further, we will extend to pass holders the opportunity to select show dates and seating before ticket sales are made available to the general public. The 2021 season, to be announced later this year, will offer one additional show (a total of seven) compared to the 2020 season.

Thank you for helping to make The Bradley Playhouse a perennial fan favorite and the place to see the stars come out in Northeastern Connecticut!

Plainfield Healthcare Center to reopen blood draw services

PLAINFIELD — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) is re-opening its blood draw site at its Plainfield Healthcare Center, located at 12 Lathrop Rd. in Plainfield, for patients requiring laboratory and blood draw services.

Effective Monday, June 22, the blood draw site at DKH's Plainfield Healthcare Center will resume to normal business hours, and will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon.

"Day Kimball has been cautiously and safely resuming select services across our locations for the past several weeks," said Dr. John Graham, chief medical officer and vice president of quality and medical affairs, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Now is the time for patients to get caught up on their health, and that includes blood-work and laboratory services. We are pleased to be able to safely offer these services again for people who live in or nearby to Plainfield," he said.

"While patient safety has always been our number one priority, we've taken extra safety precautions to provide the safest care possible during this time," said Graham.

"We will continue to screen people upon arrival, ask them a few health questions and check their temperature, and provide them with a mask. Further, we are continuing to limit visitors with a few exceptions, and maintaining with social distancing protocols. Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout all of our sites," he said.

Other services available at the Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Plainfield have remained open including internal medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatrics.

Patients can access physical, occupational, or speech language therapy services at the DKH Healthcare Center in Danielson, located at 55 Green Hollow Road, and at the DKH Healthcare

Center in Putnam, located at 12 South Main Street. Both locations are open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Patients can access diagnostic imaging services, including x-rays and mammography, at the DKH Healthcare Center in Danielson, also located at 55 Green Hollow Road, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

DKH recommends that anyone who develops a fever, cough or difficulty breathing should contact their primary care provider before visiting any healthcare location.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, the incidence of COVID-19 in Windham County has been the lowest in Connecticut, with only five hospitalizations at Day Kimball Hospital. For more information and guidelines about returning to care at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit daykimball.org/return-to-care.

For more information about Day Kimball Healthcare's physical medicine services and locations visit www.daykimball.org/physicalmedicine. To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare's diagnostic and blood draw services visit www.daykimball.org/diagnostics.

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.

SNHU announces Winter 2020 President's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2020 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Ariana Koivisto of Brooklyn
Savanah Kyllonen of Brooklyn
Hayley Schnatter of Danielson
Amanda Bongoslofski of Thompson
Spencer Kalafus of Pomfret Center
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 87-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers over 300 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

POLICE LOGS

Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reported the following arrests over the past week.

Alysia Langworthy, age 33, of Plainfield was arrested on June 20 for Assaulting Emergency Medical Personnel and Disorderly Conduct.

Jessica Parker, age 42, of Ashford was arrested on June 21 for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.



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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of June 15: Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Hermit Thrush, Veery, Wood Thrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Willow Flycatcher, Bobolink, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Orchard Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Louisiana Waterthrush, Cedar Waxwing, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Ovenbird, Song Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.

DANIELSON VETERANS COFFEEHOUSE IS REOPENING

When: JUNE 30, 9:00 am for **VETERANS ONLY**

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church, Danielson, OUTSIDE in the Picnic Area.

Refreshments: Limited food, water & iced tea will be provided, veterans should bring their own coffee.

Rules: All must wear a mask and bring a chair to sit on. Please do not attend if you are not well as temperatures will be taken and you will be asked to leave.

Weather Cancellation: Announced the day before on WINY & our Facebook page

*There will be no speaker at this initial reopening,
and we hope see many of our fellow veterans.*



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Local Eastern students make Spring 2020 Dean’s List

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester.

Jason Beauregard is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Criminology.

Jaycen Bizzle is a full-time student from Dayville who majors in Secondary Education and English.

Victoria Bryer is a full-time student from Dayville who majors in Criminology.

Ethan Canova is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Business Administration.

Zachary Capron is a full-time student from Dayville who majors in Criminology.

Maxwell Chace is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in English.

James Christopher is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in English.

Noelle Ciccarelli is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Psychology.

Analia Correa is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Spanish.

Mia D’Amico is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in English.

Caitlyn Eldridge is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Early Childhood Education and History.

Jacquelyn Gendreau is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Art.

Morgan Harriott is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Health Sciences.

Molly Hayes is a full-time student from Dayville who majors in Sociology.

Felicia Horne is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Early Childhood Education and English.

Aaron Jocson is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in New Media Studies.

Margalit Kaufman is a full-time student from Woodstock Valley who majors in Biology.

Mikko Koivisto is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Biology.

Danielle Laurito is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

Olivia Majek is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

Timothy Matson is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Computer Science.

Paige Norgren is a full-time student from East Killingly who majors in Biology.

Thomas Plitsas is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Art.

Marissa Poulin is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Biology.

Emily Rainville is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Elementary Education and English.

Aboyowa Rone is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Finance.

Ivy Roy is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Art.

Cameron Schultz is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Communication.

Madison Skellett is a full-time student from Brooklyn who majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

Camryn Soler is a full-time student from Dayville who majors in Psychology and Criminology.

Ashley Spalty is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Criminology.

Vanessa Streb is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Biology.

Chace Wood is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Physical Education.

Larda Yottivong is a full-time student from Danielson who majors in Psychology.

Ethan Berriault is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in History.

Hannah Bowen is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in English.

Zachary Cutler is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in Health Sciences.

Angelica Desrosiers is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in Early Childhood Education and English.

Kaitlin Fafard is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in Liberal Studies.

Sarah Langlois is a full-time student from Quinebaug who majors in Psychology.

Kristen Moseley is a full-time student from Plainfield who majors in Elementary Education and Communication.

Haley Russo is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in Health Sciences.

Hanna Russo is a full-time student from Putnam who majors in Social Work.

Laura Leeza Ching is a part-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Computer Science.

Grace Borski is a full-time student from Thompson who majors in Secondary Education and Exploratory Education.

Nickolas Graham is a full-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Business Administration.

Elizabeth Jourdan is a full-time student from Thompson who majors in Communication.

Sarah Langlois is a full-time student from Quinebaug who majors in Psychology.

Cecilia LeBlanc is a full-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Early Childhood Education and Art.

Alex Rooney is a full-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Accounting.

Danica Seney is a full-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Business Administration.

Joslyn Tellier is a full-time student from North Grosvenordale who majors in Psychology.

Allyson Vandt is a full-time student from Thompson who majors in Social Work.

To qualify for Dean’s List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses during the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they’ve accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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Sheridan Hogan of Danielson named to Clemson University President’s List

CLEMSON, S.C. — Sheridan Kathleen Hogan of Danielson has been named to the President’s List at Clemson University.

Hogan, whose major is Biochemistry, made the President’s List for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK – Woodstock Academy has released its final honor roll for the 2019-2020 academic year.

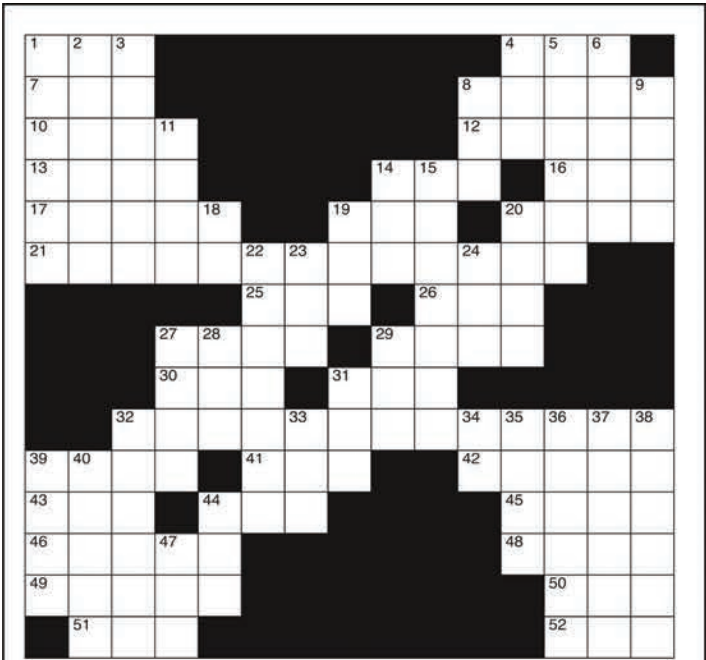
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Grade 11: Alexia Adams, Emily Anderson, Livia Armstrong, Ethan Aspiras, Emma Auker, Iris Bazinet, Sierra Bedard, Kathleen Ben, Tabitha Bezanson, Liam Blanchflower, Ethan Bove, Matthew Brady, Katelin Briere, Logan Brock, Jacob Brown, Rachel Canedy, Riley Chapuis, Suyeong Choi, Nickolas Chubbuck, Camille Corrado, Sara Cotillo Soria, Sydney Cournoyer, Cody Currie, Emma Curtis, Hannah Darigan, Julia Dearborn, Stella DiPippo, Zhiyan Du, Jocelyn Foisey, Kileigh Gagnon, Zipeng Gao, William Gaug, Gabriel Geyer, Grace Gronski, Colby Groves, Giana Guida, Yago Herrera Moreno de Acevedo, Emma Hovestadt, Andrew Johnson, Noah Keaten, Dominick Kollbeck, Brynn Kusnarowis, Kaily LaChapelle, Caitlin LeSage, Mackenzie Leveille, Aochen Li, Skyla Lindell, Hanna Longwell, Angela Lu, Ciara MacKinnon, Avery MacNeil, Harriet Majek, Nathaniel Majewski, Marco Maluf, Samuel Massey, Sophia Mawson, Emily McClure, Carly Millette, Bailey Mitchell, Salwa Navede, Nikita Nezhin, Jacob Niemiec, Giovanni Nuccio, Ashley Nunes, Meaghan O'Brien, Molly O'Connor, Avery Pajak, John Peabody, Violet Pietrowski, Megan

Preston, Isabella Price, Maxwell Racicot, Owen Ritzau, Elijah Saine, Noah Salsich, Maria Santucci, Chayton Scheuritzel, Adam Schimmelpfennig, Heather Schofield, Madeline Silbermann, Suzanne Silbermann, Clayton Singleton, Emily Skellett, Katinka Sule, Maya Symington-St. John, Sarah Tavares, Mallory Tyimok, Alexandra Vaida, Rockwell Valentine, Allison Wall, Yunqing Wang, Eli Werstler, Caroline Wilcox, Alexander Williams, Wesley Woronecki
Grade 10: Jai Abrams, Amber Ahearn, Claire Anderson, Lindsey Arends, John Armstrong, Annarose Avery, Sasha Becker, Samantha Bellantone, Alison Benoit, Morgan Bentley, Aurissa Boardman, Carleigh Boisvert, Elaina Borski, Zoe Botta, Jacob Boynton, Kyle Brennan, Nathan Butler, Ethan Campbell, Paige Campbell, Leah Castle, Murphy Chace, Jordan Chiles, Ava Coutu, Nicholas Dahl, Kaitlyn Dalbec, Ella Davis, Alivia Dean, Henry Driscoll, Emmaline Ebbeling, Margaret Ebbeling, Julia Ezzell, Alexa Fernandez, Victoria Garcia, Nathan Gaug, Olivia Grant, Madelyn Groves, Liam Hagan, Samuel Hagan, Emma Heimgartner, Sergio Herrera Moreno de Acevedo, Brendan Hill, Ian Hoffman, Lauren Johnston Medeiros, Ashley Kasacek, Anna Kellermann, Hannah Kim, Cassandra Klingensmith, Keenan LaMontagne, Thai Le, Kan Lin, Elizabeth Lovrien, Sarah Lucas, Madison Malboeuf, Jillian Marcotte, Sofia Murray, Tam Nguyen, Euijong Noh, Marissa O'Sullivan, Ryan Odorski, Savannah Olson, Dhruvi Patel, Tegan Perry, John Pokorny, Hans Rhyndhart, Zachary Roethlein, Mia Ruggeri, Braiden Saucier, Julia Scandalito, Jordan Sienna, Eliza Simpson, Adeline Smith, Conor Stewart, Jonathan Surowaniec, Javier Taberna, Thao To, Vincent Tocci, Ainslie Tschamler, Ainsley Viano, Norman Warcholik, Tyler Warren, Grayson Webber, Han Zheng
Grade 9: Charlotte Adase, Brooke Arpin, Riley Balanovich, Ava Basak, Emma Blanchette, Kayanna Bourassa, Carah Bruce, Lauren Brule, Sophia Bulan, Italia Burgio, Delaney Canty, Tate Chavez, Alexandra Cloutier, Gabrielle Couture, Ethan Craig, Shannon Cunniff, Amanda Currie, Alexis Danila, Taylor Danner, Carolina DaSilva, Kirsten Dorsey, Connor Dunkley, Lennon Favreau, Louella Flanagan, Katie Fortin, Jackson Gallagher, Jaydon Gormley, Kylie Gregory, Collin Hamilton, Magnolia Hart, Cameron Heath, Carl Huber, Aleena Jafar-DeCesare, Brian Jameson, Olivia Jendrewski, Hannah Johnson, Nathan Joseph, Mario Kasneci, Samuel Kim, Emma Korsu, Evan LaBounty, Annika LeBoeuf, Curtis Lefebvre, Joanna Lin, Xiaohan Lin, Alexis Lisee, Rori Mackenzie, Leila MacKinnon, Thy Mai, Madison Martinez, Olivia Mawson, Carter Mayo, Dylan Mayo,

Makala McDermott, Camden Meyer, Bryn Miller, Nicholas Montanez, Elizabeth Morgis, Abigail Morin, Abigail Morse, Ella Musumeci, Magdalena Myslenski, Matthew Myslenski, Angela Newell, Cormac Nielsen, Ellie Nunes, Paige Owens, Noah Page, Long Pham, Jillian Plouffe, Ethan Pokorny, Sophia Quinn, Wyatt Robbie, Natalie Romano, Aubrey Rumrill, Adele Schmidt, Lillian Sharpe, Caira Stevens, Concetta Sumner, Linzhuoran Sun, Xin Sun, Allison Surprenant, Camilla Tahirova, Owen Tracy, Paige Veilleux-Catlin, Ze Wang, Matthew Wasielewski, Bella Webb, Zimo Zheng
Honors
Grade 12: Emily Arters, Paige Audet, Mackenzie Barrows, Sabrina Bastien, Annabelle Bastura, Nathan Becher, Corinna Benoit, Zachary Bertram, Elise Boisvert, Reid Butler, Jackson Chambers, Jonathan Chan, Mikayla Corriveau, Chandler Creedon, Shawna Cudworth, Talia Dazy, Jorge Diaz, Anya Farutin, David Fleck, Annafabia Gai, Marie Gravier, Yifan Gu, Elliot Hellwig, Kathrine Ionkin, Marlene Ishimwe, Alexander Jezerski, Josephina Keith, Lauren King, Abigail Kruger, Matthew LaBounty, Abigail LeBlanc, Victoria Lenotti, Yi Liu, Dung Boi Ly, Justin Marcotte, Jocelyn Mayotte, Aidan McDowell, Luis Miranda, Lucas Moore, Tan Nguyen, Katherine Papp, Julia Schlad, Adam Shinkiewicz, Linda St. Laurent, Grayson Walley, Lanqi Zhang, Junxia Zhou
Grade 11: Brian Antunes, Trey Ayotte, Timothy Billings, Steven Bratu, Kaelyn Bushey, Yuxin Cao, Stefan Chervenkov, Emily Condon, Sydney Couture, Estella Douglas, Oliver Driscoll, Adam Exley, Guerin Favreau, Ashley Guillot, Chelsea Harda, Richard Hickson, Joey Ignacio, Kelsey Kosior, Jadyn LaFlamme, Matthew Marshall, Marissa Mayhew, Lexi McCullough-Murphy, Lucy McDermott, Alina Michalski, Emme Miglietta, Zachary Niemann, Ruben Orozco Vaquero, Lily Patenaude, Alexa Pechie, Payton Peterson, James Phongsa, Connor Quinn, Asier Ruiz Castro, Ida Sanders, Peyton Saracina, Alexa Schimmelpfennig, Liteng Shao, Kyra Shaw, Meghan Slate, Colin Smith, Sybaljan Tahirova, Nicole Terjesen, Lam Thai, Cuong To, Steisi Topalli, Cassidy Walden, Yuhang Yang, Alexis Zagrodny, Hongli Zhang, Jialei Zhang
Grade 10: Liam Bates, Hannah Bell, Alison Bessette, Stella Brin, Dylan Chamberlin, William Chambers, Hannah Clark, Aaliyah Clavell, Ethan Davis, Paula De La Hoz Mendez, River Favreau, Scout Favreau, Atticus Finch, Tomson Flanagan, Shannon Gagnon, Ryan Hanlon, Morgan Hardacker, Sydney Haskins, Grace Herindeen, Caleb Koleszar, Lauren LeDonne, Jonah Libby, Seamus Lippy, Megan Lucier, Hailey McDonald, Brigid McNerney,

Thomas Musumeci, Gianna Nichols, Ian Palmerino, Evan Pimental, Julia Powell, Logan Reynolds, Camila Roman, Tavian Santos, Sydney Schuler, Kadin Shepherd, Jonathan Smith, Jacqueline Trudeau, Camacho Velasco, Kylie Wallace, Dylan Wynkoop, Kamila Wysocki, Yang Ye
Grade 9: Ella Anderson, Kristen Ash, Lilianna Azzolino, Emilia Babbitt, Trey Barrett, Vicente Bastura, Madison Bates, Nicholas Betschmann, Morgan Bonin, Tessa Brown, Summer Chaput, Mateusz Chojnicki, Ivy Dowdle, Baden Eaton, Ethan Ekman, Ella Favreau, Max Ferreira, Alexandra Flint, Grace Gelhaus, Matthew Gouin, Chance Graley, Hadley Grether, Lucas Gustafson, Keira Hawkins, Donovan Joseph, Ava Lanoue, Caitlin LaVallee, Khang Le, Peishi Liu, Sydney Lord, Makayla Mayo, Carter Morissette, John Murray, Brandon Nagle, Elias Newall-Vuillemot, Alyson Niemiec, Lindsay Nuttall, Maya Orbegozo, Mavin Palmerino, Garrett Poitras, Kylie Quercia, Amelia Racicot, Fiona Rigney, Alexa Rock, Lillian Rossi, Natalia Sarette, Jonathan Sebastian, Kenzie Sellers, Davis Simpson, Gianna Smith, Isabella Sorrentino, Isabel Sumner, Adam Thompson, Alexandra Thompson, Alyssa Thompson, Dylan Veilleux, Kylie Wakely, Liam Wilcox, Cameron Wood, Jiaqian Xu, Violet Young, Colin Zavorskas
Recognition
Grade 12: Yiyang Hu, Christian Ignacio, Rebecca Jarvis, Jeffrey Keller, Bryce Lambert, Joshua Lavitt, Mary Lucier, Tri Minh Nguyen, Sonny Nielsen, Quinn Ottillige, Emily Ross, Yahan Wang, Alan Whitehead, Nicholas Zagrodny
Grade 11: Michael Adams, Hunter Anderson, Aden Berthiaume, Rianna Bessios, Cedric Bilica, Kaitlin Birlin, Amanda Bond, Riley Douglas, Eliza Dutson, Adrian Essex, Megan Kelly, Hailey Klar, Amelia Large, Jerry Lin, Antonio Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Jonah McNamara, Gavin Miller, Evan Odorski, Olivia Ott, Arriel Quant, Mengqi Wang, Alex Wojciechowski
Grade 10: Gabrielle Boucher, Walker Dalton, Sage Eno, Zachary Girard, Marrin Gorgone, Matthew Griffin, Emma Hayden, Gwenith Hendrickson, Summer Ko-Szych, Aiden Lisee, Everett Michalski, Isabella Miller, Mary Morin, Shangyou Pan, Oliver Pendleton, David Ramos, Sara Rogerson, Blin Rollins, Christina Skellinger, Christopher Thibault
Grade 9: Aaron Allard, Jillian Anthony, Maxwell Auker, Odin Balgenorth, Brooke Bergevin, Isabelle Bessette, Jade Desmond, Gavin Driscoll, Talia Jessurun, Jacob Jurnovoy, Esmeralda Kasneci, Kaiden Keddy, Jack Marshall, Kaden McCullough-Murphy, Yiming Qiu, Randall Rawcliffe, Noelle Sallum, Quintavanh Sangasy, Mackenzie Starr, Wyatt Thienel, Adrianna Veloce, Nicholas Webster, Patrick Webster, Cooper York



CLUES ACROSS

1. Protects from weather
4. Superhigh frequency
7. Southern constellation
8. Swines
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. United Arab Emirates city
13. Surinam toad
14. Sign language
16. Tattoo (slang)
17. Makes level
19. Sun up in New York
20. It must be scratched
21. Where people live
25. Swiss river
26. Buddy
27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
29. Shrek is one
30. Egyptian unit of weight
31. Fiddler crabs
32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
39. No longer having life
41. Former OSS
42. A way to emit sound
43. Mandela's party
44. Adult female chicken
45. U. of Miami's mascot
46. Southeastern Chinese people
48. Casino game
49. Amos Alonzo __, US football coach
50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
51. Will Ferrell film
52. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Former French coin
5. Some are bad
6. Monetary unit
8. Package (abbr.)
9. Indian religious person
11. Crew
14. Antidiuretic hormone
15. Makeshift
18. Baseball box score stat
19. Make a mistake
20. Not moving
22. Even distribution of weight
23. Clumsy person
24. Paddle
27. Worked the soil
28. Alias
29. Plant cultivated in Peru
31. Side-blotched lizards genus
32. Wild dog
33. Immoral act
34. Pound
35. Manning and Lilly are two
36. Put on the shelf for now
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Cuddle
39. Dashes
40. Related on the mother's side
44. Witch
47. Kilogram force (abbr.)



Putnam Lions award memorial scholarships

PUTNAM — On June 4, Putnam High School staff presented Putnam Lions Memorial Scholarships to Ellie Morissette and Justin St. Martin.

Ms. Morissette maintained a high grade point average while taking AP courses and participating in basketball and volleyball. She served

on the Student Council from 2018 to 2020. Ms. Morissette was also very involved in charitable works and volunteered a great deal of her time. She was the 2020 winner of the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. She also won the Pride of Putnam Award in 2019. Ms. Morissette will be attending the University of Connecticut majoring in Mathematics.

Mr. St. Martin has consistently maintained a high grade point average while participating in basketball, golf, and soccer. He served on the Student Council from 2015 to 2020. He has been an active participant in charitable works, volunteering much of his time. In 2020 he received the Eastern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athlete Award in Basketball, the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar Athlete Award, and the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents Student Leadership Award. Mr. St. Martin will be attending Landmark College majoring in Computer Science.

Both students were also Putnam Lions Club II members. The Putnam Lions were honored to award these scholarships to them.



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Putnam High School salutes Class of 2020

PUTNAM — Putnam High School held a socially distanced graduation ceremony at the middle school athletic field on June 10. The faculty and staff congratulate the following members of the Class of 2020, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Gabriel Alejandro Archeval-Herrera
Samantha L. Baryliski (HH)
Nicademus X. Berrios
Hailey Blanchard
Autumn L. Bocash (H)
Riley J. Carpenter
Matthew Chzaszcz (H)
Tanner S. Clark (HH, NHS)
Haley Paige Cutler (HH, NHS)
Niajah Ann-Marie DeWolfe (H)
Jordan Dolbey
Nathaniel Dolbey (HH)
Paige Marie Dziembowski
John Espinosa
Toni Lee Field
Autumn Rose Fikter (H)
Malaki N. Fitzgerald
Katilynn Marie Flood
Patrick Franks
Jaden R. Garcia
Reece D. Gardiner (H)
Abigayle Elizabeth Gardner (H)
Aldo Gomez
Jillian Rose Gray (HH)
Clara Lorane Greiner
Nicholas A. Hanley
Madison Dee Hayes
Kyle Haynes (H)
Zoe Christine Hetrick (HH, NHS)
Samantha S. Huff (H)
Michael Alexander Ionkin (H)
Jeremy E. Irizarry
Ezaviar Armando Key
Azalei Savannah LaBonte (H)
Emily P. Langlois (H)

Alexandria V. Lawson (HH)
Kayleigh Renae Lyons (H, NHS)
Daytona S. MacDonald (H)
Jordan Marks
Molly Kate McKeon (HH, NHS)
Steven T. Merritt (HH)
Ryan Metivier
Jade A. Montpelier
Janete Morente-Uz (HH, NHS)
Ellie Alexandra Morissette (HH, NHS)
Anthony D. Navedo (H, NHS)
Alyiahmary Negrón Encarnación
Charlotte Rose Nichols (HH)

Nicholas J. Perreault
Edward Glenn Perry Jr. (H)
Jordyn Poole (HH)
Andrea Yuliza Prochowski (H)
Alison Racicot
Hunter David Roberts (HH)
Michael Rosario
Hannah O. Smith (HH, NHS)
Justin Michael St. Martin (HH, NHS)
Jenna N. Stebbins
Jacob Tatro (H)
Melayna B. Titchen (H)
Noah Tomkins (HH, NHS)

Valedictorian: Molly Kate McKeon

(H) = Cumulative average of 85 percent and above

Valedictorian: Ellie Alexandra Morissette

(HH) = Cumulative average of 90 percent and above

(NHS) = National Honor Society



Matthew Chzaszcz

Photos Courtesy



Valedictorian Molly McKeon



Valedictorian Ellie Morissette



Hunter Roberts



Justin St. Martin



Melayna Titchen



John Espinosa

Matthew Walker of Thompson graduates from Lasell University

NEWTON, Mass. — Matthew Walker, a resident of Thompson graduated from Lasell University.

Walker received their BS in Sport Management after completing graduation requirements on May 11.

Lasell University's Class of 2020 will be honored in person when restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the University congratulates them on this incredible achievement!

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

Worcester State University announces spring Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Worcester State University.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE: Jaylyn D Armstrong, Lauren M Ramos

POMFRET CENTER: Zach Smith, Victoria E Weaver, Mikayla D Wilcox

PUTNAM: Jane Vongvirath

THOMPSON: Victoria J Babcock, Emma K Boisvert, Paige M Boisvert

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Spring 2020 Dean’s List

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents were among 1,749 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2020 semester.

Jake Barefoot of Woodstock Valley is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in electrical and computer engineering.

Thomas Nurse of Brooklyn is a member of the class of 2022 majoring in robotics engineering, and electrical and computer engineering.

Michaela Johnson of Quinebaug is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in chemical engineering.

Jake Sullivan of North Grosvenordale is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in

aerospace engineering.

The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a

level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized

by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

URI students named to Spring 2020 Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2020 Dean’s List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

The following students from your area were named to the Dean’s List:

Moranda Chapman of Brooklyn

Ryan Humphreys of Brooklyn

Jenna Mccauley of Danielson

Holden Pimental of Brooklyn

Megan Dotzenrod of Thompson

Rebecca Douglas of Thompson

Cody Kwasniewski of Thompson

Ivan Asikaninen of Eastford

Spencer Collins of Woodstock

Ethan Hellwig of Woodstock

Jenna Mccauley of Danielson

Hope McKinney of Pomfret

Center

Grace McWilliam of Woodstock

Rose Wood of Pomfret Center

The University of Rhode Island’s pioneering research extends the University’s influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,852 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment. In May 2020, more than 3,500 undergraduate and about 700 graduate degrees were awarded. The University now has more than 120,000 alumni worldwide.

University of New Hampshire announces Dean’s List

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester.

Cassandra Sleboda of Danielson for earning High Honors. Sleboda is majoring in Animal Science.

Katherine Dalimonte of Pomfret Center for earning Highest Honors. Dalimonte is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Emily Lengyel of Pomfret Center for earning Highest Honors. Lengyel is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Haley Armstrong of Woodstock for earning High Honors. Armstrong is majoring in Social Work.

Leah Randolph of Woodstock for earning High Honors. Randolph is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Nathan John of Woodstock for earning High Honors. John is majoring in Analytics & Data Sci:Data Sci.

Brooklynn Saracina of Woodstock for earning High Honors. Saracina is majoring in BusAdm:Accounting.

Lauren Carita of Putnam for earning Honors. Carita is majoring in Environ Conservation&Sustain.

Madison Clifford of Putnam for earning High Honors. Clifford is majoring in Animal Science.

Kira Horan of Putnam for earning Highest Honors. Horan is majoring in Homeland Security.

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research university that inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, engineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study. UNH’s research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

Springfield College recognizes Dean’s List students for 2020 Spring Semester

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students for the 2020 Spring Semester.

Springfield College has named Haley Fettig from Thompson to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Fettig is studying Health Science and Pre-Physical Therapy.

Springfield College has named Sidney Ratliff from North Grosvenordale to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Ratliff is studying Mathematics.

Springfield College has named Derek Griffiths from Killingly to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Griffiths is studying Sport Management.

Springfield College has

named Luke Bourque from Pomfret Center to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Bourque is studying Health Science.

Springfield College has named Arielle Johnson from Pomfret Center to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Johnson is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Springfield College has named Jordyn Staveski from Woodstock to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Staveski is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Springfield College has named Chelsey Castle from Pomfret Center to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2020 spring semester. Castle is studying Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

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Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

Local students receive degrees from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Cooper Mayo, of Dayville graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Kyle Wigmore of Woodstock with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Western New England University in May 2020.

Mayo was among over 950 students who received degrees from 25 states and six countries. The top five fields of study were Mechanical Engineering,

Criminal Justice, Sport Management, Psychology and Accounting.

A Salute to Undergraduate students of the class of 2020 featuring a driving parade of the Western New England community, conferral of degrees, memories of the journey, and a live chat can be viewed here (<https://youtu.be/ruftr3pw1o>).

A Salute to Doctoral, MMaster’s, Law, Pharmacy, and Occupational

Therapy students of the class of 2020 can be viewed here (<https://youtu.be/XqJt1bKKjcY>).

All Class of 2020 students will be warmly welcomed back to campus for a traditional ceremony when it is safe to do so.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attrac-

tive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

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Strength through survival

While our current economy hasn't quite dipped to the level it did during the Great Depression, the inevitable comparisons have been a dominant topic of discussion since COVID-19 put a halting stop to our economy.

To date, the Great Depression was the worst economic decline in modern times. A hard jump from the 'Roaring Twenties,' when Americans were enjoying a robust economy with more time to spend and recreate.

After the stock market crash in 1929, those who were still employed saw a decrease in pay of roughly 40 percent. This included doctors and other affluent career paths. One quarter of the population remained without a living wage. With that said, the typical American had to adapt to a new way of life that included a level of scrimping and saving never seen before.

Homemakers, which were primarily women back then, were shown how to make due with what they had in the kitchen. Meals were stretched as far as possible. To do so people learned to enjoy more casseroles including macaroni and cheese, chili, Mulligan stew (a mix of anything available), bologna casserole, and a 'poorman's meal' (fried potato with diced hot dogs). Another go to was 'hot water pie' which was made up from simple ingredients such as butter, vanilla, sugar and flour. Potluck gatherings were also a cheap way for people to come together and socialize. Thrift gardens popped up in vacant lots across the country where community members could grow food, feeding thousands.

Movie theaters were a major source of entertainment during the years leading up to the Depression. After the economy bottomed out, people had to find other, cheaper forms of leisure. One third of the cinemas in the country were shuttered. Miniature golf courses charged people no more than 50 cents per round, making the low-key game another popular thing to do. With that said, board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly became all the rage. People were also tuning into the radio for comedy shows and other dramas.

More women became employed to supplement lost income, despite the fact that they were paid significantly less than men. Government help was also more socially acceptable after President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced his New Deal initiative aimed at putting Americans back to work building infrastructure, such as the interstate highway system, that provided increased mobility not only for civilian traffic, but for the military and law enforcement as well. Before the Depression, those receiving welfare had their names listed in local newspapers, which was a deterrent for many to accept government assistance.

Men grew insecure after not being able to provide for their families, which caused an uptick in suicide. Divorce rates were low because couples could not afford to separate, and though many couples did decide to split, others were inspired to work through their issues and emerge on the other side stronger than before.

Traveling hobos became very common for teenagers who sought work to help their families on the road. Violent crimes did increase, however fell after a few years.

While things have not reached a point nearly that low in our contemporary society (and hopefully won't), this situation has forced Americans to adjust their way of life, just as our forebears in the '30s did. And just as it did for them, that course correction may make us stronger.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Masks for CT giveaway

To the Editor:
I would like to commend and thank everyone responsible for the free Masks for CT giveaway held at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 26; that was the ideal place to hold this.

The day was beautiful, and all the volunteers were friendly and very well organized. Everything was done in an orderly manner, and the lines moved right along; no big back-

ups at all.
During this time of great turmoil in our country, maybe the government should take a look at how smoothly things can run when everyone cares, gets along, and all work as a team.

Stay safe!
Wear a mask!

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Why words matter

To the Editor:
A black NFL player (Colin Kaepernick) took a knee during the national anthem to call attention to police brutality and racial inequity. Rather than standing by the first amendment rights of Kaepernick and other NFL players to peacefully protest the systematic murder of black men in America, Mr. Trump chose to add fuel to the fire. With seething vitriol and hatred in his voice he riled up his white supremacist base while ordering the NFL owners to "fire the sons of bitches!" Incapable of showing empathy or leadership, Trump continued to divide rather than unite the country, using racist innuendo in the guise of "patriotism". It didn't take long for the Trump zombie followers to join his well-orchestrated fray, accusing the protesters and Black Lives Matter movement of being unpatriotic and anti-police. Shortly there-after, a little girl in a classroom informed her teacher that "blue lives matter and black people wouldn't be getting shot if they weren't doing something wrong".

The words and actions of the President of the United States should matter. They should not be taken lightly. After all, the rest of the world is watching us. I have never been more ashamed to be an American. Trump has failed to show true leadership during every crisis we have faced since he occupied the Whitehouse. Rather than manning up for the sake of unity he chooses division at every opportunity. His tweets have become

the secret code, giving a green light to white supremacists and an over-militarized police force to carry out the systemic oppression and murders of African Americans, Hispanics and immigrants. And until recently, no one in social media has had the guts to hold the president accountable for his words and actions.

How is it that an American president is allowed to flagrantly incite violence and division without any accountability? His divisive words and actions are acts of treason. History might in fact put Trump in the same coffin as Benedict Arnold. His recent tweets to "Liberate Michigan" and other states insinuated that the white militia and protestors who stormed the State office with assault rifles and other guns had a right to take over the government because their "second amendment rights were under siege". This was a group of entitled white people whining about having to wear a mask and wanting a haircut during a global pandemic!

Yet when protestors took to the streets after the most recent police murder of George Floyd, Trump tweeted that they were "thugs" and incited further violence by dredging up a quote from the segregationist and white supremacist Miami police chief, Walter Headly "When the looting starts, we start shooting." Apparently, property matters more to white people than black lives.

During Trump's campaign, he announced

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Secret police?

To the Editor:
Let's talk about un-identified police. Trump and Barr called out officers to Lafayette Square who forcibly removed peaceful and lawful demonstrators. OK, he didn't use the military, but he had them on hand to be used at his will. Who was used is not certain because they wore no insignia or nametags. This constitutes a Secret Police, unconstitutional, since neither the President nor the DOJ is authorized to put together an auxiliary police or military force. Secret Police is a hallmark of fascism, just like Hitler used.

Indeed, Trump and Barr are rampant fascists. There is no getting around that assertion. Early on, Trump wanted everyone to sign an agreement of loyalty to him personally. The Constitution be damned. This is what Hitler did. All those in office and Military swear an oath to the Constitution and the United States – not to the President himself.

And now Trump is ranting that he is being targeted by a secret, violent and anarchistic anti-fascist movement, the Antifa. I don't know about you, but I didn't know the term Antifa until Trump and Barr used it after Lafayette Square. Antifa indeed. Of course they used this term because they are fascists themselves. So they label anyone against them as rabid, violent, looting anarchists – without the least shred of evidence.

So far, even the FBI can't find any organizations or groups that can be called Antifa or

even calling themselves Antifa. Certainly, there are some out there with violent intentions against Trump and his administration. But they apparently are few and none have been identified or arrested.

This is in stark contrast to the FBI having identified many white supremacist, Aryan, self-styled militias as terror groups. It isn't Antifas that are fomenting violent and armed confrontations but those of the far right. It is sad and unfortunately the truth that Trump continues to support and laud these organizations, namely because he is a racist and white supremacist himself.

Having said all that, shouldn't we all be anti-fascists considering what Trump is doing? Fascism is antithetical to the basic premises of Democracy and our Constitution. Trump, Barr and their toady lap-dog McConnell are doing their best to set up a one-man rule in the US. Why are the Trump supporters still behind him? If they were true patriots, they should be fighting this insidious effort to establish a Hitler in the US.

And now, we're seeing Barr emptying out the DOJ and Trump firing a slew of inspectors general who show the least bit of independence or who refuse to toe the political line. The latest outrage is the attempt to remove federal prosecutor Geoffrey Berman. AG Barr has admitted that Berman is not being removed for cause. Therefore, the only reason for removal is political. Berman has

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Blindness in the House of God

To the Editor:
Israel missed the time of their Messiah because they could not see what God was doing in the midst of them.

Some time ago, the Lord spoke to me of how the church's views of the ways of God have become distorted. Israel was delivered out of Egypt and bondage into freedom by the powerful hand of God. Yet, not even weeks later were complaining that they were not in Egypt with their melons, onions, etc., forgetting all about the taskmasters' whips, and the hard slavery they were under.

Christians are doing the same as those Israelites in the desert, not realizing what God has delivered us from. There were many that didn't like Moses' leadership, even as many don't agree with the leadership that is in the White House now. As God used Moses to bring out the children of Israel, this same God has used Donald Trump to bring many changes that no one thought could happen. From an economy that was on life-support to one that weekly, if not daily was breaking records (before the pandemic). The market was near 29,000, peoples 401-K's were blossoming, with record unemployment not seen for almost five decades. Every segment of

society, every ethnicity, was much better off after the election of Donald Trump. The politically correct police were called off, and the church again can voice what the Word of God says without harassment or punishment.

Are there things that still need to be addressed? Yes, of course there are, but President Trump has been and is addressing them not putting them off for the next administration. We can't expect decades of problems to be solved in just years. Changes are coming, unless we go back to former Vice-President Joe Biden and things as usual. We are not talking about parties, but about results. If you can't see that vast changes have been implemented for the good and benefit of this nation, then you are truly blind.

Some have told me "don't confuse me with the facts." Thirty million Christians didn't vote in 2016. Where were their convictions about the slaughter of the unborn, the desecration of the covenant of marriage, the anti-God, anti-Christ agenda that was clearly displayed for all to see? The Lord is looking for a people who will stand with him and His will for this nation.

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The magic of fireflies

The evening was perfect. It was warm and humid, the fields rich with moist grass just days away from being mowed. The summer solstice is over, and the long sweet night was perfect for love. Time for the fireflies to enchant us once again with their magical light display. There is so much comfort to be found in the inexorable pace of the natural world. Pretty much no matter what

we humans do, nature keeps on going.

Of all the creatures that appear on a summer night, nothing compares to the magic of fireflies. The small

beetles, that we also call Lightning Bugs, produce light from their abdomens through a chemical process. The Internet references an enzyme that creates the bioluminescence which once had some value in medical research. That's probably where we got the story as children that we could catch fireflies and sell them. A cringe worthy reference to the decline in "commercial harvesting of fireflies" underscores the point that there was some truth to the myth.

For many years, we lived on an antique farm in the middle of an ocean of grass. Acres of hay field stretched out in all directions and made a perfect showplace for firefly displays. By mid-June, I began watching every evening trying to gauge when the height of the show was about to go on. I'd call our neighbors. We would set out lawn chairs and sit peacefully for an hour or so watching a silent fireworks display courtesy of thousands of amorous beetles.

Once we hosted a young man from Finland through an exchange program, called IFYE, the International 4-H Youth Exchange. Young people, in their late teens or early 20s, stayed with families, learned about other cultures and made lasting friendships. Because there is a large, dynamic Finnish population in our part of the state, our guest was able to find a family that was holding a big Summer Solstice party. He went off overnight and returned delighted with the fun he had. His culturally based celebration of the longest day of the year always reminds me of long evenings and light.

We live across the road from a farm with a sweeping view of a valley and distant hills. While traffic has increased somewhat as restrictions have lessened, the neighborhood is remarkably quiet. The stillness seems to enhance the response of the fireflies. Perhaps they like to give their light show when there are few distractions and they can inspire awe without competing with roaring motors. One must slow to a stop to really see what they have to offer.

Robert Frost, in his poem "Fireflies in the Garden," which I read just recently, has some great lines: "Here come real stars to fill the upper skies/And here on earth come emulating flies." I like his slightly crabby tone at the end of the poem when he writes that although the fireflies give a star-like start, they just can't sustain it.

Mary Oliver writes in "Fireflies": "At Blackwater/ fireflies/are not even a dime a dozen-/they are free." Later, "And the fireflies, / blinking their little lights, / hurry toward one another. /And the world continues, / God willing.

At a time when so much is unsettled and the world is in flux, the sustaining power of fireflies to delight and amaze is exactly what we need. How lovely that the combination of a damp spring, warm nights, and humans slowing down is giving the fireflies what they need. It is what we need too- a little light, a little love and a friendly blink to anyone who cares to look.



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I was fortunate to receive a number of replies from my query about the location of Elliott’s Station in a recent column. Keith Knowlton spoke to Pete Regas who directed him to the website included in this extract of his email. “Looking up stations in Pomfret on the Boston, Hartford and Erie railroad, later to be known as the Air Line, we see that Elliott’s was on the map since the railroad began in 1872, so those dates would work with what you published, and it makes sense to connect with a rail line. Here is the link to the O-P station list <http://www.tylercitystation.info/stations-o-p.html>.” (email 6/19/20) Jeffrey Otto sent a little additional information and an interesting tidbit: “It is located at 77 Brooklyn Road, about 1500 feet SE of the intersection of Brooklyn Road and Route 97 in the SW portion of the Town of Pomfret, in the section of Pomfret previously known as Elliots. The former station, located where the Airline Trail (which follows the former train line) crosses Brooklyn Road has been rebuilt and remodeled into a residence. The current owner is Mr. Kevin Peters.” “Residents of Pomfret and Hampton, including my mother, used to take the train from this station to Willimantic and back daily, in order to attend Windham High School.” (email, June 19).

Mark Labbe used Bing to search and found some photos of the station. Method used: “1. Bing search using keywords Elliot Station, CT. This turned up some photos in a gallery. One of these, a sepia tone posted by Chuck Straub, has a caption at its top-left corner reading “R.R. Station, Elliots, Conn. I found the URL of the photo to be “<https://chuck-straub.com/photogallery/photo31231/8ElliottStation.jpg>” though I did not open that. 2. Bing search using keywords elliot, CT. This turned up a Mapquest map of the area just south and west of Mashamoquet with a pin at the location I described above.” (email, June 20). “Jennifer Hegedus also sent an email. Her husband Steve had read my article and said Elliott’s was where the airline trail (the old abandoned railway) crosses Brooklyn Road in Abington Connecticut off route 97.” (email, June 20). (Thank you all for sharing the above information). Recently I had the opportunity to browse through the 1970 Windham County Transcript. I thought I’d see what was happening in late June of that year. I was lucky enough to find a number of graduation stories in the June 18th issue. Michael J. Cristina, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Cristina was the Valedictorian of Killingly High School that year. At the Awards Assembly held on June 16 the Laurel Girls State winners were Brenda Erickson and Linda Roy. The Nutmeg Boys State Winners were David Dyson, Robert Granger, Francis LaBelle, James

Szarkowicz, and James Vance. The Harvard H. Ellis Regional Vocational Technical School was set to graduate 112 students. School Director Alton P. Aldrich was to welcome the parents and guests. (Oh, how he loved history)! Mrs. Minnie G. MacDonald was to present the diplomas. The graduation at St. James School on June 12 included a Folk Mass. (Remember how popular they were for a number of years). Reverend Emile Dusseault, M.S. pastor, celebrated the mass and spoke to the fifty-six graduates. (My underlining. That was a good-size class!) Remember When, Did you live in Northeastern Connecticut fifty years ago? What do you remember about the businesses that were here? It was the custom at that time for businesses to purchase ads congratulating the grads so I had a great time reading through them. I decided to copy down a number, particularly those that are no longer in business. Please feel free to share memories about any of these businesses by emailing me. (They are in no particular order, just more or less as I came across them while looking for tidbits. The first six are from the June 25 Transcript. When I discovered the ads were also in the June 18 issue, I went back to that.) LaChance’s Market, 2 Carter Street Danielson; Berris’ “Dine in Comfort,” Route 6, Brooklyn; Bonneville’s Pharmacy, Main Street, Danielson; Lavallee Furniture Company, Commerce Avenue; Danielson Cinema, Center Street; The

Brooklyn Savings Bank; Friendly Bowl, Brooklyn; Dairy Kreme, corner of Route 6 and Day Street, Brooklyn; United Cooperative Farmers, Inc., Commerce Avenue, Danielson; Danielson Sanitation, Cross Street; Woodward Drug Store, Main Street, Danielson; U. S. Plastic & Chemical, Danielson and Putnam; Westview Manor Convalescent Hospital, Dayville; Trahan Wholesale Seafood & Produce, “specializing in clambakes”, 135 Mechanic Street; The Country Greenhouses, Cook Hill Road; Bill’s Upholstering Company, Central Village; Miles Exclusive Hat Shop-29 Reynolds Street; Byrnes Agency; Mailhot Cleaners; Sunnyside Farms, Main Street; Bryson House-Home for Senior Citizens, Brooklyn; Mazur Block Company, Wauregan; Nukala Trucking, Inc.; Joyce’s Restaurant and Lounge, 29 South Main Street (old Route 6), Brooklyn; Lemery’s Refrigeration, Route 12, Dayville; Rogers Village Greenhouse, State Avenue, Rogers; Rivers Plaza, No. Main, Danielson; N. G. LaFleur & Son, contracting, L’Homme St., Danielson; George Goodell, realtor; Danielson Federal Savings and Loan, Danielson; Kennedy Lumber Corporation, Cottage Street, Danielson; the Ayers Company-building contractors, Dayville; Bob’s A & W Drive In, Brooklyn; Pizzarama, Route 6, Brooklyn; Raymond Brien, building contractor; Plaza Package Store, Route 6, Brooklyn; Danielson Oil, Atlantic Petroleum Products, Commerce Avenue, Danielson; Ace Cleanser & Laundry, Main

Street, Danielson; Hurme Two-Way Radio, Day Street; Brooklyn Package Store; S & S Electronics, Brooklyn; Meade Insurance Agency, Center Street, Danielson; Gingras Market, Dayville; Dazi Dairy, Route 101 Dayville; Tunk City Workshop, Saw Mill Hill Road, South Killingly; Danielson Fruit Company, Main Street; Lords, Main Street, Danielson; Park Electric, Inc., Mechanic Street, Danielson; T. H. Ray, No. Main Street, Danielson, Wauregan Mills Fabric Store, Wauregan; Roy’s Fruit and Vegetable Stand, Route 12 and 101, Dayville. There were more ads, but an hour on the microfilm is enough for me at one shot--and for the machine, which is older and a little persnickety. I’ll look for more businesses another time.

Margaret M. Weaver
Killingly Municipal Historian, June 2020. Special thanks to Keith Knowlton, Pete Regas, Jeffrey Otto, Jennifer and Steve Hegedus, & Mark Labbe for information on Elliott’s. 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.

Holding investments for the long-term: Time vs. timing



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As the month of June comes to an end, let’s take a brief look at what we’ve discussed so far this month. Overall, we discussed how identifying short-term and long-term planning strategies and financial life goals can help you achieve financial wellness. We also discussed strategies for saving during the COVID pandemic as well as the differences between saving and investing. This week, we will tie it all together with a final word about long-term planning: time vs. timing. Legendary investor Warren Buffett is famous for his long-term perspective. He has said that he likes to make investments he would be comfortable holding even if the market shut down for 10 years. Investing with an eye to the long term is particularly important with stocks. Historically, equities have typically outperformed bonds, cash, and inflation, though past performance is no guarantee of future results and those returns also have involved higher volatility. It can be challenging to have Buffett-like patience during periods such as what we are currently facing with the COVID pandemic, where the market saw an almost 20% decline in less than a month. Times like these can be unsettling for many people. With long-term investments, having a strategy is only half the battle; the other half is being able to stick to it. Just what is long-term? Your own definition of long-term is most important and can depend, in

part, on your individual financial life goals and when you want to achieve them. A 70-year-old retiree may have a shorter “long-term” than a 30-year-old who’s saving for retirement. Typically, however, long-term goals are those with a time horizon of five or more years. Your long-term strategy should take into account that the market will not go in one direction forever — either up or down. However, it’s helpful to look at various holding periods for equities over the years. Historically, the longer your holding period, the greater chance you have of experiencing gains. The benefits of patience Trying to second-guess the market can be challenging at best; even professionals often have trouble. According to “Behavioral Patterns and Pitfalls of U.S. Investors,” a 2010 Library of Congress report prepared for the Securities and Exchange Commission, excessive trading often causes investors to underperform the market. Another study, “Stock Market Extremes and Portfolio Performance 1926-2004,” initially done by the University of Michigan in 1994 and updated in 2005, shows that a handful of months or days account for most market gains and losses. The return dropped dramatically on a portfolio that was out of the stock market entirely on the 90 best trading days in history. Returns also improved just as dramatically by avoiding the market’s 90 worst days; the problem, of course, is being able to forecast which days those will be. Even if you’re able to avoid losses by being out of the market, will you know when to get back in? Though past performance is no guarantee of future results, the odds of achieving a positive return in the stock market have been much higher over a 5- or 10-year period than for a single year. Keeping yourself on track It’s useful to have strategies in place that can help improve your financial and psychological readiness to take

a long-term approach to investing in equities. Even if you’re not a buy-and-hold investor, a trading discipline can help you stick to a long-term plan. One way to stay on track is to monitor your investments regularly. While this does not mean daily or weekly monitoring, a few times a year or after significant life changes is sufficient. Another way to improve your psychological readiness for long-term investing is to establish a game plan against panic. At WHZ, one way we coach our clients is by encouraging them to remain calm despite what the headlines are saying. Our Investment Committee meets on a monthly basis and monitors the markets daily to assess global economic and market performance so that we have the best insight when advising our clients and managing their portfolios. This allows our advisors and clients to focus on aligning a unique and strategic financial plan to their long-term goals, and not let a 24-hour news cycle disturb their plan. We also have a thorough risk assessment so we can determine our clients’ risk tolerance. Then, we are able to align their assets and investments in a way that won’t keep them up at night. Finally, we utilize proven academic research in constructing portfolios that are diversified, cost-effective, and tax-aware, with the aim of achieving our clients’ individual goals over time. Current performance may not reflect past results Don’t forget to look at how far you’ve come since you started investing. When you’re focused on day-to-day market movements, it’s easy to forget the progress you’ve already made. Keeping track of where you stand relative to not only last year but to three, five, and 10 years ago may help you remember that the current situation is unlikely to last forever. Use cash to help manage your mind-set

Having some cash holdings can be the financial equivalent of taking deep breaths to relax. It can enhance your ability to act thoughtfully instead of impulsively. An appropriate asset allocation can help you have enough

resources on hand to prevent having to sell stocks at an inopportune time to meet necessary expenses. Typically, a sound cash savings is around three to six months of expenses. A cash cushion coupled with a disciplined investment strategy can change your perspective on market downturns. Knowing that you’re positioned to take advantage of a market swoon by picking up bargains may increase your ability to be patient. Tell yourself that tomorrow is another day The market is nothing if not cyclical. Even if you wish you had sold at what turned out to be a market peak, or regret having sat out a buying opportunity, you may get another chance. If you’re considering changes, a volatile market is probably the worst time to turn your portfolio inside out. Solid asset allocation is still the basis of good investment planning. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we want you, our dedicated readers, to know that despite the long list of effects that COVID-19 has had, you are still able to achieve your long-term financial life goals. In this case, time is everything; give yourself as much time as possible to let your investments grow and recover. Visit our website for more information about COVID-19, the CARES Act, and more at www.whzwealth.com/covid19-resources. Also, please call us at 860-928-2341 or email us at info@whzwealth.com with any questions! Authored by Principal/Managing Partner Laurence Hale AAMS, CRPS®. Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network®, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. 697 Pomfret St., Pomfret Center, CT 06259, 860-928-2341. www.whzwealth.com. These materials are general in nature and do not address your specific situation. For your specific investment needs, please discuss your individual circumstances with your representative. Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors does not provide tax or legal advice, and nothing in the accompanying pages should be construed as specific tax or legal advice.

We need someone who understands that the rule of law, the importance of good relations with foreign countries and compassion for the American populace are paramount and requisite characters of a President. If we continue to ignore the lessons of Germany in the ‘30’s, we will wind up with a totalitarian state where the only freedom we’ll have is which spoon to use for soup. STEPHEN ETZEL PUTNAM

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that he could shoot someone on the street in Manhattan and get away with it. While many of us rolled our eyes in dismay, red flags should have been raised throughout the country as an alarm for what was to come. During his campaign he suggested that gun rights supporters could take action against Hillary Clinton if she were elected, insinuating they might assassinate her (<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/10/us/politics/donald-trump-hillary-clinton.html>); His flagrant attacks on the media and Democrats led one rabid supporter to send pipe bombs to media outlets and Democrats in 2018; While turning a blind to the events in Charlottesville during the “Unite the Right” rally in 2018, Trump gave the green light to far-right extremists to crawl out of the wormy wood of our racist history. Since then there have been mass killings in

black churches and Jewish Synagogues and an epidemic of police brutality and murder against African Americans. Although he might stay on script when pushed into a corner, Mr. Trump shows his true colors at three o’clock in the morning with his vitriolic tweets against liberals, the press, Democrats, refugees, immigrants and people of color. Perhaps it is just another example of his inane showmanship, trying to rile up his base supporters. Perhaps the zombie base is gullible enough to believe the overt lies and join lockstep, acting upon his words. But the rest of America deserves a true leader who will unite rather than divide. Kudos to Twitter for finally stepping up and holding the so-called leader of the free world accountable for his words and lies. It’s too bad the Republican Party isn’t willing to do same. DONNA DUFRESNE POMFRET

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been conducting investigations into Trump and his associates, so it is clear Trump is acting for his personal benefit. This blatant corruption of the judicial system by the President is another proof that Trump is a wannabe dictator. And finally, shouldn’t we all have exhibited outrage when our idiot leader said, “Do you get the impression that the Supreme Court doesn’t

like me?” As if it is all about him. The Supreme Court is not about the President and indeed should not be the least interested in what the President wants. They are obligated to follow the law and the Constitution. That Trump feels slighted by SCOTUS only proves what a child he is because he’s hurt that “someone doesn’t like me.” And don’t tell me that he was just joking or being sarcastic. Not. We don’t need an authoritarian or dictator in the White House.

Pomfret Recreation Department announces summer programs

POMFRET — The Pomfret Recreation Department is offering the following programs.

Lego Camp – July 13–17 at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamoquet Rd., Pomfret Center.

Ages 5-7 Camp runs from 9 a.m. – noon and the Ages 8-12 Camp runs from 1- 4 p.m.

Jedi Engineering (ages 5-7)

The Force Awakens in this introductory engineering course for young Jedi! Explore engineering principles with LEGO materials as we construct the Ewok Village on Endor, fly through space on our X-Wings, and defend the Echo Base on Hoth. Create motorized and architectural projects with imagination and engineering to defeat the Empire!

Jedi Master Engineering (ages 8-12)

The Force is strong in this advanced engineering course for young Jedi! Use the force and tens of thousands of LEGO parts to raise your X-Wing from the Dagobah swamp, challenge the AT-AT walkers on Hoth, and fly the Millennium Falcon through the Kessel Run. Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while you explore a galaxy, far, far away.

Fee: \$155

Pomfret Summer Youth Basketball – July 28, 29 & 30 and Aug. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20 at the Pomfret Recreation Park, 576 Hampton Rd., Pomfret Center.

Your child will play in the grade that they will be entering in the Fall of 2020


Grades 3 & 4 – 5:30 – 6 p.m.
Grades 5-9 – 6 – 7 p.m.
Grades 10-12 – 7 – 8 p.m.

Just for fun, pick up style basketball OUTDOORS at the Pomfret Recreation Park. Rain dates will be on Fridays. The game may change on any given evening depending upon turnout of participants (some age groups may have an abundance of participants – making up multiple teams). You are not committed to a specific team. Teams are decided each night based on sign in. Space is limited at the park and for the program. All balls used will be sprayed between time slots of groups playing.

Fee: Pomfret Residents - \$30 if paid by July 2 - \$35 if received after July 14
Out of Town Players - \$35 if paid by July 2 - \$40 if received after July 14

Please visit www.pomfretct.gov/recreation to obtain registration forms for these programs. If you have any questions, kindly contact Barbara Gagnon at (860) 974-1423 or email at Barbara.Gagnon@pomfretct.gov.

VIRTUAL FIELD DAY



Photos Courtesy

A Virtual Field Day was held in Pomfret for all Pomfret Community School students on Monday, June 8, 2020. PE teacher Ryan Ericson emailed every student a list of 22 activities for them to carry out at home. Thank you, parents, guardians and babysitters, for helping the students get some fresh air and exercise.

Local students earn Dean’s List recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Shawn Michael Grayson of Brooklyn and Cahan John Quinn of Putnam have been recognized on the Dean’s List at Norwich University for the Spring 2020 semester:

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 and had no failures in the previous Fall or Spring semester are awarded Dean’s List honors. These students cannot have any pending Incomplete (I) grades. Dean’s List honors are noted on the official transcript each term earned.

In addition to the above criteria, students in the Spring 2020 semester had to meet the following criteria relative to the University’s transition to online instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced the option for students to choose an alternative grading system or to maintain earned letter grades. To be eligible for President’s (GPA 4.0) and Dean’s Lists (GPA 3.40) for the Spring 2020 Semester, students must have additionally maintained full time enrollment for the Spring 2020 Semester, chosen to keep letter grades in at least 12 credits of classes, and must not have received any Incomplete or No Pass grades.

About Norwich University

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation’s six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

Winner of Killingly High School’s “Mae” Scholarship announced

BROOKLYN — Mirabelle Bates of Brooklyn is this year’s Killingly High School Mae scholarship winner.

In her essay, she explained that teaching runs in her family. Two of her aunts are teachers, and her great grandmother, Marguerite Bumpus, was a psychology professor at the University of Rhode Island.

“They love what they do,” says Bates. “Their drive and passion to make a difference is ever present. I want to teach not only to educate, but to inspire and support others, to have a legacy like my grandmother’s.”

“Mirabelle is an exceptionally hard-working young lady,” says Dick Martin, the author of “Mae” and a longtime English teacher at KHS. «She is kind, generous and always willing to go the extra mile to help others. She will make a wonderful teacher!»

Mirabelle intends to be a high school English teacher. She will attend Quinebaug Valley Community College in the fall and transfer to a four year college after completing her associates’ degree at QVCC.

The Mae scholarship is funded by profits from the sale of Dick Martin’s book “Mae,” which has sold more than 6,000 copies to date. This is the 6th year of the annual award. Mae is a tale of love, challenges, determination and faith, chronicling the life of L. Mae Martin, whose journey starts in Scituate, Rhode Island, during the Great Depression. She went on to become a

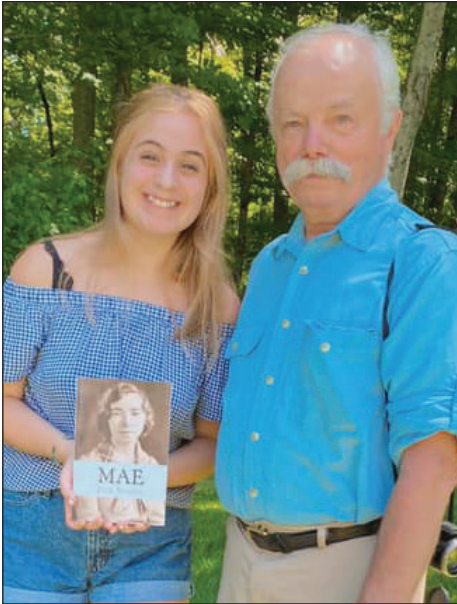


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Dick Martin and Mirabelle Bates

longtime elementary school teacher in Glocester, R.I., who was chosen as the Honorary Marshall in the annual Fourth of July Ancient and Horribles Parade for her contributions to the town. The main room in Harmony Library is also named after her. “Mae” can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes and Noble stores and various other reputable bookstores around New England. For a signed copy contact dickmartin001@gmail.com.

Margaret McLoughlin of Woodstock named to Emerson College Dean’s List

BOSTON, Mass. — Margaret McLoughlin, a native of Woodstock, has been named to the Emerson College Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. McLoughlin is majoring in Theatre and Performance and is a member of the Class of 2021. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Mass., opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate stu-

dents from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally,

there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

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vehicles decorated with red and yellow balloons, signs, and confetti, and some windows marked with the words “Congrats, grads!” or “Class of 2020!”

The event, which was broadcast on WINY 1350 a.m. radio and Facebook Live, began with a cacophony of honking horns to welcome the graduates and kickstart the evening. After a special recording of “God Bless America” performed by the Tourtellotte Memorial

High School’s concert band, several faculty members and graduating students gave speeches.

Superintendent Melinda Smith was among the first to speak.

“Writing comments to share this year has been a task filled with a great deal of emotion,” she said. “I am simply not ready to let you go.”

In her emotional speech, Smith expressed her regret for the school year’s early dismissal due to the coronavirus and her gratitude and praise for the graduates’ devotion to excellence, superior talent, and memorable kindness.

“My wish for each of you is to continue to devote time to community service wherever your journey takes you,” she said, “and remember to be kind to people who are currently in your lives and those that you will meet along the way.”

After Smith’s speech, Principal Megan Parrette warmly introduced Brian Boppert, the keynote speaker for the evening and an esteemed alumnus with more than 20 years of higher education experience.

Boppert reminded the graduates of the words he told them four years ago at Career Day: “Change is inevitable. But change is something to be embraced and not feared.”

Instead of focusing on the bad that is happening in the world today, Boppert encouraged the graduates to “grow, adapt, and change” and to embrace change’s possibilities and hope.

“Choose love over hate, empathy over apathy, and positivity over negativity,” he said. “Never stop learning.”

Among the other speakers were Nima

Sherpa, who delivered the salutatory and Jesse Trottier, Valedictorian, who thanked several teachers by name and reminded his classmates to be proud to be Tigers.

After the speeches concluded, graduates were called by name to collect their diplomas from the podium behind the school. Family and friends clapped and honked their horns to celebrate the graduates’ accomplishments.

Afterward, Parrette honored Noveline Beltram, a Thompson educator for more than 40 years who had been the kindergarten teacher to the now graduates.

“I couldn’t be more astounded that you even brought me up here,” she told the crowded parking lot. “I am so, so proud!”

Beltram pronounced the students officially graduated to a roar of horns from all over the parking lot, and the ceremony ended with the singing of the high school’s Alma Mater.

As the graduates rode down the parking lot and onto the road, maybe a few of them cast a glance back at the school, realizing in the moment that this departure was the close of one adventure and the beginning of a new one.

Equipped with knowledge, experience, and confidence, Tourtellot Memorial High School class of 2020 are prepared to conquer even larger challenges, following the advice of classmates and teachers, especially of Mr. Brian Boppert: “Whether you think you can or you cannot, you are always right.”



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business owners who did not see the success in her venture, Burnworth opened Sawmill Pottery in 2003 in Belding Mill, Putnam, where it quickly grew.

“I chose Putnam because there was a real need,” she said.

At the time, there were no art-related businesses in town.

“I saw that people in this area were craving a creative community space, and I knew I could fill that need,” she added.

Burnworth later moved her shop to South Woodstock for four and a half years before moving to their current location in the Montgomery Ward Building, where she has been for the past 12 years.

Sawmill Pottery has grown exponentially since its doors first opened. They offer classes and workshops for all ages and abilities as well as private lessons, parties, and even a paint-your-own pottery room. They also boast a beautiful gallery of plates, cups, bowls, and more. The opportunity to make all different items gives people the chance to be creative and find what they really enjoy. Although Burnworth has seen excitement for every aspect of pottery, one thing many people have in common is their fascination for the wheel.

“People are really drawn to it,” she said. “They love the challenge of it.”

Some students have been taking classes with Burnworth for more than a decade.



Sara Hart — Courtesy

Dot Burnworth at work on a new piece at Sawmill Pottery.

Prior to the Coronavirus, classes consisted of approximately six to eight students. Now, with COVID-19 regulations, Burnworth has lowered that number to six or fewer. Although the coronavirus has negatively influenced many businesses, Sawmill Pottery was able to overcome the new challenges with relative ease.

“We made the transition immediately,” Burnworth said. “Before we officially closed, we allowed students to come get clay and their tools, and the very next day we were offering zoom classes.”

They have had five adult classes and two children’s classes a week since mid-March.



Rebecca Ramsey

The gallery at Putnam’s Sawmill Pottery.

“I never would have thought online clay classes would be successful, but they really were! Our students have been creating fantastic work at home!” she said.

Despite their success online, Burnworth is looking forward to seeing everyone back in the studio soon. They will resume in-studio classes on July 6 with new rules to keep everyone safe.

“There are a bunch of folks who’ve

been trying to get into classes for months and months. We will be offering at least one, possibly 2 new beginner classes in July, and we will have a new workshop schedule out soon,” she said.

If anyone wants to join their email list where they will receive announcements for all-new classes and workshops, they can email Burnworth at dot@sawmillpottery.com.

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Steve Rioux, Superintendent, certified that the graduates had met all requirements of the Board of Education. Then Board of Education Chairman Douglas Farrow conferred the diplomas, and Assistant Superintendent Paul Brenton called upon the graduates for the ceremonial turning of the tassel.

In the ceremony, which was recorded and posted online, Principal Guari and several others gave speeches for the graduates.

“You have stood up for what you believe in and have taken those stands in your own ways,” said Guari during her speech. “If we know better, we should do better.”

Guari complimented the students for the ways they have stepped out of their comfort zones to incite change in the

community and in their own homes.

“I ask you, as you continue in your journey as thinkers, learners, and just humanitarians, please stand up against oppressive behavior in some way.”

Guari’s speech was followed by a few words from Rioux.

“I’m sorry for the school year that you’ve had,” he said. “I will not begin to pretend to understand how hard it’s been on you or your family.”

Despite the current crisis and the challenges it caused the student body, Rioux encouraged graduates to look for the positives in even the hardest circumstances and to remember that people love them.

His short speech was followed by the Salutatorian, Christopher Pawul, who celebrated the services and activities the student body has been involved in throughout the years. Pawul mentioned

the value of friendship and of strong education. He also encouraged graduates to remember the positives of the changing environment, including the closeness of family and a better appreciation for unity and community.

“Please carry these two themes everywhere you go after this evening,” said Pawul. “First, you can do anything you put your mind to and, second, unity is strength.”

Alexandra Purcell, Valedictorian, was the next to speak.

“Even with physical barriers, we still managed to remain united in times of difficulty,” she said. The situations she had to overcome this year reminded her of the power of persistence. She reminisced time she spent with her grandfather who left Cuba to come to the United States with his family at the age of 16. He taught her to take chances and to be ready

for opportunities. “Focus on growing into your best self,” she said. “You are your own greatest competition.”

Class President Faith Boateng, who spoke next, reflected on the beginning of her class’s high school journey. She encouraged people to remember what brings them together and not what tears them apart. She also encouraged people to “not belittle themselves” and to remember that their individuality is power.

“I hope you consider the shoes of other people and how they’re moving, and maybe even stop to help along the way,” Boateng said.

Richard Blumenthal, United States Senator for Connecticut, also recorded a few words for the graduates to listen to.

“It is far from a normal time,” he said. “But you should feel no less joy and pride in this enormous accomplishment.”

He reminded the graduates of all the many people who have helped them along the way—friends, family, teachers, school faculty, and even the veterans who fought for their freedom. He called them to use their leadership to give back to the community.

“Thank you to every one of you for working so hard, and for making possible all of us to be proud of you today,” he added in conclusion.

The online ceremony ended with the performance of “Homeward Bound” by the KHS Symphonic Band, whose members had recorded their instruments from separate rooms to be edited together. The performance was a wonderful way to bid farewell to the graduates as they moved on from the high school classroom to bigger and better things. Congratulations to the Killingly High School class of 2020!

YAWORSKI

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his graduation from UConn, the Canterbury Board of Education hired him to be a teacher. Dr. Helen Baldwin School was his first choice for where he would teach.

“I loved, and still love, the small-town atmosphere, and I dreamed about the possibility of teaching in the same small town that I grew up in,” he said.

For most of his teaching career, he instructed seventh to eighth graders, teaching social studies and math. For Yaworski, his biggest goal as a teacher was to inspire his students. As he taught every week, he’d remember what DeStefano had said to him: “Jim, one of the most important things you can do as an educator is to inspire your stu-

dents.”

Throughout his career, Yaworski chose to recognize students’ good efforts and good attitudes and to encourage them for their hard work.

“I felt if I just took the time to recognize students’ efforts, then maybe I could be a small inspiration for them, which may help them to ultimately reach their dreams,” he said.

His positive spirit as a teacher greatly influenced the students he mentored. They appreciated his kindness and thanked him, including a student who wrote Yaworski a letter thanking him for showing her the good qualities of hard work, positivity, and caring for others.

Yaworski also coached the Dr. Helen Baldwin School’s soccer team for his first 12 years as a teacher and the school’s softball team for his

first 11 years. Being a coach was slightly different from being a teacher. As a coach, Yaworski had the opportunity to form a deeper bond with his student-athletes.

Yaworski enjoyed coaching so much that he began to coach his own children in Brooklyn. Each day after teaching in Canterbury, Yaworski went home to spend time with his four children and his wife Jeanette. Their two daughters, Jordan and Blake were involved in dance for many years. The family often traveled to their recitals and dance competitions. Yaworski’s sons took after their Dad’s love for baseball. At eight years old, his son Hunter made it all the way to Shea Stadium in New York in the Major League Baseball’s Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition as one of the top four eight-year-olds

in New York and Connecticut. At 11 years old, his other son Bo played on the Connecticut Mustangs AAU team and won the New England Diamond Division U-11 Championship. Now aged 20 and 16, Hunter and Bo are still finding success on the baseball field.

Yaworski has recently retired from Dr. Helen Baldwin School after investing so much of his life teaching and coaching. He says what he’ll miss most about the school is “the daily interactions with students and adults,” but he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and close friends. The com-

mitment Yaworski has had to the Canterbury community is enormous. His presence on the campus of Dr. Helen Baldwin School has influenced so many students and athletes to pursue their goals and achieve great things.

“I’d like to say thank you to everyone I’ve been associated with the past 37 years,” he said. “This includes the current staff and current students at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School. It also includes former staff and former students, my family, my friends, and my baseball friends. Please stay in touch. You are the best. I love you guys.”

OBITUARIES

James Norton Scheibeler, 85

PLAINFIELD, CT – James Norton Scheibeler, 85, passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife at his side on Tuesday June 16, 2020.

James is survived by his wife Arline (Doyle) Scheibeler; his son Eric Scheibeler; he also leaves many relatives and friends; he was predeceased by his sister Beth Kirkpatrick.

James was born on December 14,

1934, son of the late John Jacob and Margaret (Winchester) Scheibeler; he served honorably in the U.S. Army, afterwards he went on to earn his law degree and served as an attorney for many years prior to his retirement.

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

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of James.

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OBITUARIES

Bernard E. Mahan, 82

SOUTHBIDGE– Bernard E. Mahan, 82, passed away at the Harrington Memorial Hospital on Sunday June 14, 2020.



Bernard is survived by his wife of fifty years Theresa (Kozlowski) Mahan; his sons Roy Mahan and his wife Nicole of Olathe, KS, and Michael Mahan and his wife Victoria of Holland, MA; his two daughters: Deborah Ianacherri and her husband Andrew of Brookfield, and Patricia Ianaccheri and her husband Peter of Charlton; his very special grandson Craig Mahan of Dudley; his brother Freddy Bucharelli of CA; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; he also leaves his cat Kenya and his dog Chalupa; he was predeceased by his brother Ralph Mahan of CA.

Bernard was born in Southbridge, MA on August 17, 1937, son of the late Edward and Theresa Mahan. Bernard was a hardworking family man; he worked as a roofer, and ultimately founded his own business, Mahan Roofing. Bernard was a fond lover of animals; he greatly enjoyed spending time camping and fishing, especially with his beautiful family; he will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know and love him.

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

Please consider making a memorial contribution to the Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Road Webster, MA 01570 in honor of Bernard.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Bernard.

Jason Nicholas King

Jason Nicholas King of Ashford, CT. 37, went to be with his Lord on April 27th, 2020.



Jason was born April 7th, 1983 in New Haven, CT to Peter and Melinda Basto King. A 2001 graduate of Woodstock Academy, he worked as a skilled carpenter and became versed in plumbing and electrical. He made his home in Maine, Rhode Island, East Killingly, Eastford and Ashford. Jason was a gentle soul, always eager to say a kind word and lend a helping hand. Nature was his soul mate. In the woods with Ox, his loving golden lab, was where he felt

most comfortable.

Jason is survived by his parents, Peter (Springfield, MA) and Melinda King (Ashford, Ct.) His brothers, Peter (Woodstock CT) and Brandon King (Eastford, CT) and his Grandparents, Dana Basto (Woodstock, CT) and Marieann MacGinnis (Auburn, MA).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to: The Evangelical Christian Ctr., 574 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

Memorial Service to be held Saturday June 27th, 2020 at 11:00am, Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road, Eastford, CT, 06242

*In accordance with COVID-19 regulations, masks will be required for attendees and social distancing will be practiced.

Autumn Brook Chase, 25

DAYVILLE – Autumn Brook Chase, 25, of Ballouville Rd., died unexpectedly on Friday, June 5, 2020. Born



in Putnam, she was the daughter of Luke Chase and his wife Rose of WV and Pamela (Bernier) Chase of Putnam.

Autumn was employed at the Superior Bakery in North Grosvenordale. She had a huge heart and loved to make people laugh and that love was returned to her by all the people she met. Autumn volunteered at the local soup kitchens taking care of those who truly needed her. She was known for her chili and loved to picnic.

Autumn was a devoted mother to her son Lovell and during the warm weather her time was spent at the Indian Well, camping, having bonfires, and enjoyed getting her stepmom swimming. She was a true animal lover, fondly remembering her late dog

Shelby and her bird Coco. Cleaning her car was not a chore to Autumn. She loved to do it and when it was time to settle down, she enjoyed her “Cuddle Buddies” stuffed animals. Autumn was also a great lover of music.

Autumn is survived by her son; Lovell Bryant Stewart Galaza of Willimantic; three brothers, Jacob Chase of Moosup, Christopher Baton of MA, and Phillip Baton of Norwich; grandmother, Sandra Lawrence of Willimantic; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her grandparents, David Arthur Chase, James Lawrence and Francis and Marie (Perretti) Bernier.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. 06260 and will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to either His Oaks Ministry, 147 Union Rd., Eastford, CT 06242 or Our Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, 77 Water St., Danielson, CT 06239. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Bounleane Ketnouvong, 82

WEBSTER – Bounleane Ketnouvong, 82, entered everlasting rest on Thursday June 11, 2020 while in the company of his loving and devoted family at the Charlton Manor Rest Home.

Bounleane is survived by his wife Thong Ketnouvong, with whom he has shared over sixty-three years of love and devotion; he also leaves behind his son Khamlay “Toun” Ketnouvong of Webster; two daughters: Saysamone Ketnouvong of Webster, and Chandavune Som Phranasith of Dudley; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; he also leaves many dear relatives and cherished friends.

Bounleane was born in Vientiane,

Laos on August 13, 1937; he worked for the U.S. Embassy in Laos from 1969-1974, moving to Webster in 1978. Bounleane was an avid fisherman; he also enjoyed dancing and playing the Lao khaen instrument.

All were welcome to attend calling hours on Monday June 15, 2020 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Webster, MA. We kindly request that all those attending observe social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask.

Committal services will be private. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Bounleane.

Carol A. Galiano, 60

QUINCY- Carol A. Galiano age 60 passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Worcester Rehabilitation Healthcare center. She leaves a daughter Jessica Galiano of Weymouth, a brother Robert B. Williams of Foxborough, two sisters Patricia Williams of Rockland and Diane Williams of Hull, a nephew Brady and a niece Alysha.

She was born in Weymouth, MA daughter of the late Robert M. Williams and Delores M. (Rowe) Williams and lived in Quincy most of her life. She was formerly employed by Cummins

Retail where she was a sales representative.

Carol enjoyed shopping and caring for family and friends. There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Salvation Army. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or a light a candle.

Cesar DeAnda, 85

DUDLEY- Cesar DeAnda age 85 passed away June 16, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital Worcester. He leaves his wife of twenty four years, Margaret P. (Boardway) DeAnda, four step-children Robert Giroux Jr. of Shrewsbury, James and Natalie Giroux of Dudley and Julie Morris of Worcester. He was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

He was born in Quito, Ecuador son of the late Luis DeAnda and Aurelia (Viteri) DeAnda and lived in Dudley for the past 8 years, prior to that living in Costa Rica and Miami, FL. He also

served in the Argentinian military. He lived in several countries growing up due to his father being Ambassador from Ecuador to Argentina and Costa Rica. Cesar in his younger years did photography for poor people.

He was a member of St. Andrew Bobola Church. There are no calling hours, services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Jean Bayliss, 74

EAST BROOKFIELD- Jean (Neese) Bayliss, of East Brookfield passed suddenly on June 16, 2020, she was 74. Jean was born in Elmira, NY to Helen and Henry Neeser.



She is survived by her loving husband of ten years Eric Bayliss; three daughters Rhonda Duhamel and her husband Richard of Dudley, Donna Behrens and her husband Peter of Oxford, and Charlotte Fisk of N Grosvenordale, CT.; grandchildren Megan, Matthew, Mason, Richard III, Ryan; three great grand-

children Krystopher, Joshua and Isabella; four brothers Robert Neeser, Richard Neeser and his wife Elaine, Charles Kozlowski and his wife Cheryl, and Timothy Kozlowski and his wife Maria. Jean was predeceased by her granddaughter Brenna Ann Larson, daughter of Charlotte.

She will be remembered for her love of family and friends.

A private memorial service for family will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her name to Alzheimer's Association at ALZ.ORG. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield.

Rebecca “Becky” Seale Ekstrom, 70

SPENCER: Rebecca “Becky” Seale Ekstrom, age 70, of Spencer, died peacefully on Sunday, June 14 surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with cancer. She leaves



her devoted husband of 44 years, Robert C. Ekstrom, her two sons Rodger S. Ekstrom and his wife Nadine of Boylston, Jesse W. Ekstrom and his wife Kara of Boylston, and her daughter Kaitlyn M. Ekstrom-

Doig and her husband Nick of Putnam. Becky leaves three brothers; Jonathan Seale and his wife Helen of Worcester, Nathaniel Seale and his wife Sharon of Worcester, Timothy Seale and Sandy Seale of Spencer. She leaves five granddaughters; Meaghan, Nicole, Bronwyn, Awen, and Zora who she loved spending time with, whether reading books, talking about their accomplishments, or sharing her love for gardening. Becky leaves several nieces and nephews who will always remember her love and compassion for family and friendship. Born in South Attleboro, she was the daughter of the former Reverend George E. and Nancy B. (Brown) Seale. She later graduated from Burncoat High School in Worcester and received a bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester. She worked in public relations at Worcester State University,

Girls Inc., and later became the Moderator at Greendale People's Church in Worcester. During her time of volunteering at Greendale People's Church, Becky produced and directed the annual Christmas pageant, Angels Among Us. The production ran for nearly 15 years, included more than 100 cast and crew from all parts of the community, live animals from the Heifer Project, and original music written with her brother Tim and close friends from the church. Her deep connection and love for horses remained constant as she became an equestrian masseuse upon retirement, volunteered, and sponsored horses at the Central New England Equine Rescue (CNEER) in West Brookfield. She had a passion for helping others, always giving to organizations that supported those in need. Becky was a youthful, vibrant, upbeat, and caring person who embraced every day with an open mind and an open heart. She enjoyed walking with friends, hiking, yoga, horseback riding, traveling, and most importantly her loving family. Due to Covid-19 health concerns, no public services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to CNEER, Inc. 96 New Braintree Rd., West Brookfield, MA 01585 or www.central-newenglandequinerescue.com/donate. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Darrell Lee Thomas

Darrell Lee Thomas, passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2020. He was born on October 21, 1968 in Groton,



Connecticut to Darrell D. and Bessie A. Thomas. He married Catharine Whiting in August of 1994, the marriage resulting in his only biological child, Krystal Thomas.

Darrell and Catharine were divorced in 2007. He then married Cynthia Higgins and lived with her and Cynthia's biological daughter,

Lyndsey until his death.

Darrell Thomas is survived by his wife, his stepdaughter, his brother Martin I. Lamb, his sister Carol Lamb-Bond, his ex-wife and his biological daughter. He was predeceased by his mother, his father, and his brother Thomas C. Lamb.

Darrell always had a passion for cars, he was an active member in many Jeep groups and would attend events that were put on around the area. Other passions of his included photography, motorcycles and music, he would often DJ at events hosted by friends and family.

Joanne L. St. Onge, 56

DANIELSON- Joanne L. (Meagher) St. Onge age 56 passed away at home with her loving family at her side on Wednesday June 10, 2020.



She leaves her husband of thirty years, Kirk L. St. Onge, two sons: Justin and Walter St. Onge of Danielson, two step-daughters: Jill St. Onge of Dudley, MA and Dawn St. Onge of Putnam, CT., five grandchildren: Alex St. Onge, Kameron and Riley Carpenter, Brooklyn and London Bonczek. Joanne also leaves her parents, Gerald Meagher of Southbridge and Sandra (Norman) Meagher of Worcester; her sisters: Elen Neiduski of Danielson,

and Patricia Manzi of Thompson; her brother John Meagher of Worcester.

Joanne was born in Webster, MA on April 14, 1964; she enjoyed gardening and spending time with her Mom. Please omit flowers. Donations may be made in her memory to Dana Farber Cancer Research or Hospice Care of Northeastern CT., 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday June 26, 2020 at 11:00 am in St. James Church, Danielson, CT with burial in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Mary Lynds, 75

WEBSTER – Mary (Borden) Lynds 75, left this earth peacefully at the Webster Manor on Saturday June 6, 2020.



Mary is survived by her current husband Richard Lynds, and her first husband Bill Boucher; two daughters Kimberly Banaczuk and her husband Michael, and Lori Fisher; her son David Boucher; her grandchildren: Michael, Victoria, Rebecca, Theresa, Felicia, Justin, and Candace; her sister Rita L. Leanna and her husband Robert of Florida; her brother Jude L. Borden and his wife Bonnie; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends, especially her friends Lisa “Weeshee” and Shawn. Mary is predeceased by her son Joseph Boucher and her sister Gloria M. Osborn, and by her husband of thirty-four years Ronald Somers.

Mary was born in Worcester, Ma on April 6, 1945, daughter of the late Louis

and Mary Marguerite (LaMarche) Borden; she was an active and faithful member of the Calvary Assembly of God in Dudley. Mary will be fondly remembered for being the most amazing, fun-loving, and spirited woman. For years Mary would bake and deliver cookies to the local police and fire Departments at Christmas time. Mary's memory will certainly be cherished by all who were blessed to know her.

Mary's family wishes to extend their utmost appreciation to the wonderful and compassionate care team at the Webster Manor, most especially to Katie, Lori, Emily, and to nurses Wendy and Amy for their thoughtfulness and care.

A private memorial service will be arranged and conducted by the family.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA is assisting Mary's family with arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light

NORTHWOOD GRADUATION



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Northwood Childcare celebrated with a drive through graduation for its preschoolers last week. Congratulations to Morgan, Teo and all the other graduates moving on to kindergarten in the fall.



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EMILY ROSS WINS WOODSTOCK EDUCATION FOUNDATION DIRECTORS' AWARD



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Congratulations to Emily Ross, the winner of the 2020 Woodstock Education Foundation Directors' Award and a \$1,000 college scholarship! A job very well done, Emily. Dr. Jeff Gordon (President) and Dena Cocozza O'Hara (Vice-President) presented the award to Emily. Each year, the Woodstock Education Foundation Board of Directors recognizes the achievements of a Woodstock Academy senior who was formerly a student in the Woodstock Public School system. The Woodstock Education Foundation is a volunteer organization of parents and community members in Woodstock, concerned about preserving important school programs and enriching preK-8 education. The Foundation is a 501©(3) non-profit corporation, organized in 2005, has granted over \$500,000 for educational enrichment programs for the children attending the Woodstock Public School system. The generosity of people in the community provides fundraising support to the Foundation's mission. To learn more about the Woodstock Education Foundation, go to <https://woodstockeducationfoundation.org>.

LEGALS

TOWN OF KILLINGLY SEWER ASSESSMENT LEGAL NOTICE

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3. online at our website www.Killingly.org
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Online and telephone pay fees apply credit or debit card 2.95% EFT charge 95 cents.
Sewer assessment bills are due June 1, 2020. If payment is not received on or before July 1, 2020 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$5.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment. Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killingly.org. Dated at Killingly this 22th of May 2020 Patricia Monahan CCMC REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY June 5, 2020

TOWN OF KILLINGLY BOROUGH OF DANIELSON TAX and SEWER USE NOTICE

Taxes and Sewer use charges are due July 1, 2020. The first installment of taxes becomes delinquent on August 4, 2020. The first installment of sewer use becomes delinquent on August 1, 2020. For approved eligible deferment taxpayers the July 1, 2020 installment becomes delinquent on October 2, 2020.
All are subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment.
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Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, during the posted hours, by mail, telephone, online, or in our drop box
Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killingly.org. Dated at Killingly this 19th, day of June 2020. Patricia Monahan CCMC Revenue Collector for the Town of Killingly June 26, 2020 July 3, 2020 July 24, 2020 September 25, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate bills listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List become due and payable to the Witches Woods Tax District on July 1, 2020.
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Governor Lamont's Executive Orders FS, FW, and FX will extend the no-interest

grace period for all taxpayers (except escrow accounts and non-qualified landlords) to October 1, 2020.
Payments must be postmarked by October 1, 2020 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on October 2, 2020 on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for October 2nd through October 31st, and ending with 18% interest for all payments made in June 2021.
All escrows and non-qualified landlords making payments on Real Estate bills have a due date of July 1, 2020. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by August 3, 2020 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on August 4, 2020 at a rate of one and one-half percent per month or 18% annually.
There is a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each bill.
If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-974-1354 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326.
Payments must be sent to: WITCHES WOODS TAX DISTRICT 25 CROOKED TRAIL, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281-2601 Frederick Chmura Tax Collector June 26, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On June 12, 2020 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued: Application # WAA20016 approved with conditions, Saywatt Hydroelectric, LLC, 0 West Thompson Rd & 12 Old Rte 12 (Assessor's Map 67, Block 102, Lots 26 & 26) - Construction of a photovoltaic solar array in the 100-foot upland review area modifying and expanding upon a previously authorized solar array and Application # WAA20017 approved with conditions, Mark Labonte, 0 Thompson Rd (Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 5A) - Construction of a single family home, driveway and septic system in the upland review area.
On June 19, 2020 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA20012 approved with conditions, Richard P. Desrochers DBA J + J Construction LLC, 484 & 486 Quaddick Town Farm Rd., Assessor's Map 158, Block 20, Lots 8I & 8J, earth excavation and grading for future residential housing.
Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent June 26, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and Sewer Usage bills listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List become due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on July 1, 2020.
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Governor Lamont's Executive Orders FS, FW, and FX will extend the no-interest grace period for all taxpayers (except escrow accounts and non-qualified landlords) to October 1, 2020. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by October 1, 2020 to avoid interest charges.

Interest will be charged on **October 2, 2020** on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for October 2nd through October 31st, and ending with 18% interest for all payments made in June 2021.
All escrows and non-qualified landlords making payments on Real Estate bills have a **due date of July 1, 2020. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by August 3, 2020 to avoid interest charges.** Interest will be charged on August 4, 2020 at a rate of one and one-half percent per month or 18% annually.
There is a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each bill, including Sewer Usage bills.
Motor vehicle taxes not paid by **October 1, 2020** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department on **October 2, 2020.**
If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326.
The Tax Collector's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Fridays will be CLOSED.** The office will be closed on Monday, July 6, 2020 in observance of Independence Day.
Linda Bernardi, CCMC Woodstock Tax Collector 415 Route 169 Woodstock, CT 06281 June 26, 2020 July 3, 2020 July 24, 2020 September 25, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **FOURTH** installment of real estate and personal property tax of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2018 became due April 1, 2020. Due to Covid-19 and the Executive Order 7S, section 6 and 7W, Brooklyn taxpayers have until July 1, 2020 to pay the April installment without interest. The April installment will become delinquent on July 2, 2020 and subject to interest from the due date of April 1, 2020 at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00.
Please call 860-779-3411, opt. 5 to find out the hours of the Tax Office. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. You can also drop off a payment in the drop box located at 4 Wolf Den Rd, Brooklyn. You can also pay via credit/debit card online or by phone. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklynct.org.
Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector June 26, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **FIRST** installment of real estate,

personal property, and motor vehicle tax bills of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2019 becomes due July 1, 2020. The **FIRST** installment of sewer usage and fire district taxes also becomes due July 1, 2020. All bills are due by August 3, 2020.
Please call 860-779-3411, opt. 5 to find out the hours of the Tax Office. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. You can also drop off a payment in the drop box located at 4 Wolf Den Rd, Brooklyn. You can also pay via credit/debit card online or by phone. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website www.brooklynct.org.
Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector June 26, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard Patrick Manero (20-00181)The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Christy Anne Greco, c/o ALAN SCOTT HERMAN (attorney for Christy Anne Greco), LAW OFFICE OF ALAN SCOTT HERMAN, 16 SO. MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 663, PUTNAM, CT 06260, (860)928-0406. June 26, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on the following:
1. ZRC 20-001 rev – A proposal to make amendments to the Zoning Regulations concerning accessory buildings, excavation operations, and other various corrections including Sec. 3.A.5.2.1, 3.B.5.2.1, 3.C.5.2.1, 4.A.4.2.1, 4.B.4.2.1, 4.C.4.2.1, 3.C.2.4.5, 4.D.2.1.5, 6.K.2.2, 6.O.4.1, 6.P.3.3, 7.B.5.4.
2. ZC 20-001 – Zone Boundary Change to R-30/RA boundary on south side of Day St., Applicant: Jeff Weaver, proposed adjustment to match proposed lot lines in subdivision
Copies of the applications are on file for review.
All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.
Dated this 15th day of June 2020 Michelle Sigfridson Chairman June 19, 2020 June 26, 2020

Have you noticed?

As I age and travel through my life, I find that time and experience are changing me.

I've always been on the go. As a CEO for a quarter of a century, I worked long hours and spent countless time on the road. As an author on book tour for my three books, I've traveled to 31 cities in 35 days, did 92 media interviews and spoke to 32 groups. I've spent my life always on the move mentally and ahead of where I was physically.

I'm not retired. I appear in 50-plus different publications weekly and have one new book out for publishing and two more in the works. I'm also cofounder and Interim COO of CubeStream, Inc., a free-market streaming platform that will launch this fall. So, I'm busy ... but I've changed.

I've become a "noticer."

I see things I've never noticed before. I'm certain my eyes have seen it all, but I never took the time to engage my brain and heart to notice. My eyes were focused on what was ahead and I was never in the moment. I'm sure my eyes glanced at the beauty around, but my brain and heart didn't engage to see what my eyes were beholding. But things have changed. Through time and a medical diagnosis, my heart and mind have engaged in everything and for the first time, I'm really noticing the wonderment of creation.

Arlene is a gardener. She loves putting her hands in the dirt and planting flowers. I've always known gardening was a passion but before, I looked at it as busy work. It was something she did. I thought if it as a chore. Wow ... was I wrong.

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Bach ... or Monet or Van Gogh ... each year, Arlene gets on her knees, lovingly plants, weeds, and tills, while composing a symphony of colors. The soil is her pallet and she paints a work of art in our back yard that changes and evolves with each day. She's been doing it for years. She's honed and improved her craft and created a magnificent living work of art for us to enjoy, and in doing so, she's living in the moment. It's been there for years. My eyes saw it, but my mind and heart never engaged. That's a loss ... a tragedy of missed opportunity to see beauty and experience joy. But not now. I spend time every day taking in the beauty.

I have two focuses to my life's work. I write to uplift and encourage optimism in my readers and to help others enjoy and live life in the moment. As a business leader I always said things like "keep your eyes on the future," but time has taught me that if you keep only looking ahead, you miss your life in the moment. It's not just a loss for you but also your friends and family. They want you with them in the here and now. In the future, you can look forward to life's rewards, but you never arrive in the future. It's a moving target that is always ahead. So, open your eyes and heart to the right now and enjoy your life in this moment.

How do you begin?

Take five minutes each morning and live in the moment. Empty your brain of distractions. Block the thoughts of the future and the things you must do. Sit in your backyard or take a walk and look for the little things you've never taken time to notice. Tune in to your surroundings. Notice the sunshine on your face and think about how it feels. Take in the color of the sky and shape of the clouds. Sniff the air. Engage all your senses.

Look people in the eyes when you encounter them. Smile and acknowledge you know they are there. I was in the grocery store last week. I encountered another shopper. We were both wearing masks, so it was hard to recognize others, but she called me by name and told me she was praying for my health. Gail Emme could have just passed me by, but instead decided to act in the moment and brighten my day. Speak to others, if only to smile and say hello. Acknowledge only your immediate surroundings. At this moment, pretend nothing else exists.

It's not easy to change life-long behavior, but its worth the effort. As you learn to live and love in the moment for a few minutes, expand the length of time and the number of times per day. Trust me ... it's worth the effort.

What have you noticed lately?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



Photo Courtesy

The American Legion Post #111 of Woodstock held its annual Flag Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 17, which included the proper disposal of used and damaged flags. Post Commander Glenn Boies (right), along with a member of a Woodstock Boy Scout troop prepares to dispose of a flag during the ceremony.



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The Judy Nilan Foundation gave out free ice cream to the students of Woodstock to celebrate the end of the school year, including a stop at the Muddy Brook Fire Department. Here, board member Wendy Labouef gives out a sweet treat to students.

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Protect plants as soon as they are set in the ground. It's easier to prevent damage rather than break a habit. Once critters find delicious plants, they will be back for more and they're likely to bring along a few additional family members.

A fence is an excellent defense against animals. A four-foot-high fence anchored tightly to the ground will keep out rabbits. Five-foot-high fences around small garden areas will usually keep out deer that tend to avoid



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smaller spaces. Woodchucks are more difficult. They will dig under or climb over the fence. You must place the fence at least 12 inches below the soil surface with four to five feet above ground. Make sure gates are secured so animals can't squeeze through or under these. The last thing you want is an animal happily living and dining inside your fenced in garden.

For gardeners who do not want to spend the money on fencing or view their flowers and other ornamental plantings through a fence, there are other options.

Scarecrows, rattling pans and other scare tactics have been widely used for decades. Unfortunately, urban animals are used to noise and human scent and not discouraged by these

tactics. You must move and alternate the various scare tactics to increase your chance of success.

Repellents may be your best and most practical option. Always check the label for details on use, application rates and timing. Research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other types of repellents. Wildlife will avoid plants rather than taking a bite before they discover they don't like the taste.

Look for organic repellents labeled for use on food plants when treating edibles. [Plantskydd \(plantskydd.com\)](http://Plantskydd.com) is the only OMRI certified organic repellent and is effective against rabbits, deer, voles, elk, moose, chipmunks and squirrels. It is rain resistant and each application lasts three to four months during the growing season.

Maximize results by treating new growth according to label directions. Most liquid repellents need time to dry while granule repellents may need to be watered to activate the smell. Always check the label for the product you are applying.

Protect new tree whips by dipping them in a long-lasting liquid repellent. Mature trees will benefit as well. Treat

them prior to bud break or two to three weeks after leaves have developed.

Continue to monitor plantings throughout your landscape all season long. Watch for animal tracks, droppings and other signs wildlife have moved into your area. Protect new plantings and those favored by wildlife before they start dining on your plants. Always be as persistent as the hungry animals.

If you're ever feeling discouraged, remember that gardeners have been battling animals in the garden long before us and there are lots of options to help protect your flowers and harvest.

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