

Danielson's Jacob Hernandez releases his throw over to first base.

Jason Mckay

Tri-Town, at its best, dispatches Danielson

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DANIELSON — Peaking at the right time. American Legion baseball teams that want to make a deep playoff run know the previous statement is an essential component in hopes of making that happen.

The Tri-Town Legion team appears to be playing its best as the regular season comes to a close, winning six of its last 10 games to head to the Connecticut American Legion Baseball Tournament, which began Tuesday, Aug. 3, with a 13-10 mark.

In the final week of the regular season Tri-Town prepared for the state tournament by defeating Zone 6 Northern Division rivals Willimantic, 10-0, on Monday, July 26 and Danielson, 14-3, on Wednesday, July 28. Both wins came on the road.

In the win over Danielson (5-15), Tri-Town scored its 14 runs on 15 hits — 10 singles, three doubles, a triple, and a home run — and finished with 13 RBI. The team also racked up nine walks and did not strike out in the game.

“That’s the best hitting we’ve done this year as a

team,” Tri-Town head coach Jason Akana said. “I thought we hit the ball pretty good against Willimantic on Monday, but we were even better at the plate (against Danielson). It was good to see our hot hitting continue into this game.”

In Tri-Town’s win over Danielson both teams scored a first-inning run.

Tri-Town took the early lead, 1-0, when Mason Barber (home run, sacrifice fly, three RBI, three runs scored) walked, went to second on a passed ball, stole third and

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Pomfret, Thompson receive CT Humanities grants

BY JASON BLEAU
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REGION — The town of Thompson and the Pomfret Historical Society were among fourteen recipients of grants from the Connecticut Humanities, an organization that champions the value of public humanities in society and one of a larger group of organizations affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The announcements were made in a press release in late July with the funding supporting programs and initiatives meant to immerse participants in the human experience and deepen the connection between individuals and their communities.

Dr. Jason Mancini, Executive Director at Connecticut Humanities, said the latest round of grant funding reflects that mission well.

“This round of grant awards highlights the diversity of cultures and expressions of our humanity as well as the many organizations providing pathways for residents of our state to connect to that richness,” Mancini said. “CT Humanities is proud to support these programs and we are happy to see first-time grantees in the group.”

The Pomfret Historical Society is receiving \$4,890 for “Waking the Dead,” an archaeology, genealogical and archival research about enslaved Africans in Windham County. The event will include four workshops this October and November as part of the Last Green Valley’s annual

Walktober lineup. Registration for the workshops will begin Aug. 15 on the Pomfret Historical Society’s Web site. The Quiet Corner’s other recipient, the Town of Thompson, was granted \$4,885 for the upcoming “More Than Just A Train Wreck!” an exploration of the famous East Thompson train crash of 1891.

Other recipients of grants included Groundwork Bridgeport for The Bridgeport Film Fest, WPKN 89.5 FM in Bridgeport for “Expressing Collective Grief and Loss in the Age of COVID,” the Fairfield Museum and History Center for “Topping the Charts - The Rise of Bridgeport’s Columbia Records,” the Hill-Stead Museum for the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival, the Connecticut Science Center for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access in STEM - Evening Program Series, the Manchester Historical Society for “Manchester: Then & Now,” Connecticut College in New London for One Book Region 2021, the Custom House Museum in New London for Post-COVID-19: Re-Tooling the Visitor Experience at the Custom House, the Global City Norwich for the Bank Street Blues Bilingual, the Society of the Founders of Norwich for upgrades to the Joseph Carpenter Silversmith Shop Museum, the Pequot Library in Southport for Magic, Mayhem, and Maturity: The Growth of Youth Fantasy Literature, and the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury for Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month @ The MATT.

New mural celebrates Killingly’s past & future

KILLINGLY — On Monday, Aug. 2, after nearly two years of planning, a new large-scale mural celebrating the history of Killingly began to take form on the north-facing wall of the LaClair Building on Main Street.

Sitting parallel to the Killingly Town Hall, the build-

ing, built in 1937, is now home to Brunet & Company Real Estate. Owner Amy Brunet enlisted the help and creative talents of Jennifer Brytowski with Jennerate, LLC to craft a unique mural. She wanted something nostalgic, that blended well with both her style in business and her pas-

sion for Killingly. Brunet not only wanted it to mean something to her, she wanted it to mean something for others too. Working with local artists, Jon Conway and Ernie D’Elia along with multiple visits to the Killingly Historical Society, we were able to blend images from seven historical

photos from Killingly’s past with vintage artistic interpretations of sponsor logos. The project promises to reflect the community’s rich history while promoting businesses that are laying the foundation for the future of Killingly.

The public is invited to visit 161 Main St. in downtown

Danielson as the mural progresses over the coming weeks. Mural artists Ernie D’Elia and Jon Conway will work to transform the currently blank wall to a detailed, eye-catching landscape featuring life-sized figures, a railway car, and build-

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TEEG cuts ribbon on remodeled Community Market

THOMPSON – Visitors and supporters celebrated the grand reveal of the newly renovated and rebranded TEEG Community Market on Wednesday, June 28.

Formerly the TEEG Food pantry, the Community Market brings a new identity to the agency’s primary food security resource with a focus on creating a new and inclusive experience for clients with more of a focus on healthy diets.

The June 28 ribbon cutting was the culmination of months of work and evolution in the Community Market including newly repainted walls, a new floor installation, the addition of a new stand-up freezer and dairy fridge, and the implementation of a new food display system based on

the Supporting Wellness at Pantries or S.W.A.P. model which has also been implemented at TEEG’s satellite Market in Pomfret. TEEG Community Programs Manager Chelsea French said the entire rebranding was specifically designed to help enhance the services to clients and to eliminate the stigma surrounding the term “pantry.”

“We want everyone to feel welcome and included as we strive to offer fresh and healthy products to families who utilize our services. We display our products on a ranking system called S.W.A.P. and it focuses on the amounts of saturated fats, sugar and salt in everyday items. Green items are at eye level, are better for you and should be chosen more often than yel-



Photo: Laura Bemberek — Courtesy

From left: Jenni Fountain and Cathy Smith of TEEG, TEEG Executive Director Anne Miller, Thompson First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge, and Jason Bleau and Chelsea French of TEEG help cut the ribbon for the TEEG Community Market.

low and red items which respectively are higher in saturated fats, sugar and salt and should really be consumed minimally,” said French. “We aim to meet dietary restrictions and be inclu-

sive. We try to always have items that are gluten free and dairy free. We even have some options that are good

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Research turns up some interesting tidbits



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WEAVER

Several weeks ago, I wrote about a fire at Wildwood Park in 1909 and decided to see if I could learn when it occurred and what caused it by exploring back issues of the June Norwich Bulletins on newspapers.com. I couldn't locate any mention of the fire, but I did come across some interesting tidbits.

Did you know that Attawaugan once had a gun club? "The Attawaugan Gun club and Ladies' Rifle club will hold their mid-summer outing and shoot at Attawaugan, Monday, July 5. At noon a chowder is to be served. The clubs include members from all parts of the town of Killingly, and their meets are always marked with great interest." (June 24, 1909, p. 2). If you know the name/names of any individuals who were on these teams, please email me. It would be nice to add them to the Historical Center files.

I didn't realize that at the beginning of the 20th century, some local students were receiving educations in Canada. Did you? "Danielson students in Canadian schools are expected to reach their homes today and Friday, to spend the summer vacation." (Norwich Bulletin June 24, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com). Others were also returning for the summer, "Miss Katherine Danielson of Mt. Holyoke college is at her home in Danielson for the summer recess." (Ibid).

"Tent Services Resumed. Tent services have been resumed by the mem-

bers of the Pentecostal church on the lot on Academy Street recently purchased as a site for their church. Many have been attending the services." (Norwich Bulletin June 24, 1909; newspapers.com).

"Danielson will send a big delegation to Norwich on July 5. There is a remarkable degree of local interest in the big celebration and the noted persons who are coming to Norwich for the event. Everybody wants to see the president, and the fact that Mr. Taft is to be there will greatly increase the attendance from this section. Danielson will be represented in the monster parade by the Thirteenth company, C. A. C. and by St. James band." (Norwich Bulletin, June 17, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com).

Why was Taft coming to Norwich? Back to the newspapers. "The Tuesday, July 6, 1909 Norwich Bulletin contained the following, "Greatest Celebration in History of Norwich. Town Thronged with 50,000 people for the 250th Anniversary . President Taft Proves the Big attraction. Grand Fireworks Display with the Evening."(newspapers.com, p. 2).

"If a first you don't succeed, try, try again." Wildwood Park was an important attraction in Killingly for a number of years so I really was hoping to locate an article about the 1909 fire. A trip to the Killingly Public Library to use the microfilms of the Windham County Transcript finally brought forth the desired results. Thanks to the assistance of several librarians I found the following in the July 8, 1909 issue: "A fire occurred at Wildwood Park last Saturday afternoon, resulting in the total destruction of the ice cream pavilion, dance hall, soda water building and popcorn booth, ruining a large number of trees, and spoiling the beauty of this popular summer resort. The fire started almost 1:20 at the northwest corner of the ice cream pavilion and it is thought

it was caused by sparks being blown from under on of the set kettles in which some ham was being boiled. When the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that it was impossible to stop by means at hand, and a 10 (?) mile an hour wind blowing off the lake rapidly spread the flames until all of the buildings between the club house and the theatre were ablaze, together with a large number of pine trees, which snapped and roared like a terrible thunderstorm. Word was sent to Dayville and the car barn*, and the 1:35 car (trolley) brought many willing hands to try and save part of the resort. The open design of the buildings made them an easy prey to the flames, however, and nothing could be done to save them. A large number of men and boys removed everything available from the theatre as it was expected that this building, too, would soon be burned. The direction of the wind was such, however, that the theatre escaped destruction. The club house, although considerably scorched, by some miracle did not catch fire, and with the aid of a small steam of water played on the roof, the depot was also saved. Several lengths of hose were brought from Dayville and attached to the supply tank, in the rear of the club house, but the supply was insufficient to do much good. The steamer and Minnetexit supply wagon came up from Danielson, in response to a telephone call, and extinguished the embers and fire on the trees, but the progress of the flames was so rapid that the buildings were a total loss.

"W. E. LaBelle, who has the refreshment privilege, had stocked up in anticipation of a large demand for the Fourth, and estimates his loss of \$3,500, not insured. Mr. LaBelle was at his Dayville store when he received word of the fire and went immediately to the park by trolley. Remembering that he had a sum of silver money in a

closet in the soda pavilion, he rushed in through the back entrance, quickly secured the money, and then found the flames barred his exit through the door by which he had entered, and he was obliged to make his escape by climbing over the counter in front. The buildings were owned by Connecticut Company (trolley), and were probably worth from five to six thousand dollars. Mr. J. Leary, an official of the company, was at the park Tuesday and stated that the ruins would be cleaned up immediately and the buildings rebuilt. It is planned next spring to replace the burned trees with maples, which will partly restore the beauty of this popular resort. For the time being Mr. LaBelle is serving the public with ice cream, lunches, and other refreshments on the spacious piazza of the club house."

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center to Reopen: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center reopened on Wednesday, Aug. 4 and will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Center will follow the Covid guidelines in place by the Town of Killingly.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian July 2021. Special thanks to the Killingly Librarians for their assistance. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or www.Killinglyhistorical.org. After it reopens you may leave messages at the Killingly Historical Center 860-779-7250. Visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning Aug. 4. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.

Loos & Company feeds the hungry



CWI Marketing Assistant Claire Galvin presents Covenant Soup Kitchen Kitchen Manager Jan Czikowsky, CSK Executive Director Kimberly Clark and ConnectiCare Service Member Jordyn Dickey with a check this week.

POMFRET — At local soup kitchens, feeding everyone at the table is more than a mission, it's a mantra.

For Willimantic's Covenant Soup Kitchen, that mantra may now be a little more attainable, thanks to a new

donation from a community partner.

Pomfret's Loos & Company proudly donated \$500 this week to the local soup kitchen and food pantry.

The Covenant Soup Kitchen is a nonprofit organization that is open every day year-round at 220 Valley St., Willimantic.

The kitchen serves more than 200 breakfast and lunch meals daily out of the basement of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Thread City. In addition, dinners are served on Friday and Saturday.

As of early July, staff and volunteers had put out 1,154,863 meals since the start of the pandemic.

Donations were made possible through Loos & Company employees choosing to receive a coronavirus vaccination. Once an employee received their vaccine, a \$50 contribution was made to the general donation fund.

Employees were then asked to provide recommendations for local organizations to support, with the soup kitchen being highly recommended.

This is the seventh \$500 donation to be made by Loos & Company this summer. Donations were recently given to the Danielson United Methodist Church Food Pantry, the Pomfret Community/Senior Center, the Danielson Veterans

Coffeehouse, the Putnam Daily Bread Food Pantry, the Norwich St. Vincent de Paul Place and the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut's Northeast Women & Girls Fund.

"We're proud to be able to do this," said Loos Director of Corporate Marketing Robert Davis. "We're trying to make an impact and then follow-up with these organizations again in the future."

Covenant Soup Kitchen Executive Director Kimberly Clark said the kitchen loves the community partnerships and loves the donations.

"Because we were well supported before the pandemic, we were able to make it through the pandemic without closing for even one day," Clark said. "We didn't panic because of these organizations' support."

Donations and volunteers are always needed at the soup kitchen. More information about the organization is available at covenantsoupkitchen.org.

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New book offers career self help and guidance



Barry Jessurun

POMFRET CENTER — In his first book, “The Drunkard’s Path — Self Help and Guidance for Your Career Path,” Barry Jessurun, a restaurateur, entrepreneur, coach, and speaker, draws on four decades of working in the hospitality industry, conveying what it takes to excel in any job and in whatever field you choose. He offers practical advice for both college graduates and young adults just starting out in their careers to managers and owners who want to deepen their knowledge of how a business

operates and how to attract and manage a quality workforce. “I outline the fundamentals of how to be an effective employee because that’s the foundation for success,” says Jessurun, who guides the reader with his matter-of-fact style that’s sometimes funny, sometimes serious. “My hope is that the reader will learn ideas, practices and philosophies that will mobilize them to take action in leading their own story — one that promises a rewarding work career and a more meaningful life by being open to experiences and new challenges.” Through examining different aspects of work in the hospitality and service business and the knowledge required to accomplish the work, along with interspersed stories and humorous anecdotes, Jessurun makes the topic relevant to anyone who works. He takes the reader through the process of how to think like an entrepreneur, and how and why to construct one’s own narrative. There are three core philosophies that underlie and support

the other ideas in the book:

- We work primarily for ourselves and the future we are working to produce.
- We live in a linguistic reality in which we co-create everything with our words.
- Selfish-Altruism, taking care of one self, which allows you to take care of others, can be an effective practice for developing a career.

From those three main points, Jessurun leads the reader from employment to management and beyond, laying the groundwork for entrepreneurial thinking and a future with many more possibilities. “...a fascinating read that encourages newfound and veteran professionals alike to act and speak with intention. Barry draws from his own experiences to craft the perfect recipe to succeed as an employee or boss in any professional setting,” says Megan Feragne, a former employee of Jessurun’s and a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Bilingual Children’s Book Author. For more information and to buy The Drunkard’s

Path, visit www.the-drunkardspath.com. The book is also available at Amazon (\$20, paperback; \$35 hardcover) and other online book resellers as well as Jessurun’s restaurants in northeastern Connecticut. The Drunkard’s Path - Book Sale / Signing Dates & Locations
Wednesday, August 4th — The Vanilla Bean Café (Pomfret) - 5 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 11th — Dog Lane Café (Storrs) - 5 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 18th — 85 Main (Putnam) - 5 - 7 p.m.

Why the Drunkard’s Path? The Drunkard’s Path is a name given to zig-zag quilt patterns that are difficult to learn, but once achieved, they open a larger range of possible designs. You will find that your own life will be much like The Drunkard’s Path. As you wind through the years, you will be constantly exposed to new learning opportunities. If you take on the challenging ones, you will find a wider space of possibilities will be open to you.

About Barry Jessurun Jessurun is the President of Green Valley Hospitality, a restaurant group that oversees four restaurant concepts in northeastern Connecticut — The Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret, 85 Main in Putnam, Dog Lane Café in Storrs, and Fenton River Grill in Mansfield. He is one of the main founders and lead designer of all the locations, from the kitchen and bar design to the overall look and feel of each one. The Vanilla Bean Café celebrates 32 years in business this year. Since he was a young person himself, he has been managing and working with young people. Part of Jessurun’s own narrative is helping others to succeed. He knows that the restaurant industry is just a steppingstone in many young people’s careers, and he works to educate them and expose them to new thinking, philosophies, and practices that will help to propel them into a career of his/her choosing. His restaurants are what he refers to as ‘young person development agencies.’

Pomfret Historical Society receives CT Humanities grant

POMFRET — On June 24, the Pomfret Historical Society was awarded a grant from Connecticut Humanities. This funding will enable the organization to offer four historical workshops this October in Pomfret. Entitled, “Waking the Dead: Archaeology, Genealogical and Archival Research About Enslaved Africans in Windham County,” these workshops are open to the public and will help facilitate restoration of the Randall Higginbotham Burial Ground on the Wyndham Land Trust’s Nightingale Woods property in Pomfret. Workshop presenters include historian and writer, Donna Dufresne; Dr. Nick Bellantoni, State Archaeologist Emeritus; Dr. Sarah Sportman, State Archaeologist; Ruth Shapleigh Brown, CT Gravestone Network; Michael Carroll, Rediscovering History Gravestone Restoration; and William Fothergill, expert in African and Native American genealogy. Two workshops will be centered around current research on the enslaved Africans buried at the Randall Higginbotham Burial Ground. On Oct. 2, in collaboration with The Last Green Valley’s Walktober (a month-long series of regional walks and

other activities), Donna Dufresne will present “The Lost Village of Voices, A New Narrative.” The presentation will begin at the Pomfret Community Center at 10 a.m., followed by a tour of the Higginbotham Homestead at Nightingale Woods. Rain date is Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. Registration is \$10. The second workshop on local enslaved Africans, “Waking the Dead, The Story Told by Artifacts and Primary Sources,” will be held on Oct. 23. This day-long symposium will include presentations by keynote speakers Dr. Nick Bellantoni, Dr. Sarah Sportman, Ruth Shapleigh Brown and Michael Carroll. The morning program will begin at the Rectory School at 9 a.m., followed by a demonstration on gravestone cleaning, restoration and repairs at the Randall/Higginbotham Burial Ground and a tour of the historic remains of the Higginbotham farm and mills. Registration is \$20, including lunch. The third workshop, “Waking the Dead, Uncovering the Past in Ancient Burial Grounds,” will take place at the Sabin/South Cemetery in Pomfret on Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. A presentation by Ruth Shapleigh Brown at the Pomfret Community Center will be followed by a tour of the Sabin/South Cemetery

and workshop on gravestone carvers, lichen removal and safe cleaning of gravestones and the care of ancient burial grounds. Registration is \$10. The fourth workshop, “Waking the Dead, Native American and African Descent Genealogy and Archival Research” will take place at the Pomfret Community Center on Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. with genealogist William Fothergill. Mr. Fothergill will share techniques he learned while researching Ebenezer Bassett, from Litchfield,

who was of Native and African American descent and the first person of color appointed as ambassador to Haiti in 1869. Registration is \$10. Further details and online registration can be found on the Pomfret Historical Society website <https://pomfret-historical-society.org> starting Aug. 15. Register for individual workshops or all four for a discounted fee of \$35.



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Putnam included in round of appropriations bills

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Joe Courtney is celebrating the passage of a House legislative package that secures several appropriations bills he worked to include that will assist towns throughout Eastern Connecticut, including Putnam.

As part of the recently approved H.R. 4502, 12 total appropriations bills were supported by the majority of the House of Representatives, several of which contained funding Congressman Joe Courtney worked to secure for the Eastern Connecticut Region.

“The House is putting together an FY 2022 budget package that’s going to help our towns and our local economy come back even stronger,” said Congressman Courtney said in a statement. “After putting our heads together with local leaders in town government and the non-profit sector, we scored some wins in

the House’s 2022 budget that will provide direct support to local projects across our region—like improved health care services in the Quiet Corner and New London County, exciting new programs for students and degree-seekers, and resources to help improve and repair local infrastructure. Our budget package would also finalize funding to construct the new Putnam Readiness Center, and to support some of the nationwide federal programs that everyone from our schools, farmers, and local conservation areas rely on. This is an eastern Connecticut-focused budget, and I’ll keep working across the aisle to make it final.”

The vote secures \$17.5 million in funding requested by President Joe Biden to construct a new Connecticut Army National Guard Readiness Center in Putnam. The new center would primarily support the CTARNG’s 643rd Military Police Company and its training, administrative, and

logistical requirements who are currently utilizing an outdated building in Westbrook. Another approved appropriation earmarks \$540,000 to assist Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam with the purchase fluoroscopy equipment. Among the other grants, programs and initiatives being funded are supports to improve rail systems through the northeast, support of the Community Development Block Grant Program, prioritizations of veterans programs, and the extension of all National Heritage Area authorities for one year with the Last Green Valley prevented from losing its status as a result. The appropriations bills also include support for energy and water development, financial services including investment in small businesses and election security grants, drug free communities initiatives and programs that will increase access to healthier foods and farm-fresh products for both families and school children.

Poetry at Roseland Park series continues Aug. 15



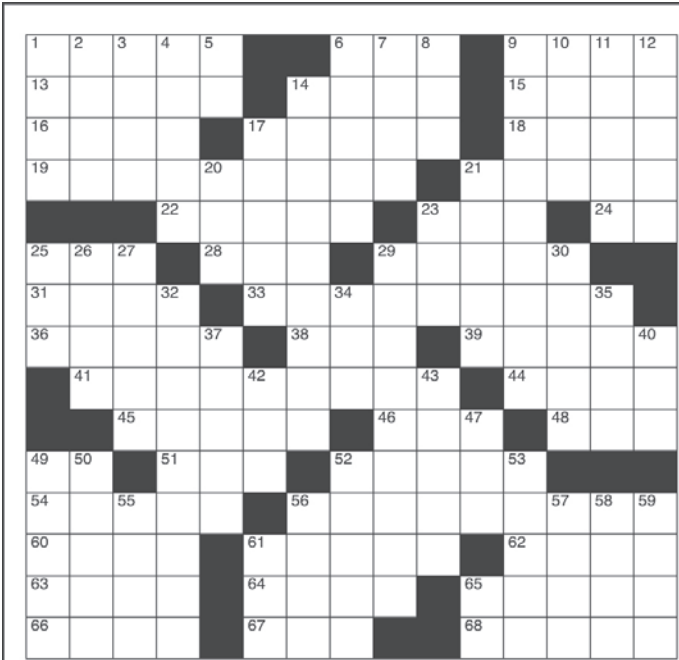
WOODSTOCK — Another free poetry reading will be held on Sunday, Aug. 15 at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd. in Woodstock, in the beautiful outdoor amphitheater (barn or boat house if rain). The event will run from 2-4 p.m. and is for people ages 14 and up. Books will be available for purchase. Folding chairs or camp chairs are recommended for a more comfortable time if in amphitheater. Besides featured readers there will be an open mic segment as time allows; strict five-minute limit.

Featured poets on the 15th will be Connecticut author and organizer of Quiet Corner Poets, Christine Kalafus, Massachusetts authors Gerald Yelle, David Wyman, and author and Professor Emerita, UMass, Janine Roberts. The

featured open mic reader will be Tianna Mercier; National Beat Poet Laureate for 2020, Paul Richmond and finalist in the Montreal International Poetry Contest and Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky will also perform in the open mic.

This event is being sponsored in part by Sharpe Hill Winery, Linemaster Switch Corporation, Brunarhans, Inc., CR Premier Properties, Weiss, Hale and Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, the Woodstock Airport, Ashford’s Xtra Mart, Bank Hometown, Charter Oak Credit Union, The Rusty Relic, and Sweet Evalina’s.

Questions about this series can be directed to karen.warinsky@gmail.com.



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1. Ponds
6. “Unbelievable” musicians
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. “Luther” actor
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Detects underwater objects
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. Fencing sword
22. Painful places on the body
23. “Sleepless in Seattle” actress Ryan
24. Sodium
25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
28. Small lump
29. African antelope
31. Electronic point of sale
33. Carefully chooses
36. Ringworm
38. Unrefined
39. Drenches
41. Type of pants
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. Being without clothes
60. Surrounded by
61. Remains
62. Away from wind
63. Dried-up
64. One who can see the future
65. A very large body of water
66. Digs up earth
67. Type of screen
68. Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. Sudden, very loud sound
4. Type of chair
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Broad volcanic crater
8. Some animals have it
9. Ottoman palaces
10. Divulge a secret
11. “A Doll’s House” playwright
12. “It’s a Wonderful Life” director
14. Poisonous perennial
17. Gulf in the Aegean
20. Clothes
21. Chairs
23. Family of regulator genes
25. NY ballplayer
26. Impressive in size or scope
27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
29. Manhattanite
30. Genus of lemurs
32. Sings to
34. River in southern Italy
35. Supplemented with difficulty
37. Farewell
40. Senior officer
42. Utah resident
43. Begets
47. Boy
49. Violently break
50. Brief appearance
52. Expressed pleasure
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth finish
56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
57. Ancient Greek City
58. Close tightly
59. Commit
61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
65. Heavy metal



Local students graduate from Nichols College

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DUDLEY, Mass. — Nichols College graduated 245 undergraduate students this spring. An in person commencement celebration was held for the class of 2021 on May 15.

Christina Bileau of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Management.

Abigail Teczar of Rogers graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in General Business.

Michael Wetherell of Brooklyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Human Resource Management.

Jason Pawlowski of Putnam graduated with a Bachelor

of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Management.

Christian Carita of Thompson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in General Business.

Evan Ware of North Grosvenordale graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting.

Christian Mayotte of Woodstock graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in International Business & Finance.

Devin Tait of Woodstock Valley graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in General Business.

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Local students named to University of Hartford Honors Lists

WEST HARTFORD — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the President’s Honors List and/or the Dean’s List for Spring 2021.

Jennifer Kelley of Brooklyn:

Dean’s List
Griffin Ware of Brooklyn:
Dean’s List
Jennifer White of Dayville:
Dean’s List
Maralex Ramirez of Danielson:
President’s Honors List and the

Dean’s List
Kathleen Joiner of N Grosvenordale: President’s Honors List and the Dean’s List
Parker Kalafus of Pomfret Center: Dean’s List
Jordyn Brousseau of Woodstock: President’s Honors List and the Dean’s List

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MURAL

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ing silhouettes in warm, sepia tones. In addition to viewing the mural in person, the project will also be documented and shared through videography from start to completion on social media through Jennerate, LLC's Facebook and Instagram pages. The mural is set to be completed in time for the annual Killingly Bike Night event on Aug. 19.

Jennerate, LLC owner, Jennifer Brytowski shared her enthusiasm, commenting "My goal with this mural is to create excitement in the community. The blend of historical photos and vintage spin on modern business logos help capture this moment in time. Together we are actively creating Killingly and I hope people make an effort to come down and see history in the making."

Brunet & Company Real Estate owner Amy Brunet echoed Jennifer's excitement, adding "Killingly is a commu-

nity strong and full of opportunity, comradery, and achievements. Blending history with a vision toward the future, brings something so special to this town. Knowing the impact it will hold for years to come makes us very proud to be able to give back and help grow our community."

This mural would not be possible without the many local businesses that supported the project through sponsorships and more.

Jennifer Brytowski extended her appreciation for their support, adding "Thank you to our visionaries who helped bring this to life including: NorthStar Home Loans, Spirol International Corporation, Gerardi Insurance Services, Sovereign Properties, Centreville Bank, The Supported Living Group, Lawton Law, Dexter Masonry Contractors, Fairway Independent Mortgage, Quinebaug Valley Community College, QVCC Foundation, H & R Block, Railside Tavern, Deb's Place, Danielson Lodge



of Elks, as well as collaborative community partners: The Dubliner, Powerful Improvements, Mandalay Salon and Spa, Pasay Development and The Town of Killingly."

Be sure to visit 161 Main

Street to see the mural in progress over the month of August and follow Jennerate on social media: @jenneratecreates on Facebook and Instagram. If you are a municipality or businesses looking to add more fun, Jennerate, LLC thrives on

creating unique experiences that drive visitor engagement; contact Jennifer Brytowski at jenneratepro@gmail.com for inspiration and more information.

TEEG

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for vegans. We want people to be able to get products that are harder to purchase when using S.N.A.P. benefits or on a limited or fixed income. By doing so, we are helping people save money for essentials like rent and utilities. We believe that regardless of where you get your groceries you should be afforded the same opportunities."

TEEG Executive Director Anne Miller, who cut the ribbon with the help of Thompson First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge and TEEG's Community Market employees Jason Bleau and Cathy Smith, praised her staff's dedication to bringing the TEEG's food security programs into a new era.

"I am incredibly proud and grateful for the work that the TEEG staff and volunteers have done to give the pantry a fresh look and to provide a new approach to food security. The completion of the TEEG Community Market shines a light on our increased presence in Pomfret with the Pomfret Community Market, and in Woodstock, with the Mobile Market. All three locations focus on solutions to serve the individual or family in addition to the food that they receive. We are committed to providing not only food, but the tools to find solutions for long-term success," said Miller.

Those in need of food assistance or who would like to donate to or volunteer with TEEG can call 860-923-3458 or visit TEEG's facility at 15 Thatcher Rd. in North Grosvenordale.

MYERS

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ings and building materials. It is much easier to move items on paper than once they are set into the ground.

Always contact your local underground utility locating service at least three business days in advance. It's free and as easy as calling 811 or filing an online request. They will contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. This reduces the risk of injury and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities as you enhance your landscape.

Because this important step is often overlooked, August 11th has become

National 811 Day. It's a reminder to include this important step when undertaking any landscape project, large or small. And remind others to do the same.

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Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Putnam holds Car Cruise Invitational

PUTNAM — Rotary Park was a busy place on the afternoon of Friday, July 30 as Putnam held a Car Cruise Invitational bringing numerous classic cars from near and far to downtown. Similar to the annual Main Street Car Cruise but on a much smaller scale, the Car Cruise saw an all-star cast of antique and modern classic vehicles pull in to Rotary Park with classic music filling the air as spectators made their way through the displays of motor vehicle history.



Photos Jason Bleau

This 1969 Super Bee made its debut at the Car Cruise Invitational after being restored.



This 1956 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop from North Grosvenordale sported an eye-catching blue color scheme that helped it stand out from the rest of the vehicles on the green.



A classic Chevelle and Plymouth welcome visitors to Rotary Park.



A classic GMC from nonother than Vachon GMC Cadillac, formerly King Cadillac GMC, in Putnam



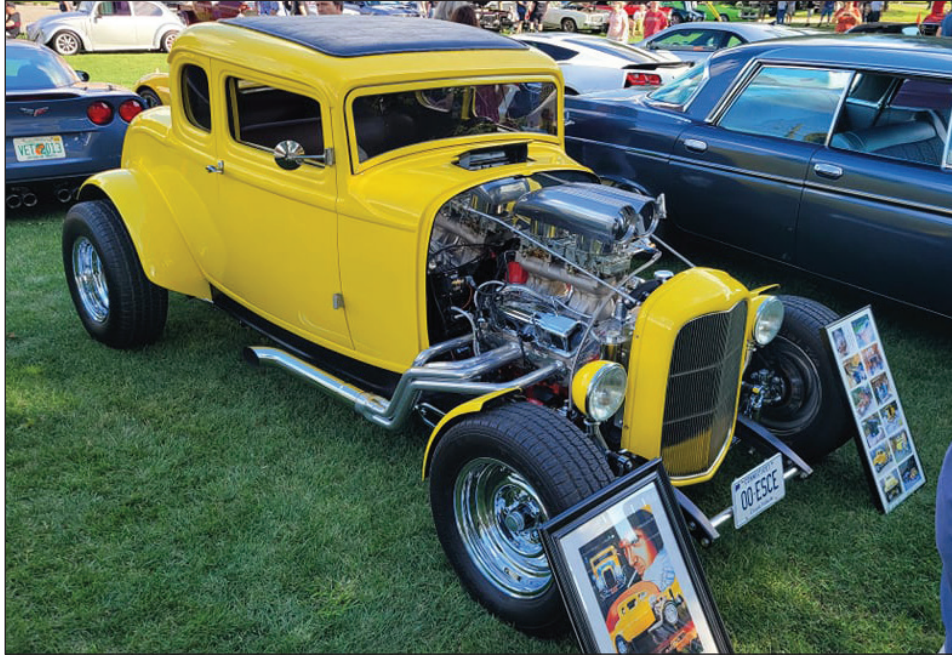
A 1935 Studebaker President sporting a flashy silver-grey and blue paint scheme.



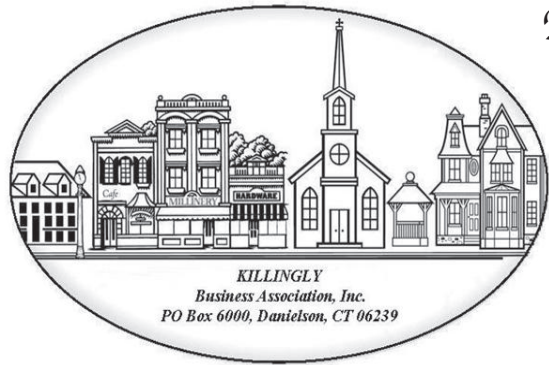
The classic Imperial stood out from the crowd.



A lineup of slick, sporty Corvettes.



This classic yellow beauty, complete with photographic history of its restoration, has become a staple of local car cruises.



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LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via a virtual WebEx Meeting and at the Clifford B. Green Community Meeting Room, Suite 24, 69 South Main Street on the following:
0713 21 A A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 3 7, Lot 17 and Map 3 7 Lot 20/21, Wetlands crossing for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic systems, wells, minor grading.
A copy of the application is available for review.
All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received.
Jeffrey Arends
Chairman
Dated this 14th day of July 2021
July 30, 2021
August 6, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and took the following actions:
ZBA 21-02 Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotnoir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recycler's yard or motor vehicle recycler's business. Continued from July 12, 2021
ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojto-

wicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, block 57, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16 foot sideyard setback to build a 36' x 21' detached garage.
Application Amended - ZBA meeting on June 7, 2021, to request a variance from Town of Thompson Amended Zoning regulations, Article 4A Rural Residential Agricultural District, Section 3, General Development Standards, Accessory Structure to the Primary Building, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure.
File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting
Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
July 30, 2021
August 6, 2021

Town of Brooklyn
Notice of Approval

On July 29, 2021, the duly Authorized Agent of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Conunission approved an application for grinding stumps in the rear of the lot, making a wood chip berm, and spreading two inches of topsoil over an area of approximately 85 ft x 85 feet within the Upland Review Area at 95 Bunny Lane (Assessors Map 42/Lot 22-78), with standard conditions.
August 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Sara P Kivela (21-00209)
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Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
William. A Kivela, 4034 SW Glen Eagle Circle, Palm City, FL 34990

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Henry Charles Aceto (21-00186)
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Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
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Attorney; PASQUALE A CAY ALIERE, THORNTON CAVALIERE & ARSENAULT, 85 BEACH STREET, UNIT 8 P. O. BOX 531, WESTERLY, RI 02891
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joseph C Beaudoin (21-00218)
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The fiduciary is:
Nancy M Beaudoin, 237 Chaplin Road, Eastford, CT 06242
ATTORNEY: ALYSON R ALEMAN, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 1 55 PROVIDENCE STREET PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Craig S Jones, AKA Craig S Clark Jones (21-00167)
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sented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Tara S Jones, 70 Ventura Drive, Brooklyn, CT 06234
Attorney: JAMES K KELLEY, LAW OFFICES OF JAMES K. KELLEY & ASSOC., 33 BROAD STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard J. Morrill (21-00255)
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Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Cynthia T Morrill, 63 Fox Road, Putnam, CT 06260, United States
Attorney EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS 168 MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bernadette LeClerc (21-00163)
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Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
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EDITOR

Olympic trivia

It's nice to have a distraction from the rollercoaster that was 2020, with the summer Olympics plastered all over television and social media. Watching athletes from all over the globe show off what they've been training for shows us all what can be possible when we set a goal.

With that said, we thought it would be interesting to share some Olympic trivia.

In 1998, Surya Bonaly, a figure skater from France fell during the winter games in Nagano. Since she knew she lost a chance to medal, she decided to do a move that had been banned since 1976. She did a backflip and landed on the blade of one skate. No one has attempted the trick since then, making her Olympic performance, one to remember.

From 1912 through 1954, individuals could earn medals for art, as long as it was inspired by a sport of some kind. The art could include painting, literature, sculpture or music. Eventually, this was tossed out, as most professional artists sell their work to earn a living.

In 2002, during the Winter Olympics, speed skater Steven Bradbury of Australia was racing in the 1,000 meter short track finals and was lagging behind. During the race, the leaders crashed into each other, leaving Bradbury far enough behind to avoid the collision. He was able to skate by and win gold.

The first modern Olympic Marathon (26.2-mile road race) took place in 1904. Most of the runners had never run that far before. One competitor showed up to the start line in dress pants. Fourteen out of the 32 racers were able to finish. One racer, Fred Lorz who won, actually jumped in a car for 11 miles of it due to a cramp. Another runner, Felix Carvajal ate a rotten apple halfway through and stopped to take a nap. He finished fourth. The gold officially was given to Thomas Hicks who was carried over the finish line having hallucinations that he had 20 more miles to go.

During the summer of 1992, the Lithuanian basketball team did not have enough money to compete in the Summer Olympics due to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Coming to the rescue and offering aid to the team was, unexpectedly and, frankly, bizarrely, the Grateful Dead, the rock band with a legendary reputation for imbibing, shall we say, 'illicit substances.' Beyond donating money to make the trip possible, the band allowed the team to sell Grateful Dead merchandise. The team competed in tie-dyed uniforms, and took bronze.

In 1984, McDonald's offered free food every time an American won a medal. During those summer games, the Soviet Union boycotted the games, leaving many open spaces for medals available. This ended up costing the fast food chain a significant amount of money.

True sportsmanship was shown during the Winter Olympics in 2006, held in Torino, Italy, when skier Sara Renner broke her ski pole halfway through an event. Bjornar Haakensmoen, the Norwegian ski coach handed her a spare. The Canadians went on to win silver, while the Norwegians took fourth. To show gratitude the Canadians gifted Haakensmoen with five tons of maple syrup. Both governments waived import duties.

The medals for the Tokyo Olympics are made from recycled electronics to include cameras, smartphones and laptops.

The McDonald's in the Olympic Village is free for all athletes and coaches; however, in 2016 in Rio, McDonald's capped the amount of items that could be ordered at one time to 20.

From 1900-1920, Tug of War was an Olympic sport, with Great Britain winning the most medals and the USA coming in a close second.

In 1936, two Japanese pole vaulters, who were friends had to compete against each other to decide who took silver and who took bronze. The requested that they share the honors, but were told no. Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe had their medals cut in half and fused together, into the medals of friendship.

In 2012, women were finally allowed to compete in boxing. Since 1991, anytime a new event is introduced to the games, women must be included.

Dr. Spock, a well known pediatrician and author, won Olympic Gold as part of the 1924 U.S. rowing team.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A sad day in history

To the Editor:
Once again, we see certain Republicans in Congress choosing to avoid the reality of what happened on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6. Not to bear witness to the testimony of four officers who, on that terrible day in Washington, D.C., endured physical and psychological harm in their efforts to protect those at the Capitol, Democrat and Republican alike, is a blatant display of disrespect and indifference

When will the adults return?

To the Editor:
When will we stop with the immaturity of calling each other names simply because we have different political beliefs?
It is time for the individuals who are willing to engage in civil and respectful dialogue to return. We need both politicians and citizens to stop blaming the other side of the political aisle for the current division in our nation. It is time for Americans to once again engage in civil discourse with one another.
Political discussion should never be about berating your "opponent" until they finally

Sadness and delusion

To the Editor:
To Toby Moore, after reading your father's columns for years and hearing of his passing, I would like to wish my condolences to you and your family. His columns were always interesting to read, and they were well done. His writings will be missed.
Also, the Killingly Villager has a gem in Margaret Weaver. Her columns about ole Killingly are fun and educational, and I look forward to reading them every week. She must spend a lot of time and effort and just wanted to say that.
Just wanted to agree with Billy Taylor on his take on DeLuca and his rancid weekly

A word of thanks

To the Editor:
Last week, several good Samaritans stepped up to help when a cyclist had a serious crash on Fabyan Road in Thompson. It all happened so quickly that I didn't get names. The driver who stopped (and eventually drove me back to my car) and her passenger (a nurse) who called 911, the nearby residents who came forward (two cardiac nurses) who assisted until the EMTs arrived, those on the scene who directed traffic — thank you.
To the emergency responders: the mother-daughter EMT team first on the scene, the ambulances, paramedics, and EMTs from

Killingly's Class of '76 is planning a reunion!

To the Editor:
In 1976, there were a lot of Bicentennial celebrations, special events and activities to mark the 200th anniversary of our great United States of America. The Killingly High School graduates of 1976 took special pride in being the bi-centennial class.
Despite the challenges of the last year and a half, we are having our reunion this year to mark 45 years since that very special graduation and time in our lives. It is fitting that it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11. We are having a Western theme...boots, jeans and hats! Fun, right?
Classmates...please join us and come together to celebrate our past, present and future. As we have aged, we have also lost many of our classmates who will be honored and remembered. For those of us here to participate in this celebration, please reach out to those classmates that you have maintained friendships with. Extend our invitation

to them and the others who tried to stave off the throng of Trump-inspired rioters. Allegiance to Trump and political self-interest still takes precedence over doing the right thing.
This is just another sad day in the history of our country.

PATRICIA SUSLA
WOODSTOCK

recant their position and accept your entire political worldview. Instead, the discussion should be focused primarily upon gaining clarity on where your worldviews differ, and learning from one another.

As the lyrics from one of my favorite songs, by the Babylon Bee go, "but isn't there more than politics to this life? Can I take your hand in friendship across this great divide?"
Respectfully,

SETH BUDD
EASTFORD

column. Why does the Villager publish his weekly hate speech? Wonder if it is done intentionally and on purpose to promote responses and to get attention. It really does not serve a purpose. Difference of opinion is one thing; weekly bile and hatred is another. Time to change your tactics; we all would benefit. Time to stop drinking the Kool Aid and move on. Most of America has and is happy that they have.
With respect,

DAVID CASSETTARI
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Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department and KB Ambulance — thank you. Your quick response and professionalism are appreciated.
You never know when you might need help from strangers, and it is reassuring to know that we live in a community with really good emergency responders and good Samaritans that will be there when the need arises. The bicyclist is home, recovering, and doing well.

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tion to come and re-connect with one another to celebrate our lives, accomplishments and sorrows. It is really a time to come together and reminisce...laughing at our high school antics and the crazy things we did. Oh, to be young again! Let's be young again with one another...
Our reunion will be held at the Putnam Elks on Saturday, Sept. 11. The cost is \$30 per person and catered by G-7. Make checks payable to Cindy Dehner and put "45th Reunion" in the memo line. Mail to 36 Bunny Lane, Brooklyn, CT 06234. Please confirm that you are attending by Aug. 16. Not a lot of time, but due to current circumstances, let's just do this!
Please know that if you can't attend...we will miss you! If you can, see you there!

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How SECURE and SECURE 2.0 could affect inheritance

In 2020, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act changed some key rules regarding distributions for those who inherit funds from an individual retirement account (IRA). Now the Securing a Strong Retirement Act, often referred to as SECURE 2.0, is widely expected to be passed in the coming months. If passed, SECURE 2.0 could bring additional changes to consider for both those who want to leave retirement assets to loved ones and those who have recently inherited them or stand to inherit them in the future.
Here's what to know in order to plan well for how to best put those funds to work for you and your heirs, and how to avoid unnecessary tax consequences if you've inherited retirement funds this year.
The SECURE Act significantly shortened the required minimum distribution (RMD)



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period for non-spouse heirs, leading to a potential large tax liability.
For retirement assets inherited before 2020, a non-spouse beneficiary had to begin required minimum distributions (RMDs), or payouts from the account, within a certain time frame after inheriting it. However, annual distributions could be calculated based on the beneficiary's life expectancy. This ability to stretch taxable distributions over a lifetime helped reduce the beneficiary's annual tax burden and allowed large IRAs to continue benefiting from potential tax-deferred growth.
But beginning in January 2020, the SECURE Act now requires most non-spouse beneficiaries to liquidate inherited accounts within 10 years of the owner's death. The only exception to this rule is for those who qualify as "eligible designated beneficiaries" — a spouse,

Death and taxes

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Benjamin Franklin said, "... nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."
He wasn't the originator of the phrase, but he certainly helped to cement it as a mainstream idiom here in America.
I've begun to feel that the idiom isn't precisely true. Sure, death comes to us all, and we all must pay taxes. To me, it makes more sense to say, "nothing is certain, except loss and taxes."
All of us deal with loss in our lifetimes. Coping with a loss is never easy. Loss comes in many forms and all shapes and sizes.
Some people can go through life not losing much at all, and others sometimes lose everything.
Zig Ziglar said, "It's not what happens to you; it's how you handle what happens to you that will make the difference...Two brothers had an alcoholic father. One brother became a happy, successful person, and when asked why he said, "I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic." The other brother became a miserable alcoholic, and when asked why he said, "I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic."
The brothers had the same experience but created different narratives.
When I was younger, I met a beautiful girl. I don't believe in love at first sight, but this was the closest thing to it. It was a short relationship, only seven months. She left me abruptly after telling me many times that she loved me. I felt as if my whole world was ending. I became bitter and hostile for a time, and despite my positive upbringing, it was the first time I'd lost something that had such profound meaning. My reaction made things much worse. I created a narrative in my mind that became a destructive thought pattern that brought even more heartache; I allowed it to fester, nourished it, and it became my personality for a time.
My father, Gary W. Moore, the founder of this column, lost a business that he poured into his heart and soul. He built a business from scratch that sold state-of-the-art water filtration systems. He had a factory, sales teams, and offices around the country. His offices in New Orleans had become his most profitable. The future seemed bright; little did he know that loss was knocking at his door.
It all started when his business partner embezzled several hundred thousand dollars. Then the managers of his most profitable sales offices in Louisiana made counterfeit water filters, selling them, keeping the money, bypassing the inventory process. Sales slumped, lawsuits were filed. Then came Hurricane Katrina; it destroyed all of his offices in New Orleans. The business had collapsed. Through all of this, he was determined to recover. Limping along, barely surviving, the housing collapse of 2008 brought it to an end.
He could have become negative. He could have positioned himself as a victim. He could have given up, and nobody would've blamed him.
He did the opposite and seamlessly moved into a new career as an author. He convinced himself that he would succeed, that it would only be a matter of time before his books would sell. It wasn't long, and his books were selling. An Oscar-winning producer optioned his first book, and his second book was adapted into a screenplay by a different Oscar-winning producer! What are the odds? Did it have anything to do with the narrative he created in his mind?
Gary passed away on July

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love takes courage

To the Editor:

We are engaged in a fight for survival that now appears to be far from over. The Coronavirus has mutated and resurged across our country and is now infecting people here in Connecticut. Windham County on July 29, became part of a warning from the state Dept. of Public Health that we are in the “substantial transmission” category. The most recent strain of the virus, identified as Delta, is reported by health professionals to be more easily transmitted and more deadly to unvaccinated humans.

If we had been invaded by aliens from outer space intent on our destruction, would it be easier for us to unite and fight them? This COVID-19 scourge sickens and kills people. It does not take into account the political affiliation of its victims. It does not care if you believe in it or not. It blindly seeks a home in our bodies where it can grow and then spread to other human bodies. Worse than that, some of us do not develop symptoms, unknowingly harboring this virus and having the capacity to spread it whenever people have unprotected contact with each other.

Our federal government was able to respond to this deadly threat by supporting and fast-tracking vaccinations which appear to protect us from the full effect of Covid-19. One administration official likened this effort to what it would be like to design and assemble an airplane while it is in flight. There is still much that we do not know. Advisories and information change frequently, having to follow the research and data collection as the pandemic unfolds. I hope readers notice that I am

using the words “we,” “us” and “our” over and over. It is “us” against “it.” Humans against an unthinking virus with which there can be no negotiation or reasoning.

Our country has tackled great challenges over its history. Always during those challenges, turmoil and disunity in varying degrees stood in the way of moving forward together. To date, enough of us have found common ground that our nation still exists, with hundreds of millions of citizens who love the United States of America. To me, when you love a country, it means you love the people of that country. We need to love each other hard now, because every day, we hear and see reasons to hate someone we don’t even know and will never meet. One way to show that you love the people of our country is to make every effort to not spread this destructive virus to each other.

Can we meet this challenge? Every one of us can take on their individual actions to allow humans to triumph over this other fatality-producing life form. Discomfort never killed anyone; it’s just uncomfortable. Covering our faces, respecting physical distance, following the guidance of our local health department, consulting with our physicians are all ways we can be united as humans to defeat this threat to our species.

Finally, not my idea, but one that I think deserves repeating in these times where fear and separation stalk us daily: Hate is easy. Love takes courage.

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Where there’s a will, there’s a way

To the Editor:

Voting in the USA is a right and a privilege, but it also comes with responsibility, and part of that responsibility has always been obeying the voter registration laws. For how many years now have millions of Americans, both young and old, and those who’ve worked all shifts, been able to obtain an ID and find their way to the polling place to vote on election day? Does anybody still remember that old saying: «Where there’s a will, there’s a way?»

I registered to vote when I was 18 (in 1968), and I’ve done whatever I had to do in order to vote ever since. From that time on, we’ve had both Democrats and Republicans for President, but only since the Biden regime came into office has the issue of voter suppression become such a huge gripe.

Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio) was arrested on July 15, while protesting what she claimed to be voter suppression laws passed by the swing states, Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) was arrested on July 29, and cried that she will never stop fighting for voting rights. Hank Johnson (D-Georgia) was arrested on July 22, while protesting (what he claimed to be) voter suppression bills and laws throughout the country that targets students, the elderly and people of color. They all talk a good game, but other than getting a camera-op, what did their little stunts accomplish? So instead of just talking and show-boating, when are they actually going to do something to help people become registered voters? Oddly enough, this trio are all up for re-election in 2022. Does anybody want to take my bet that their number one campaign battle cry will be all about voter rights? They’ll tell their flock that

they got arrested while fighting for those rights, and that the battle will only be won when they get re-elected (and your monetary contribution will of course help)! And in case you didn’t already know it, their most noble for the cause arrest cost them a mere \$50.00 each.

What role models the Democrats have become. They evade their responsibilities, they’ll use getting arrested as a sucker ploy, they constantly come up with excuses as to why “people” are not able to vote - and though they’ve done absolutely nothing to change that - they’ll blame voter suppression on somebody else. Pretty amazing, isn’t it?

Does anybody remember the time when a Connecticut driver’s license didn’t have your picture on it? I certainly do. For me, it was in 1971, when I turned 21. I then had to get a Connecticut state “majority card” that had my picture on it to prove that I was actually the person showing that driver’s license. Think about it — I got a driver’s license, registered to vote, got a majority card, and later a driver’s license that had my picture on it, and I’ve personally shown up to vote with my ID in hand, and I did this because that was part of my voter responsibility, and I did it all without relying on any politicians. Yes, I may have been inconvenienced by all of this, but I found a way to get it done back then, and I’ve continued to do so ever since - but haven’t we all? So what is the problem with people doing that now? Does anybody still remember that old saying: “Where there’s a will, there’s a way?”

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Create your own backyard paradise



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You don’t need a plane ticket, tank full of gas or train ride to enjoy a bit of paradise. Create your own in a small alcove, large patio, or deck in your own backyard.

Start by visualizing what paradise looks and feels like to you. A table and chair surrounded by beautiful plants makes a wonderful space to relax, read a book and enjoy some alone time. For some, it means a patio or deck filled with colorful planters and surrounded by ornamental grasses, vine covered trellises, flowering shrubs, and evergreens. These will help define the space, provide privacy, mask unwanted noise, and provide a great space for entertaining.

Don’t let a lack of space, patio, or deck stop you from building a backyard getaway. Look for those underutilized areas. Perhaps it is a back corner of the yard, space next to the garage, side yard or a spot under a big shade tree. A vine covered arbor, piece of indoor-outdoor

carpet and a few planters can turn any space into a backyard retreat.

Once you identify the space and desired function, think about the ambience you want to create. For a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and bananas in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like begonias, hibiscus, and mandevilla. Don’t overlook hardy perennials. Plants like big leaf hostas, variegated Solomon’s seal, crocosmia, cassia and others help create the look and feel of the tropics. Continue this theme by using bamboo, wicker, and wood for any needed screening.

If it is a visit to the Mediterranean you prefer, include stonework, planters with silver foliage plants like dusty miller, and sage and a few evergreens. Use upright junipers and grapevines trained on arbors for screening. An urn or topiary make an attractive focal point. Fill the garden space with herbs, blue oat grass, calendula, salvia, and alliums.

For a casual visit to England, craft yourself a cottage garden. Construct a narrow path leading through an archway at the entrance to your secret garden. Create an informal collection of flowers, herbs, and medicinal plants. Use a birdbath, piece of garden art or water feature as your focal point.

If it’s the north woods you prefer, make a firepit the focal point, add some



Photo Melinda Myers

If you want a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and banana plants in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like hibiscus and mandevilla.

rustic furnishings and complete the scene with native plants. Or let your personality shine with a colorful bistro set, garden art, and flowers of orange, red, and yellow.

As your vision comes into focus, it

is time to start putting your ideas on paper. A simple sketch will help you define the space, arrange the plants, and identify the appropriate furnishings.

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a minor child of the account owner while they are still a minor, beneficiaries who are not more than 10 years younger than the account owner, and disabled or chronically ill individuals.

If you’ve inherited a high-value IRA but do not qualify as an eligible designated beneficiary, it’s important to understand how this shorter 10-year distribution period could result in unanticipated and potentially large tax bills. There are no RMDs during the 10-year period, so beneficiaries can take distributions in any amount and any time frame they choose, provided the assets are completely exhausted at the end of the period. Any funds not liquidated by the 10-year deadline would be subject to a 50% penalty tax.

The beneficiary of a traditional IRA might want to spread the distributions equally over the 10 years in order to manage the annual tax liability. By contrast, the beneficiary of a Roth IRA — which generally provides tax-free distributions — might want to leave the account intact for up to 10 years, allowing it to potentially benefit from tax-free growth for as long as possible.

Spousal beneficiaries can roll over the IRA assets to their own IRAs – and if SECURE 2.0 passes, they could potentially wait longer before having to take RMDs.

Spousal beneficiaries can roll over inherited IRA assets to their own IRAs, or elect to treat a deceased account owner’s IRA as their own (presuming the spouse is the sole beneficiary and the IRA trustee allows it). By becoming the account owner, the surviving spouse can make additional contributions, name new beneficiaries, and wait until age 72 to start taking RMDs.

If SECURE 2.0 passes, the age at which

RMDs are required will rise to 73 starting on January 1, 2022, then to 74 on Jan. 1, 2029, and finally to 75 on Jan. 1, 2032. In addition, the penalty for failing to take the RMD would be cut in half, to 25 percent rather than the current 50 percent penalty tax – and if the missed RMD is corrected quickly, the penalty could even be reduced to 10 percent. (It’s important to note that a surviving spouse who becomes the account owner of a Roth IRA is not required to take distributions at all.)

Beneficiaries can choose to disclaim an inherited retirement account.

This may be appropriate if the initial beneficiary does not need the funds and/or want the tax liability. In this case, the assets may pass to a contingent beneficiary who has greater financial need or may be in a lower tax bracket. A qualified disclaimer statement must be completed within nine months of the date of death.

The SECURE Act may render “pass-through” trusts null and void.

Prior to 2020, individuals with high-value IRAs often used conduit — or “pass-through” — trusts to manage the distribution of inherited IRA assets. The trusts helped protect the assets from creditors and helped ensure that beneficiaries didn’t spend down their inheritances too quickly. However, conduit trusts are now subject to the same 10-year liquidation requirements, which may render null and void some of the original reasons the trusts were established.

There are things you can do to plan well in light of the SECURE Act rules and potential additional SECURE 2.0 changes.

Retirement account owners should review their beneficiary designations with their financial or tax professional and consider how the existing SECURE Act rules and potential SECURE 2.0

rules may affect inheritances and taxes. Any strategies that include trusts as beneficiaries should be considered especially carefully. Other strategies that account owners may want to consider include converting traditional IRAs to Roths; bringing life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, or accumulation trusts into the mix; and planning for qualified charitable distributions.

Ongoing tax code and policy changes are just one of the many reasons why it’s so important to continually review and readjust your financial planning strategy. Ongoing monitoring of policy changes and regular meetings to review how those changes affect our clients’ goals and investments are an integral part of our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well strategy. To learn more about our strategy and how we can put it to work for you and your loved ones, visit our website at whzwealth.com or give us a call at (860) 928-2341.

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14. It was a terrible loss for the whole family. He was our anchor.

For the past several years, I spoke to my father daily. We have written screenplays together and started what we think will be a very successful business.

As I move forward without him, sometimes the thoughts creep in, “I can’t do this, I wasn’t meant to succeed,

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1For account owners who died before January 1, 2020, the old rules apply to the initial beneficiary only. Under these rules, a beneficiary also generally had the option to take distributions sooner than required.

2For an account owner born prior to July 1, 1949, RMDs would start at age 70½.

3Other trusts are generally subject to RMDs based on the owner’s life expectancy if the owner had reached the required beginning date; if the owner died before the required beginning date, the account must be emptied by the end of the fifth year after the owner’s death. There are costs and ongoing expenses associated with the creation and maintenance of trusts.

my business will be an utter failure without my dad.”

Observing my father and studying how other successful people cope with loss, I know enough to kill those thoughts right as they manifest. I am instead telling myself what my father would have said to himself if he were in my position, “I can do this; I was born to win; the business will be wildly successful!”

Toby Moore is a columnist.

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scored on an RBI single by Cam L’Heroux (3-for-4, double, two RBI). Danielson tied the game, 1-1, Ben Jax scoring on an RBI single by Chris Jax, his brother, after singling to left field and stealing second.

Tri-Town took the lead for good in the third inning, going ahead, 3-1, by making the most of three hits — one being an RBI single off the bat of Jon Ferraro — two walks and a timely fielder’s choice to short by Eric Matterson.

Tri-Town pushed its lead to 7-1 in the fourth, two runs scoring on Barber’s no-doubt-about-it home run over the fence in left field, one on an RBI double by L’Heroux and another on a Danielson error.

Brayden Akana, coach Akana’s son, who tripled to right field in front of Barber’s homer in the previous inning, pushed the Tri-Town lead to 8-1, belting a one-out double, moving to second on a fly out by Barber and scoring on an infield single by Jack Merrill.

Brayden Akana had a terrific game, going 3-for-4 with a double and a triple, an RBI, a walk and four runs scored. He seems to have found his groove at the plate

“The beginning of the year was not so great for me. I knew I had to turn things around,” explained Brayden Akana, who went through a 0-for-18 stretch early in the season. “I’m more focused at the plate now. I’ve forced myself to calm down when I’m up at bat. Let the ball come. Don’t get all jumpy. Take deep breaths. Visualize everything. It seems to be working well.”

Danielson cut the Tri-Town lead to 8-3 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Keon Lamarche driving one of the runs, Matt Hernandez the other.

Tri-Town turned the game into a rout

in the top of the sixth inning, scoring six times on four hits, including an RBI double by Merrill, a sacrifice fly by Barber, bases loaded walks to Alex Grauer and Brayden Akana, an RBI single by Hamilton Barnes and a ground out to short by Riley Sargent.

Merrill, who was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI at the plate, also turned in a solid performance on the mound, throwing 95 pitches in a complete-game win, allowing three runs on eight hits, while walking five and striking out four.

In the bottom of the third inning, after his teammates had just staked him to a 3-1 lead, Merrill promptly loaded the bases on a single to right and back-to-back walks. Coach Akana visited the mound, spoke briefly to Merrill and departed.

Whatever coach Akana said worked; Merrill got out of the bases-loaded, no-outs jam by getting Chris Jax to look at a called third strike, Zach Roethlein on a foul pop-up to first base, and Lamarche looking at strike three as well.

“He just told me to take it one pitch at a time; to focus on the next pitch,” Merrill said about coach Akana’s mound visit. “I knew at that point I had to throw strikes and trust my defense. I honestly couldn’t tell you what I was doing wrong, but I was definitely trying to throw strikes. I wasn’t throwing balls on purpose.”

Danielson head coach Dan Krot said the bottom of the third inning was the turning point of the game.

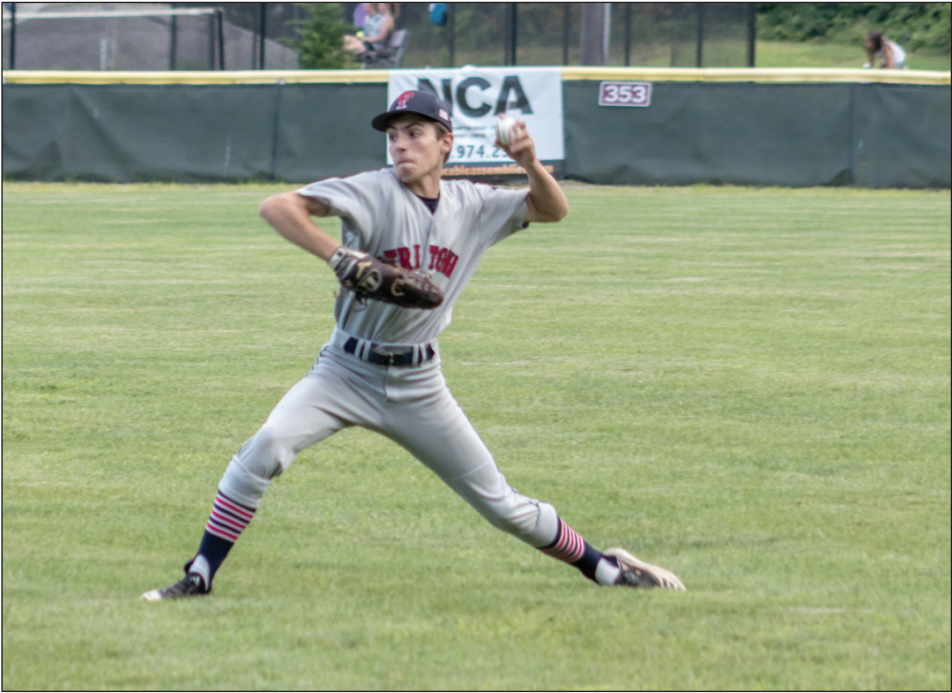
“That was definitely a momentum changer. We had the bases loaded, no outs, the heart of our lineup coming up and we weren’t able to get a run across,” Krot said. “The momentum switched to them when we weren’t able to score and they took full advantage of it, scoring four runs in the next inning to open up a six-run lead.”



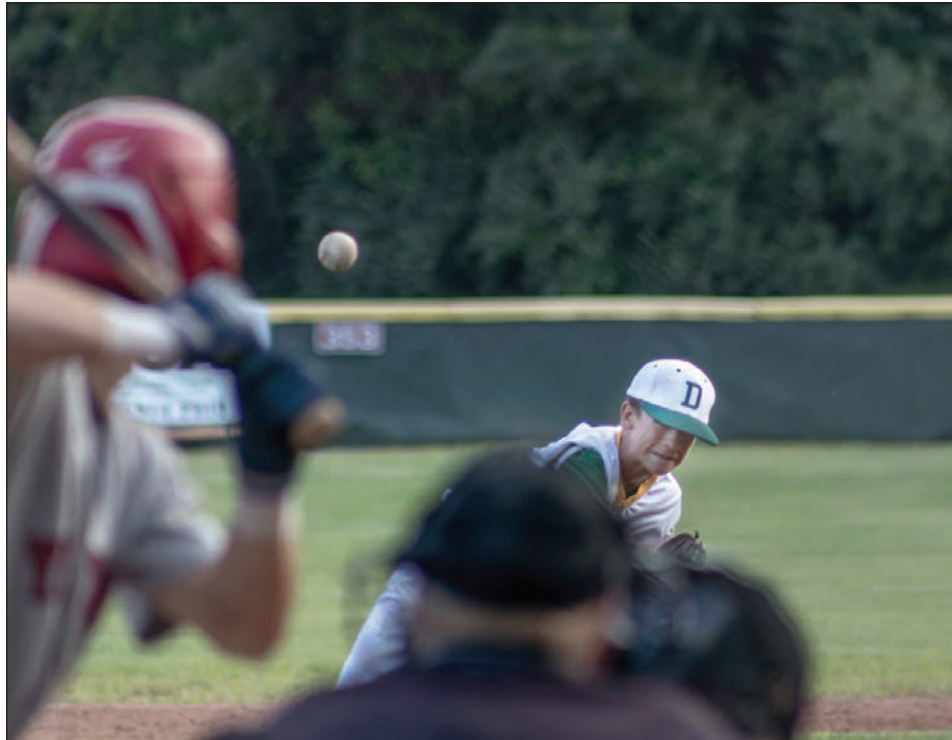
Tri-Town’s Jack Merrill prepares to toss a pitch to the plate.



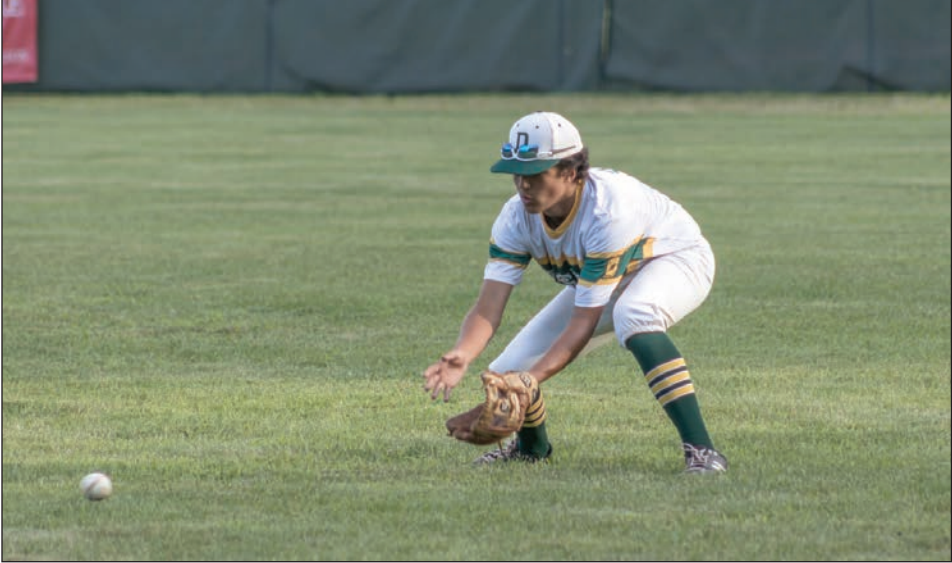
Alex Grauer of Tri-Town swings away and makes contact with the pitch.



Max Racicot of Tri-Town tries to throw for an out from his outfield position.



Danielson pitcher Caleb Simoneau curves the ball toward the plate.



Jackson Gallagher of Danielson gets low to field the ball hit his way.



Kale Hart of Danielson throws the ball back to the infield.

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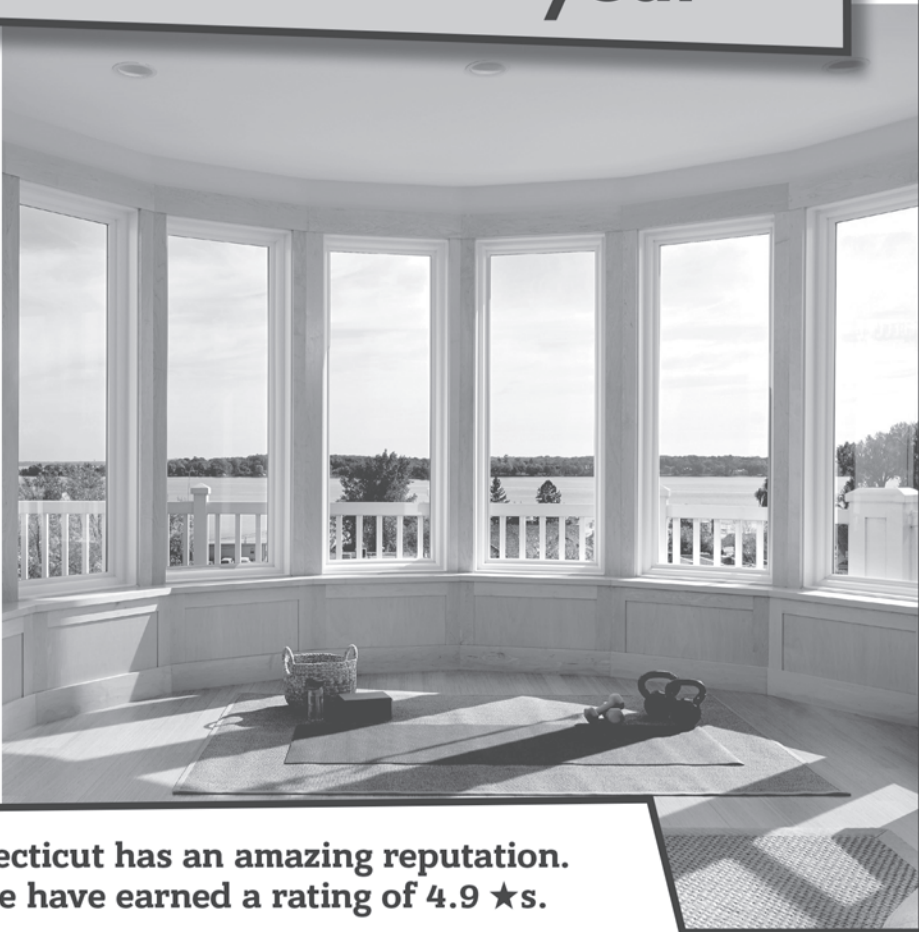
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Skewered chicken goes great on the grill

Grilling chicken is an easy way to transform this versatile food into something even more delicious. Various cultures serve chicken in kebab form after grilling it over an open flame, and taste is a big reason this particular method of cooking chicken is so beloved.

While you might not expect to see kebabs on the menu at your favorite Italian restaurant, “spiedini” is Italian for “little skewers,” proving that Italian chefs recognize how delicious chicken can be when served in kebab form. In this recipe for “Spiedini of Chicken and Zucchini with Almond Salsa Verde” from “Cooking Light: Dinner’s Ready” (Oxmoor House) by The Cooking Light Editors, skewers are paired with a zesty salsa full of nuts, herbs and citrus, which makes for the perfect complement to the smoky grilled flavor.

Spiedini of Chicken and Zucchini with Almond Salsa Verde
Makes 6 servings

Salsa:
1 cup chopped flat parsley
2 tablespoons chopped almonds, toasted
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

3 tablespoons capers, chopped
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 garlic clove, minced

Spiedini:
1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch pieces
6 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch slices (about 1 1/4 pounds)
Cooking spray
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Soak 12 (10-inch) wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes to prevent burning.
Bring the grill to medium-high heat
To prepare the salsa, combine the first 12 ingredients; set aside.
To prepare the spiedini, thread the



chicken and zucchini alternately on each of the 12 skewers. Coat the spiedini with cooking spray; sprinkle evenly with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Place on a grill rack; grill 6 minutes or until done, turning once. Serve with salsa.

Tip: Prepare the salsa up to a day ahead, and assemble the skewers earlier in the day. Coat with the seasonings just before grilling.

4 ways to improve your mobile phone etiquette



Mobile phones have had a major and largely positive impact on 21st century society. From facilitating communication to improving access to information, mobile phones have affected how human beings live their lives in myriad ways. As ubiquitous and essential as mobile phones have become, there are still many instances when they can prove irritating. While it's easy to lose awareness of one's surroundings when using a mobile phone, it's important that mobile phone users prioritize etiquette when using their phones in public.

1. Keep private conversations private. When the phone rings while you are in public and you don't want to allow the call to go to voicemail, answer the call and immediately and politely explain that you are in public. This indicates to the person on the other end of the line that you do not want to broadcast potentially sensitive information to strangers, while also showing those around you that you respect them enough to reserve such conversations for private settings.
2. Always use appropriate language. When using a mobile phone in public,

refrain from peppering conversations with expletives or graphic language. Children may be nearby without your knowledge, but even if there are no young people in the immediate vicinity, your fellow adults likely don't want to hear foul or graphic language.

3. Obey the rules. Movie theaters, airline cabins, libraries, and various other places have rules in place governing the use of mobile phones. These rules are designed to ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable experience. Breaking these rules can be a safety risk in certain situations, but is more often merely inconsiderate of those around you. If you must use a mobile phone but you're in a restricted area, excuse yourself and tend to the matter elsewhere.
4. Don't interrupt a conversation to text or answer a phone call. Many people now have no reservations about interrupting an ongoing conversation to text someone else or answer an incoming phone call. Such behavior is disrespectful to the person you're speaking with and can have an adverse effect on your relationship with that person going forward.

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and at these convenient dates, times, and places:

Wed 8/4	4p-6p	Brooklyn Middle School, 119 Gorman Road, Brooklyn
Wed 8/4	4p-6p	Thompson Middle School, 785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale
Thur 8/5	3p-5p	Canterbury Fire Department, 151 Westminster Road, Canterbury
Fri 8/6	3p-5p	Davis Park, Main Street, Danielson
Sat 8/7	11a-1p	Celebrate Plainfield Day, 8 Community Ave, Plainfield
Tues 8/10	4p-6p	YMCA, 9 Technology Park, Putnam
Thur 8/12	3p-5p	Sterling Recreation Park, 347 Sterling Road, Sterling
Sat 8/14	9a-11a	Eastford Public Library, 179 Eastford Road, Eastford
Sat 8/14	1p-3p	Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret
Tue 8/17	4p-6p	Moriah Lodge #15, 220 Providence Road, Brooklyn
Thur 8/19	5p-7p	Killingly Bike Night at Westfield Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson
Sat 8/21	9a-12p	Old Home Day in Union, 18 Kinney Hollow Road, Union
Thur 8/26	4p-7p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn
Fri 8/27	3p-7p	Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn
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