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Day Kimball receives begins vaccinating healthcare workers



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Left to right: John Graham, MD, Chief Medical Officer and VP, Quality and Medical Affairs, Day Kimball Healthcare, and John O'Keefe, Chief Nursing Officer and VP, Patient Services, were among the first group of healthcare workers to receive the Food and Drug Administration approved Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Day Kimball Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) officials announced that the first doses of the newly approved Moderna COVID-19 vaccine arrived at Day Kimball Hospital today, December 22, and distribution of the vaccination to its healthcare workers is underway.

"This is a historic moment in changing the course of the coronavirus pandemic," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Today, we have the honor of administering the first doses of the vaccine to our employees who have been working tirelessly for months in the fight against COVID-19. While this process will take time, we are excited to begin the first phase of a large-scale vaccination effort which brings us one step closer to the end of the pandemic."

DKH's vaccine distribution plan was developed in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). The plan includes a phased approach to vaccination, directing initial supplies to the most vulnerable populations.

The vaccine is administered in two shots, and the first doses of vaccinations will be prioritized for frontline workers who provide direct patient care. The second dose of the Moderna vaccine should be given 28 days from the first dose.

All DKH employees, including staff and physicians, and other healthcare providers in the region who indicated their intent to be vaccinated will be eligible to receive the

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Thompson Trails looks ahead to 2021 events

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON — While 2021 might be a new year, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic still persist as do some of the question marks about the future of public events this spring and fall. One local group trying to determine what the future holds is the Thompson Trails Committee which is starting the planning process for both Connecticut Trails Day and the annual Turkey Trot.

During a meeting in December, members of the Trails Committee briefly discussed events on the horizon for 2021 starting with Trails Day, which is set to take place around June. Thompson Recreation Director Lesley Munshower told committee members that her department was ready to help advertise Trails Day and, as of right now, hope remains that events will still be able to take place.

"I know there was some hesitancy because we have some events that do happen that Trails Day — we have moved what normally was the town wide tag sale which fell the same weekend as Connecticut Trails Day. It's going to be in August now so that really does free up the Rec Office to be able to do some more promotion," Munshower said.

In months prior, there had been talk about potentially holding the Turkey Trot on a different month seeing as the 2020 event, usually held around Thanksgiving at the Thompson Dam, had to be canceled due to the pandemic. However, Trails Committee

member Brian Loffredo said he felt it was best to remain with the November date and that the next few months will be important for the fate of every event forthcoming on the Trail Committee's schedule.

"We should stay at our normal month (for the Turkey Trot) just because of where we're heading with COVID. I don't see us making a lot of progress by February or March when we're really going to have to kick this into gear and I don't know that we're still going to get access to the Dam by that time. I think we have a much better chance of conducting it in November again," Loffredo said.

Ultimately, members agreed to hold the Turkey Trot in November and to wait until February's meeting to further discuss spring activities and Trail Day.

That wasn't the end of Turkey Trot discussions for the committee, however. Munshower also recommended that the Trails Committee eliminate the standalone Facebook page for the event and absorb it into the Trails Committee's own Facebook page. She believed this would provide better advertising and public awareness for the event.

"When we went through the marketing plan one of the suggestions was to consolidate some of our Facebook pages. It was determined trails should definitely maintain its Facebook page. It has a strong presence, but I do want to make the recommendation that the Turkey Trot

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Pair of Centaurs garner All-State field hockey honors

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOODSTOCK — Seniors Eliza Dutson and Kaily LaChapelle, a pair of key components on this year's Woodstock Academy field hockey team — which finished 6-4 — were notified recently that their play this season earned them All-State honors from the Eastern Connecticut Conference/Connecticut High School Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Dutson, a center-midfield-

er who also earned All-State honors last year, finished with four goals and two assists this season. LaChapelle allowed an average of 1.6 goals per game and recorded four shutouts during the season.

While Woodstock Academy coach Lauren Gagnon felt both players were very deserving of the postseason recognition, she was especially pleased when she learned LaChapelle had been named to the All-State team.

"This is the first time we've

had a goalie selected," Gagnon said. "That's particularly exciting for me because I'm a goalie."

A reliable backup as a junior, LaChapelle was thrust into a starting role in front of the cage this year after the graduation of last year's goalie, Rachel Roberts.

"Kaily has always been a really strong backup. Last year I was always confident that if we needed to pull Rachel that Kaily would step in just fine."

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Kaily LaChapelle of Woodstock Academy was the first Centaur goalie to be recognized with the All-State honor.

Baker's Dozen, Sweet Peas support addition to Pomfret Public Library



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Pictured: Laurie Bell, Library Director, Trevor Cardinal, Ken Cardinal, and Tory Cardinal.

POMFRET — The Cardinal family, who are owners of the Baker's Dozen Coffee Shop and bakery chain and Sweet Peas Farm Market, have made a gift and pledge towards the capital campaign at Pomfret Public Library. The library was awarded a construction grant of \$421,000 from the Connecticut State Library in 2018, and has been raising funds to match that grant.

The future expansion to the library will add about 2000 square feet, effectively doubling the public space. The increased library space will provide the Pomfret community with rooms for creative and educational growth, community meetings, and other social gatherings. The future café area will be named for the Cardinal family, Baker's Dozen and Sweet Peas, in acknowledgement of their commitment to the project.

Pomfret Public Library was built in 1911. The children's room and office were added in 1976, and the Aicher Memorial Garden and Deck in 1994, but the facility has remained much the same since it was built over 100 years ago. Library services have evolved to

now include access to the internet and technology, and a variety of programs (outside of pandemic-time) that promote life-long learning and creative growth. The current facility is valued by the community for its charm and history, but does not easily support those types of services. Plans include a lounge and cafe, conference room, Pomfret Historical Society archives, a children's activity space, a meeting room that will accommodate 30-60 people, and an expanded patio and garden.

The capital campaign committee, with Atty. Kate Cerrone as Chairperson and Marc and Mary Archambault as co-Vice Chairs, has found generous support in the community for the project. The Covid-19 pandemic has temporarily forced curtailment of many library programs and services, but the need for community and connection has never been stronger and the library is poised to meet that need in the future with its upcoming addition. More information about the project and how to contribute can be found at pomfretlibrary.org/building.

Happy New Year... from 1921



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Happy New Year to you all. I thought I'd begin the year with a few extracts from 1921, one hundred years ago. I turned to my newspapers.com subscription to see what was happening in the area. If you were a driver of an automobile, you had to be sure to have the proper marker. "The first of the new 1921 automobile markers were seen in use here on Friday afternoon, just a little ahead of the prescribed time. Today all motor vehicles that are in use are expected to be equipped with them, and officers will be on the lookout to see that they are, as driving under the old markers is not permitted this year." (Norwich Bulletin, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, p. 6, newspapers.com).

The beginnings of the automobile age were unfortunately spelling a death knell for the trolley era. "East Killingly people looked with a sense of real loss upon the beginning of the work of tearing up the tracks of the Providence and Danielson railroad Tuesday. The community had waited many decades for transportation such as the road afforded and its building was hailed with delight, as it opened a quick and convenient route to Providence and, later, to Danielson. The destructive operations now underway seem like turning time back half a century, for East Killingly is again cut off from Providence as much, almost, as were the people of stage coach days, though the services that motor cars perform are not to be overlooked. With trolley service to Danielson also suspended the East Killingly people and others in that territory, nearly 1,000 in number, are dependent upon bus service and pri-

vate vehicles for getting to their natural trading center--Danielson--where they have been in the habit of leaving many thousands of dollars annually with the merchants..." (Norwich Bulletin, Jan. 5, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com). (See page 107 in "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer for photos related to the trolley in East Killingly).

At the beginning of January 1921, the winter was still being considered mild (ours probably is also). Since people still relied on ice being cut from the pond, warmer weather was not necessarily so good. "Recalling other mild winters that he has experienced, Judge James N. Tucker said Tuesday afternoon that the winter of 1870 was much like the present one (1921). December proved quite cold, but January opened mild and the 28th of that month every speck of ice had disappeared from Old Killingly Pond. Hiram Stone, father of Sidney S. Stone of Riverview, had been getting out lumber for a new house that he was to build at East Killingly. This was in a lot near what is known as the Mowry meadow territory. Instead of sledding the logs, as had been intended, they were put into the pond, rafted together and floated across to a point near the dam and from there hauled to East Killingly. February proved to be quite cold, but not severely so. Between the first of February and the 10th of March of that year ice formed to a thickness of 5 to 6 inches, but the winter as a whole was remarkable for its lack of severe weather and in many ways resembled the present one up to this time." (Norwich Bulletin, Wednesday, .t history of the Mills Along the Whetstone Brook that was published in Allen B. Lincoln's "A Modern History of Windham County, Connecticut" in 1920.)

"Hundreds of railroad ties are being hauled out of woodland territory within a few miles of Danielson, where heavy cutting has been going on throughout the fall and winter." (Norwich Bulletin, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, p 6; newspapers.com).

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"At Putnam Monday night, a man who professed to be sick announced to the police his intention to take a bus for Danielson, refuse to pay his fare, in order that he might be arrested for vagrancy and sent to jail, where he would be comfortable and well fed for the remainder of the winter. Some detail of his plan must have slipped, for he was not presented here for arrest." (Norwich Bulletin, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1921, p. 6; newspapers.com).

As I began researching this article, I picked up a little book I have by Alan Axelrod and Charles Phillips, "What Every American Should Know About American History," to see if anything interesting was listed for 1921. The authors stated that was the year that peanut butter was invented by George Washington Carver, son of a slave mother and a teacher at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, (who)hoped to conduct research "aimed at finding an agricultural solution to the debt and poverty plaguing black farmers...He devised new uses for easily and inexpensively grown crops: cow peas, sweet potatoes, and, most spectacularly, peanuts... He personally developed more than a hundred products from the peanut and sweet potato, including plastics, lubricants, dyes, pharmaceuticals, ink, wood stains, facial creams, tapioca, and molasses." (p. 264).

It's not uncommon for "firsts" in inventions to be disputed so I did an internet search to see what else I could unearth. The National Peanut Board website had the following: "There is evidence that ancient South American Inca Indians were the first to grind peanuts to make peanut butter. In the United States, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg (of cereal fame) invented a version of peanut butter in 1895. Then it is believed that a St. Louis physician may have developed a version of peanut butter as a protein substitute for his older patients who had poor teeth and couldn't chew meat. Peanut butter was first intro-

duced at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Peanuts and peanut butter became an integral part of the Armed Forces rations in World Wars I and II. It is believed that the U.S. Army popularized the peanut butter and jelly sandwich for sustenance during maneuvers in World War II.

(Today) "Peanuts are the 12th most valuable cash crop grown in the United States with a farm value of over one billion U.S. dollars, according to The American Peanut Council."

"The peanut plant probably originated in Peru or Brazil in South America. No fossil records prove this, but people in South America made pottery in the shape of peanuts or decorated jars with peanuts as far back as 3,500 years ago.

As early as 1500 B.C., the Incans of Peru used peanuts as sacrificial offerings and entombed them with their mummies to aid in the spirit life. Tribes in central Brazil also ground peanuts with maize to make a drink." (www.nationalpeanutboard.org/peanut-info/history-peanuts-peanut-butter.htm)

The mail and answering machine are being checked on a regular basis although the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is closed to the public. Please send an email to the director or leave a message on the answering machine if you would like to donate items or have research questions.

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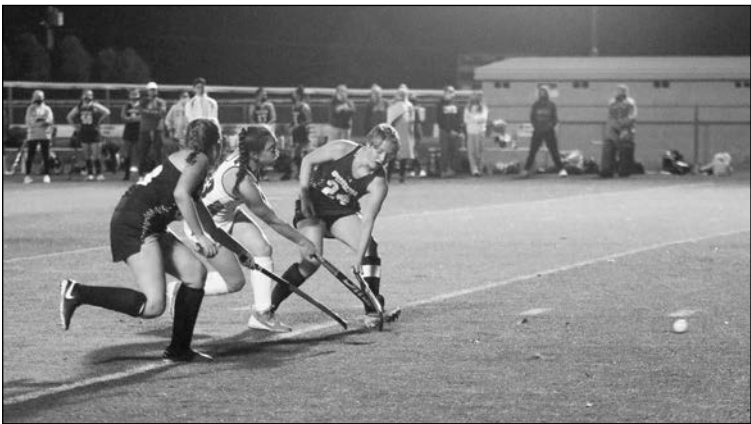
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Gagnon said. "Kaily is tremendously bold. Playing goalie in field hockey is really tough mentally.

"In field hockey, when everyone else screws up it doesn't really matter, or they get an opportunity to fix it," Gagnon continued. "If the goalie screws up, it's a goal. Since field hockey is such a low scoring sport, that goal could be it."

Gagnon said the best goalies in field hockey are the ones that have no memory, ones that can put the goal they just gave up out of their minds.

"You have to take into account that people are expect-



ing you not to save the ball, period. So, when you do, it's great. And you're only really responsible for one, maybe two, saves," Gagnon said while explaining a scrum in front of

the goal. "About 80 percent of field hockey goals are scored on rebounds. Because of that, we always try to encourage them to get that first ball out, maybe get the second save if you can, but after that, anything is just gravy.

"Kaily will have four or five saves in a row that are all tremendous and then she'll get upset with herself because she missed the sixth. I always have

Woodstock Academy's Eliza Dutson, right, was an extremely productive midfielder for the Centaurs' field hockey team.

to remind her that she can be upset that a goal was scored, but the ball shouldn't have been back there that long," Gagnon said. "Somebody else should have helped get the ball out. You shouldn't have been in that position in the first place. So, you can't really be mad at yourself if you're not making the sixth save."

Dutson, who inserts the ball for the Centaurs on penalty corners, plays a position — center midfielder — responsible for creating a smooth transition from offense to defense and defense to offense. A good center midfielder runs the show.

"Eliza served as the team engine," Gagnon said. "She has a really great field sense, and she knows where the play needs to be. She sees two or three steps down the road. She is really strong at making things happen.

"The center mid is going to be the hardest-working player on your team, and typically the smartest in terms of game sense, usually," Gagnon continued. "They also have to be very determined, too, because they are running the length of the field, constantly. It's an incredibly difficult position to sub out for because the center mid is involved in, basically, every play. It's a really demanding position."

Gagnon said another attribute that makes Dutson so good is she doesn't waste time worrying about a mistake she has just made.

"If the center-mid makes

a mistake at the 50, they want to fix that mistake before the ball gets to the 25 or to the circle. You really must have a dogged mentality, which Eliza does," Gagnon said. "If Eliza makes a mistake, she fixes it. She's not going to give herself a pity party for a minute and then fix it, she goes and fixes it right away.

"Eliza is a really strong player; she's really driven and focused," Gagnon continued. "Eliza is the little engine that could."

Gagnon, who said both players could play field hockey at the college level if they choose to, isn't sure if either will. LaChapelle is also an exceptionally good golfer while Dutson — who was one of the field hockey team's tri-captains this year — also plays ice hockey and lacrosse for WA.

Dutson and LaChapelle are the third and fourth players, respectively, to be named to the All-State team. The first two were current Woodstock Academy assistant coach Mikayla Jones and her sister, Avery. Avery Jones was named to the All-State team following the 2019 season.

WA adds to Honor Society

The Woodstock Academy Scholar-Athlete Honor Society grew in number recently, as 16 new members were added to the prestigious group in an induction ceremony at the Loos Center for the Arts on the school's South Campus. Honored at the ceremony included Tabby Bezanson, Aurissa Boardman, Stella Brin, Ava Coutu, Guerin Favreau, River Favreau, Scout Favreau, Huck Flanagan, Sydney Haskins, Sophia Mawson, Sofia Murray, Tegan Perry, Zach Roethlein, Eliza Simpson, Addy Smith, and Sadie Susi.



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Local students named to University of Vermont Dean's List

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Local students named to Goodwin University President's List

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University's President's List for the Summer 2020 Session includes 375 students, all of

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Eastern’s early childhood education center fills ‘virtual’ void for teacher prep programs

WILLIMANTIC — The Center for Early Childhood Education (CECE) at Eastern Connecticut State University has emerged as an invaluable resource for the early childhood education field during the COVID-19 pandemic. As teacher preparation programs have shifted online, institutions from Connecticut and beyond are utilizing the CECE’s large collection of video resources like never before.

“When schools shut down in March, teacher education programs were left scrambling,” said CECE Director Julia DeLapp. “Students were suddenly without placements where they could observe children in real time, and faculty had to figure out how to convert their in-person classes to distance learning in a way that was still meaningful.”

Fortunately, Eastern has a vast library of authentic early-childhood videos - short clips and finished productions - and is being tapped regularly by early education faculty and students during the pandemic. Over the past 10 years, the CECE has produced more than 130 videos - available on YouTube - about teaching practices and research findings in the field of early childhood education. A separate video clip library, containing nearly 500 filterable moments, can be accessed through the CECE’s website.

“While watching a video is in no way equivalent to being in an actual early childhood classroom,” said DeLapp, “it is better than just reading about children’s behavior in a textbook or hearing a professor lecture about it on Zoom.”

The CECE’s online videos have experienced a boom in viewership since March when remote learning and social distancing mandates closed schools and childcare facilities. From a typical mid-semester peak of around 2,000 daily views, viewership jumped 150 percent to a peak of 5,000 daily views in April 2020 during the spring semester, followed by a fall semester peak of more than 4,000 daily views from September through November.

As the videos are geared toward practicing and aspiring early childhood professionals, the viewership coincides with the flow of the academic year, rising as semesters get underway and dropping during final exams and the winter and summer breaks. While this pattern has persisted through the pandemic, the growth in views during peaks is unlike anything the center’s YouTube channel has seen since it was established in 2013.

“I honestly am not sure how I would have made it through my early childhood education courses during the pandemic without these videos,” said Carol LaLiberte, professor and early childhood education coordinator at Asnuntuck Community College. “My students are required to do many hours in early childhood settings and this became impossible last March when we all went virtual. I immediately sent out the information to my adjunct faculty about the Eastern videos and although they had used them in the past in their on-ground classes, they now formed the basis for online reflections and discussions.

“Teachers-in-the-making need to see and respond to real children and doing so in-person was not an option,” continued LaLiberte, “but without these videos I don’t know what could have

replaced this experience. They get to see children in various scenarios but they also get to see best practices and hear conversations about these as well. The videos are all so well organized and since they are fairly brief, they fit in a virtual class perfectly.”

It took five years for the CECE’s YouTube channel to hit 1 million views, and another 21 months to reach 2 million. This month the channel is poised to reach 3 million - 13 months after hitting 2 million. Over the summer, the channel earned its 10,000th subscriber, and has since garnered 2,500 more.

The CECE, which utilizes faculty and student researchers who team up with Eastern’s on-campus preschool, is an educational resource for institutions across the United States and around the world. Its YouTube channel’s international viewership is largely from Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, India, Philippines and Singapore.

Regarding the CECE videos’ value to institutions across the United States, LaLiberte recounted her recent experience as a textbook reviewer with colleagues from around the country.

“We were asked about resources we use in our classes and I was shocked that every single one of them mentioned the Eastern videos as an invaluable resource, before, during and after the pandemic. They are widely recognized as filling a gap in our educational presentations to students,” LaLiberte said.

Gail Omoto is the senior educational research and writing associate at Windward Community College in Hawaii, and commented “I have used the videos produced by Eastern’s CECE extensively, and believe they are a valuable resource for our early childhood community and beyond.”

Among her efforts to support home-based childcare, Omoto creates newsletter content, develops trainings and leads coaching programs.

“(These) videos are among the first sources that I consult in the development of these resources,” she said. “I have found them to be professionally done, high quality and easy to understand.”

Anne Ryan of the College of Education at St. Petersburg College in Florida relies on CECE videos as well.

“The amazing thing about the CECE site is that there are materials relevant to the content in all of our courses,” she said, praising the production quality and corresponding transcriptions and reflection questions. “We use several as ‘guest lecturers.’ We use all the materials, from classroom videos to tips for teachers.”

The CECE’s most popular videos include “Observing Young Children,” which has been viewed 400,000 times and features professor Sudha Swaminathan; “The Importance of Play,” which has 219,000 views and features professor emeritus Jeffrey Trawick-Smith; and “Supporting English Language Learners in the Preschool Classroom,” featuring professor emerita Ann Anderberg. Other favorites include videos on the CECE’s annual study of educational toys. New additions to the library include “Affirming Children’s Linguistic Identity” featuring Professor Elena Sada and “Learning about Family Culture” featuring Professor Tanya Moorehead.

“They all serve different purposes,” said LaLiberte. “Sometimes I want my

students to be reflective, so I show them a video where there is not an analysis piece included. Other times, I want them to hear from those in the field and to learn from them. The videos are live, real interactions instead of rehearsed scenes. They bring the real life of the early childhood education classroom into my students’ worlds.”

“It’s nice to know that we’ve been a useful resource for the field during a very difficult time,” said DeLapp. “This has come about because of all the work we’ve been doing over the past 10 years conducting research and developing high-quality, educational videos.”

For a listing of videos and supplemental materials, as well as the center’s video clip library, visit the CECE website at <https://www.easternct.edu/center-for-early-childhood-education/index.html>, or visit the YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/EarlyChildhoodVideos>.

POLICE LOGS

Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following arrests.

Herbert Rogers, age 47, of Putnam was arrested on Dec. 25 for Violation of Probation.

Carly Hetrick, age 47, of Putnam was arrested on Dec. 29 for two counts of Failure to Appear First and one count of Failure to Appear Second.

Craig Bernier, age 22, of Putnam was arrested on Dec. 30 for Operating Under the Influence/Failure to Maintain Lane.

Malaika Lee, age 28, of Chaplin was arrested on Jan. 2 for Breach of Peace in the Second Degree and Assault in the Third Degree.

JANUARY 2021 TAX DEFERMENT

In response to the COVID 19 epidemic, Governor Lamont ordered Executive Order 9R to extend the grace period for payment of all January 2021 tax bills until April 1, 2021 for eligible taxpayers. Instead of having to pay by February 1, 2021 without interest, taxpayers will have until April 1, 2021 to pay without interest.

Taxpayers whose taxes are escrowed and paid by a mortgage institution or bank **are not eligible** for the extended grace period, and those taxes are payable by February 1, 2021.

Please keep in mind if your January installment is paid after April 1, 2021 it will be subject to interest at the rate of 1-1/2% per month from the due date of January 1, 2021.

If you are **not a landlord**, or if your taxes are not escrowed, you automatically qualify for the extended grace period.

Landlord Eligibility under the Deferment Program:

In order for landlords (or any taxpayer that rents or leases property to tenants or lessees) to be eligible for the Deferment Program, they must provide the Tax Collector with documentation that either the parcel will suffer significant income decline, or, that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants.

Residential landlords would need to mail or email a letter to the Tax Collector confirming that they are in compliance with Executive Order 9R.

Please send emails to: Lindabernardi@woodstockCT.gov

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Below is a link to the deferral application form. The State of Connecticut requires you to fill out this application and return it to the Tax Collector by February 1, 2021.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/IGPP-Data-Grants-Mgmt/COVID19-IGPP-Documents/COVID-19-Deferral-Form-Revision-FillableJanuary.pdf>



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EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University announces 949 students achieved Dean’s list status for the Summer 2020 session. Dean’s List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A-average, during a given academic ses-

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS



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In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI

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

We’re interviewing Quiet Corner artist, Alecia Underhill, in this issue. Her paintings of animals and flowers are breathtakingly realistic.

Tell us a bit about your work

My painting work is inspired by animals and nature– particularly domestic animals and their relationships with people. I work mainly in oils, in a representational manner, but I like to call it contemporary realism, as I am drawn to big graphic forms and shadows. My specialty is horses, and about fifteen years ago, I began painting some really big larger than life portraits, cropped and flowing around the edges of the canvas. I want to capture an expression in the animal that goes beyond what a photograph captures. I want

the viewer to see something in the animal’s expression that they might not have observed in real life. I don’t always work large, but I aim for the same things in my smaller works. I also have a series of floral paintings, that are all about light and color, and I try to get out to paint landscapes from life now and then. Because I have to work from reference photos for the animals, I like to keep my direct observational drawing and painting skills sharp.

What are you working on right now?

I have a few paintings of chickens on my easels now. I’m usually working on at least two or three pieces at the same time. I use my own farm animals as subjects, and this year’s crop of hens has a lot of variety and color. I have a whole series of baby chick paintings, but the current work features mature hens, with all their feathery plumage. Whether it’s sheep’s wool, a terrier’s coat, or chicken feathers, I enjoy figuring out how to render nature’s textures in paint.

Your workspace in 10 words or less:

Girl-cave, pasture view, snoring dog.

Your portrait work is remarkable. What kind of emotional responses have you received?

Thank-you! I have become very comfortable over the years in doing commissioned portraits of horses and pets. Commissioned work is more difficult and often takes more hours than the work that I do



Alecia Underhill

for myself, and it is very gratifying to hear from a client that I have captured the personality of their pet. My best portrait work is done when I can visit the animal in person, and do the photography myself, since photographs don’t always tell the truth about color. I am often asked if I can do a portrait of a pet that is deceased, in which case I have to rely on client photographs. I ask them to send as many as they can, because often the best pose and expression on the pet has the worst lighting, and another photo will give me a better idea of the coat color, etc.

Tell us a little bit about your path as a career artist.

I attended Rhode Island School of Design and earned a BFA in Illustration. Originally, I thought I would illustrate children’s books, or work for Hallmark Cards. After graduation, I did a short stint at a greeting card company in Pawtucket, RI, and realized I didn’t want to be making art that other people dictated. I wanted the creative freedom to create my own work. When I had the chance to take a job back at RISD, as the Picture Collection Supervisor in the Library, I seized it, and now I’ve been at RISD for over thirty years. Having a secure day-job enabled me to pursue my own work as a painter and, over the years, I have balanced that with the odd freelance illustration job on the side. Being at RISD, around all the supremely talented students, is very enriching and I value that aspect of juggling what is



essentially two full-time jobs.

If you could give your younger self one piece of career advice, what would it be?

Take classes in marketing! I would say at least 20% of my time spent on my art business is on website work, social media, marketing, and documenting my inventory. It probably should be more.

How has Covid-19 affected your business?

COVID has actually given me the opportunity to slow down and focus on creating some new work. The economic hit has certainly affected gallery sales, but I’ve had a steady flow of small sales and commissions. My RISD job has gone partially remote, which has invaded my studio space, but not having so much commuting time has allowed me to spend a little more time at the easel.

Where can people see your work?

I currently have work in two galleries, Equis Art Gallery, in Red Hook, NY, which is in the Hudson Valley, and Cooper & Smith Gallery, in Essex, CT.

My website is <https://www.aleciaunderhill.com/>. I have many examples of work there, as well as an online shop. I regularly feature some work that is on sale, and I have some posters and prints for sale there as well. I use Etsy in a very limited way; I have some work on Fine Art America, and links for those are also on my website. Studio visits are available by appointment, and I can be contacted through my website. Also: The Hungry Place, a horse book for 8 – 12 year-old readers by Jesse Haas, was recently released with my cover design.

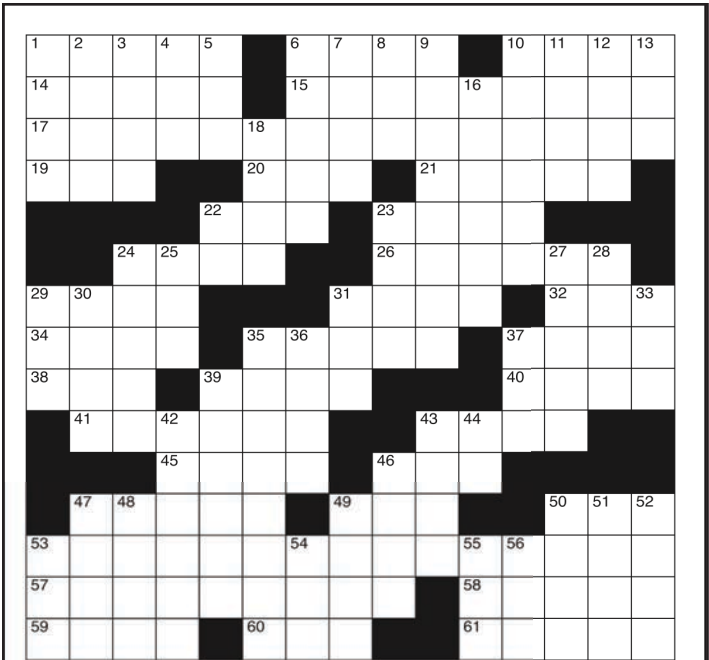
Thank you, Alecia. I’m going to look for that book!

Today’s terms:

In its specific sense **realism** refers to a mid-nineteenth century artistic movement characterized by subjects painted from everyday life in a naturalistic manner [look up Gustav Courbet], however the term is also generally used to describe artworks painted in a realistic almost photographic way. (tate.org)

Contemporary realism emerged out of New York in direct defiance to the prevailing popularity of [twentieth century] Abstract Expressionism [subjective, emotional, and often spontaneous expression in painting—check out Jackson Pollock]...in a decidedly fresh fashion that built upon tradition while incorporating a contemporary sophistication and techniques in line with the current times. (artsy.net)

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



CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to “oohed”
6. Relaxing places
10. Humorous monologue
14. Simple elegance
15. Bearable
17. Disobedience
19. Express delight
20. Gov’t attorneys
21. Wake up
22. A type of band
23. Remain as is
24. Turfs
26. Battle-ax
29. Volcanic crater
31. The mother of Jesus
32. One’s life history
34. “Rule, Britannia” composer
35. Doubles
37. Jacob __, American journalist
38. House pet
39. S. African river
40. Broad sashes
41. Establish as a foundation
43. KGB double agent Aldrich __
45. Part of a book
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
49. Train group (abbr.)
50. Frames per second
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal from a federation
58. Guitarist sounds
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Helps escape

CLUES DOWN

1. Currency exchange charge
2. River in Tuscany
3. Breakfast dish
4. Defunct European currency
5. Upper class young woman
6. Part of a purse
7. Self-contained units
8. Boxing’s GOAT
9. Legislators
10. Flightless birds
11. U. of Miami’s mascot is one
12. Floating ice
13. Low, marshy land
16. Seldom
18. Lyric poems
22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
23. Full extent of something
24. __ Claus
25. Naturally occurring solid material
27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
28. Thirteen
29. Partner to cheers
30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One thousandth of an inch
33. Former CIA
35. Most lemony
36. Engage in
37. Small Eurasian deer
39. Provisions
42. All humans have them
43. Swiss river
44. Storage term (abbr.)
46. Famed Broadway lyricist Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Egyptian sun god
50. Flute
51. Flew off!
52. Scottish tax
53. Young women’s association
54. Populous Brazilian city
55. Malaysian Isthmus
56. Pointed end of a pen



GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZE PET SUPPLY DRIVE



Photo Courtesy

Girl Scout Troop 67065 of Killingly recently completed their Junior Bronze Award: Pet Care Donation Kits that supported three local nonprofits: Paws in Woodstock, Necogg in Dayville, and Friends of Assisi in Danielson. The Scouts collected donations in September through a collection drive, and used cookie funds to purchase remaining items to fill the baskets. They made a total of 45 kits! Kits included food, blankets, toys, snacks, cat litter and bowls! The goal of the project was for the donations to be distributed to adopted pets.

DK VACCINES

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first dose in this initial wave of vaccination recipients. Among the first group of employees to be vaccinated was Dr. John Graham, chief medical officer and vice president of quality and medical affairs.

“We are thrilled to see such a remarkable response of team members to receive the vaccine,” said Dr. Graham. “The COVID-19 vaccine represents a real hope for an end to this pandemic. We encourage everyone in our community to take the vaccine when given the opportunity and do their part to stop the spread of a disease that unfortunately has taken so many lives.”

DKH has been preparing for this historic moment for weeks. In a concerted effort, individuals across the health care system have worked long hours to plan for every detail from an equitable distribution strategy, to storage, planning, and vaccination education.

“The logistics involved in the vaccine distribution pro-

cess cannot be understated,” said John O’Keefe, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient services, Day Kimball Healthcare. “This effort involved collaboration of teams including pharmacy, medical staff, IT, human resources, facilities, support services, and many more. I am proud of the way everyone has come together to prepare to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to our healthcare workers.”

Vaccinations for the general public will be available at a future date which is determined by the CT DPH and Governor Lamont’s COVID-19 Advisory Group, and based on recommendations from the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Day Kimball Healthcare looks forward to assisting the state of Connecticut with its distribution plan to the general public when those vaccines become available. Until a vaccine is available to everyone, it is important to continue masking, practice social distancing, and basic hand hygiene.

As a reminder, anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, cough or shortness

of breath) should stay home and contact their primary care provider before visiting any healthcare location.

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

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Thompson Speedway to host virtual three-race series

THOMPSON — Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park will come to virtual life three times during the winter months, as a new iRacing series will give drivers and fans a chance to prepare for the 2021 season. In a series promoted by Souza Media, full-time Modified, Late Model & Super Late Model drivers from across New England will compete in three different races -- including the virtual historic Thompson 300 -- with one race in January, another in February and a final in March.

The series will help preview the real-life season at Thompson for 2021 -- which is slated to begin with the annual Icebreaker weekend from April 9-11, and hold six oval events, promoted by the American Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series. All three iRacing events will take place on Saturday's -- Jan. 23, Feb. 20 and March 20 -- and will all begin with the drop of the green flag at 2 p.m. The feature races will air live, in full, on Extreme Sim TV, via Facebook and YouTube. Qualifying heat races, consolation races and a B-Main will be conducted prior to the broadcast start.

The three iRacing events will include

an opener with iRacing's SK Modified, previewing the Sunoco Modified season at Thompson, on Jan. 23, for a 100-lap event. The second will put some of New England's best Late Model stars together in ACT-style Late Models for their own 100-lapper on Feb. 20. The final will help promote and preview the return of the historic Thompson 300, as Tour-Type Modifieds are used for a virtual 300-lapper on March 20. In real-life, officials are bringing back the Thompson 300 as part of the Sunoco World Series of Racing at Thompson in October of 2021.

"This iRacing series will give drivers and fans of Thompson Speedway a chance to come together during the cold winter months for some virtual racing," Kyle Souza, owner of Souza Media, said. "We're looking forward to watching the Thompson 300 in real-life, but we think this virtual experience will showcase some of what it will take to win the real-life event and get fans energized for the October 2021 race."

A maximum of 29 drivers will start each race, in order to keep the car count reasonable on a tight, banked track, and produce green flag racing. Out of the

29 competitors, 28 drivers will qualify through the heats, consi's and B-Main sessions, while one provisional is available for a most recent Thompson track champion or Modified, Late Model or Super Late Model champion, if needed. If no champions fail to qualify, the provisional may be used for a promoters option. Qualifying will begin at 10 a.m. on each of the race days, while there will also be multiple practice sessions prior to race day.

In order to be eligible for the events, drivers must fit one of the requirements put in place by officials. Race officials have the final determination on eligibility and may elect to refund participants who register but don't fit qualifications. For all three events, drivers must be:

- A current or past full-time weekly competitor in Late Models, Super Late Models or Modifieds
- A current or past touring series competitor in Late Models, Super Late Models or Modifieds
- Immediate crew member of one of the above drivers -- defined as either a car owner, crew chief or spotter.
- *If all spots are not filled for the event

five days prior to event start, fans of Thompson Speedway, Modifieds, Super Late Models or Late Models will be able to register to fill the spots*

The first 60 entered drivers will be registered for the event. Anyone who registers past that 60 number will be placed on a waitlist. Registration fees are \$15 per event, or \$45 for the entire series. Registration can be completed at kylesouza.com/thompson-iracing-series. In order for a registration to be counted as one of 60, payment must be received. Drivers who complete registration will be invited to the league on iRacing directly to confirm their registration has been received.

A payout is guaranteed for the top-five at the end of each race, with a minimum of \$50 to win the feature. The virtual Thompson 300 will pay at least \$125 to win. Sponsorship opportunities for the series are available by emailing kylesouza-media@gmail.com. Sponsorships will include full race deals and contingency awards.

Day Kimball Healthcare receives funding from SPIROL International Corporation

PUTNAM — SPIROL International Corporation, a global manufacturer headquartered in Danielson, Connecticut, has stepped forward for a second consecutive year to support the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH), by raising more than \$9,300 for the Fund.

In addition to designating the company's fiscal year 2020 employee giving campaign to the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, SPIROL's fundraising team raised money by hosting various philanthropic initiatives throughout the year.

Despite the cancellation of DKH's annual NECT Cancer Fund Walk & Race due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SPIROL supported the hard work of its employees by still contributing \$5,000 which was earmarked for the event.

"It is a great testimony of strong support when local businesses choose Day Kimball to be the beneficiary of their annual fundraising," said Kyle Kramer, Chief Executive Officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Our ability to provide vital resources to our patients in need, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, is in large part due to the generous support of local businesses like SPIROL. We extend heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of support for local cancer patients shown by the generosity of SPIROL and its employees."

"The support of our local business community, despite the hardships this year has brought, continues to astound us," said Kristen Willis, Director of Development, Day Kimball Healthcare. "In the face of this global pandemic, SPIROL maintained their goal of raising money for this important cause and generating valuable funds for the NECT Cancer Fund, which plays such a critical role in our community. This donation will help us continue to build upon a long legacy of providing financial assistance to individuals battling cancer in the Northeast Connecticut community."

"SPIROL and its fundraising team are happy to have continued our partnership throughout the past year with Day Kimball Hospital and the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund," said Matt Bartlett, Manufacturing Manager, SPIROL International. "Despite challenges associated with the pandemic we are proud to say that our community continues to step up to assist people in need to make our quiet corner a better place to live. It is always a pleasure working with the Day Kimball team and we look forward to many more years of working together."

"SPIROL remains a socially responsible organization, focused on giving back to our community," said Jeff Koehl, Chief Executive Officer, SPIROL International. "We are proud to

continue our partnership with the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, and that partnership would not be possible without the continued support of our incredible SPIROL team members and their personal dedication to their community."

The SPIROL team has once again pledged to support the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH for the company's 2021 fiscal year.

Originally founded by a local family in honor of a loved one lost too soon to breast cancer, today the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH provides financial assistance to more than 200 neighbors in need each year. Assistance is used to help pay for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to access needed medical care. Through charitable contributions of local businesses, community members, and various philanthropic events, more than \$1.3 million has been raised for the Fund since its inception in 1989.

The Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH depends on the support and philanthropy of businesses like SPIROL and people in the community it serves. For more information about the Fund visit www.daykimball.org/nect-cancer-fund or contact the DKH Development office at (860) 928-7141.



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Left to right: SPIROL Employee Giving Committee Member, Tara Meinck, Product Sales Engineer, SPIROL International; Day Kimball Healthcare Chief Executive Officer, Kyle Kramer; SPIROL Employee Giving Committee Member, Matt Bartlett, Manufacturing Manager, SPIROL International; and Day Kimball Healthcare Director of Development, Kristen Willis.

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NDDH conducting COVID-19 vaccination clinics

BROOKLYN — The Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH), which provides public health services for 12 northeast Connecticut towns, has received a supply of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and is actively vaccinating healthcare workers and emergency responders who meet the current eligibility criteria for vaccination.

In order to be vaccinated by NDDH, eligible individuals must be registered in the Vaccine Administration and Management System (VAMS). This is an easy-to-use, secure, online tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to manage vaccine administration.

“In this phase, vaccination eligibility is based on your occupation, so employers play a key role in the process by submitting lists of employees who are eligible for vaccination to the VAMS system,” explained Sue Starkey, NDDH Director of Health. “NDDH has been hosting educational forums to teach employers how to use the system and how to prioritize their employees according to official State guidance as well as providing information about vaccine safety.”

NDDH has provided VAMS trainings to town leaders, school superintendents, fire, police, and emergency medical services, as well as unaffiliated and independent medical providers in our district such as dentists and private practices. Trainings are on-going.

“For now, if you are a business or volunteer organization that employs healthcare workers or emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, you’ll register in VAMS and upload rosters of employees as they become eligible to receive vaccination,” said Linda Colangelo, NDDH Education and Communications Coordinator. “VAMS will then invite those employees to set up an account and schedule an appointment to be vaccinated. People can search VAMS for participating clinics and book appointments anywhere slots are available. The system will also send automatic reminders to book your first and second appointment. It is important that the second dose is the same type of vaccine as the first dose.”

Starkey noted that vaccination appointments are made through VAMS and not by calling the NDDH office. It is anticipated that the vaccination of Phase 1a eligible employees – healthcare workers, which includes EMS personnel, will continue through January 2021.

“We are facilitating discussions among employers so they can determine how to prioritize employees based on job responsibilities,” commented Starkey. “We are using guidance from the CDC and the Governor’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group, whose recommendations have been endorsed by the State of Connecticut. As vaccine availability increases, more people will become eligible and it is expected that vaccine will be available in many more settings such as retail and supermarket pharmacies, urgent care centers, and doctor’s offices.”

NDDH reminds resident to remain patient while waiting to be eligible for vaccination and to continue to wear your mask, watch your distance, wash your hands, and stay home when you are sick.

Business and organizations who employ eligible employees in this phase who would like to learn more about NDDH VAMS Trainings may contact Linda Colangelo at lcolangelo@nddh.org.

Winners of Woodstock Holiday Light Contest named



The Stillitano family were named the first winners of the Woodstock Holiday Light contest.

WOODSTOCK – With holiday festivities paused for most towns in the region due to the COVID-19 pandemic in December, numerous communities got creative with their celebrations introducing new, socially distant ways to bring the community together. Woodstock was one of several towns that embraced a classic tradition made new, the holiday light contest.

The Woodstock Recreation Department provided and opportunity for participants to register to have their home added to a map of holiday light display locations around town and during the week of Dec. 13 through Dec. 20, residences and businesses were asked to light up their homes and buildings to celebrate the holidays with awards given out to the best in show. Anthony Pezzetti, Recreation Director for Woodstock, said the event was a way to continue Woodstock’s holiday traditions by adding something new to the calendar that conformed to COVID-19 restrictions.

“In lieu of our winter festival, we came up with this idea and we invited businesses and residents in the town to participate. We ended up having 31 participants in all and we printed a map that was posted on the Facebook page and town website so that people could see the displays for themselves and help decide who the winners were,” Pezzetti said.

Judging was done by the Board of Selectmen who awarded honors for first, second and third place. A fourth winner was chosen from a fan vote contest which resulted in around 310 votes. Placing first was the Stillitano family whose name will be added to the trophy as the first winners of the event. Second place went to Siana and Casey Goodhall who received a Valleyside Farm Gift Card and third place went to the Bruce family who received a gift card to Taylor Brooke. Sarah Gorgone was the fan vote winner and received a gift card to Mackey’s who sponsored the award.

While the holiday light contest was born from the longing to celebrate the holidays as a community during the pandemic, Pezzetti said the town plans to make the event a permanent staple of the holiday season.

“It was important to provide something for the families in the area to do during the holidays since a lot of the events and typical programs are kind of on hold for the time being. Our hope is that we will incorporate this with the winter festival as a yearly event and that trophy will be passed to the first place winner every year and we’ll have each year’s winner added to the side of it as a lasting recognition of their victory,” said Pezzetti.

Day Kimball Healthcare names Jennifer Bray Employee of the Month

PUTNAM — Jennifer Bray, certified nursing assistant (CNA) in the ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month for December by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Bray, who has been a CNA for 16 years at a local nursing home, began working on the medical/surgical unit at Day Kimball Hospital in 2005. In her current role as a CNA in the ambulatory care unit, Bray is responsible for assisting nursing staff with patient care before and after their procedures and surgeries, in addition to ensuring the unit runs smoothly and efficiently.

According to Bray’s supervisor, Linda Gervasio, operations coordinator in the ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital, “Jen is dependable, hardworking and conscientious. She goes above and beyond to ensure that the needs of patients and families are met. She is a pleasure to work with and our ambulatory care unit is lucky to have her on our team.”

“During her time on the medical/surgical unit, Jen provided superior patient care and support to the department staff. Her communication in daily observation of patient and unit needs allowed us to provide excellent care and a positive patient experience to patients on the unit,” shared Bray’s former supervisor, Deb Blackmer, clinical manager in the medical/surgical department at Day Kimball Hospital.

In response to being named employee of the month, Bray said, “I was truly honored to be named employee of the month by my peers. I work with such a wonderful group of people throughout the hospital. When asked what she likes most about her job, she said, “I love taking care of patients and working with such great people.”

In 2004, Bray received her CNA certification from Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, Connecticut. She was born in New London, Connecticut and grew up in the southeastern region of the state. Bray currently resides in Plainfield, Connecticut with her husband John and their three children Alexander, Madison, and Johnathan III.

Day Kimball Healthcare’s employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.



Day Kimball Healthcare’s Employee of the Month for December 2020, Jennifer Bray, certified nursing assistant in the ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

“The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino has been focused on taking care of the people that serve within our community, and we appreciate everything Day Kimball Healthcare does,” said Foxwood’s Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships Roy Colebut-Ingram. “Supporting meaningful employee recognition programs like that at DKH is just one way that we feel we can express our appreciation.”

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

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Barbara Pezzetti of Woodstock, an employee of Hartford Hospital for 38 years, is pictured here receiving her first dose of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine just before the holidays. Pezzetti said that as someone on the front line of the fight against the virus, she was grateful for the opportunity to do her part.

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"We are honored and humbled to receive this recognition again this year as 2020 has been a challenging one. The award symbolizes how our team continued to uphold our mission to create the best wealth management experience for every client, every time, at every touchpoint," states Managing Partner Jim Zahansky. "We could not have won this award without the dedication, hard work, and thoughtfulness our team has shown towards our clients throughout

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of Thompson. They will also connect to existing sidewalks to the library and North Grosvenordale River Mill where a planned mill renovation will add 300 market rate apartments with mixed use amenities. Design and engineering services are being performed by Hartford-based firm Freeman Company LLC, with funds from the 2018 DECD BAR (Brownfield Area Revitalization) Grant, an award supporting plans for community revitalization in the historic mill district.

While the timeline for the release of the committed funds is not yet confirmed, construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2021. Additional work in the 2021 construction season will be undertaken by the local Department of Public Works to make safety improvements to the intersection at Riverside Drive and Blain Road; and ConnDOT is expected to begin road improvements to Route 12 following the sidewalk project.

The LOTCIP grant program is administered on behalf of municipalities by the regional councils of government. Jim Larkin at NECCOG advised Thompson's Director of Planning & Development Tyra Penn-Gesek and MSRAC Chair Janet Blanchette in preparing the grant.

Putnam resident steps up as new AHS Marketing volunteer



Kristin Fischer

PUTNAM — The Aspinock Historical Society (AHS) is ending the epic year of

2020 on a high note as Putnam resident Kristin H. Fischer has stepped up to fill the role of public relations and marketing for the organization.

Ms. Fischer is highly qualified in marketing and media relations with years of experience including social media and email campaigns. Add in her modern day savvy and branding skills and Kristin has just what the Historical Society needs to keep the community connected and aware of what the AHS is and does.

After seeing an AHS facebook post seeking a volunteer for this role, Kristin responded with her interest. This is a perfect opportunity for a new volunteer and for the community to continue to see what AHS has to offer.

AHS is an all volunteer organization and has many roles to fill, some long-term, and some for specific work parties. If you have a certain skill or interest that you think could help, reach out just like Kristin Fischer did. Simply email your request to AspinockHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

Memberships are always welcome, along with donations of any amount. Membership fees and donations can be mailed to AHS, PO Box 465, Putnam, CT 06260.

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Cheers to 2021

The past year has been challenging, and the months ahead only look slightly different as far as the pandemic is concerned. The rollout of the vaccines does, however, offer some promise in getting our lives back to normal.

It's been discouraging; however, to see people behave so unkindly towards one another. Not so much on the local level — here, we are fortunate. But nationally, the temperature has been turned up for far too long. When did it become 'cool' or 'macho' to behave with such hate towards another person, simply because you disagree? Why are so many individuals filled with so much hate that they take it out on complete strangers? We remind everyone, that when it comes to national politics, listen to several news sources, and not a passing meme on social media. Too many uninformed people are acting out, when if they truly were aware of how things work, beyond just a talking point, they may see things a bit more clearly. Again, we have faith that in the months ahead, the climate will become one of which we can all be proud. It's ok and actually a good thing to question and even disagree with others if it's how you feel. It is not OK when decency, lack of respect and kindness falls by the way-side. It is possible to disagree and yet still be kind and helpful to each other. The constant chest puffing on social media and on national news is just, well, sad. You get more bees with honey.

On another note, as we sit and reflect about how much time has been spent apart as a society, we do need to give a nod to solitude. Extroverts across the globe, just want their social lives to be in full swing again. Heck, even introverts do as well. Being social is an important part of our existence. As things move in that direction, we want to remind everyone that there is a benefit to having some much needed alone time. Something we all don't get very often.

Life in normal times can move very swiftly. We're always looking ahead at what needs to be done next, planning, over thinking and stressing about the future. Studies show that when you stop and enjoy some alone time, your brain will rest. Overstimulation can have adverse effects on our well-being. Take time to detach from the internet, television even music.

When we're alone, our parasympathetic nervous system, that relaxes us, is triggered. Alone time relaxes your muscles, lowers your blood pressure and slows your heart rate. Time alone is a great way to prevent burn out. Burnout can cause us to go about our days in an inefficient manner.

Another check mark in the 'pro' column of solitude is that we become more creative. Our minds are free from distractions. Spending time solo can reduce the chance you'll suffer from vital exhaustion which can lead to increased anger and heart trouble.

One analogy that makes sense regarding solitude, is that it gives you time to get a bird's eye view of your life — the bigger picture, instead of feeling stuck in the day to day sometimes mundane activities.

In the New Year ahead, we wish you all health and happiness. As always, take care of each other.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Christmas thank you for all the policeman who died so we would be safe!

To the Editor:
The day I died — what went wrong on this terrible day? This day should not be; I have so much to give to this uniform I so proudly wear. Please give me a chance to show what I can do. I guess that will have to wait until I get to the place I am going. That must be what

the lord wants. Then I will put on my uniform, shine my shoes, pin on my badge, and say to the lord I am ready... thank you for giving me a chance to show you what I can do.

JOHN WALKER, SR.
THOMPSON

Threats of martial law have no place in a democracy

To the Editor:
In 1972, President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines declared a state of martial law in his country because of his fear of being ousted from office. Martial law puts a country's military in charge and overrides all civilian authority, making it a favorite tool of dictators world-wide.

I was in the Philippines (in the US military) in 1972, and got to see firsthand the brutal and often deadly consequences for the Filipino people. That military state lasted until 1986, when dictator Marcos was finally removed from office.

Our current President is living his biggest lifelong fear — losing. His neverending denial of the obvious election results is sad and

pathetic, and may even show signs of possible mental illness. But for Donald Trump and his "advisors" to even hint at the possibly of using martial law to overturn a legitimate election in our country is insane. That concept should scare the hell out of every American citizen, regardless of who they voted for.

As I write this letter, we have exactly 30 days before this "loose cannon" is gone from the White House. Let's hope there's enough members of congress (from both parties) with the guts to squash any psychotic schemes Trump dreams up during the next month.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

Red and Blue - What is wrong with this picture?

To the Editor:
This was written before the Georgia runoff election on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Regardless of the results of that runoff election, it is [should be] simplistic to presume that the fate of legislation for the next four years depends upon two senators from Georgia. This is a burden that no one legislator should take on. Here in the United States of America, we have a democracy, and are represented by legislators whom we, individually and state-by-state, have elected. I believe that each of the 100 senators, and each of the 435 representatives should vote for or against legislation based upon their individual consciences, the will of their own constituents, and what is, in their judgments, best for their region and for the country. They

should discuss and deliberate legislation and arrive at consensus that is good for a majority of citizens and for the country.

The current view proliferated by political parties, the media, and consequently most Americans, is that these congressional reps should vote as a party block, and that loyalty to the party is primary. What has happened to our individual beliefs and individual judgments? And our ability to listen to a variety of differing views and arrive at consensus? As individuals, we certainly do not think nor believe exactly as each of our neighbors. That is the richness of our country.

KAREN RYKER
WOODSTOCK

Keep it to yourselves

To the Editor:
We see more letters claiming that voter fraud stole Trump's second term, an allegation refuted by such a bipartisan range of authorities that repeating it has become just a dangerous, childish lie. Never in American history has an election been more closely monitored and never have claims of illegal returns been pursued by more lawyers, politicians, election officials, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, government agents and private citizens. They uncovered nothing that would have changed the results. Federal courts and even the Supreme Court have agreed unanimously...

Wait, this is silly. I shouldn't waste words trying to convince opinion writers who are moaning about a stolen election. It wasn't. They'll never believe that, so here's the point of this letter: keep it to yourselves. Wait with your hopes for some smoking gun that the Supreme Court agrees must invalidate the election. In the meantime, you're just widening and cementing the divisions in this country that everyone right and left agrees has been the worst effect of the Trump presidency. You're proving that you love Trump more than your country. You're promoting civil war. Stand down.

We have work to do, and it's not more voter-suppression in the name of election security. We need some system of healthcare that includes all citizens. Remember that promise? Every other developed nation in the world does it. There are dozens of options. Outrageous education debt keeps our young people from starting families and businesses, buying houses and growing our economy. Agriculture, our ability to feed ourselves, is threatened by Climate Change, creating waves of refugees that destabilize governments worldwide. American businesses and communities depend on a more-reliable, efficient infrastructure - remember that promise? It's time to address racial injustice so every American can contribute.

If we can stop pretending the election was stolen we can get on with making America great again.

Hey, send Trump some money for his election fight, but know that this is another lie. Your money goes into his own and the RNC's accounts. He's in debt to the Germans and the Russians. Be generous.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Distractions we don't need

To the Editor:
In continuing to push the baseless and disproven lie that the presidential election of 2020 was a "sham," that "there is a coup going on" (Letters to the Editor, Villager, Dec. 25), Mr. Rod Bedard does readers in the Quiet Corner no favors and serves only to weaken confidence and trust in our hard-won institutions of democracy. (For the record, although the United States is not a "pure" democracy, it is a "representative" democracy, or a democratic republic. The Constitution aims to set up a complex system of majority rule, not minority rule as some, such as Sen. Mike Lee [or Mr. Bedard] seems to be saying.

Mr. Trump and his supporters have brought at least 60 lawsuits and have not proven a single case of fraudulent voting in court. (Their sole court victory concerned a Pennsylvania-ordered deadline extension for the submission of personal identification for mailed ballots, affecting only a very small number of ballots.) If Mr. Bedard has verifiable or proven information to the contrary, I hope he will share it with us. Otherwise, he should clearly label his thoughts as opinions, or conjectures, or theories... or just wishful thinking.

Of course, there is a longer term strategic aim in Republican support of these lies. They will be used by Republican-controlled state legislatures in the coming years to make it harder for people to vote, knowing full well that large voter turnout is not in the interest of the Republican party. (Mr. Bedard may feel that he deserves the right to vote more

than an infirm 75 year-old living in North Philadelphia, but most Constitutional scholars would take issue with him.) It would seem to be axiomatic that a vibrant and healthy democracy would want as many people to vote as possible and that making it increasingly hard to vote (fewer locations, work-day voting only, discouraging mail-in voting, onerous ID requirements) would be counter to that aim.

The most disheartening thing about Mr. Bedard's and the Republican party's lies is that they are a distraction. There are just so many things to do now if we are to survive as a nation and, for that matter, as a world. We need to figure out how to recover from the pandemic — medically, socially, psychologically, and economically. We need to deal with impending environmental catastrophe in the form of climate change, as well as other forms of environmental degradation. We need to deal with racism in all of its' ugly manifestations. We need to deal with the continued progression of and the corrosive effects of income disparity. Making up things — that the coronavirus is just fading away, that in "99% of cases [the coronavirus] is harmless," that masks don't work, that a 7 million vote plurality is a fraud — gets us nowhere.

Here's to a renewed appreciation of and adherence to truth and facts in the New Year...that's as good a place to start as any.

JOHN A. DAY, JR.
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

The pleasures of January

There's a lot to like about January. Forget the people who email photos from Florida of people walking on the beach. Turn off the apocryphal weather reporters who make every snow shower into a disaster. Just pay attention to the birds gorging themselves at the feeders and look forward to glorious sun sets nearly every evening. January may be dark and cold, but it is never boring. It is exactly what we need to mark our place in the universe of things.

This year, I'm more focused than ever on the birds at our feeders. I have five for seed and two for suet. I buy black oil sunflower seeds in big bags and appreciate the pleasant young



people who carry them to my car. I hope they feel a sense of pride in their strength and a twinge of self-congratulations that they have done something nice for an older person. While I believe I can lift the 50 pounds and toss it in the car, I prefer to give them the satisfaction of doing it for me. Also, I won't risk hurting my back.

Just before dawn, one small bird, so dark I can't identify him, turns up just outside the living room window. He is always first and flies into a feeder that resembles a pagoda to take his breakfast. Suddenly, the garden is filled with other birds, who must have been waiting for him to declare the bird seed restaurant open and ready for business. In a flurry of feathers, they begin again to work out the daily business of being birds.

Near the chair from which I survey the scene is a pile of books. This year, I am focusing on reading poetry, but first I turn to a bird identification book, "Birds of Connecticut" by Stan Tekiela. It is well designed and categorizes the birds first by color. Every year, I refresh my memory for their names and learn all over again some tidbit I had forgotten. The narrative that accompanies each entry is nearly poetry itself in the words chosen to describe the birds.

Friends and neighbors tell me about the eagles they see flying or hunting across our area. I feel a twinge of envy as I have never seen the big, noble birds here. Once on a birding trip with serious birders, I saw 19 eagles in one day, but that was along the Connecticut River and the shore. Apparently, I'm not on the same schedule as the eagles flying down the Quinebaug River and at Thompson Dam. I'll have to be content with the red-tailed hawk who claims our yard as her hunting territory.

January is the end of the holidays, which is a relief this year. There is no need to feel sad about what and who we are missing. To celebrate, my husband and I hiked up Bull Hill to look out on the bleak beauty of the landscape. White houses and barns stood out against the skeletal outline of thousands of trees in a panorama that is breathtaking in its familiarity.

Burning a fire in the fireplace has an especially festive air. I feel we are celebrating something as the logs flare and pop. We set up a table on New Year's Eve and had dinner by the fire. I took out my wedding china and crystal wine glasses to take a stand against the sameness that has marked months of semi-isolation. It felt almost, but not quite, as nice as a party.

Welcome January with all its simple pleasures. We must make the best of it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Both parties have let us down

To the Editor:

Rod Bedard’s letter to the editor, published in your Dec. 25 edition, saddened me because of the lies it perpetuates, but it also caused me to reflect on some of the reasons we’ve arrived at such a dangerous time in our country.

I won’t spend time refuting the lies. By now, they should be obvious: the election was stolen, the Democratic (not Democrat) Party is for defunding the police, and on and on. And while I hate most of what Donald Trump stands for and has done, I don’t hate him or anyone else with an obvious mental illness or severe personality disorder. I just wish we had someone else as president.

Mr. Bedard decries the self-serving politicians of both parties. I get it. At one time, there was a more moderate Republican Party that generally represented business and the wealthy and a Democratic Party that generally favored workers, unions and the poor. One could fairly be labeled “conservative” and the other “progressive” or “liberal.” Those labels have been propagandized to the point of being unrecognizable today.

The Republican Party of recent years seeks to turn back the clock to a time before any social welfare programs, environmental regulation, collective bargaining, etc., programs that lifted millions out of poverty and cleaned up the environment. That is decidedly not “conservative.”

The Democratic Party, in a quest for power and campaign funding, became the new moderate Republicans: deregulating the financial industry, promoting free trade and generally favoring big business to the detriment of workers.

The result is political parties that Republicans and Democrats from the

1950s, ‘60s and ‘70s wouldn’t recognize. They have let us down. Neither has been able to adequately address our problems: our “original sin” of racism, enormous wealth inequality, deteriorating infrastructure, grossly expensive and inadequate healthcare, climate change, unequal law enforcement, resegregation, justice reform, etc.

The solution? In 2016, a little less than half the electorate decided to bring in an outsider to blow up the system, both the bad and the good. Unfortunately, the outsider mostly blew up the good and is only interested in what’s good for himself. He lies with impunity, cozies up to dictators and unjustly impugns everyone he disagrees with. The result has been enormous harm to our institutions, our health and safety, the social fabric and to our status in the world, and the unnecessary deaths of tens of thousands of Americans. This year, in spite of the coup being attempted by Trump and his followers, a slim majority of voters rejected the last four disastrous years.

A broad consensus regarding most of our problems is out there for the party that tries to give voice to it. Poor, working class and middle class men and women of both parties, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation, face many of the same problems.

Let’s hope that President-elect Joe Biden “gets it” and can bring back decency to the presidency, restore our reputation abroad, rebuild our institutions and build a consensus to address the pressing problems unsolved over the past few decades of rule under both political parties.

BILLY G. TAYLOR
KILLINGLY

Memories of Celtics legend K.C. Jones

To the Editor:

The news of the death of Boston Celtics legend K.C. Jones came as a surprise and conjured up memories of time spent together with him many years ago. We met approximately 25 years ago when K.C. was in his 60s. At the time of his death, he was 88 and residing in a nursing facility, according to reports.

I had the good fortune of meeting K.C. when I was at Day Kimball Hospital. As the Vice President for Development, one of my many tasks was organizing and overseeing the annual Day Kimball Hospital Golf Classic. In that role I was fortunate to meet and befriend many people from throughout New England and the Greater Northeast. One of those individuals was an attorney by the name of Roland Young. It was that acquaintanceship that brought me in contact with Boston Celtics great K.C. Jones.

Young called one day and asked if we’d entertain his client K.C. Jones playing in our Golf Classic. The response was a no brainer. “Yes, and would it be possible to have K.C. as a member of my playing foursome?” Arrangements were completed and on the day of the tournament at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington I enjoyed K.C.’s presence in our foursome and at our dinner table.

Everything I had ever heard about what a tremendous gentleman he was, turned out to be true and more. The man, who had won two NCAA National Championships at the University of San Francisco, an Olympic Gold medal, 12 NBA championships with the Boston Celtics as a player and a coach, and was considered the greatest defensive guard in NBA history, was as humble as he was famous.

Always known for his quiet, even tempered, low key personality as a player and coach, he was the same that day. I can remember one of our playing partners, the outgoing gregarious Bob Darigan, did elicit and occasion smile, laugh and response with some of his comments. K.C. was a better than average ball striker and was instrumental in helping our foursome post a better than usual score.

At dinner, he was an extremely accom-

modating, signing autographs and conversing with the line of golfers who approached between bites of his steak and chicken dinner. Imposing on him, I asked if he’d address the gathering with a few words. I remember very clearly when he was introduced how the crowd came to complete silence. Even in his usual quiet tone people hung on his every word.

I’ll share the story that K.C. told that day, that brought a laugh to the audience and demonstrated what a genuine human being he was. In paraphrasing K.C. from this time in the late 1990’s or early 2000’s, this is the story as told by K.C. Jones. “I was coaching the Celtics with the great Larry Bird on our team. We were in a tight game with time winding down when I called a time out. As the players came to the bench, Larry Bird was telling the players, ‘this is what we’re going to do. I (Bird) will take the ball out; throw it in to Kevin McHale, who’ll hand it back to me as I cut to the basket. I’ll put it in and we’ll all run to the locker room as time expires and we win.”

K.C. went on, “I got into the huddle and said to the team, I’m the coach of this team. This is what we’re going to do. Bird will take it out; pass to McHale, who’ll hand the ball to Larry. He’ll put it in as time runs out and we’ll all keep going to the locker room.”

That was K. C. Jones and the reason he won so many championships as a player and a coach. He respected others, won them over with his quiet self-confidence, which translated into a man who didn’t have to be #1 like so many athletes. He was a champion because of who he was.

As the day wore down to a conclusion, I walked K.C. to his car in the parking lot. Always thinking ahead, I had brought a basketball to the tournament. I asked him to sign it for me, which he graciously consented to do. Today, and ever since the day I had the good fortune to meet K.C. Jones, I cherish that basketball and signature as one of my prized possessions.

Thank you, K.C. Jones. May your soul rest in peace.

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As we begin 2021, we have to unpack 2020 as it relates to our personal finances and life financial goals. Is your financial plan still intact? If yes, you are doing a fantastic job and are persevering through the pandemic. If no, why not and how do you recover and rebuild. Considering the WHZ Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process, a great place to start is your personal or household budget. Do you ever wonder where your money goes each month? Does it seem like you’re never able to get ahead? If so, you may want to establish or revisit a budget to help you keep track of how you spend your money and help you reach your financial goals.

Examine your financial goals

Before you establish a budget, you should examine your financial goals. Start by making a list of your short-term goals (e.g., new car, new job, vacation) and your long-term goals (e.g., your child’s college education, retirement). Next, ask yourself: How important is it for me to achieve this goal? How much will I need to save? Armed with a clear picture of your goals, you can work toward establishing a budget that can help you reach them.

Identify your current monthly income and expenses

To develop a budget that is appropriate for your lifestyle, you’ll need to identify your current monthly income and expenses. You can jot the information down with a pen and paper, or you can use one of the many software programs available that are designed specifically for this purpose.

Start by adding up all of your income. In addition to your regular salary and wages, be sure to include other types of income, such as dividends, interest, and child support. Next, add up all of your expenses. To see where you have a choice in your spending, it helps to divide them into two categories: fixed expenses (e.g., housing, food, clothing, transportation) and discretionary expenses (e.g., entertainment, vacations, hobbies). You’ll also want to make sure that you have identified any out-of-pattern expenses, such as holiday gifts, car maintenance, home repair, and so on. To make sure that you’re not forgetting anything, it may help to look through canceled checks, credit card bills, and other receipts from the past year. Finally, as you list your expenses, it is important to remember your financial goals. Whenever possible, treat your goals as expenses and contribute toward them regularly.

Evaluate your budget

Once you’ve added up all of your income and expenses, compare the two totals. To get ahead, you should be spending less than you earn. If this is the case, you’re on the right track, and you need to look at how well you use your extra income. If you find yourself spending more than you earn, you’ll need to make some adjustments. Look at your expenses closely and cut down on your discretionary spending. And remember, if you



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do find yourself coming up short, don’t worry! All it will take is some determination and a little self-discipline, and you’ll eventually get it right.

Monitor your budget

You’ll need to monitor your budget periodically and make changes when necessary. But keep in mind that you don’t have to keep track of every penny that you spend. In fact, the less record keeping you have to do, the easier it will be to stick to your budget. Above all, be flexible. Any budget that is too rigid is likely to fail. So be prepared for the unexpected (e.g., leaky roof, failed car transmission).

Tips to help you stay on track

Involve the entire family: Agree on a budget up front and meet regularly to check your progress

Stay disciplined: Try to make budgeting a part of your daily routine

Start your new budget at a time when it will be easy to follow and stick with the plan (e.g., the beginning of the year, as opposed to right before the holidays)

Find a budgeting system that fits your needs (e.g., budgeting software, smart phone app or website)

Distinguish between expenses that are “wants” (e.g., designer shoes) and expenses that are “needs” (e.g., groceries)

Build rewards into your budget (e.g., eat out every other week)

Avoid using credit cards to pay for


everyday expenses: It may seem like you’re spending less, but your credit card debt will continue to increase

Budget Well = Plan Well

Starting the new year off right financially is an essential ingredient to rebuilding or accelerating your life financial goals. Revisiting and establishing a forward looking and achievable budget is a basic component to Planning Well. If you need assistance prioritizing your finances to help you work toward your long-term financial life goals visit our website at www.whzwealth.com or give our office a call at 860-928-2341. Together, we can leverage our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process to help you get to the financial fearlessness you desire.

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How will you make this new year different from the last?



POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

If you are to only read one of my columns this year and take it to heart ... make it this one.

A new year is upon us and I couldn’t be happier. I don’t think that in my lifetime I’ve been more relieved to see a year end and a new year begin.

With that said, there is nothing magical about turning the page on a calendar. If magic is to happen, it happens in our heads and hearts by creating an optimistic view of what is to come and taking positive actions that make our optimism real.

I’m optimistic that 2021 will be a better year. This isn’t

wishful thinking. We have two new vaccines that are now approved and being administered. I’m hearing that a third and maybe a fourth could be approved early this year. The news is promising, and 2021 will be a positive year of turnaround and renewal.

So, we’re upon a new year. Now what?

My dad used to always say, “If you always do what you always did, you’ll always get what you always got.” That’s true for everything we do, including how we approach this new year. Our happiness and success can be determined by an optimistic approach to 2021. In other words, you have the power to be the change you wish for your life. And why not?

The difference with last year was that there was so much out of our control. A pandemic of the size and scope of Covid-

19 changes everything. Losses of life, jobs and personal freedoms are beyond our ability to control, so 2021 can lead to a new and better season.

I believe that almost every successful person will begin this year with the idea that “This year will be a better year than last, and I have the power to make it so.”

I already know that a large group of Americans have decided to have a bad year. Pessimism with some abound as they find it difficult to see the brightness ahead. That is a choice they make based on opinion and not fact, and it will drive and guide the results of their new year.

For me, and hopefully you, the voice of truth tells us a different story and that truth is that 2021 will be a year of tremendous positive turnaround. Again, the vaccines alone are a game changer. As the vaccines

continue to be administered, I believe our economy will begin opening and our personal freedoms restored. Could the news be more positive?

So, we have a choice to make. We can wallow in the past pain of 2020 or rejoice and celebrate the brighter days ahead in 2021. Optimism is a choice for happiness and success, while pessimism is a choice for misery and failure. Which will you choose?

I already hear a response of “Yeah, but ...”

But what? The choice could not be clearer and there really are only two choices. Some may say “wait and see” which is also a choice, but I believe that is a choice for pessimism. The wait and see crowd always get what’s left over as the optimists act quickly and seize the day. What if we instead said, “yeah, and...”

In other words, we can grieve

and lament 2020, and we can be hopeful and optimistic for 2021.

“Yeah, and.”

Optimism takes no more energy than pessimism and studies show that optimists are both happier and achieve more in life. How can someone purposely choose pessimism?

I’ve said it over and over ... and will say it again. Your belief system creates a mind/heart conspiracy to make what you believe will happen, come true.

Napoleon Hill said, “What the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.” I don’t believe truer words have ever been spoken, yet so many purposely avoid optimism. Please ... don’t let this be you. Choose a better year for you and your family.

I’m out of space for now but will continue next week. Please

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OBITUARIES

Alma P. Soyden, 98

Alma P. Soyden, 98, of Woodstock died December 24, 2020 at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville. Beloved wife of the late Peter Joseph Soyden, who died in 2003. She was born in Swampscott, MA, on June 4, 1922, daughter of the late Rufus and Hattie (Farnum) Hartford. She worked as a Seamstress before raising her children. Alma enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She was a snow bird, spending many winters in Florida since the 80's. She enjoyed scrabble, crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Alma loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a passion for cooking, especially for her family. She leaves her children, Peter Soyden



and his wife Jacqueline of Dracut, MA, Ronald Soyden and his wife Michele of Brooklyn, CT, Gail Renaud and her husband David of Woodstock, CT, sister Avis Howard of Wareham, MA and Florida, grandchildren Sharon Soyden-LaRoche, Tracey Dunn, Kristen Soyden, Stephen Soyden, Jennifer Soyden, great grandchildren Patrick Dunn, Jacob Hall, Ethan Dunn, Haylee Renaud, Timothy Engstrume, Zachary Renaud. She was predeceased by a grandson Trevor Renaud, he died in 2010 and her brothers Charles and Lyle, and sister Enid. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Westview Health Care Center, 150 Ware Road, Dayville, CT 06241. Funeral Mass was private, with a graveside service to be held in the spring in Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Charles Russell Tabor

On Sunday, December 13, 2020, the Lord called home to rest Charles "Russ" Tabor after a courageous battle with Covid-19. Prior to his death Charles had been living at the Colonial Health and Rehab Center of Plainfield, CT. Before that, Charles was a long-time resident of Putnam, CT. Charles was born to Hilda and Hollis Tabor in Uxbridge, MA on October 13, 1931. Charles served in the US Navy during the Korean War serving on a minesweeper off the coast of Japan. He retired from Raytheon and then spent his time with his friends at the Art Guild in Putnam, CT exploring his hobbies of photography and painting. Charles was predeceased by his

brothers Paul Tabor of Waltham, MA and Rick Tabor of Medway, MA, his ex-wife M. Norma Tabor and his son Jay Tabor of Martinsburg, WV. Charles is survived by his son Derek Tabor of North Providence, RI, his daughter Holly Tabor-Hall and her wife Kris Tabor-Hall of Andover, NH, his sisters, Joan Crawford of Bellingham, MA and Tina Curtis of Bellingham, MA, his second wife Margarite Karpensky of Putnam, CT, his granddaughters Laurie Tabor of Holliston, MA, Makala Hubbs of Bellingham, MA and Heidi Healy of Beverly, MA. He also leaves 15 nieces and nephews. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Rychwalski for all of the friendship and care she gave to Charles during his last few years. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Donald P Peterson, 91

Donald P Peterson, 91, of Woodstock passed away on December 26, 2020 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Anne (Bailey) Peterson for 54 years. He was born on May 6, 1929 to the late David and Esther (Hansen) Peterson. Donald grew up in Thompson and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in 1947. He enlisted in the Navy and was honorably discharged after four years of service to his country. Donald worked at Rogers Corporation where he was affectionately known as "Pistol Pete" until his retirement in 1995. Donald was a kind man who loved



his family dearly. He could always be found supporting the events and activities of his children and grandchildren. He treasured summer vacations in Maine, spending time at the beach with his family. He was an avid hunter and Patriots fan. He enjoyed horse racing and playing cards with his family and at the ELKS. Besides his wife Anne, Donald is survived by his four children, Scott Peterson and his partner James Johnson of Pawtucket, RI, Mark Peterson of Woodstock, Felicia Remchuk and her husband Matthew of Sandy Hook, and Curt Peterson and his wife Michelle of Woodstock; six grandchildren, Jonathan Peterson, Brynne, Owen, and Kaylee Remchuk, and Morgan and Payton Peterson and two great grandchildren, Aria and Bryce. Services will be in the spring in Elmvale Cemetery with Military Honors. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Nancy E. Lambert, 85

WEBSTER – Nancy E. (Lowe) Lambert, 85, of First Street, died Friday, January 1, 2021, at Webster Manor Nursing Home in Webster. She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Lambert of Webster; three children, George J. Daigle Jr. of Big Bear, CA, Judith L. Rivera and her husband John of Thompson, CT, and Karen L. Poplawski and her husband Dave "Joe" of Thompson, CT; a brother, Robert Lowe of Charlton; six grandchildren, Michael Rivera, Brandon Rivera, Joseph Poplawski, Jonathan Poplawski, Jordyn Poplawski, and Joe Brochu; five great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her former husband, George Daigle who died in 2012; three brothers, Arthur Lowe, Leonard Lowe, and Richard Lowe; and three sisters, June Langlois, Carrie Bombard, and Ruth Martin. She

was born in Oxford, daughter of the late John and Ida (Furness) Lowe, and lived in Worcester and Oxford before moving to Webster in 2001. She graduated from Oxford High School. Mrs. Lambert was a waitress at Naps Diner in Webster for many years. In addition, she worked at North Oxford Mills, Raschel's Clothing Store in Westboro, and Commerce Insurance in Webster. She loved gardening, baking, Elvis music, trips to York Beach and Foxwoods, and taking care of her grandchildren. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



tionately known as "Pistol Pete" until his retirement in 1995. Donald was a kind man who loved

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Armand Joseph Jolly, 98

Armand Joseph Jolly, 98, of Pomfret Center, died peacefully on Saturday, December 26. Armand was beloved by his family, friends and many acquaintances; he was a loving husband and father, proud member of the US Navy, dedicated employee of the CT Department of Transportation, and cornerstone of the Pomfret community. His parents, Beatrice and Noe Joly, were originally from Canada, moving to northeastern CT in the 1920s. Born on September 23, 1922, Armand was one of ten children. Armand married the love of his life Elsie Murray in 1947 and together they raised two children, Wendy and Dennis. Despite working long and unpredictable hours as a maintainer for the CT Department of Transportation, Armand always made the time to be involved with his children's many sports and other activities. Armand and Elsie's love and devotion to each other grew over their 68 years of marriage. It spread as their children married and had their own children and grandchildren. Armand became Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Pop and Great Grampie. He leaves: his son Dennis Jolly and daughter-in-law Donna; son-in-law, Peter Ciparelli; grandchildren: Jessica, Christopher and his wife Katie, Gregory, Angela, Stephen and his wife Zahra, and Amanda; great-grandchildren: Tyler, Abigail, Beckett, Thea, Nahla, and twins Arlo and Rhys; his sister-in-law Theresa Jolie, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Elsie, daughter Wendy Jolly Ciparelli, great grandson Oliver, and his siblings: Albert, Simone, Henry, Joseph, Donat, Robert, Robert, Lucille, Omer, and Jean. Armand served bravely and honorably in the US Navy, enlisting at age 19 after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served as Gunner's Mate Third Class on the USS Emmons DD-457, DMS-22, a destroyer/minesweeper during World War II. He was part of five invasions – in Africa, Italy, Normandy, southern France, and Okinawa. On D-Day, the Emmons helped to secure the invasion route for US troops on Omaha Beach. On April 6, 1945, during the battle of Okinawa, the Emmons was struck by five kamikaze planes. Sixty of the Emmons' crew perished and 77 were wounded. Armand survived

the attack, suffering injuries to his hands and face. He received several commendations and awards including a Purple Heart. Despite his bravery, he never talked about his experiences until much later in life. He remained involved with what has become the Emmons Association, an organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Emmons, serving as vice president from 1990-2004 and president from 1990 until recently. He and his family attended every one of the ship's reunions and was proud to have helped initiate a scholarship to help members of the Emmons family attend college. In July 2019, he had the incredible honor of returning to Normandy 75 years after his first trip there, courtesy of Joe Massaro, regional director with Money Concepts. While there, Armand saw the US Navy monument at Utah Beach that includes the name of the Emmons, and stood on Omaha Beach, where the Emmons was actively engaged on D-Day. He was moved to tears when French military officials honored him during the daily flag-lowering ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Armand created a US flag program in Pomfret where flags are displayed on street poles. Armand also built lasting relationships among local veterans, regularly attending and supporting the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse. Armand was a role model for each of his family members. They were fortunate to have had him in their lives for as long as they did. Happy memories of family gatherings at his home in Pomfret and his beloved cottage at Quaddick Lake in Thompson will be a constant source of joy and comfort. So, too, will be his many words of advice, freely given. They include: Do what you have to do. Don't be afraid, just do it. Make friends – and get along. Have fun – and don't hurt anyone. It's a beautiful world. But his most commonly heard words were, stated simply and emphatically: I am fine! and I love my family!! A memorial service will be held in late spring/early summer, when it's safe for all of his family, friends and many acquaintances to come together to remember and celebrate him. Donations may be made in Armand's honor to: the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, P.O. Box 3, Danielson, CT 06239 or to the USS Emmons Association Scholarship Fund, c/o Tom Hoffman, Treasurer, 36078 Huntington Street, Millville, DE 19967. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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James Alan Howe

James Alan Howe departed this world December 17th, his mother's birthday, after a short, sudden illness. He



was born in Putnam, CT. on January 27th, 1968 and went home with his parents to South Woodstock where he remained until his passing. Jimmy leaves behind his loving mother Marie (Marrier) Howe, brothers: Steven and his wife Rhonda of Central Village; their children Andrew & wife Becky and Angelica; Brian and his wife Laura of Norwich and their children Kristina & Keesen. He was predeceased by his father, Herbert in 2018 and brother Robert "Bobby" in 2011.

Jimmy enjoyed learning and received certificates from the Putnam library for his achievements in typing and writing using his "JAWS" screen reading program which he waited years to get. He would also use his Brallier to create short stories and then read them aloud to his mom or friends. Jimmy had an amazing sense of humor and would laugh out loud before he even spoke his thought. He loved to reminisce about the times he went to the races with his family or went with his

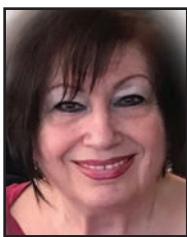
dad to the Sportsman's club where his job was pulling the trap for skeet shooters.

Although Jimmy was blind, he managed to live a full and productive life; volunteering at The Bradley, Boxcar Museum & PBA's First Friday Committee, all of which he was so proud to be a part of. He enjoyed working out at the Y, participating with the local advocacy group, swimming, bowling & listening to car racing and football on TV with his mom. He loved to "crank" up the music in his room and rock out for hours. Jimmy also had an opportunity to be on Heritage Radio announcing the time or sharing information about the Last Green Valley. Speaking of which, when weather permitted, Jimmy could be seen walking the Putnam River Trail, Roseland Park or many of the other local trails. Jimmy was fortunate to create his own support program and enjoyed time with his staff doing many of the things previously listed. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jimmy was also a member of the Southeast CT Center of the Blind where he met many peers and enjoyed so many fun activities. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jimmy's honor can be sent to: Southeastern CT Center of the Blind, 45 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320 or www.Centeroftheblind.com.

Enisa Zukic, 76

PUTNAM- Enisa (Sahmic) Zukic, 76, of Ross Hill Rd., died Tuesday, December 29, 2020. She was the beloved wife of Ibrahim Zukic. Born in Bosnia, she was the daughter of the late Ahmed and Zekija (Hadziahmetovic) Sahmic.



Mrs. Zukic worked for many years as a sales associate at Wal-Mart. She enjoyed traveling back to her home country Bosnia but above all, she cherished the quality time that she spent cooking for and spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Enisa is survived by her husband Ibrahim Zukic; her children, Jasmin Porcic and his wife Lily, and Larisa Zukic-Halilovic and her husband

Emelin all of Putnam; four grandchildren, Dino, Daniel, Edvin, and Dinija; two great-grandchildren, Una and Damian; and many close friends. Enisa was predeceased by her brother and her sister.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend a graveside service on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 12:00 noon, in Elmvale Cemetery, corner of Roseland Park and Senexet Rd., Woodstock. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Enisa's memory may be made to Hospice of NE CT, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Alaine P. Cardin, 79

Alaine P. Cardin, 79 of Putnam, CT, died Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was born May 15, 1941 in Worcester, MA, daughter of the late Joseph and Priscilla (Lemay) Cardin. Alaine made her home in Putnam for many years, where she raised her four children.

She leaves her children, Michael Anderson and his wife Jacqueline of Thompson, Steven Anderson of Brooklyn, Michele Anderson of

Putnam, Kenneth Anderson of Putnam, her grandchildren Ashley Petre and her husband Daniel of Castle Hayne, NC and Spencer Anderson of Brooklyn, CT. She was predeceased by all her siblings. Private Funeral Services and Burial were held in Grove Street Cemetery in Putnam December 28, 2020. Smith and Walker Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Joseph Carton Beaudoin, 70

Joseph Carton Beaudoin, 70, of Eastford passed on Monday December 21, 2020 at home surrounded by his



loving family. Joe was born August 8, 1950 in Putnam CT. He was the son of Maurice M. Beaudoin and Carmen (Carton) Beaudoin. Joe married the love of his life and soul mate Nancy Ruth Molnar on October 16, 1982 in the Eastford Baptist Church. Joe graduated from Killingly High School in 1968 followed by H.H Ellis Technical School in 1971. Enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, he completed basic training at the Air Training Command's Lockland AFB, Texas, being assigned to Keesler, AFB, Miss. For training in the communications-electronic systems. Joe was honorably discharged after four

years in the Air Force Communications Service.

Joe returned home starting his 37 years at the Delta Rubber Company in Danielson CT, retiring as the Materials Manager.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Nancy, his three sons: Nicholas of Plainfield CT; Gregory and his wife Brenda of Columbia CT; Douglas of Eastford CT. His three precious granddaughters: Charlotte, Andrea and Zoey. He is also survived by his sister Marguerite Beaudoin. He Leaves to mourn his passing, numerous sisters in-law, brothers in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He also leaves his loving and faithful Mattie Blue (canine) of 13 ½ years.

Joe enjoyed retirement to the fullest. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: The Eastford Independent Fire Company (E.I.F.C) P.O Box 333 Eastford, CT 06242; or The CT Audubon Society P.O Box 11 Pomfret Center, CT 06259.

Plans for a Celebration of Joe's life in late spring / early summer will be announced at a later date.

William J. "Bill" Perron, 86

WOODSTOCK - William J. "Bill" Perron, 86, of Pulpit Rock passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, surrounded by his loving



family at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Joan (Morgado) Perron, who he married in 1956. In 1973 both Joan and Bill moved to Woodstock, CT., where their family flourished. Born in Auburn, MA, he was the son of the late William and Jeannette (LaBombard) Perron.

Bill started his career in 1966 as a chemist working in the R&D department, he quickly was promoted to the position of Assistant Plant manager of the Webster Division of Cranston Print works located in Webster MA. After several years in that position, he was promoted to the position of Plant Mgr. He managed this facility making it the largest division in the Company at that time. After a successful run at Managing this facility he was promoted to the position of VP of Manufacturing and Director of Operations responsible for 6 divisions of Cranston Print Works.

Bill was volunteer Dad of the Sacred Heart Church Boy Scout Troop 171 and an active member of the Webster Rotary and Webster Chamber of Commerce. In 1980 he received the Chamber prestigious Man of the Year Award. When he was not working in his Community, he enjoyed working in his yard and

quahogging with his dear friends, "The Cool Kids" and his family on Cape Cod. His kind and gentle demeanor and his large appetite for life will always be an inspiration to all who knew him.

Besides his loving wife Joan, Bill is survived by his two sons; Jim Perron of Woodstock, Bill Perron of Brooklyn; his three daughters in laws Kathie Perron, Lynn Dooley, Leslie Lyle; his two brothers John and Thomas Perron both of Fairhaven, MA.; his sister Rita Daniels of MA.; eight grandchildren Jeremy, Zach, Colton, Chelsea, Jacob, Tommy, Jed, Cheyenne; and a beautiful great granddaughter Jessa June Perron. He is predeceased by his son; Thomas M. Perron; and his two sisters Carol McCarthy and Susan Cornell.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Bill's family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A gathering took place on 9:30 am on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all face covering, and social distancing guidelines will be in effect. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund Pan Mass Challenge or to Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF KILLINGLY BOROUGH OF DANIELSON SEWER TAX NOTICE

The third quarter installment of taxes as well as the supplemental motor vehicle tax for the Town of Killingly and the Borough of Danielson becomes due on January 1, 2021 The second installment of sewer use charge is also due January 1, 2021. Taxes will become delinquent on February 2, 2021 Sewer Use charges will become delinquent on February 1, 2021 and subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment. Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm Tuesday 9-5pm Friday 9-11am.

By mail at; 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, by text or online at our website www.Killinglyct.gov.

Dated at Killingly this 14th day of December, 2020

Mrs. Patricia Monahan C.C.M.C.
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
December 25, 2020
January 8, 2020
January 22, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **THIRD** installment of real estate and personal property and **ALL** supplemental motor vehicle tax bills of 28.92 mills on the dollar levied on the assessment of Oct 1, 2019 becomes due Jan 1, 2021. The **SECOND** installment for Sewer Bills becomes due Jan 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on April 2, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest

penalty is \$2.00.

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.brooklyncnt.org.

Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC,
Revenue Collector

December 25, 2020
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January 29, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes, sewer use bills, and motor vehicle supplemental taxes listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **January 1, 2021**. Payment must be postmarked or brought into the office by **February 1, 2021** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **February 2, 2021** on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill.

Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes not paid by **February 1, 2021** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department.

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 **during**

the month of January, 2021 are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The town hall will be **closed on Fridays**.

The office will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020 and will be closed on Monday, January 4, 2021 for New Year's Day Holiday and on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
Woodstock, CT 06281

December 25, 2020
January 8, 2021
January 22, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The second installment of Real Estate bills listed on the October 1, 2019 Grand List become due and payable to the Witches Woods Tax District on January 1, 2021.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Governor Lamont's Executive Order 9R will extend the no-interest grace period for all taxpayers (except escrow accounts and non-qualified landlords) to April 1, 2021.

Payments must be postmarked by April 1, 2021 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on April 2, 2021 on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for April 2nd through April 30th, and ending with 9% 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 January 1, 2021. Payments must be postmarked or in the office by February 1, 2021 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on February 2, 2021 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
January 1, 2021
January 8, 2021
January 29, 2021

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the following application: #646-12-30 Tim Carlone, Herindeen Landing (Map 5173, Block 01, Lot 7A&8A) – Lot line adjustment. Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
January 8, 2021

LIQUOR PERMIT Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I, RALPH FIEGEL
2 INSTITUTE RD
NORTH GRAFTON, MA 01536-2004
Have filed an application placard- ed 12/24/2020 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 818 ROUTE 171
WOODSTOCK CT 06281-2930
The business will be owned by: TAYLOR BROOKE FARM LLC
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified)
Objections must be filed by: 02-04-2021
RALPH FIEGEL
January 8, 2021

Antiques, collectibles, and auctions in 2021

2020 was a difficult year for everyone, and antique collectors and dealers were no exception. I am a member of several auctioneer and estate liquidator groups and have the chance to hear from other business owners across the country. Some members have lost family to COVID, most have struggled financially, and all have had to adapt to working in this new environment. Locally, it has also been a challenge for auctioneers, antique dealers and estate sale companies with regulations constantly in flux throughout the year. With the recent approval of vaccines, there is optimism that 2021 will be a much better year for those buying and selling antiques and collectibles.

As the New Year begins, some auction houses running live auctions are extending preview hours and offering previews on multiple days to ensure there won't be a large number of bidders gathering together at once. Some auctioneers are allowing only a small number of bidders to attend the auction in person. Other bidders are required to leave absentee bids or bid by phone.

When the warm weather returns this spring, I expect we will see auctioneers return to outdoors sales, like some did during the summer and fall of 2020. Many other auction houses (like ours) have switched to all online auctions. When the situation improves, auctioneers will have to determine whether



ANTIQUES,
COLLECTIBLES
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they want to switch back to live auctions this coming year or to continue running auctions online.

Some estate sale companies continue to run live estate sales by limiting the number of people who can enter the estate, requiring masks, social distancing and offering hand sanitizer. Many other estate sale companies have switched to online auctions instead of traditional estate (tag) sales. Others are offering items from estates online with fixed prices. You can purchase items outright and then make arrangements to pick up your items(s).

Some estate sale companies may also reevaluate how they've done business in the past and determine how to move forward in 2021.

How things will change in 2021 is partially dependent on the distribution of the COVID vaccine. The Massachusetts timeline for COVID vaccinations shows that Phase One is taking place now through February, Phase Two from February to April, and Phase Three from April to June. Connecticut plans to offer vaccinations for members of the general public early in the summer.

This timeline gives us hope that we may be able to walk the fields of Brimfield in September, possibly even by July. In what may be another promising sign for us, the Malvern Flea Market recently opened in England. It is scheduled to run on weekends through-



out 2021. The distribution of the new vaccine and the good news from our friends across the pond should provide optimism to antique fans throughout New England. Thank you for reading my column in 2020. Happy New Year to all as we look forward to a better 2021!

The first session of a huge toy collection, all from one estate, is taking place online now. We are currently selling the diecast cars. Most are unopened and in their original boxes. Vintage and antique toys will be sold in later

sessions. We will be offering the equestrian and other paintings from artist Fay Moore's estate in another online auction soon. Keep watching www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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



GOOD NEWS

MOORE

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consider the power of your belief system in creating a better year. Optimism is a choice to be happier, healthier, and more successful. Why would you choose otherwise?

Until next week, consider this ancient wisdom from Marcus Aurelius. "You have power over your mind, not events. Realize this and you will find strength."

You hold the key to your own magic. It's a new year. I'm choosing to optimistically make 2021 my best year, ever. You can too. Will you join me?

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 @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.

TRIALS

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Facebook page be folded into Trails as Turkey Trot is just a single event. When we're marketing that it would be an event that Trails would create and then it would be co-hosted by Recreation and TEEG," Munshower said.

The committee agreed and charged members Brian Loffredo and John Kochinskas with managing the Facebook page and event notices.

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TOWN OF PUTNAM POSITION VACANCY

The Town of Putnam, Connecticut is accepting applications for the position of Public Works Maintainer until January 15, 2021.

Applications, resume or letter of interest will be submitted to the Highway Superintendent, 126 Church Street, Putnam, Connecticut 06260.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Connecticut, Class B Commercial Driver's License
- Experience in the operation of snow plowing equipment
- Ability to perform manual labor for extended periods of time under adverse conditions when necessary in the repair and maintenance of roads, buildings and grounds.
- Stamina to perform emergency operations for extended periods of time with a minimal amount of rest.
- Ability to perform semi-skilled tasks in carpentry, painting and masonry.
- Ability to operate small equipment such as a chain saw or pneumatic hammer.
- Ability, dexterity and mechanical aptitude to operate construction equipment.
- Mechanical ability to make minor repairs to vehicles and equipment for their safe operation.

Applicant will be required to take and pass a pre-employment physical and drug and alcohol test as a condition of employment. The position will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing.

Questions concerning this vacancy should be directed to Travis Sirrine, Highway Superintendent, at 963-6800, EXT 220.

*The Town of Putnam, Connecticut
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The Town of Putnam is seeking applicants for the position of part time Accounts Receivable and Finance Assistant in the Finance Office.



Duties include financial management using the Town's financial software, Infinite Visions, daily input and management of revenues received, coordination with Town departments and other reporting and maintenance of Town revenue. Graduation from an accredited 2-year college or university with major course work in accounting or related field; and 2 years' experience in public or private human finance and accounting responsibilities, or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

EEOC Statement: It is the policy of the Town of Putnam to provide equal employment opportunity to all persons regardless of age, color, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In addition, the Town of Putnam will provide reasonable accommodations, that do not present an undue hardship, for qualified individuals with disabilities.

**Full description available on www.putnamct.us
Applications with cover letter and resume must be received
in the Town Hall by January 15, 2021;
via email to denise.geeza@putnamct.us.**

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TAP project nears completion in Pomfret, Putnam

POMFRET — With the installation of the pedestrian bridge, allowing for the Air Line Trail to go over Route 169 in Pomfret, three of the five construction elements of the \$5.5 million project are substantially complete. The tunnels under Holmes and Modock Roads are complete and the River Road site in Putnam is under construction with the precast culvert pieces being delivered over the next few weeks. The bridge over Needles Eye Road in Pomfret is expected to arrive and be installed the week of Jan. 11, weather and traffic permitting.

The Transportation Alternatives Program, or TAP, is administered by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and helps states fund a variety of activities to improve transportation assets, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, environmental mitigation, and creating or improving recreational trails projects. In FY 2019 and 2020, a total of \$1.7 billion was allocated under the TAP program. For most projects, a 20 percent funding match from non-federal sources is required. For this project,

because the applicant Town of Pomfret could not, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is covering the 20 percent match.

An additional \$3.5 million has been applied for to complete the final clearing, grading, resurfacing of the almost four miles of trail from Pomfret Station to Putnam, as well as the design and construction of a connection to the Putnam River Trail. The engineering of the project will go out to bid and is expected to take place over the next several months followed by construction late next year. Unfortunately, the trail will not be open for use for another year. The silver lining this extensive project is that when it is completed and open to the public, it will be a superb trail connection to Putnam for the Air Line Trail State Park trail the runs 55 miles south. The project will have great recreational, social, and economic implications for the Quiet Corner. Contact Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson with questions at 860-974-0191 or maureen.nicholson@pomfretct.gov.



Photo Courtesy

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Red Cross assisting Woodstock family displaced by fire

WOODSTOCK — The American Red Cross is helping one family — two adults, one child — after a fire today on Timberland Drive, Woodstock. The Red Cross provided assistance to meet the family's immediate needs. Responders included: Sue Bolen, Lynda Joly and Eldon Griffiths.

The Red Cross also provided a recovery envelope containing information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup; notification of important contacts; dealing with damaged items and more. The Red Cross is also providing comfort kits containing personal care items such as toothbrushes, deodorant; shaving supplies and other items a resident might need when suddenly displaced from their home by a fire.

Those affected will connect with Red Cross caseworkers in the coming days to work on a longer-term recovery plan. The Red Cross is able to provide assis-

tance through the generosity of our donors and commitment of our volunteers.

Ragged Hill Woods offering outdoor activity sessions at W-T 4-HCamp

POMFRET CENTER — Start the year off right by getting your overly zoomed children out of the house to participate in some fun and educational sessions outdoors at the camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd in Pomfret.

January 5(PK & K) & Jan. 6 (Grades 1 – 6) All About Snow (learn about the science of snow)

January 11 (PK & K) and Jan. 12 (Grades 1 – 6) Tracks and Scat (learn about animal tracks and scat and how animals move)

January 19 (PK & K) and Jan. 20 (Grades 1 – 6) Habitats (learn about animal habitats and make a habitat)

January 26 (PK & K) and Jan. 27 (Grades 1 – 6) Fire Building (learn safe fire building skills)

Sessions last one hour, \$12 per child

(all 4 sessions \$40), held outside, masks and social distancing required. Pre-K and K sessions offered at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 – 6 sessions are offered at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. To register and get further info about time slots available, please call 860-974-1122 or e-mail raggedhillwoods@gmail.com.

Locals named to Goodwin University Dean's List

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University announces 949 students achieved Dean's list status for the Summer 2020 session. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A-average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Kailey Bennett of Danielson
Jennifer Ruggirello of Danielson
Kriston Stipek of Danielson
Brianna Benoit of Dayville
Kayla Murby of Dayville

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Molly Myslivy makes Goodwin Dean's List

EAST HARTFORD — Molly Myslivy has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean's List for Summer 2020.

Myslivy, a student from Thompson, is one of 949 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance.

Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A-average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University congratulates Molly on making the Dean's List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond!

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January 2021

THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"FREE" Breakfast & Lunch Menu

MONDAY

Did you know?

January was a monumental year for Alaska! As of January 3rd, 1959, Alaska officially became the 49th state of the United States.

NO SCHOOL

Professional Development Day

Lunch

#1 Mozzarella Stix w/Dipping Sauce
Or
#2 Ham/Cheese Sandwich w/Mayo

Breakfast

Muffin

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Day

Lunch

#1 Taco Salad
Or
#2 Veggie Grinder w/Italian Dressing

Breakfast

Muffin

TUESDAY

Lunch

Chicken Patty/Bun w/Mayonnaise

Breakfast

Cinnamon Bun

Lunch

#1 Chicken Nuggets (Dipping Sauce)
Or
#2 Tuna Salad Bulkie w/Chips

Breakfast

Cinnamon Bun

Lunch

#1 Chick. Patty/Bun (Mayo)
Or
#2 SunButter & Jelly Sand. Cheese Stick ~ Grahams

Breakfast

Cinnamon Bun

Lunch

#1 Chicken Nuggets (Dipping Sauce)
Or
#2 Tuna Salad Bulkie w/Chips

Breakfast

Cinnamon Bun

WEDNESDAY

Lunch

Mac 'N Cheese w/Pretzel

Breakfast

Bagel w/Cream Cheese

Lunch

#1 BBQ Pork Rib/Bun
Or
#2 "Munchie Meal" Cheese Squares/Veggie/Fruit Sunflower Seeds/Crackers/Milk

Breakfast

Pancakes w/Syrup

Lunch

#1 Hot Dog/Bun (Ketchup)
Or
#2 "Munchie Meal" Yogurt/Veggie/Fruit Sunflower Seeds/Crackers/Milk

Breakfast

Pancakes w/Syrup

Lunch

#1 Cheeseburger (Ketchup)
Or
#2 "Munchie Meal" Cheese Squares/Veggie/Fruit Sunflower Seeds/Crackers/Milk

Breakfast

Pancakes w/Syrup

THURSDAY

Lunch

Hamburger/Bun w/Ketchup

Breakfast

Breakfast Pizza

Lunch

#1 Shepherd's Pie/Breadstick
Or
#2 SunButter & Jelly Sand. Cheese Stick ~ Grahams

Breakfast

French Toast Sticks w/Syrup

Lunch

#1 Mozzarella Stix w/Dipping Sauce
Or
#2 Italian Grinder

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs w/Toast (Ketchup/Butter)

Lunch

#1 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Shred. Mozzarella/Breadstick
Or
#2 SunButter & Jelly Sand. Cheese Stick ~ Grahams

Breakfast

French Toast Sticks w/Syrup

FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL

New Year's Day

Lunch

Cheese Pizza

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich

Lunch

#1 Cheese Pizza
Or
#2 Lasagna w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Texas Toast

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich

Lunch

#1 Cheese Pizza
Or
#2 Egg Salad Bulkie w/Chips

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich

Lunch

#1 Cheese Pizza
Or
#2 Turkey/Cheese Sandwich w/Mayo

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich

Weekend Entrees

Saturday

Pizza MaxStix
Veggie/Fruit/Juice/Milk
Cereal/Apple/Milk

Sunday

Chicken Quesadilla
Veggie/Fruit/Juice/Milk
Cereal/Apple/Milk

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When School is On Campus:
Thompson Middle School
12:00-1:00 (M-F)

When School is Fully Remote:
Thompson Middle School
785 Riverside Drive, N. Gros.
Thompson Public Library
934 Riverside Drive, N. Gros.
Quinebaug Fire Dept.
72 Quinebaug Rd., Quinebaug
East Thompson Fire Dept.
530 E. Thompson Rd., Thompson
11:00-12:00 (M/F)

Home & Bus Stop Deliveries available when school is "Fully Remote"

Contact Info
ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org
(860) 923-9581, x588

EARLY RELEASE DAYS
January 8, 13, 15, 22, & 29

DAILY SIDES
Lunch
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Breakfast
Fruit and/or Juice ~ Milk

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Putnam police respond to vehicle collision

PUTNAM — On Dec. 22 at approximately 3:25 p.m., Putnam Emergency Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Woodstock Ave. and Van Den Noort Street. Putnam Police and Putnam EMS responded. The Putnam Fire Department also responded to assist with a fluid leak and traffic control.

On scene investigation determined that a 2017 Subaru Outback operated by 94 year old Gerard Cotoir of Putnam was traveling southbound on Van Den Noort Street and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection of Woodstock Ave. The vehicle then collided with a 2013 Ford Escape traveling westbound on Woodstock Ave. operated by 30 year old Savannah Audet of Woodstock.

Putnam EMS transported one person to Day Kimball Hospital with suspected minor injuries.

Woodstock Ave. was closed to traffic for a short time to facilitate the removal of the vehicles from the roadway.

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