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West Thompson Fire Department presents annual awards



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Left to Right: Presidents award of excellence recipient Chief Mat Whipple, Vice President Al Pratt, President Todd Mountford

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON – The West Thompson Fire Department held its annual awards ceremony on Sunday, July 18 after being forced to skip the get together in 2020 due to the pandemic. The yearly gathering of department members and supporters features honors for standout members of the department recognizing their contributions to West Thompson.

The ceremony included the reveal that the West Thompson Fire Department received a Fire Protection Grant from FM Global totaling \$1,900. That money, according to FM Global's Web site, be used for pre-incident planning, fire prevention education and arson prevention or fire investigation. Six awards were then presented to members of the West Thompson Fire Department for their service to their community.

The Life Member for 2021 was Norman

Bernier who joined the fire service in Putnam in the 1970s and served as chief of the department for 27 of his 45 years with the town. Upon retiring Bernier became a volunteer member of the West Thompson Fire Department and has been there for five years bringing his total service in fire response in the local area to fifty years.

"Norman is full of Wisdom, Experience and served as a mentor for past fire chiefs. Norman is best known for his jokes and witty remarks. The Corporate Officers, Line Officers, and membership have decided to grant Norman the status of Life Member at the West Thompson Fire Department," the West Thompson Fire Department said in a released statement.

Next was Shuttler of the Year which was presented to Alex Brown who stepped up when one of the department's trucks needed to be transported between Cheshire, Hartford and Bozrah for repairs. The

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Thompson to host screening of Ramsdell Train documentary

BY JASON BLEAU
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THOMPSON – The town of Thompson will host a pair of special showings of a new documentary film covering a hidden part of the town's history and its connection to a legendary train. Coming Aug. 14, the Tourtellotte Memorial High School will feature two presentations of "The Nine Lives of No. 9," a documentary directed by Blair Cole of Blair Media, LLC that explores the life of the Ramsdell Train, a locomotive that, for a time, was housed and hidden in the town of Thompson.

Thompson Historical Society President Joe Iamartino explained that the film, which was in the works as far back as 2017, explores the Ramsdell Train's life from service to its current home in Maine where it remains active as a tourist attraction today. While the bulk of the train's active history takes place outside of Connecticut, it spent much time in town in the possession of the family that lent it their name, the Ramsdells.

"This film covers a very legendary story about a family that brought a locomotive in 1937 to Thompson. They wanted to set up kind of an amusement park with a train ride. This is what's called a narrow-gauge locomotive. Then the war broke out and they hid the thing in the woods because it was going to be melted down and turned in to bullets. The movie talks about the harrowing journey of this little locomotive born in Portland, Maine, ran up



there for a while doing regular hauling service, survived World War I and World War II and covers where that train is today," Iamartino said.

Written by Blair Cole, researcher Tom Chase, and the late Joe Lindley who was a staple of the Thompson Historical Society for many years, "The Nine Lives of No. 9" will also eventually air on PBS, but the people of Thompson will get to enjoy the show first. Iamartino calls the story a classic tale of history persevering through the ages.

"There's the age-old story about something climbing up then diving down and eventually being resurrected again. Some people call it the 'Jesus myth story' and this is one of those kinds of stories," Iamartino said.

"The Nine Lives of No. 9" will show at 1:15 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14. Showings are free but registration is required ahead of time. Reservation requests can be emailed to gloodster@gmail.com.

Putnam EMS hosting annual Back-to-School drive

BY JASON BLEAU
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PUTNAM – For the fifth year, Putnam EMS Lt. Cody Rogers is leading a Back-to-School Drive to give back to local students as the new school year approaches next month.

The annual drive supports local schools and organiza-

tions to provide equipment and material for students to ensure everyone returns to the classrooms prepared to learn. Lt. Rogers said he knows how it feels to need help with school supplies and over the years the drive he started has continued to see growing support.

"Every year, this has gotten

bigger and bigger. I know what it's like to grow up and need supplies so for me it's a way of giving back," Lt. Rogers said. "Every year, we give these supplies to local groups like TEEG and the Putnam schools. Last year though I did it in Hartford. I work for American Medical Response and that's

where we're based. This year I've come back and now we're going stronger than ever. Our goal is to fill two ambulances this year. Usually we fill at least one, but we're doubling that goal this year."

From now through Aug. 31, collections can be dropped off at Putnam EMA at 191 Church

Street in Putnam. Rogers is also available at 860-753-2057 to pick up donations. Items being sought include pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, folders, rulers, scissors, glue and glue sticks, and other typical school essentials, but there is

Please Read **DRIVE**, page **A2**

Tri-Town's Smith swings momentum on bump to lead team over Norwich

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON — If American Legion baseball teams presented a Man of the Match Award the way the game of cricket (where the award originated) does, Jon Smith would surely have been the choice following Tri-Town's 6-4 come-from-behind victory over Norwich on Wednesday, July 14, at Tourtellotte High.

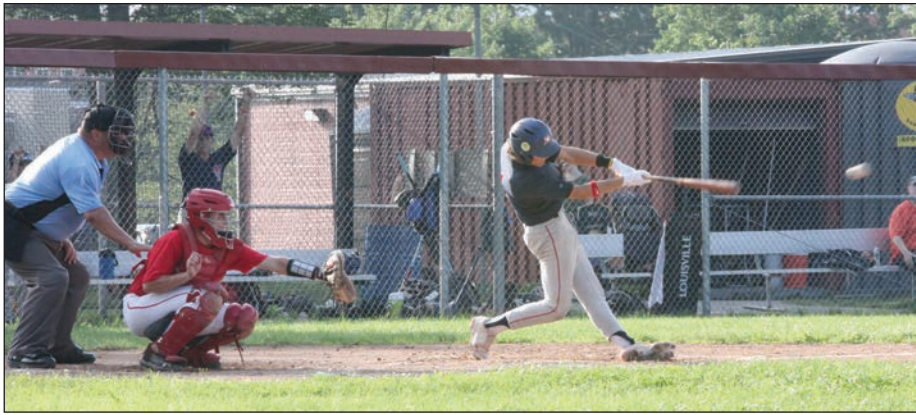
Smith, a rising senior at Woodstock Academy, came on in relief of Tri-Town starter Mason Barber in the third inning. The right-handed pitcher was greeted by a bases loaded, no out, one run in scenario. After allowing a pair of inherited runners to score, Smith worked out of further trouble thanks to a 1-2-3 double play and a swinging strikeout by Norwich's

Elliott Johnson.

Tri-Town, which is comprised of players from Thompson, Woodstock, Putnam and Eastford, trailed, 4-3, when Smith walked off the field, but Tri-Town quickly tied the game with a run in its half of the third inning, scored the go-ahead run in the fourth frame, and added an insurance run in the fifth.

Smith got the 1-2-3 double play started by making a leaping grab of a hard-hit grounder off the bat of Norwich's Mason Bordeau, and firing quickly and accurately to batterymate Brayden Akana. Akana then threw on to first for the second out.

"That gave us a lot of confidence," said Smith, who also worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning. "I knew we would get out of the inning



Nick Ethier photos

Hamilton Barnes of Tri-Town rips an RBI base hit versus Norwich.

without giving up any more runs after that."

The double play instantly changed the tone of the game. Before it, Tri-Town looked like they might be headed for a lopsided loss.

"The momentum of the game swung on that play," Tri-Town head coach Jason Akana said of the double play. "They had the bases loaded with no outs and we shut them down. That was a huge play."

As Smith walked off the mound after fanning Johnson, he yelled, "let's go!"

to his teammates who were coming off the field with him.

"Jon was pumped up after that strikeout and that fired the team up. Which was good, because at that point we needed a spark," coach Akana said. "We talk to the players a lot about getting their heart and mind into what they're doing. They did that tonight. They responded well to the challenged that faced them once we went down 4-3."

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The news from 1909

I always enjoy looking back at old newspapers to see what is happening. This time, I chose July 1909 as my starting point.

The Wednesday, July 14, 1909 *Norwich Bulletin* spoke of how hot it had been. “Sweltering heat and an oppressive degree of humidity were the weather characteristics that made humanity suffer and the soda fountains business sizzle Tuesday. It was 93 at four o’clock and making a bid for a rating as the hottest day of the summer. To the farmers and gardeners the continued tropical weather and lack of rain are beginning to have an ominous aspect. All growing things are at a standstill and the need of rain has become very urgent. Corn is curling and withering and the potato vines are taking on a yellow tinge. Garden lands are as dry as powder and until a good soaking rain gets in its work there is no hope for improved conditions. Within the past few days light showers have fallen in various nearby sections but Putnam has been without rain for many days. Some farmers say that higher prices for farm products will be the rule this fall unless there is much rain within the next few days.” (p. 2, newspapers.com). We can emphasize with the heat, but we have had more than enough rain. I think I’ve had at least 11 inches in my rain gauge this month and some places have had much more. Flood watches are again in place as more rain is predicted as I write. Cargill Falls is already roaring!

In all this heat, I’m sure a picnic by a lake would be wonderfully renewing and refreshing. (Remember, you were not supposed to swim in Alexander’s Lake in 1909 since it was the source of drinking water for what is now Rogers.) “Thirty-four members of Elizabeth Porter Putnam chapter, D.A.R. were guests of Sarah Williams Danielson chapter D.A.R. at the summer home of Judge and Mrs. Harry Back at Alexander’s Lake Friday afternoon.



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The party left this city (Putnam) on the 3.05 trolley and were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Back and Miss Marion Chollar, regent of Sarah Williams Danielson chapter, on their arrival at the Lake. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in playing croquet or bridge and wandering about the attractive grounds of the cottage. Supper of salads, sandwiches, olives, fancy cakes, coffee and punch was served near sunset near the banks of the lake. The most agreeable sociability between the two chapters was enjoyed. Miss James of Danielson in a charming manner gave a brief history of Alexander’s Lake. Miss Josephine Danielson, also of Danielson, cleverly entertained by an imitation of a bachelor sewing on a button. Mrs. E. M. Wheelock, regent of Elizabeth Porter Putnam chapter, in behalf of the Putnam chapter, graciously accepted the hospitality of Judge and Mrs. Back and the members of Sarah Williams Danielson chapter. The Daughters returned to this city at 7 o’clock, after spending a delightful afternoon.” (*Norwich Bulletin*, Monday, July 12, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com). For a photo of the trolley station at Alexander’s Lake, see “*Images of America Killingly*” by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer, p. 92. When was the last time you played croquet?

Have you heard of Phillips’ Grove? “About fifty members of the Sunday school of the Brooklyn Congregational Church were at Phillips’ Grove on the north shore of Alexander Lake, Tuesday, for the annual outing and picnic. The trip was made by barge.” (*Norwich Bulletin*, Wednesday, July 21, 1910, p. 2; newspapers.com).

Alexander’s Lake was not the only body of water being utilized for outings. “The members of the B. I. L. and their friends are arranging for an outing and clambake to be held at Old Killingly pond one week from Sunday.” (*Norwich*

Bulletin, Mon., July 12, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com). I was unable to discover what the B.I.L. was from an internet search. If you know, please email me.

On that same page of the paper I came across an article about a fire at Alexander’s Lake so have been trying to learn more. “The work of cleaning up the ruins caused by the fire at Alexander Lake is nearly completed and the work of constructing the new and larger building will commence at once.” (*Norwich Bulletin*, Mon., July 12, 1909, p. 2; newspapers.com). Norwich Bulletins were not available for every day but I did find some earlier editions. The July 8 paper also mentioned the destruction. “Officials of the Connecticut company (trolley) have completed an inspection of the ruins caused by the fire at Wildwood park. It is not given out as yet what plans are being considered for the reconstruction of the destroyed buildings, but they will undoubtedly be immediately replaced. Up to Wednesday no move had been made to remove the debris and the central section of the park still presents a desolate appearance.” (*Norwich Bulletin*, p. 2; newspapers.com).

I’m a huge Red Sox fan, and will watch almost any game if the Sox aren’t playing, so found a mention about a baseball team moving to Danielson in July 1909 quite interesting. “At a meeting of the Eastern Connecticut baseball league Sunday afternoon in Danielson the directors transferred the Norwich-Taftville franchise to Danielson, and the team will finish out the season representing Danielson. Manager Benoit will continue as owner of the franchise and manager of the team and the dates originally assigned to Norwich-Taftville in the schedule will be filled by the Danielson team beginning with July 17. In Danielson the team will play on the Davis lot, which is between Danielson and Dayville, and close to the trolley so that it will be convenient for patrons. There is the diamond to be laid out and some fixing up of the field to be done, but it will all be ready in time for the first game to be played there, which will be on July 17. The league meeting took up the matter of the lack of patronage in

this city (Norwich) which the team has been experiencing and on that account came to the decision to transfer the team to Danielson, which is considered a promising field for baseball, as a petition for a franchise was received from there this spring...” (*Norwich Bulletin*, Thursday, July 8, 1909, p.3). Does anyone know where this old baseball field was located? If so, please email me.

Did you know that Killingly had an inventor among its notable names? Since I’ve mentioned the trolley several times in this column, mention of this invention is timely. “Percy Bliven’s Invention to Be Manufactured in Cincinnati. Percy Blivens of the Connecticut company is arranging to make a trip to Cincinnati on business concerned with the formation of a company to manufacture the overhead trolley pole wheels of which he is the inventor and patentee. It is understood that the stock of the company will be fully subscribed for by eastern Connecticut men.” (*Norwich Bulletin*, Wednesday, July 21, 1910, p. 2; newspapers.com).

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

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

Exciting news for local families with young children!

CANTERBURY — The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) is excited to announce its recent expansion and new grant funding to improve the lives of our local families with young children.

Effective July 1, the NECC expanded to include the town of Canterbury.

Canterbury Public Schools Superintendent, Steve Rioux states, “Working as a region allows us to maximize our limited resources and create a coordinated local early childhood system with increased benefit to our families.”

The NECC is also proud to announce they have contracted with Christine Rosati Randall to serve as their Regional Outreach Coordinator. Christine has served in various roles with the NECC since first joining as a parent volunteer in 2008.

As a result of the grant award, Christine will be working with members of the NECC and our communities to create and distribute early learning kits to families with three- and four-year-olds who are not enrolled in an early learning program, at no cost to them.

“We are excited to have Christine working with the Council again. She

brings years of experience working with and on behalf of children and families in Northeast Connecticut,” states Kristine Cicchetti, Regional Director of the NECC.

To assist us in serving more local families, please consider making a charitable donation to the NECC. All donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to EASTCONN (memo: NECC donation) and mail to Edward Martin, Finance, EASTCONN 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton, CT 06247.

The NECC represents Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam, Thompson, Sterling and welcomes all community members to join our e-mail list-serve. Please contact Christine Rosati Randall via e-mail rosatirandall@outlook.com, and include “Add to List” in the subject line or call/text her at 860-753-1928.

For more information about the NECC, its work, and how you can get involved, please visit our website, <http://www.neccouncil.org/> and like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nechildhoodcouncil>.

Grant funding is provided via the federal Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5) to the CT Office of Early Childhood.



Photo Courtesy

Pictured left to right, NECC Regional Outreach Coordinator, Christine Rosati Randall; Canterbury Public Schools Superintendent, Steve Rioux and Canterbury Elementary School Principal, Sarah Cary.

Killingly Public Library to host cardboard animal zoo

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Public Library invites the community to enjoy a cardboard animal zoo Friday, Aug. 6 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

We are turning the library into a zoo! Get creative with boxes and recyclables and design an animal of your choosing. Drop your animals off to be part of our special zoo. Drop off dates are Aug. 4 & 5. The zoo can be viewed in our Community Room on Aug. 6 & 7.

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one item specifically that Rogers says they need the most in 2021.

“This year, we’re really in need of backpacks this year. That’s our big demand,” Rogers said.

The drive will also be feature on Aug. 7 at the New England Food Festival in Oakdale, where a car show, live music, games and raffles will all be part of the event.



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KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

The following achieved High Honors: Evelyn Allen, Abraham Antonelli, Cal Barber, Abby Card, Laney Dunn, Virgil Fensley, Nikki Flynn, Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, MaKenzie Lajeunesse, Alyssa Pomerleau, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Jordan Rukstela, Dakota Sanchez, Lillian Stockford, Madelyn Sumner, Kaleb Watson, Matthew Weiss, Meghan Wrobel.

First Honors: Scott Aubin, Jack Basiliere, Dedrick Baublitz, Vanessa Bourque, Trevor Cowart, Aaron Dionne, Morgan Disco, Joshua Dumas, Mackenzie Farquhar, Alexis Faucher, Ann-Marie Hebert, Julia Hopkins, Olivia Lamoureux, Cole Lavigne, Chase LeClerc, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Amelia MacPhail, David Nduati, Hannah Reid, Jillian Robidas, Hannah Siegmund, Grace Socha, Emily Zmayefski.

Second Honors: Skyler Allen, Lorelai Bessenaire, Kathleen Brown, Savannah Buisson, Grace Cerbo, Zoe Conklin, Abigail Cornell, Kamila Correa, Evan Despathy, Colton Douglas, Abigail Driscoll, Michelle Dumphy, Alyssa Elsey, Autumn Fanion, Jacob Galarza, Jacob Goodman, Brooke Harrington, Kaleigh Hopkins, Joseph Kidd, Alexandra Lalumiere, Joshua Lavallee, Abigail Norgren, Shealyse Ortiz, Piper Pellitier, Sean Saunders, Famamina

Seide, Nickolas Steele, Brooke Trudeau, Bo Yaworski, Avery Zanauskas.

The following Juniors achieved High Honors: Emma Carpenter, Lennon Giambattista, Emma Gilbert, Lily Gutierrez, Ryan Holmes, Payton Keefe, Sage Lamparelli, Kaia Torrente, Laylah Zea.

First Honors: Brandon Baker, Shelby Bellows, Ayvril Brytowski, Nicole Cicchetti, Khloe Crossman, Makala Dube, MaryGrace Dufault, Samantha Goulston, Maggie Jellison, Ella Mandeville, Rhiannon Martin, Benjamin Mayo, Sophia Moore, Gianna Ormstead, Kia Pacheco, Benjamin Percival, Kathryn Strangman, Hailey Toth, Sydney Zicolella.

Second Honors: Kylie Beaudry, Gregory Bigelow, Kayla Bonin, Mackenzie Buell, Rodrigo Candelario Jimenez, William Carver, Robert DeRouin, Quinn Ellis, Marcy Ferraj, Madeline Houle, Couper Jackson, Hannah Jarvis, Faith Klingensmith, Collin Loiselle, Dillon Lombardi, Julia Magao, Thomas Martell, Katherine Poirier, Alyssa Rice, Rachel Sanchas, Jason Simoneau, Jeyla St. Laurent, Felicity Surprenant, Savannah Turner, Cynthia Vongkaysone, Lola Ward.

The following Sophomores achieved High Honors: Kalob Barclay, Casey Beauregard, Lyana Bott-Cuevas, Lainey Buffington, Renee Bunn, Matthew Card,

Alyssa Caron, Carley DiMartino, Aila Gutierrez, Ciara King, Aryn Nisbet, Henrik Pawul, Kylie Poirier, Anthony Purcell, Connor Richardson, Jerson Suarez, Kaitlyn Tingle, Joshua Torre, Jadyn Williams.

First Honors: Evan Adams, Lena Alves, Dylan Anderson, Emily Benoit, Willow Charles, Chloe DiFusco, Hannah Donovan, Logan Gagnon, Katrina Imre, Ella Lach, Cameron Loeber, Hailey Magao, Elizabeth Marcoux, Avi Miller, Jada Neri, Jayden Olson, Anjolina Ortiz, Zachary Rainville, Moss Souksanti, Chloe St. Pierre, Jane Stockford, Salena Thongsouvanh, Sayge Trajanowski, Tianna Wallace, Amelie van der Swaagh.

Second Honors: Ryan Abdullovski, Amber Amosco, Jude Anderson, Jillian Bennett, Giovanni Couture, Katelyn DeMelo, Gabriel Dowd, Aiden Feeney, Harrison Giambattista, Allyson Hogan, Owen Johnson, Ethan Lackner, Rivers Levesque, Zoe Miller, Margaux Molyneux, Chloe Nason, Jack Richardson, Samantha Sibley, Austin Stravato, Abigail Therrien, Connor Thompson, Evan Watling.

The following Freshmen achieved High Honors: Kaeli Adams, Kiara Barrientos, Kiana Capiga, Cassidy Card, Amber Cobb, Elizabeth Conway, Sydney Crabtree, Molly Crabtree, Devin Delaney, Annina Desabota, Darin Exarhoulias, Devin Exarhoulias, Lila

Fortin, Lillian Gaudet, Alina Hadley, Rachael Hutchinson, Melody Kettle, Emily Lamparelli, Gavin Lancot, Lindsay Lavallee, Raigan Leveille, Selina Metzermacher, Sydney Mullen, Kelsea O'Rourke, Christina Rattray, Peyton Rosen, Sherrie Simoneau, Mauricio Suarez, Grace Sumner, Emma Vandale, Lilly Verraneault, Maddox Wedge, Chloe Yip, Julia Young, Lindsey Zicolella.

First Honors: Shanaya Brown, Julie Carver, Jocelyn Crowley, Laura Farquhar, Hannah Grudzien, Ross Hill, Ava Johnson, Isabella Lepine, Illyana Malarkey, Sofia Morin, Anya Oliverson, Sai Patel, Ava Peloquin, Benjamin Robinson, Justin Wellman, Cassidy Wilson.

Second Honors: Kaylee Baker, Rose Barnes, Harrison Bauer, Domenico Capuano, Owen Glushchenko, Owen Gratton, Erika Horne, Madisyn Lawrence, Emma Miller, Madysyn Mitchell, Zoey Moore, Dillan Neal, Layne O'Leary, Caitlin Oleszewski, Olivia Paiva, Emilee Pepin, Soren Rief, James Rosati, Zaiden Rukstela, Amani Samuel, Sophia Scandalito, Emma Seide, Brylee Shaw, Shayla Sheridan, Gina Soraseun, Kaylee Stillman, Ian Stone, Malia Taylor-Robichaud, Demetrius Thornton, Talan Walker, Gabriella Zink.

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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

Grade 6
High Honors: Robert Graham, Samuel Greene, Julia Guimont, Brady Hebert, Samuel Lindsay, Kelsey McNeil, Landon Murdock, Tyler Odorski, Alexeeya Richter-LaMarre, Jenna Saraidarian, Bella Stillitano, Chloe Vogt, Cayden Worth

Honors: Sydney Betty, Brayden Bottone, Kaylyn Converse, Brayden De Oliveira, Lorelai Fish, Arianna Fox, Brayden Graves, Ava-Ryann Groh, Kylie Hill-Rickell, Nathan Jezierski, Maxwell Kopp, Blake Kudzal, Maura Leonard, Jessica Palmerino, Tatam Perez, Keegan Porter, Rita Anne

Rawcliffe, Drew Rhault, Julia Tellier, Leah Thiibodeau

Recognition: Tess Anderson, Mia Auger, Avie Barks, Collin Charette, Willow Deary, Patrick Fox, Jacob Grenier, Patrick Griswold, Jonah LaBonte, Brendon Lundt, Callum Lusignan, Hayden Maloney, Elijah Nagel, Elena Petrella, David Rahall, Damien Redman, Jacob Tworzydlo

Grade 7
High Honors: Anthony Beaudreault, Scarlet Delaney, Isadora Graham, Eli Manning, Ivar McDonald, Alec Nunes, Diya Patel, Kaylee Saucier, Samantha Smyth, Abigael Stevens

Honors: Aiden Bachand, Aiden Bibeaault, Gabriela Brown, Nathaniel Couture, Harrison Durand, Jackson

Durand, Emma Eaton, Maura Hart, Siobhan Hart, Sadie Johnson-Teed, Payton Leite, Spencer Mayo, Katelyn McArthur, Kolton Meyer, Aidan O'Connor, Thatcher Paterson, Cotter Pierce, Lucas Quercia, Ella Simoes, Luke Thompson, Sadie Wood

Recognition: Kyle Bain, Abby Ditzel, Jackson Dorez, Campbell Favreau, Emma Forcier, Jenna Forcier, Sara Forcier, Beatrice Foronda, Henry Forrest, Giulia Musumeci, Vayda Payne, Nathan Rauls, Ellary Sampson, Abigail Towne, Alexander Whitley, Wynter Worth

Grade 8
High Honors: Regan Benedict, Liliana Bottone, Katelyn Bruce, Ryder Chaput, Abigail Converse, Benjamin Cross,

Tanner Graham, Kira Greene, Phoebe Griffin, Madeline Jerzierski, Emma Manis, Xandar Miller, Bailey Nordman, Grace Pokorny, Logan Rawson, Macy Rawson, Freya Robbie, Isabella Selmecki, Emily Smock, Avery Thienel, Haley Whitehouse, Kendra Wilson

Honors: Gunnar Basak, Nathan Billings, Cassidy Chabot, Mya Chojnicki, Jacqueline Dearborn, Chandler Folkerts, Mila Gantias, Ava Golden, Sophie Gronski, Emily Jurnovoy, Matthew Letourneau, James Rice, Cameron Robida, Milo Schwartz, Otto Shaw

Recognition: Mason Bourget, Samantha Espeseth, Brooke Goodell, Zoe Grant, Elmer Hebert, Matthew LaBonte, Evan Quinn, William Wasko



Cara Anne Mayhew

DUDLEY, Mass. — Cara Anne Mayhew of Brooklyn has successfully completed her post-secondary educa-

Brooklyn's Cara Anne Mayhew graduates from Nichols College

tion at Nichols College. In May 2020, Ms. Mayhew received a Bachelor of Science Diploma in Business Administration with Concentration in Hospitality and Human Resources. In May of 2021, she received her Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) from Nichols College as well. She is currently employed by Bank HomeTown as the Lead Bank Teller at their Oxford, Mass. Branch.

During her time at Nichols College, while vigorously pursuing at her academic endeavors, Ms. Mayhew also excelled on the softball field for the Lady Bison. She started 110 of the 111 games she played in at Nichols and fin-

ished with a Career Batting Average of 0.281 with 338 At-bats, 44 Runs Scored, 95 Hits, 20 Doubles and 51 Runs Batted In, while anchoring the Lady Bison outfield as it's Right Fielder for her entire 4-year career.

Cara is a 2016 Graduate of Killingly High School, and is looking forward to an successful professional career as she advances forward with her excellent academic accomplishments, a strong work ethic, excep-tional inter-per-sonal skills and commitment to succeed.



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Local residents graduate from RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rochester Institute of Technology conferred more than 4,000 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2020-2021 academic year. Due to New York state COVID-19 occupancy restrictions, commencement was celebrated May 14-15 in smaller ceremonies by college and were live-streamed for graduates' family and friends.

Azhur Viano of Woodstock received a BS in computer science.

Shane McCarthy of Woodstock received a BS in physics.

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Local students named to Goodwin University President's List

EAST HARTFORD — Goodwin University's President's List for the Spring 2021 Session includes 411 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Jennifer Ruggirello of Danielson

Brianna Benoit of Dayville
Monica Gosselin of Woodstock
Brittani Wilson of Woodstock
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Smith went the rest of the way on the bump for Tri-Town. In five innings of work he didn't allow a run — other than the two inherited runners that crossed the plate — gave up four hits, walked three and struck out two.

"That was a huge performance," coach Akana said of Smith's relief work. "Jon kept coming up with big pitch after big pitch."

Smith said he entered the game, after being summoned from his spot in right field, confident he would make short work of the Norwich lineup.

"In a situation like that you have to come in aggressive, like a bulldog," Smith said of being thrown into the fire.

"It was grind time. Whether you're up or you're down, you've got to have the mindset that it's 0-0. This was a close game throughout so we knew we had to do whatever we had to, to win the game."

Offensively Smith turned in an impressive performance as well. He finished the game with two hits, three runs scored and three — of Tri-Town's five — stolen bases.

"I took a lot of swings before the game; I worked on my swing all day so, by game time, I felt comfortable at the plate," said Smith, who hasn't felt that way at the dish for the entire season. "I've been in a little bit of a slump since the beginning of the season, but I feel like I'm pulling myself out of it. I have a lot of confidence coming to the plate

right now."

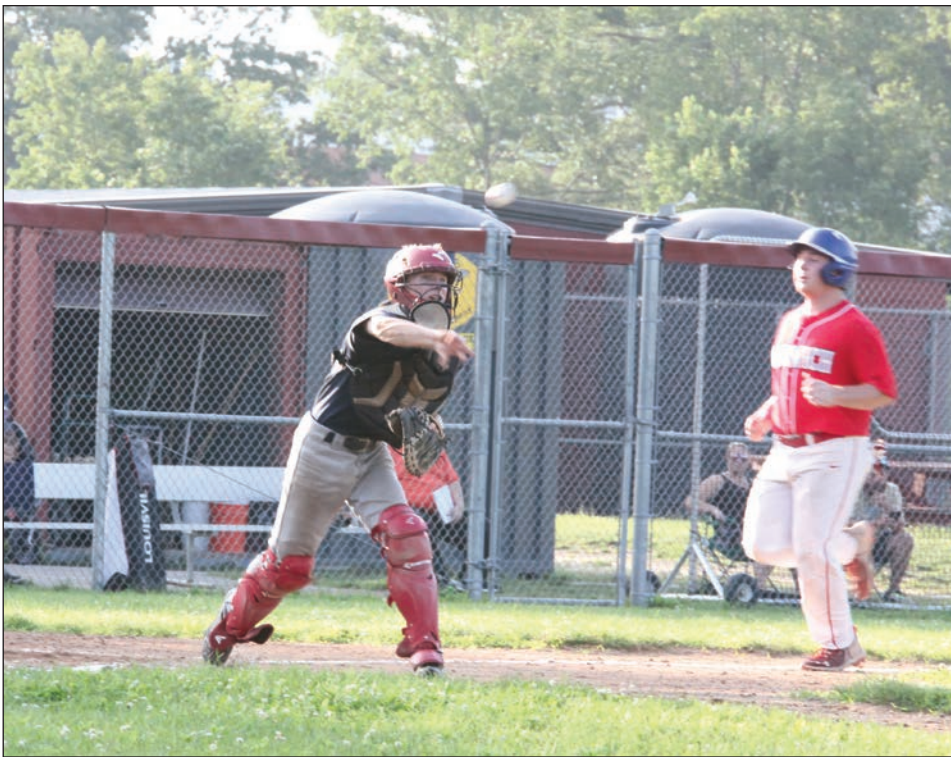
Coach Akana said stealing bases is a key complementary part of Tri-Town's regular strategy.

"The guys in our lineup with speed, I like to get them in motion and put some pressure on their defense," coach Akana said. "Hopefully, if we're doing that, our opponent makes some bad throws which we, hopefully, can take advantage of."

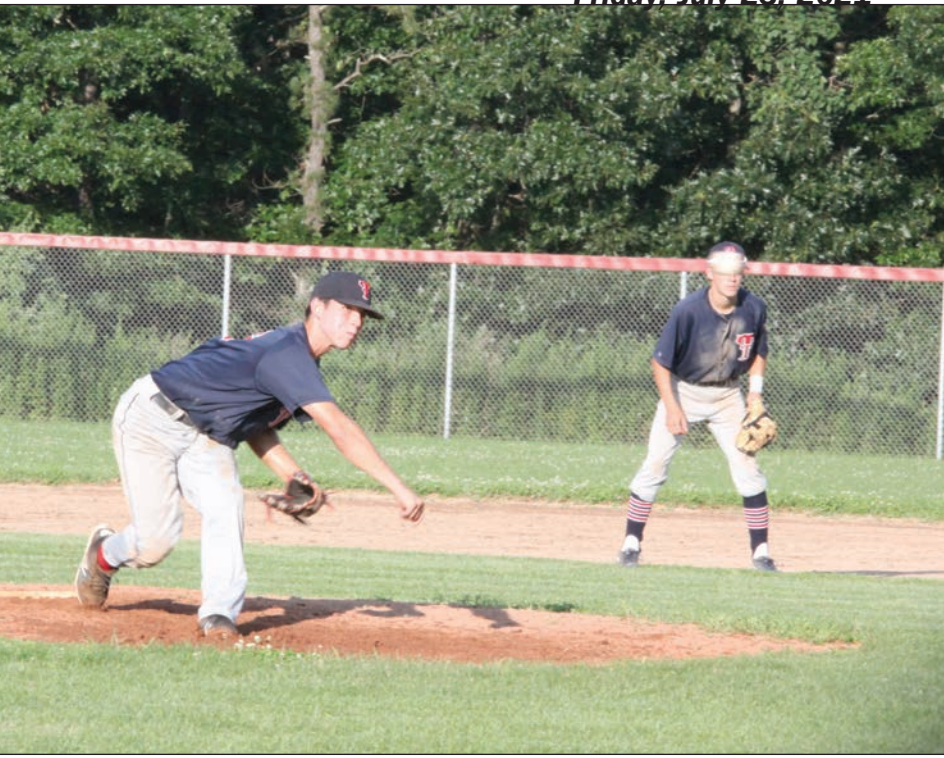
Several other Tri-Town players contributed to the win, including: Hamilton Barnes (Woodstock), who singled, drove in a run, scored a run, walked and was hit by a pitch; Riley Sargent (North Grosvenordale), who delivered an RBI single; Brayden Akana (Thompson), who singled, stole a base and threw out two Norwich runners attempting to steal second base; and Riley O'Brien (Woodstock), who singled and stole a base.



Alex Grauer of Tri-Town comes up firing from his center field position.



Tri-Town catcher Brayden Akana secures a force out at the plate and then throws down to first base to complete a double play.



Tri-Town's Jon Smith, seen here throwing a third inning pitch, came on in relief and earned the victory on the mound.

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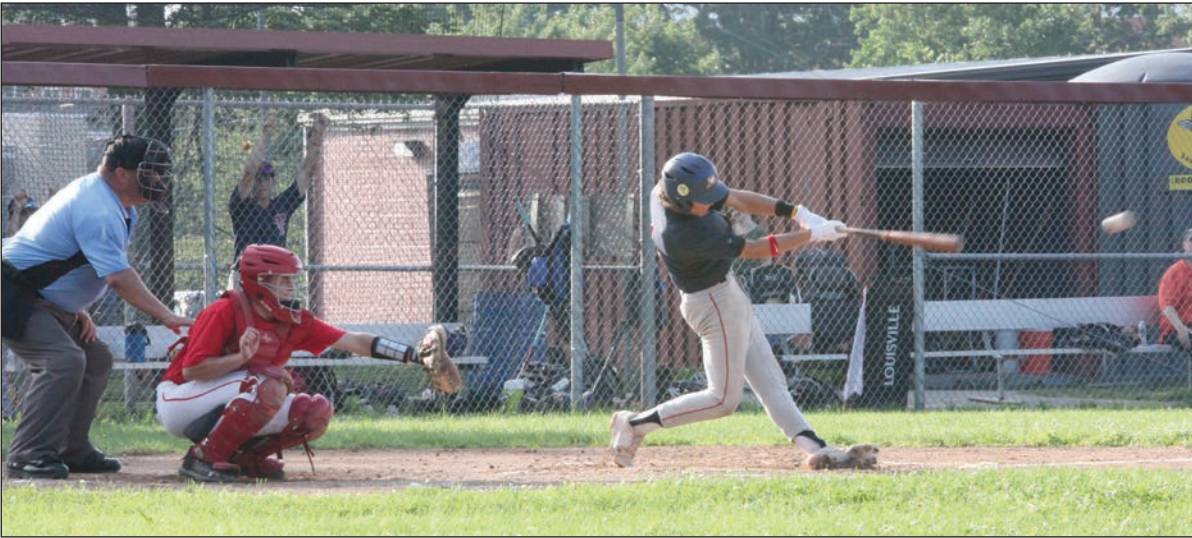
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31. Beloved hot beverage
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37. Set a dog on someone
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39. Porticos
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41. Smooth fabric
42. Enough (archaic)
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45. Draw from
46. Brother or sister
47. Body part
48. Commercials
49. London soccer team
52. Satisfied
55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
56. Fencing sword
60. French industrial city
61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
63. Helps to carry food
64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
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9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
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12. Members of a priestly caste
13. Southern Ghana people
21. Counsels
23. Body of water
25. Awesome!
26. Calendar month
27. Native of region in Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. Exclusive
32. Alaskan town
33. Covered with ivy
34. Loose granular substances
36. Native American tribe
37. Written American English
38. Holiday (informal)
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41. Small brown and gray rails
43. Get off your feet
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46. Surface of the ground
47. Put into a silo
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50. British noblemen
51. Tennis game
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BELOW: Tri-Town's Alex Grauer signifies "safe" as teammate Jon Smith touches home plate before the throw.



GOOD DEED

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The Putnam Rotary Interact Club got busy and cleared brush and trees for the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) July 13. Thanks to Quinn and Suzie Lefevre, Reagan Reynolds and Mike and Roberta Rocchetti, a nice area was cleared for TEEG to set up a wind chime garden. From left: Club adviser Roberta Rocchetti and Mike Rocchetti, Quinn Lefevre, Reagan Reynolds, Suzie Lefevre.

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Woodstock Education Foundation announces winner of Director's Award

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy Class of 2021 graduate Emma K. Hovestadt is the winner of the Woodstock Education Foundation Director's Award for 2021. Her essay was selected above other submissions in a competitive review process.

"It is an honor to acknowledge Emma for articulating how her participation in WEF-sponsored activities and events during her tenure as a student in Woodstock Public Schools contributed to her personal and academic growth throughout her high school years,"

said Michelle Salvas, President of the Woodstock Education Foundation.

In addition to a certificate, Ms. Hovestadt received a monetary award to be used to further her education.

The Woodstock Education Foundation (WEF) is a non-member, volunteer organization formed in 2005 by parents and community members concerned about preserving important school programs and enriching the public K-8 education experience for Woodstock children. The WEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors. As



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Presenting the Directors Award is Dena Coccozza O'Hara, Vice President, Emma K. Hovestadt, recipient, and Michelle Salvas, President, Woodstock Education Foundation.

of June 2021, the Board has distributed over \$300,000 for educational enrichment programs supporting the students

attending Woodstock Public Schools, Woodstock.

10th Annual Day Kimball "Give It a Tri" Triathlon set for July 31

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) tenth annual "Give it a Tri" Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 31 at Moosup Pond in Plainfield, beginning at 8 a.m.

This event consists of a half mile swim, 12.5 mile bike ride and 3.1 mile run and is open to anyone age 13 and older. This triathlon has been organized to encourage the local athletes or anyone looking to get more active to set a goal and accomplish it, joined by family and friends in a fun environment.

Participants can be part of a relay team or compete individually. Relay teams can be coed with two or three people, and

family teams are welcome. Cost to participate is \$90 for individuals, \$100 for a two-person relay team, and \$150 for a 3 person relay team. An additional \$20 will be charged for race day registrations. Only cash or personal checks will be accepted on race day.

All proceeds to benefit ongoing and future health and wellness education for communities across Northeast Connecticut.

For more information and to register, visit daykimball.org/triathlon or contact Marc Cerrone at mcerrone@daykimball.org.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed 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 employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is www.daykimball.org.

Woodstock Golf Course under new management

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Golf Course, formerly known as the Roseland Golf Course, enters its 125th season of operation under new management. Brothers Jason and Corey Litchfield, along with their father Jack, have taken over the lease to operate the property. Jason and Corey are familiar faces on the local golf scene and are extending their love of the sport beyond just playing, to providing opportunities for others to enjoy the game.

The roughly 2,400-yard, nine-hole course was founded in 1896, and is among the oldest not just in Connecticut, but in the entire country. The course was built by industrialist Henry Bowen and is part of the Bowen family trust that includes Roseland Park located directly across the street. In addition to the golf course, there is a driving range where players can hone their skills, and a full-service ice cream shop for golfers and non-golfers alike. Golf lessons are available for players of all ability, including those who are swinging a club for the very first time.

The new team has been hard at work clearing brush, repairing the irrigation system, and aerating and improving the greens. They have purchased a fleet of golf carts to make navigation of the golf course easy, fast and comfortable. Their vision is to deliver a family friendly golf experience at an affordable price to the local golf community and anyone that is interested in the sport. The course is open seven days a week and tee times are not required but can be made for Saturday and Sunday mornings. The course is also available for tournaments and event outings, including rental of the clubhouse. If you haven't played the course recently, or are new to the sport, the course is definitely worth a look. For more information, including pricing and scorecard, visit the website at woodstockgolfcourse.com, or call (860) 315-7698.

Despite its age, this Quiet Corner gem, where so many local golfers learned the game, still has a bright future. And although no one wants to think about snow in July, Jason says the team is commit-



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Under new management, The Woodstock Golf Course enters its 125th season.

ted to the long-standing tradition of allowing free sledding on the course during the winter months.

DANIELSON VETERAN NAMED LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR



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Charles Crowley (left), Commander of The American Legion Post #21 of Danielson, is pictured here as he accepts the Department of Connecticut "Legionnaire of the Year" Award from Department Commander Dennis Beauregard.



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Summer harvest and care of raspberries



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Pick raspberries when the fruit is firm but soft, deeply colored, and easily slides off the hard core. Check your raspberry patch and harvest every few days to avoid overripe fruit that attracts picnic beetles and other pests. Consider wearing long pants and a long sleeve shirt for protection against the thorns and mosquitoes.

Place berries in shallow containers when harvesting and storing to avoid crushing the delicate fruit. Chill any uneaten berries within two hours of harvesting to preserve the freshness and flavor. Wait to wash berries until right before use to further lengthen their storage life.

Once the summer harvest is complete, it is time to do a bit

of pruning. Remove the canes that bore the summer fruit back to ground level. These canes will not form fruit in future years. Removing them now gives new canes room to grow and reduces the risk of disease.

This is also a good time to check all canes for signs of disease problems. Look for sunken and discolored areas, cankers, and spotted, yellow or brown leaves. These symptoms along with dry crumbly fruit are clues disease, like anthracnose and spur blight have moved into your raspberry patch. Remove and destroy diseased canes to ground level as soon as they are found. This is often enough to manage these diseases.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest per foot of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system.

Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter die-back and damage and prune accordingly.

Fall bearing raspberries are handled a bit differently. Prune them like the summer bearing raspberries to harvest two crops in one season. Often

called everbearing, these produce a summer crop on second year canes and fall crop on first year canes.

Make pruning easier and benefit from an earlier, larger fall harvest by managing fall bearing raspberries with one pruning. Cut or mow all the canes to ground level once the plants are dormant and before growth begins in spring. This pruning technique eliminates the summer crop but is much easier, less time consuming, and eliminates any animal and winter damage in just one cut.

Consider planting a summer and a fall bearing raspberry patch to maximize the harvest. You'll enjoy summer raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from your fall bearing raspberries when pruning all the canes to ground level each year.

Grab your favorite berry harvest basket, dress appropriately and head to your raspberry patch. With every bite of fresh-from-the-garden raspberry or homemade raspberry treat you will be glad you took the time to plant, tend and harvest your own.



Photo Melinda Myers

Raspberries are ready to pick when the fruit is firm but soft, deeply colored, and easily slides off the hard core.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How*

to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

AWARDS

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Member of the Year award went to Melissa McGovern who joined the department three years ago after witnessing the department's response to an incident. McGovern has since obtained the status of fire fighter 1 and has become an asset for the department with IT issues and computer needs. Officer of the year was presented to AJ Smith who also joined the department three years ago, Smith came with past fire experience and is currently enrolled in fire 1 classes and has gone above and beyond to respond to calls

regardless of the time of day.

The Chief's Award of Appreciation was presented to Department President Todd Mountford. This was a new award for 2021 for a member who has gone above and beyond the expectations of membership. In Mountford's case he was touted as someone that everyone goes to for advice especially with the recent purchase of a new tanker. Finally the President's Award of Excellence was presented to Chief Mathew Whipple who was honored by President Mountford and Vice president Al Pratt for his continued service and leadership at the department.



Left to Right: Engineer AJ Smith, EMS Lieutenant Jonathan Robidoux, Member of the year Firefighter Melissa McGovern, Chief Mat Whipple, Assistant Chief Matt Bernier.



Left to Right: Engineer AJ Smith, EMS Lieutenant Jonathan Robidoux, Chief's award of Appreciation recipient President Todd Mountford.



Paula Bernier accepting Norman Berniers' Life Member award.



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Summer is a great time to manage stress

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before Old Man Winter heads back into the neighborhood. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go, go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers.

If work is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that oftentimes, simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out.

Managing stress properly is huge; however, not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. If you are at a severe risk of burning out, experts say to stop working for at least two weeks and cut yourself off completely from the office. According to those in the know, they say most employers will understand that this break will result in a better employee after they return. If two weeks isn’t in the cards, at least take one day a week to yourself with no phone calls, no emails or anything work related.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability.

Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane, they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary, and you

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reflection vs. reflexive behavior

To the Editor:

“As the mind is pitched the ear be pleased.”
— William Cowper

A wonderfully apt analogy; also how different we would see if our private prisms were angled ever so slightly different.

Most may make distinction between:

A born and unborn child.
A young child and an adult.
A person with proficient social skills, and one suffering from severe autism.
A person of 30 years of age and the very aged.
A star athlete and multiple amputee.
A person with advanced Alzheimer’s from their former self.
A hospice recipient and caregiver.
The scholar and the mentally handicapped.
A somewhat thoughtful person will have recognized the distinction above between those who do and do not require external support for survival. The more insightful might note a singular further instance nestled among the 16 distinctions noted and

reflect on the somewhat subtle messages in this missive. First, degrading the worth of any human life at any particular stage or condition relinquishes valid complaint when it is your turn. Second...well, feeling a bit puckish, I will leave it to the reader to discern. A hint, however; in one instance only is it legal or morally acceptable (some circles) to willfully do harm.

Being obscure without purpose is arrogant; the province of wannabe intellectuals akin to the practiced pause before even mundane response. As my granddaughter used to adorably say, “frust-er-rating.” The purpose here is an attempt to encourage reflection and avoid eliciting the pre-pitched (see quote above) responses so common. That fella on stage scratching away at fleas and wagging a tail only he can see doesn’t realize he is delivering a programmed narrative, nor may you. As a rule, people reflex rather than reflect.

ALLAN PLATT
EASTFORD

It’s time for all of us to go back to school

To the Editor:

Lee Wesler is correct in his July 9 letter: without a complete accounting of our history, we cannot understand how broad and deep is America’s 400-year history of oppression, a history of laws and culture that have submerged the fortunes of a whole group of fellow Americans beneath our status and our understanding.

Mr. Labbe’s attack on Critical Race Theory last week shows he clearly does not understand that race and racism are not the same thing. We agree that race is not a biological condition. It is a white person’s invention to support a belief that other groups of humans are inferior. That is racism. It’s an attitude based on a fallacy, but it is very pervasive and real and historical. He attempts to dismiss any study of racism with a long list of patriotic acts by white people, proving what — that we don’t need to know that racism is embedded in our laws and culture?

We argue for Critical Race Theory so our young people can understand how a sixth of our citizens have been systematically excluded from our American financial suc-

cess story. Our victory in the Civil War just changed the racist’s tactics. Did you think we instituted draconian drug laws after WWII to suppress drug use? Black people are four times more likely to be arrested for possessing Marijuana than white people and three times more likely to be imprisoned for it. That was the effect and the intent. Do you know that black WWII veterans were “red lined” out of rapidly-appreciating white housing developments? Don’t feel guilt. Get angry that you weren’t taught truth. Support teaching complete history in our schools.

Mr. Labbe’s rambles around different parts of US history and his own political affiliations are irrelevant. I’m not sure why he feels attacked by CRT; perhaps some subconscious white guilt. I do not feel attacked or guilty to know that our long history of bias against darker-skinned people has put my relatives much higher on the economic ladder. I feel challenged and inspired to change things. I joined our active Windham NAACP chapter. It’s time to go back to school, America.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Those opposed to Critical Race Theory are the true radicals

To the Editor:

In academics, a proper discourse regarding facts is welcome. Which is why I read with interest Mr. Labbe’s reply to my letter regarding Critical Race Theory. Unfortunately, when it comes to impartial details, his response falls far short for an effective objective assessment.

He begins his diatribe with the statement that “CTR is an unsubstantiated conspiracy theory pushed by blancophobes.” Not true. It started in scholarly legal publications whose authors noticed that many American institutions, including government and the educational system, carried a racist bias. This was believed to be a result of our racist past. That Blacks have experienced standard housing, education, and jobs as well as a perfidious legal environment is not made up. CTR is the product of books, journals and classrooms. It is not simple. It takes time and study to understand.

Since its inception, CTR has added the concept that race is a social and not a biological construct. It has grown to include other non-White minorities as well as women’s rights. It has found issues in the business world. It continues to evolve. Those who feel that it has been hijacked by liberal elites and demonized by conservatives and that it only serves to sow further deep divisions need to ignore the messengers and concentrate on the message.

Nor is CTR an indictment on any one group. The concept of White Privilege should not offend anyone. It is not a judgement of one’s skin color. It is not meant to point fingers of guilt. Yes, the word ‘privilege’ understand-

ably has caused angst. But it merely recognizes that White men have had a much simpler time navigating through our country’s complex systems.

That America has not suffered from racism also ignores history. Slavery, lynchings, voter suppression and Jim Crow laws did happen. Whites only restaurants, water fountains, and country clubs were real. Blacks were sent to the back of the bus. To encourage teachers to present counterpoints to this seems a method to foster a revisionist tale. And yes, American Indians were thought of as inferior as witnessed by in-numerous broken treaties, senseless massacres of women and children, as well as the heartbreaking Trail of Tears. Teddy Roosevelt said, “I don’t go so far as to think that the only good Indians are dead Indians, but I believe nine out of ten are, and I shouldn’t like to inquire too closely into the case of the tenth.”

Critical Race Theory does not label any community superior or inferior. In fact, it tries to shine the light on public and private processes that do this. It upholds the aim that we are all equal. On this, Mr. Labbe and I agree. It truly is the ideal we wish to pass on to the next generation. Teaching where we have been and where we are now should not be feared. CTR brings us closer to achieving this. It looks to a better future. And those who would quash this opportunity are the true radicals.

Respectfully,

LEE WESLER
WOODSTOCK

Cowards hailed as heroes

To the Editor:

Pelosi’s witch hunts against Donald Trump continue with investigations of his business dealings and probing into Jan. 6. Maybe instead of thinking about Donald Trump 24/7, this TDS, worthless old hag could put the same effort into cleaning up her own home voting district. But I repeat myself.

Pelosi can make her puppets jump for her every whim, but yet they put no effort into helping secure our southern border. Jenn Psaki said that what’s going on at the border was a “concern” and a “challenge.” If it’s really a concern (as in something to worry about or get involved in) and a challenge (as in anything calling for special effort), I’m giving the Biden administration a failing grade on both counts, and I welcome any feedback about that.

Maybe it’s just me, but I think the border crisis and illegal immigration should be the number one priority for this administration, but I guess I’m asking too much. If giving amnesty to millions of illegals and signing them up as democratic voters is really their plan, I’d say that it’s not a good one as it would be a definite slap in the face to all those who’ve immigrated here legally.

Ibs been said that illegals are being distributed throughout the country in the middle of the night, and if it’s true, who is making these decisions and where are they going? One thing I’d be willing to bet on is that none of them will ever find a home in Biden’s, Harris’s, Psaki’s or Pelosi’s neighborhoods.

It seems that Kamala Harris (a.k.a.

Cackala) is now trying to out stupid AOC. In addition to saying that “people” cannot find a way to obtain ID’s (in order to vote), she also said that “people” cannot find a way to photocopy their ID’s because they don’t live next to a Kinko’s or an OfficeMax. (Keep crying about voter suppression.) I suppose that these “people” don’t have home computers or one of these “all in one” printing/copying/faxing machines in their homes either, or know somebody who may? Doesn’t the public library or most any local convenience store have a copy machine? And this numbskull could become the POTUS without ever receiving one single vote, but again, I repeat myself.

Pennsylvania state Democrats said

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GARY W.
MOORE

Editor’s note: *Following is the final column written by Gary Moore, who succumbed to his illness and passed away last Wednesday evening, July 14. His family is grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support he received from readers during his final months, and his son Toby has promised to attempt to continue the Positively Speaking column in his honor.*

“He died full of light, love and gratitude,” Toby writes. “Although he was in great pain, he kept his sense of humor, and he kept his joy. He was a model of how to live, and how to die. I will forever try to be like him.”

I’ve led a blessed and full life ... a big life. I’ve been fortunate in more ways than I can count, and I’m grateful for the many ways I’ve been blessed.

I think of you as a beautiful blessing in my life. The privilege to write to you every week has been an honor. So many of you have written me about my columns, and I’ve been grateful for each word. I’ve had the privilege to meet some, but for most, our relationship is through this column. That has not hindered the friendship I feel and my gratitude for you.

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Gastric Cancer in mid-February 2020 and given nine to 12 months to live. Along with my incredible Oncologist, Dr. Pashtoon M. Kasi, at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa, we have fought this cancer with everything we have. It has at times been a fun battle with Dr. Kasi at my side, but as I’ve written many times before, there are a few diagnosis that a positive fight cannot overcome. It appears my battle with stomach cancer is one of them. So, this is my last letter to you in the form of my column, Positively Speaking.

To this newspaper, Managing Editor and Publisher, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of serving you and your readers. The fact you believe, as I do, that positive, uplifting, and encouraging content are essential for your community speaks volumes about you. Thank you for publishing my weekly column.

I’ve penned this column in anticipation of the day I can no longer write to you. I have passed the torch to my son, Toby Moore, a writer, actor, CEO, and now a columnist. Toby has instructions to send this column for publication upon my death.

So thank you for reading Positively Speaking. I hope you continue. I pray that my words have made a difference and positively impacted your life. I encourage you to be the light in the darkness.

So, here is where it comes to an end. May God bless you and yours. I wish you nothing but happiness and joy.

Warmest and kindest regards,
From your optimistic friend,
Gary

The beauty of a sandy beach

It felt wonderful to walk through the warm sand on to the beach clutching the small hand of one of my grandchildren. We were in Chatham on Cape Cod, and while it is fast becoming a place that is noted for the presence of sharks, for us, it is ground zero for summer in New England. I was elated to be back in a place I love, but felt another sensation. It was anxiety at being in a crowd again after months of avoiding groups. The reentry to society is not quite as seamless as I imagined.

We’ve bought many take-out meals from local establishments and enjoyed them with friends and family inside and outside, but only recently have we returned to dining in restaurants. When the Jessurun family led the charge to have seating outside 82 Main in Putnam, they ushered in a revolution



NANCY WEISS

in what the town looks like on a summer evening. The draw is obvious. It spread during the difficult months and now seems as if it has ever been thus. As long as it isn’t too cool, I’d rather dine outside. When we eat in restaurants, I look around and assess the air flow, the general cleanliness and the crowd. I’m much more aware of how close I am sitting to other diners.

I love parties, and so far, we have been to two that were medium size. I’m far more vigilant as to which glass is mine these days, and I feel better standing outside or being in larger rooms. Recently, I was stunned when an old friend kissed me on the lips, not unusual in the distant past, but a shocker now. I’m fully vaccinated, I thought, but I don’t even want a summer sniffle. Some people prefer to drift around

the periphery of a gathering while others plunge right in. There’s plenty to talk about, but small talk, like an unused muscle, has suffered through lack of use. That’s a good thing. We need to have real conversations with people we like. We can learn the fluffy parts on Facebook. We need to connect and see what drew us to certain individuals in the first place. If there isn’t anything attractive and affirming, I say, just move on.

We attended the second of many planned “Celebrations of Life” for friends who died during Covid, either from the disease or other causes. The service was at the Coast Guard Academy chapel for an old friend, Commander Merle J. Smith, Jr. Merle was an officer and a gentleman, who led a remarkable life. The Coast Guard and his family created an extraordinary tribute. Before we were allowed into the chapel,

we were asked to show proof of vaccination. I had a photo on my phone or we would have been required to watch the service from a remote site. Most of us don’t have Merle’s heroic past, but we all deserve a decent obituary and some recognition from our communities that we have passed this way.

The “life is short” post pandemic feeling led me to get a puppy. I have an adorable male corgi, who is sleeping peacefully at my feet. I felt anxious at making such a long-term commitment, but decided to do it anyway. The cat hates him, but he and I are happy.

We’ve been through trying times and the future is still cloudy, but a sandy beach with children, the company of friends, the pleasure of restaurant dining, memories of happy times, and the sweet smell of puppy breath damp down anxiety and make reentry welcome.

Considering changing jobs? Do these 10 things to protect your finances during the transition

This month, we’ve been talking about various mid-year adjustments you should make to your financial plans. But after the tumultuous events of the last 18 months, there are many people whose plans are very much in flux, not the least of which is a potential change in employment.

The effects of the pandemic – on the ways in which we work, on changes in the job market, and on life perspectives and priorities – are causing many people to either have to change or want to change their job or career, even as we begin to move past the pandemic itself.

In fact, in Microsoft’s annual Work Trend Index Report, released in March, a survey of more than 31,000 people showed that 41 percent are considering leaving their current employer this year. If you are too, there are certain things you should do to plan ahead for your job transition so that you can protect your finances in the process.

When leaving your old job As excited as you may be about moving on to a new job, it’s important to first tie up loose ends at your old one. Be sure to cover the bases below, and don’t forget to save all documentation related to your separation.



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es specialist or benefits counselor to review your benefits and find out which you will lose — and may need to replace — and which you can take with you. For example, benefits such as employer-provided health, disability, or life insurance will expire. COBRA can help you fill any gaps in health coverage, but be sure that you understand how the program works and how much it costs. You may be entitled to back pay, vacation days and paid time off, or future pensions. Ask how any such compensation will be handled.

Decide what to do with your qualified retirement plan assets, such as your 401(k). If your employer contributed to your account, determine what portion, if not all, of those contributions are vested. You will not lose the vested amount upon departure. Then, decide how you will manage those assets when you leave your job.

You have several options. You can move your plan assets to an individual retirement account (IRA). With a direct (trustee-to-trustee) transfer, the funds maintain their tax-deferred status and avoid any penalties. You can leave the account with your old employer, if permitted. This may be a good option if you are satisfied with the plan’s investment choices and costs. Or, you

can withdraw the assets. Unless you meet specific conditions, however, your employer may withhold a percentage for estimated taxes, and you may pay additional taxes and penalties.

Determine the value of any stock options and decide on a plan of action. If you have vested stock options, find out how you have to exercise them—for example, are accelerated expiration schedules in place? If financially possible, exercise any options that are “in the money” (the exercise price is lower than the market value). You’ll want to make sure you are consulting with your tax professional as there may be tax consequences when exercising your stock options.

Review your life insurance and disability insurance policies. Employer-provided life insurance is active only while you are employed. You may be able to convert your policy to an individual policy offered by the same insurance company, for which you would pay the premiums. If you were given the option to buy additional insurance through your employer’s plan, you may be able to keep this coverage for yourself, depending on the policy. Keep in mind, however, that the premium for this coverage will likely be higher.

Assess your other benefits plans. If you have an executive benefits plan or a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, be sure to understand your

options. Many plans require a lump-sum distribution, which may affect your taxes.

When starting a new job Meet with a human resources representative and ask detailed questions about your new benefits package. Take the time to assess your options so that you can make the right decisions during your enrollment periods. Don’t forget to do the following:

Enroll in the new retirement savings plan as soon as possible to take full advantage of any employer match. Consider increasing your contribution to the maximum allowed. Small changes can add up to larger savings.

Choose the health insurance option that best matches your needs. Find out when open enrollment takes place in case you wish to make changes in the future.

Review your life and disability insurance coverage to ensure that you have adequate protection.

Fill out beneficiary designations for your insurance policies and savings plans. Once the information is processed, confirm for accuracy.

Finally, review your federal and state tax status. A salary change may affect your withholding requirements, estimated tax payments, and investment strategies.

Making a change in employment is a big step and although it often comes with many

rewards, navigating the process while ensuring you and your family are financially protected can be stressful and overwhelming. It’s times like those that guidance from a trusted and strategic financial advisor can make all the difference.

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that an audit of the 2020 presidential election in that state is going to be a waste of time and taxpayer money. Since when did the democrats ever care about that? What hypocrites! These mindless, wind-up toys overlook the fact that the biggest waste of time and taxpayer money was caused by that old fool, Pelosi and her witch hunts that have continually proven nothing, but of course the spineless democrats won’t dare say a thing about that. Whether any election audits will prove or amount to anything is yet to be seen, but if evidence (of voter discrepancies) has surfaced, it should be totally investigated because the American people have the right to know if it’s true or not.

So now we have these flee-bag Democrats that left Texas (for Washington, D.C.) in their attempts to delay a decision on the state’s voting laws. (Keep crying about voter suppression.) These Democrats were in the minority, and they knew they weren’t going to win, so instead of having the fortitude to face the fire, they ran away

like a bunch of cowards. They are now facing arrest upon their return, and I wonder if CNN will cover them being handcuffed?

Among these flee-bags is Gene Wu, who posted a picture of a salad that he said was: “my first meal as a fugitive,” but I guess he feels that the blatant failure to do his elected duty is something to be made light of. Another one, Donna Howard, posted a picture of her hanging laundry that she claims was hand washed in a sink in a puny attempt to persuade dimwits how she’s suffering so for the cause, and I suppose that Cackala will now say that there are no laundromats in Washington, D.C. either? I don’t know how getting on a private charter plane and staying in a plush hotel in Washington, D.C. (where the rooms start at \$199 per night) can be considered as suffering, but no doubt Howard will find somebody to fall for her little charade. And to round out the list is Joe Moody who was stripped of his position as speaker pro tempore.

The plot thickens because five members of the group have now tested positive for Covid-19. Maybe you saw the pictures of them smiling and having a good ole’ time while on their departing

airplane, but I’ll bet their mood has now changed. Also, the White House reported that Kamala Harris went to Walter Reed Hospital for what they said was a «routine doctor’s appointment.» The timing was called «curious,» however, because just before she was “admitted” to Walter Reed, it was announced that the flee-bags she met with (in a closed door session) had experienced an outbreak of Covid-19. This is going to be interesting, and can you imagine the field day that CNN would be having if the Republicans had pulled a stunt like this, especially if it resulted in Covid-19 cases?

Anyhow, if I had anything to say about it - in addition to docking their pay - I’d send the bunch of them to the border to clean toilets and remove garbage, which would probably be the only way to get the Democrats to actually do something down there! Cackala is hailing them as heroes basically because they neglected to do their jobs, but that’s something she can definitely relate to (ha ha ha). Pretty amazing stuff right there.

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Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success

have no meaning.

– Benjamin Franklin

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need to protect it.

Oftentimes, people take better care of their vehicles than they do themselves. To keep a car running smoothly, you need to upkeep with maintenance, use top of the line fuel and keep the miles low.

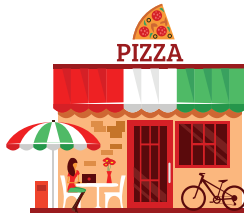
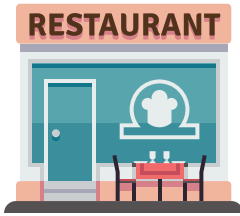
In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small

Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In Basket’ means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers

that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

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Vocational schooling can pave the way to high-paying jobs

Many students believe that the next natural step after graduating from high school is to go off to college. Secondary education has become such a common transition that many parents begin saving for college tuition as soon as their children are born. Although college can be the next chapter in a student's education, many teenagers still choose to attend trade school.

Television personality Mike Rowe says the country is in the midst of a skilled labor shortage because workers lack the necessary training to fill the hundreds of thousands of available jobs. Lack of information may drive the notion that trade jobs are nothing more than a backup plan if college doesn't pan out. However, by realizing that trade jobs, along with short-term vocational training, is a smart investment — and eventually a lucrative career choice — attitudes about trade schools and labor-intensive jobs may shift.

A great number of college

graduates enter the workforce with degrees that may not help them land jobs. And these students typically carry thousands of dollars in tuition debt. Many college grads are underemployed and working in jobs that aren't even in their fields of study. Career and technical schools help students develop specialized skills that make graduates immediately marketable in their chosen fields, and trade salaries can be very competitive.

The following are some of the fastest-growing and highest-paying trade careers to consider, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Forbes magazine.

- Construction manager: Construction professionals with great organizational and communication skills can enjoy high earning potential as construction managers. Expected growth of this career over the next 10 years is 5 percent. The average income of a con-

struction manager is \$87,000. However, with a top-end hourly pay of around \$75 per hour, it's easy for managers to earn into six figures.

- Elevator installer and repairer: This career is listed as a top-earner. These employees can earn anywhere from \$74,000 to \$105,000 per year. Elevators are in demand as urban centers increase, so this career has staying potential.
- Rotary drill operator: The oil and gas industry relies on rotary drill operators to extract oil or natural gas from underground sources. Salaries for these jobs can range from \$30 to \$40 per hour.
- Dental hygienist: Cleaning teeth and inspecting mouths for disease is an important role. Job growth is still hovering around 20 percent, and hygienists can expect to earn up to \$98,000.
- Electricians and plumbers: Electricians and plumbers are continually in demand. With a short amount of trade school



and apprenticeship, it's possible to earn up to \$90,000 per year. These are just a few of the many skilled professions that vocational schools prepare their

students for. Scholarships and funding programs are available to help make vocational training an affordable possibility.

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TOWN OF KILLINGLY TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE

Taxes and Sewer use charges are due July 1, 2021. The first installment of taxes becomes delinquent on August 3, 2021. The first installment of sewer use becomes delinquent on August 3, 2021. All are subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE OR EXCUSE THE OBLIGATION OF THE TAX OR INTEREST DUE.

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, during the posted hours, by mail, online, or in our drop box.

Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killingly.org. Dated at Killingly this 25, day of June 2021.

Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
June 25, 2021
July 9, 2021
July 23, 2021

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WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate bills listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List become due and payable to the Witches Woods Tax District on July 1, 2021.

Payments must be postmarked by August 2, 2021 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on August 3, 2021 on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for July 1st through July 31st, and ending with 18% interest for all payments made in June 2021.

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
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June 25, 2021
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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and sewer usage bills listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List become due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **July 1, 2021**. Payment must be postmarked or in the office by **August 2, 2021** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **August 3, 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. Sewer usage bills have a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each delinquent bill as well.

Motor vehicle taxes not paid by **August 3, 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 are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Fridays are CLOSED.**

The office will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
Woodstock, CT 06281
June 25, 2021
July 9, 2021
July 23, 2021

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and took the following actions:

ZBA 21-02 Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotnoir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recycler's yard or motor vehicle recycler's business. Continued to August 9, 2021

ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, block 57, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16 foot sideyard setback to build a 36' x 21' detached garage. Application Amended - ZBA meeting on June 7, 2021, to request a variance from Town of Thompson Amended Zoning regulations, Article 4A Rural Residential Agricultural District, Section 3, General Development Standards, Accessory Structure to the Primary Building, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure. Continued to August 9, 2021

ZBA 21-04 – James Brazel & Susan Waters, Owner of Record 53 Wrightson Drive, Map 153, Block 17, Lot 14, Zone LD, request a variance to the Town of Thompson Amended Regulations, Article 4G, LD District, Section 3, Dimensional Requirements, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure. Applicant placement of the detach garage is on roadside of house. Approved File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
July 23, 2021

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its regular meeting on July 13, 2021:

041321B Paul Lehto, 40 Almada Drive, Map 21, Lot 6, RA Zone; Proposed 2-lot residential subdivision-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

Dated this 14th day of July 2021
Richard Oliverson, Vice Chairman
July 23, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Virginia K Birch, AKA Virginia K Donner (21-00230) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 13, 2021, ordered that all claims must be pre-

sented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Kenneth W Grundy, 22 Park Street, Central Falls, RI 02863
Marte D Grundy, 22 Park Street, Central Falls, RI 02863
Attorney: EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS 168 MAIN ST. P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 23, 2021

Notice of Decision

At their 7/13/2021 regularly scheduled meeting, the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission ("the Commission") held a hearing to provide Deborah Love of 35 Kara Road, (Assessors Map 23/Lot 35) Brooklyn, CT an opportunity to be heard and show cause why the Cease and Desist Order issued on 5/6/2021 for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Violations should not remain in effect. The Commission scheduled a site walk for Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 5:15 pm. Deborah Love is required to attend the 8/10/2021 regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission at 6:00 p.m. via Webex or at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 So. Main Street, Brooklyn, CT.

July 23, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marie Jeanne Gendreau, AKA Marie Gendreau (21-00169) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 14, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Melissa Desrosiers, PO Box 848, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
Attorney: ERNEST J COTNOIR, MAHER AND COTNOIR
163 PROVIDENCE ST, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 23, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO19D1115DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Donna Rodeheffer vs. Nicolas Emory

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Donna Rodeheffer
260 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570**

your answer, if any, on or before **09/14/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the

Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 16, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

July 23, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Graham S Bell, Jr. (21-00159) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 13, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Geraldine E Noonan, 160 Overlook Ave., Apt 21 E, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Attorney: NICHOLAS A LONGO, BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS - 168 MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM, CT 06260
July 23, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mark C. Haberbosch (21-00246) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated July 13, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Andrew J. Kausch, 314 South St., Brooklyn, CT 06234
Sarah Haberbosch, 21 Cheney Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
July 23, 2021


Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P1711EA Estate of: Bernice I Berry Date Of Death: November 26, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lionel A. Ayotte of Marlborough, CT** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lionel A. Ayotte of Marlborough, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

June 29, 2021
Lionel A. Ayotte
5 Kimberly way
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July 23, 2021



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