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Viral effect on local businesses

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Three thousand revelers were expected in downtown Putnam last Sunday for the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K footrace — generating an estimated \$50,000 in gross revenue for local restaurants and merchants. Instead the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak cancelled the race, sidelined runners and spectators — and kept all those wallets at home.

"We had 1,000 runners pre-registered for the race. We usually get 200 to 300 more on race day. Every runner usually brings two or three people with them," said Sheila Frost, owner of the Courthouse Bar & Grille. "We normally have at least 3,000 people."

The Courthouse Bar & Grille on Main Street is the primary sponsor of the annual 3.1-mile footrace that celebrates both St. Patrick's Day and fitness. Sheila Frost and her husband, James, have owned and operated the Courthouse restaurant since 1998. The Frosts have survived business downturns before — after 9/11 in 2001 and the financial crisis in 2008 that sent the economy into a tailspin.

Sheila Frost is also the business coordinator for the Putnam Business Association and she expects local merchants to take a big hit while navigating



Charlie Lentz photo

James and Sheila Frost own the Courthouse Bar & Grille in Putnam. Like other restaurants in the state it will only be available for takeout for the foreseeable future.

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A DAY AT THE RACES



Courtesy photo

WOODSTOCK — The Cub Scouts Woodstock Pack 27 Pinewood Derby took place on March 12 at the Mansion at Bald Hill Banquet Center. From left, Lincoln Hogarty, Tucker Chamberlin, Kaden Romanik and Kristopher Morrisette watch as the heat results are posted.

Classes suspended at local schools

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Concerns over the possible spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus have led to the suspension of classes on the campuses of all public schools in northeastern Connecticut. Classes have been suspended on the campuses of Woodstock Academy, Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School in Danielson, Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson, Putnam High School, and Killingly High School.

Woodstock Academy's campus will be closed indefinitely but students will continue instruction with e-classes via the internet. Putnam High School was closed from Monday March 16 through Friday, March 27. Killingly High School was closed from March 16 through March 27. Tourtellotte Memorial High School and Ellis Tech will also be closed through March 27. School campuses may stay shuttered longer as the situation evolves.

Killingly public school officials participated in statewide conference call with Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, the state's Commissioner of Education, on Thursday, March 12. Killingly officials sent parents a notice on March 12 that classes were being suspended through March 27.

The text of the notice sent to parents from Killingly public school officials is as follows:

"Important Coronavirus Update: Dear KPS Families,

We know this is a very difficult and anxious time for families. We participated in a statewide conference call this afternoon along with the Commissioner



Charlie Lentz photos

Schools have suspended on-campus instruction in the Quiet Corner. Putnam High is among five secondary schools in northeastern Connecticut that have closed their doors.

of Education and state commissioners representing the different departments within the Department of Education, the Department of Public Health and others. The call included COVID-19 updates and recommendations for action.

We have made the difficult decision to close all Killingly Public Schools, effective Monday, March 16 through March 27. This action is in consultation with the Northeast District Department of Health. While each district has unique situations, we believe this is the best decision for Killingly. The decision to close schools is not based on any confirmed cases in our area, but the belief that a statewide effort to minimize gatherings will slow the spread COVID-19. Students are encouraged to attend school tomorrow (March 13) to bring home supplies to support their

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Coronavirus closes QVCC campus

DANIELSON — Effective March 12 at 10 p.m., Quinebaug Valley Community College was closed due to concerns about the COVID-19 coronavirus. The closure applied to the main campus in Danielson and QVCC at Windham Technical High School. There are no known cases of corona virus infection associated with QVCC faculty, staff, or students. The college is on spring break from March 16 through March 20 but following spring break all credit classes will be moved to an online-only format until at least Sunday, April 5.

Credit classes will resume online only from March 23 to April 5. Mark Ojakian, President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system, has directed the four Connecticut State Universities and the 12 Connecticut Community Colleges to move all classes to an online-only format until at least Sunday, April 5. Additional cleaning protocols are being implemented at all colleges.

Students who engage in off-campus clinics, internships and similar experiential activities may continue to attend them if their respective facility remains open. Faculty and staff have been instructed to use online tools, including Blackboard, to assist with teaching



and communicating with students in the most efficient manner. All campus events scheduled between March 14 and April 5 were cancelled, including those sponsored by external clients.

As the global COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak continues to intensify, the college said it is taking every precaution to mitigate any potential impact on campus. Working with the CSCU System Office and under directives issued by CSCU President Ojakian and Governor Ned Lamont, Quinebaug

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Day Kimball Hospital establishes safety procedures

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital is reducing the number of publicly accessible hospital entrance points to provide a safer and more secure environment. Day Kimball Healthcare remains vigilant in providing the highest level of preparedness, safety, and security possible. The Visitor's Entrance at Day Kimball Hospital (Entrance D at the front of the hospital) will be accessible only to DKH employees with badges.

"The safety of everyone who walks through our doors each day is a top priority for our organization," said Joseph Adiletta, Interim President, Day

Kimball Healthcare. "This change will keep Day Kimball in line with best practices for safety and security standards and will enhance other security measures already in place."

Patients and visitors who typically enter through the Visitor's Entrance will continue to use the Main Entrance (Entrance A at the back of the hospital) or the Emergency Department (Entrance E at the back of the hospital) to access the hospital.

"DKH is continually focused on improving the safety and security of our facilities, making them easy to nav-

igate and offering patients a comforting and healing experience. We appreciate our community's cooperation as we continually evaluate our security protocols to provide the safest environment possible for our patients and visitors," said Adiletta.

Day Kimball Healthcare continues to take necessary steps to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Day Kimball Hospital encouraged community members to avoid coming to the hospital for non-medical reasons. To further protect the health of its

patients, workforce and the community, DKH is implementing temporary accompaniment restrictions at its Day Kimball Medical Group (DKMG) offices.

All patients who have an appointment may be accompanied to the DKMG office by one adult only. Children under 18 years of age may not accompany patients or family members to the DKMG office, unless the child is the patient.

DKMG primary and specialty care

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POLICE LOGS

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Putnam Police Department

March 10
Akhlaz Ahmed Kiani, 48, of 57 School Street, Putnam, was charged with Illegal Sale of Tobacco to a Minor (Under 21)

Matthew Mclaughlin, 24, of 150

Harrisville Rd, Putnam, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission

March 12
Daniel Gomes, 46, of 74 Turkey Plain Road, Bethel, was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Threatening.

Derek Brooks, 36, of 60 Center St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Appear Second.

Brandi Bergheimer, 38, of 229 Cook Hill Rd Danielson, was charged with Violation State Traffic Commission

March 15
Troy Robinson, 23, of 24 Marshall Street, Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

Hale YMCA in Putnam shuttered

PUTNAM — Per an order from Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, all branches of the YMCA, including the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam, were shut down as of 8 p.m. on Monday, March 16. All of the YMCA's Wellness Centers, pools, programs and classes will be shut down, with the exception of early childhood programs. Early childhood sites will remain open.

Several opportunities are offered to continue wellness journeys at home. Members are asked to consider using these resources:

All members may visit the brand new Y360 YouTube account for several at-home workouts. This is a partnership among YMCAs across the country to provide a needed service at the time. Click here to access.

Members of Downtown Hartford, Hale Youth and Family Center in Putnam, Indian Valley and Wheeler branches may sign up for 60 days of free, at-home

exercises through MOSSA, a national exercise leader that provides nationally-recognized exercise programs such as Strength Train Together. Click here to access a unique link for the Y.

Members of Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center may sign up for free LesMills classes, another nationally recognized exercise programmer that provides programs like BODYCOMBAT.

Many are wondering about membership dues during this closure. The YMCA is asking members to consider continuing membership. The YMCA is a community benefit, non-profit organization. The YMCA is paying staff that are scheduled to work, and is providing vital child care services to communities, and adding capacity to help serve healthcare workers and first responders. Membership dues will continue to allow the YMCA to do this for as long as possible.

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this uncharted territory. Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont said on Monday, March 16, that restaurants and bars will only be available for takeout services. Gyms, casinos, and movie theaters are also closed. Gatherings of more than 50 people are banned, a directive that follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Social distancing is recommended by public health officials in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus — flattening the curve. The Putnam Business Association has roughly 200 members and Frost said most will be affected.

“Everyone’s going to feel it. This is the new normal. We’ve got to rethink everything we do. Everyone’s doing the best we can. People are going to have to be savvy. I think we’re going to all have to look at our individual businesses and see what we’re going to need to do. We’re going to need to follow the guidelines of the health department, of our local officials, and do everything that’s smart,” Frost said. “We have to make all the right decisions and keep everyone safe. Look out for your neighbors, the elderly, people that are at risk.”

Frost said it’s likely that a percentage of restaurant goers will take advantage of take-out and delivery. The Courthouse restaurant does not cur-



The staff of the Courthouse Bar & Grille enjoyed an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day last Sunday afternoon, March 15, one day before the ban on restaurant dining.

rently deliver its fare but Frost said perhaps she will be rethinking that option and she expects other restaurants to do the same.

“The social distancing is extremely important and we have to be smart about it,” Frost said.

As for other non-restaurant businesses, Frost said they will adapt and there will always be customers.

“We still need to send gifts to people,” Frost said.

The Courthouse O’Putnam 5K race was scheduled for Sunday, March 15. The Hartford Marathon Foundation runs the event and notified Frost on Thursday, March 12, that it was calling off the race.

“It all happened so quickly,” Frost said. “The Hartford Marathon Foundation, at first they tried to save it. I’d like to say they’ve been stellar through this. They’re so professional. They’re so smart, so organized. They know what to do. This was so unique. This was so unpredictable. At first they tried to salvage it — and cancel the post-race party, and run the race on trails. Eventually it just kept getting

worse by the hour.”

Frost mourned the race’s cancellation by donning her athletic gear and running the 5K race course. She knows better than most that operating a successful business is a marathon — not a sprint. Frost said most local businesses have experienced economic downturns and in the long run they will survive. Perhaps the Quiet Corner’s community spirit is immune to any virus.

“I know this is vastly different, but when we have a snowstorm everyone panics for a day or two. And then everyone gets cabin fever and everyone’s ready to go out. We’re going to have big

cabin fever after this and we’re going to want to go out and reschedule all the events we missed,” Frost said. “At the end of it all we need to try and salvage things, we need to come together as a community. I also think it’s important at this time to not be divided politically. This is the time to say it doesn’t matter what you believe or who you stand for. We need to stand together and work together on this.”

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Valley Community College is trying to be as proactive as possible, amid the rapidly evolving nature of this public health situation.

At this time, while there

have been no confirmed cases of the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) at QVCC, a few cases have appeared in Connecticut. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and the risk assessment will be updated as needed.

VILLAGER ALMANAC

At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of March 9: Green-winged Teal, Short-eared Owl, Northern Harrier, Woodcock, Robin, Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Bald Eagle, Common Merganser, Mallard, Red-shouldered Hawk, Great-horned Owl, Flicker, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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learning during the extended school closing.

This closure includes cancellation of all childcare programs. Our school website calendars will be updated with these changes in the next few days.

We recognize there are still many unanswered questions. It is important that we all remain calm as we thoughtfully prepare and plan. We will continue to communicate with you regularly. Please visit our district website for additional information and resources.

We will continue to participate in regular state conference calls and will continue to pass information along to you. We understand this is disappointing news for many students and families involved in the wide variety of activities hosted by our schools. We appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility during this time."

Woodstock Academy has suspended on-campus activities indefinitely but will continue instruction to students via e-classes. The school's administration will evaluate the situation on a weekly basis. Each Woodstock Academy student has a school-issued iPad. Students were informed of the following procedure for attending class remotely:

"You will need to log-on and participate to get credit for being present. The school day will begin for students at 10:00 a.m. and instruction will end at 2:30 p.m. with additional time for teacher "office hours" until 3:00 p.m. Your teachers will communicate specific details on how they plan to teach and assign work. Please make sure that you have your iPad with you and that it is fully charged. If you have concerns about logistical issues of eLearning please talk to your guidance counselor. If a student is unable to participate in the eLearning day, a parent or guardian should e-mail absences@woodstockacademy.org"

Woodstock Academy students were informed of their responsibilities during suspension of on-campus activities with the following guidance:

"Expectations for students during eLearning:

Wake up early enough that you are ready to learn fifteen minutes before your first class.

Find a comfortable place for learning. Try to use the same space every day. A desk or table would be ideal so you can spread out your learning materials.

Have your iPad (charged or plugged in to power), materials for the class (notebooks, texts, calculators) with you.

At the beginning of each class, check your school email, login to your Canvas class, and open Microsoft Teams. (You do not need to log in for Study Hall, but you should log in for all other classes.) Teachers will be taking attendance in PowerSchool as normal.

Follow teacher instructions on how

to use audio and video.

Be an active learner: Listen to the teacher, follow along with any presentations/videos, complete all activities, ask questions.

Submit any required work through Canvas.

If you miss a class, access the recorded lesson and complete the work as quickly as possible.

If you have a question, please email your teacher.

If you are struggling with eLearning and need help or support, please reach out to your counselor by email."

EllisTech staff was informed via e-mail on Friday, March 13, that the school would be closed through at least March 27. Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System, sent the following e-mail to Ellis Tech personnel.

"Dear CTECS certified staff, I am writing to inform you that all of Connecticut's technical high schools will be closed for at least two weeks, starting Monday, March 16.

On the advice of our local health departments, CTECS, along with many other school districts across the state, have made a decision to put the health of our community (both our school community and the community at large) at the center of our decision to close schools. We have been advised by local health authorities that the implementation of social distancing measures is a proven science-based intervention that has been shown to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with communicable disease outbreaks. In the past, communities in which schools closed were able to positively impact and reduce the spread of disease. We felt compelled to make this decision to prevent the spread of illness among our students, staff, and our communities.

We also clearly have been told that we cannot confirm how long it will take for this illness to run its course. As such, we made the determination to start with a two-week closure. This decision was made in consultation with and with the support of the health departments, elected officials and emergency management professionals.

There has been much discussion about the concept of distance learning during prolonged absences. At this time the Connecticut State Department of Education has discouraged districts from utilizing this approach due to concerns over instructional consistency, equity of access both intra-district and inter-district, disruption of special education services, and multiple employee contractual issues. We will continue, during this school closing, to seek ways to provide supplemental education to our students.

We will continue to communicate as we receive updated guidance from our public health officials, the CDC, and state officials. Please be advised that you may be required to report to work for your regular schedule at any point.

As such, continue to monitor your email to ensure receipt of the most current closure information. If you need access to the building during the closure, please call the school ahead of time.

You can plan on receiving at weekly updates from us, if not more frequently, as things evolve. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented event.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools"

Melinda A. Smith, Superintendent of Thompson Public Schools, informed students and parents on March 13 that the school system would be closed through at least Friday, March 27. In advance of the closure, Thompson teachers prepared lesson plans for two weeks and students were given hard-copy packets to complete or direction to on-line platforms to access assignments at home. Tourtellotte Memorial High School and Thompson Middle School students also have the ability to download books via their school-issued Chromebooks.

Thompson students may continue to have access to lunch and grab-and-go meals Monday through Friday. Meal pick-up sites and distribution times: Thompson Public Library (11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.), Quinebaug Fire Station (noon to 1 p.m.) and at Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group "TEEG" (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

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Woodstock Academy students will continue schooling via the internet.



Killingly High School is closed through March 27.



Ellis Tech in Danielson is closed through at least March 27.



Woodstock • Public • Schools

2020 – 2021 Preschool Lottery

Woodstock Elementary School is seeking applications for our preschool lottery. All Woodstock children with birthdates between September 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016 are eligible for admission into our program, which is half day.


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**Deborah
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Occupation: Retired health care professional, a former member of Putnam’s Inland Wetlands Committee, Current member of Killingly’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

Lives In: Killingly.

Family: Husband, Joe; Sons’ Joshua, Gregory, & Jonathan; granddaughter, Hope.

Pets: Dog: Cocker Spaniel ~ Bella; Cats~ Stella and Misty.

How long have you lived in the area? I lived in East Putnam & Putnam for the last 63 years of my life. I have been living in Killingly for almost one year.

Do you have a favorite food? Love, love, love seafood

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Chicago, PD & Blue Bloods.

What is your favorite travel destination? Lord’s Point, Stonington
What’s the best part about your

town? Love the food at George’s Galley and my favorite waitstaff is Gail. As far as the rest of the town goes, I’m still exploring.

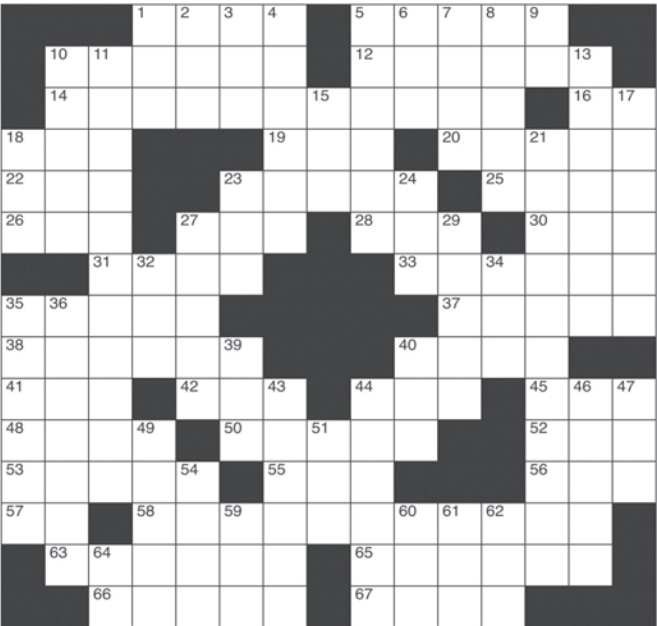
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My maternal grandparents would definitely be one and Edward Rainey ranks right up there.

Who is your favorite musical artist? I find it nearly impossible to narrow my list of favorites down to just one so I will list my top three: Kenny G, Led Zeppelin, and all the Classics.

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? “Judge not lest ye be judged”

Favorite Sports Team: Honestly, I am not into watching any sports on TV or going to games. I do enjoy watching the Summer and Winter Olympics though.

Each week we will be celebrating a local resident. If you would like to suggest a resident to celebrate here, please send Charlie an email at charlie@villagernewspapers.com. For a list of Selfie questions please e-mail charlie@villagernewspapers.com



CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea

5. Avert something bad

10. Sounds

12. Immediate dangers

14. Legendary Tar Heels coach

16. Californium

18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)

19. Coastal Scottish town

20. Triangular lower back bones

22. Trouble

23. A way to smile

25. Something that is not what it seems

26. Of she

27. Temporary living quarters

28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near

31. Spiritual leader

33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island

37. No longer fashionable

38. Peaks

40. Alabama football team

41. __ King Cole

42. Digital audiotape

44. Open trough

45. The woman

48. Cools down

50. Turkic language

52. Body part

53. Pulse steadily

55. Embedded computer hardware company

56. Indicates shape

57. Thou (plural)

58. Odd and remarkable

63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia

66. Tantalizes

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing

2. Exclamation of pain

3. Polynesian garland of flowers

4. Surrounded by water

5. Church towers

6. Hot beverage

7. Body parts

8. Travel documents

9. Railway

10. Gradually wear away

11. Measuring instrument

13. Minor dust-ups

15. Strongly alkaline solution

17. Extreme scarcity of food

18. Dash

21. Philly culinary specialty

23. Popular lager __ Adams

24. Snitch

27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire

32. Take to the limit

34. Cool!

35. Sound mental health

36. Native American group

39. Test for high schoolers

40. Rocky peak

43. Preferences

44. Bother

46. Call attention to (slang)

47. Snake-like fish

49. Bulgarian capital

51. Don’t know when yet

54. Italian Seaport

59. Brooklyn hoopster

60. Where to bathe

61. Equal, prefix

62. Beverage container

64. Denotes openness

Heckendorf is Day Kimball employee of the month



Courtesy photo

From left, Joseph Adiletta, Janice Thurlow, William Heckendorf, and John O’Keefe.

PUTNAM — William Heckendorf, RN, and nursing supervisor for Day Kimball Hospital, has been named employee of the month for January by Day Kimball Healthcare. Heckendorf, from Woodstock, began his career at DKH in June of 2012. Before transitioning into his supervisory role five years ago, he worked in various departments at DKH including case management, HomeCare, and the emergency department.

In his role as nursing supervisor, Heckendorf is responsible for monitoring and organizing the nursing staff and assuring the facility is adhering to the

policies, guidelines and protocols necessary to meet the organization’s standards. Additional responsibilities include clinical support, patient relations, and administrative issues that arise.

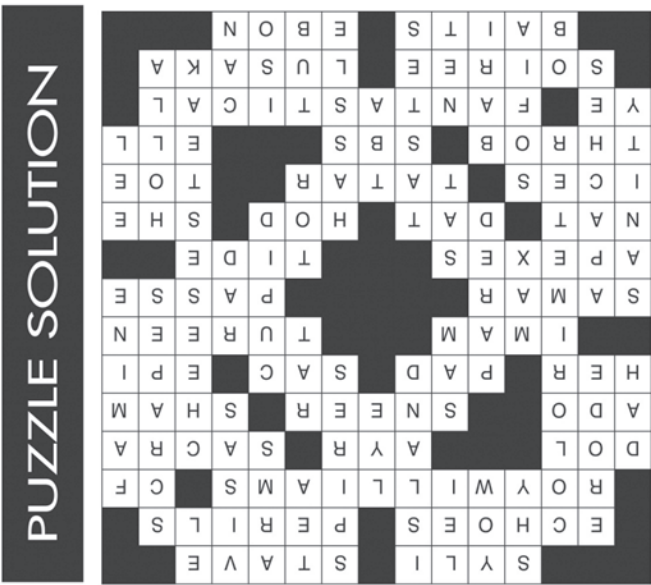
According to Heckendorf’s supervisor, John O’Keefe, RN, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient services, Day Kimball Healthcare.

“We are delighted that William has been nominated and awarded this recognition. He is an outstanding employee and patient advocate deserving of such high accolades. We are proud to have his level of expertise on our team at Day

Kimball,” said O’Keefe.

“I feel unworthy, but very grateful to have been recognized as an employee of the month by my colleagues,” Heckendorf said. “The opportunity to share my clinical experience to educate, mentor, and develop other staff at Day Kimball is what I like most about my job”

Heckendorf grew up in Woodstock where he still resides with his wife, Andrea, and their two daughters, Ainsley, 7 years-old, and Charlotte, 5 years-old. Outside of work, Heckendorf enjoys the winter, traveling to Europe, skiing, and flying airplanes.



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Be aware of coronavirus scams

PUTNAM — As the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, effects our local communities, slowing down our daily lives, scammers ramp up their efforts to deceive and lure victims into sharing personal and financial information. Better Business Bureau of Central New England has resources and tips for consumers in an uncertain marketplace.

Scams taking advantage of COVID-19 come in variations and across all mediums including text, social media, phishing emails and phone calls. Many of them fall under the following categories:

False cures advertised on social media. Consumers should be reluctant to believe personal testimonials and “miracle” product claims. Be suspicious of products that claim to immediately cure a wide range of diseases. No one product could be effective against a long, varied list of conditions or diseases. Also, testimonials are easy to make up and are not a substitute for scientific evidence. There is currently no vaccine available for COVID-19.

Masks, disinfecting supplies or other essentials. Masks are sold out and scammers are creating phony websites selling supplies. However, victims are providing personal information and never receive what they purchase or receive low-quality products. According to

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) masks are not essential to containing spread in public, save them for the medical professionals that need them.

Impersonating the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other government entities. Scammers attempt to contact victims by text message, phone call or email to obtain personal or financial information. These agencies will never send unsolicited emails requesting personal information. Do not open attachments.

“As the public does their due diligence to contain the spread of the virus, scammers are preying on the vulnerable state surrounding the uncertainty of what is to come next in this public health crisis,” said Nancy B. Cahalen, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Central New England. “BBB wants to alert our community how to spot and avoid potential scams and offer guidance to navigate the marketplace during a public health crisis.”

BBB urges consumers and local businesses to remain vigilant. Be mindful of information on social media, scammers know that fear gets people to click and engage on phony websites. With local economies being affected, there will

be an uptick in crowdfunding campaigns and scammers know this and can easily create fake accounts to persuade donations that do not actually go towards a worthy cause.

Don’t panic. Do your research: Be skeptical of alarmist and conspiracy theory claims and don’t rush into buying anything that seems too good – or crazy – to be true. Always double check information you see online with official news sources.

Avoid opening e-mail from an unknown source. Do not click on links in the body of the e-mail or open any attachments. Instead, delete the e-mail.

Disregard online offers for vaccinations. Vaccinations against coronavirus do not exist. For more information on the virus and updates on progress in fighting the outbreak, go to the CDC’s website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Make sure the antivirus and anti-malware programs on your computer are up to date and all operating system security patches have been installed. If your computer becomes infected as the result of a spam e-mail about coronavirus, you can report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Mystic Museum closed through April 1

MYSTIC — Mystic Museum of Art recognizes its duty of care for the public it serves. Based on recommendations from state and federal health officials, the museum is taking the following precautions to protect the health of its community, staff, faculty and students by minimizing transmission of COVID-19 in this region. The Museum will close to the public through Wednesday, April 1 — pending further evaluation of the situation. Public events in March are cancelled. Patrons will be offered the option of taking a credit or a refund or converting the payment to a tax-deductible charitable donation.

In the Education program, all children’s programming is cancelled. Adult classes currently in mid-session will be allowed to continue at the discretion of their teachers. Students are urgently advised to exercise extreme caution in evaluating whether or not to attend their remaining class sessions. The museum will remain in touch with its constituents as this situation evolves. Please take all reasonable precautions and stay healthy.

Sleeping bags donated to help the needy

THOMPSON — The Golden Bees of Webster’s United Federate Church of Christ hand-quilted sleeping bags and donated them to help the needy here in the Quiet Corner. Earlier in March, Erica Groh a volunteer at the Killingly’s No Freeze Shelter and Jill St. Cyr, founder of the non-profit group in Thompson, called “It Starts at Home”, delivered 20 beautifully hand quilted sleeping bags to the Killingly Access No Freeze Shelter. The sleeping bags were made by The Golden Bees. Groh said the weight and warmth of the bags are amazing. Each one of the sleeping bags is hand made by the Golden Bees organization out of Webster and each one even contained a special bag of supplies inside the sleeping bags. If you haven’t heard of the Golden Bees check out their web page at <https://uccfedwebster.org/sleeping-bag-ministry.html>

It’s a great organization that helps organizations by providing comforters, blankets and throws. It Starts at Home Organization was happy to partner with them for this, as well as an earlier backpack drive for the homeless.



Jill St. Cyr, left, and Erica Groh with donated sleeping bags.

Last Green Valley cancels programs

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley, Inc. cancelled all indoor and outdoor meetings, workshops and programs through the end of March. In addition, all indoor meetings, workshops and programs are cancelled through the end of April.

TLGV’s offices in Danielson are also closed to the public until the end of April. TLGV will be continuing to work remotely on behalf of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. TLGV will be checking voicemails and email daily, however, please know office coverage will be sporadic.

Spring Outdoors has also been put on hold. Many Spring Outdoors programs

are run by the organization’s partners, and it is up to them individually to determine whether they want to continue offering those programs. TLGV has pulled the Spring Outdoors guide and will not be updating at this time. TLGV hopes to resume hosting outdoor programs, including Spring Outdoors, in April but will update our members and supporters in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, the organization encourages all to enjoy the outdoors and explore The Last Green Valley’s trails and open spaces. Watch our social media feeds for recommended hikes and outdoor activities.

DKH

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locations and services are as follows.

Primary Care Services:
Family Medicine at both 45 Green Hollow Road in Danielson, and 7 Kennedy Drive in Putnam;

Internal Medicine at both its Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 612 Hartford Pike in Dayville, and Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield;

Pediatrics at both its Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield, and Day Kimball Hospital Campus at 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam;

Walk-In Clinic at Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield

Specialty Care Services:
Dermatology Services at Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 55 Green Hollow Road in Danielson; General Surgery, Maternal Fetal Medicine, and Pulmonary Medicine at 346 Pomfret Street in Putnam. Obstetrics & Gynecology at both Day Kimball Healthcare Center, 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield, and at Day Kimball Hospital Campus, 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam.

All accompanying persons will be screened for risk factors for COVID-19, and only permitted in the DKMG office if deemed low risk. If an accompanying person has risk

factors, or shows symptoms of illness, an alternate person must be identified, as this person will not be allowed in the DKMG office.

These temporary accompaniment restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. DKH is screening all patients with upcoming appointments with basic questions about travel and symptoms. Symptoms including fever, cough and shortness of breath may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

DKH urges individuals to call their healthcare provider before going to the office if they believe they may have coronavirus, or if they have been in close contact with a person known to have coronavirus, especially if they are experiencing moderate-to-severe respiratory symptoms and have traveled recently.

Additionally, volunteer support across the Day Kimball Healthcare system has been suspended until further notice.

“With continued concern regarding the COVID-19 virus, our utmost responsibility as a healthcare system is to keep our patients, employees, volunteers, and visitors safe, said John Graham, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Quality and Medical Affairs, Day Kimball Healthcare. “This is a rapidly evolving situation, and DKH will take

additional steps to help control the spread of COVID-19 as necessary.”

DKH continues to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CT Department of Public Health and has implemented a comprehensive coronavirus care protocol. The health system’s medical and administrative leaders meet daily to promote

system readiness.

DKH is not currently treating any patients with confirmed 2019 novel coronavirus. DKH recognizes that interacting with friends and family can be helpful to the healing process and strongly encourages everyone to utilize other forms of support for their loved ones, such as phone calls, video chats on cell phones or other mobile devices.



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Woodstock Pack 27 Pinewood Derby

WOODSTOCK — The Cub Scouts Woodstock Pack 27 Pinewood Derby took place on March 12 at the Mansion at Bald Hill Banquet Center. It was a thrilling night, coming down to two cars in the end. Wolf, Joseph Carlone III made a comeback victory for the win. Arrow of Light, Blake Robida, had an exciting second place finish overall. The Top Three Overall: First place: Wolf, Joesph Carlone III. Second place: Arrow of Light, Blake Robida. Third place: Wolf, Wesley Newell. Lion Den Greyson Elkins Won first place in the Lion's Den, followed by second-place finisher Lincoln Hogarty and third-place finisher Hunter Squires.

Tiger Den Conner Herlihy won first place in the Tiger Den, followed by second place finisher Maverick MacDonald. Wolf Den Joesph Carlone III won first place in the Wolf Den and first place overall. Followed by second place finisher Wesley Newell. There was a tie for third place between Josh Bolduc and Jayden Sargent. Bear Den Olivia Quinney won first place in the Bear Den while Devin Noe placed second. Arrow of Light Den Blake Robida won first place in the Arrow of Light Den followed by second place finisher Blake Kudzal.

Courtesy photos



The cars weighed, measured and ready to race.



From Left: Race Official, Joesph Carlone II , Cub Master, Reid Chamberlin and Race Official Todd Sargent watch the first heat of the night.



From Left: Harrison MacDonald, Kristopher Morrisette, Cameron Litschauer, Tucker Chamberlin and Lincoln Hogarty cheer for their cars as they descend the track.



From Left, Blake Kudzal, Blake Robida and Cameron Robida watch as Blake Robida's car wins a heat.



Lion, Maverick MacDonald accepts his award for Derby Master's Award for Most Creative Car from Race Coordinator Ben Newell.



Olivia Quinney accepts her award for the Cub master's award.



From Left: Wesley Newell, Blake Robida, and Joesph Carlone III celebrate their 3rd, 2nd and 1st place awards respectively.

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EASTFORD — Eastford Baptist Church Pastor Timothy R. Howard Jr., right, along with church member Adam Minor, left, presents a check in the amount of \$1,200 to Eastford First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois on March 11 to support the efforts of the Eastford Food Pantry. The money was collected as the church's holiday offering back in December, and will be used to help those less fortunate in the Town of Eastford.



PUBLIC
MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, March 25
Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., Central Administration Community Room
WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Administration Community Room
Thursday, March 26
Board of Selectmen, 10 a.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

Wednesday, March 25
Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 5:30 p.m., Room 204, 2nd Floor, Town Hall
Board of Education, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 26
OSLA Regular, 6:30 p.m., Room 102

POMFRET

Tuesday, March 24
Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Pomfret Public Library
Wednesday, March 25
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School
Thursday, March 26
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

PUTNAM

Monday, March 23
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall
Library Board, 7 p.m., Putnam Library

THOMPSON

Monday, March 23
Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room, Town Hall
Wednesday, March 25
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room, Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 23
Conservation, 7 p.m., Room A
Historic Props, 7 p.m., Room B
Tuesday, March 24
WPCA, 5 p.m., Room A
BOF, 7 p.m., Room 1
Wednesday, March 25
Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Room A
Thursday, March 26
Board of Ed, 7 p.m., Middle School
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

KILLINGLY STUDENTS DONATE TO ARC



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DAYVILLE — The Killingly High School Future Business Leaders of America, pictured, held a "Blue Jeans for a Cause" event on Feb. 11 as part of FBLA Week. Students solicited donations from faculty, staff and students throughout the day and collected \$250. The club donated this money to The Arc Eastern Connecticut to assist with their Community Life and Advocacy Program.

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Rachael Johnston

Occupation: Broker/Owner of Johnston & Associates Real Estate in Thompson

Lives In: Killingly

Family: Husband, Shawn; sons/daughters-in-laws; Ryan and Amanda, Jeff and Danielle; grandson, Rhett

Pets: Goldendoodle, Sophie Doodle
Johnston - the best fur baby ever!

How long have you lived in the area?
Just moved to Killingly last year but lived in Thompson my entire life

Do you have a favorite food?
I am a self-diagnosed "ice cream-aholic" !

What is currently your favorite TV Show?
Frankie & Grace on Netflix. The combination of Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda makes for a lot of laughs.

What is your favorite travel destination? Any place that offers me the ocean and a sandy beach.

What's the best part about your town?

I feel blessed to live in a community where neighbors care about neighbors and giving back is a normal part of life.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?
My husband Shawn. He is honest, has an incredibly strong moral character and is so very giving of himself.

Who is your favorite musical artist?
Journey, BonJovi, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?
Navy Admiral McGravin once said: "If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. And by the end of the day that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed." So, I make my bed every morning.

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Patriots, UCONN Huskies

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I knead this now

In unsettled times, it’s good to find comfort and purpose. As we worry about the future, we can at least stay occupied in the present. For me, one useful activity is making bread. Every Monday morning, I bring out three different glass bowls, chosen not because they are well-suited to bread making, but because I happen to own them and they fit in my oven at the same time when I am proofing the bread. Flour, yeast, kneading (not much as you’ll see) rising — even the vocabulary of bread making is soothing.

My homemaking skills are acquired randomly. My mother was a product of her generation, as is true of all of us, and she would never have considered baking bread. She had seen plenty of that in her original large family. In her childhood



NANCY WEISS

bread and pies were made in a massive stove that burned different kinds of fuel. Several women helped in the kitchen and my mother and her sisters largely stayed out of their way. As an adult, she embraced Pepperidge Farm white bread and never looked back.

Years ago a close friend started a small home bakery business to augment their family income. She was and still is the most remarkable cook I know. She can make something delicious out of nothing and feed an army. She bought a big mixer and turned out excellent bread. It sold out fast every week. She made crunchy baguettes following a version of Julia Child’s famous recipe. In my memory I can taste her warm, crusty bread dripping with butter. I wasn’t motivated to try to make it myself.

My husband is a toastaholic. He loves toast and eats it several times a day. I bought supermarket and bakery bread for him. Most of it became too hard to eat or too mushy to be interesting. Then the New York Times ran a story, actually many stories, about chef Mark Bittman’s No Knead Bread. Comments flew thick and fast. Others tweaked the recipe. Even I was interested. Soon I was hooked. A friend created his version and shared it. I’m sharing my version of his version with you.

Nancy’s No Knead Bread: In a nice, deep bowl, measure loosely 3 cups of All Purpose flour (I like King Arthur). Toss in 1 ½ tsp. salt. Same amount of yeast (I use SAF- Instant). Run the tap until the water is hot. Put in 1 cup and stir it around. It looks messy. Add a bit at a time about 1/4 cup more. Keep mashing it around until you can get it to form a ball. Sometimes I use my hands. Not always. Cover it up and put it in a cool oven or a sunny window (away from cat hair, please). In an hour or two push it down again. Plop the ball onto parchment paper and put it back in the bowl. Place it, covered in a warm place. When it has risen again — quite a surprise really, comes the next part.

Take a heavy Dutch oven. I have an old Le Creuset that I have sacrificed to bread making. Put the pot in the oven. Crank up the oven to 450 degrees. When the oven reaches the temperature, toss the bread (in the paper) into the pot. Cover. Let it cook for 30 minutes. Take the cover off and cook for 15 more. Carefully pull the bread out of the pot and plop it on to a rack to cool. Or just eat it!

Guarantee: the smell alone will make you feel good. Enjoy it toasted too!

The mighty fortress that never fails

Few people have impacted the religious world as much as the 14th century German professor of theology, Martin Luther. He is often referred to as the father of The Protestant Reformation. He wrote eight books and many articles and pamphlets. He translated the Bible into German and composed thirty-six hymns. But his impact came with a high price tag that caused him to run to God, as his fortress.

Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507, received his doctorate in 1512 and soon became a member of the faculty of the University of Wittenberg. Shortly, he took issue with several practices of the Roman Catholic Church. So, in 1517, Luther did what intellectuals of his day did when they wanted to have an open academic discussion and posted his, now famous, Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Whittenburg Castle.



BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V did the same thing at the Diet of Worms. During this process Luther did a lot of prayer and soul searching. This was his answer to those authorities:

“I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted, and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me.”

His refusal to recant resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Holy Roman

Emperor. Martin Luther fled for his life and was hidden in Wartburg Castle. The castle served as his physical fortress, and God became his spiritual fortress. It is in the castle that Luther’s hymnal was created. It was published in 1524 and many reformers began singing his hymns. A Jesuit priest of his day was heard to say, “The hymns of Luther killed more souls than his sermons.”

Emperor.

times were ripe for change and Luther helped trigger a movement to reform the church. It would grow and become known as “The Reformation.” The church did not respond well to these efforts. In 1520 Pope Leo X demanded that Luther renounce his writings against the church. The next year

which Luther first released in 1529. It was based on Psalms 46 and titled “A Mighty Fortress is our God.” Louis Benson said, “It was sung in the streets, by poor Protestant emigrants on their way into exile, and by martyrs at their death.” In 1544, when war broke out between the Catholic and Protestant states, the song was heard on the battlefield over and over again. It had become the vanguard of the Reformation. As you listen to the lyrics you will sense the author’s passion and recognize that he must have spent some quality time with

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader responds to another reader

First off, thanks (in a letter to the editor) for giving me some credit in my last letter to the editor (March 6), and though an explanation is not needed, I don’t understand the reasoning for you saying: “then in about 40 words the Trump effect comes out in full view, and the hatred and demeaning comes back at you all over again.” Was it my mention of Bernie Sanders that was the trigger? Or maybe it was that I basically said that the democrats and the republicans can’t agree on a takeout order never-mind on how to run the country? That didn’t seem to bother either Mae Flexer or Rick Hayes when I mentioned something similar to them, and I’ll let it go at that. As for President Trump’s handling of the corona virus issue, I do agree

that something should have been done sooner, but I’d like to think that the blame goes further. Austan Goolsbee, a former Obama official recently said: “both the President and Congress are utterly failing” on the handling of this issue, and that I’ll also agree with. He went on to say: “the likelihood of Congress agreeing on legislation regarding the corona virus is “not high.” It does appear however that a bipartisan effort concerning the corona virus is now forthcoming, but it’s truly sad that it had to take a national emergency to get them to finally do something to benefit the American people.

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Trump failed miserably

Extreme circumstances bring out the best and worst in people. Both heroes and cowards are created on the battlefield. Military leaders plant their names in the history books with both triumphs and failures. Presidents also get their leadership abilities tested in times of national crisis. The current Coronavirus is President Trump’s big test, and he has failed miserably.

While people got sick and died, and our economy started to “tank”, our president was only concerned about how it all affected his image and his re-election campaign. When the American people needed strength and honesty from the leader of our nation, they

got weakness and lies instead. Trump fell back on his favorite excuses — “fake news”, “liberal conspiracy”, blah, blah, blah. He continues to contradict the medical experts on a daily basis. He has shown himself to be the thin-skinned narcissist he’s always been, and proven himself unworthy of the office he occupies. This will be Trump’s legacy in the history books. Impeachment and the Mueller Report will be footnotes by comparison. Time to start packing your bags Donald.

TODD PATRIE
POMFRET CENTER

Thoughts on virus and Trump’s quick response

Let the chips fall where they may, but hard to wrap your head around. Not to mention the incredible inconvenience of this virus. Thanks God a lot of people can work remotely from home while the kiddos are out of school. Ever positive, my eye is on the silver lining. That China has perpetrated so many flu viruses over the years, with non-disclosure at the onset and no accountability to the global devastation. This is not finger pointing, it is the historic reality. Maybe this time we’ll learn and despite the higher costs of producing many of the products they supply us with — maybe next time we won’t succumb to their bad behavior. Demand consequences of their inaction. Maybe we’ll call a halt to their human rights offenses in working with global elites who want their products made cheaper. Time will tell. Maybe the broken systems will be fixed. Maybe the media won’t draw millions into hysteria over a virus that doesn’t even come close to those we’ve had in the past and the flu which takes tens of thousands from us each year. Not to undermine the seriousness of this virus, we all need to practice personal responsibility, from hand washing, to social disengagement, to trimming back on unnecessary spending with so many facing financial hardships at this time. We can hope and we can pray.

While many are frantically trying to figure out daycare, their workplace and life in general, like acquiring toilet paper, it makes me wonder who is benefiting from this? My opinion is that radical elitists are, blaming

the President every step of the way. Shame on them. My heart says the rest of us are going to benefit. What doesn’t break you, makes you stronger. Unfortunately, many are seeing their 401K’s tank, but I am confident it will rebound bigger than ever when this is over. I would bet that the political elite are not suffering so much. This would explain their feigned dismay over what we, the American people are going through.

It will be interesting to see what happens in the weeks and months ahead. One thing is for sure. President Trump is on it. Perhaps not as quickly as many think he should have, but a lot of those budgets were cut before he took office and inadequate to begin with. His quick response has led to a phenomenal halt in the spread of this latest scourge. Look at the numbers.

So encouraged to hear that his administration and the DEA arrested 600-plus drug cartel leaders and members last week across the country. Did you know about this? Probably not. MSM is obsessed with Covid19 and creating daily hysteria to jack their ratings. I believe the best is yet to come. Personal and global responsibility.

In the meantime, bake cookies, build blanket forts, make homemade chicken soup and take notes on what it was like to live through the Coronavirus in 2020. God bless us all!

TAMI JO WYKES
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Women’s health care in retirement

Because it is Women’s History Month, our focus this month has been planning strategies directly related to women. One important factor of financial planning is health care in retirement. At any age, health care is a priority. But when you retire,

you should probably focus more on health care than ever before. And, because women have a longer life expectancy than men, long-term health care planning should be a vital part of your retirement plan.

How much you’ll spend on health care during retirement generally depends on a number of variables including when you retire, how long you live, your relative health, and the cost of medical care in your area. Another important factor to consider is the availability of Medicare. Generally, you’ll be eligible for Medicare when you reach age 65. But what if you retire at a younger age? You’ll need some way to pay for your health care until Medicare kicks in. Your employer may offer health insurance coverage to its retiring employees, but this is the exception rather than the rule. If your employer doesn’t extend health benefits, you may be able to get insurance coverage through your spouse’s plan. If that’s not an option, you may need to buy a private health insurance policy (which could be costly) or extend your employer-sponsored coverage through COBRA.

Medicare: As mentioned, most Americans automatically become entitled to Medicare when they turn 65. In fact, if you’re already receiving Social Security benefits when you’re 65, you won’t even have to apply—you’ll be automatically enrolled in Medicare. However, you will have to decide whether you need only Part A coverage (which is premium-free for most retirees) or if you want to also purchase Part B coverage.

Part A, commonly referred to as the hospital insurance portion of Medicare, can help pay for your inpatient hospital care, plus home health care and hospice care. Part B helps cover other medical care such as physician services, laboratory tests, and physical therapy. You may also choose to enroll in a managed care plan or private fee-for-service plan under Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) if you want to pay fewer out-of-pocket health-care costs. And if you don’t already have adequate prescription drug coverage or belong to a Medicare Advantage Plan, you should consider joining a Medicare prescription drug plan offered in your area by a private company or insurer that has been approved by Medicare.

Unfortunately, Medicare won’t cover all of your health-related expenses. For some types of care, you’ll have to satisfy a deductible and make co-payments. That’s why many retirees purchase a Medigap policy.

Medigap: Unless you can afford to pay out of pocket for the things that Medicare doesn’t cover, including the annual co-payments and deductibles that apply to certain types of services, you may want to buy some type of Medigap policy when you sign up for Medicare Part B. In most states, there are 10 standard Medigap policies available. Each of these policies offers certain basic core benefits, and all but the most basic policy (Plan A) offer various combinations of additional benefits designed to cover what Medicare does not. Although not all Medigap plans are available in every state, you should be able to find a plan that best meets your needs and your budget.



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Daffodils, coronavirus, and dancing bears

I am so thankful that spring has arrived very early this year. I think we all need the ever-present signs of new life as crocus and daffodils begin to bloom since COVID-19 coronavirus has turned our way of life and our world upside down.

Do you ever watch the History Channel on television? Recently my son and I saw a most fascinating multi-part documentary on The Food That Built America. Biographical sketches of giants such as Kellogg, C.W. Post, Milton Hershey, Mars, Colonel Sanders, etc. revealed so much rivalry and so many ups and downs for these men who became millionaires. Considering that this is Women’s History Month, I was intrigued to learn that Post had only one child, a daughter, who assumed control of the company upon his death in 1914 and went on to become the” wealthiest woman in the United States with a fortune worth about \$250 million dollars.” “Marjorie Merriweather Post (March 15, 1887 – September 12, 1973) was an American businesswoman, socialite, and owner of General Foods, Inc. She used much of her fortune to collect art, particularly pre-revolutionary Russian art, much of which is now on display at Hillwood, the museum which was her estate in Washington, D.C. She is also known for her mansion, Mar-a-Lago, in Palm Beach, Florida, which after her death became a resort owned by President Donald Trump.” She is played by Morgan Bradley in the documentary The Food that Built America (2019). (/en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marjorie_Merriweather_Post). If you have a chance to see even part of this mini-series you will find it most interesting. Enjoy!

Did you ever attend a circus in Danielson? In the early 20th century the railroad made it possible for quite a variety of entertainments to visit this area. In this case the new automobile

and trucking industry was providing transportation.

“Sautelle’s Circus... Sig. Sautelle’s overland shows played Danielson Monday and pleased the audiences at the afternoon and evening performances. The show is not the greatest on earth, and does not represent itself as such, but it proved a good clean entertainment, featuring a number of sets of real merit, particularly the performing bears, which proved a great delight to the children. Aerial acts and other features were generously applauded. The Sautelle show is unique in that it contributes from its revenue each day a certain percentage for a soldiers tobacco fund, and it also, in Norwich last week, gave to the Red Cross in liberal manner. Every herald and poster that is put out by the show calls attention to what America is doing in the world war and every effort is made by the management to assist, through the gift of percentages of revenues, in some worthy war aim. The show is a clean organization and is getting over the country from day to day in motor trucks that are serving their purpose well. (Norwich Bulletin, 4 June 1918, p. 9; newspapers.com).

Women were quite frugal and were good at stretching a dollar with a little bit of hard work. It was not uncommon for women in that time period to make over old clothes. “A chance for handy women with the needle. We have about 100 Ladies’ Coats which are out of style; your choice \$2.97; the cloth remains cloth; you can overmake them for children’s coats or ladies’ coats. Cloth is very high today. The coat is \$2.97 at The Pasnik Co., Norwich, Willimantic and



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Encyclopedia. Located on Main Street in Danielson, it was a store that sold “ladies furnishings” in the early 1920’s.

I had no idea that this area had formed an archaeological society following World War II. “Local Chapter is Formed Here. Miss Gertrude Pradel Elected Secretary-Treas. Of County Archaeological Organization. The first meeting of the Windham County Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut was held Sunday, July 28, 1946 at Mashamoquet State Park in Pomfret. Walter E. Bruce of Attawaugan was elected Chairman of the local chapter; Miss Gertrude A. Pradel of Danielson was elected the Secretary-Treasurer, and the following were elected to serve as members of the Program committee: Everett Griggs of Abington, Bertrand T. Wood of Windham Center, John Smith of Phoenixville, Dr. George McClellan of Woodstock, and J. Nelson Platt of Pomfret. The objects of the local organization are the same as those of the state organization which seeks, ‘(a) to promote the study of archaeology, especially that of the American Indian in the state of Connecticut; (b) to promote and encourage scientific research in this field and to discourage careless and misdirected activity; (c) to promote the conservation of important archaeological sites and monuments and to preserve implements and sundry Indian artifacts; (d) to promote the spread of

archaeological knowledge especially by means of publications and meetings; (e) to serve as a bond between the individual archaeologists, collectors in the state, and similar organizations in the United States and elsewhere. A drive was made throughout Windham County this year to bring into active membership all persons interested in local archaeology. It is hoped that this membership and interest will grow. (Windham County Transcript, August 1, 1946).. (BGM Notebook #4---Windham County Transcript Articles, Killingly Historical Center).

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. Tickets for bus and entrance fees are \$75 for adults and \$60 for children under 12. Meals are on your own. The tour bus (not school bus) will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Free parking. For additional information contact 860-779-7250 or director@killinglyhistorical.org for tickets by May 1, 2020. Tickets are going fast so purchase yours soon.

Due to COVID-19 corona virus outbreak the Killingly Historical Center will be closed until April 1. It will reopen then if possible.

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Does humanity really end when the toilet paper runs out?

I have a friend since high school named Karen. She was a smart and focused student, a cheerleader ... very popular but always a kind soul. We lost touch through the years but reconnected when, to her surprise, she saw my name on a book at Barnes & Noble. Karen was always engaged and helpful. Raised by kind parents, she was always one of those people who were ... well, just that way.

Sunday morning, Karen rose early and headed to the grocery store in her small Michigan town. She had a plan to arrive as the doors opened and get the few items she needed and did. Toilet paper was on her list and she bought the only package left ... a package of eight rolls. She, like most of us, was surprised by the empty shelves. She bought what she could and headed out of the store and



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to her car. In the parking lot, she encountered an elderly man, visibly upset. Karen asked if he was okay.

“My wife and I are out of toilet paper. I’ve been searching for days. I don’t know what to do,” the troubled old gentleman explained. He didn’t know what to do, but Karen did. She broke open the package of eight rolls and tried to give him half. He would only accept two and was touched to tears. He didn’t have to leave empty handed because of the generosity of Karen Tyson. She, and others like her, give me hope and optimism in a time wrought with despair and pessimism.

We still live in the richest nation in the history of the world. Is it truly necessary for some of us to survive, that others must go without? No.

“We have nothing to fear but fear itself.” – Franklin Delano Roosevelt

When fear sets in, irrational behavior begins. Saturday, I witnessed a man and a woman struggling in the aisle of my local store over a bottle of bleach. There’s really not a shortage of bleach, there is only the fact that some bought more than they needed and left others without. The same with hand sanitizer. I’ve seen some on social media bragging about how much they have while others are driving all over town and can’t find a single bottle. I personally know of a sixty-five-year-old man with cancer who is at high risk and can’t find a single bottle anywhere.

Being prepared is admirable, while hoarding is only selfish.

Last week I wrote a column that I thought would be whimsical but by the time it went to print was not. There are people in serious need of the basics of life. No, not having toilet paper

may not be life threatening, but a lack of food items and basic products for disinfection are. If you have a little to spare, please share. Call your local house of worship, food pantry, Salvation Army or any organization who can help get these into the hands of someone in need. Be inspired by the kindness and willingness to share that Karen, and many like her have displayed.

No. I am not asking you to share what you need for the survival of the next few weeks or month, but please examine your heart and ask yourself if you have a little to spare. I believe the supply chain of these items will catch up with demand sooner than later. The shelves will soon be filled again. That’s the beauty of capitalism. Just look into your heart and pantry and see, like Karen, if you can graciously give a little to help someone who is in need.

Keep your eyes open. Most

people in need will never ask. Karen saw a man who was distraught and asked him. Will you do the same? Do you have elderly neighbors? Will you stop by and check on them? See if they are in need? Be kind ... be optimistic ... and pray.

If you have nothing to give, share a kind and encouraging word. Do not take part in the negative gloom and doom conversations. Be uplifting and encouraging in public and in private, if you are so disposed ... please pray.

We’ve always been a nation that looked out for our neighbor and pitched in to help where we can. Yes. These are unprecedented times, but we will survive then thrive. And besides ... I am old enough to brag that I have survived at least ten end-of-the-world predictions. I’m optimistic the world will survive this one too.

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Teaching mental toughness



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Here I am today a Black Belt for over 45 years. You may not believe it, but when I was a kid I was painfully shy. I couldn’t speak to new people, was afraid of new situations, and basically kept to myself. My grandmother would say to me “you are so shy, someone could be standing on your foot and you wouldn’t tell them to back off. She was right, in many social situations I would be frozen in fear and unable to speak or look people in the eye. I knew I was timid and knew badly I did not want to be like that but I had no idea and no help on how to conquer my fears. Little did I know that strengthening myself mentally was just as important as toughening up physically (in my future martial arts training).

In my years of teaching shy children in our karate classes I often empathized with these children. Scary feelings and emotions are what I often encountered growing up. I am writing this article in the belief that every parent would want to learn a few tips on how to increase their child’s mental and emotional toughness.

First define mental toughness: Mental

toughness is not about acting tough. It’s about having the inner strength to persevere when challenged or feeling overwhelmed; we are reminded by our martial arts student creed: “Winners never quit, quitters never win, I choose to be a winner.” People (not just children) need to learn to fail without getting upset and to accept, and even learn from setbacks without quitting.

Why mental and emotional toughness? Research shows that mentally tough children perform up to 25% better in exams, sleep better, are more engaged in school, and have higher aspirations in life. They transition more successfully from junior to secondary education, and are less likely to be bullied. Isn’t this one of the goals for every parent?

The first martial arts principle on developing mental toughness would be perseverance. Perseverance is the ability to have a non-quitting attitude when things get scary and unmanageable. We see in our martial arts training we are on a continuous journey and we will encounter several failures and successes. Attempting a board break, losing a match, not passing a test, are some of many ways we will fail. Toughening up against challenges in martial arts and life will develop a person who just won’t quit and can’t be beat. We have found kids who learn emotional and mental toughness will have a competitive edge in everything they do in life. Our motto in teaching perseverance is “Fall down seven times, stand up eight.”

The second principle I want to share is “indomitable spirit.” I really believe this is the internal dialogue that we all have with ourselves. I have seen small

people compete in tournaments like they had a giant inside of them. You have all heard the saying about “it’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog.” Martial arts is built on the concept of setting and achieving small goals, and enables us to see the dawn of a new sunrise around each corner. Every victory we achieve builds that “I can” attitude that will not allow ourselves to fail. Mental and emotional strength can be taught and we see it every day at our martial arts school. I have always loved the Vince Lombardi quote “winners never quit and quitters never win” and have incorporated this into our school’s student creed. Winners focus on past successes and losers focus on past failures.

At Quest Martial Arts we have seen thousands of people change in so many significant ways. One child that comes to mind is an 8-year-old we took in who was so shy he couldn’t speak to us or look us in the eye. His father was a corrections officer who had seen the hard side of life, and brought his son here to build a warrior shield around him that would keep him safe in life. He has gone on to become a 3rd degree Black Belt and honor roll college graduate. Another shy student just became a police officer. Good things take time. Part two of this column is coming next week.

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God.
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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Mary R. Fisher bedtime stories

BY JENNIFER BESSENAIRE
FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — The Thompson Education Association’s annual Bedtime Stories event took place on March 3 at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School with approximately 120 students and their families attending. It was a night of fun in pajamas, with read-alouds and wonderful music for students, parents and teachers alike. It is a night in honor of Dr. Seuss, which Noveline Beltram, Principal of Mary R. Fisher Elementary School took to heart as she dressed as Cat in the Hat. Many classroom teachers, staff, and high school honor society students were happy to be an active part of this night of fun and sharing in their love of reading.

Students and parents were also visited and read to by the Superintendent of Schools, Melinda Smith, Reading Specialists, Carla Thompson, Polly Dean, and Barbara McIntosh, an assortment of grade level teachers including: Danielle Wallace (kindergarten),

Laurie DiCicco (first grade), and Lori Chesanek (second grade and TEA treasurer) Members of the local community also came out to read to the children and their families, including the Thompson Public Libraries, Children’s Librarian, Kim Flynn.

In addition, this year the literature also came alive and was set to music and performed by our very own Ellen Pratt (second grade), Noveline Beltram (principal), and Drew DiCicco (TMS fifth grade student). The night showcased the community of families, friends and teachers at Thompson Public Schools coming together for a night that was greatly enjoyed by all. The night ended with refreshments, conversation, and A Cat in the Hat headband craft, which capped off this night of literacy and fun. Many families could be heard saying that they couldn’t wait for next year’s event. In the words of Dr. Seuss: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”! Keep Reading!

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When you first enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65 or older, you have a six-month Medigap open enrollment period. During that time, you have a right to buy the Medigap policy of your choice from a private insurance company, regardless of any health problems you may have. The company cannot refuse you a policy or charge you more than other open enrollment applicants.

Long-term care: Long-term care refers to the ongoing services and support needed by people who have chronic health conditions or disabilities. Long-term care can be expensive. An important part of planning is deciding how to pay for these services.

Buying long-term care (LTC) insurance is an option. While premiums may be costly, having LTC insurance may allow you to elect where you receive your care, the type of care you receive, and who provides care to you. Many LTC insurance policies pay for the cost of care provided in a nursing home, assisted-living facility, or at home, but the cost of coverage generally depends on your age and the policy benefits and options you purchase. And premiums can increase if the insurer raises its overall rates. Even with LTC insurance, you still may have some expenses not covered by LTC insurance. For example:

Not all policies provide coverage for care in your home. While the cost of in-home care may be less than the cost of care provided in a nursing home, it can still be quite expensive.

Most policies allow for the selection of an elimination period of between 10 days and 1 year, during which time you are responsible for payment of care.

The LTC insurance benefit is often paid based on a daily or monthly maximum amount, which may not be enough to cover all of the costs of care.

While lifetime coverage may be selected, it can increase the premium cost significantly, and some policies may not offer that option. Another option that can be valuable, but also increase the premium expense considerably, is cost-of-living or inflation protection, which annually increases the daily insurance benefit based on a certain percentage.

Most common LTC insurance benefit periods last from 1 year to 5 years, after which time the insurance coverage generally ends regardless of whether care is still being provided.

To encourage more individuals to buy long-term care insurance, many states have enacted Partnership programs that authorize private insurers to sell state-approved long-term care Partnership policies. Partnership policy owners, who expend policy benefits on long-term care services, will qualify for Medicaid without having to first spend all or most of their remaining assets (assuming they meet income and other eligibility requirements).

Medicaid and government benefits: Government benefits provided primarily through a state’s Medicaid program may be used to pay for long-term care.

To qualify for Medicaid, however, assets and income must fall below certain limits, which vary from state to state. Often, this requires spending down assets, which may mean using savings to pay for care before qualifying for Medicaid.

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for long-term care services for service-related disabilities and for other health programs such as nursing home care and at-home care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). If you don’t have service-related disabilities, you may also be eligible for VA benefits if you are unable to pay for the cost of necessary care. Visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website (www.va.gov) for more information.

Other health-care factors to consider: It’s clear that health care is an important factor in retirement planning. Here are some tips to consider:

Evaluate your present health and project your future medical needs. Considering your family’s health history may help you determine the type of care you might need in later years.

Don’t presume Medicare and Medigap insurance will cover all your expenses. For example, Medicare (Parts A and B) does not cover the cost of routine eye exams, most eyeglasses or contact lenses, or routine hearing exams or hearing aids. Include potential out-of-pocket costs in your plan.

Even if you have Medicare and Medigap insurance, there are premiums, deductibles, and co-payments to consider.

You may have already begun saving for your retirement, or you could be retired already, but if you fail to include the cost of health care as a retirement expense, you’re likely to find that health-care costs can sap retirement income in a hurry, potentially leaving you financially strapped.

The importance of planning for health-care in retirement: As we have discussed previously this month, it is crucial that women become more financially literate. One aspect of financial literacy is knowing how and why you need to save for retirement. Longer life expectancies, early retirement, and rising medical care costs all play a factor in why women need to have a holistic retirement plan. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we help our clients understand what their specific retirement financial goals and needs may be, and help them create a unique strategy to help them achieve those goals. Check back next week as we discuss the importance of work-life balance. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources. If you are not already, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for timely information, just search Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors!

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Courtney votes for coronavirus relief package

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. Second District) voted to pass the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201) on March 14, an economic relief package that would provide American families with financial stability and security amid the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“The ripple effects made by COVID-19 may be felt for months, and we need to help eastern Connecticut families, schools, businesses, and others to brace for any economic and social impacts made as we take precautions to help folks stay healthy and safe,” said Courtney. “The \$8.3 billion funding package the House passed last week was a good start, and tonight’s latest emergency funding bill will help Americans to weather the storm by extending critical resources to our most vulnerable communities, and by ensuring that American workers have the financial support they need. We’ve got to keep working together, across the aisle to manage this outbreak, and to protect

our communities.”

Two key provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act include measures Rep. Courtney helped introduce to ensure that all health insurance providers cover COVID-19 testing at no cost to patients, and that would protect students’ access to federally-supported school meals programs during school closures due to the Coronavirus epidemic.

Other provisions include:

Free Coronavirus Testing – Ensuring that all Americans, including those with private insurance, Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, CHIP, VA, FEHBP and TRICARE, as well as the uninsured, have access to free tests.

Paid Leave – Providing 14 days of paid sick leave and up to three months of paid family and medical leave.

Enhanced Unemployment Insurance – Extending unemployment benefits to laid off and furloughed workers, as well as to workers who exhaust their allotted paid leave.

Expanded Food Assistance Programs

– Providing nutritious food to low-income pregnant women and mothers with young children, helping local food banks meet increased demand and offering home-delivered meals to low-income seniors. It also makes sure that children who depend on free and reduced-price meals at school continue to have access to nutritious foods in the event of school closures.

Increased Medicaid Funding – Boosting federal support for states to absorb new Medicaid enrollees and to respond to expected increased volume in these circumstances, without forcing states to cut benefits, reduce Medicaid rolls, raise premiums or impose higher cost-sharing.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act builds on the \$8.3 billion in emergency funding passed by Congress and signed into law last week to help federal, state and local governments fight the virus and keep Americans safe.

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When it can be smart to hire a painting pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint. Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Galle, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated. Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more



harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job. Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied. Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can

improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.



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What is the water table, and how does it affect homes?

The groundwater table plays a role in home construction, foundation stability and home comfort. Because the groundwater table is so significant, it behooves homeowners to understand how it works.

National Geographic defines a water table as the boundary between water-saturated ground and unsaturated ground. Well beneath the ground, at various depths depending on geography, topography and weather conditions, pockets of water, called aquifers, exist. The water table marks the boundary between that available water and the dry surface.

Ground water is impacted by precipitation, irrigation and ground cover. It also may be affected by land use and tides. The water table can fluctuate with the seasons and from year to year because it is affected by climatic variations, as well as how much water may be drawn from underground, advises Encyclopedia Britannica. The water table where one person lives may be several inches or feet below the surface of the ground and follow the topography of the land. For others, it may be much higher, even coming above the surface of the soil.

The water table as well as local soil conditions and drainage can impact

homes and their foundations. If soil drains efficiently and there is a relatively low water table, it may not be problematic. However, if soil is dense and absorbent and the water table is high, the ground around a home may swell and become saturated. This can exert significant pressure against the foundation walls, states Rytech, a water damage and mold rehabilitation company.

In areas where a local water table rises near the surface, water can push against the underside of the foundation in a condition known as "hydrostatic pressure." This may cause water to infiltrate through the bottom of the foundation — even permeating solid concrete over time. If hydrostatic pressure is severe, it could lift certain portions of the foundation out of the ground, but this is very unlikely. But it could cause shifting of foundation walls and structures like fencing and decks.

Even if ground water does not cause foundation cracking or shifting, it could lead to humidity issues, resulting in rust, bacteria and mold. Wood structures in a home may be compromised by a high level of humidity.

The home improvement resource Angie's List says certain steps may need to be taken to protect against dam-



If not properly addressed, ground water can affect an existing foundation and the ability to build successfully.

age from a water table and abundant ground water. Basement and foundation waterproofing professionals can help homeowners develop a plan to mitigate water damage. This can include grading changes and the installation of drains and pumps to move water away

from the house. Special paints and sealants also can protect the foundation.

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WINDSOR LOCKS — In support of local, state, and federal efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), and in keeping with Governor Ned Lamont's request to minimize public gatherings and encourage employees to work from home, the New England Air Museum is closed to the public. The museum will reopen Wednesday, April 1, subject to further evaluation of the situation.

"While we do not know of any exposure to COVID-19 connected to the New England Air Museum, we made this decision out of an abundance of caution to protect our visitors, volunteers, and

employees. We will continue to monitor the situation and look forward to welcoming visitors back to the museum soon," said Executive Director Deborah J. Reed.

The museum's staff will continue to monitor the situation as things progress, so please stay tuned for additional updates via the museum's website and social media.

The New England Air Museum is the largest aviation museum in New England with three large hangars, outdoor exhibits and more than 100 aircraft ranging from early airships and flying machines to supersonic jets and

helicopters. The museum offers special events, public programs school programs and field trips, and tons of hands-on family fun. The Museum is located at 36 Perimeter Road (off Route 75) on the North side of Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. For more information visit www.neam.org

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Eastern Connecticut Conference boys All-Stars

WOODSTOCK — Several boys basketball players from local teams were named to the Eastern Connecticut Conference All-Star team or earned Sportsmanship or Scholar Athlete recognition.

In ECC Division 2, Woodstock Academy’s Logan Talbot was named to the ECC First Team. Woodstock’s Aidan Morin earned Honorable Mention. Woodstock’s Grayson Walley earned his team’s Scholar Athlete honor and Woodstock’s Ethan Davis garnered his team’s Sportmanship award.

In ECC Division 3, Killingly High’s Shayne Bigelow was named to the ECC First Team. Killingly’s Cole Lavigne earned his team’s Scholar Athlete recognition and Killingly’s Ethan Preston earned his team’s Sportmanship award.

In ECC Division 4, Putnam High’s Colby Livingston earned ECC First Team honors. Tourtellotte Memorial’s Devin Dalpe garnered ECC Honorable Mention status. Tourtellotte’s Nima Sherpa earned his team’s Scholar Athlete award and Tourtellotte’s Mason Barber garnered his team’s Sportmanship award.



Killingly High's Shane Bigelow



Putnam High's Colby Livingston



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Eastern Connecticut Conference girls All-Stars

KILLINGLY — The Eastern Connecticut Conference named its girls All-Stars and players who garnered their respective teams Scholar Athlete and Sportsmanship awards.

In ECC Division 4, First Team honors went Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons, Putnam's Abby St. Martin, and Tourtellotte Memorial's Ashley Morin. Putnam High's Molly McKeon earned ECC Honorable Mention. Putnam's Jillian Gray earned her team's Sportsmanship award. Tourtellotte Memorial's Emily Angelo earned her team's Sportsmanship award. McKeon also earned Putnam's Scholar

Athlete award. Morin was also named Tourtellotte's Scholar Athlete.

In ECC Division 3, First Team honors went to Killingly High's Trinity Angel. Honorable Mention honors went to Killingly's Emma Carpenter and Sophia Moore. Killingly's Maddie Sumner earned both her team's Scholar Athlete and Sportsmanship awards.

In ECC Division 1, Woodstock Academy's Katie Papp earned Honorable Mention honors. Woodstock's Kayla Gaudrea was honored with her team's Sportsmanship award. Woodstock's Rachel Lambert earned Scholar Athlete recognition.



Putnam High's Abby St. Martin

Charlie Lentz photos



Killingly High's Trinity Angel



Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons



Woodstock Academy's Katie Papp



Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin



Woodstock Academy's Kayla Gaudreau



Putnam High's Jillian Gray

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Tourtellotte's Nima Sherpa



Killingly High's Ethan Preston



Killingly High's Cole Lavigne (white jersey)

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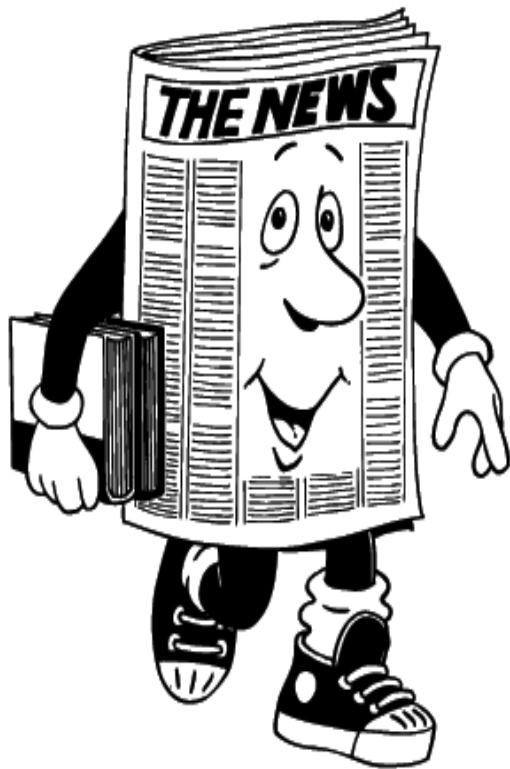
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This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com
or at the library



SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -
The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 25 & 26

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Fee for non-members or join the club. 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA 01562

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00
FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields
(Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00
FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6



SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield,
1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield,
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central
Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
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March 20, Fri., Noon-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a Lenten Fish Fry, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops or shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

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March 20, Fri., 10-3pm

Job Fair Hosted by Masis Staffing. Stop by the TEEG office (15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT) between 10:00-3:00 to speak with staff members from Masis staffing to see what job opportunities are available in the area. Free event with no registration required.

March 21, Sat., 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.

March 21, Sat., 7pm

Mass Production Reunion Concert at Killingly High School. Local singers and musicians will perform a variety of new songs as well as favorite oldies in order to raise money for the Phil Janetatos music scholarship. Tickets are: adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00, children \$10.00.

March 22, Sun., 9am-3:30pm

The Art of Transition Retreat/Workshop @Block134, Putnam, CT. The new Connecticut business. Are you retiring, re-wiring, changing careers, changing relationships, planning to start a business? Savor Life Coaching is hosting a Retreat/Workshop most appropriate for, but not limited to, people in pre- and post-retirement, business launch or considering career change transitions. Join the Workshop led by James A. Weiss, Registered Life Planner with the Kinder Institute. Three experts The Workshop's goal is to help attendees clarify their vision and plan, for their future. Visit savorcoaching.com/workshops-retreats for registration details and/or visit the Facebook event page at: www.facebook.com/events/500004730705748/

March 26, thurs, 5-7pm

Best casseroles family dinner. Only \$10 per person. Kids under 10-½ price! There will be a variety of casseroles all you can eat, bring take out containers. Senexet grange 628 CT Rte169, woodstock, ct 06281. Reserve tickets by email at grange40ct@gmail.com or 860-455-8844

March 27, Fri., Noon-7pm

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March 28, Sat., 7-8:30am

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March 28, Sat., 5:30pm & 7pm

Dinner and bluegrass for march has been cancelled. Stay tuned for more info about April.. Bruce, 203-731-1750

April 3, Fri., Noon-7pm

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April 4, Sat., 7:30-10am

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Senexet Grange-628 Route 169-Woodstock, CT. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, homefries, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Kids activities and crafts * bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. \$10 per person – all you can eat

April 4, Sat., 10:30am-5:30pm

The St. Andrew Bobola Holy Rosary Sodality Easter Bake Sale . There will be Pierogi, Raffles, baked goods and more. See you there! 508-943-5633

April 4, Sat., 7-8:30am

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This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

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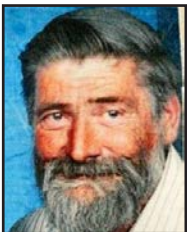
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OBITUARIES

Robert Carl Clarke, 79



SUN CITY – Robert Carl Clarke, 79, died February 29, 2020 at his home.
He was born March 4, 1940 in Southbridge, MA, son of the late Theodore A. and Henrietta R. (Gosselin) Clarke.
He leaves behind his wife Sharon (Fowler) Clarke whom he had married in 1962; four daughters, Lisa French (Dwight) of Pomfret Center, CT; Wendy Pulice (Frank) of Sun City, AZ; Shirley Eichelberg (Donald) of Santan Valley, AZ; Tracy Brown (Matt) of South Glens Falls, NY; and one son, Jason Clarke (Marisa) of El Cajon, CA. Robert also leaves behind eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews and their children. He is predeceased by his brother John E. Clarke, and two sisters: Theresa L. Provost and Linda P. Clarke.
Robert grew up in Woodstock, Ct. where he had spent most of his life, he also lived in Lexington Park, MD; Sierra Vista, AZ. until finally settling in Sun City, AZ.
Robert served in the US Army from 1958 to 1961 and transferred to the US

Army Reserves until being discharged in 1966. He worked in the construction and automotive field for many years until he retired.
Known to his family and friends as Bob, some of his friends had nicknamed him the mountain man. He loved hiking in the Arizona mountains digging for gold with his friends and family. He was passionate about helping anyone in need, treasured the time with his family and friends by making memories through the telling of his life experiences. In his younger years he played the Hawaiian guitar and learned how to shoot and hunt. His enjoyment was to be outdoors as much as he could to garden, hunt, care for his peach trees and spending time with his dogs. He enjoyed woodworking and rebuilding cars and being creative with his hands. Above all he was a kind, caring, loving and simple man who would be there to help when anyone would call him in a time of need.
A celebration – of – life will be held on a later date for family and close friends.



David A. Osier, 78



David A. Osier, 78, of Pulpit Rock Road, Woodstock CT died at Hartford Hospital on February 26, 2020, with family at his side. He had been ill for some time.
Born in Chicago, Illinois on May 5, 1941 he was the son of Helen (MacLaughlin) Osier and Albion V. Osier. David is survived by his beloved wife, Maxine A. Marcy of Woodstock CT; daughters and spouses, Heather and Chandler Paquette of Woodstock, CT and Rebecca and Christopher Gee of Woodstock, CT; grandson, Joseph L. Gallo III of Alexandria, VA; brother and spouse, Stephen and Ilse Osier of Sequim, WA; brother-in-law and spouse, Ronald and Jean Marcy of Woodstock, CT; brother-in-law Robert Marcy of Woodstock, CT and many cousins, nephews and nieces. Sable, the family black cat, held a very special place in his heart.
In his younger years, David lived in several areas of the United States, including Illinois, California, New Jersey, New York (Long Island), Maine, Massachusetts, and finally settling in Woodstock, Connecticut in 1955. He graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1959.
He was a proud graduate of the Pratt & Whitney Apprenticeship Program and worked at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, CT as a machinist. Following that, he worked as a machinist at several machine shops, including Electro Fiberoptics/Valtec, Worcester, MA; American Optical, Southbridge, MA; CEM, Killingly, CT; and Whitcraft Corporation, Eastford, CT. For the last twenty years of his career, he was a Scientific Instrument Maker, designing prototypes and apparatus used in experiments for research and development, first for the Physics Department at Harvard

University, Cambridge, MA, and then for the Chemistry Department at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
David was accomplished in everything that he did. For many years he was an artisan blacksmith, designing and forging intricate hooks, chandeliers, door latches, and candle holders. He was a demonstrator at craft fairs throughout New England. For years, he also demonstrated his blacksmithing skills at the Woodstock Fair, where he was a lifelong member of the Woodstock Agricultural Society.
David belonged to the New England Model Engineering Society for more than 25 years, and participated in model engineering shows, including the annual North American Model Engineering Exposition in Michigan. He proudly exhibited his “Elbow Engine,” a piston-based engine fed by steam.
David loved reading, especially history. His deep voice gave resonance when reading aloud, and he did so on many occasions for libraries, schools and organizations. David was always curious and interested in so many things, and loved to tell of his vast experiences. He was always ready with a story to tell.
A proud gun owner, David was a NRA member, loving the mechanics and craftsmanship of rifles. He was a keen marksman and won awards at target shooting competitions.
David enjoyed being with family and friends, sharing his famous home made Maine baked beans with one and all, exploring, exchanging ideas, and visiting museums. He will always be remembered for his tremendous sense of humor. His was a life well lived.
A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. You are welcome to make a donation in his memory to the charity of your choice. If you wish to share a memory of David, you may do so at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Gerald J. Auger, 88



Gerald J. Auger, 88 of Plainfield, CT, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. He was born March 15, 1931 in West Hartford, CT. He was the beloved husband of 63 years to the late Margaret Theresa (Cusson) Auger, she died September 9, 2016. Gerald was a Veteran of the United States Navy serving during the Korean War. He served on the board of directors for Sacred Heart Church in Wauregan for several years. He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus. Gerald was a Scoutmaster with the Brooklyn Boy Scouts Troop 44. He loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed sports and was an avid Red Sox, Patriots and UCONN Girls’ basketball fan. He was the owner of Jerry’s Barber Shop and enjoyed being a barber for over 60 years. He leaves his children Steven Auger and his wife Polly of Moosup, CT; the late Richard Auger and his wife

Linda of Woodstock, CT; Sandra LaBelle and her husband Mario Palumbo of Brooklyn, CT; Jeanne Wintrow and her husband the late Phillip Wintrow of Dayville, CT; Laurie Ducat and her husband Peter of Sterling, CT; Ronald Auger of Canterbury, CT; Robert Auger of South Burlington, VT; Kenneth Auger and his wife Susan of Sterling, CT; his 19 grandchildren and his 32 great-grandchildren. Also several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Saint John the Apostle Church, 10 Railroad Ave., Plainfield, CT. Burial with Military Honors followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery Wauregan, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Knights of Columbus, 10 Railroad Ave., Plainfield, CT 06374. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Henry G. Tupaj, 79



WEBSTER - Henry G. Tupaj, 79, passed away March 11, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.
He leaves his wife of 47 years, Wanda W. (Gora) Tupaj, a son: David M. Tupaj and his wife Carolyn A. Tupaj of Webster, a grand-daughter:; Mackenzie F. Tupaj of Webster, a brother; John R. Tupaj of East Putnam, CT., a sister; Nancy A. Guillette of East Thompson, CT., nieces and nephews.
Henry worked at the Webster First Federal Credit Union for many years, before retiring as the Assistant Treasurer.. He graduated from Bartlett High School, was a former member and organizer for Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church and was a member of the Church of the Reconciliation.

Henry enjoyed reading, gardening, shopping with his grand-daughter, visiting Twin River Casino and really enjoyed going to the Lake to get some sunshine.
He was born in Webster, February 22, 1941 son of the late Henry and Dorothy R. (Puls) Tupaj and lived here all his life.
At Henry’s request, there are no calling hours and funeral services will be private, burial will be in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Dudley.
In lieu of flowers, Contributions may be made to: The Church of the Reconciliation, 5 North Main St., Webster, MA. 01570.
The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting Henry’s family with arrangements.
To leave a message of condolence for Henry’s family, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Mary Ellen Szymanski 1947 - 2020

BOZRAH - Mary Ellen (Parker) Szymanski beloved wife of Raymond F. Szymanski, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 12, 2020 in the arms of her husband Ray.
They just celebrated their 30 year wedding anniversary, having been married on February 10, 1990 in Bozrah, CT.
Mary recently celebrated her 73 birthday and was born February 1, 1947 in Whitinsville, MA. She was the daughter of Cecelia Cichonski Parker and the late Robert A. Parker, Sr. She went on to graduate from Northbridge high school in Whitinsville, MA. Mary worked at TYL Middle School in Montville, CT as a paraprofessional. She was a member of the Divine Providence National Catholic Church. and was an organizer and promoter of the Ocean Beach Polka-Jam Festival.

Mary also owned and operated Szymanski Electric with her husband. Mary and Ray have been doing a live Polka-Jam radio show as DJ’s for the last 20 years at WCNI 90.9FM in New London, CT.
Mary was a special kind of woman, who was loved by everyone. She was so dynamic and articulate, and truly a woman with so much to offer and taken too soon. She will be sadly missed.
In addition to her husband Ray, she leaves behind two children; Kerri and Johnny Gagnon, four stepchildren; Joshua, Latoya, Corey, and Shawna Szymanski. Two brothers Ronald A. (Sally) Parker and Lee J. Parker. Sister Jo Ann Parker Boudreau, as grandchildren Lily and Finnegan, several nieces, and nephews, and sister in law Aline Parker. Mary was predeceased by her brother, Robert A. Parker, Jr.

The funeral assembled on Thursday, March, 19 at 9:45 a.m. at the Woyasz & Son Funeral Home, 141 Central Ave., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Divine Providence Church. Burial will be at Divine Providence Cemetery. Calling hours were held on Wednesday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.



SOUTHBRIDGE- Lazaraq L. Petro, 86, of High St., passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 15th, surrounded by his loved ones after a brief illness.
His beloved wife of 60 years, H. Patricia “Patty” Petro died in 2018. He leaves a daughter, Christine Cloutier of Sturbridge; his three sons, Ronald Petro and his wife Stacy of Woodstock, CT, Joseph Petro of Southbridge and Gregory Petro of Charlton; his sister, Sandra Petro of Southbridge; his five grandchildren, Vanessa Cloutier, Jennifer Mitchem, Tyler Petro, Alexa Walsh and Nikita Johnson; 9 great grandchildren, Avery Mitchem, Angelina Petro, Madeleine Gaumond, Jocelyn Gaumond, Jaden Mitchem, Emerson Walsh, Mia Johnson, Kaylee Walsh, Paisley Johnson and another great grandchild due soon. He also leaves

many cousins, nieces and nephews. Laz was predeceased by his brother, Andrew J. Petro.
Laz was born in Southbridge the son of Joseph Sifi and Marika (Elia) Petro. He graduated from Cole Trade High School in Southbridge. He served honorably in the US Airforce during the Korean War. Laz then started a family and worked at the American Optical Company and Schott Fiber Optics from where he retired from.
The family would like to thank the caring professionals from the Overlook Home Care Hospice for the compassion and support they gave us during our time of need.
Funeral Services for Laz were held on Wednesday, March 18th, at 10:00 am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge. Burial followed in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Tuesday, March 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
www.morrillfuneralhome.com



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OBITUARIES

Louise A. Guillot, 76

NORTH GROSVENORDALE—Louise A. (Naum) Guillot, 76, of Red Bridge Rd., passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at St. Francis Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Laurent “Larry” “Butch” Guillot. They were married for 55 years at St.

Joseph Church on October 23, 1965. Born in N. Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Erakli and Thomaidha (George) Naum.

When her children were old enough, Louise went to work in the Thompson School District. She then went on to work for the State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles where she left a lasting impact on all those she served. She was a member of the Thompson Senior Citizens. Louise was a true “fashionista” and could brighten any room with her brilliant smile. She enjoyed politics, traveling, shopping and Sunday dinners at her daughter’s home. She loved to cheer for the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. But she was most passionate about her UConn Women’s Basketball team. She and Butch were season ticket holders for many years and travelled to most of the Final Four Tournaments. Her true love was her grandchildren. “Mimi” never missed any of their recitals, concerts, sporting events, graduations, birthdays and holidays.

In addition to her husband, Louise is survived by her children, Gregory

Guillot of Putnam, Jeffrey Guillot of Boston, MA, Andrea Cronin and her husband John of Tolland; and her sister, Kathryn Peters of Southbridge. Also, “Mimi” will be truly missed by her beloved grandchildren, Victoria, Delaney, and Olivia Cronin of Tolland, CT, and, Elizabeth, Alexander, Maddie, Kathryn Guillot of Pomfret, CT. She was predeceased by her brothers, the late Norman Naum and William Naum.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Louise’s family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. At the request of the Guillot family and due to the Governor of Massachusetts limiting all gatherings to twenty-five people or less Louise’s church service and burial will be strictly private. We kindly ask that everyone respect the families and Governor’s wishes. A memorial meal will be held in the future. A notice will be published. Thanking you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

The family would also like to thank the Doctors and Nurses on the Oncology Unit of St. Francis Hospital and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital for the kindness and care they gave to Louise and the wonderful support they provided to the family.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Hospital, Oncology Dept., 114 Woodland St, Hartford, CT 06105, or to St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, 126 Morris St., Southbridge, MA, 01550. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Theresa A. (Brandick) Banks, 55



Terri took her final rest surrounded by her loved ones after a 19 year battle with Breast Cancer, on March 9, 2020. Terri was born June 28, 1964 in Erie, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her parents Joseph and Patricia Brandick of York PA, her brother Craig Brandick of Erie PA, her beloved husband Michael Banks of Danielson CT, her five children, and ten grandchildren.

Her gentle spirit will be carried on through all the lives she touched. She lived her life with grace, mercy,

and compassion. As Co-founder and operator of Clear as Crystal Cleaning Company, she will be missed by many. She was a beacon of love and light and her spirit will shine on forever.

You will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Services will be held at a later date at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home at 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson CT.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to https://www.gofundme.com/f/fly-high-with-the-angels-mama-bear?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1 Share a memory at www.gsgnonandcostellofh.com

Paul R. Dery, 60



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE—Paul R. Dery, 69, of School St., passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Doris (Roy) Dery and the late Norman E. Dery.

Mr. Dery worked as a Math and Computer Science Teacher for Tourtellotte Memorial High School. He was a member of the Putnam Rotary Club and a member of the Tourtellotte Sports Hall of Fame. He enjoyed chess and fishing. He was a coach for track and cross country as well as girl’s

basketball.

Paul is survived by his sisters, Jeanne Dery of N. Grosvenordale, and Diane Dery of Eastford.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Paul’s family from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to T.E.E.G., P.O. Box 664, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Roger R. McDonald, 79



WEBSTER—Roger R. McDonald, 79, died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Alice M. (Kaczmarek) Marsh children, Jennifer Devish and her husband Mike of Dudley, Kevin McDonald and his wife Jayne of Woodstock, CT, Shelly King of Southbridge, Mark McDonald and his wife Lori of North Grosvenordale, CT, Steven McDonald and his wife Jill of Westminster, Wendy MacKenzie of Edmonds, WA, Shawn McDonald and his wife Debbie, and Trevor McDonald and his wife Kelly, all of Oxford, and Jason Patterson of Dudley; a step-son who was like a son to him, Steven Marsh and his wife Stacy of Dudley; 21 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a sister, Gloria Ziegler and her husband Byron of St. Petersburg, FL; a sister-in-law, Racheal Kuszewski of Southbridge; nephews and nieces.

He was born at home in Dudley on April 17, 1940, the younger child of Edward and Rita (Frederick) McDonald and graduated from Cole Trade High School in Southbridge. He was raised in Southbridge and subsequently lived in Charlton and Dudley, moving to Webster in 1977.

Mr. McDonald was a machinist all his working life, first at Gould & Eberhardt in Webster and then at Wyman-Gordon in Grafton, retiring in 2002. In his retirement he worked as a driver for CAP Auto Parts.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica and a Red Sox fan. He liked fishing with his children and grandchildren, playing computer games and listening to country music. He once gladly coached Little League and Senior League baseball for his son Steven.

Visiting hours were held Friday, March 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a service at 6:30 PM. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

www.scanlonfs.com

Thomas “Tom” Edwin Francis, 73



Thomas “Tom” Edwin Francis, 73, passed away Friday, March 13, 2020. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he was a son of the late Edwin Augustus Francis and Dorothy Mantyh. Tom met

Elizabeth “Liz” at Marblehead High School where they were high school sweethearts. In 1982 they were married. Tom was a proud US Air Force Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. Tom worked for many years in the computer industry.

Tom and Liz relocated in 2011 to Columbia, from Woodstock, CT., following their son, John and his career with the SC Highway Patrol. Tom, known on amateur radio as W1TEF, was a member of the Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Club and the Columbia Amateur Radio Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 37, years, Liz; are his sons, John C. Francis (Samantha), James W. Francis; grandchildren, Ciara Lewie (Chad) and J. C. Francis, Jr. He is also survived by his brother, John A. Francis (Lyndia); nieces, Kelsie Francis and Michaela Francis.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to SSF, (Sua Sponte Foundation), suaspontefoundation.org

Please sign the online guestbook at www.dunbarfunerals.com

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the March 10, 2020 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the Commission voted to uphold with modifications Cease & Restore Order #VIOL20003 issued to Scott Josey on March 5, 2020 for unauthorized work in wetlands, watercourses and the 100-foot upland review area at his 637 East Thompson Road property (Assessor’s Map 154, Block 5, Lot 14). George T. O’Neil, III, Chair
March 20, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following: ZRC 20-001 – A proposal to make amendments to the Zoning Regulations concerning accessory buildings, excavation operations, and other various corrections including Sec. 3.A.5.2.1, 3.B.5.2.1, 3.C.5.2.1, 4.A.4.2.1, 4.B.4.2.1, 4.C.4.2.1, 3.C.2.4.5, 4.D.2.1.5, 6.O.4.1, 6.P.3.3, 7.B.5.4.
Copies of the above application are on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT
Dated this 16th day of March 2020
Michelle Sigfridson
Chairman
March 20, 2020
March 27, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:
ZBA Variance 20-02: Applicant &

Owners: Joshua and Jessica Rhodes, 0 Pompeo Rd, Map 61, Block 59, Lot 5A, Zone R40, requesting a variance for 25’ Front Setback deficiency. Rescheduled to April 13, 2020 ZBA meeting.

Files are available to review in the ZEO’s Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Beno, Chairman
March 20, 2020

TOWN OF KILLINGLY

The Audit Report of the Town of Killingly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 as prepared by Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, is on file in Killingly Town Clerk’s Office, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT, and is available for public inspection in accordance with Section 7-394 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Elizabeth M. Wilson
Killingly Town Clerk
March 20, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, 7:45 p.m., lower level, meeting room 1, for the following: **#SP638-02-22 Stephen G. and Lorraine E. Gabriele, Crystal Pond Rd (Map 6385, Block 39, Lot 39F) – Multi-family residential development.** Jeffrey Gordon, MD Chair.
March 13, 2020
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Janice Irene Lennon (20-00067)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March

2, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
c/o JAMIE DAVIS ALEMAN,
LAW OFFICE OF JAMIE DAVIS
ALEMAN, LLC, 559 HARTFORD
PIKE, SUITE 208, DAYVILLE, CT
06241, (860)591-8880
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF David A Blais (20-00102)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 9, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Marie E. Blais
c/o EDWIN C HIGGINS, BACHAND,
LONGO & HIGGINS, HIGGINS -
168 MAINS ST., PO BOX 528,
PUTNAM, CT 06260
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ernest J Vigeant (20-00106)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Barry Vigeant, 331 Old Stafford Rd,
Tolland, CT 06084
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Teodor M. Teja (20-00099)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 4, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Geraldine D Teja, 937 Route 171,
Woodstock, CT 06281
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Shirley B Mccollum (20-00094)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk
The fiduciary is:
DONALD MCCOLLUM,
761 DENNIS DRIVE, ORANGE, CT
06477
March 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Claudia M. Lariviere (20-00056)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated March 9, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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