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## Father Nick reflects on 36 years with Holy Trinity



Photo Jason Bleau

Father Nick Milas is preparing to step down after 36 years of leadership at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DANIELSON – It's been a long but rewarding 36 years for Father Nick Milas at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson, but in 2021, the longtime minister will officially retire from his duties, ending a nearly 50-year career as a faith leader.

Father Nick, as the members of the church

call him, has been a practicing minister for over 49 years, 36 of which have been with the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, where he took lessons from his time as an educator and adapted them to relate to his church family despite not being very fluent in Greek himself.

Father Nick was once a teacher in Summerville, Mass., and it's there that he learned the power of believing in what you're teaching as he felt he would have difficulty relating to the Greek-speaking students, but the parents revealed that it's not about the language, it's about the passion.

"I said to the mothers, I'm not really Greek speaking, and they said that it doesn't matter," he said of his time as a teacher. "They told me 'They know you love it and they learned from you.' So that was my first lesson about teaching. It's about the enthusiasm."

That enthusiasm is what has helped make him a strong leader of his faith and a big part of why he is looked upon with respect and love by the members of the 105-year-old church. Even in pandemic times, Milas said his passion for his religion only grew stronger watching others preach through online services and being a part of his faith in a whole new way. However, he knew he couldn't continue to preach due to his declining physical condition and made the decision to step down and retire. But he will not be leaving his church family, and will join them as a parishioner as a new face takes the altar.

"I'm very emotional about it, and it's strange to me that it should be over, but it's not really over," Milas said.

While the emotions were mainly concerning his final year as minister during the church's annual Greek Food Festival in June, it also reflected his feelings about leaving behind his post after over three and a half decades.

"I'm not really going anywhere. I'm just retiring from the act of ministering because I just can't do it anymore," he said. "I really can't. This is my parish – I've been part of this for 36 years. This is my family."

While Father Nick may not be front and center preaching the Word, he will no doubt remain a beloved figure in his church family. Whatever the future holds, Father Nick will always be a part of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's history as a prominent part of the last half-century of a landmark house of faith just off of Main Street in downtown Danielson.

## Danielson Airport receives federal grant

BY JASON BLEAU  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KILLINGLY – The Danielson Airport in Killingly has been named a recipient of a federal Airport Rescue Grant, one of several funding programs through the American Rescue Plan Act, a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package approved earlier in 2021.

Congressman Joe Courtney announced the funding on July 2 with a grant award of \$536,561 going to the Danielson Airport at 70 Airport Rd. in Killingly. The state-owned public-use airport hosts a single runway and taxiway with a flight school, skydiving operations, and aircraft maintenance shop on site. The airport also allows for the students at H.H. Ellis Regional Vocational Technical School practice in airplane maintenance. The airport is overseen by the Connecticut Airport Authority and is the smallest of six state owned airports in Connecticut. It is mainly used for recreational pilots as well as general aviation activities in the Quiet Corner.

"The Danielson Airport is a

major economic driver for the Town of Killingly, the Quiet Corner and our entire region, and this American Rescue Plan relief funding is going to help it stay that way," said Courtney in a statement. "There was a lot of talk a few months back about where American Rescue Plan funding was going—a lot of that talk has faded lately as folks keep seeing relief being delivered in a variety of ways directly to our local communities. American Rescue Plan funding is helping our schools stay open, it's supporting our local police stations and firehouses, and now it's helping local airports like Danielson get the funding they need to make repairs and keep commerce moving despite the budget issues brought on by COVID-19."

According to Courtney, the Danielson Airport generals over \$9.5 million in annual economic output. The funding provided through the Airport Rescue Grant will allow the airport to perform maintenance and rehabilitation on over 89,000 square yards of the aviation apron and tarmac.

## Marianapolis' Sydney Masciarelli named Gatorade Track & Field Player of the Year

THOMPSON — Recent Marianapolis graduate Sydney Masciarelli has been named this year's Gatorade Connecticut Track & Field Player of the Year.

Masciarelli was also named Connecticut Track & Field Player of the Year for 2018-19. She's been named Gatorade Connecticut Cross Country Player of the Year twice, for 2018-19 and 2020-21.

"I'm thankful and honored each time I receive a prestigious award like this. It means a lot to end my high school career with a reward that represents all of the hard work I have put in over the last four years," Masciarelli said.

During her time at Marianapolis, Masciarelli broke several records and won multiple titles. She won the 2018 Foot Locker Northeast Regional Championship (17:12), 2018 Foot Locker National Championship (17:00), and 2019 New Balance Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, as well as being a NEPSTA D III Track & Field Champion and a NEPSTA D IV Cross Country Champion. Her records include beating Olympian Shalane Flanagan's under-18 record at the Mayor's Cup in Boston with a time of 17:04, the female world record for the fastest mile while dribbling a basketball with a time of 5:08.57, and multiple school records.

Masciarelli's most recent accomplishment was breaking the national high school 2000-meter steeplechase record with a time of 6:25.35 this past June.

"We are so proud of Sydney's setting a national record!" Marianapolis Track & Field Head Coach David DiCicco said. "Her record-breaking



Photo Courtesy

Recent Marianapolis graduate Sydney Masciarelli has been named this year's Gatorade Connecticut Track & Field Player of the Year.

performance is a testament not only to her talent but the incredible effort and focus she brings to her training and indeed everything she does. We are excited to cheer Sydney on as she continues her running career next year at UNC."

Next season, Masciarelli joins DI University of North Carolina cross country and track & field teams to compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program recognizes the nation's most outstanding high school student-athletes for their athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character. Gatorade will also donate \$1,000 to a sports-based organization of Masciarelli's choice through their Play It Forward Initiative.

## Day Kimball names Nicole Cadro Employee of the Month for June

PUTNAM — Nicole Cadro, registered nurse in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month for June by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Cadro began her career at Day Kimball Hospital in 2018 as a UR/PCT on the intensive care unit while attending nursing school. She was offered a position as a graduate nurse at DKH before passing the National Council Licensure Examination. Upon graduating with her bachelors of science in nursing, she was offered a position as a registered nurse on the intensive care unit in December 2020.

In her current role as a registered nurse on the intensive care unit, Cadro is responsible for helping to coordinate and monitor patient care, administering medications, advocating for patients, and providing comfort and support to their families.

According to Cadro's supervisor, Daniel Durand, BS, RN, nurse manager, intensive care unit, Day Kimball Hospital "Nicole is the epitome of a 'homegrown' DKH employee. She began her career working as a UR/PCT while putting herself through nursing school. Nicole's transition to a registered nurse seems to have come naturally to her, which



Photo Courtesy

Day Kimball Healthcare's Employee of the Month for June 2021, Nicole Cadro, RN, BSN, Intensive Care Unit, Day Kimball Hospital.

makes her a valuable member of the ICU team. Her work ethic and dedication to patient care is exceptional, and she has proven her skills in the critical care setting. Nicole is highly regarded by her peers and has a very bright future ahead of her here at DKH."

In response to being named employee of the month, Cadro said, "Being named employee of the month at Day Kimball is such an honor. It came very unexpectedly, but I could not be more grateful. I started as a UR/PCT in the ICU right when

I was first considering nursing. Everything I have learned I owe to my incredible coworkers, support staff, and Day Kimball itself. I am so grateful for my DKH ICU family."

When asked what she likes most about her job, she shared, "I know firsthand what it's like to have a loved one who is critically ill. It was the nursing staff who really helped to ease our family's minds. They not only cared for my ill loved one, but my entire family. That was something that stuck with me for a long time and motivated me to become a nurse. Being a part of someone's worst days and doing everything we can to help them and their family is truly a privilege and one I will never take lightly. Leaving an impact on the lives of patients and their families is by far my number one reason for becoming a nurse and my favorite part of being a nurse."

Cadro earned a Bachelor of arts in biology from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, in 2019. In 2020, she graduated from the accelerated certificate entry into nursing program at the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's of science in nursing.

A Northeast Connecticut native, Cadro grew up in

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# KB Ambulance Corps announces promotions

DANIELSON — KB Ambulance Corps, Inc. of Danielson has promoted Josh Kusek and Raymond Wood to Supervisory positions.

Josh Kusek has been promoted to the ALS (Advanced Life Support) Supervisor. A paramedic since 2013 and engaged in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the past 14 years, Mr. Kusek joined KB Ambulance as a part time paramedic in 2015 and transitioned to full time in 2017. At KB Ambulance, Mr. Kusek has been responsible for oversight of quality assurance of its paramedic program and the care/maintenance of all of vehicles for over a year.

As a newly certified Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Instructor, Mr. Kusek will be involved in teaching classes at KB Training Center for EMS new licensing and recertification courses.

Mr. Kusek also currently works part-time as EMS Administrator at Community Fire Company in North Grosvenordale

Prior to his employment at KB Ambulance, Mr. Kusek served as an EMT at American Medical Response (AMR) in Hartford, CT and as a paramedic at AMR in Putnam. In addition, he was a paramedic at Webster EMS in Massachusetts.

Mr. Kusek dedicated himself to fire and emergency medical services at the early age of 17 as a member of both Community Fire Company and East Thompson Fire Department. He demonstrates passion in his service, often teaching and



John Kusek

mentoring region-wide EMS providers.

Raymond Wood has been promoted to the BLS (Basic Life Support) Supervisor. Mr. Wood is a lifelong resident of Killingly who joined KB Ambulance in 2011 as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In 2012, he was hired as a part time paid EMT, and in 2013 he transitioned to full time. Throughout his service with the Corps, he has overseen Quality Assurance, managed

BLS supply inventory, and scheduled BLS volunteer and paid staff. Mr. Wood prides himself in his work ethic of “whatever it takes to get the job done.”

Mr. Wood assists in the KB Ambulance Training Center teaching many new BLS providers the skills necessary to provide quality care throughout the region. He is currently an American Heart Association Basic Life Support Cardiopulmonary



Raymond Wood

Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Instructor.

Mr. Wood is pursuing his Emergency Medical Services Instructor certification through the State of Connecticut to gain even more tools in providing quality education to KB Ambulance staff and KB Training Center students. Mr. Wood finds greatest reward in training new EMT's in patient assessment and treatment skills necessary to save lives.

Mr. Wood also works

part time in Brooklyn as the Site Manager and EMT for the Mortlake Fire Company for VINTECH Management Services LLC, and he is employed part time as a dispatcher in Putnam for the Putnam Police Department (Station WA).



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## Local residents make Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

- \* Stephen Zachary Gagnon of Pomfret Center
- \* Maria Cara Fredette of Putnam
- \* Jenna Rose Gormley of Woodstock
- \* Jacob Lee Ledbetter of Woodstock
- \* Steven A. Lotter of Woodstock

Wentworth Institute of Technology Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked university offering career-focused education through bachelor’s and graduate degree programs in areas including engineering, architecture, computer and data science, life sciences, management, and design. Its 31 acres are

situated in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, Mass., within walking distance of leading several cultural, educational, sports, and medical hubs. Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs, hands-on learning approach, and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

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# Enhancements coming to site of Great East Thompson Train Wreck this Fall

THOMPSON — The Town of Thompson has been awarded grant funds from CT Humanities to install permanent interpretive signs to share the story of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck, at the wreck site on the Air Line State Park Trail. This project will be the first element in a master plan to improve the site with upgrades to the parking area, pedestrian safety measures and additional features illustrating the history of the event.

Development of the concepts and designs for the future park at the site has been ongoing since January of 2020, under a community assistance award from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. A project team made up of members of Thompson Trails Committee, Thompson Historical Society, Economic Development Commission and the Last Green Valley has been working in partnership with NPS to establish priorities and brainstorm

design concepts.

A team of senior engineering students from the UConn School of Engineering class of 2021 also contributed to the project by generating preliminary design concepts for improvements to the parking area, including “green infrastructure” drainage suggestions and cross-walk designs. Additional engagements around the site and history of the 1894 wreck came in the form of two well-attended public design webinars in November 2020 and May 2021; and four new, original folk-songs composed to honor the event as part of a songwriting competition in spring of 2020.

Local students were also part of the planning process through the Putnam Rotary Interact Club. Students were able to visit the site of the historic train wreck and hike to the Tri-State Marker, after which they shared their ideas for improvement at the community presentation this past

May. Feedback from technical advisors from CT DEEP, CT DOT and others also helped guide design decisions. The projects all tie in to larger regional efforts spear-headed by non-profit Connecticut Rural Conservation & Development, to promote the Air Line State Park Trail as a tourism asset.

The grant from CT Humanities will enable the installation of seven permanent panels on site, telling the story of the wreck and linking to the full history on the Thompson Historical Society Web site. Included in the signs will be a number of “windows to the past,” photos taken on site during the era of the wreck, enlarged and screened onto a clear panel that will allow visitors to better envision the former station, in contrast with the wooded setting of the trail today.

Stay tuned for more news about a special ribbon-cutting and dedication event, coming this October!



## ACCURACY WATCH

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## CADRO

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Brooklyn, Connecticut. She currently resides in Plainfield, Connecticut with her boyfriend, Gage, and their two rescue dogs, Niner and Roise.

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

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

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare’s comprehensive network employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its Web site is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).



# QVCC announces spring dean’s list

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College has announced the names of 187 students named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List:

Brooklyn

Aya Ashour, Stephanie Bellows, Hannah Bessette, Andrew Blanchard, Eric Borkiewicz, Angelique Caouette, Adam Cates, Hannah Cloutier, Connor Downing, Jacob Field, Kathia Gonzalez, Diana Gonzalez Caraballo, Madeline Guari, Caroline Hamill, Zada Hamill, Hayley Kuhn, Moriah Marquis, Dana Normandie, Jesse Paprota, Michelle Parmeter, Madison Rattray, Natalia Reali, Ethan Sheldon, Megan Shippee, Sarah Travers, Emma Turner

Danielson

Thomas Bernier, Crystal Brown, Kaya Cooper, Amber Daher, Emily Ernest, Jennifer Farquharson, Renee Gates, Jordan Mahon, Ethan Miller, Sheana Pimentel, Sisanmofe Rone, Kaileigh Somers, Ian Torrey, Brendan Trajanowski, Emily Watling, Chelsea Williams

Dayville

Liliana Baraybar, Philip Davis, Brandon Gervais, Gabriela Irving, Emily Keeling, Hannah Kipp, Olha Lacasse, Jarrica Rainville, Brandon Steen, Brandon Tucciarone

Moosup

Taylor Denning, Kyla Kampf, Tavy Lim, Nicole Mahon, Tara Tetreault, Hunter Turner

North Grosvenordale

Lacey Allard, Adrienne Guerin, Justin Phelps, Stephen Scrapchansky, Salvatore Simone, Lukas Skaradowski,

Gianna Stoico, Gabriel Waldron, Sara Watson

Plainfield

Tyler Ahearn, Alyssa Aubin, Jesse Fultz, Emily Goyette, Kevin Murphy, Nicholas Perreault, Alexis Rice

Pomfret Center

Drew Beaudry, Remi Benton, Emily Duhamel, Noah McNamara, Angela Short, Oda Sirimongkhoun

Putnam

Jordan Alexander, Hannah Bergeron, Kevin Champagne, Kelly Chausse, Taylor Copeland, Victoria Dias, Jaden Garcia, Sarah Hernandez, Natalie Ionkin, Brittany Kallio, Ismail Kiani, Xander Leins, Jerusha Morrisette, Jordyn Poole, Jeffrey Reed Jr., Katrina Suibielski, Andrea Thomas, Aislin Tracey

Thompson

Paige Audet, Francesca Cicarelli, Caroline Gagnon, Daniel O’Brien, Julia Paquette, Justine Petrella, Mary Walsh

Willimantic

Melanie Alicea, Miata Arroyo, Rut Castro, Ryan Dowdell, Giselle Galarza, Kate Hemingway, Doralis Lozano-Santiago, Maximiliano Navarro Romero, Megan Trueblood, Cyd Marie Valentin Padua, Milagro Velasquez

Woodstock

Abigail Brousseau, Olivia Burrell, Samantha Eddy, Haley Farley, Melissa Fish, Marshal Gohn, Karissa Herlihy, Caleb Leboeuf, Zachary Mowry, Eric Tellier

Woodstock Valley

Erin Carlson, Tarryn Desrosiers, Abigail Kilburn

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# Dylan Hearn of Pomfret Center graduates from Emerson College

BOSTON, Mass. — Emerson College awarded more than 950 undergraduate degrees and more than 470 graduate degrees for the Class of 2021 on Sunday, May 2, at Fenway Park in Boston, Mass. during its 141st commencement exercises, and virtually on Sunday, May 9. The College also honored the Class of 2020 graduates in an additional ceremony at Fenway Park on May 2.

Dylan Hearn of Pomfret Center graduated in December 2020 and received a BS in Journalism.

Former President Lee Pelton gave the commencement address at Fenway Park, and Emmy-nominated writer, producer, and alum Stefani Robinson '14 delivered the address during the virtual ceremony on May 9. Both ceremonies featured remarks by former President Lee Pelton and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Whelan, student speeches and awards, video montages, and recognition of each graduate.

Photos available upon

request. About Emerson College Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

# Thompson Middle School honor roll

THOMPSON — Thompson Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

**Grade 5**  
High Honors: Danika Beliveau, Adam Boss, Ashley Boudreau, Evelyn Dos Santos, Jeremi Helwig, Parker Leveille, Chloe McDonald, Madison Perry, Parker Ring, Gabriella Santos, Brody Vincent  
Honors: Graciella Baublitz, Lily Bogoslofski, Payton Butler, Braedan Delaney, Madison Fitzgerald, Camdyn Foster, Max Kinsella, James McHugh, Raffaele Mondarte, Jon Palmer, Brookelynn Pearson, Ayden Perry, Aiden Rafferty, Kora Mae Reynolds, Noelle Smith, Adrianna Statkiewicz, Stanley Ten Eyck, Aleck Thurber, Ryan Walsh  
Recognition: Scarlett Beliveau, Xavier Brosnihan, Alina Collette, Ake Cruz, Christian Freeman, Madison Marchitelli,

Eoin Mercer, Landon Perry, Joey Sweeney, Ryan Szarkowicz  
**Grade 6**  
High Honors: Julyanna Barrows, Madsison Carlson, Andrew DiCicco, Estela Freitas, Samuel Hachigian, Brighton Keegan, Calleigh Levesque, Kennedy McCooley, Riley Nolin, Mabel Perreault, Samantha Podgorni, Jordyn Poplawski, Nina Poplawski, Ella Sousa, Sophia St. Germain  
Honors: Christopher Boss, Gabriel Bourget, Cooper Harris, Jayson Harris, Madison McHugh, Noah Pillsbury, Matthew Rybacki, Christian Tremblay  
Recognition: Aubri Bonin, Jordan Burns, Kaiden Cayer, Ty Chausse, Ryan Freudenthal, Nicholas Lavallee, Ellah Monahan, Luke Olszta, Kaydyn Racca  
**Grade 7**  
High Honors: Dylan

Bryniarski, Amelia Duquette, Kaydence Foster, Katherine Gates, Lacie Keegan, Ava McClure, Sahara Moore, Lily Peckham, Gaige Smith  
Honors: Hailey Collins, Connor Dawe, Sam Giroux, Elizabeth Poplawski, Noelia Reed, Tyler Shead, Makenna Sheridan, Kevin Vescera  
Recognition: Logan Boss, Alex Davis, Cristian DeJesus, Caitlyn L'Heureux, Ember Merrill, Bailey Nicolosi, Sophia Tomany  
**Grade 8**  
High Honors: Justin Griffiths-Lam, Megan Nachtigall, Nicholas Ruggieri, Jackson Santos, Luke Senosk, Serena Smith, Lucy St. Germain, Sofia Thurber  
Honors: Noah Brousseau, Emma Chrzanowski, June Ferraro, Lucas Gillon, Margaret McHugh, Benjamin Munson, Carter Rafferty, Jose Rivera  
Recognition: Grace Akana, Joseph Annese, Ashley Birch, Jack Lariviere, Olivia Martocci

# Tourtellotte Memorial High School honor roll

NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Tourtellotte Memorial High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

**Grade 9**  
High Honors: Kaylee Beck, Avery Butler, Jordyn Butler, Audrey Defilippo, Alex Harris, James Julian, Madyson Koziak, Morgan LaPalme, Eric Levesque, Isabelle Nieves, Melanie Noonan, Sadie Pedersen, Jacob Perry, Patricia Peterson  
Honors: Aidan Defilippo, Tara Heffernan, Brad Herlihy, Louis Ochoa, Noel Racicot, Peyton Richard, Koby Rock, Alaina Salkiewicz  
Recognition: Landon Corriveau, Elizabeth Davis, Maxine Hazard, Gabriella Lobomirski, Cassandra McKeon-Deorsey, Connor Pederson,

R-Jay Vanner  
**Grade 10**  
High Honors: Taylor Annis, Kayla Botelho, Saydie Cooper, Madelynn Copley, Deidrea Hanshaw, Hailey Johnson, Hanna LeClaire, Chloe Manzo, Alexander Nachtigall, Allison Thebeau  
Honors: Mateo Alvarez, Evan Antonson, Daniel Boutin, Javier DeJesus, Colin McAllister, Taylor Morales, Tahlia Smith  
Recognition: Aidan Zimmer  
**Grade 11**  
High Honors: Alivia Dalpe, Leah Demers, Brooke Fettig, Kaylin Griggs, Kiera O'Brien, Michaela Waldrop  
Honors: Alysha Bugbee, Kyle Cournoyer, James DiNoia, Olivia Lubomirski, Mackenzie Minarik, Kylee Smith

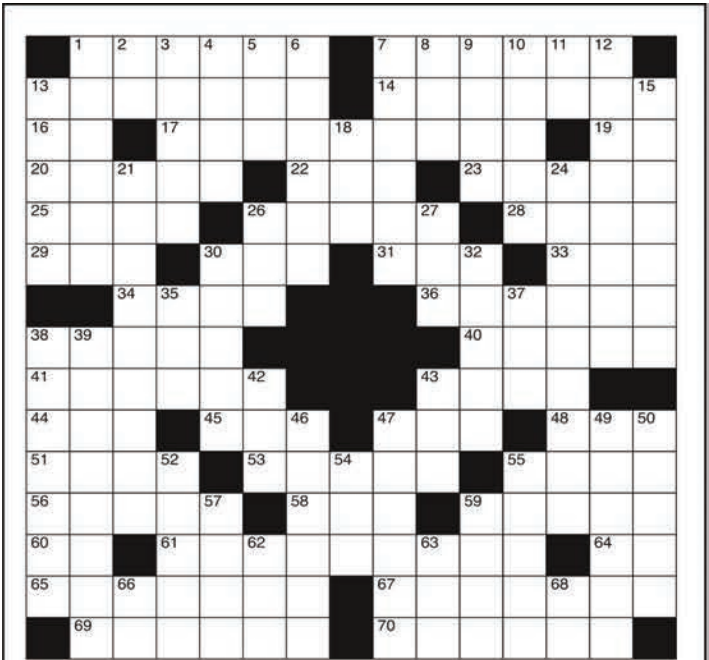
Recognition: Zeynep Acun, Deanna LaParle  
**Grade 12**  
High Honors: Cole Coderre, Carter Cooper, Brayden Cutler, Kaylyn Daigneault, Alexis Elkinson, Chase Fontaine, Lindsey Houghton, Kaitlyn Lamontagne, Emma Parmentier, John Steglitz, Nicholas Sturtevant, Kaylee Tackson, Makayla Tackson, Gracen vanderSwaagh, Branson Waldrop, Madison Yost  
Honors: Elizabeth Gates, Daniel Heffernan, Samantha Raymond-Frazier, Christian Smith, Lindsey Worster, Marc Yost  
Recognition: Kerrigan LaCasse, Brady Monahan, Kaden Strom

# Alicia Smith of Eastford earns Dean's List honor at University of Saint Joseph

WEST HARTFORD — Alicia Smith of Eastford has been named to the The University of Saint Joseph Spring 2021 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list, students must have earned

a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B."  
"Students on the Dean's List exemplify academic excellence and their ability to achieve their goals. We are very proud of these students who join the network of accomplished USJ scholars competitively pursuing a range of studies from health sciences to criminal justice," said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.  
Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Alicia!  
The University of Saint

Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of coeducational undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with opportunities for mentored research, community service, clinical field work, and internships. Programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph offers degrees with value and values. To learn more, view our Web site at www.usj.edu

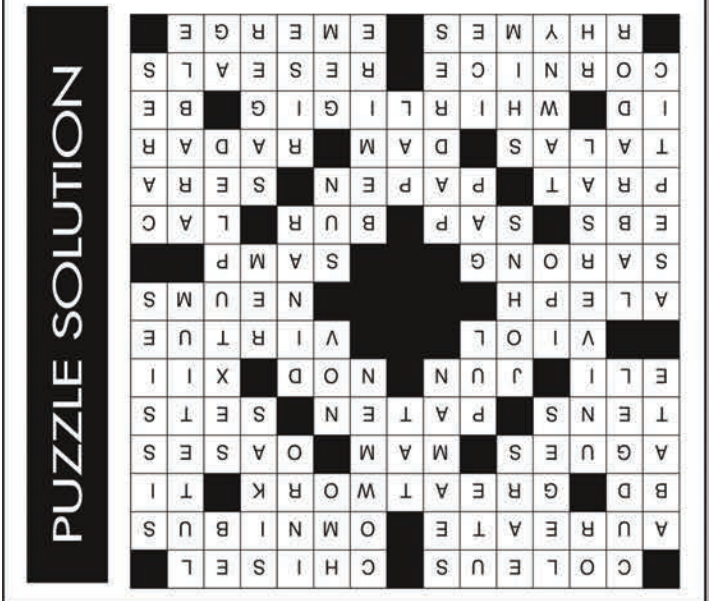


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Plant of the mint family
- 7. Hand tool
- 13. Made of the color of gold
- 14. A volume of several novels
- 16. Type of degree
- 17. Good job!
- 19. Seventh tone in major scale
- 20. Fevers
- 22. One's mother
- 23. Fertile desert spots
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Plate for Eucharist
- 28. Tennis matches have them
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
- 31. Head movement
- 33. Twelve
- 34. Renaissance musical instrument
- 36. Behavior showing high moral standards
- 38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. Notes to be sung
- 41. Women's garment
- 43. Coarsely ground corn
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. A way to deplete
- 47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
- 48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
- 51. Hindquarters
- 53. Franz van \_\_, German diplomat
- 55. Liquid body substances
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. A beaver might build one
- 59. Police officer's tool
- 60. Indicates who you are
- 61. Pinwheel
- 64. Exist
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Come into view

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- 1. Short stick used as a weapon
- 2. An alternative
- 3. Laws
- 4. Sense organs
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Mariner
- 7. People in charge of cattle
- 8. Health insurance organization
- 9. Ornamental box
- 10. Forest-dwelling deer
- 11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 12. Atomic #71
- 13. Become less intense
- 15. Cowards
- 18. Body ornament (slang)
- 21. Applicable to all cases
- 24. Multiplied by 6
- 26. Afghanistan monetary unit
- 27. Calendar month
- 30. Cena and Lennon are two
- 32. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 35. First time on the market
- 37. Georgia rockers
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Coastal region of Canada
- 42. Clothing retailer
- 43. It rises and sets
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Stain with mud
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Feels concern for
- 52. Orange-brown
- 54. Buddy
- 55. Late sportscaster Craig
- 57. Used to align parts
- 59. Wake up
- 62. Solid water
- 63. Semiprecious stone
- 66. Atomic #45
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# Local graduate to attend Husson University

WILLIMANTIC — Lea Duval graduated from the ACT Academy in Willimantic as Valedictorian in June 2021, receiving High Honors for all four years of her high school career. Duval will be attending Husson University in the fall.

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EDUCATION

Sam Majek of Brooklyn  
darns Dean’s List honor at  
University of Saint Joseph

WEST HARTFORD — Sam Majek of Brooklyn has been named to the The University of Saint Joseph Spring 2021 Dean’s list. To be named to the Dean’s list, students must have earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a “B.”

“Students on the Dean’s List exemplify academic excellence and their ability to achieve their goals. We are very proud of these students who join the network of

accomplished USJ scholars competitively pursuing a range of studies from health sciences to criminal justice,” said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Sam!

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Samantha Gisleson  
named to Siena College  
President’s List

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Samantha Gisleson was named to the Siena College President’s List for the Spring 2021 Semester. Samantha is from Thompson.

The President’s List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree

programs, 80+ minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student’s personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

Meghan Corey graduates  
from CCU

CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University recognized nearly 1,200 students during its in-person Spring 2021 commencement ceremonies, held Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8, in Brooks Stadium. Among the graduates was Meghan Corey a Art Studio major from Woodstock.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, located just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the University’s graduate-level programs are 27 master’s degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates

in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,000 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

Visit [coastal.edu](http://coastal.edu) for more information.

Alex Murphy named  
to College of the Holy  
Cross Dean’s List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Alex Murphy of North Grosvenordale, was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2021 Dean’s List. A member of the Class of 2021, Murphy is majoring in Physics.

Murphy was among more than 1,451 students named to the Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the

2020-21 academic year.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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Andrew Duval graduates from  
University of Maine

MACHIAS, Maine — Andrew R. Duval, Jr. of Plainfield gradated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maine at Machias, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology.

During his time at UMaine, Duval was named to the Dean’s List for all four years.

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# The hidden history behind the Fourth

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton, to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that are not commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later, on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4; however, Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4th as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I. 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration, it's start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One curious fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment. Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag, depicting the two new states. 16 year old Robert Heft, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.

Wearing an American flag, whether it be on a tee-shirt, headband, towel or shorts is in violation of the Flag Code. The code says that you are in violation if you sell, display any "article of merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in order to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." The code, however, is not enforceable.

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mask misconceptions

To the Editor:

In her letter to the Editor July 2, Anni Lee makes an emotional case for "de-masking" schoolchildren, arguing that "it is "time to let them breathe again."

But she makes a number of inaccurate and misleading statements.

First, face masks, while mildly uncomfortable and certainly annoying, do not interfere with breathing. In a study published Nov. 3, 2020 in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, researchers showed there was no difference in blood carbon dioxide and oxygen levels, heart rate, or threshold of fatigue in treadmill runners, regardless of whether or not they had on a surgical mask, cloth mask, or no mask.

Second, she states that the WHO is not recommending Covid vaccines for children under 18. This is not true. Apparently, the source of this rumor is social media and a Tweet by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) stating, "The WHO says 'children should not be vaccinated.'" Up until June 22, the WHO website said that children should not be vaccinated "for the moment" because, as they have emphasized, the WHO represents the entire world and the world has a shortage of vaccine and they felt that it should go first to those with the highest risk. (Readers interested in more details may consult FactCheck.org) As of June 25, the WHO website states that its advisory group "has concluded that the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is suitable for use by people aged 12 years and above." Of note, both the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, concerned only with the U.S., recommend vaccination of children over 12.

Third, Ms. Lee says that children "rarely catch" Covid, and if they do, they "don't really spread it." In fact, for the last week in April 2021, children represented 22.4 percent of new cases, or 71,649 out of 319,601. And while numbers regarding exactly how contagious children are is scarce, most infectious dis-

ease experts feel that children easily spread the disease, particularly since it is known that they carry dramatically higher loads of the virus than adults. Ms. Lee also points to a "99.9 percent" recovery rate in children which presumably comes as scant comfort to the families of the 477 children in the US who have died from Covid.

Fourth, Ms. Lee says that the Covid vaccines are "experimental." They are not.

They do carry an emergency use authorization designation but have all undergone Phase 1,2, and three trials with hundreds of thousands of people. Over 331 million vaccine doses have been given in the US, with 157 million people being fully vaccinated with only a handful of serious complications reported. The FDA is simply being extraordinarily cautious in collecting as much data as possible before issuing full approval.

So, if Ms. Lee wishes to see the masks come safely off (not just off) she should do everything possible to encourage people to be vaccinated. As any ICU physician or nurse can tell her, the only people in ICUs and dying with Covid now are the unvaccinated. Said one ICU physician: the highly transmissible Delta variant "is going to cut through the unvaccinated like a lawnmower through grass." Of course, the greater the percentage of people vaccinated in a community, the safer it will be for schoolchildren to stop wearing their masks.

After all, it is worth remembering that it is only due to the 49 percent of those in Windham County (and the 61 percent in all of Connecticut) who have made the effort to be vaccinated that we have been able to enjoy the recent "opening up" of our community, including a "nearly normal" July 4. Surely, we can increase that number to make it safer for our schoolchildren to remove their masks.

JOHN A. DAY, JR.  
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

### History is our teacher

To the Editor:

Critical Race Theory is the latest conservative boogeyman to blast the airwaves. Along with its sister concept, the 1619 Project, Republican state legislatures and alt-right media have used it as a rallying cry, bemoaning liberal elites and passing laws to prevent students from being "indoctrinated" into what they consider taboo subjects. This means banning discussions that involve racism. The thought of teaching anything that could fly in the face of just how great America is, and how perfect the Founding Fathers were, is somehow a malevolent notion. They believe that a feel-good myth outweighs an uncomfortable truth. And of course, if one is a racist, this feeds off children from questioning a parent's ethical principles. These laws also serve to weaponize racial anxiety, a strategy that the last administration used in its rise to power.

That Critical Race Theory is a theory is true. But it is a damn good one. Created more than 40 years ago by legal scholars, it posits that racism is not simply a personal belief but one that pervades American institutions, both governmental and private, and influences legal and structural policies. Therefore, it's possible for one to enforce a racist rule but not be a racist.

Nor is it a single belief. It has grown to include the opinion that race is not a biological, but a social construct and has also begot the idea of a White advantage. It can include gender bias. The George Floyd murder along with the Black Lives Matter movement reopened the debate. Namely how does racism function in society and behooves the questions does it still exist and if so why.

The 1619 Project answers the why. That is the year that African slaves were first brought here to labor as property for white farmers. Since then, Blacks were, and it can be argued are still, considered by many to be inferior to their white neighbors. The founding of America included the stipulation that a black man was merely three fifths of a person, and deserved no basic rights. That families were torn apart, that men and women were killed or mutilated, and that breeding "farms" were created (after 1808, the import of slaves from outside the country was banned, but the necessitude for slaves only grew larger) as part of a government mandated policy cannot be argued.

Slavery, of course, led to the Civil War, which led to the Reconstruction, which led to the Jim Crow era. Thus did a legal system which many times ignored the facts in lieu of the color of one's skin also develop. Schools were segregated and second class. Doors to business loans, mortgages, and choice housing remain to this day hard to open. Prisons remain filled with young Black men who are jailed with offenses for which a White man might be given just a slap on the wrist. And the question of a racist undertone in some police departments seems to be backed up by

the sheer number of unarmed black killings.

All of this and more is less likely to be the experience of whites and especially white men and explains the concept of White privilege. Which is not to say that being White equates in any way to being a bad person or should foster a sense of guilt. It simply bolsters the need to appreciate that the lives of some Americans have collectively had fewer obstacles to navigate

Even more telling is that science, with is research into DNA and the evolution of our species has shown that race truly is an artificial formulation.. All people carry the same genes. The purest human genes are found in Africa (European and Asians carry Neanderthal and Denisovan non Homo sapien genes). And no, Neanderthals with larger skulls were not smarter as some alt-right talking heads would have their listeners believe. In fact most of us contain a montage of genes from many sources. The concept of five races is a 18th century sentiment based on physical appearance. It does not define the concept of what a human being is. Our first Black President has a White mother, but dark skin. The future King of England's daughter in law, Meaghan Markle, has a black mother but white skin. Society picks race based merely on looks. Genetics argues for something much more complex.

Prejudice in our country, of course, is not confined to African Americans. The Declaration of Independence sheds more light on our radical beginnings in calling indigenous Native Americans "merciless Indian savages." And even today, we have seen a spate of attacks, both verbal and physical, on Asians, Latinos, and Jews. Choosing to ignore this is not a solution; it is part of the problem.

Which is why it would be easy to conclude that a movement to abolish the teaching of Critical Race Theory and the societal concepts that surround it, must mean that racism is still be very much alive and well and hoping to grow strong again. Looking back objectively on our past should not be feared or suppressed. History is our teacher. It's the way we can prevent the same mistakes from happening again. And learning should never be discouraged. It is how we heal, and we grow. It also allows for balance. There are extreme and dangerous views on both ends of the political spectrum, and forums for sharing ideas should never be shuttered.

And in the end, it is how we can, and how we have throughout our complex history, strived to create a better, more inclusive, and stronger America. Progress has been made. But it has come with blood and with tears. We cannot allow censorship to turn us back. We must resist any effort to deny our sins and confront the flaws and realities of our past.

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WOODSTOCK

## Living free



BEYOND THE PEWS

BISHOP JOHN W. HANSON

At first, he was disappointed, then angry. His trainer told him he would lose ten pounds and feel better in days. The gym had parted him from his hard-earned cash with the promise that their exercise/diet program, if properly followed, would set him free from sluggishness and obesity. He was now enduring his third day of health-food and exercise. So far, he was only feeling grouchy and sore. As he and his buddy wheezed and sweated on side-by-side treadmills, he complained to his trainer, "This doesn't feel like freedom to me!"

Two weeks later, however, he was fifteen pounds lighter, feeling better than he had in years, and he wasn't even all that sore. He could honestly say he was living free. His buddy had quit on the fourth day, and was still complaining about being over-weight and chronically tired.

Freedom isn't free; it takes discipline. It is often achieved counter-intuitively through self-restraint or by choosing to take the steeper path. Jesus invites people to follow Him to a place where they can live free. Jay E. Adams described that freedom like this:

The Christian is free from all other human beings. He does not have to live over against others, controlled by their actions and responses. Rather, he lives according to Christ's commands. This is Christian freedom. It is a freedom unknown by others. It is not just when others do the things that we like that we act properly toward them; we are free to do good even when they don't because our actions are not dependent on their responses. It is the Lord Christ when we serve!

It is easy to associate freedom with the ability to do whatever we want, but ultimate freedom is the ability to do the right things and to not do the things that hinder us from living free. With God's empowerment living free can be a reality. The Bible says it like this:

"And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death... Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do." (Romans 8:2)

Living morally and responsibly is not heavy and restricting; it is liberating. Living free can be described as living in the light. With God as coach and empowerer, obedient believers are blessed to live a better life. St. Paul explained, "He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,"(Colossians 1:12)

Those who want to rise above addictions, depression, vengefulness, and purposelessness, can simply accept God's help and do the work of applying biblical principles in their lives. At first it may not seem to work, but eventually they will find themselves living free.

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# When things go wrong...

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they react when things go wrong. Over the long holiday weekend, our basement took on water like a leaky rowboat. It wasn't a tidal wave, just a persistent drip, drip, drip that began to accumulate. I've never owned a basement before. I was brought up with cellars, and went on to own several more. My basement has been a delight to me, often forgotten for days until I descend the stairs (holding on to two railings!) and snatch a roll of paper towels from my pandemic stockpile. I was heartsick when I realized all was not well.

In a similar situation, my father would have started yell-



NANCY WEISS

ing. He would have yelled to anyone in earshot to witness the problem, and if by some stretch of the imagination he could blame them, he would. If that didn't work, he would cast doubt on the rationality of the universe, the stupidity of other people and the unfairness of God as applied to him and his possessions. Eventually when everyone was sufficiently traumatized, he would set about solving the problem. It's no wonder I felt anxious when the carpet squished beneath my sneaker.

I did what any rational person would do. I left my husband to consider the situation and drove to Aubuchon's to buy a wet/dry vacuum. I've

always loved hardware stores and the Putnam store never fails to ease my worries and make me feel that control is only a product or two away. The staff took my tale of woe seriously with several chiming in on the best course of action. I left with a middle sized box and a glimmer of hope that my husband and I could vacuum up the water and keep things rolling until the professionals arrived when the weekend was over.

After reading a long article in The Atlantic by George Packer, entitled "The Four Americas," I wish our country could assemble in an imaginary hardware store and sort out our differences in similarly collegial way. Packer writes that we are divided into four "competing visions of the

country's purpose and meaning." His assessment is grim in terms of how we will ever get out of our divisions, but we are stuck with each other and we will have to make it work. We need the hands-on, down-to-earth, rational view that I find in the hardware store.

For hours, we took turns pressing the plastic nozzle of the shop vac to the floor, slurping up water. We trotted up the bulkhead stairs, dumped the bucket and began again. It gave me time to think. I remembered all the people, mostly men, who helped us with similar problems. They often came on weekends or holidays, just like our electrician, Kevin, who arrived with a smile on Sunday morning. Our neighbors would help in an instant if I asked them. If it

were really bad, I imagine the fire department would come.

All my father's yelling over disasters big and small didn't solve his long forgotten problems. Only action, skill, time and luck made any difference. The real shouting on television and the perceived yelling in Letters to the Editor, including in this paper, make me anxious just as he did, but they don't tackle the problems or buy the shop vac.

Our former neighbor, the late Murray Buttner, had multiple physical problems the result of botched operations. He walked with difficulty, but when asked how he was, he always exclaimed: "Never better." I'm looking forward to saying the same about my basement and my country,



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So many of us were used to going out to eat prior to the pandemic. Perhaps you remember Al's II Restaurant, which was located on North Main Street, Danielson. A place mat that was donated to the Killingly Historical Center had the following breakfast prices. Coffee or tea 25 cents; hot chocolate and Sanka, 30 cents; cereal, hot or cold, 75 cents; 1 egg toast and coffee, 75 cents; 2 eggs, toast and coffee, 95 cents; pancakes or French toast, \$1.15; home fries, 50 cents; bacon, ham, sausage, \$1.25; hard roll or muffin 35 cents; donuts 25 cents; toast, 25 cents. A couple of the specials were #1: Choice of juice, farm fresh eggs, choice of ham, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, coffee, \$2.25. #2: Choice of juice, 1 farm fresh egg, choice of ham, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, coffee, \$1.95; #3: Choice of juice, French toast, choice of ham, bacon, sausage, coffee, \$1.95. Al's II Restaurant and Lounge appears in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia by Natalie L. Coolidge at 280 North Main Street from 1978 through January 12, 1981. Entries were taken from phone books and the Journal/Transcript. Please share your memories of this restaurant by emailing me. Feel free to share memories of other restaurants that you once visited in the area. Patronize our local restaurants. Go out to eat!

When I asked my son Michael if he thought he might like to see the military encampment and demonstration by the Second Continental Light Dragoons at the Elms on July 10, he asked what a Dragoon was. Since I could not give him a concise answer, I did a Google search. (Whatever happened to pulling out the dictionary)? According to Wikipedia, "Dragoons originally were a class of mounted infantry who used horses for mobility, but dismounted to

fight on foot. From the early 17th century onward, dragoons were increasingly also employed as conventional cavalry and trained for combat with swords and firearms from horseback." "The 2nd Continental Light Dragoons, also known as Sheldon's Horse after Colonel Elisha Sheldon, was commissioned by the Continental Congress on December 12, 1776, and was first mustered at Wethersfield, CT in March 1777 for service with the Continental Army." They saw action at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and Yorktown.

A later leader, Benjamin Tallmadge (1754-1835), was an American military officer, spymaster, and politician. He is best known for his service as an officer in the American Revolutionary War. He acted as leader of the Culper Ring during the war, a celebrated network of spies in New York where major British forces were based. I came across him in Nathaniel Philbrick's "Valiant Ambition" in connection with the capture of Benedict Arnold (pp 302-3).

Did you realize that when France entered the Revolutionary War on the side of the Americans, that it had a global impact? Philbrick, in "Valiant Ambition," had this to say about the situation: "Now that France had recognized the United States, what had previously been a colonial rebellion had become a world war. In the months ahead Britain would find itself besieged on fronts as far away as India and as close to home as the English Channel as the focus of the conflict shifted from North America to the sugar-rich islands of the West Indies. As difficult as it may be to believe today, Britain's islands in the Caribbean were of considerably more economic importance in the eighteenth century than all thirteen American colonies combined." It was all because of sugar! (p. 201).

Sugar! How much do you consume in a day? I'm sure we take the sweetener very much for granted. Such was not the case in the 1700's, when it was a very valuable commodity. According to the Sugar Association ([www.sugar.org](http://www.sugar.org)), "The first indications of the domesti-

cation of sugar cane were around 8000 BCE by the indigenous people of New Guinea, who chewed it raw." The cultivation then spread to Southeast Asia, China, and India. Sugar continued to spread from east to west. Between 1096-1099 Crusaders returned to Europe from the Holy Land with prizes of sugar, called 'sweet salt.' By the end of the 15th century the Portuguese had brought it to the Americas (Brazil). In 1501, Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic) had its first sugar harvest. By 1550, approximately 3,000 sugar mills had been constructed throughout the Caribbean. "Towards the end of the (18th) century, the British and French colonies in the West Indies produced 80 [percent] of the sugar."

According to Wikipedia, "There are records of knowledge of sugar among the ancient Greeks and Romans, but only as an imported medicine, and not as a food. For example, the Greek physician Dioscorides in the 1st century (AD) wrote: 'There is a kind of coalesced honey called sakcharon [i.e. sugar] found in reeds in India and Eudaimon Arabia [i.e. Yemen] similar in consistency to salt and brittle enough to be broken between the teeth like salt. It is good dissolved in water for the intestines and stomach, and [can be] taken as a drink to help [relieve] a painful bladder and kidneys.' Pliny the Elder, a 1st-century (AD) Roman, also described sugar as medicinal: "Sugar is made in Arabia as well, but Indian sugar is better. It is a kind of honey found in cane, white as gum, and it crunches between the teeth. It comes in lumps the size of a hazelnut. Sugar is used only for medical purposes."

During the 18th century, sugar became enormously popular. Great Britain, for example, consumed five times as much sugar in 1770 as in 1710. By 1750, sugar surpassed grain as 'the most valuable commodity in European trade — it made up a fifth of all European imports and in the last decades of the century four-fifths of the sugar came from the British and French colonies in the West Indies.' From the 1740s until the

1820s, sugar was Britain's most valuable import." ([en.wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org)).

A sugarloaf was the traditional shape of sugar in the eighteenth century: a semi-hard sugar cone that required a sugar axe or hammer to break up and sugar nips to reduce it to usable pieces. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_sugar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_sugar)). "Refined sugar was sold by 18th century merchants in the form of cones, usually called loaves, which were wrapped in bright blue paper and sealed with red wax. Some southern plantations had special sugar chests which locked so valuable was the commodity. ([livesandlegaciesblog.org/2018/12/13/all-about-sugar-cones/](http://livesandlegaciesblog.org/2018/12/13/all-about-sugar-cones/))"

Special Event: The Colonel Daniel Putnam Association and The Second Continental Light Dragoons Present a Day of Living History in Honor of Col. Daniel Putnam's Revolutionary War Service at the Putnam Elms, Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Dismounted dragoons and staff will set up an encampment as was done during the Revolution. They will also demonstrate manual of arms, sword drill and firing. The British will also demonstrate their counterpart of the above. Much more. The Putnam Elms is located at 191 Church St., Brooklyn.

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, July 2021. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge for pointing out the old menu. For additional information email me at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com) or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wednesday or Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (when it reopens) or [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://www.killinglyhistorical.org). or call 860-779-7250 (when the Historical Center reopens). Like us at Facebook at [www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety). Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, CT 06239.*

# Do these things now to avoid a steep tax bill next year

In last week's column, we reviewed some important steps to take at the mid-year point to ensure you can end 2021 in the strongest financial position possible. The item on that list that probably strikes one of the biggest pangs of financial fear into the hearts of many people is, you guessed it – taxes.

As I explained last week, doing a dry-run of your taxes now is important because you'll have a much better sense of your tax bill for 2021. One way you can do this is to use the 1040 Tax Calculator on our Web site at [whzwealth.com/financial-calculators](http://whzwealth.com/financial-calculators) to estimate your expected tax bill. If you're on track to owe more than you're currently withholding from your paycheck or paying In estimates, or if you're withholding enough or too much and you'd prefer to put more of your money to work for you instead of paying it in taxes) there are adjustments you can make right now. There are some strategies to consider that I will discuss to help lower your tax bill come next April – and keep you from having to write a big check to the IRS or getting a big refund.

Tax Savings Strategies to Consider

Although your tax picture is unique to you, there are strategies to consider and discuss with your financial and tax advisors that can help to lower your tax liability, and even help you to save and invest more along the way. Here are some of the most common:

Minimize taxable income while saving for retirement: If you are an employee and your company offers a retirement plan like a 401(k), you can make contributions to your retirement plan with pretax dollars, thus reducing your current taxable income and, likely, your current-year taxes. If you do not work for a company that offers a retire-



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ment plan, you can still reduce current-year taxes by making a tax-deductible contribution to an IRA, if you qualify. If you are self-employed, you can use a Keogh, SEP (Simplified Employee Pension), or SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees) plan to shelter income.

Maximize deductions: There are everyday expenses that can be deducted on your tax return. Some examples include medical and dental expenses, mortgage interest up to certain thresholds, charitable donations, casualty, disaster, or theft losses. Today's standard deduction is typically more than the average taxpayer's itemized deductions, however if there are years where you can bundle deductions, for example If you have a big medical expense and make a charitable donation, it may save on taxes. Consider charitable donations: Depending on your specific tax picture, charitable donations could provide a good source of income tax deductions. One tax-saving strategy is to donate appreciated property or property that increased in value. You can take a deduction for the fair market value and avoid capital gains tax on the sale.

Review interest expenses: If you pay interest that is not tax-deductible (e.g., interest on auto loans or credit cards), consider paying off the debt.

Review social security benefits. If you collect social security, you may benefit from strategies to reduce or defer taxable income. If your non-social security income exceeds certain levels, it triggers taxation of a higher percentage of your social security benefits.

Pay attention to recordkeeping: Keeping complete records may help you save on taxes, especially if it prevents having to locate or recreate informa-

tion.

Review Form 1040 for missed tax opportunities: Reviewing your 1040 could help you spot opportunities for making investments that provide greater after-tax savings. Pay special attention to the Taxable Interest, Tax-Exempt Income, and Dividend Income sections of the form.

Municipal bonds: Tax-exempt municipal bonds are an excellent tax-advantaged investment, especially if you are in a high income tax bracket or have moved into a higher tax bracket after a promotion or career change. Interest earned on municipal bonds is exempt from federal income taxes and, in most states, from state and local taxes for residents of the issuing states (although income on certain bonds for particular investors may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax).

Plan capital gains and/or losses: Determining when to recognize capital gains or losses depends on whether you want to postpone paying taxes (by postponing recognition of gains) or recognize capital gains or losses during the current year. If the gains will be subject to a higher rate of tax next year (because of a change in tax bracket), or if you cannot use capital losses to offset capital gains, you may want to recognize capital gains this year.

Review IRA opportunities: If you want to maximize the timing and amount of IRA distributions as long as possible for your heirs, understanding IRA rules is critical. If you are retiring or changing jobs, consider rolling over the assets in your company's pension and 401(k) plan to an IRA. If you have a traditional IRA, evaluate whether it would be beneficial to convert it to a Roth IRA.

Estate planning strategies: Review and update your estate plan to minimize potential estate and gift taxes.

Life insurance: Life insurance may provide liquidity to pay estate taxes and could be an attractive solution to other liquidity problems, such as family-owned businesses, large real estate holdings, and collectibles. Life insurance proceeds can pass free of income and estate taxes when structured properly.

These are just some of the most common tax planning strategies to consider, and each should also be considered within the context of your overall financial picture and goals, not just with regard to next year's taxes. We can work with you and your tax professional to review your current situation and determine which tax-saving strategies may be beneficial to you, while also devising a long-term strategy to meet all your financial life goals through our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process. Find out more about our process at [whzwealth.com/our-process](http://whzwealth.com/our-process), and contact us at 860-928-2341 or [info@whzwealth.com](mailto:info@whzwealth.com) to get started on building your personalized strategy today.

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# OBITUARIES

## Normand Albert Durand

In loving memory of Normand Albert Durand born June 3, 1953 in Ludlow, MA. Son of George W. Durand and Imelda L'Heureux. Norman passed away on June 27, 2021.

Normand was taken from this earth to soon. We will not stand at his grave and weep. He is not there. He does not sleep. He is the thousand winds that blow, he is the diamond's gift on snow. He is the sunlight on ripened grain, and the gentle autumn rain.

When we wake in the morning's hush he is the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. He is the soft stars that shine at night. He was loved by many and will remain in our hearts.

Normand attended Killingly Public Schools. He worked for the family business, East Killingly Auto Body. He worked for Loos and Company for 20 years retiring in 2017. In retirement, he worked at Vineyard Valley Golf Club located in Pomfret, in the ProShop.

Normand was an avid golfer. He loved golfing with Theresa and many friends at Vineyard Valley Golf Club. He also was an avid woodworker creating beautiful Intarsia designs. His Intarsia work was feature at Articles

Gallery in Danielson. He was very generous and often gifted his many works to family and friends.

He enjoyed vacationing at Old Orchard Beach with his family and partner, Theresa. He and Theresa would spend hours combing the beaches from Maine to Florida for shells.

Normand loved muscle cars, Chevelles were his favorite. He coached softball for his oldest daughter, Donna.

Normand is survived by the love of his life of 14 years, Theresa Rzepa of Danielson. Two daughters, Donna Wang and her wife Judy of Rochester, NY, Renee Kohlstat and her husband Ron of Wayland, NY. Two sisters, Janine Simmons and her husband Harrison (Chucky) of Danielson, Susan Gregware of Danielson, and his brother Lenny Durand and his wife Kathy of Danielson.

He is also survived by three grandchildren Jake, Emma, and Erica of upstate NY. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

A golf tournament will also be held in honor of Normand on August 29, 2021, at the Vineyard Valley Golf Club. Information can be found on Vineyard Valley Golf Club's website. Proceeds will be donated the American Heart Association. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30am after the tournament for all who wish to attend.



## Christine C. Raymond, 72

Jacksonville, NC - Christine Cheryl Raymond, 72, of Jacksonville, N.C., and formerly of Putnam, Oakdale, and Voluntown, CT, passed away February 2, 2021, at Crystal Coast Hospice House of Newport, N.C. She was the loving wife of the late Edward F. Raymond and daughter of the late Louis and Carminella (Navarro) Deotte.



Christine is survived by her daughters, Marne Gustafson and her husband Eric of Jacksonville, NC and Monique Gustafson and her husband Nils of Lincoln, NE; sister, Denise Cimochofski of Putnam; grandchildren, Evan Gustafson and his wife Yvonne of Jacksonville, NC, Reed Gustafson of Jacksonville, NC,

Quinn Gustafson of Lincoln, NE, and Lisle Gustafson of Lincoln, NE; and her great-grandchildren, Summer Gustafson and Twila Gustafson; nephews, Kyle Cimochofski of Putnam, and Eric Cimochofski of Providence, RI.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Christine's family on Saturday, July 17, 2021, from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT at 11:30a.m. Burial to follow in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of gifts and flowers, donations may be made to SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House, P.O. Box 640, Newport, NC 28570 or to the Alzheimer's Assoc., CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Marie "Lucille" Mandeville, 79

QUINEBAUG - Marie "Lucille" Mandeville, 79, of Parkway Dr., died Sunday morning, April 11, 2021, at Evergreen Healthcare. Born in Webster, MA, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Fernande (Chouinard) Mandeville.



Mrs. Mandeville worked for many years as a secretary at Rivermill. Lucille enjoyed bowling, attending, and watching on television basketball games especially the UCONN women's Huskies, reading, traveling with her family, shopping, and going out to eat her favorites were pizza and Chinese food. For many

years she resided with her mother at Parkway.

Lucille is survived by her siblings, Richard J. "Yogi" Mandeville of N. Grosvenordale and Pauline McClellan of Danielson, and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews. She was predeceased by her longtime companion Robert Kelley.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 12:30p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## How to get kids into golf

When a global pandemic was declared by the World Health Organization in March 2020, parents were left scrambling for fun and healthy ways to keep their kids occupied. Virtual learning sessions replaced days spent in the classroom, and many extracurricular activities were canceled in an attempt to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Parents tried to find activities that kids could enjoy while still adhering to social distancing guidelines, and that led many moms and dads to consider golf.

Golf is an outdoor activity that does not require a large group of people, making it an ideal recreational activity during the era of social distancing. In fact, the number of youth golfers skyrocketed during the first six months of pandemic. According to Youth on Course, a nationwide program for children between the ages of six and 18 that offers access to more than 1,000 golf courses for a nominal fee, the number of rounds played by program members between

January 2020 and July 2020 increased by 76 percent over the same period a year earlier.

Golf isn't just beneficial during the age of social distancing. It's also a great way for parents to get kids to exercise and keep them off of their devices as they enjoy the great outdoors. Golf is a difficult game, and that difficulty may discourage some youngsters from playing. However, parents can overcome that hurdle and others as they try get their kids excited about playing golf.

- Enroll kids in a youth organization. An organization like Youth on Course excites many youngsters because they see children their own age playing golf. That means they can go golfing with friends and talk about the game when they're not on the course. Parents concerned about COVID-19 can let their youngsters play with friends while wearing a mask without risking kids' health. Public health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have noted that outdoor activities are signifi-

cantly safer than indoor gatherings. When wearing a mask outdoors, kids' risk of getting COVID-19 is even lower.

- Get the right gear. PGA of America recommends getting kids a putter and a wedge that are made for kids their height, noting the availability of clubs specifically made for juniors. An age-appropriate wedge is short and easy to get in the air. That should make it easier for kids to play, increasing the chances they'll enjoy themselves.

- Keep it light and fun. Golf can frustrate even the most skilled professionals. It's important to downplay any frustration kids feel. Parents playing alongside their children must avoid growing frustrated if their own rounds aren't going well. PGA of America advises parents to not put any expectations on youngsters as they learn the game, focusing instead on how much fun it is to play a round at a beautiful course.

Golf is a great game for people of all ages, including youngsters.

## Bite into these facts about hot dogs



Hot dogs are the yin to the hamburger's yang. Franks and burgers are a common pair at barbecues and ballparks, and rightfully so. Handheld, portable meals, they pack a convenient and flavorful punchy.

Few foods may seem

as American as hot dogs. However, hot dogs are derivative of European sausages. This fact and more can shed light on the humble hot dog, which is sure to find its way to a grill near you this summer.

- Mental Floss says it's pre-

tentious to consume a hot dog with utensils. Hot dog etiquette experts also insist adults should not top their hot dogs with ketchup, which they suggest is a topping strictly reserved for children.

- Hot dogs are often associated with New York City. However, hot dogs gained popularity across the country in the 20th century.

- Hot dogs are often called frankfurters. This refers to Frankfurt, Germany, where pork sausages similar to hot dogs are believed to have originated.

- Hot dogs were given their name by cartoonist Tad Dorgan. He observed a vendor selling "hot dachshund sausage dogs" during a baseball game at New York City's Polo Grounds. As legend has it,

Dorgan couldn't spell the name of the dog, instead writing only "hot dogs." The name eventually caught on.

- Despite several jokes as well as speculation regarding what hot dogs contain, hot dogs are cured and cooked sausages that contain mainly pork, beef, chicken, and turkey. The meats come from the muscle of the animals. If a product contains organ meats, it must be declared on the packaging.

- In 1867, Charles Feltman made a cart with a stove on it, which he used to boil sausages. The cart also had compartments to keep buns fresh. Carts that sell hot dogs on the street are now seen in cities across the country.

- Hot dogs are a NASA-approved food for astronauts.
- While hot dogs are sold at

many venues, data indicates that the popular convenience store chain 7-Eleven sells the most grilled hot dogs in North America, with 100 million sold annually.

- Relish, sauerkraut and even ketchup are popular hot dog toppings. But mustard is by far the most popular.

- Why are there typically 10 hot dogs per pack and only eight buns per bag? When hot dogs were first introduced, they were sold at varying quantities at the butcher shop. Hot dogs were eventually standardized to packages of 10, but buns are baked in clusters of four in popular pans designed to hold eight rolls.

Hot dogs are a summertime staple that have an interesting and extensive history.

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# Combatting more than just summer learning loss

Lazy summer days are great for lounging around the pool. Though such afternoons are synonymous with summer, failure to flex cognitive muscles along with physical ones may lead to struggles when children return to classrooms.

Summer learning loss, also dubbed “summer slide,” is a term used in reference to the loss of academic skills and knowledge during summer vacations. However, in addition to the potential for lost skills from being away from school during summer breaks, students also may be affected by deficits that developed due to virtual learning. This summer may be one best spent catching up on studies.

Researchers have been looking at summer slide since at least 1996, when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. That study indicated children lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break. More recently, a 2020 NWEA® MAP Growth assessment found children in third to fifth grades lose, on average, 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent in math during summer break. NWEA is a research-based,

not-for-profit organization that creates assessment solutions that premeasure growth and proficiency.

While summer learning loss has been widely recognized for years, a new issue has developed due to the global pandemic. A shift to hybrid or all virtual learning for significant portions of the last two school years could have long-term consequences for students. A recent study from the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Research and Strategic Improvement in Virginia found that middle and high school students have had less academic success as a result of online learning. The percentage of students with two or more failing marks increased by 83 percent in the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year. Certain demographics of students struggled even more, including students with disabilities, Hispanic students and English learner students, according to the report. When separating middle school students from high school students, the former had higher incidences of two or more failing grades, a 300 percent increase versus 50 percent increase among high school students.



There are physical consequences to consider as well. A recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that included 1,290 parents whose children were engaged in online instruction found that students receiving virtual instruction were more likely than those who received in-person instruction to report decreased physical activity,

fewer opportunities to socialize with friends and worsened mental or emotional health overall.

Parents who are concerned about their children’s educational opportunities over the last year-plus may want to emphasize more smart play this summer. Encourage children to read more, even if it’s books of their own choosing,

which they are more likely to complete than books selected for them. Families also may want to work with tutors to bring their children back up to level in math and reading proficiency so students are ready for the new school year when it begins in August and September.

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT TAX COLLECTOR’S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate bills listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List become due and payable to the Witches Woods Tax District on July 1, 2021. Payments must be postmarked by August 2, 2021 to avoid interest charges. Interest will be charged on August 3, 2021 on all delinquent bills at a rate of one and one-half percent per month, beginning with 6 % for July 1st through July 31st, and ending with 18% interest for all payments made in June 2021. There is a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each bill. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector’s Office at 860-974-1354 or the Assessor’s office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326. Payments must be sent to:  
WITCHES WOODS TAX DISTRICT  
25 CROOKED TRAIL, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281-2601  
Frederick Chmura  
Tax Collector  
June 25, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
July 23, 2021

### TOWN OF BROOKLYN LEGAL NOTICE

The **FIRST** installment of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle tax bills on the assessment of Oct 1, 2020 becomes due July 1, 2021. The **FIRST** installment of sewer usage and fire district taxes also becomes due July 1, 2021. Bills will become delinquent on Aug 3, 2021 and subject to interest from the due date at 1.5% per month as prescribed in the General Statutes of the State of CT. Minimum interest penalty is \$2.00. The Tax Office’s hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. **ATTENTION:** You can pay via credit/debit card online or in the office. There is a processing fee of 2.50%. For more information, go to our town website [www.brooklynct.org](http://www.brooklynct.org). Jocelyne Ruffo, CCMC, Revenue Collector  
June 25, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
July 30, 2021

### TOWN OF KILLINGLY TAX COLLECTORS LEGAL NOTICE

Taxes and Sewer use charges are due July 1, 2021. The first installment of taxes becomes delinquent on August 3, 2021. The first installment of sewer use becomes delinquent on August 3, 2021. All are subject to interest at the rate of 18% per annum, 1 ½% per month or any fraction of a month, from

the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE OR EXCUSE THE OBLIGATION OF THE TAX OR INTEREST DUE.** Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, during the posted hours, by mail, online, or in our drop box. Please visit our website for full details and online payments [www.killingly.org](http://www.killingly.org). Dated at Killingly this 25, day of June 2021. Patricia Monahan CCMC  
Revenue Collector for the  
Town of Killingly  
June 25, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
July 23, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR’S NOTICE

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle taxes and sewer usage bills listed on the October 1, 2020 Grand List become due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **July 1, 2021**. Payment must be postmarked or in the office by **August 2, 2021** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **August 3, 2021** on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Sewer usage bills have a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 on each delinquent bill as well. Motor vehicle taxes not paid by **August 3, 2021** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector’s Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor’s office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326. The Tax Collector’s office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Fridays are CLOSED.** The office will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Linda Bernardi, CCMC  
Woodstock Tax Collector  
415 Route 169  
Woodstock, CT 06281  
June 25, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
July 23, 2021

### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 7:45 p.m., at Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room 1, for applications SP-M2-96-04 – 130 Brockway Road – GED Enterprise, LLC dba Bradford Standing Seam – modification to a special permit and SP-650-06-35 – 1438 Route 171 – Jamie Reyn-

olds & Jordan Wells – special permit for dog kennel.  
Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.  
July 2, 2021  
July 9, 2021

### TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

*The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and took the following actions:*  
ZBA 21-02 Bates Auto Parts, Inc., Owner of Record Linehouse Road LLC, c/o Maher and Cotnoir, PO Box 187, Putnam, CT, property located at 64 Linehouse Rd, Map 38, Block 71 and 71B, Lot 13 and 5, Zone RRAD. This is an application pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 14-67 for approval to use the premises for the operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle recycler’s yard or motor vehicle recycler’s business. Continued from June 7, 2021  
ZBA 21-03 Karol and Grazyna Wojtowicz Owner of Record, 2 Marcy Lane, Map 83, Block 7, Lot 13 D, Zone RRAD requesting 16-foot side yard setback to build a 36’ x 21’ detached garage. Rescheduled from June 7, 2021 to July 12, 2021  
ZBA 21-04 – James Brazel & Susan Waters, Owner of Record 53 Wrightson Drive, Map 153, Block 17, Lot 14, Zone LD, request a variance to the Town of Thompson Amended Regulations, Article 4G, LD District, Section 3, Dimensional Requirements, Front setback for an accessory structure shall equal or exceed that of the primary structure. Applicant placement of the detach garage is on roadside of house. Accepted for a Public Hearing on July, 12, 2019  
File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Zoning Board of Appeals. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Beno, Chairman  
July 2, 2021  
July 9, 2021

### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., for 64 Pulpit Rock Road – Patrick & Deirdre Monahan – variance for front yard setback – to be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room 1. Chairman Martin Niekci.  
July 9, 2021  
July 16, 2021

### TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

*The Thompson Planning and Zoning*

**Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255 and made the following decisions:**

**PZC Application #21-12** Applicant Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a Rawson Materials, of 6 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT property owner River Junction Estates, LLC,. 204 Munyan Road, Putnam., Ct 06260 for Gravel Mining at property located at 0 East Thompson Rd, Map 154, Block 5, Lot 10, Zone, RRAD creation of a 3.5+/- acre pond. Approximately 120,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel will be removed from the site to create the pond. Withdrawn  
**PZC Application #21-21** – Applicant Richard Desrochers dba J & J Construction, LLC, property Owner Richard Desrochers, 484 & 486 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Map 158, Block 20, Lot 8, Zone RRAD, for a Gravel Operation Permit Renewal, finish phase 1, reclaim phase 1, and begin work in phase 2. Approved  
**PZC Application #21-22** Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, 659 Riverside Drive, requesting a zone change from the Town of Thompson Amended Zoning Regulations, effective September 15, 2020, Zoning District from Rural Residential Agricultural to Downtown Mill Rehabilitation District. Purpose of change to create development potential consistency with intent of Downtown Mill Rehabilitation District. Tabled to July 26, 2021  
*File may be reviewed on line, Town of Thompson website, Planning and Zoning Commission. Written communication will be accepted prior to the meeting*  
Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman  
July 9, 2021

### TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via a virtual WebEx Meeting and at the Clifford B. Green Community Meeting Room, Suite 24, 69 South Main Street on the following: 041321D A. Kausch & Sons, Pomfret Landing Road/Church Street, Map 37, Lot 17 and Map 37 Lot 20/21, Wetlands crossing for driveway, 2 residential homes, septic system, well, minor grading. A copy of the application is available for review. All interested parties may attend the meeting, be heard and written correspondence received. Jeffrey Arends  
Chairman  
Dated this 29th day of June 2021  
July 9, 2021





Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.  
The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.  
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

10		0	11
	6		19
2	7		12
16	14	12	

3	7	2
6	6	4
0	1	10
Solution		

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1834: FOUR NIGHTS OF RIOTING AGAINST ABOLITIONISTS BEGIN IN NEW YORK CITY.
- 1954: ELVIS PRESLEY MAKES HIS RADIO WHEN HIS RECORDING OF "THAT'S ALL RIGHT" AIRS ON WHBQ MEMPHIS.
- 2019: THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NAT'L SOCCER TEAM WINS THE WORLD CUP IN LYON, FRANCE.



THIS FRUIT HAS A WATER CONTENT OF 92 PERCENT.

ANSWER: WATERMELON

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ESDEELSS LEMNO

Answer: Seedless Melon



REFRESHING

serving to  
reinvigorate  
someone



- ENGLISH: Fruit
- SPANISH: Fruta
- ITALIAN: Frutto
- FRENCH: Fruit
- GERMAN: Frucht



THERE ARE MORE THAN 1,200 VARIETIES OF WATERMELON. WATERMELON IS CONSIDERED A FRUIT, BUT BECAUSE IT IS IN THE GOURD FAMILY, SOME CLASSIFY IT AS A VEGETABLE, TOO.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WATERMELON

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to dog days of summer.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 14 = M)

A. 5 17 14 20 24 20 6 8

Clue: Moisture in air

B. 4 18 22 14 6 5

Clue: State of being warm

C. 14 15 22 1 17 22 8

Clue: Metal in thermometers

D. 5 15 18 6

Clue: High temperature

Answers: A. humidity B. warmth C. mercury D. heat

SUDOKU

1	4			7				3
					9			
		5					8	4
			7					
	3			9	8			6
		8	2				3	
	6	9		3	7			1
3				5		8		
			6					

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	4	3	2	8	9	1	7	5
7	9	8	1	5	6	4	2	3
1	5	2	7	3	4	6	9	8
5	3	7	4	9	2	8	1	6
9	1	4	8	6	5	7	3	2
8	2	6	3	1	7	9	5	4
4	8	1	9	2	3	5	6	7
2	7	2	5	9	1	4	3	8
3	9	6	5	7	8	2	4	1

ANSWER:



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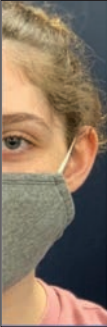
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TIFFANY GOT VACCINATED.



I was ANXIOUS.

I'm Tiffany Hicks from Danielson. I'm 20 and was nervous about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.


It was new and I was hearing and seeing a lot of things on social media that were confusing.



I became AWARE.


I started thinking more about it. Some of my friends and co-workers were unsure about getting it, too.

I had questions and needed answers.




I ASKED...

So I talked to my aunt. She's a public health nurse and was able to explain things in a way that made sense and answered all of my questions. She told me that I could be vaccinated safely. She's someone I trust to tell the truth.



I'M ALL IN.


I got the facts and got vaxed. My friends trust me, so they got vaxed, too. Now we can get together again AND we get to ditch the mask in most places!



Vaccination is the answer to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask us. We're trusted for the truth.

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Northeast District Department of Health

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Schedule

Get vaccinated. It's never been easier.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 - 2 – NDDH Office, 69 S. Main St., Brooklyn and at these convenient dates, times, and places:

Fri 7/9	2:30 – 4:30	Unicorr-Nutmeg Container, 100 Canal Street, Putnam
Fri 7/9	3 – 5 pm	Friendly Spirits, 40 Wauregan Road/Rt. 12, Danielson
Sat 7/10	8 – 11 am	Putnam Food Distribution, Putnam Middle School, 35 Wicker Street
Sat 7/10	10 – 1	QVCC, Atrium Art Gallery, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson
Tues 7/13	3 – 6 pm	United Services, Inc., 1007 North Main Street, Dayville
Thurs 7/15	3 – 5 pm	American Legion Post 91, 66 Prospect Street, Moosup
Fri 7/16	2 – 4 pm	Spirol, 30 Rock Avenue, Danielson
Fri 7/16	3 – 6 pm	Sterling Town Hall, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Sterling
Tues 7/20	4 – 6 pm	Hale YMCA, 9 Technology Park Road, Putnam
Wed 7/21	6 – 8 pm	Putnam Adult Softball (Concessions Stand), 33 Wicker St., Putnam
Sat 7/24	11 - 1	Pop Up Putnam, Rotary Park, Kennedy Drive, Putnam

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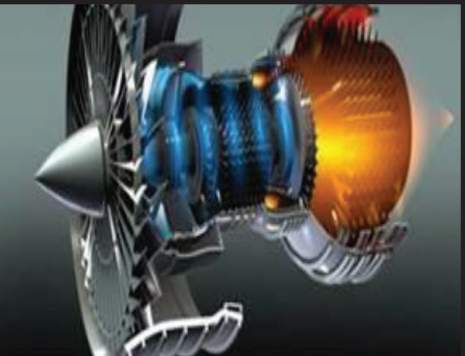
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