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Former Muddy Brook Fire Chief remembered



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The Muddy Brook Fire Department and the entirety of Northeastern Connecticut is mourning the loss of a longtime department member and former chief, George Brown.

BY JASON BLEAU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The Muddy Brook Fire Department and the entirety of Northeastern Connecticut is mourning the loss of a longtime department member and former chief, George Brown.

Brown's passing was announced by the Muddy Brook Fire Department on July 21 after he suffered a medical emergency at his home shortly after return-

ing from an emergency call for service. A lifetime member of the department, Brown served Woodstock for 55 years, including as chief of Muddy Brook. He graduated from Woodstock Academy and went on to serve in the United States Army from 1967 until 1970. He would later graduate from Eastern Connecticut State College in 1975 and the University of Connecticut School of Nursing in 1995. He worked as an emergency room nurse at Harrington Hospital until his retirement in 2016. He leaves behind his two surviving siblings, three children, a granddaughter, and his wife of 44-and-a-half years Pamela Brown.

"This is a huge loss to the department and our local community," the Muddy Brook Fire Department wrote on social media during the announcement of Brown's passing. "Chief Brown graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1967, served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was active with the Danielson Veterans Coffee House. Chief Brown was also an active member with the East Woodstock Congregational Church and worked as an RN at Harrington Hospital. Chief Brown served the department for over 50 years, having joined in February of 1967. He was a mentor and dear friend to us all."

Brown's 73 years of life defined what it

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Photos Jason Bleau

Backpacks filled the back of one of the Putnam Fire Department's trucks. The Department's 2022 back-to-school drive was one of the most successful in the event's five-year history.

Putnam Fire Department holds Back-to-School Drive



Members of the Putnam Fire Department demonstrate the use of the Jaws of Life for extricating people from vehicles following a crash.

BY JASON BLEAU
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PUTNAM — The Putnam Fire Department held its annual back-to-school drive on Saturday, July 30 bringing in record donations to help kids in need for the upcoming school year.

Cody Rogers, founder of the back-to-school drive and a Supervisor at Putnam EMS, said the event has become a small annual tradition in Putnam and have continued for around five years, growing each year, with all the items going to area schools to help kids in need.



Event coordinator Cody Rogers shows off some of the donations collected during the Putnam Fire Department's annual back-to-school drive on July 30.

"This all benefits the northeast corner. Killingly, Putnam, Woodstock, Eastford, Pomfret, Thompson, Brooklyn, it goes back to the schools in all of these towns. The schools distribute them as needed to make sure the kids have what they need," Rogers said.

The 2022 event has been one of, if not the most successful year of the drive to date. Rogers said donations more than doubled 2021's drive only halfway through the day. He said he

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Woodstock Planning & Zoning developing cannabis regulations

BY JASON BLEAU
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WOODSTOCK — A little over a year after Gov. Ned Lamont officially signed into law the legalization of recreational marijuana in Connecticut, towns are still preparing for what this legalization might mean in terms of new businesses and now to regulate them.

The Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission is hard at work finalizing guidelines and regulations for their town which will most certainly stretch into early 2023. Commission Chairman Jeffrey Gordon said their goal is to be a welcoming community to the cannabis industry, but also to make sure such businesses are properly regulated with the safety and well-being of everyone in mind.

"We're looking to see what other towns have been doing, just to get an idea. We're very much focused on Woodstock though, so we've discussed how we would like to see about regulating it and we're continuing to reach out to people to get input which is very important to us. At the same time, our moratorium on cannabis establishments expires Oct. 31 and we're in the

process of extending that to the end of April of next year to give us more time to get input from people and businesses in town," said Gordon.

The cannabis industry is a unique challenge for all communities in Connecticut as for some the substance is still not welcome while others eagerly await the arrival of their first shops. Gordon said he hasn't seen any sign that cannabis will be unwelcome in Woodstock, but there are many concerns that need to be addressed from a logistical and safety level. Traffic, location, and public safety are all variables that need to be considered when determining how zoning will work with cannabis businesses, but the Commission still wants to ensure Woodstock is a welcoming host when the time comes.

"You've got to be mindful of residential neighborhoods, daycares, schools, and all that kind of stuff. You need to be mindful of where any business may or may not locate. These are things we think about for many businesses. We're not singling out cannabis. We're aware it's a very different type of business."

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Volunteer opportunity available through UConn

BROOKLYN — UConn Extension People Empowering People CI is seeking 2 volunteer facilitators to go into the Brooklyn Correctional Facility to facilitate UConn Extension PEP CI on a weekly basis. The UConn PEP CI program mission is to draw from the unique strengths, life experiences and capacities of each participant to build a community of mutual support from which participants gain skills and confidence to aid their rehabilitation and ultimately keep them out of prison.

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they will work with an experienced UConn PEP CI facilitator. Sample sessions include Empowerment, Values, Communication, Problem Solving, and Managing Conflict, Coping Strategies, Healthy Relationships, Goal Setting and Preparing for My Next Job. Day and time of sessions have yet to be determined. Training of the UConn Extension PEP CI Program will be provided. Potential volunteers will need to be available during daytime hours. Please email pep@uconn.edu for more information and to request an application. You can also visit the UConn PEP CI Web site at: <https://pep.extension.uconn.edu/pepci/>

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The Hutchins family saga continued



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At the end of last week's column on Green Hollow Road, I mentioned looking for members of the Hutchins family who had slaves or non-whites in the census records. At that time, I had found only Ezra. An extensive search in the census records has revealed that his brother, Dr. Penuel Hutchins, had one slave in the 1790 census, but not later. Penuel lived where Killingly Memorial School is now situated, so was not on Green Hollow Road. Brother Shubael Hutchins had a non-white in his household in 1810, but not in 1790 and probably lived on or near Green Hollow Road. I should mention that all the non-whites are listed separately in the 1820 census and are not with other families.

Shubael Hutchins fought in the Revolution (U.S. Pension Roll of 1835, Ancestry.com). He continued to be active in the military and according to Ellen D. Larned in her "History of Windham County Connecticut, Swordsmith edition," became Lt-Colonel of the 21st Regiment. (Vo. II,

p. 279). In 1801 when a new church was organized in the Westfield section of Killingly (Danielson), Shubael was one of the original members along with his brother Dr. Penuel Hutchins. In 1813 Shubael was chosen a deacon of the church. He died April 14, 1841 and was buried in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson.

In her letter to the Editor, which I included in last week's column, Shannon Wojcik mentioned Silas Hutchins building a house for his grandson. Searching for Silas proved to be quite a challenge since there were a number of them. Still, I found some interesting tidbits. About 1801, a Captain Silas Hutchins (ca. 1752-1814) opened a tavern in the new village that was springing up around Westfield Congregational Church. His assembly-room was the site of an ordination ball when Rev. Roswell Whitmore was ordained as pastor of that church on January 13, 1813. (Larned, op. cit. During the War of 1812 Silas served as a private in Shepard's Regiment of Connecticut State Troops. (U.S., War of 1812 Service Records, 1812-1815; Ancestry.com). He died May 4, 1814 and was buried in the small Hutchins Cemetery on Franklin Street. You can see his impressive monument at www.findagrave.com.

Now that Silas should not be confused with a later Silas Hutchins, who operated a tav-

ern on Franklin Street about 1837-1838. It was not far from the two Danielson cotton mills and was on a stagecoach road from Hartford to Providence. For a photo of this tavern see p.11, "Images of America Killingly," by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer.

In last week's column, I mentioned that Lysander Warren purchased the estate of Ezra Hutchins on Green Hollow Road with its 1792 tavern/dwelling. Although Lysander was a wealthy farmer at a time when Killingly/Danielson was becoming quite industrialized, he was, nevertheless, a prominent individual. I found the following in connection with the findagrave Web site when I was searching for his burial place. "Lysander Warren (s. of Dyer), was born Dec. 11, 1815 in Killingly, Conn., grew up on his father's farm, attended the public schools of this town and then a preparatory school for Brown University located in Scituate, RI, and later was a teacher during the winters. He was married to Marcia Mason, daughter of James and Mary (Williams) Mason, by the Rev. Daniel Williams, Oct. 7, 1844 in East Killingly. She was born Jan. 25, 1818 in Killingly, and was a sincere, earnest-hearted woman, respected by everyone. In 1847, they moved to his farm on 'Federal Hill,' south of Danielson, Conn. (The Green Hollow Road property). He was a hard-working farmer and by frugality combine with the wise investment of his savings and the assistance of his wife amassed a large amount of property. He was a good mathematician, a surveyor whose services were in demand, and a citizen of unusual ability and intelligence.

"He was a strong republican and was a Representative in the Legislature of Connecticut

in 1858, 1868 and 1878; the sheriff of Windham County for seven years; a justice of the peace over 30 years; and at various periods, constable, assessor, school visitor, and highway surveyor in the town of Killingly. He was converted while teaching in Plainfield, Connecticut, and attended first the Free-Will Baptist and later in life the Methodist church. His wife died May 8, 1891, in Killingly, after nearly 50 years of wedded life. She was a loving help-meet and a devoted mother. He died suddenly July 4, 1900, at his home in Killingly and is buried with his wife and two daughters in the cemetery on Meadowbrook Farm." (Unfortunately the source is not given. However it says #539 before Lysander's name with father Dyer given as #391. Meadowbrook Farm was located part way to what we would now call East Killingly south of Route 101/Hartford Pike.

Note the reference to Lysander being a teacher in the winter. The Killingly panel of Gray's Atlas of Tolland and Windham County of 1869 divides the town into school districts bearing both numbers and names. The Green Hollow Road district is named Warren's District after Lysander. The little school was located at the junction of present-day Shepard Hill Road and Green Hollow Road.

If you drive south along Green Hollow toward Plainfield, you will cross a small brook, Fall Brook. Like many of its counterparts in Northeastern Connecticut, it was the site of a small gristmill and sawmill complex. However, by the second half of the 19th century, it had an additional mill that I have not seen elsewhere in town—a plaster mill. According to Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia, the

plaster mill was in existence by late 1855. "Mill property for sale. Consisting of Plaster and Grist Mill, Circular Saws, and room suitable for mechanical purposes, together with a good n convenient dwelling house and barn, with four acres of land, on which are a quantity of Fruit Trees...R. Robinson, W. Killingly. Windham County Transcript, January 1, 1856." An 1861 Windham County, Connecticut Business Directory mentions a shingle mill. By 1866 George A. Niles was operating the mill, "New Grinding A Cargo of Nova Scotia Plaster. His Old Customers Who have so highly approved of his plaster the last six years are asked to request early application for fresh ground plaster. "Nova Scotia Plaster was used as a fertilizer Windham County Transcript April 5, 1866. By 1879, he was advertising his location as near the depot (WCT May 29, 1879). N T. F. Bailey was a later operator of the Fall Brook site. For a photo, see "Images of America Killingly Revisited" by Natalie Coolidge, p. 14.

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Hurricanes are one of the most damaging natural disasters, and when a strong hurricane hits, the toll is felt not just in physical destruction but also in financial losses. From 1980 to 2020, the total approximate cost of damages from weather and climate disasters in the United States was \$1.875 trillion. This year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has predicted a busy hurricane season 2 – are you ready?



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include a two-week supply of the following:
 Water (One gallon per person per day)
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 Personal hygiene items
 First-aid kit
 Copies of important documents (passport, birth certificate, insurance policies, etc.)

Tip #3: Have an Evacuation Scenario
 Having an evacuation plan that all family members are familiar with beforehand can help increase your chances of safety and reduce panic. Run through an evacuation plan with everybody who lives in your household at least once a year. Some things to go over include:

Where you will go
 The route you will take
 Necessary items each family member will need to bring

Tip #4: Take Inventory of Your Possessions
 Conduct a home inventory that includes photographs, receipts, valuations and digital back-ups. Keeping a thorough record of your belongings will be helpful if you have to make an insurance claim regarding lost or damaged possessions. Keep a record of your home inventory with your emergency kit or to-go bag, so it's easily accessible in case of emergency.

Tip #5: Check What Your Insurance Policy Covers
 Homeowner's insurance will generally cover the damage made to your

house's structure in the event of a natural disaster. However, areas with higher hurricane risk may carry higher hurricane deductibles on homeowner's insurance. Make sure you're familiar with your insurance's hurricane policy and prepare an emergency fund to cover costs for repairs and rebuilds.

Something else to keep in mind is flood insurance. Even if your insurance policy carries hurricane coverage, flood coverage is a separate, federally-backed option for homeowners. It is advisable to look into acquiring flood insurance in order to avoid extra damage costs.

Tip #6: Make Sure You Have a Sufficient Emergency Fund

Besides damage to your home, a severe hurricane could also result in damage to your place of employment as well as roads

It is better to be prepared in the event that disaster strikes, as hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage. Take the proper measures to adequately insure and protect your home, possessions and loved ones so that you can enjoy the months ahead with less worry.

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Adam Sanderson of Woodstock Valley named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Adam Sanderson of Woodstock Valley has been named to a Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

Students awarded honors based on their academic achievement. Sanderson is currently enrolled in the Cybersecurity major.

The honors include:
 Dean's List - for achieving a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester

President's List - for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the spring semester.

Trustee's List - for achieving a 4.0 grade point average for two consecutive semesters.

Making an Honors List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs,

and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

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Hannah N. Dean, of Brooklyn, was named to second honors.

Katie A. Ben, of Brooklyn, was named to second honors.

Clayton W. Singleton, of Eastford, was named to second honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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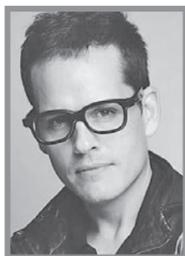


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For the last three weeks, I wrote about the three characteristics you'll need to develop to accomplish your dreams. The first is desire, the second is faith, and the third is specialized knowledge. I say you will need to develop these qualities because you can cultivate and grow them.

Initially, you may only have a little desire, a small faith, and only an ounce of specialized knowledge. You can, if you choose, become a person of

great desire and faith and eventually become a well-versed expert in the specialized knowledge you'll need to know to accomplish your objective.

Your imagination will be the fourth quality you'll need to nourish. It's a common belief that you either have a mind for imagination or you don't. Undoubtedly, some are born with more imagination than others, but that is true with anything.

How much imagination will you need? It depends on the dream, but you will need at least a little.

You can feed your imagination in many ways. In part, you can feed your imagination from years of specialized knowledge. Still, even with that knowledge, you may only have a vague idea of how to accomplish your dream. You may need to exercise your imagination to pinpoint precisely how you will achieve it and the trail you will need to blaze to get there.

We've all seen a business offering a service and had an idea of how the service could improve. When you had that thought, you exercised your imagination. What if you expanded on that thought? What if you sat down and wrote how you could improve that service? What if you worked out the details so clearly, day in and day out, that you discovered exactly how to accomplish your dream?

Transforming your dream into reality will need a plan. To create your plan, you will need to use your imagination.

One of the most effective ways to imagine is to write your plan on paper. In my life, I knew what I wanted to accomplish but didn't know how to get there. One day I sat down to write, and I didn't stop for two years. During the two years, I wrote a 178-page paper. Every night, I came home from work and wouldn't sleep until I spent a couple of hours writing. What was I writing? A plan based on an idea.

I imagined the fine details of what my business would be. All the problems it would solve, the people it would help, all the services it would offer, and how I would integrate my dream with this business and use it to get where I wanted to go. I wrote over ten drafts of my paper, complete with charts, graphs, illustrations, facts, figures, ideas, and detailed visions of what I planned to do. Every night while I wrote, I exercised my imagination.

Don't be discouraged; you don't have to spend two years writing a huge detailed paper to accomplish your

dream. All dreams are different. You may only need to write your plan on one piece of paper. The more details you can add, the better. It will become more concrete with every word you write.

Some of the greatest innovators may have only written their plan on a chalkboard and meditated on their ideas daily until their imagination provided them with an exact solution or path they would need to take. Every dream requires a different amount of creativity and planning.

If you find yourself writing a detailed plan of action, know it's well worth it. I didn't intend to write something that would bring investment; originally, it was only a plan. This paper I wrote ended up being the reason I found my first investor.

Use your imagination and write down a plan to accomplish your dreams! Don't rush yourself through the process; take your time. Inevitably your project will need to change a little. Every time it does, go back and refine it!

An idea, when combined with desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and mixed with imagination, can bridge the gap to make your dream a reality.

Tune in to next week's edition to find the fifth thing you'll need to accomplish your dream.

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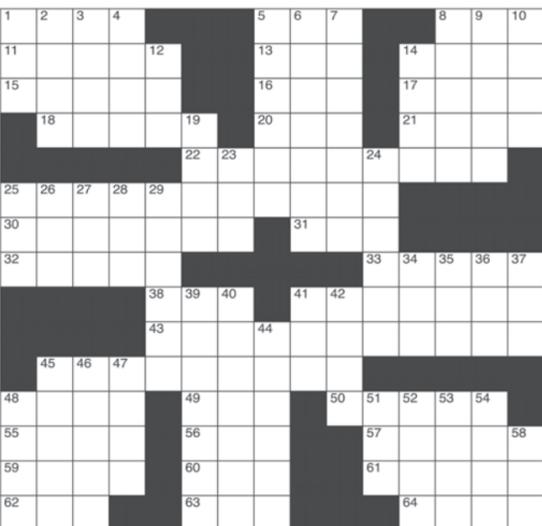
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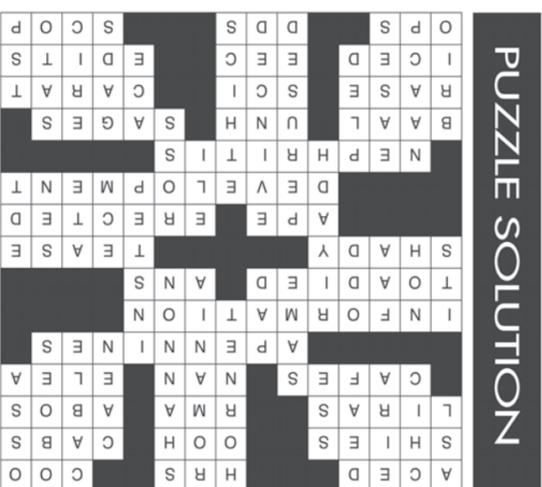


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- 8. Pigeon's murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to "ahh"
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One's grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way
- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. ___-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation



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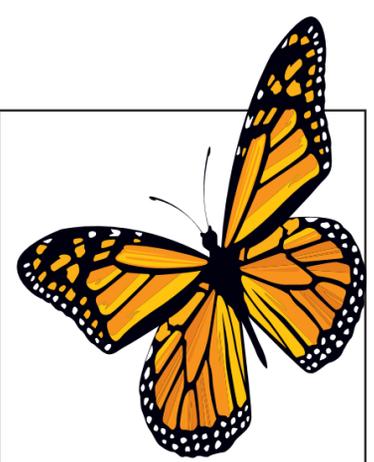


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Cilantro is a favorite ingredient in guacamole, tacos, rice dishes and of course salsa. But as summer temperatures climb, the cilantro quickly goes to seed. This can be frustrating but using all parts of the plant or growing a heat tolerant cilantro-flavored substitute can help.

Gardeners in cooler climates can sow seeds every three to four weeks throughout the summer for continual harvests. Those with hotter summers will have the best results growing cilantro in the cooler temperatures of spring, fall and even winter. Grow cilantro in full sun or light shade as temperatures climb and moist well-drained soil for best results.

Mulching the soil to keep the roots cool and moist will help delay flowering. Avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot.

Harvest the leaves when they are four to six inches tall and before the plants flower for the best flavor. Harvest as needed a third of the plant at one time to allow it to keep producing or cut the whole plant back to an inch above the

ground and wait for it to regrow.

Store freshly cut leaves like a bouquet of flowers in a glass of fresh water. Place in the refrigerator to use for the upcoming week. Hang leaves upside down to dry or freeze. Just wash the leaves, pat dry and place in a freezer bag or air-tight container in the freezer. Or chop up the rinsed cilantro into smaller pieces, place in ice cube trays and top with a splash of water before placing in the freezer.

As temperatures rise, the plant will flower and set seed. Do not discard it but rather look at utilizing the other parts of this plant. Enjoy the beauty and flavor of the lacy white flowers that also attract beneficial insects to the garden.

After the white flowers fade, green seeds appear. Wait for the plants and seeds to turn brown when using them as coriander. Cut off the seed heads, place in a paper bag, and allow the seeds to drop to the bottom. The seeds are ground and used in breads, cakes, pickling spices, and Asian food. Store in sealed containers until ready to use.

Otherwise allow the seeds to drop to the ground in the garden and grow new cilantro plants to harvest and enjoy. Cilantro seeds sprout readily when soil temperatures are 55 to 68°F and the plants can withstand a light frost.

Don't forget to harvest the roots and use them for seasoning Thai and Vietnamese food. These taste best when harvested in fall.

In the future, consider buying seeds of slow bolting cilantro varieties

like Slow-Bolt, Leisure and the 2006 All-America Selections award winner Delfino Cilantro.

Or try growing Papalo, also known as summer cilantro, in next year's garden. It has a similar but stronger flavor than cilantro with a hint of citrus and mint and thrives in hot weather. You will only need one or two plants as this annual grows up to five feet tall and several feet wide. Harvest young leaves for the best flavor and use only half or one third the amount of cilantro called for in recipes.

You may need to start your own plants from seeds if none of the garden centers in your area sell plants. Start seeds indoors or directly in the garden once the danger of frost has passed and the soil is warm.

Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment by utilizing every part of the plant. Adjust your cilantro growing techniques as well as plant selection to help beat the heat.

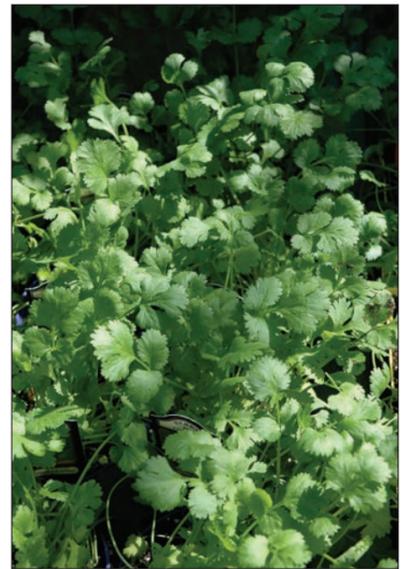


Photo Melinda Myers

Cilantro ready to be harvested.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Eastern student Elliot Lawrence of Eastford gives preschoolers a summer 'Jumpstart'

WILLIMANTIC — Four Eastern students are spending their summer working with Willimantic children through the early childhood program known as "Jumpstart." Through the Center for Community Engagement (CCE), Eastern's Jumpstart students are completing 300 hours each from June through August at the Windham Regional Community Council (WRCC) Early Childhood Program.

Among the students is junior Elliot Lawrence of Eastford, who majors in Liberal Studies.

"This program is important because it functions as a supplemental education program for preschools all across the United States," said Lawrence. "My future career aspiration is to become an elementary school teacher. Working with Jumpstart has given me good hands-on experience in a classroom during my undergraduate years."

Jumpstart partners with college students who work to prepare preschool-aged children with the social and academic skills necessary for success in kindergarten. Eastern's four students are completing approximately 30 hours per week with 26 children across two preschool classrooms.

"Throughout the summer, they are trained in areas such as child development, classroom management, social justice, etc.," said the CCE's Brandon Martins, Jumpstart program coordinator. "This training prepares them to implement Jumpstart's curriculum, reading storybooks and doing activities with the children that foster oral

language, literacy and social-emotional skills."

Jumpstart is an AmeriCorps program that has trained thousands of college students and community volunteers across the country to work with young children for kindergarten success.

BROWN

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means to be a servant of the people. A firefighter, nurse, veteran, volunteer, and an all-around active member of the community he called home, Brown's life will be remembered as one of the most dedicated yet humble members of the Woodstock community in his time.

A service for Brown was held on Friday July 29 at the church he loved so much, East Woodstock Congregational Church. Memorial donations in his honor can be made to the Muddy Brook Fire Department at P.O. Box 222, East Woodstock, CT 06244, or to the Veteran's Coffeehouse, c/o The Putnam Elks Lodge, 64 Edmonds St, Putnam, CT 06260.

CANNABIS

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It has a number of different state laws attached to it. We do have to create some rules, but we also need to be fair. We're not trying to hamstring cannabis businesses," said Gordon

The Planning and Zoning Commission will continue to discuss cannabis regulations for at least the remainder of 2022 with the potential extension of the moratorium allowing for more time in early 2023 to finalize those documents. Gordon and Commission are inviting any members of the public with interest in the cannabis discussion to join their monthly meetings to have their voices heard.





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DKH will continue to operate as a not-for-profit and independent organization with a local board, with input on local issues. Covenant Health is a regional health delivery network and a leader in value-based, not-for-profit health and elder care. Covenant Health's leadership believes that quality healthcare is delivered locally, not 50 miles away.

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LIR Open House

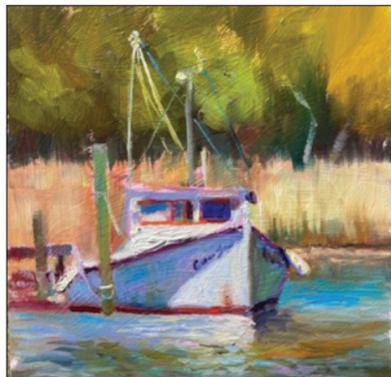
LIR (*learning in retirement*) is for adult learners who enjoy learning in a stimulating, safe, social environment.

We are hosting a free open house on Friday August 19 at 1:00 in the QVCC auditorium on Maple Street in Danielson.

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Nick Bellantoni, retired state archeologist. He will be talking about revolutionary war skeletal remains found near the battle site of Ridgefield CT. Come hear his presentation, preview upcoming fall courses, enjoy light refreshments, and see what LIR is all about.

In the Studio

CYNTHIA SAARI



"In the Studio" features artists from the Quiet Corner—home to many artists and makers, some of whom have national or international recognition for their work in fine art, handcraft, performing art, art education, and graphic art. In this series, we'll talk with our artist neighbors and learn about their careers, current projects, and connections to our towns. We'll also learn some "artspeak" terms in our conversations, demystifying some of those "artist words".

This week we're meeting with painter Elisabeth McGinn. Once again, I discovered the work of a gifted artist at Putnam's Silver Circle Gallery on Main Street. Plein-air scenes, portraits, still lifes—it would be hard to choose a favorite by Elisabeth in looking at her Facebook page.

Thank you so much for joining us, taking time between travels and making a home in Connecticut. It looks like you've painted scenes from around the globe.

Yes, my husband just recently retired from a career in the Navy and we've spent our lives living lots of different places. Italy was a special favorite. At the time of this writing, I'm actually in Ireland, getting ready for Art in the Open in Wexford, Ireland. I really love to travel and painting while visiting a place just adds to the experience.

Your work also conveys social commentary. Tell us about the "Right Next Door" project.

This subject is very close to my heart. I've tried to volunteer and donate to homeless aid and food pantries wherever I've lived. A close friend of mine (Alex Mathiessen) and I were working together at the Norwich food pantry when she had the idea of a combined art show and

fundraiser. I paint and she's a photographer, so we both had work in the show. A couple of years later, we did it again with the show "Look Both Ways" again showing work together, but this time proceeds were split between the Norwich and New London homeless facilities. Thames River Gallery in New London did a fabulous job hosting us— their promotion of the show and providing wine and munchies was key to its success— over \$5,000 was raised.

I understand that you've been winning "quick draw events." What's involved in these?

Quick Draw is a segment of plein air events where the artists are timed— usually two hours from start to finish. Then the paintings are brought to a central location, lined up, judged, and often sold right after. For this type of event, there is no second-guessing subject matter, composition or anything else— it's a "make it work" moment! I'm a pretty fast painter, so I've had some success with quick draw events.

You have studied with well-known painters in both California and Connecticut. What is some of the best advice you've received from your mentors?

One of my favorite comments from a really good painter was "you're going to paint a lot of turkeys" meaning to not expect a great painting every time and to not get discouraged when it doesn't go well— just keep painting. Eventually everyone improves by practice no matter what it is you're practicing. Another thing I've been told is to try to find subjects that make the artist excited to paint them. Don't just paint whatever; paint what moves you.

I love this "everyday" scene. How do you choose your subjects?

Some subjects almost cry out to be painted. I try to keep my camera with me, and something will grab my attention— often a seemingly ordinary scene, but with just the right light or movement— it's so quick and then gone, that taking a photo is necessary. Lots of times the scene will have a person moving through it— so not good for plein air painting which is painting from life. After catching a scene in a photo, I try to paint it as soon as

possible afterwards so the feeling of it is fresh in my mind.

You're off to Ireland for a Pleinair festival with other artists and workshops. Tell us something about the value of gatherings like this.

Recently I started trying to paint plein air more often, instead of only painting in studio. Let me tell you— it's a whole different world! In my studio, it's climate controlled, I'm likely to have a nice cup of tea next to my easel, and either true crime or BBC playing in the background... there's a bathroom right down the hallway... contrast that with hauling every item needed to paint out to some remote location. You will forget something, guaranteed, hopefully nothing so important that you can't make a painting. It might be very hot, or raining, or so windy you have to tie down your easel...the sun will cause the light and shadows to move and change your subject very fast. There are likely to be bugs— and even one time, a rattlesnake! These are challenges plein air painters share and getting together at events or festivals are a bonding experience. We compare techniques and ideas and tell stories only other plein air painters can relate to and we encourage one another in the difficult but rewarding endeavor of painting outside.

What are the "must have" items to take with you on this trip? (Speaking of supplies, I'm going to use a term from www.elisabethmcginn.com "about the artist" for our word of the day.)

Even harder than packing for a plein air day is taking it all to another country for an extended time. There are traveling issues with paint and other supplies (sometimes paint gets mistakenly confiscated by airport workers going through bags). Oil paint is allowed to fly because it has a very high flash point, Turpenoid or Gamsol (mineral spirits) are not allowed to fly, so you have to get whatever you can find after arriving at your location. This time in Ireland, my mineral spirits are German made. ...Biggest challenge was that my bag could not exceed 50 pounds. After sorting through and trying hard to limit to what was absolutely necessary to bring... my bag weighed 48 pounds at the airport.

Thank you so much for this conversa-

tion. Any final thoughts?

I'd encourage anyone who feels like they might like to paint to jump in. What I've described above about plein air can feel and be a bit complicated, but it's only one of many ways to paint— the cool thing about art is there's no wrong answer. It is definitely therapeutic to create something in paint that's uniquely from your perspective. Often, I can paint what I couldn't describe in any other way— and that's very meaningful.

Word of the day:

Turpenoid /Gamsol
A medium for oil painting and brush cleaning liquid, essentially mineral spirits

About the writer: Cynthia Saari (Woodstock) is a nationally recognized framework glass artist. She has exhibited her work & taught for over 20 years; her glass beads have been included in numerous publications & invitations. Significant projects include costume work for the Santa Fe Opera, and framework demonstrator at the Peabody Essex Museum. Cynthia offers talks & workshops in the Quiet Corner; she is an adjunct professor of art at a local college.

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On Saturday, July 30, members of the TMHS graduating class of 1969 got together at the Crossings Restaurant in Putnam for a reunion luncheon. In attendance (from left to right) John B. Lenky, Ed DeLuca, Ronald Duquette and his friend, Carol, Pam and Greg Pederson, Nancy and Gene Fabrizio, Jim Morrison.

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Red Sox legend Ortiz inducted into Baseball Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — On Sunday, July 24, Boston Red Sox legend David Ortiz was honored by being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and local photographer Dick McGrath of Douglas

was on hand to capture all of the special moments of “Big Papi” and others from Cooperstown. Please enjoy McGrath’s photos.

Photos courtesy Dick McGrath



From left, Kim Kaat, Tony Oliva and David Ortiz proudly display their plaques after being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



David Ortiz delivers his induction speech at the Baseball Hall of Fame.



From left, Mike Lowell, Dustin Pedroia, Chaim Bloom and Brian O'Halloran were at Cooperstown to watch David Ortiz formally get inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



At the Baseball Hall of Fame, Johnny Damon was on hand to watch David Ortiz’s induction speech.

PUTNAM LEGION HOSTS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



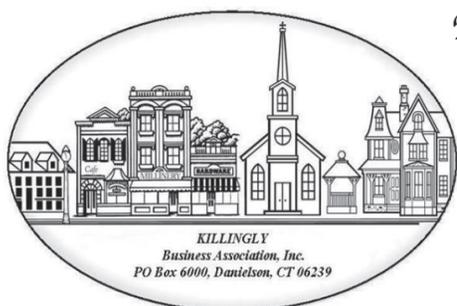
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The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam held its annual golf tournament at Connecticut National Golf Club on Friday, July 29. A field of golfers, composed of Legionnaires, veterans and friends of the Post joined in the festivities, netting more than \$10,000 in support of children and youth programs and the Post’s annual scholarship according to Commander Michael S. Vassar. Coincidentally Vassar was part of the championship foursome. Pictured proudly holding the traveling championship cup are (left to right) Darryl Stevens, Tom Downey, Vassar and Brian Rice. The winners fired a blistering 16 under par on the par 71 layout.



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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Aging in place

After an eternity of being close to home, my husband and I are traveling as often as we can. We visited friends in Maine recently, and enjoyed long walks and even longer conversation sharing all the special thoughts and ancient, tired jokes only years of friendship find interesting or funny. Once we returned and slipped back into the comfort of home, my mind wandered back over the various themes that repeated themselves. One topped the list.

Lunch at a restaurant near Chebeague Island was tasty. The couple we met had chosen the place with the view in mind as a treat for landlubbers like us. Bright sun glinted off the marina that was dotted with beautiful boats. The menu included Maine shrimp, a favorite of mine, and I was ready to catch up on news about their family, favorite books and mutual friends. We chatted, but the wife cut straight to the point:

were we going to stay in our current home and “age in place” or were we moving. If so, where were we going.



NANCY WEISS

The couple is attractive, fit, although the husband, an extraordinary athlete since childhood has “issues.” His problems are typical of my age group—bad knees, rotator cuff operations and a creaky back. The wife, a fine golfer, had no complaints. Members of her family lived to a ripe old age and she seems to be on the same path, but she has done over a number of houses, knows how much work is involved and if she were to tackle another one, it was now not later.

Nothing was resolved, no decisions revealed. I had to sharpen up my thinking on a matter of importance to our friends. Lunch ended with the usual promises not to let so much time pass between visits. Kiss. Kiss. Off to visit the next couple.

Couple number two on our journey are very close friends. We stay in touch. My husband and the other man play pranks on each other and tell jokes. I feel I can share anything at all with her. They moved to Maine permanently, transforming a summer house into a year-round home with an architect designed tower. Their village is lively, walkable and full of friendly people who make an evening stroll a social event. They plan to stay put, perhaps add a railing or two. Eating copious amounts of blueberries should help.

Our third visit was to a cottage on Long Lake. Maine has some very big lakes! Our friend and her partner live in California and Maine. The cottage is small but an architectural gem with lake water lapping on two sides. They plan to travel back and forth until they can't.

As we drove home, boxes of tiny Maine blueberries bouncing on the backseat, I summed up the conversations. Maine has the oldest population in the country, but it seems lively enough in towns and busy on the highways. Tourism adds vigor. Our friends live part time in Maine and have for decades. Their children and grandchildren visit them more than vice versa. Their homes could be modified when they become less able. Or not.

The ostrich in me doesn't think about age, time, change and limitations, but my friends do, and they are realists. Having a plan is better than no plan at all, and they see aging in place as the best options. When I was a child, many families had an elderly relative near the kitchen stove. Some were scary. Some not. We didn't know it, but they were aging in place. They had few options.



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BOOKLYN DEMOCRATS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST ROE V WADE DECISION

On Saturday, July 30, members of the Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee (BDTC) attended BANS OFF OUR BODIES, a rally led by Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Congressman Joe Courtney in response to the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. The day began with a pre-rally breakfast at Blondie's Diner in Willimantic, accom-

panied by a chance to meet Secretary of State candidate, Stephanie Thomas, and candidate for State Treasurer, Erick Russell. Then, the rally, held at Eastern Connecticut State University, began. Great speakers, a great message, and overall, a great event! Primaries are coming up. Please get out and vote. Democrats are fighting for you! Remember this November, vote Democrat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get out and vote in the Primary

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the residents that came to the town meeting in Thompson last week; all three measures passed. The Open Space ordinance was modified to keep the taxation method the same as it has been for the last 43 years.

There will be a Democrat and Republican primary election in Connecticut on Aug. 9. You must be a registered Democrat or Republican to vote in the primaries. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk, completed absentee ballots must be returned no later than the close of the polls on primary day.

The Democrat primary ballot has Stephanie Thomas and Maritza Bond vying for Secretary of State with Erick Russell, Dita Bhargava, and Karen DuBois-Walton vying for Treasurer.

The Republican primary ballot has Themis

Klarides, Leora Levy, and Peter Lumaj vying for United States Senator with Dominic Rapini, Brock Weber, and Terri Wood vying for Secretary of the State. Brock Weber has withdrawn from the race since the ballots were printed.

The Thompson Republican delegates interviewed the candidates for these two races at the state convention last April and unanimously agreed to support Leora Levy for United States Senator and Dominic Rapini for Secretary of the State.

The Thompson Republican Town Committee, at their meeting last week, voted to endorse Leora Levy for United States Senator and Dominic Rapini for Secretary of the State.

Please get out and vote on Aug. 9.

BILL WARNER
THOMPSON

Let's focus on the real crises in the world

To the Editor:

Regarding last week's letter on the separation of church and state, both your title and the letter contain the same inaccuracy. The title refers to "the Constitution's required separation of church and state," while the letter refers to "the line of separation between church and state, as required by our Constitution."

No such requirement exists in the Constitution.

While it's commonly believed this does exist, the First Amendment simply prohibits government from FAVORING one religion over another (as last week's letter writer states), and protects the freedom to worship as one wishes. It may seem like a fine line, but the Constitution does not explicitly call for separation.

That said, the separation concept is now enshrined in case law originating as late as the 1950's and continuing from there, starting with a Supreme Court case whose decision against a Catholic school receiving federal funds began the string of additional such

cases.

Historically, the concept of church/state separation isn't much discussed until Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury, CT Baptists, in which he makes a parenthetical reference to this concept - in the 1820's, well after Independence and the ratification of our Constitution. The First Amendment regarding religion was ratified in 1791.

As a practical matter today, I'd welcome a coach invoking his deity at a football game any time: it's the intent that counts, not the religion. And where's the church/state issue there anyway? It doesn't exist.

For the same reason, if you tell me "Merry Christmas" in December and I don't celebrate Christmas, I say "thank you very much" - for wishing me the blessings of your holiday.

Neither of the above compromises my First Amendment rights. Let us worry about the larger crises in our world instead.

JEREMY SERWER
WOODSTOCK

Join me in voting for Christine Maine

To the Editor:

I am writing to support Christine Maine for candidate for the Connecticut House of Representatives in the 51st District. Christine is by far the better person to serve all constituents in her district.

As the State Representative for Putnam, Killingly and Thompson, I assure you she will work diligently for all people. She has proven this ability by her service in the US Air Force as well as her experience as Magistrate in the State of Virginia.

Christine has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the U. of Dayton, as well as a Master's in public administration from the U. of Arizona.

She will work to protect women's healthcare and the safety of our students. She has a real concern for our environment, and she will always be aware of her fiscal responsibilities. Christine, being a veteran herself, supports those programs that help ease the transition back into civilian life, both physically and mentally.

In 2019, her opponent, the incumbent Rick Hayes, voted no on the following:

- Requiring the release of certain police video.
- Establishing family and medical leave.

-Limiting co-operation between local law enforcement and immigration.

-Requiring climate education in our schools.

-increasing minimum wage to \$15.

- Prohibiting unlocked vehicle storage of firearms.

In 2020, Rick Hayes voted against establishing an inspector general for police shootings and for extra-ordinary use of police force.

He voted no on capping the price of insulin at \$25.

Last year, our State Rep also voted no on the following:

- Limiting solitary confinement

-expanding recycling options on aluminum cans

-Amending timelines for plans concerning conservation and development.

So far this year, Mr. Hayes also voted no on increasing the budget to support sufficient mental health programs.

Please join me in voting for Christine Maine on Nov. 8 for the State Representative of the 51st district.

CHRISTINE LABRASH
PUTNAM

Here's to the Dog Days

It's a typical New England summer evening, with a warm breeze blowing through the open windows. The sun is setting with the back drop of dancing leaves hanging on the trees in the distance. Paul Simon, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Led Zeppelin, Edie Brickell and The Doors are taking turns on the five disc CD player recently picked up from a local secondhand shop, and well, here we are, in the dog days of summer. What a great place to be.

But what exactly does that term mean?

The "Dog Days" of summer was coined for the period from July 3 to Aug. 11, typically the hottest days of the season. We found that not many know where the expression comes from. Some thought it simply meant that it's too hot outside for dogs; however, that is not the case.

The phrase stemmed from Sirius, the Dog Star. During the "Dog Days," the Sun occupies the same part of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog.

Since the Sirius star is so bright on July 23, the ancient Romans thought it added extra heat to the sun, making this span of time hotter. Of course, we know that the heat is because of the Earth's tilt.

Speaking of summertime and keeping things light as we should during this season, we wanted to dispel some old myths some of us still carry with us from childhood.

Our parents told us we could catch a cold from air conditioning. The extreme changes in temperature from going outside to inside could wreak havoc on your immune system, especially if people around you are sick. Keep your air conditioner at a moderate level and all will be A-OK.

They also told us you can't get sunburned on a cloudy day; however, we do recall some of our parents actually telling us that we could! Thick clouds cannot block harmful UV rays, leaving you at risk for a bad burn. One of us had an aunt, who told us that putting butter on a bad burn would soothe the pain. Butter may actually cause an infection and make the healing process take longer, keep it on your popcorn.

The old "Don't swim after eating" line we've all heard from about Kindergarten through high school? Well, it turns out that jumping back into the pool with a freshly full stomach might be a bit uncomfortable, but the notion that you will suffer cramps debilitating enough to drown you is a myth.

Saltwater does not heal wounds faster; in fact, it makes them worse. However, dried beach hair after a dip in the ocean is always a ten.

Eating garlic does not keep the bugs away. For a natural repellent, try placing some lavender behind your ears.

Hopefully, these myths brought you back to your summers as a child where back then, you had to be home before the lights went on, catching lightning bugs and putting them in a jar was a nightly activity and jumping through actual inter tubes where the tire valve had better be faced down was what those days were made of, oh and pogo sticks!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The rest of the story on the Hoppocratic Oath

To the Editor:

I was unfamiliar with the history of the Hippocratic Oath until I read Ms. Emerson-Hill's letter, published in the July 29 issue of *The Villager*. So I dug into it and, as Paul Harvey might say, here's "the rest of the story." The Oath dates from approximately 400 B.C.E., and was originally in Greek. There are many translations, and over the centuries it has often been revised. There are a multitude of different versions, and some medical schools omit it altogether.

The translations of the original Oath I found don't say, "I will give no sort of medicine to any pregnant woman, with a view to destroy the child." Rather most forbid giving a "pessary" to cause an abortion. You might look up "pessary" -- it describes many medical devices commonly used today, unrelated to abortifacients.

The original Hippocratic Oath requires that medical knowledge be shared only with "sons" and "brothers." Evidently the entire medical establishment daily violates the Oath by training female students.

In ancient times right up to through the Renaissance, doctors did not perform surgery. Thus, physicians in the past pledged not to "use the knife...but

leave this to those who are trained in this craft," usually barbers. I love my hairdresser, but I've got questions!

Ms. Emerson-Hill writes that by taking the Hippocratic Oath physicians implicitly "recognize God's sovereignty." Indeed, the translations I found all reference higher powers, but all begin with a vow to «Apollo the physician...and Aesclepius, and Hygeia and Panacea, and all the gods and goddesses." Ms. Emerson-Hill states that taking the oath without believing is an "exercise in deceit." Are all modern doctors deceitful if they don't worship Zeus and his brood?

Like our faith, ideals and ethics, exemplary medical practice changes over time, as it should. Physicians should follow current, widely-accepted science, as opposed to 2500 year old edicts. The American Medical Association has vehemently rejected government attempts to "criminalize reproductive health services." Patients should choose medical treatment according to their own values and in consultation with their physicians. Apollo shouldn't get a say.

ROBIN LOFQUIST
DANIELSON

A question for the Day Kimball board

To the Editor:

"Roman Catholicism, the largest Christian denomination in the United States, in fact in the world, is a frighteningly regressive organization with rampant misogyny and blatant homophobia. To have the Day Kimball Hospital joined or affiliated with the organization would serve to undermine the hospital's status as a welcoming community provider and leader.

Having been raised and educated for 16 years in this denomination, my knowledge of its beliefs and practices is not minimal. As an adult, I've watched it make several considerable efforts to become more inclusive and welcoming, even to the election of the current pope. But the backlash to his efforts, particularly in the United States, has only served to reinforce the rigidity of the institution and the desperation of its clinging to truly archaic beliefs about the role of women and of anyone other than cisgendered heterosexual individuals. As a young child, WA8-6541 (Day Kimball Hospital's main phone number) was one of my few memorized phone numbers as my father practiced there for decades and led the medical staff for many years. And, despite the fact he was a devout practicing catholic I believe his deep commitment to fairness and unwavering belief in freedom of and from religion would have led him to oppose this venture as well.

It is unthinkable that the discriminatory practices allowed in other Catholic healthcare institutions would be sanctioned here. And it would be a travesty to allow an affiliation between DKH and Covenant Health to denigrate the history and current community status of the hospital.

The courtesy of a reply would be appreciated."

The letter above is essentially one that was written and sent to the DKH Board of Directors several weeks ago. As I look back on it, I'm struck by how trusting, even naive I was in thinking it could make a difference, that pointing out the overarching discriminatory dogma of Catholicism might give the board pause in their push to affiliate with Covenant. I even thought I might get a response; I did not.

Since that writing, many have spoken out here, earnestly and thoughtfully pointing out the negative effects the affiliation will have on local control of DKH, reproductive health for men and women, gender affirming care, and the right to end of life self-determination. There is no need to repeat what has been so well iterated. However, there is need to worry about how the religion and Covenant's belief systems, as guided by the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Systems (ERD's), could potentially affect staff and personnel policies such as marriage and parental leave and insurance coverage for other than heterosexually married spouses among others.

I'll close with this question for the DKH Board. If there was another organization with which you considered affiliation that could provide similar financial assistance and stability, but held as a tenet of the organization that only white people could fully participate, would you go forward with that organization? I think not.

CELESTE R. CHARTIER
PUTNAM

Save Day Kimball Hospital

To the Editor:

First, let's talk about what it is, a great little hospital, with a top-notch staff and wonderful service. Most of us would like to have it to stay that way. Unfortunately, the hospital now finds itself in an uncomfortable financial position, and it may be sold.

What went wrong: in part, it is simply the fact that small rural hospitals, like Day Kimball, have for many years faced falling revenue, less government support and lower reimbursement for services. Further, small community hospitals do not, and cannot, afford to provide the most expensive services (open heart or brain surgery), which can produce far more revenue.

Of course, for years DKH paid their CEO more than half a million dollars a year, often while the hospital was losing money. In addition, there were mistakes made in buying and investing in equipment and property, unnecessary to a small community hospital or failure to find grants to upgrade patient records; but that is the past, and one can learn from mistakes.

What's Planned: Now the Board of Directors is planning to sell the hospital to Covenant Health, a Catholic organization, which if the sale is completed, Covenant will completely take over Day Kimball Hospital and all services. They will deliver healthcare as set out in their takeover agreement as follows:

10.1 Catholic Teaching. From and after the Closing Date, the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, including the Ethical and Religious Directives and Canon Law, shall govern without exception the services provided by the DKH Parties and the conduct by the DKH Parties of their business operations. DKH Providers and independent contractor physicians providing services to the DKH Parties shall be provided annual Ethical and Religious Directives training by Covenant or its designee.

Under this doctrine, many services that are now provided will come to an

end, especially in the areas of reproductive rights, birth control, end of life care, home health and counselling; all of these will be restricted.

(A friend once said to me, you don't go to church for surgery and you don't go to your doctor for a blessing, one has to do with faith and the other with science and experience). Remember, once the hospital is sold you can't get it back.

How bad is the situation: Well, to listen to the CEO, it is so bad they have no other choice but to sell to Covenant, or close the hospital. As you know, however, the hospital continues to operate, providing services, paying the bondholder, paying salaries and foolishly paying a CEO who is trying to sell it.

It seems particularly odd that if Day Kimball is unable to support itself, why and how would Covenant be able to take over, manage it and break even.

Where might we go from here: The Board should undertake a plan to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Yes, they have probably looked at that option already, but not well enough. There is simply not such an unreasonable debt that it could not be worked out. What needs to be remembered is that this is a small community hospital and has always served the community as such. Obviously, some things would need to be pared down, but many things will be pared down if Covenant takes over. In paragraph (10.2), of the proposed sale agreement, Covenant agrees only to retain substantially all of the workforce for 6 months, and they will certainly pare down many of the procedures currently performed. Day Kimball reported that in 2021, there were more than 510 procedures done at DKH or by its physicians; about 1.5 per day. All of these will be prohibited by Covenant. None of these were abortions, they were all elective procedures producing income to the physicians and the hospital; which will be a monetary loss. There should be two plans required going forward; care-

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The dictionary according to Democrats

To the Editor:

So, now the Brandon administration and the Democrats are ignoring the traditional meaning of the word "recession." No surprise there, and I understand their "look on the bright side" argument of low unemployment and a robust job market, but maybe that has something to do with people getting, or holding onto, their jobs longer, as the way to meet their basic needs? Maybe it's because the handouts have stopped? But this is Biden's America, with record inflation, soaring costs and supply issues, and what do you expect from the fools that can't define what inflation is, what a woman is, or now even think that a man may become pregnant? Forget Webster; how about the Dictionary according to the Democrats, and don't forget those pronouns. However, if these negative quarters had happened when Donald Trump was President, my bet is that the democrats and their controlled media would all be screaming the "R" word and you'd be hearing about it every minute of the day. AOC summed it up when she said, "The way I see it, two negative quarters is not a recession, it's minus 50 cents." (Thats not true, but again, I thought it was funny!)

I suppose that I shouldn't be picking on poor AOC because she's now complaining that she needs a raise because she can't live on her \$187,000 dollar a year salary. Forbes came out with a list of the poorest counties in every state for 2021, and for Connecticut, it was Windham County, where the median

Playing God

To the Editor:

In her response to my letter two weeks ago asserting that abortion is, in fact, healthcare, Susan Emerson-Hill seems to have missed the point. Pregnancy complications such as pre-eclampsia (occurring in 2-8 percent of all pregnancies), eclampsia, placental abruption, placenta previa, ectopic pregnancy, and decompensated cardiac or renal disease are all conditions in which the performance of an abortion (or the administration of an abortifacient) can be required in order to save the life of the mother. That step is never taken lightly and, while there is usually a sense of urgency, it involves much discussion (and thought) between the physician(s), patient, and family members, and a careful weighing of risk and benefit to both the mother and fetus. I don't see how that is not healthcare. Since the striking down of Roe v. Wade on June 24 of this year and the end of a Constitutional right to abortion, there is now a new interested party at the bedside — state government. With a patchwork (and rapidly changing) set of laws regulating abortion in each state, there has been a chilling effect on the care of pregnant women who suffer complications. A woman with a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy was forced to leave her home state and seek care at the University of Michigan when her regular doctor worried that the presence of a fetal heartbeat meant treating her would lead to his prosecution; likewise, pharmacists in several states have balked at filling prescriptions for a commonly used ectopic pregnancy treatment because it can also be used for abortions. Physicians in Texas have reported that pharmacists are resisting filling miscarriage medications because they may be used for abortions. In Wisconsin, a woman bled for over 10 days from an incomplete miscarriage after physicians in the ER would not remove fetal tissue due to prosecution concerns. As a story July 16 in the Washington Post put it: "In the three weeks of turmoil since the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion, many physicians and patients have been navigating a new reality in which the standard of care for incomplete miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies and other common complications is being scrutinized, delayed — even denied — jeopardizing maternal health, according to the accounts of doctors in multiple states where new laws have gone into effect." Of course, none of this would be

household income was \$66,500 per year. The report went on to mention: "Income inequality is huge in Connecticut, with the disparity most pronounced when comparing southern towns like New Canaan and Greenwich with Hartford, the state's capital. Business costs are 10 [percent] higher than the national average, due in part to energy costs that are 62 [percent] higher. The Nutmeg State ranks fifth overall in quality of life thanks to low crime and poverty rates, a healthy populous and strong schools. But the regulatory climate and fiscal health rank among the worst in the nation." Forbes can say all they want about Windham County, but a definite bright spot is that the greater bulk of its residents don't vote for democrats.

After months of one-sided and unchallenged testimony, hearsay evidence and political theatre, what proven evidence of Trump's guilt has the Jan. 6th committee actually come up with, and if they now have enough "real" evidence to indict him, why don't they just go ahead and do it and put him on trial? Upon reading Mr. Taylor's last letter, it appears that Canadians are wondering about that also. However, Mr. Taylor seems to have conveniently omitted what their thoughts on President Biden were, and I'm sure that if this "highly informed" group of Canadians thought that Joe Biden was doing such a great job down here it would have been mentioned.

ED DELUCA
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

an issue if the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' 2017 Statement of Policy had been heeded: "Induced abortion is an essential component of women's health care. Like all medical matters, decisions regarding abortion should be made by the patient in consultation with their health care providers...the best health care is provided free of political interference in the patient-physician relationship." I very much respect Ms. Emerson-Hill's right to her religious beliefs, including her belief that abortion is the taking of a life. That's really her business, and no one else's. But I don't think she should seek to impose her view on others (or denigrate them as "hoaxsters/wokesters whose greatest talent seems to be the ability to flaunt their ignorance") and she should understand that somewhere around 60 percent of Americans do not agree with her. (I feel the same way about the USCCB — that's the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, a group presumably lacking much in the way of, shall we say, maternal representation.) Ms. Emerson-Hill also brings up the Hippocratic Oath and remarks "how interesting that God is referenced in these texts." She then remarks, "After all, if one does not believe in God, how can one in good conscience swear to an oath that recognizes God's Sovereignty?" She should remember the first sentence of the original Oath, which spells out the sort of God the writer has in mind: "I swear by Apollo Healer, by Asclepius, by Hygieia, by Panacea, and by all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will carry out, according to my ability and judgement, this oath and this indenture..." Of course, the Oath has changed a great deal over the years and in the few medical schools where it is still used, it is clear the kind of god these students are swearing to is simply a "higher power," encompassing a great number of religions and traditions. In fact, though, I would argue that to insist on the primacy of one's conscience (specifically, where life begins, at conception or birth), to the exclusion of all other beliefs and opinions, is, in a sense, to play God. A little humility can go a long way. Joan Didion, in her essay "On Morality," told the following story: "'Tell me,' a rabbi asked Daniel Bell when he said, as a child, that he did not believe in God. 'Do you think God cares?'"

JOHN A. DAY, JR., M.D.
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Woodstock alert

To the Editor:

Over the last several months (and years), I have written a number of times about the financial shenanigans of the Woodstock Board of Finance (BOF) and the Woodstock Board of Education (BOE), and the threats to Prop 46 both in terms of town officials efforts to circumvent its spending limits and desire to repeal it entirely.

Well, last week, Woodstock residents received a copy of the Democratic Town Committee's "The Woodstock Bugle" the stated purpose of which is "Sounding of the call for Democratic values"; it was almost entirely dedicated to an attack on Prop 46 authored by Charlie Super, Chair of the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee.

Mr. Super starts out telling how Prop 46 was passed by a Special Town Meeting. The Special Town Meeting

was held on Nov. 28 with a machine vote (referendum) held on Dec. 8, where more than 38 percent of the electors (1,195 votes cast) turned out to pass the ordinance; misleading at best and it doesn't get better.

Mr. Super goes on to assert that Prop 46 has failed you if you are concerned with limiting your taxes — and he is correct as town officials have done a great job circumventing both language and the intent of the ordinance but that is not the direction Mr. Super takes. He instead suggests that the town, and the school system in particular, have suffered from under funding. So apparently the 5.8 percent tax increase we saw this year wasn't enough! Maybe we need 8 percent increases, or 9 percent?? He suggests that with the limits

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OBITUARIES

Christopher Glen Britt, 49

Putnam – Christopher Glen Britt, 49, formerly of Wilkinson St., passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, July 27, 2022. He was the husband of Allison (Durst) Britt. Born in Putnam, he was the beloved son of Deborah (Pizzetti) Giovanni and the late Adrian Glen Britt.



Mr. Britt worked as a carpenter and handyman across much of New England.

He was a kind and bighearted man who could make a friend anywhere he went. Always quick with a joke and a laugh, he was loved and well-liked by many. He adored spending time with his kids, the outdoors, fishing, coaching the local little league, and his pets. Chris loved a bonfire with good music and his booming voice will be greatly missed every Sunday cheering on the Patriots.

Christopher is survived by his wife,

Allison Britt and two children Elyse and Sawyer of Putnam; his mother, Deborah (Pizzetti) Giovanni and his stepfather Albert of Pomfret; his brother, Zachary Britt and his wife Katheryn (McGrath) Britt, and his niece Lenyx Britt of Woodstock and his brother Nicholas Giovanni of Philadelphia, PA as well as his niece Emma and nephew Jackson Hayden and dear friend Hope Fitz.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Christopher's family from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Friday, August 5, 2022, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For the memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

In lieu of flowers to honor Christopher, the family asks any donations be made in the form of checks to Nutmeg Acres Wildlife Rehabilitation (19 Victoria Drive Moosup, CT 06354) to support Christopher's love of animals and nature.

Cynthia A. (Cindy) Cristofori, 60

Cynthia A. (Cindy) Cristofori, 60, of Brooklyn passed away at Backus Hospital in Norwich on July 30, 2022. Cindy's hard-fought battle with breast cancer began in 2016 with treatments and procedures continuing in 2018 and finally metastasizing in 2022. Cindy was born in Putnam on May 26, 1962, the daughter of Doris (Cote) Billings and the late Richard Billings. Cindy was the wife of Paul L. Cristofori. Cindy worked at the former Racine Printing Company in Brooklyn for 37 years. She enjoyed gardening, landscaping, decorating and was immensely proud of the home she built with her husband. Cindy was a wonderful caretaker always thinking



of others before herself. Besides her husband and mother, Cindy is survived by her siblings Jay Billings and wife Millie of Honolulu, Hawaii, Lori Billings and husband Julio Rivera of Willimantic and Ronald Billings and wife Suk of Dayville. Also, her nephews Jeremy Billings, Matthew Rivera and Dominic Rivera and a niece Ku'uipo DeRego. She also leaves her father-in-law Paul W. Cristofori and several cousins. Calling hours will be held on Sunday August 7, 2022, from 10-12 PM followed by a funeral service at 12 PM in Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations in Cindy's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 stjude.org. tillinghastfh.com

great-grandmother. She is survived by her three children: son, Ronald Rickey, Jr., wife Jean, granddaughter Stacy; daughter Robin Smith, husband Randy, grandchildren Christopher Ryan, Jarrod Larkin and Brooke Pasay; daughter Natalie Jensen, husband Michael, grandchildren Ashley, Michael and Evan; great-grandchildren Aurora, Dakota, Hudson and Isla Belle. The funeral was held at Gilman and Valade in Putnam, CT on July 29, 2022, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sandy's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tribute Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Sandra L. Rickey, 77

Dayville - Sandra Lee Rickey, 77 of Dayville, CT passed away on July 25, 2022. Sandy was born in Ballouville, CT on August 3, 1944 to Joseph and Leona Miller.

On October 27, 1962 Sandy married her lifelong friend and sweetheart, Ronald Rickey, Sr. They met when they were four years old. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Sandy loved to knit, crochet, and garden. She also loved to go boating and riding on Rickey's motorcycle. Over the years Sandy shared her love with her pets, Cookie Dog, Patches, Mimi, Dusty, Clifford, Miss Sally and Albert. Sandy dedicated her life being the most loving mother, grandmother and



great-grandmother. She is survived by her three children: son, Ronald Rickey, Jr., wife Jean, granddaughter Stacy; daughter Robin Smith, husband Randy, grandchildren Christopher Ryan, Jarrod Larkin and Brooke Pasay; daughter Natalie Jensen, husband Michael, grandchildren Ashley, Michael and Evan; great-grandchildren Aurora, Dakota, Hudson and Isla Belle.

The funeral was held at Gilman and Valade in Putnam, CT on July 29, 2022, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sandy's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tribute Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jason R. Truesdale

Jason R. Truesdale, formerly of Brooklyn, Ct., went home to eternal life with his savior on July 17, 2022. He was born Aug. 31, 1973. He suffered a long battle with cancer. Jason graduated from H.H. Ellis Tech class of 1991. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force & Air National Guard Reserves. He was an airframe mechanic.



Jay leaves his daughter Brooke Truesdale, parents Molly and Ken Truesdale, father and step mother Gordon & Margie Bland, brother Kyle Truesdale, sisters Chelsey Truesdale Fisher, Kelli Bland, & Kassi Bland

Snyder. He leaves many relatives and friends living in Texas, Mississippi, Ct., and Washington. Jay leaves many nieces and nephews who he adored and he loved spending time with them. He enjoyed traveling and surfing and the great outdoors.

Jay believed in fighting for freedom. He lived for freedom and what he loved. God used the circumstances of his life to make him flexible and his life was a testimony that newness in Christ is real; that the security God gave him made him strong.



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of Prop 46 town services will have to be cut including things like town road maintenance and snow plowing. Maybe he should look at the new equipment we always seem to have money for – we have more trucks that we have butts to put in them. We bought a third road side mower even though the two we had were only used 30% of the time, only \$85,000; we traded in trucks at less than half the mileage that the state uses theirs for – and a whole lot more. How about stipends for town employees that wave insurance coverage that are four or even ten times the normal – and a lot more than that if you look at private sectors. But his real issue is with education and how we are under-funding WPS. He points out something I have written about several times, the declining test scores for both the elementary and middle schools – his reference data goes back 13 years – I have only seen data since 2014. He's right, the performance is abysmal; Woodstock Academy has to run remedial classes to get WPS students up to high school level, but under funding is the culprit??? School enrollment is down 20 percent over the last 13 years and class sizes down 17 percent but/and staff has increased!! How's that? It cost more to educate a second grader today than a high school senior! How's that possible? WPS has more teachers and teacher's assistants than Woodstock Academy with only 766 students compared to the Academy's 1200! How's that possible. Maybe the school administration needs to focus on education instead of empire building. Maybe it's time to partition Woodstock Academy to take over the entire school system in Woodstock and actually educate WPS students – at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Super closes with the argument that Prop 46 fails to keep taxes inbounds,

and he's right, and goes to falsely claim Prop 46 fails to adequately fund our schools, highway, and fire departments because Prop 46 links tax increases to the real estate market and then falsely states that "when property values go way up (as they did in the last revaluation), so can taxes." No Mr. Super. Revaluations only redistribute the taxes according to market value; some up, some down, net zero. They do not increase overall revenue; however they do tend to cover-up any tax increases that town officials can get passed and compound future spending; this year to the tune of 5.8 percent -- but not enough for Mr. Super. The last time we had flat budgets was during the period 2009-2011 after the taxpayers were made aware of how Prop 46 had been manipulated for years to allow the BOF to increase taxes 3 to 7.5 percent for five years in a row, and they, the taxpayers, finally showed up and voted down budgets – multiple times. Apparently today circumvention isn't enough and they believe taxpayers won't stand up.

Beware, the next step will be to try, again, to repeal or amend Prop 46. They have tried 6 times since 1991 and all failed at referendum, but I wouldn't put it past them to try again and to do it quietly passing a repeal at a town meeting with as little knowledge and participation as possible.

If you really want to get a flavor for the financial incompetence of the BOF/BOE and how finances, and your money, are really being managed (or more correctly mismanaged) go to the town website and click on "Minutes and Agendas", under minutes "Board of Finance," then "2022," and finally July 12 and read the minutes of the most recent meeting items 4 and 5. Yes, let's give them more of your money that will fix everything!

DAVE RICHARDSON
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BTS DRIVE

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was inspired to hold the event after a childhood where he, too, benefited from local programs to help him go back to school prepared.

"Growing up as a kid I didn't have the supplies myself, so I relied on TEEG and their back-to-school event, which

Joseph "Denny" Morissette, 84

Pomfret - Joseph Denis Morissette, known and loved by many as Denny, passed away on July 23, 2022, at the age of 84. He was born in the family farmhouse in Pomfret, CT to Gerard and Marie (Provost) Morissette.

Denny was profoundly involved in his community through his commitment to the fire department, local government, and advocacy for farmers. He deeply loved his family, friends, and the land he lived on. Denny loved to connect and chat with others and always brought a smile to any room he entered. He will be dearly missed and always hold a place in our hearts.

Denny is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Delores (Tarr) Morissette; his children, Marcel (Lisa) Morissette



and Michelle (Lance) Bouchard; six grandchildren, Matthew (Marianne), Jenny, D., Brittany, Dylan and André; siblings, Muriel (Joseph) Mrakovich and Leo (Susan) Morissette; and sister-in-law, Beryl Moreau.

He was predeceased by his son, René Morissette, and family members, Simone Gagne, Gilbert Morissette, and Robert Morissette.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Denny's honor may be made to the Pomfret Fire District, 67 Hampton Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258, to help continue the work Denny so genuinely believed in.

Relatives and friends were invited to a Memorial Mass Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 11:00am in Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret St, Pomfret, CT. Masks are strongly and respectfully asked to be worn to protect the lives of others. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

CANNING

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ful spending, not looking at an expansion of services, but rather evaluating what services this hospital, with limited resources, can provide to this community. Then, a plan to find new sources of income, ideas such as telemedicine, expanded outpatient services, involve the larger community in hospital matters, seek grant funding, look for town support and ask for community help and suggestions, rather than concealing financial problems until disaster strikes.

What is wrong with hospital funding: Hospitals for years had relied on a payment for service idea. You collect some money directly from patients, and file claims with private insurance companies or bill Medicare or Medicaid. Although this sounds good, a majority

of the reimbursements by Medicare and Medicaid are far less than the actual costs of the services provided. Even with private insurance payments, there are negotiated rates, which also may not meet the costs of service. Then, due in part to the improvement in medical care, hospital stays have fallen, lessening hospital income. Without adequate reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid, many small hospitals will fail. To maintain services hospitals must have equipment and a highly trained staff but in order to cover those costs, voters need to insist on an increase in adequate reimbursements.

You can help by joining the hundreds in our community who want to prevent a takeover of our Community Hospital.

For information, go to: savedkh.org

RAMON CANNING
POMFRET

they still do. This is my way of giving back, and it's also a way to bring people in and involve them in our world at the Putnam Fire Department to see what we do and how we work," said Rogers. "It's overwhelming to see people support this and help kids have that opportunity to go back to school with what they need."

The event also included a variety of demonstrations for visitors to see how

the men and women of the Putnam Fire Department and EMS work. Extrication drills and other practices were displayed while the Dudley Fire Department's SAFE House was also on hand to help teach kids how to evacuate smoke-filled buildings properly. Engravings, breakfast food, and ice cream were also provided for visitors to the event.

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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.

		1	3
7	4		14
9		5	20
18	10	9	

5	9	6
3	4	7
1	0	2

Solution

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1862: THE BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE TAKES PLACE DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.
- 1882: STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, TODAY KNOWN AS EXXONMOBIL, IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1973: MARS 6 IS LAUNCHED FROM THE USSR.



THIS TYPE OF SCHOOLING REFERS TO OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 3.

ANSWER: PRESCHOOL/PREKINDERGARTEN

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

KBCA OT CLOSOH

Answer: Back to school



ENROLL

officially register as a student on a course

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Desk
- SPANISH:** Pupitre
- ITALIAN:** Banco
- FRENCH:** Pupitre
- GERMAN:** Platz

Did you know?

THE AVERAGE FAMILY SPENDS \$700 ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES EACH YEAR. THIS CAN INCLUDE BACKPACKS, TECHNOLOGY, CLOTHING, AND BOOKS.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SCHOOL BUS

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

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!

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

ANSWER:

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF THOMPSON ORDINANCES

At a special town meeting held July 26, 2022 the following three (3) ordinances were adopted or amended:
 1) 10-039 Recreation Commission
 2) 22-001 Thompson Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater
 3) 22-002 PA-490 Open Space
 Copies of the ordinances are available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours and at www.thompsonct.org.
 This notice is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for the purposes of information, summarization and explanation. This notice does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the Town of Thompson for any purpose.
 Renee Waldron
 Town Clerk
 August 5, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the July 12, 2022 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands meeting the following application was approved: SUB22019, Lavallee Construction LLC, 0 Donovan Dr (Assessor's map 3, block 80, lots 2T, 2U & 2W), re-subdivide 3 existing lots into 4 lots.
 On July 19, 2022 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA22017 approved with conditions, Emily Kreidler, 31 Becola Rd. (Assessor's Map 116, Block 24, Lot 25) - demolish existing home, reconstruct new home in same location with new well within the 100-foot upland review area for Little Pond.
 Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
 August 5, 2022



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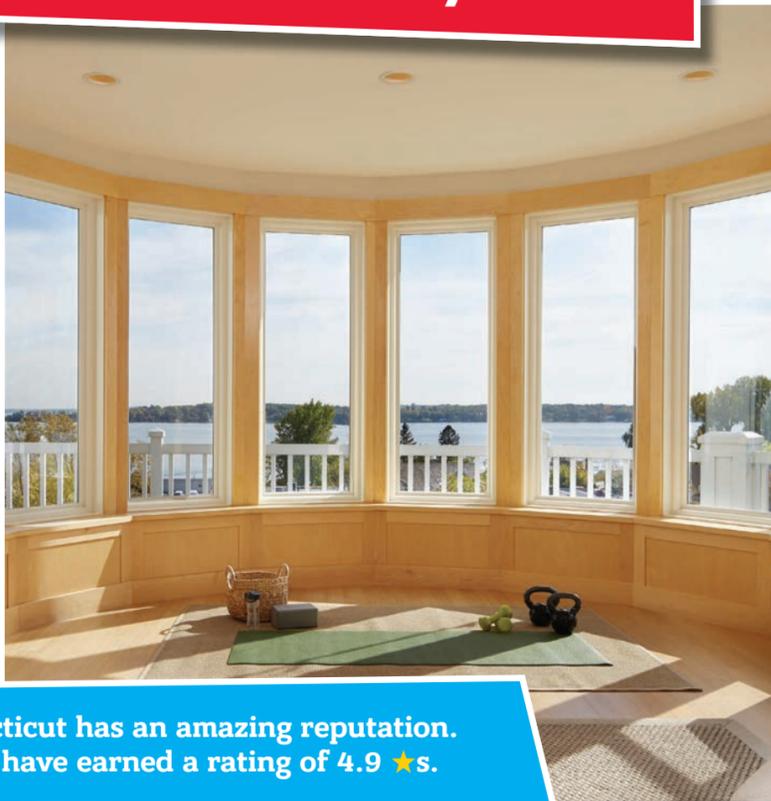
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