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Moosup native among top Advanced Leadership School graduates

YM/MSgt. Makayla Barstow

DUMFRIES, Va. — Youth member of the Young Marines, YM/MSgt. Makayla Barstow, 15, of Moosup was named a Top Ten graduate of the Advanced Leadership School held in August, 2020, at Headquarters Young Marines in Dumfries, Va.

YM/MSgt. Barstow trained for a week to become a more effective leader alongside Young Marines from across the country. After physical and written tests, leadership classes, and close order drill, she was selected as one of the Top Ten graduates of the Advanced Leadership School.

"The Leadership Academy was very valuable, because it taught me how to be a more effective leader," Barstow said. "It's an experience that all Young Marines should have if they have the opportunity. It teaches how to really find yourself as a person and as a Young Marine."

The Young Marines is a national leadership program for boys and girls age eight through high school graduation. The program emphasizes the core values of teamwork, leadership, and discipline. It focuses on American history, physical fitness, public speaking, citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Barstow is a member of the Natchaug River Young Marines under the command of Joseph Couture. The unit meets in Danielson, Connecticut. She attends Plainfield High School. After she graduates, she plans to attend college to study music or interior design.

She joined the Young Marines in 2013 at eight-years-old. She is in her seventh year in the program.

"When I joined, I was following the footsteps of my older siblings," Barstow said. "Because family was involved, I grew up in the program."

She is the daughter of Jessica and Mark Barstow.

About the Young Marines

The Young Marines is a national non-profit 501c (3) youth education and service program for boys and girls, age eight through the completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on teaching the values of leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline, so its members can live and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 235 units with 8,000 youth and 2,500 adult volunteers in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Japan, and affiliates in a host of other countries.

For more information, visit the official Web site at: https://www.YoungMarines.com.

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YM/MSgt. Makayla Barstow with Col William P. Davis USMC (Ret.), national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

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The Connecticut Mustangs 16U won the New England AAU Championship Aug. 23. Our overall season record was 27-6. The team is led by Brian Murphy - Head Coach, Assstant coach Jason Akana, and Assistant coach David Smith.
Pitchers: Cam L'Hereux - Complete game 7 innings, 106 pitches 1 hit, 3 runs, 5 K's (semi Finals); Kaden Murphy - 5 innings, 90 pitches, 2 hits, 2 runs, 5 k's. (Finals). Playoff Hit Leaders: Jonathan Smith - 4-6, BB, and 4 RBI'S (Triple); Vincent Tocci - 4-5, BB and 2 RBI's; Mason Barber - 2-6, BB and 2 RBI's; Brendan Hill - 2-4, 2 BB, and 3 Rbi's; Cam L'Hereux - 2-6, BB and 1 RBI; Hamilton Barnes - 2-5, BB and 3 RBI's (Double); Kaden Murphy - 2-4, BB and 2 RBI's; Max Raccicot - 2-5, BB and 2 RBI's; and Zach Roethline - 1-6, and 1 RBI.

Woodstock Middle School one of first to offer MyLife to students

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School is now one of the first 20 pilot schools to offer its students MyLife for Schools, an innovative web-based mindfulness platform supporting middle and high school students with social emotional learning (SEL). Woodstock Middle School will make this expert-backed resource available to its entire student population beginning in September.

Middle school students will now be able to check in regularly with how they're feeling and can use MyLife' for Schools' recommendations for short mindfulness activities to connect with their emotions. To date, MyLife has reached more than one million young people in all 50 states and more than 60 countries.

"With over 400 guided mindfulness activities available, teachers can now create a calm and focused classroom in under 10 minutes," shares Julie Campistron, MyLife's General Manager.

Most importantly, the platform enables educators to understand the emotional climate of their classroom and school so they can better support individual student well-being.

"Funding for this wonderful resource was made possible by a generous grant from the Judy Nilan Foundation," said Kristen Elliott, Woodstock Middle School Principal.

Students can benefit from the web-based digital tool to reduce stress and anxiety through activities such as breathing exercises, mindfulness practices, or visualization. These resources can be used both at home and in the classroom, particularly for distance learning needs. Students will receive personalized recommendations for impactful mindfulness activities that fit their current emotional state. At the same time, MyLife for Schools provides students with a safe platform where they are encouraged to acknowledge their emotions.

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Creation Church Continues to Worship!

THOMPSON — Creation Church at 47 West Thompson Rd. in Thompson continues to hold Worship Services outdoors every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

"We've been blessed with good weather each Sunday morning for the past 13 weeks," said Pastor Bernie Norman, "and we'll probably continue to worship outdoors right through the fall. We have been averaging about 125 people each week and have begun a Children's program, as well. Several weeks ago, we hosted the Rhode Island Teen Challenge Women's Choir and 144 people came out to support them. Everyone has been great in social distancing themselves and although masks are encouraged, they are not required. Our services continue to also be live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages."

Creation Church is a non-denominational, Christian church located right across from the Thompson Dam. "A Place of New Beginnings," the church attempts to take the reality of life and the reality of God's Word and press the two together. For instance, Creation just hosted a program called GriefShare for the community, which helped to provide those who have lost loved ones with hope and healing. They are presently hosting an outdoor study at the home of the Pastor Norman and his wife, Gale, called Improving Communication for Your Marriage.

"The pandemic and social unrest of our country has created a great sense of helplessness and hopelessness, even for the people of God. And so, we attempt to combat those feelings with the truth of God's Word in each of these areas. We continually point people to Jesus Christ, who we believe is the one true source of hope during this difficult time period," Norman said.

In fact, the Mission Statement of the church speaks to that: "To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating safe environments where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue a loving relationship with God, have fellowship and community within, and influence without." For more information on Creation Church, go towww.creationchurch.org or call the church at 860-923-9979.

Day Kimball Healthcare to host blood drive

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) will host a community blood drive to benefit patients in need on Friday, Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive will be located at Day Kimball Hospital in the Robert H. Field Conference Rooms. Donors are to enter the Hospital through the Main Entrance, Entrance A at the back of the hospital.

According to the Rhode Island Blood Center, every day, patients in Southern New England need blood transfusions to recover from illness and injury. One pint from you can help save as many as three lives.

"Blood is a life-saving operational need," said Patti Bernier, director of ancillary services, Day Kimball Hospital. "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, blood centers throughout the country are experiencing a significant drop in donations which is limiting the ability for the nation's blood supply to be adequately replenished. It's important for people to know the coronavirus does not pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives. We encourage healthy individuals to donate so that blood is available for those who need it."

"Donors will be required to wear a mask upon entry to the hospital, and should maintain a safe distance of 6 feet around them while onsite," said John

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Post Office demonstration in Pomfret

Monica McKenna — Courtesy Photos

To support the U.S. Postal System and our local post offices, members of the Quiet Corner Shouts! organization demonstrated at the Pomfret corner of Routes 169 and 44 opposite the Vanilla Bean Cafe on Aug. 22. They were part of 700 such demonstrations around the U.S.

Mary Eliza Kimball joined the demonstration.

Folksinger Sally Rogers shows her support and concern

Cheryl Kapelner-Champ created a poster with hearts to show she loves the post office.

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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Aug. 17: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Blue-winged Warbler, American Bittern, American Redstart, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Green Heron, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, Eastern Kingbird, Common Yellowthroat, Indigo Bunting, House Wren, Eastern Wood Peewee, Double-crested Cormorant. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home.

Letters from the past

Killingly at 300

MARGARET WEAVER

First, a note about the Aug. 21 Killingly at 300 column. Tennessee ratified the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution on Aug. 18, 1920, the 36th state to do so. Although I had the correct month in the beginning of the article, I accidently typed September the second time I mentioned the event. Thankfully, Lynn LaBerge caught the double dates.

In this day and age, there are so many varied ways to receive the news---newspapers, television, radio, computers, cell phones land-line phones, and of course, the "tried but not necessarily true" grapevine. One can become inundated or even a little too attached to all these rapid modern methods of communication. I shouldn't take it for granted. Imagine what it must have been like to have to wait quite a while for reports of what was happening. In the 1700's and 1800's, the local taverns were popular spots to gather and perhaps peruse a much-read paper from Providence or Boston. Felshaw's Tavern (ca. 1742), one of Killingly's earliest public houses, is still standing in present-day Putnam Heights at the northeast corner of Liberty Highway (Route 21) and Five Mile River Road as is Kies Tavern (1830's) at the southeast corner of Green Hollow Road/Broad Street and East Franklin Street.

By the 1840's news was being transmitted much more rapidly by the newly invented telegraph. The advent of the railroad in 1840 also make the delivery of newspapers from the large cities much easier.

By 1848, when what is now the Borough of Danielson was still in its infancy, the Windham County Telegraph began to be published as a local weekly paper. It was the precursor to the one I often refer to, the Windham County Transcript. Local news became much more readily available.

I was reading Transcript extracts from 1936 and came across this interesting tidbit about the distribution of the paper in a letter to the editor from Charles H. Schofield. "As an employee of The Transcript for more than five years, I saw quite a good many of its readers and patrons from different towns, and Mr. Flavel S. Luther was one of them—as I recall, a tall, spare-built, sober-faced, beardless man, quick stepping, brusque of manner and rapid of speech, yet a perfect gentleman. I can't be certain but it seems to me he sometimes wore a cap, and his clothes looked quite as if home made garments. He was a good business man, as I'm positive folks on his long route in the various towns in the county learned in their dealings with him as he delivered their Transcripts and the various periodicals, etc., he supplied on his weekly visits in his drab news cart drawn by a pair of horses, and announcing his approach by ringing a bell." (WC, Jan. 2, 1936).

Do you ever think about how much firefighting has changed over the years? Thank goodness we no longer must rely on the bucket brigades. The same Transcript contained the following article: "The Minnetexit Tub Company, an inactive organization reminiscent of the old days of fire-fighting, was legislated out of existence at the annual meeting of the Danielson Firemen's Association, held last Thursday evening at the central fire station. Its personnel will henceforth be affiliated with the Salvage Engine Company as honorary members, leaving three companies in the association, the other two being the Captain Put Engine Company and the Minnetexit Hook and Ladder Company.

There were about twenty-five men in the old tub company, which was reorganized some years ago, following the motorization of the department, for the purposes of providing an organization to which veteran and retired firemen might belong and of furnishing a crew to care for and man the hand tub on the occasion of parades and exhibitions. In recent years, however, the company has been composed mostly of young men who joined it for social reasons. The new plan will financially aid the Savage Engine Company, which is the most recently organized of the three active apparatus crews and which has had little opportunity to raise funds for its treasury."

In 1936, there were a number of Works Progress Administration projects being undertaken in the Town of Killingly. "The improvement of the George Chase road is to be started Friday as a WPA project which will eventually provide work for sixty men. This route leads from the North Road in East Killingly through Daniels village to the Putnam town line. The first group of workers to be employed will be composed of about thirty men who have been engaged in sidewalk construction in Danielson." WCT, Jan. 2, 1936)

Another proposed WPA project was mentioned two weeks later. "A WPA project has been submitted by Killingly selectmen providing for the drainage of surface water from Broad, Potter, School and Prince streets into the Center Street brook. This work, which would give employment to thirty men, would be in the way of preparation of the macadamizing of these streets, included in another federal project and expected to be undertaken in the spring." It makes me wonder about the number of WPA projects that were untaken in Killingly during the 1930's. (WCT, Jan. 16, 1936).

Of course, I found other interesting tidbits while I was scanning through these old Transcripts. "About two score automobile owners in the borough of Danielson are liable to have their motor vehicle registrations summarily suspended for not having paid the property taxes due on the machines. This is in accordance with a new law operating for the first time this year." (WCT, Jan. 2, 1936)

Letters to the editor brought forth interesting comments on days gone by. From a letter by Clara Wade Clemence…" I remember the house of Job Cutler on what is now Davis Park. I remember when a fountain, more admired by artists than by spinsters whose homes were near, was placed upon the park, that park established by the efforts of J. Q. A. Stone, editor of The Transcript."

" I remember the boat train as a popular passenger train. About nine p.m. it reached Danielsonville on its way to the Sound steamer that awaited its arrival at New London. I recall many and many a trip with my father on that sleepy old

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Police Logs

Putnam police log

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department reports the following recent arrests.

Charles Meseck, age 30, current address unknown, was arrested on Aug. 14 on two counts of Violation of Probation.

Tysone Hill, age 21, current address unknown, was arrested on Aug. 18 in connection with a warrant issued for two counts of Assault on Public Safety Personnel.

Geovonni Hernandez, age 22, current address unknown, was arrested on Aug. 19 for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the Third Degree and Burglary in the Third Degree.

Tammy Billings, age 40, of Thompson, Conn. was arrested on Aug. 20 for Evading, Operating Under Suspension, and a Turn Violation.

Roland Bourey, Jr., age 40, of Putnam was arrested on Aug. 21 for Assault in the Third Degreee and Disorderly Conduct.

Jonathan Austin, age 26, of Putnam was arrested on Aug. 22 for Disorderly Conduct.

Now may be the time to sell gold and silver

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

An article in the July issue of Forbes was titled "Gold And Silver Are Just Getting Started." With gold recently rising above $2,000 per ounce for the first time in history and silver nearing the $30 per ounce mark, we have been receiving many emails and calls to auction precious metals.

All silver has been selling well, but older pieces typically command the strongest prices. Coins are one example. Silver coins are popular with both collectors and investors. Silver coins may have numismatic value (value to coin collectors) above the silver's worth. The age, condition, and rarity of the coin can make coin values soar. Dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins from 1964 or earlier were made with 90 percent silver and are worth at least the silver bullion value. Rare ones bring much more. A 1795 three leaves flowing hair silver dollar in fair condition sold for $4,500. An 1893-S (San Francisco mint) Morgan silver dollar in extra fine condition went for $6,900.

Along with coins, many people are looking to sell their sterling silver flatware and hollowware services, especially with fewer people holding formal dinners than in the past. The good news is that there are still plenty of buyers for sterling. A Georg Jensen sterling ornamental mustard pot with liner and acorn design spoon sold for $1,000. A vintage Stieff floral repousse (hammered into relief from the reverse side) rose pattern sterling silver coffee pot went for over $1,000. A Wendt sterling silver Medallion pattern flatware 79-piece service dinner sold for $13,500. A Tiffany Co. Japanese pattern sterling silver flatware 57-piece service picturing Audubon birds brought $36,500.

As you might imagine, gold coins are also selling very well. For investors, even modern coins like American Gold Eagle or American Gold Buffalo coins are desirable. A 2019 MarketWatch article wrote "gold and other precious coins are the easiest collectible item to trade, whether you are investing in bullion coins as a hedge against inflated stock and bond prices or if you're interested in building a special collection of rarities." If you have older gold coins, they may have numismatic value well above what the gold is worth. For example, an 1827 Capped Bust Gold Quarter Eagle $2.50 coin sold for $7,700 and a 1907 St. Gaudens gold coin went for over $15,000 at auction recently. The condition and rarity of the coins made them sell for much more than just the value of the gold.

Antique gold "estate jewelry" also has been bringing strong results at auction. An Edwardian (Edwardian period was 1901 to 1910) sapphire and diamond ring set in gold and platinum recently fetched over $8,400. A Black Opal Engagement 14K Yellow Gold ring described as either Art Nouveau (Art Nouveau period was 1890 to 1910) or Art Deco (1920's and 30's) recently sold for $8,000. An antique openwork (metal work with holes, typically in aesthetic patterns) pearl cuff bracelet 18-karat yellow gold reached $6,050. Pieces with quality diamonds or gemstones increase value. A recent BusinessWire article titled "Reduced Diamond Supply Lifts Polished Prices" said that diamond prices are also on the rise. In this current market, silver, gold, and diamonds are all shining.

Our Oct. 29, multi-estate online auction will include a large amount of sterling silver and gold. We are now accepting bids for our Warren, R.I. online estate auction. There will be a preview on September 12th in Warren with bidding ending on Sept. 16. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for information on upcoming events.

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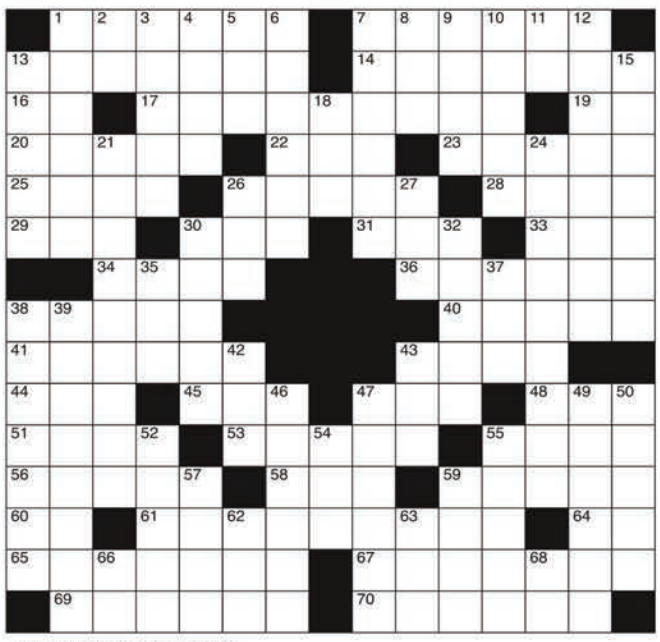

CLUES ACROSS

1. Slopes
7. Attacks
13. One who has left prison
14. Goes against
16. Atomic #37
17. Home of The Beatles
19. Mac alternative
20. A common boundary with
22. Fluid in a plant
23. Genus that includes scads
25. Longer of the forearm bones
26. Gradually disappears
28. AI risk assessor
29. Type of whale
30. Jaws of a voracious animal
31. Patriotic women (abbr.)
33. Ancient Egyptian God
34. Obsessed with one's appearance
36. Erase
38. A type of smartie
40. Nostrils
41. Influential French thinker
43. Popular K-pop singer
44. One point south of due east
45. Payroll company
47. Moved quickly on foot
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. Scatter
59. Belongs to bottom layer
60. Impulsive part of the mind
61. Carousel
64. Type of degree
65. Ornamental molding
67. Locks in again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

1. Speak rapidly
2. Trauma center
3. River in W. Africa
4. Ancient Greek district
5. Bulgaria's monetary unit
6. Children's ride
7. Absorbed liquid
8. Markets term
9. Retail term recording sales
10. Automaton
11. Spanish form of "be"
12. Divide
13. Malaysian sailing boat
15. Writers
18. Cool!
21. Popular tourist attraction studio
24. Sets free
26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
27. Unhappy
30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
32. Influential French scholar
35. What thespians do
37. Local area network
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Sun up in New York
43. High schoolers' exam
46. Fathers
47. Call it a career
49. Suitable for growing crops
50. Rose-red variety of spinel
52. Orange-brown in color
54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
55. Late TNT sportscaster
57. A way to wedge
59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
62. Hockey players need it
63. Something highly prized
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Finding love and service in pickles and an ironing board

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

We all have hobbies and passions in life. Some like to do woodworking while others may love to garden. Some activities are common and others unique and unusual. There are more hobbies and passions than I can think of and list on this page, but almost everyone has something. I love to cook for friends and family. When we have company, I'm up early and working in the kitchen. My skills are limited. I have no professional training. I just know what I like and share it with others.

I've often wondered about my cooking obsession and I now realize it is just a way that I enjoy serving others. I love to eat, and I seem to have a creative gene that encourages me to try new recipes. It makes me feel good knowing that cooking for others makes them happy. It's a positive activity that provides a basic human service for people I care about and love.

Through the years I've developed a few recipes that I'm proud of. I grow pickling cucumbers in my garden and make what I call "Lemony Dill Pickles." I've never canned them because they are eaten as fast as I can make them. It's a citrusy twist to traditional dill pickles by replacing half the vinegar with lemon juice. I thinly slice the cucumbers and put them in a bowl. I never measure anything ... but I put in roughly 40 percent distilled or filtered water, 35 percent white vinegar, 25 percent lemon juice, salt to taste (I like salt), dill, garlic, and black pepper cloves. I let it marinate for twenty-four hours and enjoy. I also thinly slice an onion and put into the mix. I'm sharing this with you as I don't want my recipe lost.

Please let me know if you try this. Play with the mixtures to suit your taste buds. I'd love to know what you think. I also make a killer Barbeque Sauce and a unique recipe of mashed potatoes I'll share later. I love working to please others through my cooking.

When my grandkids were younger, I bought a Mickey Mouse pancake maker that made pancakes in the shape of Mickey. They became known in our family as "MouseCakes." The most common question from my Facebook friends was "Are they made out of real mice?"

My grandkids enjoyed them, until they didn't. Now, my "MouseCake Maker" sits in a cabinet hoping for another grandchild or six.

Cooking isn't an unusual hobby, but my next passion is. I love to iron my children and now grandchildren's clothes. I don't iron on schedule but only by request. "Dad, I'm running late to school. Can you iron this for me?" My daughter would often say as she tossed her shirt down the stairs. I'd sometimes try to resist, but the joy I found in doing this was surprising. I have ironed for everyone but there is a special "ironing bond" I have with my daughter, Tara Beth. Before school ... later in life, before dates or even a job interview, I loved hearing her voice ask me to iron.

One of the things I like about ironing is that it is an anonymous activity. No one ever compliments you on your ironing skills. You've never been asked, "Wow, who ironed your pants? They did a great job!" I like the feeling of doing something for no credit nor attention but something that is appreciated by the recipient. Does that make sense? It does to me.

I've shared this in the past, but the most memorable ironing experience was on her wedding day. By this point in life, she realized the satisfaction I received by providing this service for her. The morning of her wedding she walked down the stairs with her wedding dressed draped over her arms. All she said was "Dad ..." and I eagerly took it from her and quickly turned away so she would not see the emotion I felt bubbling up. I took my time, as it was the most complex garment I had ironed, but also the most meaningful. My emotions flowed and dotted her perfectly white dress as I ironed my tears into the fabric. It was both a sad but immensely joyful moment that I'll never forget.

So, now you know a little bit more about me and I'm guessing I'm the first person you've met who finds ironing joyful.

Until next week ... try my pickles! ■

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train, a night's sleep in an upper berth, and the lovely ride up New York harbor in the morning. And now that passenger train is no more; and the old side-wheeler boats ply no longer between New London and the great city." (WCT, Jan. 16, 1936).

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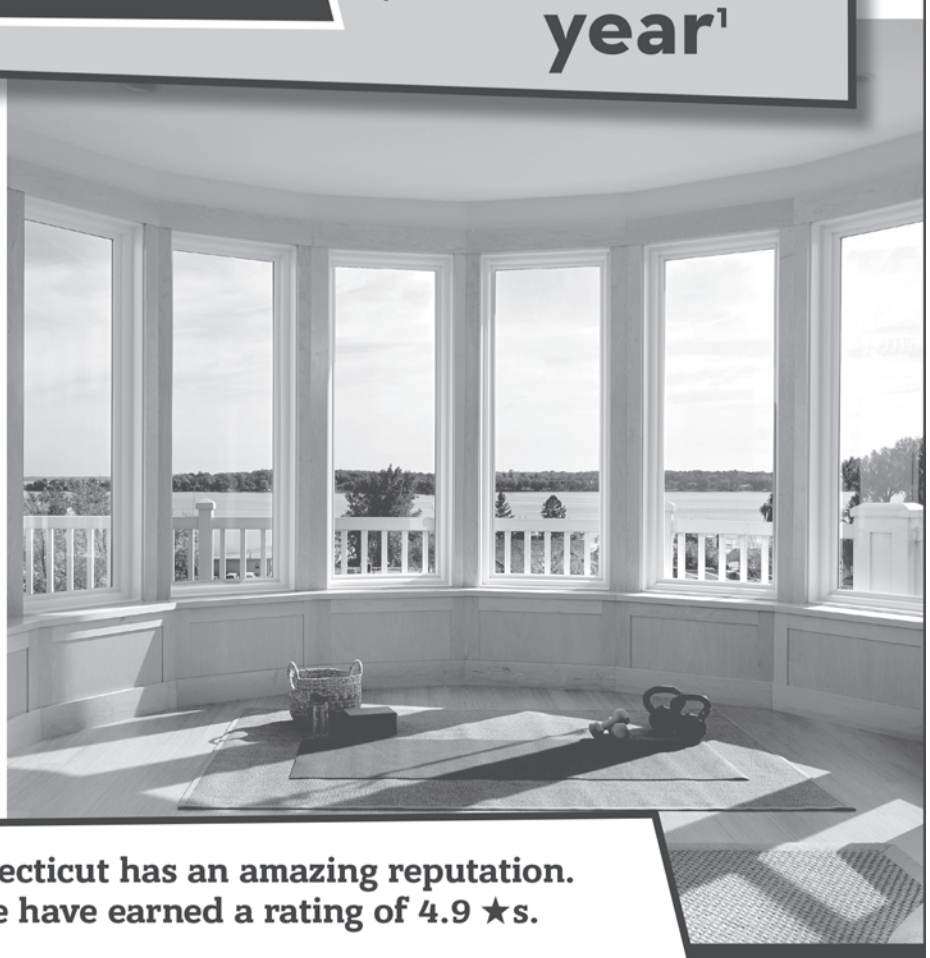

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The US economy has seen the bottom: What happens next?

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Throughout the month of August, Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors has kept you up to date with information about the impact of policy and politics on the markets, examined the effects of COVID on economic policy, and discussed the potential effects of the presidential election. As August comes to a close, so does our conversation about policy. However, first, let's take a look at what we can expect from here on out.

Some of you may be wondering if a stable recovery is on the way. Despite all the bad news, the leading economic indicators we track signal that yes, a durable economic and market bottom is in. The shortest recession in memory is over. While political wrangling and a wobbly economy driven by ongoing coronavirus fears could lead to periodic bouts of volatility, the backdrop for longer-term investors remains robust.

The Road to Recovery

Now comes the longer economic recovery – shape to be determined – if COVID-19 cooperates.

Three components are necessary for a durable recovery. First, we need broad-based confidence – consumer, business, and investor – to drive the economy forward. Next, we look for green shoots, signs beneath the surface that economic expansion is starting to take hold. Third, the alleviation of significant financial stresses. That entire progression happened over the second quarter.

Investors look toward future earnings to determine stock prices. It's all about income, growth, and potential. Right now, there is a lot of hope that the economy will continue to recover, and with that will come more jobs and more spending.

Many investors are also hopeful for a viable coronavirus vaccine, which would hopefully put an end to social distancing requirements and help improve parts of the economy that are currently hurting the most (travel, dining, hospitality, events, and in-person entertainment).

Unprecedented Policy

The U.S. Federal Reserve's (Fed) quick and decisive actions more than restored market function and order. Financial conditions improved as liquidity was restored, primary capital markets re-opened, and volatility declined. Thus, recovery is taking hold on Wall Street before Main Street.

Central banks have played a key role in shoring up and encouraging global equity markets, not only the Fed but the European Central Bank and others. We hope – and expect – that they will continue with these important actions.

Government legislation has played an equally important role, worldwide, and continued Congressional action is clearly necessary. The amount of government support may be shrinking, but it is not going away entirely. Overall, fiscal policy should remain accommodative through 2021 and become a modest headwind in 2022. Policymakers likely will continue to find ways to provide support to their constituents so long as COVID-19 remains a major economic threat.

The government has pumped trillions of dollars into the economy in the form of direct stimulus payments, loans to small and large businesses, extended unemployment benefits, and additional spending.

The Paycheck Protection Program helped save thousands of small businesses by providing a lifeline to help them maintain payroll and keep people off unemployment. The government also included targeted loans to some businesses in specific industries, again preventing the layoff of thousands of employees and potentially keeping entire industries afloat.

Finally, the extended $600 weekly unemployment benefits were designed to replace income up to the national median income when combined with state unemployment benefits that average $378 per week. This benefit kept many people afloat.

The Brightside

Consumer confidence will continue to be a widely monitored economic indicator as the recovery continues, given the importance of consumer attitudes and spending on the overall economy. Consumer behavior is not getting worse, which is encouraging.

The Coronavirus pandemic hasn't had a negative financial impact on everyone. But it has shifted how many people are spending their money. A prime example is spending that would have been earmarked for summer vacations. Fewer people are traveling, staying at hotels, or eating out at restaurants. But that doesn't mean they aren't spending money elsewhere. Instead of spending money on airline tickets, hotels, and restaurants, they may be shopping online or spending more money on hobbies or home improvements. And of course, some of that money may have ended up in the stock market, further pushing up stock prices.

Buoyed by rock bottom interest rates and the easing of lockdowns, the housing market is showing signs of life with solid improvement in housing.

July's existing home sales report shows sales increased by more than expected during the month. This result represents the single best month for existing home sales on record. It brought the pace of existing home sales to its highest level since 2006, highlighting the strength in the housing market once reopening efforts took hold. Record low mortgage rates have been the major driver of this rebound in housing and continued falling rates in July certainly helped bolster the impressive surge in sales.

Looking Forward

The recession may be over, confidence continues to rise, and recovery is on its way, but the U.S. economy remains fragile. Recovery could be hard and long. This will create both risks and opportunities for U.S. equity investors – if they are careful. The risks remain the same – consumer confidence and virus containment – but recovery remains on the horizon. As for the opportunities, don't let concerns of the markets hold you back from achieving your financial life goals. Using our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well,TM process can help you stay focused on your goals and continue to stay confident in the markets. For more articles and information regarding COVID-19, visit our Web site, www.whzwealth.com/covid19-resources. For information about financial planning call us at 860-928-2341, or email us at info@whzwealth.com.

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Jacqueline Low of Killingly graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Jacqueline Low, of Killingly graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in International Relations in May as part of the Class of 2020.

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Marshall Hudon named to Husson University's President's List

BANGOR, Maine — Danielson resident, Marshall Hudon, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Hudon is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Integrated Technology with a concentration in computer information systems/Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

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Woodstock Academy works to ensure social and emotional health during eLearning

WOODSTOCK — As The Woodstock Academy prepares for a school year unlike any other, the focus on students' social and emotional health intensifies. The Academy has developed a plan for all teaching and instruction to be through live online sessions, with one day a week of optional, on-campus activities in small groups. The Academy has made several investments to support students socially and emotionally including additional student support staff, school-based mental health services, training for teachers, and increased opportunities for interaction in-person and virtually.

"We know that eLearning is not perfect," said Christopher Sandford, head of school at The Woodstock Academy. "It gives us the ability to provide consistent curricular instruction and interaction, but we recognize that the social and emotional components come less naturally online than they do in the classroom. We are keenly aware of how crucial it is to be innovative and make concerted efforts to address our student's social and emotional needs."

The addition of the one day of on-campus activities and time for face-to-face support on Wednesdays will be a significant boost for students' social and emotional health. Wednesdays will feature activities for learning and socializing but will also be a time for students to get additional support from teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, school-based mental health services, and more.

"We are placing even more emphasis on supporting the overall wellbeing of our students," said Karin Hughes, dean of student affairs. "The Woodstock Academy's motto, 'Respice Futurum,' roughly means 'Look to the Future.' While the future seems anything but certain given the current state of the world, one thing we do know is that students need ongoing social-emotional support now more than ever."

The Woodstock Academy has hired an additional full-time member of the student support staff team and will continue to provide school-based mental health services, this year through Silver Linings Counseling. These services will be available in-person when possible and through telehealth when necessary.

Faculty and staff will also receive professional development throughout the year to assist in their focus on social-emotional learning.

Live class sessions that are slightly longer than what was offered in the spring will allow for more teacher-to-student and student-to-student interactions. Many afterschool activities will continue to be offered online throughout the week.

"As the school year takes shape, we continue to ask ourselves 'What is best for student? What needs do our students have? How can we partner with families to meet those needs?'" said Sandford.

The Woodstock Academy is an independent, day and boarding, co-educational, college preparatory high school for grades 9–12 and postgraduates located in Woodstock. The mission of The Woodstock Academy is to prepare all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens.

New program examines racism in local community

BROOKLYN — Federated Church of Christ is engaging in an ambitus project called Racism and Response in Brooklyn.

The purpose of the project is to look at the ways racism manifests itself in our community. It looks at what the history has been, how it has been addressed (or not), where we are today, and what individual roles might be in creating a just society for all.

One piece of this project is the creation of seven stations that each address an aspect of racism (or anti-racism) that will be set up throughout the church's campus. They will include naming the people who were enslaved (at least 27 in Brooklyn), history of the abolition movement in the area, the lineage of Jim Crow, and a place to confess actions or inactions that have contributed racism in our community.

One of the stations will be revealed at a Vigil for Racial Justice being held Friday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at Federated Church (the crossroads of 169 and Route 6 in Brooklyn). People will have the ability to text their hopes and prayers for justice to a local number. The hopes and prayer will become part of one of the stations in the future.

The Rev. Jane Emma Newall, pastor of Federated Church of Christ, said the date of Friday, Aug. 28 was chosen as it in the anniversary of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, along with being the anniversary of the murder of Emmitt Till. Expects from the speech will be read at the Vigil along with local speaker from the NAACP, religious and political spheres. Rev. Newall said this is event is appropriate for all ages and all are welcome to peacefully attend. She notes that even though the event is outside, people as asked to wear a mask.

Rev. Newall says that she and the church recognize the fight for racial justice will take work and spirit.

She says, "We didn't get to where we are overnight. It is going to take more that an event or two to bring about lasting change. We are offering the Vigil for Racial Justice as bread for the journey."

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A hard-fought right

Women acquired the right to vote on Aug. 18, 1920. It's amazing to think that there are individuals born during that time are still with us today, bringing into light that it wasn't long ago that women were given the right to take part in the democratic process.

The 19th Amendment stated that citizens could not be denied the right to vote based on sex. Because of loopholes, many African American men and women were not permitted to vote pending literacy tests and the inability to pay poll taxes leaving the group disenfranchised. That same year some states, such as Georgia, had a law requiring people to register to vote six months in advance, which meant that many were turned away from the polls. In states such as California, New York and Illinois, women were permitted to vote before the 19th Amendment was ratified.

In 1915, a group of 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote. During that time, the New York Times printed an article against the women's cause, stating, "If women vote, they will play havoc for themselves and society and that if granted suffrage they would demand all the rights that implies. It is not possible to think of women as soldiers and sailors, police patrolmen or firemen, heavens think of the chaos!" The National Women's Party began to picket the White House in 1917, for the entire year despite weather. Some women were arrested and sent to work camps as punishment.

This month, National Women's Suffrage Month, commemorates the turning point in American history as well as the founding of the League of Women Voters. Women began requesting the right to vote in the 1600's. Second lady Abigail Adams wrote to her husband in 1776, "Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember, all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or Representation." Adams would never cast a ballot.

In 1848, the cause picked up, after a women's rights convention in New York with Elizabeth Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone spearheading the group of 300 women. Supporting Stanton, was abolitionist Frederick Douglas. After 70 years, with the last 20 packing a powerful punch, public sentiment changed and women were eventually heard and supported.

This year, when at the polls, let us remember the women who were imprisoned, marched in treacherous weather, went on hunger strikes and dedicated their lives so that the women of the future could have a voice.

Congress designated August 26 'Women's Equality Day' in 1973.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Isolated acts of violence should not halt the fight for justice

To the Editor:

Fearful voices are being raised about Black Lives Matter-related actions that have been reported from Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; and Chicago, Ill. The violence that took place is somehow being connected with the peaceful protests that are still sweeping our nation, including our quiet corner of Connecticut.

To date, peaceful rallies and vigils have taken place in Willimantic, Pomfret twice, Woodstock, Scotland, Danielson three times, Canterbury, and Thompson, with a total of over 2,000 participants. Other than cars or motorcycles loudly driving by with shouts and revving of engines or the names of victims of police malfeasance being shouted, these gatherings were civil, peaceful, passionate expressions of U.S. citizens' first amendment rights.

Given that the Boston Tea Party was a protest that involved destruction of property, I don›t think it is accidental that this is the first amendment voted by the founding members of our republic. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, peaceable assembly, and our rights as U.S. citizens to petition for redress of grievances are bedrock values we were raised to respect.

The fight for racial justice has an overwhelming history of success through non-violent action, boycotts and peaceful protest. Northeast Connecticut can be proud of our participation in gathering for a common effort to end racism and move toward true equity.

Don›t be frightened by violent images that have nothing to do with our lives. As long as each one of us practices non-violence, there will be no rioting in our towns. The decision is a personal one that each individual can commit to.

A «Vigil For Racial Justice" is taking place on Friday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Federated Church of Christ in Brooklyn. Please consider attending.

CLAUDIA ALLEN THOMPSON

Power and one trick ponies

To the Editor:

The recent power outage has shown the people of Connecticut, especially rural Northeast Connecticut, that monopolies are no good at providing services.

The job done by Eversource during the recent outage was no less than criminal; if they were a business and not a monopoly, they would have paid a steeper price to their reputation. Their customer service was lacking at best, and response time would have cost them customers and money. They seemed disorganized, and were not ready to respond in good time. They sent their limited crews to the Cape, and due to safety concerns, they were left there for between two and three days. By the time they had gotten their crews back into Connecticut and additional line crews from outside the state came to help, it had been some 90 to 100 hours or more since the outage; worse than that was the hotline that was not working. The message was vague, and many claims/messages that were never followed through on. In general, their response time and follow through was woeful and inept. They make, as a monopoly, around $1 billion a year in profits in 2019. If they had to compete and provide these services vs. competition, they would be out of business. All because they were denied an additional rate increase, a whopper at that, and stressing people on a budget. The CEO makes $20 million a year; he should be fired. PURA needs to do a better job. They should have their profit margins lowered. and maintenance of the tees and lines stepped up. They will, over the next year or so, make an effort to restore public confidence and do the job; after all, they did this before, and as time goes by, things will be allowed to fall behind. All the while, profits go back up. Rinse and repeat, with increases and lousy services provided when needed.

Next, at the conclusion of the Republican Convention, people will have been witness to days of dark, doom and gloom experience, on how bad things will get with an election of VP Biden and Democrats. There will be little or no hope for the future, the same that has gone on for the past three and half long years. Trump, Trump and more Trump. Yuck. It will be must avoid TV. It will leave people depressed and emotionally scared, drained, divided and mad at each other. Russian will help again, read the just released Republican Intel committee report and more campaign advisers, aka Steve Bannon will get arrested, tried, convicted and pardoned. Drain the swamp; yeah, right.

I would like to commend the job that Gov. Lamont has done in managing and keeping the state safe and moving forward. It is called leadership. The problem for the future in the spring of 2021 is that the state and local towns deal with large budget shortfalls due to lack of tax collection. Heaven forbid if we get a bad winter this year. Things could get worse for local towns, the state and the rest of New England.

Lastly, to the leader of the local Trumpteer Cult, please find a new agenda of attack by just attacking/blaming Democrats. You come pretty much a one trick pony with your approach in defending the Cult leader. You see only the problems that are caused by Democrats. You fail to look at Sen. McConnell and other Republicans who have done little but make excuses for the leader. Remember he was impeached. Steve Bannon better hope Trump wins or otherwise he may know what it is like to live in an eight-by-10 room. Even his own sister thinks he is a man with no principles and does what is in the best interest of himself. Please just find something new and improved when giving your opinion.

DAVID CASSETARI KILLINGLY

Democrats are out to destroy America

To the Editor:

After reading another name calling letter from Dufrense, who apparently has nothing else to do, I found it refreshing to read an intelligent letter from Mr. Consiglio, who knows what reality is, plain and simple.

No need to sugar coat it with what his mother or grandmother did, or write long letters with fancy words to make people believe you are smart because we know that the Democrats' plan is not about race, the police or Covid; it's about destroying America. All you have to do is see what is happening in Democratic cities, night after night, the destruction, looting, businesses burned to the ground and not one word from any Democratic politician calling for this to end.

To all you so called Democratic Christians, how dare you called yourselves Christians. When you disrespect the American flag and Constitution and allow abortions up to and including after birth, when you destroy the history of America and prevent and omit the name of God in many of your actions, your only intent is to destroy America with the most corrupt and career politicians who have made our great country what it is today.

I may not like what our President Trump says and does all the time, but I do know he is for America, and he will have my vote again.

TOM PANDOLFI WOODSTOCK

What is happening to America?

To the Editor:

Why are the law abiding people who pay their taxes and bills on time letting America go into the hands of Marxism and Socialism?

Have you ever heard the phrase "skins in the game?" I wonder how many of the protesters who burnt buildings, looted and destroyed public property would feel that it is was OK to bill them for their actions or forfeit their phone, car or the roof over their heads. Most of the media is playing along with them as America goes away from what our ancestors were running from. Whatever happened to law and order?

Order should come from how you were taught and raised. Things like covering your mouth when you sneeze. Letting someone merge into your lane of travel. Letting the speaker or singer sing with silence. Standing for the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem. Yes, it is OK to want to bring attention to a cause, but how low do you need to go? Throwing a tantrum and crying might have worked when you were a baby, when everything was handed to you. It seems some people have had decades of birthdays and nothing has changed.

America is a Republic; we the people are to elect representatives to make our laws. Doesn't America matter? I wish Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York City would paint "unborn babies lives matter" on the streets. Last year, there were 43 million abortions. It is the number one cause of death to human lives. Maybe we should shut down the country to bring that number down. I like to go to church and sing with all my heart. The government would not let us. But it was OK to have very large Black Lives Matter gatherings. Am I a victim of discrimination because of my religion? I am voting for the party who gives me freedom, not for the party who gives me something free.

THOMAS POPLAWSKI NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Journeying toward fall

As I walked outside one evening last week, I sensed the subtle arrival of fall. More than the yellow goldenrod or the sound of my neighbor baling hay, summer sends out messages as it drifts away. Hawks scold their offspring to grow up and hunt for themselves. Furious hummingbirds crowd the feeder, busier and crankier than usual. Most of all, every insect under the sun turns up to cling, sting or burrow into humans and plants. The strangest summer we have ever seen is coming to an end.

NANCY WEISS

Renaldo is one of the stars of this summer. He drives for a delivery service, and knows our area like the back of his hand. He grew up in Brazil and speaks with a clear, lilting voice that is full of humor and confidence. He has done his job for years and developed his own system, which he explains in detail. He knows everyone on his route and he knows our habits. He delivers food to us and always drops it in the shade. If he sees me out walking, he leaves the packages by my car. He is a genuine professional. We are grateful to him. Renaldo brings us many things, but most of all, he connects us to the larger world.

It won't seem like the end of summer without the Brooklyn Fair and the Woodstock Fair. The Brooklyn Fair always has a wonderful poultry exhibit. It is a fair to wrap your arms around and visit in an afternoon. The Woodstock Fair, much bigger, nearly overloads the senses with seemingly endless options for food, animal exhibits, rides and games of chance.

If this were a typical year, my godson and his wife would turn up from New York City and amble around the Woodstock Fair with me. Just as he did as a child, Sam, would order a giant root beer and perhaps sausage with onions and peppers. As the hot grease dripped from the roll, we would chat again as if he were still a little boy.

This year, I hoped to take my grandson to the fair. His mother would insist on many rules to follow, knowing full well that once there, he and I would do whatever we felt like doing. Now we will have to wait for next year, when the volunteer groups, the sassy carny barkers, the beautiful animals and the sausages turn up again.

Local non-profit groups will miss the income from their booths at the fairs. We should write a few checks to them with the money we save by staying at home with our memories. One of the special qualities of our region is the amount of love and work contributed by volunteers through organizations. Most will miss the joy of working together.

Our older daughter was born at the end of August. We were delighted and overwhelmed. One afternoon, exhausted, I pulled a chaise on to the front lawn to rest while she napped inside. I heard the red-tailed hawks. I saw the golden rod and the Queen Ann's lace and I wondered if I would ever again leave the property. I've felt that way again this summer.

The end of summer elicits feelings of nostalgia, with a hearty dose of concern. The light is changing and the trees are dropping dry leaves. I cup my hands and look at a patch of blue, blue sky. Out of the corner of my eye, I see a monarch butterfly, migrating toward Mexico. In my mind, I'm with her as she leaves on her journey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the cover of darkness

To the Editor:

Over the years, the Woodstock Board of Finance has pulled some fast ones on taxpayers in an effort to expand spending beyond the allowed limits under town ordinance Prop 46; everything from overstating state mandated programs to turning emergency one-time expense approvals into perpetual annuities, to name just a couple.

After getting caught and called out on those issues, procedures were put in place to have the town attorney review and approve the Prop 46 worksheet calculations to insure against such games. That, coupled with constant vigilance, has kept them in somewhat in check. Now they have had to turn to other means to sidestep the ordinance.

Last year, for the first time in history, they moved to capitalize tuition of Woodstock Academy, at least that part related to facilities maintenance — this, despite it having been made clear that these kinds of expenses have been part of the regular tuition for years – nearly two decades at least. For this to be capitalized, the town attorney and auditors had to stand on their heads to suggest that this is not only a onetime expense, two payments over two years, but one project, but somehow different than all those past years. Now that it has been made clear this will be an ongoing expense, as it always was, and so no longer a "capitalizable" expense, they will have to come up with an even more creative scheme. Can't wait to see how this will show up on the town balance sheet and how they plan to depreciate this "asset." But even this wasn't enough; they also capitalized the cutting of dead trees; an expense that has been part of the operating budget for years – though you'd never know it as it is in the budget under "Tree Warden" – hint there is no Tree Warden. That's another asset to look for and see how they depreciate it.

The latest stunt is even more creative. In May, the BOF approved the allocation of an additional $150,000 to the BOE for the year ending June 30, even though the BOE business manager was projecting a surplus for the year and the budget had been set at the limit of Prop 46. So not only a violation of Prop 46, but also a violation CGS 10-222 and a side-stepping of the town ordinance requiring a referendum vote on appropriations over $100,000. When all these issues were raised in emails to the chairman, treasurer, and first selectman, there was no response. When I submitted a FIOA request for any legal opinions on the matters, forcing a response, three weeks later the first selectman acknowledged that though they sought a legal opinion from the town attorney, [they] stated it was covered under attorney client privilege and would not be open to the public. So they got a legal opinion, but they don't want to disclose what it is. Just for reference, opinions like this are routinely made public for obvious reason – you don't keep it secret unless you're hiding something.

The ongoing Covid crisis, and in Woodstock a lack of any meaningful news coverage, has provided a cover of darkness under which town government can hide much of what they do. The taxpayer will find out eventually, but likely not in a pleasant way.

Dave Richardson
Woodstock

Who to vote for?

To the Editor:

I am asking myself who I should vote for this November in the Presidential election. We know who is running. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on the Democratic ticket versus Donald Trump and Mike Pence on the Republican ticket.

I can hardly stand Donald Trump's personal quirks or the fact Harris got her VP place due to her gender and color. I will not delve into how she got started in politics by sleeping with the married Willie Brown of the California legislature. In any event, are these the standards by which we should judge a candidate? I think not. More important is what are their respective policies and actions if elected to office? What do they actually do versus what do they say? What has either party done to move America forward? Well let's look at the records.

Democrats in Congress have wasted our, and their, time on a sham impeachment of the duly elected President of the United States under the guise of Russian collusion. This has belatedly been proven wrong, and heads are beginning to roll over this farce. I call this TV reality show governance. Now it's the Post Office.

Democrats seem to me to be agents of death. Witness their adherence to abortion, now even partial birth abortion. We have killed over 71 million unborn children via abortion since the early 1970's. Unborn lives matter.

Democrats seem to me to be agents of destruction. Witness Democratic controlled cities such as New York, Portland, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and Chicago. In these cities, rioters and looters are burning places to the ground while Democratic politicians stand idly by or even encourage such behavior. Is this what we want for all of America?

Democrats are the party of ever increasing regulations and taxes which choke our economy to death and make it so costly to do anything that little gets done. If you work hard, live frugally and save, Democrats will reward you by increasing your taxes as been done repeatedly by our Governor Malloy. New highway tolls, anyone?

Democrats seem to me to be anti-police. Some Democratic cities have voted to defund police. Some states have passed hastily considered police "reform" legislation without enough input from police themselves. More reality TV show governance. There is always room for improvement but the root cause of rogue policeman and poor teachers are the same, Unions which protect these people and prevent a weeding out of the unfit.

Republican Donald Trump and his administration have been in office for nearly four years now. How he can get anything done what with the constant "resistance" is almost beyond my understanding. However he has succeeded in stemming the huge flow of illegal immigrants into the US by building more southern border wall. He has succeeded in appointing over 200 pro-Constitution federal judges. He has dismantled the worst parts of Obama Care. Who can forget the Obama lie that if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor?

The Trump administration has made America energy independent with the avalanche of natural gas due to American drilling technology. Meanwhile Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo won't even allow any new natural gas pipe lines to cross New York State. This has resulted in New England being starved for natural gas, the cleanest of all the fossil fuels, resulting in the inability to serve any new natural gas customers in many locations.

Donald Trump is pro law enforcement. If we don't have law and order we don't have an American civilization. Trump is a fighter for America unlike the Democrats who blame America for most everything. In conclusion, as much as I hate some of Trump's antics, I will vote for him as the best of a poor lot to choose from.

William Hull
Pomfret Center

Trump is not the only tumor

To the Editor:

First off, it was truly refreshing reading Larry Consiglio, Jr.'s letter in the Villager last week. A letter of a different view, however, referred to President Trump as a "cancerous tumor that has to be removed."

Putting that opinion aside, I'll assume that Mr. Patrie also realizes that these "cancerous tumors" are a nationwide infection. Number one on that list has to be any number of these worthless, "do as I say, not as I do," career politicians like Nancy Pelosi and her mindless puppet following. (But you knew I was going to say that.) Also included is the liberal media, and the continual, blind-eyed, Democratic stupidity that's ignoring, and doing nothing to stop the destruction of American cities!

We had the (so-called) brain trust of the Democratic party all together last week at the DNC, but did any one of them even address this issue, or propose a solution to the problem? Did they mention, or show any concern, that rioters attacked and vandalized a Ronald McDonald House in Chicago with sick children inside? And though I did not watch the DNC, I'd like to know if anybody can answer the previous two questions. Also, wasn›t it Michelle Obama who said that a Joe Biden presidency will make the streets safe for our children to walk on? I wonder if the kids inside that Ronald McDonald house - or their parents - would agree with that, or if they are willing to wait for it to happen?

The spineless Governor of Oregon, and the Mayor of Portland now have the distinction of having 70-plus straight days of violence in that city. Lori "light on brains," the Mayor of Chicago, can now claim the dubious credit of hosting the highest ever murder rate in her city. Did you know that "Lighthead" set up a police blockade with arrest orders to keep protestors off of the street and the block where she lives? "Lighthead" said that she "has a right to make sure her home is secure." Talk about thumbing your nose to everybody else and putting yourself first! I only hope the voters remember that on election day and this "cancerous tumor" is removed from office.

The cretins (both black and white) who are causing this destruction are doing it - and will continue to do it - because they don›t fear any real repercussions for their actions. These maggots have gotten bolder in their methods and are also attacking federal property. These miscreants don›t fear the police because their hands are tied and they (the police) are limited as to what they can actually do to deal with the situation, and it should come as no surprise that the Police Union has endorsed Donald Trump for President!

I›d like to know who speaks for the children who are affected by this violence, who speaks for the people who are being murdered, shot and beaten up, and for the business owners that are having their businesses attacked? It›s certainly not the democrats! When is the leadership of this country - both democrat and republican - going to wake up and work together to put a stop to this madness? When will they realize that it›s going to take a truly extreme measure to put an end to it? Bowing to their demands, kneeling before them, sending in social workers or unfurling a peace sign flag and singing old hippie love songs to these violent protestors is not the answer! My solution would be the deployment of a «puff the magic dragon» helicopter gunship. Give like a two-minute dispersal warning and then just let it rip! Then you'd see these masked cowards wet their pants as they run back to the cover of their mommy's basements. Maybe my solution is a little too extreme for you thin-skinned liberals, but I'd bet that the victims of this continued violence just might like it.

Another «cancerous tumor that has to be removed» is Antifa. I'll also say that another "cancerous tumor" is BLM - especially if they support antifa in any way! I may have said this before, but I'd like to know if BLM has any true and established leadership? Do they have a formed board of intelligent people who are setting goals and working to benefit their people? Can anybody shed some light on this and please tell me what BLM has actually done to help stop the mayhem in the streets? After all, blacks are also the victims. And though it's not clear in my mind, I'd like to think that BLM is part of the solution instead of being part of the problem. George Soros donated 200 million dollars to BLM, but I haven't heard that any of that money has actually gone to benefit a single black person. That money could go a long way in providing food, healthcare and other aid - but has it, or will it ever?

I have a nephew who is black, and don›t even think that he›s not a close friend or somebody that I don›t ever associate with. He and his family come to my house on most major holidays, they are welcomed into my home at any time, as I am at theirs. I›ve received his approval on past letters and again with this one. My nephew also questions if BLM has any real leadership, their goals and he's totally against anything Soros has his hands in. And by the way, he is a supporter of Donald Trump!

Thank God we live in the quiet corner of Connecticut that has not (yet) been touched by this madness. But if the violence does reach our little part of the nation, it will, of course, be all Trump's fault - right?

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OBITUARIES

Stephanie A. Harnois 36

Stephanie A. Harnois 36, of Moosup CT passed away . Peacefully at home surrounded by her family on August 11, 2020. She was born on April 10, 1984 in Woonsocket RI. She is survived by her father James J. Harnois of Thompson CT. Her mother Donna A. Desilets of Dayville CT, Her son Nathan D. Corsivo of Moosup CT, Her lifelong partner Kevin D. Corsivo of Moosup CT. She is also survived by her 4 sisters:

Jessica L. Harnois of Woonsocket RI, Jennifer L. Harnois of Danielson CT, Paige L. Harnois of Sterling CT

And Lynda M. Flynn of Worcester MA

Stephanie is survived by 8 nieces and nephews as well

Stephanie worked as a CNA for over 15 years, the care she had for others was shown through her job skills.

Stephanie was an avid traveler, her trips to Mexico, Aruba, and Ireland were among her favorites.

You could always find Stephanie reading a good book, as her colorful imagination always stood unmatched. She also loved the ocean and nature, as well as animals and over all, her family.

A celebration of life will be held by her close family at a near date.

A message from her son;

We gather here in a time most difficult, both to mourn and celebrate

To mourn all the things that could have been

and what we wanted them to be

To celebrate the life that she lived and the memories we all shared with my mother

I see now that she was far stronger than I ever gave her credit for

She was strong enough to care for her family with every ounce of her being

She was truly selfless, thoughtful and loving to those of us around her

And wished for nothing more than our well being

She was courageous, she loved to visit new places and see new things

Around the world, but her favorite place was the beach

We would go from beach to beach enjoying the sights, sounds and sensations

Fine powdered sands and soft edged multicolored shells

A salty breeze carrying the scent of comfort to her off of baby blue waves

That was her dream life"

-Nathan D. Corsivo

Blanche Y. (Duprey) Blanchard, 76

NORTH GROSVENORDALE- Blanche Y. Blanchard, 76, of Quinebaug Rd., passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at home after a brave fight with brain cancer. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Ermie "Sue" Duprey. Blanche was a graduate of the Killingly High School class of 1963.

Mrs. Blanchard worked for many years as a production worker for the American White Cross and Staples. After retirement she spent her time devoted to her cats, Precious, Reckless, and Tumbles, whom she loved dearly. She enjoyed reading, scratch tickets and playing the Bejeweled video game. She will be deeply missed by those who love her. She fought the bravest of fights and now is resting.

Blanche is survived by her loving and devoted children, Margaret Challinor, Joseph and Lynn Bernier, Yvonne Coons, Jodi and Mark Borders, Ernest Blanchard, Toni and Thomas Murdock; her beloved Grandchildren, Robert Challinor, Jason Challinor, David Challinor, Joseph Bernier, Jr., Theresa Hopkins, Kristopher Hopkins, James Bernier, Joshua Bernier, Frank Houle, Jr., Alexzandra Tondreau, and Taylor Blanchard-Saucier; and many great and great great grandchildren, and nieces. She was predeceased by her brother Thomas J. Duprey; granddaughter Chira; son in law Fred Coons; and her cat Dexter.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Annette J. Waite, 81

PUTNAM/ SOUTHBRIDGE- Annette J. (Delisle) Waite, 81 of Ballou St., formerly of Therese Ave., Southbridge, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 15th, in the Matulitus Nursing Home, Putnam, CT, after a brief illness. Her beloved husband of 57 years, Adrian Waite died in 2014. Annette leaves a son, Allan Waite of Acworth, GA; two daughters, Susan Santelli and her husband Mitchell of Woodstock Valley and Christine Durrette and her husband Randal of Naples, FL; six grandchildren, Brittney Campbell and her husband Kenneth of Woodstock, Natalie Santelli of New Haven, Wesley Santelli and his wife Hailey of Woodstock, Ashely Durrette and her husband Holton Sanchez, Heather Durrette, Katie Gray and her husband Jameson, all of Naples, FL; eight great grandchildren, Ryley, Jayden, Caiden, Mason, Brynn, Keegan, Ruby and Finnley. She was born in Worcester the daughter of Leo J. and Marie Rose (Jeoffrion) Delisle. Annette worked for many years in the factory at Schott Fiber Optics in Southbridge. She was a hardworking devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her beautiful family. Annette enjoyed vacationing and spending time with family and friends in Naples, FL. Annette was a member of the Faith Bible Evangelical Free Church in Woodstock and will be sadly missed by all her church brothers and sisters.

Annette's funeral service was held on Saturday, August 22nd, at 2:00 pm in the Faith Bible Evangelical Free Church, 587 Route 171, Woodstock, CT. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Normand "Mike" Robert Fournier, 89

Lady Lake,Fl. / Dudley, MA- Normand «Mike» Fournier ,89, formerly of Dudley, passed away July 30th, in Lady Lake, Florida.

He leaves 7 children, David Fournier and his wife Donna, Kathleen Poplawski and her husband Thomas, Deborah Martin and her husband Kevin, Wayne Fournier, Donna Austin and her husband Randall, Linda Feige and her husband George, Alan Fournier and his wife Tammy. 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceeded in death by his wife Jacqueline "Jackie", of 58 years.

Mike was a self employed carpenter by trade. He was on the Dudley fire department for many years and also served as firechief in the 1960's .He was the first president of the Dudley ambulance squad which he founded and was also instrumental in starting the Webster ambulance service.

He was a member of the Dudley PNA and the Dudley Nichols Golf Club.

There will be no calling hours . In lieu of flowers , donations may be made to the Dudley Fire Department, 128 West Main Street, Dudley, Ma. 01571

Woodstock Legion post hosting open house breakfast

WOODSTOCK — The Benson-Flugel Post 111 American Legion, Inc. invites all veterans and their families to our free open house breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. on Aug. 29. Come to our post located at 22 Stone Bridge Rd., Woodstock, to see what we do for our community.

We are always looking for new members and, due to the Legion Act of 2019m all veterans who have served since Dec. 7, 1941 are eligible to join.

Our points of contact are Glenn Boies, Commander, 860-234-5525 or Chuck Jones, Adjutant, 860-983-3759.

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O'Keefe, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient services, Day Kimball Healthcare. "In addition to masking and social distancing protocols, donors will be screened before building entry and should use hand sanitizer once inside."

To learn more about the extra safety precautions implemented to keep staff, patients and donors safe, visit www.daykimball.org/return-to-care andwww.ribc.org/safety.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

To schedule an appointment online, visit www.ribc.org/drives and use sponsor code 3844. Walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits at time of arrival.

Please do not present to donate if you have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19, had close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 until 14 days after your illness have resolved.

If you are unsure whether to donate, or if you have donated recently and you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or you test positive for COVID-19, please contact the Blood Center medical team via email at medicalstaff@ribc.org or 401-453-8307.

The Rhode Island Blood Center is now the sole supplier of DKH's blood blank and provides all of its blood services. For questions about donating blood, contact the Blood Center at (401) 453-8383 or visit www.ribc.org.

To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare's laboratory and blood services, visit daykimball.org/lab.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

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

MYLIFE

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"During these times, it is crucial to provide our young people with a sustainable tool to cope with mental and emotional health that is easy to use and also builds emotional resiliency. Students have access to a strategy they can use at home and at school. I hope that as students strengthen their emotional literacy, their academic success increases and the climate continues to be a safe place for them to learn," commented Michelle Rawcliffe, Woodstock Middle School Health Educator.

MyLife for Schools offers tailored and diverse mindfulness content created in partnership with leading experts. MyLife was born from the classroom and made for the classroom, as it grew out of two decades of work with at-risk youth via its partner non-profit, Tools for Peace.

There is no professional development requirement for educators making the staff onboarding process for MyLife for Schools simple and effortless. Educators can benefit as they accurately take the pulse of their classroom climate with roll-up reporting that visualizes the aggregate student emotions at a given time. Administrators can review product usage reports by classroom as well as the aggregate emotional state of their entire student body.

About MyLife

MyLife is a personalized emotional wellness platform that helps kids and adults build the emotional strength and confidence to handle whatever comes their way. The five-star-rated app, winner of the 2017 Webby People's Voice Award for Best Health App, is paving the way to everyday emotional wellness with bite-size personalized content and activities based on user emotions.

Co-founded by Jamie Price and Julie Campistron, MyLife has achieved large consumer appeal, with over 4.5 million organic downloads. Its personalized experience has been praised by users and media and has allowed the team to build the world's largest database of real-life emotional data, with over 17 million emotional check-ins to date.

That data is unequivocally proving the efficacy of the app, especially as it relates to stress and anxiety decrease. MyLife is available on iOS, Android, Amazon Alexa and online at http://www.my.life.

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14 Blue Team **Sliced WG Banana Bread** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	15 White Team **Sliced WG Banana Bread** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	16 Blue Team **WG Breakfast Cereal** **W/Graham Crackers** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	17 White Team **WG Breakfast Cereal** **W/Graham Crackers** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	18 Blue Team **WG Cinnamon Breakfast Roll** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit
21 Blue Team **BeneFit Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Breakfast Bar** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	22 White Team **BeneFit Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Breakfast Bar** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	23 Blue Team **WG Apple Muffin** **W/ String Cheese** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	24 White Team **WG Apple Muffin** **W/ String Cheese** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	25 Professional Development
28 Blue Team **WG Breakfast Cereal** **W/Graham Crackers** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	29 White Team **WG Breakfast Cereal** **W/Graham Crackers** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit	30 Blue Team **Whole Grain Bagel** 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit		

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	1 White Group Day **" Wolf Meal"** Beef Burger w/ Cheese Seasoned Curly Fries 100% Fruit Sherbet Milk	2 Blue Group Day: **Crispy Chicken Sandwich** **Seasoned Carrots** **Fruit & Milk**	3 White Group Day: **Crispy Chicken Sandwich** **Seasoned Carrots** **Fruit & Milk**	4 **No School** **Full Day of Professional Development**
	8 White Group Day **Breakfast for Lunch:** WG Waffle Fluffy Scrambled Egg Crispy Hash Brown Potato Sliced Strawberries Milk	9 Blue Group Day: **Breakfast for Lunch:** WG Waffle Fluffy Scrambled Egg Crispy Hash Brown Potato Sliced Strawberries Milk	10 White Group Day **Home Style Sloppy Joe** Seasoned Beef on top of WG Kaiser Bun Seasoned Carrots WG Rice Crispy Treat Fruit & Milk	11 White Group Day **WG Stuffed Crust Pizza** Fresh Caesar Salad With Seasoned Croutons and Parmesan Cheese Fruit & Milk
14 Blue Group Day: **WG Mozzarella Sticks** W/ Zesty Marinara Dipping Sauce Roasted Summer Vegetables Fruit & Milk	15 White Group Day **WG Mozzarella Sticks** W/ Zesty Marinara Dipping Sauce Roasted Summer Vegetables Fruit & Milk	16 Blue Group Day: **Zesty Orange Popcorn** WG Chicken Bites Tossed in an Orange Glaze served over a Bed of Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit & Milk	17 White Group Day **Zesty Orange Popcorn** WG Chicken Bites Tossed in an Orange Glaze served over a Bed of Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit & Milk	18 Blue Group Day: **Cheese Pizza** Fresh Garden Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumbers Fruit & Milk
21 Blue Group Day: **Hot Diggity Dog Or Corn Dogs** Baked Beans Fruit & Milk	22 White Group Day **Hot Diggity Dog Or Corn Dogs** Baked Beans Fruit & Milk	23 Blue Group Day: **Popcorn Chicken Potato Bowl** Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Sweet Corn & Fruit & Milk	24 White Group Day **Popcorn Chicken Potato Bowl** Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Sweet Corn & Fruit & Milk	25 **No School** **Full Day of Professional Development**
28 Blue Group Day: **WG Spaghetti W/ Meatball Dinner** WG Garlic Bread Roasted Broccoli Florets Fruit & Milk	29 White Group Day **WG Spaghetti W/ Meatball Dinner** WG Garlic Bread Roasted Broccoli Florets Fruit & Milk	30 Blue Group Day: **Fiesta Taco Bowl** Seasoned Ground Beef, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheddar Cheese, & Salsa in a WG Tostado Bowl Spanish Rice Mexicali Corn Fruit & Milk		

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LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On August 3, 2020 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA20027 approved with conditions, Richard & Lynn Skowronski, 21 Richard Bennett Lane (Assessor's Map 135, Block 7, Lot 5K) – construct an in ground swimming pool, shed and repave and existing driveway.

On August 12, 2020 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued: Application # WAA20029 approved with conditions, Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Ave. (subdivision lot 5) (Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6E) – grading and footing drain for new single family home; and Application # WAA20030 approved with conditions, Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Avenue (subdivision lot 6) (Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6F) – footing drain for new single family home.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent
August 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JudithB Daviau (20-00288) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, August 13, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Robert Daviau
c/o FRANK GERARD HERZOG,
BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC,
155 PROVIDENCE STREET,
PO BOX 166, PU1NAM, CT 06260
August 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Helen T Dabkowski, AKA Helen Dabkowski, AKA Helen T Grala (20-00289) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, August 13, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Mary Anne Zeh,
PO Box 317, Hebron, CT 06248
August 28, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission, the following application was approved as presented with E&S Bonds for each lot: #643-06-27 Maplesouth Realty Trust, 11 Senexet Road – 3 lot subdivision (minor).

Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
August 28, 2020

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
METERED USE ROAD ASSESSMENT
LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4pm Tuesday 9-5pm Friday 9-11.

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Dated at Killingly this 19th, day of August 2020
Patricia Monahan CCMC
Revenue Collector for the
Town of Killingly
August 28, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON WPCA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE THOMPSON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

will hold a public Zoom hearing to receive comments on a proposed rate hike for the Thompson WPCA for the 2021 fiscal year, on Wednesday September 9, 2020 @ 6pm.

TO ATTEND THIS HEARING GO TO THE TOWN OF THOMPSON WEBSITE.

The proposed rate hike is necessary to maintain and balance our budget due to increases in administration costs and repairs/replacement of aging process equipment.

The TWPCA Board proposed an increase in the EDU rate from the present $440.00 per year to a new value of $480.00 per year. This is an increase of 9.0%

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Michael Krogul, Chairman TWPCA
August 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Shelley Jean Smith (20-00235) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, August 18, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Matthew N. Smith,
c/o DAVID HUGH BLACK WELL (attorney for Matthew N. Smith),
BLACKWELL & SPADACCINI, LLC,
158 EAST CENTER STREET,
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August 28, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Citizens of Woodstock are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Woodstock will hold its sessions on the following dates:

Monday, September 14, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM

Appointments must be made by calling the Assessor's Office before September 10, 2020 at 860-928-6929 Ext 326 or Ext 327 or E-Mail: assessorasst@woodstockct.gov

The September session is held solely for appeals on MOTOR VEHICLES for Grand List 2019.

Sessions will be held at the Town Hall Office Building at 415 Route 169, Woodstock, CT. Vehicle in question must be present at appeal session.

Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Rebecca Hyde
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August 28, 2020
September 4, 2020

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = T)

A. 1 22 20 15 23
Clue: Poison

B. 9 2 25 16 15 1 12
Clue: Standard of something

C. 1 6 18 1 15 23 21
Clue: Measures performance

D. 26 25 14 1 15 8 2 16 25 1 6
Clue: Minute separate particles

Answers: A. toxin B. quality C. testing D. particulate

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Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER:

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8	7	3	1	5	4	2	9	6
9	6	1	2	3	7	5	8	4
2	5	7	9	1	8	6	4	3
4	3	9	6	7	2	8	1	5
1	8	6	3	4	5	9	7	2
6	1	5	7	8	3	4	2	9
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Give your landscape a late summer facelift

Garden Moments

MELINDA MYERS

Whether it is the hot weather, the age of your landscape or simply the need for change; a late summer makeover can help you increase your landscape's beauty. Put the "wow" back into your garden with a few new plantings, garden art, or other simple improvements.

Many established landscapes have a few or many overgrown plants. Sometimes the plants you purchase perform better than expected or oftentimes we try to squeeze too many plants into a garden or too large of plants into small spaces.

Remove overcrowded plants that have outgrown the space or lost their ornamental appeal. Replace these and other unsightly plants with those more suited to the growing conditions, your landscape design, and available space. Now is a good time to plan and fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials. The soil is warm and air cool, making it less stressful on new plantings.

Phase in removals and replacements over time. This is easier on your budget, back, and will keep your landscape looking robust. And be sure to properly space plants to avoid overcrowding in the future. Check plant tags for the plant's mature size and plant accordingly.

Fill in the voids between new plantings with annuals and perennials. As your shrubs increase in size, you will need fewer annuals each year. Move perennial flowers and grasses to a new garden as your shrubs reach full size. Perennials are much easier to move than an overgrown shrub.

A bit of pruning may be all that is needed to bring back the beauty and reduce the size of overgrown plants. Make a note on your calendar to do a bit of pruning at the right time. Prune spring flowering shrubs right after they bloom. They have already set their flower buds for next spring and pruning now will eliminate the spring floral display. You can prune summer flowering shrubs during their dormant season from fall through spring. Prune evergreens in colder climates in late winter or early spring once the worst winter weather has passed. Fall pruning where winters are brutal can lead to an increase in winter damage.

Replace tired annuals in the garden and containers with fresh plants suited to the upcoming fall season. Don't be afraid to add dried materials to existing planters for added color and texture. Or create new container gardens to set by the front door and welcome guests. These also make great fillers in the garden. Just place the container in a spot where an existing plant has failed. You will benefit from the instant color and extra time you gain to plan for a permanent replacement.

Garden art is another option for filling those late summer voids in the garden. Or use it to create a focal point, drawing attention to areas that are looking their best.

Adding a few new cushions on your outdoor furniture can further enhance your landscape's appeal. It is an easy way to change things up with minimal investment of time and money.

Big or small, a few changes can make a big difference. Tackle a few of the easier ones or those with the biggest impact first. Once you get started, you will not want to quit.

Photo Courtesy

Garden art can fill in late summer voids or create a focal point in the garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Homemade pie crust made easy

Pot pie makes for a delicious meal, especially when home cooks go the extra mile and prepare homemade pie crust. Some may be intimidated by the idea of making their own pie crusts, but the following recipe for "Turkey Vegetable Pot Pie with Whole-Wheat Crust" from Michelle Dudash's "Clean Eating for Busy Families" (Fair Winds) simplifies that process, ensuring a fun and easy time cooking and, ultimately, a delicious meal.

Turkey Vegetable Pot Pie with Whole-Wheat Crust
Serves 6

For the crust:
1 cup whole-wheat flour
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup corn oil
1/3 cup orange juice

For the filling:
1 carton condensed cream of chicken soup (organic preferred)
1/2 cup low-fat milk
1 1/4 pound boneless, skinless turkey breast, thinly sliced into bite-size pieces
1 cup thinly sliced carrots (or frozen sliced carrots, thawed)
1 cup leeks, quartered lengthwise, then thinly sliced crosswise, using white and pale green parts only
3/4 cup thinly sliced celery
1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
3 tablespoons whole-wheat flour
2 teaspoons dried herbes de Provence (or 1/2 teaspoon each thyme, rosemary and basil)
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

To make the crust: Combine flours and salt in a medium bowl. Pour in oil and orange juice and stir until moistened. Press dough to flatten and chill.

To make the filling: Blend soup and 1/2 cup of milk in a large bowl. Mix in the remaining ingredients.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Divide dough into 2 balls, one slightly larger than the other. Roll the larger ball between 2 large sheets of waxed paper until it is 1/8-inch-thick or until it fits in the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan. Remove the top sheet of waxed paper. Turn dough over and carefully place in the pie pan, removing remaining piece of waxed paper. Press out any bubbles and patch holes with scraps of dough. Pour filling into the prepared pan. Roll remaining dough and lay it on top. Cut any excess dough hanging from the edges and crimp the crust between your thumb and forefinger to seal. Cut a heart into the center to allow steam to escape.

Place the pie on a sheet pan and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes, until center of crust becomes golden and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the pie's center reaches 165 F, covering browned edges only with foil about halfway through cooking. Remove the pie from the oven and allow it to rest for at least 5 minutes before cutting.

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and days before that too.

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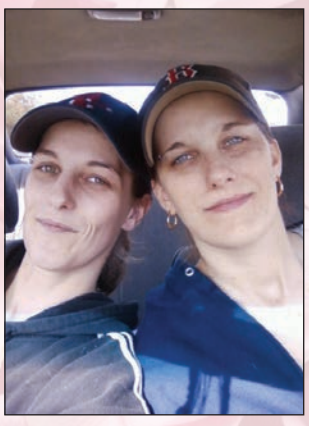

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