



## Tourtellot graduates receive socially distanced sendoff

Photos Rebecca Ramsey

Graduates celebrate following Tourtellot High School's 2020 Commencement ceremony last Friday.

BY REBECCA RAMSEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOMPSON—On Friday, June 12, Tourtellot Memorial High School hosted an outdoor graduation for their 2020 graduates. Friends and family of the graduates drove into the parking lot behind the school, their vehicles decorated with red and yellow balloons, signs, and confetti, and some windows marked with the words “Congrats, grads!” or “Class of 2020!”

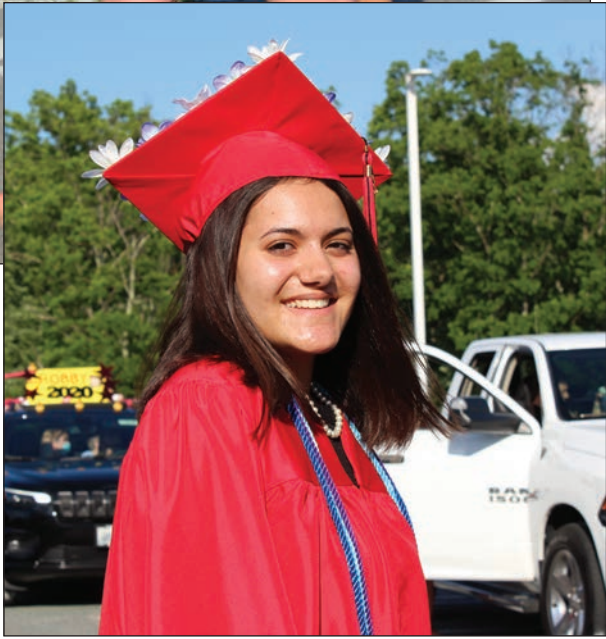
The event, which was broadcast on WINY 1350

a.m. radio and Facebook Live, began with a cacophony of honking horns to welcome the graduates and kickstart the evening. After a special recording of “God Bless America” performed by the Tourtellot Memorial High School’s concert band, several faculty members and graduating students gave speeches.

Superintendent Marinda Smith was among the first to speak.

“Writing comments to share this year has been

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Tourtellot graduate Adrianna Aubin is all smiles following the school’s Commencement ceremony.

## Woodstock community rallies against injustice



Photo Carol Davidge

Attendees with signs. Most young people carried signs to advocate for police reform.

BY CAROL DAVIDGE  
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WOODSTOCK — On June 14, hundreds of young people lined both sides of Route 169 and the Woodstock Common in a protest called “Rise Against Injustice.” Over four hours, students and adults spoke, musicians performed and poetry was recited. The objective was to support police reform toward reducing civilian deaths. Altogether some 500 people attended.

The idea for a protest in Woodstock started with Emily Ross, a recent Woodstock Academy graduate, with dozens of other young people joining in by forming teams to assist. “I wanted to hold this protest in order to give students, as well as the adults in this com-

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## Be a part of the Community Heart Project

REGION — This spring, community minded students from eight towns in eastern Connecticut brightened their neighborhoods by taking on a giant collaborative project: the Community Heart Project! Elementary and Middle School students of many districts and schools accessed their creative side, amid all the challenges of online learning, to design and create a heart to show support for their community. Students’

creations were displayed on their lawns, in windows, on mailboxes- anywhere that might give a boost to a neighbor in need!

The project was organized by the Connecticut MakerSpace Teacher Consortium, an exceptional group of about 15 educators across eastern Connecticut who’ve come together to cultivate Maker and STEM centered learning in their classrooms (Science, Technology,

Engineering & Math). The Maker culture in the classroom has burgeoned in the last several years as teachers work to empower students as engineers, inviting them to turn a maker’s eye to the products and systems that make up our world.

As MakerSpace and STEM teachers have moved online this spring, they’ve been looking for ways to foster connections and help their students make a pos-

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Huckleberry Flanagan

## Local teen to appear on HBO Max reality show

BY REBECCA RAMSEY  
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POMFRET—Huckleberry Flanagan, 16, from Pomfret was chosen as a contestant on “Karma,” a new teen reality show that debuted on HBO Max on June 18.

Karma is an American reality TV program produced

by J. D. Roth, executive producer of the well-known reality shows “The Biggest Loser” and “Extreme Weight Loss.” The show is hosted by YouTube sensation Michelle Khare.

In this eight-episode competitive reality show, 13- through 15-year-olds are sent

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# Matthew Mayotte of Danielson earns degree from Assumption

WORCESTER, Mass. — Matthew Mayotte, of Danielson, was one of 522 individuals to earn a degree from Assumption at the culmination of the 2019-20 academic year. Mayotte received a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

On Sunday, May 10, the day on which the Class of 2020 was originally scheduled to receive their degrees at the College's 103rd Commencement, Assumption virtually celebrated the candidates for graduation and their years of commitment to academ-

ic programs. Assumption President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., was joined by Provost and Academic Vice President Greg Wiener, Ph.D., and Vice President for Mission Father Richard Lamoureux, A.A. '64 for a Conferral of Degrees ceremony that was livestreamed from the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony was followed by a Mass which included candidates for graduation who pre-recorded hymns and readings.

Assumption has rescheduled its

annual commencement ceremony during which it will formally honor the graduates of the Class of 2020 for Aug. 23.

When addressing the graduates virtually, President Cesareo acknowledged the unprecedented challenges the Class of 2020 faced in their final semester, namely making a swift shift to remote learning due to the global pandemic.

"You have come to the end of your studies at Assumption under extraordinary circumstances. This has certainly been a difficult and challenging semester for your class. You have had to confront adversity and the unexpected," he said. "You should be proud of the way in which you adapted to this situation, how you showed your resilience, strength, and ability to overcome challenging times."

He added that while the COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for the Class of 2020, their Assumption education has and will help them thrive rather than simply endure. "Because of your education, you are able to view challenges as obstacles to overcome rather than a crisis to be endured," he explained.

"Assumption has provided you with an education that prepared you to confront and to make sense of these personal and societal challenges. This pandemic has made the unique value of a Catholic liberal education like the one Assumption provides even more evident. The most important challenges our society faces in both overcoming and understanding this crisis involve more than technical problems, although those are an important part of an Assumption education, too. The essential issues are the deepest questions of the human heart, which transcend time and place," he said, adding that ancient and modern thinkers have

explored the questions regarding the meaning of life and human suffering.

Saint Augustine reminds us that these questions are 'ever ancient, ever new.' The Assumption education you received has prepared you for a changing world. Many institutions have forgotten these enduring questions. Assumption never has, and you have benefitted from this. A Catholic liberal education engages these questions has prepared you to live out your vocations and to be lifelong learners. It has provided you with the wisdom and courage to confront the challenges we face at this time and that you will face throughout your life."

Before closing, President Cesareo said he hoped that the disruptive nature of the last several months had taught the graduates some important lessons: take the time to say 'I love you,' to stop harboring resentment, thinking that forgiveness can always wait for another day, to cease pretending that little annoying things matter so much, to pick up your heads to look at the beauty of the world, to examine your beliefs about what truly matters in life, to mend relationships, and to take time to pray," he said.

"I am not going to say goodbye, but rather arrivederci, since it is my hope to see you in August," he said.

The ceremony was complemented by the playing of a newly composed hymn based, "Shelter Me," a prayer song in the time of COVID-19, by Jan Michael Joncas based on Psalm 23. After the conferral of undergraduate, continuing education, and graduate degrees, Adam Duval '20, William Goliger '20, Arianna Pereschino '20, and led by Brad Dumont, sang the Alma Mater, "Long Live the Blue and White," via video conference.

## Iowa State University students receive degrees this spring

AMES, Iowa — A virtual commencement ceremony was held this spring at Iowa State University to honor the nearly 5,100 graduates who earned degrees,

including Nicole Davies of Willington, who earned a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

The traditional on-campus celebrations were moved online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. University leaders recorded three commencement ceremonies to honor graduates.

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a task filled with a great deal of emotion," she said. "I am simply not ready to let you go."

In her emotional speech, Smith expressed her regret for the school year's early dismissal due to the coronavirus and her gratitude and praise for the graduates' devotion to excellence, superior talent, and memorable kindness.

"My wish for each of you is to continue to devote time to community service wherever your journey takes you," she said, "and remember to be kind to people who are currently in your lives and those that you will meet along the way."

After Smith's speech, Principal Meagan Parrette warmly introduced Brian Boppard, the keynote speaker for the evening and an esteemed alumnus with more than 20 years of higher education experience.

Boppard reminded the graduates of the words he told them four years ago at Career Day,

"Change is inevitable. But change is something to be embraced and not feared."

Instead of focusing on the bad that is happening in the world today, Boppard encouraged the graduates to "grow, adapt, and change" and to embrace change's possibilities and hope.

"Choose love over hate, empathy over apathy, and positivity over negativity," he said. "Never stop learning."

Among the other speakers were Nima Sherpa who delivered the salutatory and Jesse Trotter, valedictorian, who thanked several teachers by name and reminded his classmates to be proud to be Tigers.

After the speeches concluded, graduates were called by name to collect their diplomas from the podium behind the school. Family and friends clapped and honked their horns to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments.

Afterward, Parrette honored Noveline Beltram, a Thompson educator for more than

40 years who had been the kindergarten teacher to the now graduates.

"I couldn't be more astounded that you even brought me up here," she told the crowded parking lot. "I am so, so proud!"

Beltram pronounced the students officially graduated to a roar of horns from all over the parking lot, and the ceremony ended with the singing of the high school's Alma Mater.

As the graduates rode down the parking lot and onto the road, maybe a few of them cast a glance back at the school, realizing in the moment that this departure was the close of one adventure and the beginning of a new one.

Equipped with knowledge, experience, and confidence, Tourtellot Memorial High School class of 2020 are prepared to conquer even larger challenges, following the advice of classmates and teachers, especially of Mr. Brian Boppard: "Whether you think you can or you cannot, you are always right."

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## At CT Audubon

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# Insightful



# Pomfret residents take a knee against racism

BY MONICA MCKENNA  
QUIET CORNER SHOUTS

POMFRET — Last Friday’s protest on the Pomfret Green, Take a Knee Against Racism, was different from most protests. The Willimantic branch of the NAACP and Quiet Corner Shouts, a local social action group, had organized the protest as a peaceful demonstration but added poetry, music and inspirational readings.

The drivers of cars and trucks who supported the protest honked their horns in agreement as they drove by the Green, but those supporters did not know that they might have drowned out some lines by James Baldwin, a wailing sax or some rousing lyrics sung by Sally Rogers, formerly the state troubadour, and her accompanist/husband Howie Bursen.

A sound system enabled the protesters, mostly family groups, to maintain social distancing so that they could hear the music and speakers as they stretched out on both sides of Route 44. The crowd of about 190

was quiet as Cher Kapelner-Champ read lines from Toni Morrison.

On a nearby stone wall, one of the founders of Quiet Corner Shouts, Cris Cadiz, had propped up her 30-foot brown paper banner listing the names of 100 victims of police brutality. Truck airhorns interrupted another QCS founder, Christine Kalafus, as she read her work about Pigtown, a section of Edgar Allan Poe’s creepy old Baltimore.

Another QCS founder and Pomfret Selectwoman Maureen Nicholson said Maya Angelou knew “why the caged bird sings.”

“That bird sings for freedom,” Nicholson said.

Kim Shepherd asked the crowd, “Will you break the silence?”

Michael Morrill read the “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in 1963 to his supporters about his optimism for change.

The crowd knelt as Patty Maher wound up the demonstration with a slow, somber reading of the 100 names, ending, “May this list not get longer.”



Photo Monica McKenna

Howie Bursen and Sally Rogers sing to a gloved mike June 12 on the Pomfret Green as part of the “Take a Knee Against Racism” protest that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

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itive mark in uncertain times. Growing from the movement that saw hearts placed in windows to support essential workers, the Consortium decided to add the ‘maker’ element of constructing a 3-D heart to display, adding a further challenge by requiring that students use either recyclable materials or items found in nature. An invitation to collaborate was released in May through video, and more than 70 students across the state have posted pictures of their creations on this collaborative document!

Want to be a part of this project? We’d love to add your creation to our slides! Email Pomfret 5th & 6th Grade Science teacher Tim Hotchkiss to get your pictures added, [hotchkiss.t@pomfretcommunityschool.org](mailto:hotchkiss.t@pomfretcommunityschool.org). Add “Heart Project” on the subject line.

## POLICE LOGS

### Putnam police log

PUTMAN — The Putnam Police Department reported only one arrest last week.

Carly Hetrick, age 47, of Woodstock was arrested on June 8 for Violation of a Protective Order.

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# Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp is connecting!

POMFRET — The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp has been welcoming children to its summer camp program every summer for the past 65 years. Restrictions on group sizes and mobility and health risks due to the coronavirus forced the painful decision to suspend all in person camps for the summer of 2020.

Heather Logee has spent 28 summers at camp, the last 13 as Camp Director. She knows from personal experience the importance of the continuity of the camp experience to those who attend. Working with her administrative team, they have put together a “4H Camp Connecting” virtual program which will run for six weeks starting July 6. Three live sessions will be sent out via Zoom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9-10-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 1-2-3 p.m. Weekly fees will be \$100 per camper if they provide their own supplies needed to participate or for \$150 a week, they can pick up “camp in a box” at the camp. It can be shipped for \$10 with advanced sign up. Enrolled campers will get login information the week-end before camp begins. Staff

will be offering activities in the following areas: arts and crafts, self-defense, fishing, sports, nature, survival skills, drama, music, dance and many more!

A separate virtual training program has been developed for teen leaders for \$300 for the summer. Registration for 4-H Camp Connecting.... Can be completed online by going to the camp Web site, [www.4hcampct.org](http://www.4hcampct.org).

There will be a virtual time for thought time open to all (free) from 4:15-4:30 during the week and Wednesdays at 6pm a family evening program time (free to all). Fun offerings will include Family Skit Night, Pet Show and Tell and Karaoke. Information to join these events will be emailed to current families. New families that would like to join can call the office at 860-974-1122.

The financial losses by not running camp are extreme. In order to develop a virtual program, purchases of iPads, a Zoom Platform and expanded wi-fi coverage over the camp property were necessary expenses. The camp was a grateful recipient of a matching grant of \$1,500 from The Last Green Valley to help with these expenses. Other

grants have been applied for and Danielson Surplus has stepped up as a business partner to support part of the summer’s arts and crafts program components. Buck’s Soft Serve has been promoting support for the camp since they opened this spring and bottled water sales and donations there have already raised \$2,500 this summer. The camp has established a Go Fund Me Page <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/summer-2020> The camp store is now available online on the website, [www.4hcampct.org](http://www.4hcampct.org). The Foundation has successfully run one online mini auction and has over 50 items available now just in time to do Father’s Day shopping from home. Bidding closes at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 19. Check out the offerings by following this link <https://www.biddingowl.com/windhamcounty4hfoundation>.

Foundation members and camp staff are all working very hard to weather this difficult time and have everything ready for next year’s campers for an interrupted 66th year of a wonderful outdoor, unplugged experience at Taft Pond.

# EASTCONN announces 2020 ACT, LEAP and QMC graduates

H A M P T O N — Congratulations to the 2020 graduates of EASTCONN’s Arts at the Capitol Theater and Quinebaug Middle College magnet high schools and the LEAP alternative high school.

ACT graduates: Carl Arthur Baker Jr., William Beaudry, Maria Violet Bonanno, Martha Brewster, Cailean Mackinnon Brown, Olivia Beverly Pauline Burelle, Aurora Buswell, Lia Casadei, Rachel Lynn Charron, Sierra Lynn Cunningham, Vanessa Delgado Gomez, Mark DiMauro, Denard Alonzohill Dunlap, Tiani Gardner, Jesse Gillett, Diamond Rose Green, India Harper, Ian R. Harris, Casandra Lee Hernandez, Trevor Howard, Angeleek Sally Aza Jones, Noah J. Kaiser, Rianna Landon, Ellis McGinley-Knapp, Bailey McMaster, Samuel Merritt, Madison Rae Nelson, Leilany Ramos, Nayeli Evangelyne Ramos, Jillian Kathryn Romagnano, Lauren Elizabeth Ruggiero, Evalyn Darby Stinson and Summer Grace Stoddard.

LEAP School graduates: Kenneth Adams, Jr., Danielle Ancona, Sierra Dollinger, Oscar Gallegos, Eryka Gómez-García, Doralis Vacchier, Angelica Villafane and Samuel Virella-Moreau.

QMC graduates: Carmen Eliza Aponte, Mandi Lynn Beckman, Jesus Borges, Cheyanne Rae Bricault, Elaysia-Raeana Brown, Nate Bushey, Zachary Daniel Cady, Antonio A. Carver, Isabela Carver, Alexis Marie Currier, Alecia Dexter, Maxwell Ryan Dionne, Zia

Christine Donais, Ryan Dougherty, Loralie Egnew, Catherine Fawell, Lilian Mae Freitag, Autumn Marie Gardner, Spencer J. Gelinas, Kacee-Jean M. Hanlon, Jacob Haugland, Christina Iannuccilli, Kaylah Lavallee, Malakai Lima, Michael H. Miller, Jordan Nye, Jasmine Rae Olson, Ariel Ortiz, Eduardo Perea Hernandez, Garrett N. Pompeo, Laura Sage Pudvah, Natalia Marie Reali, Alainie Shippee, Sam Simpson, Salina Spink, Sonya Surface, Joshua Byron David Tirrell, Nicholas Ryan Turner and Noble Wright.

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Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT), which is administered by EASTCONN, is a regional, public, four-year arts magnet high school, located in the historic Capitol Theater in downtown Willimantic. Visit [www.eastconn.org/ACT](http://www.eastconn.org/ACT) to learn more.

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# Alexandra Lamontagne named to Becker College Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester

LEICESTER, Mass. — Becker College is proud to announce that Alexandra Lamontagne, of North Grosvenordale, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. Lamontagne is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, Pre-PT/Health Science Concentration.

The Dean’s List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the aca-

demic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

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their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world attend Becker College, which has campuses both in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a “Best College” for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

# Locals graduate from College of Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The College of Charleston awarded over 1,500 undergraduate and graduate degrees in May 2020. The graduates will be recognized by the College during a special ceremony tentatively planned for October 11, 2020.

The following local students earned degrees:

James Collins of Pomfret graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration .

Thomas Clay of Pomfret graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration .

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# Samantha Gisleson named to Siena College President’s List for Spring 2020 Semester

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Samantha Gisleson was named to the Siena College President’s List for the Spring 2020 Semester. Samantha is from Thompson.

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

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree programs, 80+ minors and

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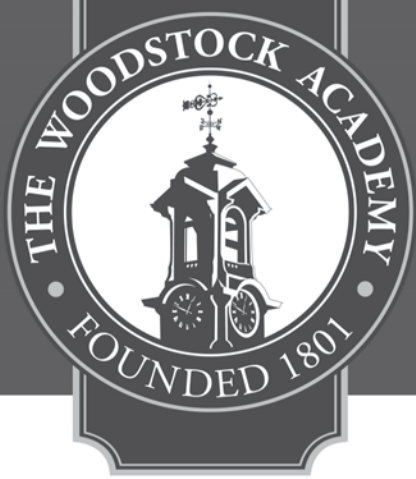
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**Hali Korsu:** High Achievement in ECE Statistics, High Achievement in Physics - Mechanics, Outstanding Achievement in ECE Calculus  
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**Isabella Symington-St. John:** Accounting Award  
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**Madeline Whitten:** English Teacher’s Award for Hard Work and Effort  
**Melissa Wishart:** German National Honor Society Scholarship  
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**Evan Wood:** WAMPA Scholarship  
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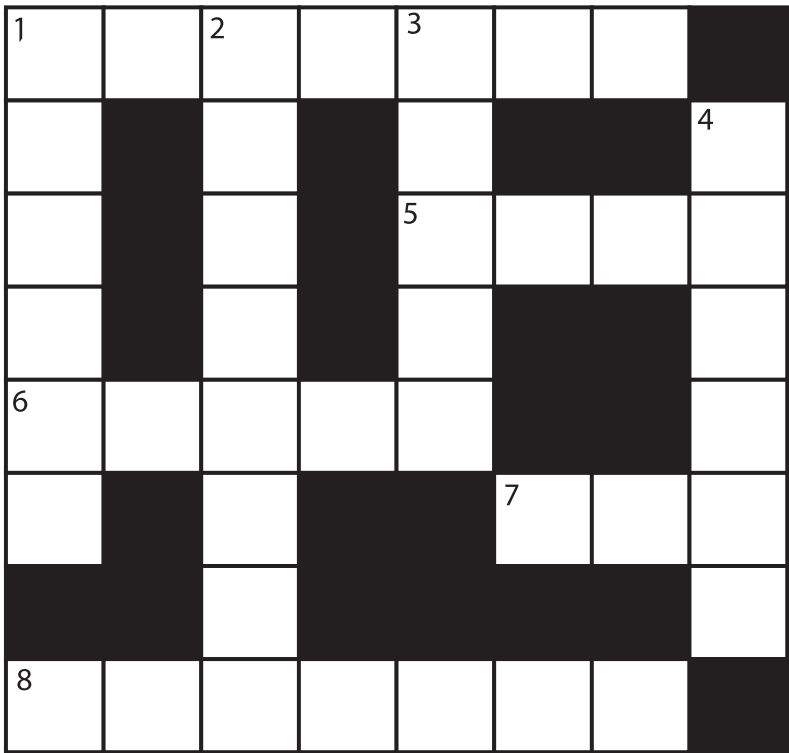








Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Sweetly coated
- 5. At a distance
- 6. Tall, branched plants
- 7. Having high degree of heat
- 8. Confections

DOWN

- 1. Another name for candies
- 2. Plant product found in soaps and skincare
- 3. Enjoys a book
- 4. Special desserts

Answers:

Across  
1. Sugared 5. Afar 6. Trees 7. Hot 8. Candies  
Down  
1. Sweets 2. Glycerin 3. Reads 4. Treats

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*But tomorrow  
may rain,  
so I'll follow  
the sun*

Well, here we are at the start of summer. We've survived a mild winter, but winter nonetheless. The days are longer. The sun is shining brighter. Now that warmer days have arrived, it makes the current closures a bit easier to manage.

While we will miss summer festivals and live music, there is still plenty to do to soak up a fun filled, relaxing summer. While we're out in our kayaks, hiking in the White Mountains, or enjoying an afternoon fishing at the river, don't forget about the many health benefits that come along with this amazing season.

Sunlight acts as an aid to regulate our bodies and gives us more motivation to improve our lives. During the summer months there is a reduced number of heart attacks. One study, including 11,000 individuals, showed that over nine years, the survival rate increased by almost 20 percent if the incident took place in the summertime. One theory is that the increase in vitamin D, plays a role.

During the summer months people are more likely to eat more fruits and vegetables. Diets become more green and healthier. We all know the more colorful the diet, the healthier we are. We could argue that the all time best cereal invented, Fruity Pebbles could be just as healthy, but we would be wrong.

Warmer months means clearer skin for many. Now that we are older (some of us), we know that sitting outside with tin foil to help us become more tan faster, is not a smart move. Sunscreen it is. In addition, people tend to exercise more in warmer weather. This is perfect for allowing more oxygen to reach the brain and stress levels decrease as an added bonus.

The sun can have an effect on those with sleep issues as well. Waking up to the sunlight aids a person's internal clock to reset. Hotter weather also causes us to drink more water. More water means less toxins in our bodies. Cheers to that.

We think it's a good idea to create a summer bucket list. Some of the things on our list include hiking more 4,000 footers, finishing a certain amount of books (some started almost ten years ago), making more trips to the ocean, trying out a paddle board, getting around to purchasing a fishing license, question legislation about daylight savings and having sunflowers in bloom by fall.

The most important thing, and we say it often, is to remember to slow down and appreciate every summer moment, hour by hour.

*Note: To give credit where it is due, the title of this week's Editorial was taken from the song "Follow the Sun," written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and recorded by The Beatles in 1964.*

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What about the bad politicians?

To the Editor:

First off, I sincerely hope that you took the time to watch a few of the Gil Fulbright segments that are on YouTube, as they are both educational and most entertaining. And with all that's been going on as of late, a good satire - along with a nice cold one - certainly wouldn't hurt.

Now for some comments on the Todd Patrie (June 12) Villager piece. From one old white guy to the next, I give Mr. Patrie credit for having an open mind. He stated the need for term limits which I totally agree with and I've mentioned that before. "USA Term Limits" (termlimits.com) is an organization working for that very goal. However (according to the term limits website), our state reps, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Murphy, and Joe Courtney; "refuse to listen to pro-term limit constituents and believe career politicians should be able to stay in office for life." As for "getting rid of the big money influence in Washington," the Gil Fulbright segment: "Vote for Honest Gil, because his ad says to," is something that you need to see. That video is sponsored by "Represent.Us," which is a grassroots anti-corruption campaign working toward that cause. And yes, Todd, I also doubt that anything will ever come from this but I'll gladly take any step in that direction. Lastly, you refer to Donald Trump as a "dangerous, incompetent idiot" and in a way I'm glad you did. In a past Villager letter, when I referred to Pelosi as "duncy," Waters as "mad max," Schiff as "shifty," and I think Biden as "shady," the thin-skinned "no fans" hopped all over me

saying I was "acting like a third-grader on the playground" and called it "the scathing name-calling of every Trump critic." I guess it's a "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" situation.

To say this country and our government is a mess is putting it mildly. I totally understand the need to get rid of bad cops, but yet we can't seem to get rid of bad politicians. It's recently been stated that if you don't want the police to bother you - don't put yourself in that position! We now have innocent people being attacked and murdered, statues and monuments being toppled or defaced, riots in the streets causing destruction and the looting of businesses, and now activists/protesters have taken over parts of Seattle, Wash., partially because of a spineless liberal mayor and governor. Those of narrow mind will blame all of this on President Trump, but I'm still under the assumption that it's the job of Congress to run the country, and to that extent I'm giving all of Congress a failing grade. Failing also equals bad politicians in my mind. What's even sadder is that our politicians and government officials are now saying that we all need to just get along - but they won't even do it themselves! So, maybe these gutless, incompetent, idiots should lead by example? (Is it now o.k. that I can say that?)

And in closing, I wonder what would happen if these activists attempted to occupy a section of our quiet corner? It can't happen here, you say?

ED DeLUCA  
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

### White blindness

To the Editor:

You hear it all the time from your white friends and family – those excuses for racial violence. Most often, it comes out in benign pronouncements such as “I don’t see color,” as if that cancels out the fact that racism exists. Sometimes it comes out in the form of back-handed empathy, as when Ahmaud Arbery was shot by two white men in Georgia. “What’s wrong with those people!” meaning those people down south who are racist. But when confronted by the idea that racism is heavily embedded in the culture and institutions of the North, there is resistance. Bristling. Silence. Which comes down to complicity.

When racial violence is perpetrated by the police, they say things like “It’s only a few bad apples, not all cops are bad,” as if we are even suggesting that all cops are bad as we protest yet one more systemic murder of a black man.

As whites we have to stop making excuses for racial violence and recognize the repercussions of systemic and institutional racism and our own complicity in allowing it to continue. We have to stop dredging up the stereotype of the redneck southern racist with a KKK hood in the trunk of the car and look at ourselves.

One of the biggest racist blind spots white Americans perpetuate is the idea that black and brown people somehow deserve to be shot. That these things only happen in “the ghetto”, or to people in the “welfare state.” Here’s a clue: Anyone who equates black people with the “ghetto” or “the welfare state” is inherently racist.

Someone recently told me George Floyd “was a felon; he had drugs in his system,” as if that justified a police officer kneeling on his neck for eight and a half minutes. As if the strangulation which occurred was his fault and his underlying health issues were the cause of death. Maybe he did have drugs in his system. Maybe he didn’t. He still didn’t deserve to be murdered. I should have given the snarky reply that popped into my head, rather than dancing around the issue. I should have said, “You have white friends and family who are raising their grandchildren because

their own children are addicts, in jail, or dead from an overdose. Do all those white, entitled addicts deserve to be murdered?”

When white people use heroin, they are the poor victims who have fallen prey to the opioid crisis. They get resuscitation and rehab. They don’t get immediately thrown into jail or murdered by police. But when black and brown people use drugs, I guess it’s their fault. I guess they deserve it, given the logic of white blindness.

These excuses and racist narratives have been around for a while and boil to the surface as retaliation to those of us who are trying to speak up for justice and protest police brutality. When the Black Lives Matter movement got involved in the 2016 presidential election, the racist rhetoric heated up. One of my students informed me that “First of all, blue lives matter, and if black people weren’t doing anything wrong, they wouldn’t be getting shot.”

Later that month, a group of boys paraded down the hall shouting “Build that wall!” while making racist comments about Mexicans and Hispanics.

That year, I wanted to quit teaching in that school which was once so sweet. It seemed hopeless that I could ever change the bullying and racism that was so embedded in the culture. But I chose to stay. I chose love over hate and hope over despair when I decided to continue teaching in what felt like a hostile environment. I don’t know that it changed my students or their parents, but it changed me when I decided to use my voice and my privilege to work toward a more just world. It changed me when I decided not only to educate others but to educate myself about the dance between racism and privilege. It was the beginning of my own journey toward the long arc of moral justice and finally finding the voice to say enough is enough.

Yes, I was blind – but now I see. Well, almost. There’s still lots of work to do.

DONNA DUFRESNE  
POMFRET

### Let’s look at the whole picture

To the Editor:

I was a little taken back by the front page article about the “vigil” that was held in Pomfret. What happened to George Floyd was tragic, and that should never happen to anyone. Rogue police officers who continue to have a history of abuse have to be removed. The people of Pomfret constructing a banner of the “75 unarmed black victims of police” just did not sit right with me. This is probably true but over what period of time did these incidents happen and there are more circumstances to these shootings. These figures also represent victims with fakes guns or knives or self defense and many were just bad cops.

How about police figures. Currently, there are 22,217 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. A total of 1,627 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every 54 hours or 163 per year. There were 135 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2019. There have been 58,866 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2018, resulting in 18,005 injuries. The New York City Police Department has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department,

with 941 deaths. Texas has lost 1,772 officers, more than any other state. The state with the fewest deaths is Vermont, with 24. There are 1,181 federal officers listed on the Memorial, as well as 720 correctional officers and 44 military law enforcement officers. There are 365 female officers listed on the Memorial; 11 female officers were killed in 2019. About twice as many white people as black people are killed by police. In fact, in about 75 percent of police shootings, the decedent is not black, according to the National Review National Review. This pandemic of civil violence is more widespread than anything seen during the Black Lives Matter movement of the Obama years, and it will likely have an even deadlier toll on law enforcement officers. It’s obvious now that police have had a target on their backs for some time. Police officers are 18 and a half times more likely to be killed by black males than unarmed black males are to be killed by police officers. The police are essential, and any thoughts to disband any police departments is suicide. Let’s look at the whole picture.

TOM PANDOLFI  
WOODSTOCK

## Musings on masks

We get many clues to a person's identity from their faces. A smile, even forced, gives us an idea about intentions. A warm, loving smile makes all the difference in how we feel. At Halloween, I'm always at a loss when people are masked or in costumes that obscure their faces. I don't identify voices easily, or know the tell-tale ways certain people gesture. I need to see faces and in today's world, I am at a loss.

Years ago, we visited Venice and I bought several leather masks that are worn there during Carnival. They were nothing special, really just a better grade of tourist clap-trap, but I liked them and felt pleased whenever I discovered one in a drawer. The most iconic mask has a long pointy nose and was worn by doctors during the plague. Various pleasant smelling herbs and spices were stuffed in the long nose to keep away disease and odors. When I pop on one of the masks I now wear, I like it better if it smells of lavender or rose petals, instead of elastic or coffee filters.

I've been thinking about the etiquette of it all. When my husband and I are walking outside, we keep our masks around our necks and pull them up if someone comes along. When we stop on the street to talk to friends, we keep our distance, but because we are outside and far apart, we pull the masks down to talk. While standing in line to get take-out food, we stay apart and keep our masks on. Sometimes passersby in cars drive wearing their masks. Sometimes people don't wear masks at all and won't.

My grandparents and my father lived through the Pandemic of 1918 in this area. The three of them, and several people who worked for them and my great uncle Arthur, who arrived from Wales, stayed quarantined for some time in the same house. They survived without catching the flu at all. I asked my father what he remembered, and because he was an 11-year old boy, he mostly missed seeing his friends. My six-year old grandson would say the same thing about his current experiences.

Day Kimball Hospital was in existence at the time, and probably has records that would be worth reviewing about the response to the pandemic. Masks were among the items used, I'm sure.

I drove past a Black Lives Matter demonstration in the center of my town. Everyone wore masks and held placards. It was a moving sight. While I could recognize many of my friends and neighbors, I felt off-kilter as it took longer to register who they were. I'm proud that there are often groups in the center standing for or against various political issues, but this time, it all seemed heightened by the multiple anxiety caused by recent events. The masks made it seem more intense.

Masks are here to stay. How we wear them, if we wear them and where we wear them are all actions that carry weight. They are political symbols, health symbols, caring, not caring, conforming, non-conforming and more. They are uncomfortable, unattractive, or comfortable and cute. They may protect or they may lull us into thinking they do, especially as they are not easy for the novice wearer to wear properly.

Being out in the world again is a real gift, even as we move cautiously, but if I don't recognize you, it isn't because I'm not glad to see you. It is because I have no idea who you are behind your mask.



NANCY WEISS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity and inclusion

To the Editor:

Diversity has been a part of America throughout its history. As the colonies were settled, as the country was founded, and as the country has grown, different groups of people have called America home. Some have lived here for generations. Some have arrived here a new. Although America has been united as one country, there have been divisions. Some of these divisions have been philosophical or political. Some have been due to lifestyles. Some have been due to race, gender, and ethnicity. Some divisions have simmered under the surface. Some divisions have boiled over.

It is demographical arithmetic to group people based upon a number of various and varied characteristics, and then to define majority and minority groups based upon such math. It has become too easy to make such statistics. It has become too easy to use such statistics. It is difficult, however, to understand the statistics when the statistics are bandied about without a complete context upon which to ground them. When lots of statistics are used, there is information overload, which lessens the ability to understand what is being shown or being said in real time, before another set of statistics are brought up.

Diversity is not trying to achieve in and of itself a statistical goal. One can speak of having a diversity of people who are of different racial, ethnic, or gender characteristics. It may look nice to see such a heterogeneous group. It may seem to be equality. But, unless everyone in such a group not only feels that they belong in the group, that they

can have their voice heard, and that they can take part meaningfully in what is going on with the group, then diversity without inclusion becomes meaningless. It is not actual equality. Diversity is therefore not the same as inclusion. Inclusion is an important part of diversity. Diversity with inclusion is a way for a community or a country to be one in action, not just one by definition.

Diversity and inclusion do not translate into everyone all of the time having the same opinions or agreeing with the same outcomes. We can disagree, but we should agree that it is OK to disagree peaceably and even to work to round up support from others to change things with which we disagree. And, others may do the same regarding things we support and about which they disagree. Democracy is not easy and it does take consensus building and time to get things done. To preclude the involvement and ideas of others is not a good way to do things. Good, durable public policy decisions and actions survive the test of time not only because of what they are, but also because people upfront have been included in and contributed to their making.

This is not to say that diversity can be achieved in everything overnight. This is not to condone violence or lawlessness as a means to achieve a quick end result. There is no magic wand to wave to bring about equality. We live in the real world. Biases of different types and of different degrees do exist. We live also in a world of uncertain and unsettling times, fraught with a lot of palpable division and partisanship. This is not the first time this

has happened. We can learn from the past as we look toward the future. Americans have dealt with such challenges before, sometimes with success and sometimes with failure. But, the successes have made us better and the lessons learned from the failures also can make us better if we learn the lessons that the failures offer.

Merely defining who is in a majority and who is in a minority for any one particular demographic criterion does not define who are the people in such groupings. It takes effort to learn who are the people around us. It takes work to learn from others. It takes continued effort and work to recognize the benefits of diversity and to achieve inclusion for and from the many different people in our communities. It takes sustained action to protect equality

and fairness for everyone, including for you.

Government and communities cannot ordain a guaranteed or idealistic future outcome for everyone. Government and communities can promote realistic opportunities for everyone. People use their education, skills, work, life experiences, and help from others to seek out their futures.

It is not only about what others do for you, what you expect others to do for you, or about what you do for others. It is also about what we do working together. This common sense principle has not been lost. It takes remembering it to make it effective.

JEFFREY A. GORDON, M.D.  
WOODSTOCK

An event more memorable than any graduation

To the Editor:

As a former Woodstock Academy social studies teacher and principal of the Woodstock Middle School 20 years ago, I simply wish to register my deep appreciation for the work of Woodstock Academy senior, Emily Ross, who organized a local rally to promote racial justice and condemn police brutality. Hundreds of people of all ages came to the rally. Emily, of course, had help from other young people in organizing this effort. I applaud them and the many organizations, folk singers, and seasoned activists who responded to Emily's call to action. Emily tapped into a wellspring of

passion among many people, individuals who want to stand up and be counted in the march toward social justice. While Emily may not have had a typical graduation ceremony during this pandemic, that has caused many to shelter in place, she did manage to create a powerful June event, perhaps more memorable than many high school commencement exercises.

Kudos to Emily and the others who made this peaceful protest an example of just how democracy works at the grassroots. Thank you.

PAUL GRASECK  
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Saving vs. investing: What's the difference?



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The words “saving” and “investing” are sometimes used interchangeably, but when it comes right down to it, we should be engaged in both to secure our financial future. This month, as we continue to explain the differences between short-term

and long-term strategies and financial life goals, something to consider are the differences and benefits between saving and investing. Last week, we strictly discussed saving strategies to consider during the pandemic, but how does it align with investing?

A shared characteristic of both saving and investing is the upmost importance that they play in our lives. If you are not doing either, it's never too late to start. This may require changes in spending and tracking, as well as strategies to maximize

your income. A general rule of thumb is to save for the short-term and invest for the long-term. Keeping that in mind, let's review the differences. Therefore, it is important to define your short-term

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I don't ever remember him flexing his biceps, reminding his wife that he was the head of the home, or bragging about his exploits. He served in the Korean war as a paratrooper and saw things in combat that later cause disturbing dreams, but he never told the gruesome stories, or claimed to be a hero. As a college student, I had a chance to work with him for a summer at an oil refinery. His rough and tumble coworkers were crude, testosterone-driven men who were always trying to outdo one

another or game the system. He just did his job quietly and honestly, and made no effort to demonstrate his prowess.

Some may have been unimpressed, but I was impressed. And, as I have grown older I have become even more impressed. My father never cheated on his wife. He never wasted his money on drugs, alcohol or frivolous activities. He did not live beyond his means and was always honest. As a result, he lived in a modest home and drove second-hand cars. But he died a rich man. He was rich in that his five children loved him and honored him as a good and faithful husband and father. He passed his faith on to the next generation, and even had some financial blessing to give them when he died.

One example of my father's greatness took place in my teens. He worked shift work, making it difficult to do things together as a family, such as church. I remember the day he told us he would be taking a cut in pay to move to a day job so we could have more family time. It was a move that looked foolish to many; he paid for it in hard cash. But his actions spoke louder than words.

Those quiet and unassuming actions of faith and integrity are what made him a such a good father. I don't resent the fact that he was not rich or famous. I do not regret humble vacations or living in a smaller house than his over-extended peers. I am certain it was his authenticity that influenced all of his

children to spend a portion of their lives in full time ministry.

The world needs more unassuming fathers - men who do not let society goad them into being macho or successful. Men who are just good, solid dads. Men who change lives every time they make an honest choice or take an unpopular position. Fathers who recognize the value of their own honesty, integrity and humility will inspire future generations and change the world. Their children will rise up and call them blessed.

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Always look for the good within the darkest times



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Our nation is immersed in turmoil. Whether it's racial issues, political fighting or a pandemic destroying our health and economy, we've never suffered through the multitude of issues at one time as we are now. The news is depressing and at times frightening. Racial unrest and pandemic dominate the news as it would seem our nation is in peril ... but not so fast.

Yes, we are suffering through several different crisis points at the same time, but I'm convinced our nation is strong. We'll endure and overcome each situation, emerging stronger and better for the experience. Let's look at each of the two major issues.

Covid-19. One of the original models used by the World Health Organization was produced by the Imperial College of London. It predicted that 81 percent of the population of the USA would be infected and would result in the loss of 2.2 million American lives. As time progressed, the Center for Disease Control continued to adjust to the incoming data, but the original numbers were devastating. If you lost a loved one, your

world was forever changed and the disease, personally for you, could not have been worse. Thankfully, on a global scale, the virus wasn't nearly as devastating as expected. Lives were lost, but only a fraction of the millions that were predicted. Depending upon your point of view, we were given wrong and wildly over-stated data or the worlds efforts at containment were successful. I believe it is a combination of both, we don't know what the future of Covid-19 holds. We know it's not the end of this story, and until there is an effective vaccine, our risk continues. Regardless, at least from a health point of view, we have so far been fortunate. Physically, we came through relatively healthy. Economically, it's another story that has yet to be played out.

What good has come from this?

We now have a better understanding of what works and does not. We are better prepared for the next round of COVID-19 or the next pandemic, whatever it is and whenever it may come.

I also think as a nation we are more aware of how to stay healthy in general. I know we are washing our hands more, resisting touching our faces and practicing social distancing. If we continue, my guess is not only can we do a better job of containing Covid-19 but also the flu and common cold.

I will continue to wear a mask in public during cold and flu season. I think what we have all learned is positive and will serve us well in our future.

What good has come from this economically?

I believe in human resilience. In tough times, creativity flourishes. I think we are learning new ways to provide and obtain services. For basic Dr. visits, I love doing them remotely online. Why should I have to appear in person so they can ask me how I feel or if my medications have changed? There will always be times we need to be physically in the same room with our health care providers, but for basic services, I'd rather dial in. I think this is a positive.

I also love the creativity of restaurants. In many places, indoor restrictions are in place, so restaurants are pitching tents and putting picnic tables in their parking lots. If it's below 90 degrees, I'd always choose to eat outdoors. For me, this is positive.

I also think many churches have become incredibly creative at providing their services online. The constitutional argument rages on as to whether a governmental body can ignore our constitutional rights, but I think it was the right thing in the heat of this pandemic to restrict assembly everywhere possible. While some churches, like my local church, have provided prerecorded and shortened services

that cater to those who when watching online have a shortened attention span, others, like Pasadena (Calif.) First Church of the Nazarene continues to provide a full, live service. The point is there is a multitude and variety of church services available online. I tune into both each Sunday, and if you oversleep, you can access it online at any time.

What's positive about this? I believe again, learning to deliver needed and wanted services in unique new ways to reduce risk and save lives is a positive. Our racial divides.

We are now having positive conversations in a frank and truthful way that seemed unlikely, if not impossible, before. I think if we are talking, listening, and engaged in a fruitful dialogue, positive changes emerge. The televised death of George Floyd has awakened the senses of even the most hard-nosed racial divide deniers. I'm hopeful and optimistic that this is a positive turning point for our nation, and it is ... if we make it so.

I also know that the majority ... I believe upward to 99% of police officers ... are good public servants. As in any profession, we are going to see there are bad actors. And a bad actor with a gun is especially dangerous. I believe community officials are awakened to the need to pay attention to officers with an unusual amount of complaints and act quick-

ly. I believe police unions, if they genuinely want to protect their good members, they must stop protecting the bad officers. Protecting the job of a bad cop puts us all at risk. I believe needed change is occurring and we'll all be better and safer for it.

Now that the average citizen is awakened to these problems, we must all stand and force the needed change.

I think there are silver linings in all situations. Unless we look for and seek the good within, it's easy to believe the sky is falling ... and it's not. Always look for the best in every situation and in every person. As I always say we usually find what we seek.

So, where there are problems, seek solutions.

Where there is pain, look for ways to ease suffering. Where there is hopelessness and despair, seek the silver lining and shine the light on hope.

When the choice faces you to live in despair of the situation or to rejoice in the possibilities, always choose to rejoice.

Always look for the positive within the negativity and you'll never feel hopeless. ■

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How many of you remember when Gallup Bros. & Lindner was located across from the Killingly Town Hall on what is now the vacant lot at the corner of Academy and Main Streets? Perhaps you are too young to recall that business but only remember when the old brick building housed the Bargain Supply Company. Either way, I'm sure many of you remember the tragic fire that destroyed the building on March 7, 1980, the second time in just over ten years that Harold Blumenthal had experienced such a disaster. This prominent corner, long the site of thriving businesses even before the Borough of Danielsonville was chartered in 1854, has remained vacant ever since.

Let me summarize some of the history of the building and its occupants. According to entries in the Natalie L. Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia, John S. and Simon S. Waldo, formerly of Canterbury, commenced a business on that corner in August 1851 in a wooden building where they sold "groceries and provisions, domestic goods, boots and shoes. Farmers' produce (could be) taken in exchange. (We don't see that any more)! Flour and grain appear in later ads. In 1861 the proprietors erected the brick building, which so many of you recall. A. S. Truesdell of Putnam was the architect; "Messers. Spaulding and Day have taken the contract to build it. (Windham County Transcript April 11, 1861)." Following the Civil War, the Waldos branched out in late 1869 and purchased the grist mill that had formerly belonged to the Quinebaug Company. By 1877 the firm had added powder and shot to the items it adver-

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tised for sale. Entries continue in the Business Encyclopedia until 1902. At that point in time the owners were elderly gentlemen. That compendium notes that John Waldo died in May 1907 and Simon passed away in 1909. A photo of Waldo's store can be seen on page 33 of "Images of America Killingly" by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert A. Spencer.

"In September 1909 John Gallup purchased the former Waldo Block on Main Street, establishing the store there in December of that year." He had come to Killingly from Woodstock in 1887 where he had been in the meat business with his uncle. In 1895 he purchased the business of Frank Medbury for whom he had worked and moved the meat market to the Phoenix Block on Center Street. His brother Arthur joined the business in 1899 and it became Gallup Brothers. Moving the business to Main Street in Danielson in 1909 gave the business a more visible location. "Berthold E. Lindner join the firm in 1909 and until October of 1935 the business was conducted under the firm name of Gallup Brothers and Lindner. Mr. Gallup retired from business on November 1, 1935 after 48 years and his son, Denton T. Gallup took over the store. Mr. Arthur Gallup and Mr. Lindner also relinquished their active participation at that time, and the new owner incorporated the market under the name of Denton T. Gallup, Inc. Associated with him were Lindner Gallup, Merrill Gallup and Daniel Gallup, all long connected with the company." Governor Wilbur Cross appointed John W. Gallup as judge of the Killingly Town Court in May 1932 to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge William Fenner Woodward (WCT May 1, 1931). John W. Gallup died August 21, 1946. (Killingly Business Encyclopedia; Lincoln, p.1664, 1718)).

Bargain Supply, owned by Harold S. Blumenthal, became the occupant

of the former Gallup Market following a fire at the southerly end of Main Street on January 9, 1970. Entries for this plumbing, heating, and electrical supply business begin in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia with the 1957 Danielson/Brooklyn Directory when it was at the lower end of the street. I moved to Killingly in 1969 and remember going to Bargain Supply at the corner of Main and Academy Streets when my older children were small. I particularly liked to browse through the fabrics upstairs since I made many outfits for my daughter. Unfortunately, another fire on March 7, 1980 spelled the demise of the business.

An extract from the May 1, 1980 Norwich Bulletin in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia said that the flames jumped from the White Tower Package Store and "engulfed seven businesses in three buildings." The article continued, "Losses due to the fire, which has been termed the worst in the history of the Borough, are estimated at close to \$500,000. Nearly 150 firefighters from 12 departments in the 10-town region responded to the call for mutual aid to the Danielson Fire Department and battled the flames for almost 18 hours." For a photo of Bargain Supply Co. and an additional one of the fire, please see "Images of America Killingly Revisited" by Natalie Coolidge, p. 65. Please share your memories about any of these businesses by emailing me.

While looking up Gallup in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia, I came across several men bearing that surname who were in interesting occupations, now long-gone. "Frank Ezra Gallup, Sr. was born April 1, 1872. After his schooling and several years on the family farm, he removed to Danielson where he entered the employ of the Shore Line Electric Railroad Company (the trolley) as a motorman. He spent four years in that capacity before resigning that position to secure

employment at the powerhouse at Dyer Dam, owned by the railroad company. He first worked as fireman there but was afterward promoted to the position of engineer" (Allen B. Lincoln, "A Modern History of Windham County, CT," p. 1812-13).

George Henry Gallup was "proprietor of the Mail Stage Route between Brooklyn and Danielsonville." He also had "horses and carriages to let." (from a songbook printed by Scofield & Hamilton circa 1882 in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia). "At the age of eighteen years, George Henry Gallup of Ekonk Hill in Sterling, CT went to Brooklyn, Ct and purchased the stage coach route, operating stages on the old Concord line between Brooklyn and Moosup, making two trips a day with passengers and mail. He developed this business to include a general livery and teaming, in addition to managing the stage line, which he extended to Danielson and Elliott Station, Connecticut, utilizing twenty-two horses, while he also had seven men in his employ. In 1888 he sold the business and purchased the old homestead farm of two hundred acres on Ekonk Hill" (Lincoln, p. 1394). If you know where Elliot Station is, please email me.

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## FLANAGAN

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to a remote Alpine forest to compete in a series of puzzles and physical challenges focusing on the seven Laws of Karma: focus, giving, humility, growth, connection, change, and patience. The contestant to successfully master these laws, conquer the elements, and avoid elimination will win a grand prize of \$50,000 and the title of "Karma Champion."

From a nationwide search with more than 14,000 applicants, local teen Huckleberry Flanagan was chosen as one of Karma's 18 contestants. In his interview with The Villager, the now 16-year-old shared his journey into the spotlight.

About a year ago, Flanagan had been auditioning for other roles for commercials and movies when he saw an advertisement for a show called "Extreme Camp." Flanagan was familiar with other reality shows that tested the agility and strength of young contestants such as Endurance, also produced by J. D. Roth, that aired 2002-2008. Thinking this show might be similar, he decided to try out.

After his first interview in Boston, the production team reached out to Flanagan, asking him for more information about his life.

"I had a Skype interview with the production team," explained Flanagan. "I sent in a couple videos about my everyday life and what it's like

to live in Connecticut." Several months later, Flanagan was sitting in his orthodontist chair when his mother rushed into the room.

"You're going to California!" she told him.

Excited and nervous, Flanagan and his mother prepared for the fourteen-hour flight to Fresno, Cal., where he and the other final contestants would attend one last interview in front of the main producer J. D. Roth.

For Flanagan, each step of the journey leading to his casting was mixed with hope and pessimism. After each round of interviews ended, he reminded himself of his unlikelihood to be chosen. He remained hopeful, but he was always prepared for a negative result.

It wasn't until that final interview that Flanagan realized this was it. As his name was called, reality settled over him. He was chosen, but he did not have much time to celebrate.

"The same day we found out who was chosen, we all got on the bus to go film," he told the Villager.

While Flanagan's mother stayed in Fresno, he and the other contestants were transported to the remote location where they would be filmed.

Flanagan said it was difficult to be away from his family for such a long time, yet he didn't allow his homesickness to slow him down. Rather, he used it as motivation.

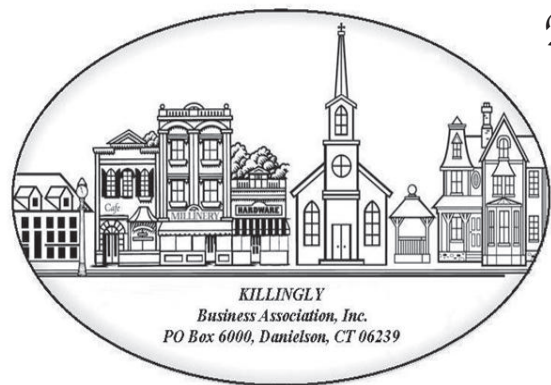
"Whenever I got homesick," he said, "I'd remember how

much work it took to keep me here, and I kept going."

One of Flanagan's favorite parts of the experience was meeting new people.

"Working with my partner and the other team members who had different backgrounds and different reasons for being there was an amazing experience," he said.

"Karma" premiered on June 18 on HBO Max, a new streaming platform bundling HBO with other movies, TV shows, and originals. According to Flanagan, the show is "action-packed and entertaining." He is eager to watch Karma with friends and family and reminisce the time he spent on the show.



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# Golden age comic books

My last two columns were on Modern Age, Bronze Age, and Silver Age comic books. This column focuses on the Golden Age of comic books, which took place from 1938 to 1956. Golden Age comic books are older and typically more valuable than the others I discussed in previous columns.



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Prior to comic books pulp magazines were popular. They used brightly colored covers and sensational stories to attract readers. The paper was made of cheap wood pulp that now has usually become yellow and brittle. Tarzan, Sam Spade and Zorro appeared in pulp magazines. The Shadow was one of the most popular characters and appeared in 326 issues from 1931 to 1939 according to Britannica. Looney Tunes, adventure, mystery and other genres appeared in Golden Age comic books,

but superheroes were very popular and are the most valuable today. D.C. Comics introduced Superman in 1938. According to Britannica, writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster were unable to sell Superman as a daily series to newspaper syndicates.

“DC then took an enormous risk in 1938 by publishing the untried character, given the depressed economic climate of the day,” Britannica writes.

Action Comics # 1, featuring Superman, sold very well, and DC Comics grew into a highly successful company. According to PBS’ “History Detectives,” Captain Marvel by Wizz Comics was a very popular character during the 1940’s, often outselling Superman. Comic book sales increased during World War II.

“They were cheap,

portable and had inspirational, patriotic stories of good triumphing over evil,” PBS wrote.

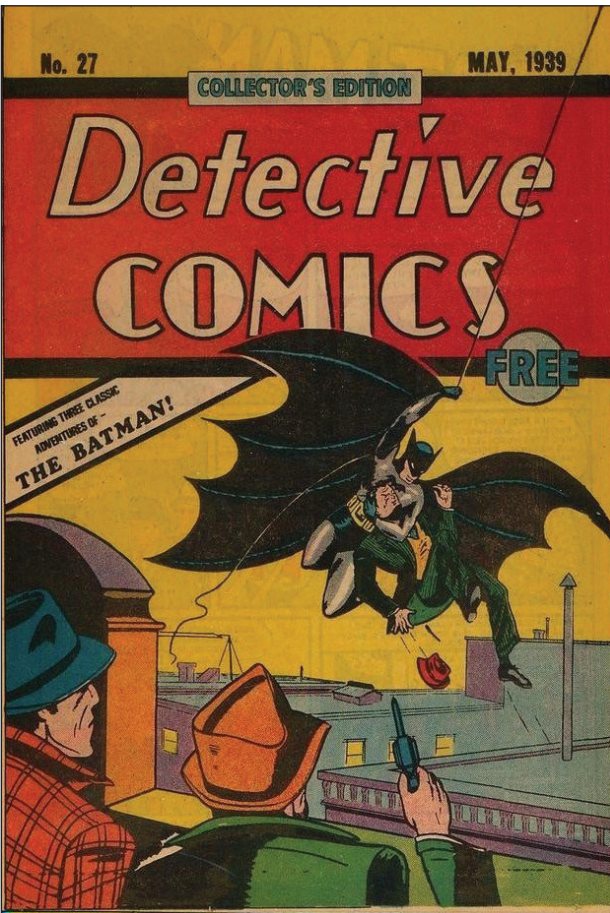
The first issue of Captain America pictured him in a stars and stripes costume battling Adolph Hitler on the cover. After the war, comic books with superheroes saw sales decrease and comics from other genres were created to help fill the void. Superhero comic books continued to be printed though. You can buy Superman comics today, over 80 years since the first issue was published.

Guinness World Records website has a timeline listing when superhero comic book characters were first introduced. Some characters may have a longer run than you might expect. The Phantom was created in 1936. Superman first appeared in Action Comics # 1 in 1938. The first comic book with Batman came out in 1939, as did Captain Marvel. 1940 saw the introduction of The Comet, The Flash, Fantomah/Woman in

Red, and Justice Society of America. Captain America, Aquaman, and Wonder Woman all began in 1941.

Golden Age superhero comic books in decent condition can be worth thousands but having one in great condition can be worth a fortune. Superman first appeared in Action Comics in 1938, but Superman appeared in his own comic book in 1939. Superman issue # 1 sold for over \$500,000. A 1939 Detective Comics issue # 27 with the first appearance of Batman sold for over \$1 million in 2010. A high grade 1939 issue titled “Marvel Comics” by Timely Comics sold for over \$1.25 million last year. Ironically, Timely Comics evolved into Marvel Comics during the 1960s. A copy of Action Comics # 1 with the first appearance of Superman went up, up and away for \$3,207,852 in an online auction in 2014.

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## Three ways to help your gardens thrive with minimal care



Photo Melinda Myers

New plantings need special attention the first few weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the roots and surrounding soil slightly moist.

So, you filled your shopping cart and gardens with lots of new shrubs, flowers, and vegetables. Now what? Keep your plants looking their best with minimal effort so you can enjoy them and your summer even more. Watering is one task where I find even experienced gardeners struggle. Proper watering is key. Too much or not enough water can result in yellow, wilting and even death of plants. Check container plantings daily. Stick your finger into the soil and water whenever the top few inches

of soil is starting to dry. Water thoroughly so the excess runs out of the pot and away from the planter. New plantings need special attention the first few weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the roots and surrounding soil slightly moist. Gradually reduce frequency and only water thoroughly when the top few inches are crumbly, but slightly moist. Continue giving perennials, trees, and shrubs regular care the first two years. It takes this long for them to establish a robust root system. Water thorough-

ly, but only as needed. Water early in the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. Avoid watering at night. Wet foliage at night is more susceptible to disease. Use soaker hoses, drip irrigation or watering wands to apply water to the soil. Less water is wasted plus you’ll help decrease the risk of disease by avoiding wet foliage. Mulch gardens to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it decomposes. Spread a two- to three-inch layer of organic mulch such as shredded leaves, evergreen needles, wood chips or shredded bark on the soil surface surrounding your plants. The courser the mulch used, the thicker the layer. Do not bury the base of your plants or pile mulch against the trunks of trees. This can lead to a decline of your plants. I like to use wood-based mulches for permanent plantings and pathways.

Consider using shredded leaves, evergreen needles or even a thin layer of chemical-free grass clippings for annual plantings. These mulches break down more quickly than wood and do not cause nutrient deficiencies if worked into the soil. Fertilization provides the nutrients plants need to grow and thrive, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental. Over fertilization can result in lots of green leafy growth, but no flowers or fruit. Lush succulent growth from over fertilization is more susceptible to insect and disease problems. Select a fertilizer labeled for the

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plants you are growing and your gardening goals. Organic and slow release fertilizers provide a slow, steady supply of nutrients over a longer period of time. You’ll need to make fewer applications throughout the growing season. Do not apply more than the recommended rate. Not only are you wasting fertilizer and money, but an overdose of fertilizer can damage and even kill plants. Consider taking a soil test in the future. The results tell you how much and what type of fertilizer to apply. Contact your local Extension office for tips on how to take a soil test and where to send the sample for testing. Visit your gardens regularly. Pick a few flowers to enjoy in a vase indoors and harvest vegetables when they are mature. Regular harvests of ripe vegetables and herbs keeps them producing. So, enjoy your summer and gardening adventures. Each year brings new successes, plants to try, and lessons to learn from our gardens. As you experience the joy and benefits of this season’s garden, you will be looking for more opportunities to expand your plantings next year. Melinda Myers has written numerous 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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## James J. LaRochelle, 60

NORTH GROSVENORDALE- James J. LaRochelle age 60 passed away Thursday morning, April 2, 2020, at the University of MA Healthcare Center



Hopsital, Worcester, MA. He leaves his loving wife Laura J. Hackett, and a son Tyler Day both of North Grosvenordale, He also leaves his parents, Roland LaRochelle and Mary (Bachand) LaRochelle and a brother Roland LaRochelle and his wife Delores all of Southbridge, also a niece and her husband Amy and Patrick Reynolds of Dudley. He also leaves many brother and sister-in-laws that loved him dearly along with numerous friends. Jim lived in North Grosvenordale, Ct for the past 20 plus years, James was the Head Maintenance Engineer for the Shaner Group in

Southbridge. Some of Jimmy's joys were his motorcycle, his two dogs Ruby and Tilly and his love for his family and home.

Please consider making a memorial contribution donations to the American Diabetes Foundation in honor of James.

Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster will be held Friday June 19, 2020 from 6 pm - 8 pm please follow the state mandated protocol by wearing a mask. A Mass of Christian burial will be held in St. Joseph's Church, North Grosvenordale, Ct Saturday June 20, 2020 at 10 am. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Jame

## Kenneth A. Smith, 61

Kenneth A. Smith, 61, of Putnam, Ct., formerly of Douglas, Ma., passed away on June 9th, with his daughter by his side. Throughout his years, Kenny often put the welfare of others



before his own, and even during his last days he never lost that quality.

He will be deeply missed by his loving partner Belinda Kacmarcik,hisfather Andrew Smith, his daughter Heather Jackman, and his son Matthew Smith and his wife Lana. Kenneth is also survived by three brothers, James, Mark, Andy and his wife Holly, his grandchildren Alexander Smith and Victoria Jackman, his great-grandchild Kolbi, nieces, nephews, friends and his beloved dog Eddiee. He was predeceased by his mother Shirley.

Kenny spent many days outdoors with his much-loved dog Cookie. He

enjoyed fishing, a hobby that he preferred to share with his children, grandchildren and friends. Kenny's life was centered on his family, and at times he gave more of himself than he should have. He worked hard to provide for those he loved, and he understood that hard work was worth nothing if we don't take the time to be with each other. Kenny fulfilled many roles in his life; he was a caring son and brother, a devoted father and grandfather, and his absence will be felt by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date for family and close friends.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Kenneth.

## Don Prussia, 81

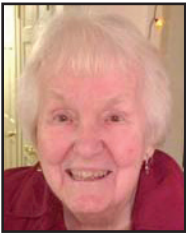
Don Prussia, 81, passed away quietly at his home in Missouri with his wife of 32 years by his side. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut and proudly served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Hartley. Don was devoted to his career as a Conservation Officer for the State of Connecticut, retiring after 27 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman engaging in hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening, and generously teaching others to enjoy the same pursuits.



Don is survived by his children, James (Melissa) Prussia of Virginia, Victoria (Christopher) Reiser of Connecticut, John (Becky) Prussia of Georgia and Sandra Blake of California; his grandchildren Tatiana, Katie, Jared, Mariah, Jacob, Ben, Cassie, Jeremy, Megan, David, Daniel, Joshua, † Matthew, Ryan, and Nikki; great-grandchildren Maia, Arya, and Robert; and special nephews Roy (Carmen) Maddocks and Bill (Brenda) Maddocks. A Celebration of Life will be held in Connecticut at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your favorite charity in Don's memory or do something helpful for someone in need.

## Janet Theresa Phaneuf

'Janet Theresa Phaneuf died on June 7, 2020 of natural causes. Janet was born March 24, 1933 on Church Street in Putnam and lived within two houses of her birthplace her entire life. Her parents were John J. and Pauline A. (Labossiere) O'Brien of Putnam. She is pre-deceased by her husband of 49 years, Lawrence U. Phaneuf, Jr.



She leaves her daughter, Susan P. Phaneuf and son-in-law, Michael F. Chrzan of Putnam. She also leaves her brother-in-law, Bernard Phaneuf and sister-in-law Janice Phaneuf of Woodstock, sisters-in-law Constance Black of East Hartford, Elizabeth Phaneuf and Esther Phaneuf, both of Woodstock, 9 nieces, 4 nephews and many cousins.

She graduated from Putnam Catholic Academy in 1951 and was salutatorian of her class. Her education continued at Annhurst College where she majored in business and secretarial science, graduating with an A. S. degree in 1953.

While a student, Janet worked part-time at the Day Kimball Hospital. After college she was employed as an executive secretary at the Frank Parizek Manufacturing Company. She then devoted her time to raising her daughter and managing all financial aspects of her husband's business, Larry's Plumbing & Excavating as well as her father's business, John's Package Store. She worked in the accounting office at Bugbee's for eight years. When Janet sensed her place of employment may close she applied to the Putnam Public Library and was offered a position as librarian just three weeks later. She began work on November 23, 1982 and retired on April 30, 2015.

Janet 's favorite hobby was reading and she especially enjoyed history

and mysteries. In her younger years she enjoyed playing softball, bowling, roller-skating and square dancing. She loved traveling whether it was a drive in the country or a three-week road trip. She and Larry had many friends and visited with others regularly. They often hosted card games that ran into the wee hours. In the 1980's, Larry completed restoration of his midget racing car and joined the Atlantic Coast Old Timers. Janet occasionally accompanied him to meets, and before long a number of other spouses came to meets as well. The car meets evolved into somewhat of a family gathering.

In general, she was open to new things and willingly obliged when asked if numerous pets could take up residence in the house. She raised and cared for canaries, parakeets, love-birds, mice, tropical fish, turtles, rabbits, cats, ducks, chickens, guinea hens and geese. She also supported Larry's decision to adopt two horses, which led to more horses, a bull, a cow and a mule. She fed the birds and squirrels that frequented her yard and truly enjoyed watching their antics.

Janet was known to be the unofficial photographer within any group. Susan was an only child though many believed Janet had several children. Friends were always welcome and she enjoyed opening the home to others. She was often asked and usually agreed to be the chaperone on school field trips and volunteered at the St. Mary School library. She became leader of a 4-H club for six years, arranging outings, teaching cooking and manners.

In lieu of flowers donations to "Connecticut Audubon Society addressed to the Center at Pomfret, PO Box 11, Pomfret Center, CT 06259.

Services and mass will be scheduled at a later date. Smith and Walker Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Lucille Tetreault

Lucille Tetreault, Beloved wife of CMSgt Paul P. Tetreault (ret) for 61 years went peacefully to see Our Lord Friday, June 5th , 2020 of natural causes.



Born February 16, 1937 to Audila and Antonin Auger in Webster Mass. Upon Graduation with High Honors from Putnam Catholic Academy in 1955, She entered Saint Vincent's School of Nursing and graduated with a degree in Nursing, June of 1958. Upon graduation, she commenced her Nursing duties at Day Kimball Hospital until she married Paul on November 8th, 1958 in Arlington, Virginia. She resumed Nursing Duties at Prince George's Hospital in Landover, Maryland, until she went with Paul to the Philippines where she did special Nursing Duties at the Clark AFB Military Hospital on South Vietnamese Soldiers and special burn cases. There she met and shook hands with Movie Actor Jeff Chandler, who had to go to the hospital while filming Merrill's Raiders.

Upon arriving in Colorado Springs in 1961, Lucille did Nursing duties at the Memorial Hospital. Returning to Putnam in 1964, Lucille joined the Putnam Health Care Department, working with Charlotte Lenky. Besides doing visiting Nursing duties, she was also the 1st Headstart Nurse working at the old Putnam Grammar School, checking children's Health with Gerard Cotnoir. In the 70's, she took care of sales at the Tetreault Appliance Store. In 1980, she returned

to visiting Nursing Duties till about the year 2000, where she started to cut toenails. Known as the Toe Nail Queen, she ran four clinics. Plainfield, Brooklyn, Putnam and Thompson till her retirement, in 2018. She compiled 60 years of Nursing and in 2014 she received a prestigious Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. She always said that she felt best when she was amongst the people that needed her care. Lucille left a legacy matched by none.

She leaves her husband, Paul and children, Monique L. Phelan of Danielson, CT, Michael P. Tetreault of Summer Field, FL, Mark A. Tetreault of Cologne, MN, David J. Tetreault of Danielson, CT, brother Maurice Auger of Putnam, CT, grandchildren Kelsey Phelan, of Danielson, CT, Christopher Phelan of Charlotte, NC, Patrick Phelan of Danielson, CT, Mathieu Phelan of Danielson, CT, Eric Tetreault of Cologne, MN, Melissa Tetreault of Cologne, MN, Holly Tetreault of PA, Misty Tetreault of Smyrna, DE, great grandchildren Nariah, Tommy and AJ.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Day Kimball Hospital, Home Healthcare Department in her name would be appreciated, Day Kimball Healthcare, Home Healthcare Department, P. O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Funeral Mass was Friday, June 12, 2020 at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT, burial to follow in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT. Services have been entrusted to the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Mary Frances Mills, 92

Mary Frances Mills, 92, formerly of Brooklyn, CT died Thursday, June 11, 2020 at her home in Hoagland, IN. She was the wife of the late Charles W. Mills, who died March 18, 1994. On February 3, 1996 she married her current husband Alfred F. Scheumann of Hoagland IN. Mary was born August 7, 1927 the daughter of the late Harry E. and Frances (Marlor) Magoon of Brooklyn, CT. She was educated in the Brooklyn Public Schools system and was a graduate of Killingly High School. After high



school, she attended the University of Connecticut, and worked as a substitute teacher for the Plainfield School District.

Mrs. Mills is survived by her husband, two children, Pamela Corley of Stamford, KY and Gregory Mills of Cheshire, CT; their spouses and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister, Gladys V. Magoon in 1990. A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 19, 1 p.m. at South Cemetery, Brooklyn, CT. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be sent to the Mortlake Fire Company or the American Heart Association. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

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## Susan Lewis Dillon, 75

Susan Lewis Dillon, 75, of Dennis, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2020 at Eagle Pond Nursing Home in Dennis.



Susan was born in Putnam, CT on June 13, 1944, the third daughter of M. Keith Lewis and Ruth (Young) Lewis. She was predeceased by her parents and her beloved husband, Thomas F. Dillon. She is survived by her two sisters and their families, Nancy Mayhew and Joanne Korner. She also leaves behind three daughters, Robin Driscoll and her husband Dennis of Cape Coral, FL, Melissa Cummins and her husband Thomas of Richmond, RI and Eileen McGee and her husband Stephen of Harwich. Susan dearly loved and will be greatly missed by her six grandchildren, Rachel Gabriele and her husband Jeffrey, Kathleen and Sarah Driscoll, Emmett and Sullivan Cummins and Thomas McGee. Her first great granddaughter Iris Gabriele was born on May 3.

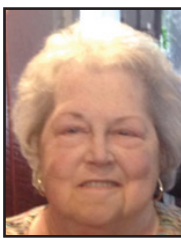
Sue grew up in Eastford, CT, riding horses and enjoying the family cottage on Crystal Pond, or just “the Lake”. She loved swimming, boating and waterskiing. As a student at Woodstock Academy she played basketball and ran track. After High

School Susan attended the Carnegie Institute in Boston and then worked as an Operating Room Technician at Hartford Hospital and Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. In 1979 Sue and Tom moved their family to Dennis, an area they had previously loved to vacation, and owned and operated a Carvel Ice Cream store for many years. Susan later worked in Hyannis at Cape Cod Surgical Associates. When Susan was not working, she loved to garden in her yard and tend to her home. Sue liked to keep busy and could always dream up another project. Her children have fond memories of her making and canning pickles and grape jelly and she loved to bake. Susan loved to walk on the beach or sit with her feet in the water. Susan would help you hang wallpaper and could cane a chair and loved painting birdhouses for gifts and she loved Christmas as much as a child. Susan was adventurous, kind, loving, generous, stubborn, emotional and empathetic. She was great to have as a friend. She loved spending time with those she loved or a new friend she just met and could really share a laugh.

Services will be private and interment will take place in Connecticut. The services were entrusted to the care of the Davis Life Celebration Funeral Home in Plymouth. For more information or to sign the online guestbook please, visit [www.cartmelldavis.com](http://www.cartmelldavis.com).

## Katherine M. (Delisio) Annese, 77

WEBSTER- Katherine M. (Delisio) Annese age 77 passed away Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was the wife of the late



Joseph A. Annese who passed away in 2002. She leaves five sons and their wives; Anthony L. Annese and AnneMarie of Webster, Joseph Annese and Jennifer of Thompson, CT, Christopher Annese and Kim of Douglas, Matthew Annese and Donna of Woodstock, CT and Michael Annese of Webster, also a daughter, Maria Brinkley and Daniel of N. Grosvenordale, CT, eight grandchildren; James, Vincent, Joseph, Daniel, Victoria, Tallia, Josephine and Michalyn. She also leaves a sister Theresa Delisio of Ohio she had a sister that predeceased her Dorothy Delisio of CA. Kathy also leaves many friends and former customers.

She was born in E. Lyme, CT daughter of the late Francis Delisio and Josephine (Gallo) Delisio and lived in

Webster most of her life. She was a member of the Webster Sons of Italy and the St. Louis League of Catholic Women. She enjoyed travel and quality time with her family. Her and her husband Joseph owned and operated the Webster Nursery starting in 1971 then opening Dudley Nursery in 1991. Their business comprised of wholesale as well as retail flowers. The retailed shrubs, plants of all type and did landscaping. They were one of the largest tulip and lily growers on the East Coast. They were well known through out New England. Joe and Kathy spearheaded the St. Louis annual festival for many years.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 11 am at St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster, MA and burial in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA. Please omit flowers and donations be made to the Tri-Valley Elder Services, 10 Mill St., Webster, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Joyce M. Perreault, 82

DANIELSON – Joyce M. (Hermans) Perreault, 82, wife of the late Robert G. Perreault, passed away on Saturday May 30, 2020 at the Westview Nursing Home.

Joyce was born in Worcester, MA on May 4, 1938, daughter of the late Alfred C. and Anna (Carney) Hermas. Upon completing her education, Joyce worked for several offices and after thirty-one years of service, retired from working at the Killingly School

Cafeteria in 2001 to spend as much time as possible with her family. Joyce's devout faith in God, her love for children, and animals was outstanding.

Joyce is survived by her son Michael R. Perreault of Killingly; her daughter Sheila Millette and her husband Mark; her granddaughters Sarah Millette Julie Slover, and her husband Jeremy; her grandsons Jaylen , John, and Hunter Slover; she also leaves many nieces, nephews, and longtime

have monthly or yearly retirement savings goals? If not, it's never too late to start! In the end, achieving your short-term goals will help lead you to achieving your long-term goals. For more savings tips and strategies, visit our website [www.whzwealth.com/covid19-resources](http://www.whzwealth.com/covid19-resources).

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When investing, it is important not just to invest, but to invest wisely. Investing early can lead toward a greater return.

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Once you have determined your investment choices, the money you invest does the work for you, and most times you can't touch it until

PUTNAM– Philip A. Raymond, 78, of Cleveland St., died Friday morning, June 5, 2020 at home. He was the loving husband of Kathleen Raymond. Born



in Webster, MA, he was the son of the late Arthur and Viola (Skotchless) Raymond.

Mr. Raymond was a proud Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War with Company C, 101st Engineer Battalion. On November 17, 2013 he was united in marriage to Kathleen (Sawicki) Maynard.

Mr. Raymond worked for many years as a mason for J&L Construction.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 76 in North Grosvenordale and an honorary life member of the former Knights of Columbus 2087, St. Bernard Council in North

## Philip A. Raymond, 78

Grosvenordale. Philip enjoyed working out at the gym and staying healthy.

Philip is survived by his loving wife of seventeen years Kathleen Raymond; his stepson Brian Maynard of Thompson; a brother Harold Raymond and his wife Deborah of Grosvenordale; and several nieces and nephews. Philip was predeceased by a sister, the late Karen E. Raymond.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations in Philip's memory may be made to the American Legion Post 67, P.O. Box 909, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

again as a registered nurse, took flying lessons, lived in Jerusalem for a short while and smuggled bibles into China. For relaxation, she loved to needle point, cross-stitch and quilt. Her many wall hangings and quilts grace the homes of her children and grandchildren. She could also be found cooking or baking, and very often seemed to make something delicious out of nothing. She longed to see the Acoaxet Chapel in Westport resume Sunday mornings services, and diligently worked to make that happen, including securing the Pastor and worship each week. Many Sundays it was just her family in the pews and it brought her great joy to watch her grandchildren swing up and down to ring the church bell each Sunday! It was her heart's desire to further God's kingdom and she has in so many ways.

We were so blessed by her generous spirit and loving wit. When she finally did slow down, she spent her remaining years in her home in Westport MA, where her family would summer as they grew up. She had an open door policy for all her kids and grandkids to come spend a day at the beach, swing on the porch and pull out a sleeping bag and find an empty space to sleep.

We will miss her deeply but are so comforted knowing that she is joyfully rejoicing with her Savior and a great cloud of witnesses.

A private graveside service was held at Elmvale Cemetery in Woodstock, on May 27, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the St. Jude Research Hospital in honor of Joyce.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

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and long-term goals so you can determine the best avenue to achieve them.

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The first step to creating a plan is creating your budget. This should include paying your bills first, then saving toward short-term goals, paying off debt, and finally, identifying discretionary funds to put toward achieving your long-term goals. Your savings should be about 3-6 months of expenses to act as a fallback strategy or contingency plan in case you suddenly lose your job/income.

Remember: pay yourself first, no one else is going to do it! Be diligent with discretionary dollars and stick to your budget so you can work toward achieving your long-term goals, like retirement. There are tools available for all generations and technology confidence levels: from mint.com and mobile banking apps, to using an excel spreadsheet or balancing your checkbook and keeping track with pen and paper.

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