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This is our 20th edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good news and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

In the 14th edition there was a story about a group of people who cleaned up 9,000 pound of trash in three days. Well, an organization named Tennessee River Beautiful picked up around 15,700 pounds in two clean up events. 17 volunteers took out 6,286 pounds of trash filling 154 bags of trash in the Knoxville and Louisville area. 41 volunteers took 9,426 pounds from the Watts Bar Lake filling 248 trash bags. "We are blown away by the ever-increasing enthusiasm and momentum around river cleanup efforts in diverse communities in the Tennessee River watershed," said Kathleen Gibi, Executive Director for Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful." To read more about go to [15,700 lbs. of Trash Removed in First Weekend of Tennessee River Grand Slam Cleanup Series — Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful \(keeptnriverbeautiful.org\)](#). What if we brought the Fairfield community together to organize a cleanup in lake Mohegan? We will be updating you guys on when we will be doing it on Facebook @goodnewssundayfairfield.

An anonymous man that we will call Kevin drove up to his local Dunkin' Doughnuts and asked if he could buy \$1,000 worth of gift cards in the drive-thru. Samantha (the manager) told him to come in to the store. When he came in, he changed his order to \$4,000 worth of gift cards. Samantha said she asked him about a thousand times if he was sure. Samantha then told the other employees to start to load 40 cards with \$100 in each. When she handed the cards to Kevin, he handed them right back. Kevin said that they should use the cards to pay for peoples orders no matter how big until the money ran out. Samantha said that most of the customers were confused and thought that the car in front of them had paid for it. "It gave us a lot more time talking and interacting with the customers, which we don't get to do often. So, we were grateful for that," she said. We challenge you to try to make conversations with fast food employees and make their day brighter. And maybe putting in a nicer tip than usual or paying for someone's coffee?

Research

Emojis

Emojis are everywhere in digital life. People use them in text, email, social media and more. They express emotions in text where there is not a lot of it.

At first there were emoticon. Those are when you type regular characters and they look like something. Emojis were made by Shigetaka Kurita in 1999. He made them to communicate information easier in DOCOMO the Japan mobile carrier he worked for. To do this he sketched 176 12 by 12 pixel images. These could be selected from a keyboard in their interface. Soon other companies started copying this. Then in 2007 a Google team decided to try to get the emojis into the Unicode Consortium. The Unicode Consortium is a group that works with the UN that standardizes text across computers by making a universal code so it is easier for computers to talk to each other. Soon two Apple employees submitted a proposal to adopt 625 new emojis. Unicode accepted the proposal in 2010. Because of these emojis are standardized they can be updated. The Unicode Consortium adds new emojis every year. It can take up to 2 years to get it approved. The proposal has to be very good with evidence on why it needs to be an emoji to pass it through the emoji subcommittee of Unicode.

:) = 😊 = happy

:(= ☹️ = sad

;) = 😏 = winky face

:D = 😁 = big grin

With spring coming the bees are starting to pollinate. If you want to help bees you can make a seed bomb. That is when you put dirt seeds and clay in a ball and those attract bees. To learn how to make these awesome things go to www.meandthebees.com.

To learn more about how to save bees go to www.healthyhivefoundation.org. and for best plants to help attract bees go to [Planting Guides](#) | [Pollinator.org](#).

For resources and events in CT visit:

Connecticut Beekeepers Association - <http://ctbees.org>.

Apr 08, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM EDT there is a BeeTalk please register at [Bee Talks - April | CBA \(ctbees.org\)](#)

Eastern Connecticut Beekeepers Association - <http://myECBA.org>

The Backyard Beekeepers Association - <http://www.backyardbeekeepers.com>

**Thank you to Jessica L. for this idea*

Quote of the week.

"Everything was shown by text. Even the weather forecast was displayed as 'fine'. When I saw it, I found it difficult to understand. Japanese TV weather forecasts have always included pictures or symbols to describe the weather—for example, a picture of sun meant 'sunny'. I'd rather see a picture of the sun, instead of a text saying 'fine'."

- Shigetaka Kurita

Name _____
www.TheTeachersCorner.net

Brain Teasers

**Please try to solve the problems below. Let your mind go and use your creative thinking skills!
Good Luck!**

1. You are driving a bus. At the first stop, 2 women get on. The second stop, 3 men get on and 1 woman gets off. Third stop, 3 kids and their mom get on, and a man gets off. The bus is grey, and it is raining outside. What color is the bus driver's hair?
Answer: Whatever color your hair is! Remember, you are the bus driver!
2. An Arab sheik is old and must will his fortune to one of his two sons. He makes a proposition. His two sons will ride their camels in a race, and whichever camel crosses the finish line LAST will win the fortune for its owner. During the race, the two brothers wander aimlessly for days, neither willing to cross the finish line. In desperation, they ask a wise man for advice. He tells them something; then the brothers leap onto the camels and charge toward the finish line. What did the wise man say?
Answer: The rules of the race were that the owner of the camel that crosses the finish line last wins the fortune. The wise man simply told them to switch camels.
3. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?
Answer: The letter "m".
4. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many were left?
Answer: Nine
5. What is so fragile that when you say something it breaks?
Answer: Silence

Announcements

Is something happening that you want to announce? A birthday? A graduation? new baby? big accomplishment? Surprise someone special in your life with a Good News Sunday Fairfield announcement!

Happy birthday!!!!

Lucca L. is turning two on Monday

Skye's birthday was on Friday!



We are now doing an audible version of Good News Sunday Fairfield! The recordings of each edition will be posted on the website.

The library is doing a VIRTUAL "WHAT'S IN? WHAT'S OUT?" RECYCLING PROGRAM PRIMARY TABS on April 6 at 7:00pm. This is about recycling and trash. Go to [Virtual "What's In? What's Out?" Recycling Program | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](#) to register.

On the Saturday, April 10th, 2021 from 10:00am - 12:00pm there is a VIRTUAL: FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY - POETS' SALON. It is a monthly poet's group. Go to [Junoeseque July | Meetup](#) for meeting.



It is our 20th edition!!! We are encouraging you to challenge yourself, your friends and family to be nice and good for an entire day. We encourage you to say nice complements and not mean comments. Let's celebrate Good News!

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If so, place an ad in our newsletter. For a small amount you can get lots of exposure to the Fairfield community and help us to continue bringing you good news. If you are interested please email goodnewssundayfairfield@gmail.com

ABOUT US

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Have a great Sunday!