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All Saints art teacher offers a lesson in selflessness



Beth Crowley, an art teacher at All Saints Academy, has been putting her talents to work sewing protective masks for medical workers.

WEBSTER — In this season of Lent, All Saints Academy continues in its mission of service. In the past, the students have created marsupial bags to donate to animal shelters in Australia during the fires that ravaged the country. Closer to home, students made toys to be sent to local animal shelters. These projects have been sparked by the creativity and selfless giving of ASA art teacher, Mrs. Beth Crowley. This time, she is working without students to create PPE (personal protection equipment) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Crowley, together with her daughter, a fashion designer, has created masks to help those

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HMH chief, BOS urge social distancing

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER - Much of the March 23 selectmen's meeting revolved around an update on the pandemic's local effects. As in many towns, the board met remotely, with only two members and Town Administrator Doug Willardson

actually present at Town Hall.
Harrington Hospital CEO Ed Moore kicked things off by talking about what his firms' Southbridgea nd Webster facilities were doing. As of that date, he said, his staff had done 56 tests with only two positives; one was in Harrington's ICU, one went to UMass-Worcester. 33 tests were negative, and the remainder were still pending.

He noted the process takes two to five days to get results from either the state lab or LabCorp. To shorten that, Harrington is seeking state approval to obtain "several small machines" to run its own tests with a 45-minute turnaround time, but he noted those tests will not be for the general public, at least initially. They'll be used for people expressing the disease's key symptoms - particularly fever (104 degrees) – and certain other patients. Noting Covid-19 symptoms mimic those of several other diseases, and Moore advised people with symptoms to contact their primary care doctor or visit the emergency room, preferably calling first.

"Staff at the hospital is there to serve you," he said. "Your job is to stay home and support us.

Non-essential staff -- including many not directly giving care - already work from home, but Moore noted he expects the the hospital to start feeling the effects of the economic collapse.

That might require sending some staff in "low volume" departments home without pay and/or cutting hours, he said.

When Selectman Earl Gabor asked about capacity, Moore said they've set up a 25-bed ward specifically for Covid-19, but also have other facilities if needed. Those include 25 beds currently being used mostly for cardiac patients, six in the ICU, 10 in what used to be the pediatrics ward that have been given negative air pressure, 11 in the obstetrics ward (plus an operating room there). He added Harrington has also obtained about eight new ventilators in the last two weeks.

'What we don't want is to be like Italy, where the numbers are staggering by day right now," Moore said.

That's a reference to reports from Italy that hospitals, especially in the north, are being overwhelmed by the caseload, and even cemeteries are seeing too many newly dead people to handle. According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center website, Italy had confirmed 97,689 cases and 10,779 deaths as of 5 PM Sunday. The country is the world's second highest in total (and highest in death toll).

The US has the highest total (137,294). That figure conflicts with the official number given by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site, where it states we've seen 122,653 cases with 2112 deaths. Mass Department of Public Health identifies 4,955 cases statewide with 48 deaths out of 39,066 people tested as of Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

At the state level, Rep Joe McKenna said the legislature has "at least 20 pieces of legislation" to

address various economic impacts of the pandemic, including delaying mortgage and rent payments and one that would prohibit insurers from identifying the disease as "an act of god, and thereby throwing out a whole lot of insurance claims." The state has waived the standard one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits, will soon be sending an \$8,500 down payment on public health aid, and has declared "there's going to be no continuation of school beyond the end of June" to make up for lost days.

Regarding the concept of mandating people "shelter in place," McKenna noted Gov. Charles Baker has repeatedly said he doesn't want "to order thousands and thousands of Americans to stay at home."

Chairman Randy Becker noted the social distancing also applies within families, especially when dealing with senior citizens. "Even if you think you're not carrying the virus," you might be, he

Willardson said there have been four confirmed cases in town "all in one household, one family, so they were doing a very good job of social distancing." All are still in

In other business, the board approved refunding bonds for water, sewer and school projects originally approved in 2007, adding a few more recent purchases airpacks, town hall heat upgrades and water plant design. The total outstanding is \$4.5 million split into several smaller bonds.

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St. Joseph School hosts students from Poland

WEBSTER — Numerous studies have shown that international students benefit from their time on American campuses.

However, according to research by Duke University, American students who actively interact with international students benefit from the experience as well. Not only do American students learn about foreign cultures, their interaction with international students enhances their self-confidence, leadership, and quantitative skills. In addition, according to the Duke study, American students who interact with international students are more likely to appreciate art and literature as adults and learn to read or speak a foreign language.

With these advantages in mind, St. Joseph School recently hosted two young ladies from Stargard Szczecinski, Poland. Kamila Zduniak, age 11, and her older sister, Marysia Zduniak, age 13, attended classes at St. Joseph School from September, 2019 through January, 2020. During this time, the sisters stayed with their godmother and St. Joseph School Cafeteria Manager, Lidia Nolle. While at the school, Kamila & Marysia had the opportunity to attend daily classes and interact with St. Joseph School students and teachers. Their stay also included fun activities, such as participating in the St. Joseph School Children's Choir and performing in the Drama Club's Christmas show, "Carol and the Belles." Marysia, who plays the flute, accompanied the St. Joseph Basilica Polish Choir on several occasions. Both girls also had the opportunity to help younger students by teaching a pre-kindergarten class at the Saturday Polish School in Webster.

While staying in the United States, Kamila & Marysia traveled throughout New England, as well as New York and Pennsylvania. They especially enjoyed their trip to Hershey Park. Although they had many wonderful experiences, they missed their friends and family back home, as well as their traditional Polish

When asked about their experience at St. Joseph School, the girls were proud to say that they accomplished their primary goal: improving their proficiency in the English language. They were also excited to return to Poland with a Certificate of



Courtesy Photo

Marysia (left) poses with her younger sister Kamila (right) and godmother, Lidia Nolle (center).

Academic Achievement presented by Principal, Michael Hackenson and were very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. John Hester, who assisted the girls with their Language Arts and Science homework each day.

In 2016, St. Joseph School received certification from the Department of Homeland Security's Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to host international students. The school plans to continue to offer this incredible cultural experience to visiting students as well as their families. Please visit www. sjs-webster.com to learn more about St. Joseph School.

A Note to Readers

This week's edition of the paper might seem a bit smaller than you are accustomed to, but rest assured, this is only temporary. Due to the unique circumstances we are all living under at the present time, local sporting events and community activities have wisely been canceled as we all try to stay closer to home and practice social distancing.

As we ride out this temporary interruption of life as usual together, we urge you to continue supporting the local businesses that advertise in your newspaper. They have always been here for you through good times and bad, and now, more than ever, they need you to be there for them in any way you can.

Amid this temporary absence of local events and municipal meetings, we are also looking to celebrate the many quiet heroes in our communities who have gone above and beyond to make this situation easier for those most affected by it. Let us know if there is someone in your community who you think should be recognized by e-mailing news@stonebridgepress.news.

Above all, know that we have been your trusted source for local news for generations, and we plan to be here for you to generations to come, in print and online at www.stonebridgepress.com.

Calendar of events suspended

With many local groups and organizations wisely canceling planned events due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, we have temporarily suspended publication of our weekly calendar of events. Once the current situation settles down, we will return to being your go-to source for the area's most comprehensive listing of local events and activities.

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How to practice social distancing during a pandemic

As COVID-19 continued to spread across the world, it quickly became evident that the public would have to take drastic measures to slow the transmission. In addition to practicing generalized sanitation and good hygiene, people in some of the hardest-hit clusters were advised to take additional, more aggressive measures. Quarantines and

travel restrictions were implemented, and the term "social distancing" became a buzzword.

Social distancing involves people keeping a physical distance from each other during disease outbreaks in order to slow transmission rates. Social distancing also is employed to lessen the impact of the disease on the medical care system, which quickly can become overwhelmed with a high number of cases presenting in a short period of time. In best-case scenarios, social distancing also may enable a few people to avoid infection until a vaccine is

So how can people socially distance themselves? Here are some of the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and other leading health groups.

• Opt out of group events. Steer clear of events, whether meetings, sports games, conferences, and other gatherings where large amounts of people congregate together.

• Stick to non-contact greetings. Avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes. Substitute a smile, a wave or a bumping of elbows, instead.

• Practice remote learning. Students who attend large schools, such as high schools, universities and colleges, can

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continue their studies via remote learning and virtual classes instead of gathering in classrooms.

• Work from home. Many companies are now equipped to allow employees to work from home all the time or a portion of the time. Businesses can encourage employees to stay home and utilize the internet to get their work done.

• Stagger commute times. Commuters in urban areas can consider staggering work hours so that they help curb crowds on public transportation.

• Alter shopping schedules. Try to visit stores in the early morning or late at night when they are less likely to be crowded.

• Make changes in worship practices. Celebrants may have to make modifications to the way they worship. The Catholic Diocese of Trenton, NJ, recently advised all diocesan churches to halt the distribution of the most precious blood (wine) from communal chalices; encouraged clergy and eucharistic ministers to sanitize their hands before distributing the eucharist; and parishioners to avoid contact during the sign of peace.

Common sense is key to stall disease transmission, and social distancing can be an important public health measure.

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United Way receives \$49,000 donation from Cornerstone Bank & Employees



Featured here with Cornerstone Bank employees are representatives from the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton (UW SSC). From left: UW SSC Executive Director Mary O'Coin and UW SSC 2019 Campaign Chair Dawna Dagenais, Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman; UW SSC Board President April Parzych; and Cornerstone Bank VP/Controller and UW SSC Treasurer Scott M. Dungey

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$49,312 to three local United Way organizations. This donation reflects an employee gift of \$24,656, with a matching contribution from the Bank.

The United Way is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the educational, economic and healthcare needs of people worldwide. The \$49.312 donation raised through the Bank campaign will support three different United Way organizations: United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton; United Way of Webster and-Dudley; and United Way of Central Massachusetts.

"I am extremely proud to be associated with both organizations," stated Cornerstone Bank VP/Controller and UW SSC Treasurer Scott M. Dungey. "Cornerstone Bank has such caring and generous employees and the corporate match demonstrates the Bank's commitment to giving back to the community. With being on the United Way Board of Directors, I know these funds are being stretched as far as they can to touch as many people in our community as possible.

"United Way has been helping people in need for such a long time, its reputation and charitable services are impeccable," commented Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "Cornerstone Bank is pleased

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to play a role in supporting its efforts, and I am so proud of all the people here who were instrumental in making this happen.'

For more information on the local United Way organizations, please visit www.unitedwayssc.org, www.unitedwayofwebsterdudley.org and www. unitedwaycm.org.

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First COVID-19 cases confirmed in Dudley

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The town of Dudleyhasofficiallyannounced the first cases of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, in the community, with four cases being announced as of the writing of this article. Town officials announced the first confirmed case in a press release on Wednesday, March 25. Two days later, the Times was informed of three more confirmed cases. The news came a week after neighboring Charlton confirmed its first case of COVID-19.

Administrator Town Jonathan Ruda stated in a press release that while Dudley now has several confirmed cases, and they likely won't be the last, he and the Board of Selectmen do not want the public to panic and request that residents continue to follow safety recommendations and protocols passed down by health officials at the state and national level. While the town hall has been closed to the public Ruda ensured all residents that the confirmed cases will not impede the town from conducting business as usual to the best of their abilities.

'The difficulty in serving the public has been that we have been restricted in our ability to serve the public through traditional means. Although you can't see us face-to-face, your essential services are still

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or defendant," Rafferty said.

"I understand who is qualified

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"This position is something I

Rafferty, a democrat, leans on

staffed and opened, we can be contacted by phone or email during regular business hours same as always, and we are here for one purpose, and that is to help you. Please do not hesitate to call on us," said

Echoing previous comments made by the town's fire chief and Emergency Management Director Dean Kochanowski, Ruda also urged residents to consider pre-screening options for their illnesses if they believe they have possibly contracted the virus.

'State-mandated protocols regarding COVID-19 are in place for Emergency Medical Services that require patients experiencing flu-like symptoms, but not experiencing any first call-ahead to their primary care physician. The use of an ambulance, in the absence of a life threatening condition and to transport patients that display non-life-threatening symptoms of COVID-19 puts the first responder at risk of the need to quarantine, remove the ambulance from service for cleaning and disinfecting and jeopardize the ability of the community to respond to actual emergencies during this difficult time. If you however, have a medical emergency, or are experiencing a true, life-threatening symptom, either related or unrelated to COVID19, please do not hesitate to call. In all cases, our

public safety personnel stress that when calling 911, please inform the dispatcher whether you or someone else at your location is symptomatic of COVID-19. The dispatcher will advise responding units to take necessary precautions," Ruda stated.

In response to the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dudley, Board of Selectmen Chair Steve Sullivan said the revelation is a "game changing eye-opener" but not one that was unexpected given the growing number of cases nationwide and the extensive spread of the virus over only a month's time.

"We knew it had to be here. It was inevitable. I just think it emphasizes all of the safety protocols and all of the steps that the state has put in and what we've done in the local level and how important these measures are to make sure all the first responders and the general public just maintain vigilance and be safe," Sullivan said. "We're confident in the measures we've taken so far. With any case, first and foremost it's the health and identities of those diagnosed that we consider. We wish them a speedy recovery, but we also don't want to make their name's known unless they choose to name themselves. The state has protocols in place for first responders and the fire and police chiefs ensure that. This situation emphasizes that

with his fiancé. For more infor-

we really need to be vigilant. Do what the experts say. Still try to check on your neighbors but do it at a safe distance. Help those you can, your family or the elderly that are alone.'

The Board of Selectmen are also continuing to have meetings during this time of social distancing and self-quarantine practices. Selectmen are holding their regularly scheduled meetings on both Zoom and Facebook Live. As of this report there have been not discussions about moving either the annual town meeting or town election, set for May and June respectively although Sullivan said the potential for that is not out of the question should the COVID-19 situation extend into those months.

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County, Rafferty is a graduate

uate with a law degree (J.D.) and Masters in Tax Law (LL.M.) in its history. Upon graduation, Rafferty worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Worcester for several years handling hundreds of cases at a

Rafferty now is an attorney at Eden & Rafferty practicing criminal, administrative, and probate law. Additionally, he continues to serve as a special prosecutor for District Attorney Joe Early.

"I am proud to have represented the people of Worcester County in a variety of manners and I'm bringing such understanding of this district to

this position," he said. Rafferty is engaged and has a nine-month-old son

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Police Logs

Webster police log

 ${\tt WEBSTER} \ - \ {\tt The} \ {\tt Webster} \ {\tt Police}$ Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 22-29.

Christopher Thomas, age 29, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on March 24 for Speeding at a Rate Exceeding the Posted Limit, a Marked Lanes Violation, Operating Under the

Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Stop for Police, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 24 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on March 26 for Assault & Battery on

a Family or Household Member and a separate count of Assault.

Tamara Capri Gorman, age 37, of Webster was arrested on March 29 for Trespassing and Disorderly Conduct.

Dudley police log

BOSTON - The Baker-Polito

Administration today announced

the launch of a new text-based

notification system to deliver

important information about

the Commonwealth's COVID-19

response to Massachusetts res-

The new messaging tool

called "AlertsMA" will allow

residents to subscribe to real-

time notifications by texting the keyword COVIDMA to 888-777.

After signing up, state and pub-

lic health officials can send short

messages and links to informa-

tion directly to a resident's cell

phone or other mobile device.

idents.

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police

Massachusetts launches COVID-19

text message notification system

The AlertsMA notifications can be used to share news, pre-

vention information, and help

connect residents to informa-

tion that they are looking for

through other public informa-

tion channels, such as the state's Information line, 2-1-1, and Web

Executive Office of Technology

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Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 20-27. An adult female whose name has been

withheld from publication was arrested on March 21 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Steven Dale Waltermire, age 61, of Easthampton was arrested on March 23 in connection with an out of agency

> based company located in Burlington. The company's noti-

> fication service is assisting the

public health response around

the country, including New

York City, San Francisco, and

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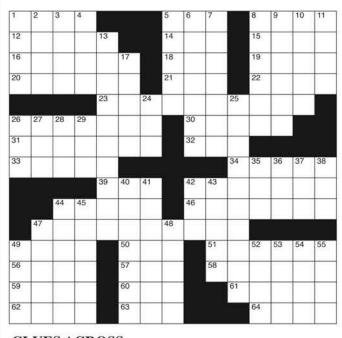
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Bay State Savings Bank has recently announced their purchase of a 1,300 pound Draft Cross horse named Hank, whom they have gifted to the Friends of the Mounted Police Unit - Worcester.

WORCESTER Bay State Savings Bank has recently announced their purchase of a 1,300 pound Draft Cross horse named Hank, whom they have gifted to the Friends of the Mounted Police Unit - Worcester. Hank is originally from Northfield, is seven years old, and will be the newest horse on the Unit.

Internally, horse will still go by Hank; however, externally, both Bay State Savings Bank and the Friends of the Mounted Police Unit - Worcester would like the public to help officially welcome Hank to the city by giving him a new name. More information regarding the horse, as well as how to participate in the

Naming Contest can be found on the Bank's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Bay State Savings Bank of Worcester has been a mutually owned community savings bank since it was founded in 1895. In addition to its main office, Bay State Savings Bank has branches in Auburn, Holden, and Worcester. For additional information, visit www.baystatesavingsbank.com.

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Baker escalates precautions against coronavirus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION — Gov. Charlie Baker escalated measures to combat the coronavirus last week, ordering a two-week closure of all nonessential businesses statewide.

Announced on March 23, the order remains in effect from March 24 through April 7 at noon. The order requires all businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 essential services" to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers, and the public. Nonessential businesses and organizations are encouraged to continue operations remotely.

The Baker-Polito Administration issued a list of industries and organizations that provide essential services and can continue to operate their facilities during the two-week emergency period. These include healthcare workers; law enforcement and corrections personnel; food and agriculture workers; electrical, natural gas, and petroleum workers; transportation personnel; and public works officials, among others.

"This list is based on federal guidance and is amended to reflect the needs of Massachusetts' unique economy," read a statement issued by the Baker-Polito



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Gov. Charlie Baker announced a nonessential personnel ban last week.

Administration. "While these businesses are designated as essential, they are urged to follow social distancing protocols for workers in accordance with guidance from the Department of Public Health.

"Businesses and organizations not on the list of essential services are encouraged to continue operations through remote means that do not require workers, customers, or the public to enter or appear at the brick-and-mortar premises closed by the order."

Restaurants, bars, and other establishments that sell food and beverages are permitted to remain open. However, they can only offer food through takeout and delivery services; on-premises consumption of food or drink is prohibited.

Due to the increasing outbreak of COVID-19 statewide, Governor Baker also directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory outlining self-isola-

tion and social distancing protocols. Residents were advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and other activities during the two-week emergency period. Residents over 70 years of age, as well as individuals with underlying health conditions, were asked to limit social interactions.

The Governor's orders were not as strict as measures taken in New York, California, and other states. There are no plans for a statewide lockdown or similar measures, officials said.

"The Baker-Polito Administration does not believe Massachusetts residents can be confined to their homes and does not support home confinement for public health reasons," the statement read.

The Governor's order also limits gatherings to 10 people during the state of emergency, a reduction from the 25-person limit established in an earlier order. This includes community, civic, public, leisure, faithbased events, and any similar event or activity that brings together more than 10 persons in any confined indoor or outdoor space.

To access a complete list of essential personnel, visit www. mass.gov.

"American Pickers" to film in Massachusetts

REGION — Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont! They plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout your area, potentially this summer.

We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times, and everything is changing daily. We at "American Pickers" are taking this pandemic very seriously and will be adjusting our schedule accordingly for the safety of those who appear on our show and our crew. We won't be picking until everybody is safe, so if we cannot make it this summer, nobody's time is wasted as we will re-schedule to a date

will re-schedule to a date when conditions allow filming. However, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking!

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot

of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.





Girl Scouts offer virtual programming

REGION — Aligning with the growing trend of taking programming virtual, the program team at Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) have begun offering digital opportunities normally offered at their leadership centers and camps, a perfect solution for families wanting to stay connected to Girl Scouts and continue their badge work.

Each week, GSCWM program specialists will be releasing digital activities, one focusing on a badge and the other will be a fun activity or patch program. There will be activities available across all six Girl Scout age levels. Additional virtual resources will be available for Girl Scouts and their families, including content from other councils across the country.

To learn more visit www.gscwm.org/virtual and please let me know if I can connect you with someone from GSCWM for more information.



It's times like these that you can count on us most.

These are concerning times for everyone. And while no one can ever predict a health crisis like COVID-19, Day Kimball stands ready to provide our community with the care and support it needs.

To keep you better informed, we've developed a COVID-19 dedicated web page with important information on what symptoms to look for and how to seek help. We encourage you to visit it at daykimball.org/coronavirus.

As part of this community for over 125 years, we're committed to looking out for our neighbors. Not only with the best medical care, but with emotional support, compassion and reassurance. That commitment has never been stronger than now.

Whatever health situation you may face, we'll be here for you 24/7.



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Fishing may offer a cure for cabin fever

By now, most people are feeling the effects of cabin fever. Fortunately, we are dealing with this terrible situation during the warmer weather, and not in the middle of winter. It has also brought families closer together. Families are actually sitting down to the table together and enjoying a

meal. Trout fishing at recently stocked trout waters has many families fishing, and it is also being enjoyed by many other senior residents.

Wallum Lake opening day for fishing is expected to take place as usual on April 11. A call to the state park this past weekend revealed plans to keep the Douglas State Park open. Unfortunately, there will be no restrooms open. Visitors to the park are asked to take home all of their papers and containers. Carry it in, carry it There is substantial parking at three different sites. The lower parking lot is reserved for boat trailers only. Keeping a safe distance from each other is number one. All of this could change if the virus spreads, and we are told to «Shelter In Place" and it is mandatory.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun stocked their club pond this past weekend with some real impressive trout, and opened it up to members for fishing immediately. With the country going through a



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pandemic the clubs fish chairman Ed THE GREAT Gervei hoped that fishing would give their members something to do!

Saltwater fishing is expected to open as usual with some of the following recreational 2020 reg-

ulations for Massachusetts & Rhode Island: Massachusetts & Rhode Island striper regulations have a slot limit this year that allow only fish 28 to 35 inches legal to keep. Fish over 35 inches must be released. The Massachusetts Marine fisheries received word that a rumor about striper fishing being closed this year is indeed a rumor!

Massachusetts seabass become legal on May 18, at 15 inches and a daily bag of five fish. Massachusetts Tautog fishing opens on April 1, with a 16 inch three fish daily limit.

Massachusetts Fluke fishing will open on May 23, with a 17 inch length and five fish daily bag limit.

Rhode Island seabass open June 24 with a 15 inch size limit and three fish daily bag limit. Summer flounder regulations in Rhode Island are enough to "Make You Sick." The season opens on May 1, with a (19 inch size limit) and six fish daily. Tautog fishing starts on April 1, with a 16 inch size limit and



three fish daily.

This week's picture shows a young old angler with his nine pound, four ounce Brown trout caught recently at a local reservoir. The second picture shows a young man with a four pound, six ounce, white catfish caught last week at a secret fishing hole. The state of Massachusetts has been stock-



ing some large fish in local ponds and reservoirs, but local rivers and streams had not been stocked, despite rumors of them receiving trout at the time of this publication.

God Bless America.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

The best dahlias for a backyard cutting garden



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By Gary W.

MOORE

For bright, energetic bouquets, grow an assortment of red, orange, and yellow dahlias.

Dahlias are bold and beautiful flowers that are easy to grow in any sunny garden. They are also spectacular in summer flower arrangements. With just a few dahlias, you can enjoy picking your own fresh-cut flowers every day from July through September.

These spring-planted tubers make gorgeous additions to flower beds and even the vegetable garden. If space allows, the very best way to grow dahlias for bouquets is in a cutting garden. A backyard cutting garden doesn't need to be large. Even a three-by-six-foot raised bed will give you plenty of space for six to eight full size dahlia plants. Planting dahlia tubers in rows lets you get maximum productivity with minimal main-

When choosing dahlias for a small to medium size cutting garden, start by narrowing your choices. Select colors that you can imagine looking great together in a vase. This will make it easy to create lots of creative combinations on the fly.

Choose red, orange, and yellow flowers if you like energetic arrangements that mimic the colors of late summer and fall. Blossoms in cool colors and pastels, such pink, lavender and violet, will be softer and more soothing. Include purple and burgundy flowers to add drama and help unify warm and cool colors.

Floral designers know that combining flowers with different shapes and sizes makes arrangements more interesting. Dahlias offer many options and it's one of the reasons they are such a popular cut flower.

Ball dahlias have tightly curled petals and dense, perfectly round, three-to-four-inch flower heads. Varieties such as Sylvia and Jowey Mirella are perfect for adding repeating bursts of color. Decorative dahlias have the classic dahlia look. four-to-six-inch wide, open-faced blossoms and orderly layers of petals. American Dawn and Great Silence are two reliable and versatile, decorative dahlias.

The flowers of dinnerplate dahlias can measure eight to 10 inches across and these enormous blossoms make it easy to make stunning summer bouquets. Popular varieties for cutting include Café au Lait, Penhill Dark Monarch and Otto's Thrill. Add texture and movement to your arrangements with cactus dahlias. Varieties such as Yellow Star and Nuit d'Ete have tightly rolled petals that give the flowers a spiky appearance.

Single and peony-flowered dahlias are seldom seen at the florist or even in farmer's market bouquets because they don't travel

well. But home gardeners can enjoy growing varieties such as scarlet-red Bishop of Llandaff or the melon and burnt orange flowers of HS Date. These plants tend to be compact and rarely need staking.

Don't let the many options overwhelm you. Consider starting with an assortment such as the Flirty Fleurs Sorbetto Collection (longfield-gardens.com). It includes five varieties of pink and burgundy dahlias, specially selected by an experienced floral designer.

Most cutting garden flowers are picked before they are fully open. But dahlias should not be harvested until they are fully open and in their prime. To avoid crushing the stems, make your cuts with a sharp knife rather scissors.

If you want your dahlias to have nice, long stems, take a cue from cut flower farmers. When harvesting for market or removing spent flowers, they always remove

GARDEN Moments MELINDA **MYERS**

the entire stem, cutting right back to a main stalk. Though this means sacrificing some buds in the short term, the next round of flowers will have noticeably longer stems.

When selecting plants for this year's flower garden, be sure to include plenty of dahlias. These spring-planted, mer-blooming bulbs will take your homegrown flower arrangements to a whole new level.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses 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 was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www. MelindaMvers.com.

Being optimistic in a Covid-19 world

I was recently asked, "How is it possible to remain optimistic when the entire world is falling apart?"

My response is simple. "No, the entire world isn't falling apart."

I understand that many of us are frightened, and that fear often brings out an exaggerated feeling of gloom and doom. Yes, depending upon our age and underlying health situations, we are all at risk, but if we willingly act with health officials, shelter in place, practice social distancing and wash our hands, we can dramatically cut our risk of contracting this virus.

If you defy all the guidelines designed to keep us safe, being optimistic is foolish. However, if you are willing to cooperate, you'll potentially save lives ... and maybe your own. Think about the common sense of it all. If you shelter in place, and if you have the virus, you will not pass it to others. If you don't have it, others cannot pass it to you.

The word contagion has taken on such a negative meaning, and there's not much we can find positive about this virus. But let me share a few other things that you can 'catch.'

Kindness, patience, empathy, enthusiasm, love and optimism are also highly contagious. I not only hope you'll catch these. I pray you'll expose everyone you encounter and become a carrier.

And if you look for the positive, you'll find it.

I believe as we come out the other side of this pandemic, we'll be better people and see better government.

I'm watching on the news as some Republicans and Democrats are working together, and even complimenting each other for their efforts. When was the last time that happened?

And yes, there are some hardliners out there shaking their fingers at the cameras and accusing others of inaction or even causing this current crisis. All I can say to them is "Shame on you!" Rather than pulling together to be part of the solution, they are using this sickness and death to try and achieve political gain. I hope we all remember who they are at the ballot box. They should be given no power, ever.

I'm seeing a great unmasking of so many problems that most Americans weren't even aware existed.

Did you know most of our pharmaceuticals are manufactured in China? That's a national security issue, plain and simple. I believe now that citizens are aware, and we've experienced this pandemic, lawmakers will work quickly to bring the manufacturing of essential products for our health and security back into our country, along with the jobs.

So yes, be optimistic! This is not the end of the world, but also remember the lessons we are learning. Americans have had a short memory in the past and it's only been national tragedies such as Pearl Harbor and 9/11 that have indelibly burned the lessons into our minds. Let this pandemic and the lessons we learn be also forever engraved into our hearts and memory.

Can worry solve anything?

The obvious answer is no ... but understanding that worrying solves nothing doesn't necessarily keep us from worrying. I find comfort in ancient scripture, as recounted by Matthew.

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

'Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall

we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?"

So, when does it all end? I think the answer lies within us. If we are willing to make the sacrifices asked by health officials, I believe we can slow or even stop the wave of tragedy that may have otherwise killed millions.

Be vigilant. Cooperate. Be kind. If you have more than you need, share. If you are so inclined, pray for government leaders, health care workers and each other. If not, send out positive thoughts and let's pull together, not apart.

My prayer for you this week is that you remain healthy and safe, while also finding your peace. We are truly all in this as one nation and one world. Let's fight this with all we have, and we'll come out the other side together, a stronger world and better people.

Will you join me? I'm optimistic. How about you?

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Oxford selectmen set tax rate, debate gravel project

OXFORD — Nearly four months after they normally do so, the Selectmen voted to set the town's property tax rate March 24. The meeting was held remotely, with only Town Manager Jen Callahan actually participating from Town Hall; the others were online at home.

As in the past, they opted to keep a single rate, which Assessor Chris Pupka said would be \$16.66 per \$1000 of value, or "37 cents less than last year." That came after he briefly discussed two split rate options – the minimum, which would have set a residential rate of \$16.61 and a commercial rate of \$16.83, and the maximum, setting them at \$14.38 and \$24.99, respectively.

'I think our flat rate is something that has attracted commercial development to town," he said, and the selectmen agreed with his premise.

It took so long to set a rate this year because the town has been switching its assessing software to a new one, Vision, used by many communities in the area. As part of that process, he said, the state's Department

of Revenue required Oxford to submit "over 970 record cards" so DOR could compare the new system to the old one. The state determined it worked properly, giving Pupka "confidence our new software is correct in assessing data," he said.

Pupka noted the town hit a total value of \$1.48 billion, slightly exceeding the value it had back in 2008, "right in time for the next [recession]." He attributed that largely to "a recovery in the value of single-family homes," which now comprise 78.5 percent of the total value.

Afterward, the selectmen turned to a couple of business permits. The first, expanding the propane storage capacity for Eagle Leasing at 125-7 Federal Hill Road from 2,500 gallons to 4,500 by allowing two new underground tanks, passed easily. The second was far more controversial, and the board delayed a final decision until April 28.

That project calls for allowing a permit to remove about 26,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel from a property the town approved as an eight-lot subdivision called Cathy Way, off Old Webster Road. Developer Conrad Allen and his engineer Norman Hill took Cathy Way through the Planning Board in 2014, but it was never built for financial reasons.

For this permit, DPW Director Sean Divoll submitted a letter (read by chairman Dennis Lamarche) citing five key concerns. Because work will occur near a neighbor's property line and will be less than 200 feet form that home, Divoll wrote it will need the neighbors' permission and slope protection, but found "no identifiable concern for undermining" that home. He also cited a need to beware of the weight restrictions on nearby roads and bridges, loam and seeding after it's done, and a bond of \$11,200 to ensure the project gets cleaned up.

Lamarche also read a letter from neighbors James and Patricia Wheeler, who expressed concern that the project would be "a noisy and very dusty undertaking" that could affect their home, where they've lived 43 years. The Wheelers asked the town to restrict its hours, noting, "Being retired, we do not rise at the crack of dawn volun-

Allen said he'd be "willing to work within any guidelines you propose." Among other things, he said he'd accept start times of 8 or 9 a.m. ending at 5 p.m., a limit on the number of trucks, and having water or other dust-mitigation methods

Hill said he was already planning to use construction gravel at the entryway to reduce mud on Old Webster Road. He didn't think there'd be a significant traffic issue, saying the site has "several hundred feet" of site distance in both direction and he believes the extra trucks can meld into the traffic easily.

He estimated the project would need about 20 working days to remove 900 truckloads from the site, but he and Allen did not know when it'd actually begin. They estimated running from June 1 to late August, but said they didn't yet know who'd be buying the gravel.

"Nobody's going to buy that gravel if they have to haul it more than a half hour," Hill said, noting the process would "really [be] six trucks going again and again and again."

Callahan said Divoll would take the selectmen's and other comments, "refine the permit requirements and bring it back to the board."

Afterward, she asked the board to vote on sending a letter to the DOR seeking permission to deficit spend as needed to cover unanticipated Covid-19 spending, which she estimated at \$370,429. That money covers police, fire, DPW and other town staff not covered by the small state grant (about \$10,000) recently received for Health Department expenses.

Under normal circumstances, towns cannot deficit spend for anything but winter plowing, so DOR is creating an option for towns to set aside a "special account so [pandemic spending] will not negatively affect our normal budgetary process," she said.

On a related note, the board briefly talked about the need to enforce social distancing rules, in light of the fact people are still gathering in public places even though parks and many businesses are closed. Cllahan noted the governor's order for that gave enforcement authority to the police and Board of

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

Dudley officials begin work on budget

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY — Even though the Dudley Board of Selectmen have had to change the way they do business to an online format, it was business as usual at their March 23 meeting, where selectmen and viewers got their first looks at the working budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda provided insight into not only the spending plan, but the ten-year capital plan as well taking into considering current and future needs of the community. Looking at the ten-year plan, several initiatives are in the pipeline including upgrades to three pump stations, vehicle purchases for several departments, water meter replacements, and the completion of guardrail replacements in parts of town. The highway department is also seeking a second access road for means of egress to the highway barn while upgrades to the phone system, air conditioning, cyber security and other systems are all being considered for the

in need of this highly sought-after pro-

over from the aforementioned projects,

and the pair has been able to sew hun-

dreds of them. Each mask is brightly

colored and patterned with the hope of

bringing a smile to each person wear-

ing – or seeing – it. And, each mask

is stitched with love and a prayer for

both adult and child-sized masks to the

To date, Mrs. Crowley has donated

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everyone who dons one.

town's municipal building.

However, those initiatives are considered long-term plans for the town. In the short-term, Dudley is working with a balanced budget that Town Administrator Ruda said was perfect before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, but could look much different when voters finally get a chance to examine the numbers at the annual town meeting still tentatively scheduled for May.

"This budget is prepared as if things that are going on now in the world are not going on. I'm sure this budget, which I thought was good, probably won't be good in about 30 days," Ruda said. "My approach to this budget was to take a lot of the redundant and underutilized line items that were in the previous budget and we've eliminated a lot of that. I think we've done some work to combine the budgets where it makes sense to do so."

Among some of the changes announced was the consolidation of several position into certain departments. for example buildings and grounds was

UMass Pediatric Cancer Unit, and adult

sizes to UMass, St. Vincent and Reliant

Radiation Departments, Open Sky, the

local branch of her Post Office, Holden

Rehabilitation, New England Child Center, and area homeless shelters.

Additionally, Mrs. Crowley has been

able to donate to families in the area

who have a loved one suffering from a

(albeit remotely) and us all a lesson in

selflessness. In a time of social distanc-

ing, she has been able to bring many of

us closer together. All Saints Academy

is proud to have her on staff!

Mrs. Crowley is teaching her students

chronic illness.

transferred to the highway department
Instead of holding everything up or, and is now part of that department's budget. The spending plan also contains placeholder money for cyber security. The schools are to be fully funded for the time being using numbers presented to the town prior to the COVID-19 shutdown of the district. Ruda also noted that with the impending retirement of the Highway Superintendent in October, that budget will be considered in a "transitional period" until the fall using Chapter 90 funding for several projects.

The administrator also discussed salaries and since the town is currently undergoing a salary survey to determine any needs for increases and efficiencies the town is building in cost of living only and considering potential raises later on in the budget process.

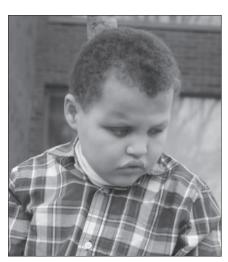
'Our salary survey is due to be completed within the next few weeks -

even worse, rushing through it I budgeted a cost of living adjustment increase for all non-union employees. They'll of course get their contractual increases, but I think that we go ahead and give the cost of living increase to our current employees and we move forward with a plan that way we're not under any obligation to do anything more and when things calm down we can actually take a real look at what the study showed us and come up with a decent approach to do what we need to do," Ruda said.

With the school's initial proposal in place the town is currently looking at a 1.46 percent increase over the current fiscal year. Ruda called the number "thin, but fully funded and balanced" and subject to change pending upcoming meetings with the Finance Authority to finalize figures.

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Yomiah

Hi! My name is Yomiah and I love to jump on the trampoline!

Yomiah is an elementary school aged child who demonstrates strong intuition when interacting with others. Yomiah generally appears happy and loves spending time outside on the swings, going for walks, and bouncing on his trampoline. Yomiah likes to explore his surroundings. He loves sensory items and responds well to the caregivers he has involved in his life. One of Yomiah's favorite foods to eat is bananas. He loves to listen to Christmas music, country music, and songs by Mariah Carey and Taylor Swift! He

Spreaders

Age 9

is currently learning American Sign Language in school and is learning to

Legally freed for adoption, Yomiah could be placed in a two-parent family of any constellation that could meet his needs. Caregivers who are patient, nurturing, affectionate, and strong advocates would be the best match for

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Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

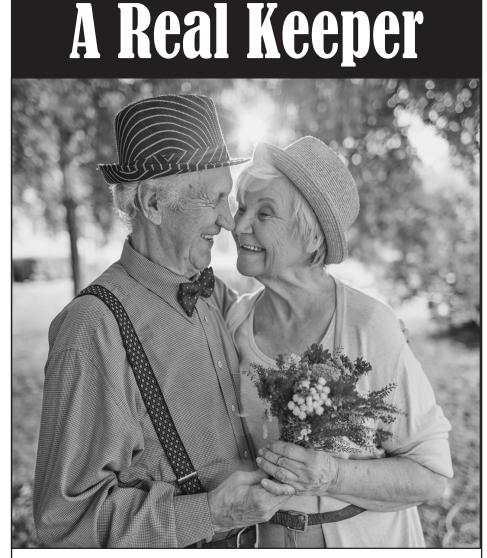


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EDITORIAL

When you're on your own, we are there for you

Rarely in our nation's history has any phenomenon overtaken our society so quickly or caught us so completely by surprise as the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Amid this atmosphere of uncertainty, it has become more important than ever for you to have access to an accurate and balanced portrait of how the outbreak is affecting your community, and we want you to know that as your local newspaper, we

are here for you — and with you.

As the ongoing pandemic continues to make its way through our region, we will be there to keep you up to speed on how the community we share is handling the situation, from its effect on the local business community, to the steps being taken by local officials to combat the spread of the virus, and most importantly, how readers like yourself are facing the challenge of not just staying healthy, but adjusting to life under the new social distancing restrictions we have all been forced to adapt to.

There is another side to this story, however. There are quiet heroes throughout our community taking extraordinary measures to help their neighbors and spread some positivity in the midst of all this fear and anxiety – business owners who, even amid their own hardship, are stepping up with donations for those in need; nursing home residents sewing homemade protective masks for health care workers; postal workers offering to deliver food and supplies to elderly, high-risk residents on their routes; and of course, the health care workers on the front lines of the crisis — and we are committed to bringing you their stories as well.

Whatever happens, wherever and whenever it may happen, we will be there at your side, helping you maintain perspective on this situation and helping you navigate your way through it. Our country, and our community, have faced down horrific events before, from terrorist attacks to natural disasters, and emerged on the other side stronger than ever, and we will survive this outbreak with the same grit, determination, and commitment to one another that has seen us through in the past. More than any of the political or societal divisions that too often separate us, what defines our character is our resiliency. We have built this unique and vibrant community together, and as long as we continue to support one another, we will get through this. Together.

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Local legislators offer guidance and assistance during COVID-19 outbreak

As our Commonwealth, and our nation, grapples with the COVID-19 outbreak, it is more important than ever that we, as your state legislators, remain connected to you during these unprecedented times.

Information is changing quickly so it is difficult for us to write a "timely" message. Some of what we describe about the outbreak may be outdated by the time you read this but one message will not change: We are here

As of last Monday morning, Gov. Baker had declared a state of emergency and issued five additional emergency orders. Subsequent orders and news about legislation will follow, likely daily for a while. For now, we'd like to make sure you know that public and private schools are closed for at least a three-week suspension. All bars and restaurants in Massachusetts are currently shut down to on-premise consump-Gatherings are limited to crowds of 10 or fewer. Please stay up to date with these and future emergency orders by visiting mass.gov/

Throughout this health emergency, we will continue to be guided by actions that will ensure our resources are dedicated to responding to this epidemic in a fair, timely and effective way. We have already introduced and/or are supporting legislation related to extending and increasing unemployment insurance, moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures during the time of the Emergency Order, increased funding for our regional transit authorities, deferral of payment of hospitality-related taxes, and providing assistance to public institutions of higher education and their host communities.

Our colleagues from around the state are frequently taken aback by the collegiality practiced in our counties. They admire how well our businesses and non-profits seamlessly engage with one another for the betterment of all communities. They marvel at how county lines disappear so that municipalities can support each other and advance solutions that serve the entire region. The reality is that we do not have the luxury of doing otherwise. We know we are strongest when we work together and that has never been as true as it is right now.

In this time of uncertainty, know that each one of us is working to ensure that we all have the most timely and accurate information pertaining to the COVID-19 virus. We encourage you to be in touch with us and have included our contact information below. Even if we don't know the answer to your question right away, we will get you the information as quickly as we can.

If you can, please join us in practicing social distancing which at this time includes staying home as much as possible, working from home, and abiding by the emergency order banning large group gatherings. This is not only for your health but it is designed to stop the spread of the infection. Stopping the spread of infection at this time is about protecting both the health of vulnerable neighbors and the health care system upon which we all rely. But there is more we can all be doing: Let's check in with our neighbors by phone. Contact your local council on aging to see if there are seniors alone in the community in need of a phone call. Make a financial donation (online) to a local food pantry if you can. Continue washing our hands and practicing good personal hygiene. Take care of yourself. And, reach out if you need assistance.

We want to thank all public officials, boards of health, medical providers, first responders, public safety personnel, school staff, transit authorities, small business owners, and everyone charged with the care and well-being of Commonwealth residents.

We stand with you. Today and

As we continue to learn more about this virus, improve testing and gather data, the situation may get worse before it gets better. But it will get better. We have already seen so many beautiful examples of individuals in our communities reaching out to support one another. Let's continue to support each other in the coming days. In this time of social distancing, know that we are not just here for you we are here with you.

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Preventing vehicle break-ins



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In the last week, experienced some thefts of vehicles and many cars were broken into during the overnight hours. They were parked in the owner's driveway or near their home. It is terrible to think people will take advantage of others in such a way during a time of increased stress. I wanted to

take this opportunity to once again publish some reminders for people to assist them in preventing these incidents.

Dudley and many towns in our area have experienced similar issues in the past. The best way to prevent most of these break-ins is to keep your vehicle locked. Many people simply forget, or they have a false sense of security that nothing will happen in their neighborhood. This is especially true while the vehicle is parked outside their home. Many criminals look for unlocked vehicles to enter. These are easy targets and the individuals have a lower risk of being discovered since they are not causing damage (breaking glass, etc.). Perhaps as important as locking your vehicle is to never leave items of value in your car. Items like cell phones, wallets, pocketbooks, etc. that are in plain view, can be attractive to criminals. If these items are not there or at least hidden (combined with locked doors), there is a strong likelihood the perpetrators will move on somewhere else.

In addition to securing your vehicle, remember the value of lighting around your home. The more lights you have, the better off you are. Burglars and other criminals do not like to be seen. Motion detection lights are a great tool. They only work when movement takes place. These will limit the amount of electricity which is used and will provide illumination at times when it is needed most. Cameras are also more prevalent today. Many of these systems can be relatively inexpensive, easy to operate, and can provide you the opportunity to see in or around your home easily, even when you are not there.

Perhaps it is most important to call the police if you hear or see anything unusual taking place around your home. Many people wait until the next day to report suspicious activ-Often, people will dismiss the observations as something else which is easily explainable. You know your neighborhood best. If the police are notified immediately, there is a greater likelihood of locating suspects and stolen property while at the same time possibly preventing future occurrences. Without public assistance, our efforts to investigate crimes and identify suspects can be extremely difficult. Our department continues to operate

during this time. Naturally, we had to alter the way we respond to some calls for service, to protect our officers and members of the public. In case of emergency, please dial 9-1-1 for immediate, emergency response. If it is not of an emergency nature, or if you have a general request for service, we encourage you to call first to minimize personal contact. Our business line number is 508-943-4411, option 0. It is certainly challenging to be a first responder during this trying time. I extend thanks to all our officers who are out and about everyday serving the community under these difficult circumstances.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

Time for some financial spring cleaning

Spring is officially here - and for many of us, that means it's time for some spring cleaning around our homes yards. But why stop there? This year, why not do some financial spring cleaning,

You can apply some of the same principles

of traditional spring cleaning to your financial environment. Here are a few suggestions:

- · Clear your vision. Spring brings extra hours of sunshine - and to enjoy them, you'll want to clean your windows, inside and out. As an investor, you also need to take a clear-eyed view of your situation periodically. Are you on track toward achieving your goals? If not, what moves can you make to get back on the right path? You need to be honest with yourself to see if you're doing all you can to help make progress toward your objectives.
- "De-clutter" your portfolio. As you go about sprucing up your house, you may find that you have a lot of clutter. Do you really need three mops? And are you holding on to those old calendars for any good reason? You'll probably feel much better about your surroundings when you de-clutter them – and the

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of your investment portfolio. For example, do you own several investments that are virtually identical? If so, you might want to consider ways to help diversify your holdings.

While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it might help reduce the impact of market volatility on your

· Recharge your batteries. When you do your household spring cleaning, you may want to check the batteries on your smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detector and other devices. And as part of your financial spring cleaning, you might need to recharge your own investment "batteries," so to speak. In other words, increase the power you're providing to your portfolio. You can do this in a few different ways. First, you can increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan every time your salary goes up. You can also try to "max out" on your IRA contributions each year. (For 2020, you can put in up to \$6,000 in an IRA, or \$7,000 if you're age 50 or older). Another way to increase your investment voltage is to

same may be true make sure you've got adequate growth potential in your portfolio based on your goals and risk tolerance.

• Put your house in order. As part of your spring cleanup, you may want to check for damage on your roof, windows, siding and so on. But you also need to put your financial house in order, especially as it regards to protection. Do you have adequate life insurance? If not, your family could suffer if something were to happen to you. And have you thought about how you could pay for long-term care if you needed it? The average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000, according to the insurance company Genworth. To retain your financial independence - and also to help protect your grown children from possibly having to deal with these costs - you may want to explore some type of long-term care insurance.

By doing some spring cleaning around your home, you'll lighten up your living space. And doing some financial spring cleaning may help you brighten your future.

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A Mix of Tips

Going through my accumulated tip file (or I should say pile!), I often find an array of hints without a common theme. Therefore, these stray hints occasionally comprise a "mix of tips' column. Read on for an assortment of tips geared to tackle the little hassles in everyday life – especially now when we are hunkering down.

Are you getting a little stir crazy at home? Why not send in your favorite tips to be in the running for dinner for two at the Publick House? Above all. stay safe.

With shopping trips reduced, it's good to know household products can do double duty around the house. It goes without saying that hydrogen peroxide is an effective germ killer, but did you know one cup of hydrogen peroxide to one quart water creates a safe bleach substitute for fine washables? Want to keep your overload of household trash deodorized until pickup day? Simply pour some kitty litter in the bottom of the trash pail to dispel lingering odors.

If you ran out of decaf tea, you don't have to go without. Did you know you can decaffeinate regular tea quickly and easily? Just steep it for about one minute, then pour off and discard water then add water to re-steep. This method releases up to 90% the caffeine, yet retains all the taste and most of the antioxidants!

More than ever, cooking has become a favorite "in house" activity! To duplicate the fluffy omelets you find in the best restaurants, add a pinch of powdered sugar or cornstarch to the egg mix before cooking. Here's a hot tip from a steak house:

Reduce meat shrinkage by pouring a little liquid over steaks throughout the cooking time!

Stressed out? Who isn't! How about some therapy - music therapy that is. To relieve stress, take a 20-minute "sound bath." Lie in a comfortable position and listen to music with a slow rhythm, slower than the average heartbeat, which is about 72 beats per minute. As the music plays, breathe deeply and allow the music to ease away the stress.

Pile on the pasta to relieve stress! Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbohydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression.

Garlic is praised as a natural antibacterial, anti-viral and anti-fungal remedv. But before vou gorge on garlic, take note: Garlic must be fresh for optimal benefits. Garlic's active ingredient is destroyed within an hour of smashTAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR ing the clove. So eat fresh garlic, or run it through a juicer in a vegetable drink for best results.

If you're choosing this time at home to spruce up your house with paint, choose warm dry

mornings to start the project. Cold weather retards drving of paint and the dampness will spoil the gloss. And avoid using paint directly from the can as this may cause contamination and prematurely age the paint. Pour the amount you expect to use in 30 minutes into a separate container.

Revamping your house with color? When painting new plaster, or other porous surfaces, paint on a solution of water mixed with PVA glue first. This will seal the surface and stop the paint from soaking into the plaster. Not only does it give a much better finish, but, as a bonus, the paint will go further too!

We're spending more time with our feline friends, and do you ever wonder what your pet is thinking? Why not take cues from cat's body language? A cat's tail acts as an indicator of its mood and as a warning of intention. Broad swishing of the tail indicates annoyance. Severely agitated cats will move their tails rapidly back and forth from the base. The larger and more rapid the swish, the more upset the cat.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

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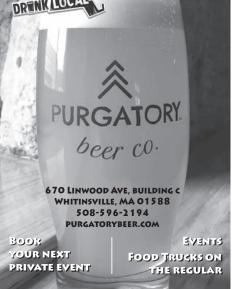
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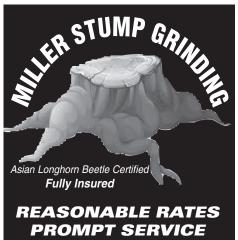
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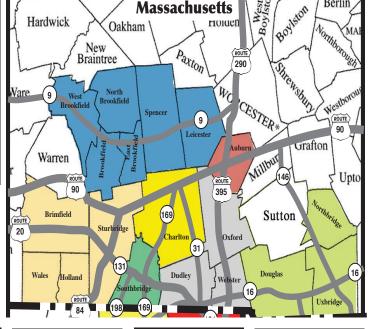
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SPORTS

Worcester County Senior Golf Club welcomes new members for second season



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From left, Tom Lisi, Joe Condelli and Dick Lisi of the Worcester County Senior Golf Club hope for a fun second season.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Dick Lisi, originally from Providence, and Joe Condelli, who grew up near Boston, officially met one another on a golf course during the 2018 season as part of a traveling social group, the Safari Club. After a fun experience, the two Central Mass. residents and now friends (who learned that they both attended the Lowell Tech Institute — now UMass-Lowell — together in the early 1970s and probably walked down the hallways together) figured they should bring the same experience

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in Webster, and we play several local teams from other towns in the

Central Mass. area. Girls of all experi-

ence levels are encouraged to join us,

learn the game, and have some fun!

Registration for the Spring Season

is now open. The cost for the season

is \$95. Most of the cost of registration goes toward the uniform. Games

begin on April 25, with practices

starting before that. Sign up online

at Websterfastpitch.teamsnapsites.

com. Please contact us at webster-

fastpitch@yahoo.com with any ques-

tions.

around this region.

"Dick and I were playing at a club in the Western part of the state and we became friendly. We were talking one day and thought it'd be a good idea to have a similar club for the Central part of the state. Last winter we met a few times and came up with a name for the club and our mission," said Condelli, of Auburn.

"Our idea was to play some of the premium courses in Central Massachusetts at a discounted rate, so that's where we set our focus on," added Lisi, of Sturbridge.

Webster Fastpitch Softball registration now open

The Worcester County Senior Golf Club was formed, and their first experience where strangers could now become golf buddies and new friends was at Heritage Country Club in Charlton last May.

The club, with members hailing "from Brimfield to Whitinsville," according to Lisi, opened with 34 players teeing off at Heritage.

The once-a-month club also played at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, Shining Rock Golf Club in Northbridge, Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester and Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton.

"We started with 34 golfers at Heritage in May and we finished with 66 at Pleasant Valley in October," said Lisi. "Seeing our numbers increase, that was very satisfying. It meant that people liked what we were doing."

"I think for our first year and for flying by the seat of our pants, we did a nice job in getting some nice courses," added Condelli. "I'd say overall we had a pretty happy group. We did a quick survey after one of our events and asked about playing different courses. It's difficult to get a bunch of people to agree, but overall we didn't have a lot of negative feedback."

One may notice how nice — and expensive — these particular courses can be. But one of the main benefits of playing as part of the Worcester County Senior Golf Club is the ability to play with multiple people at a discounted rate.

"We're a traveling social golf group of men and women 60 and over. We play one Thursday a month, usually starting around 9 to 9:30 in a modified shotgun start," explained Lisi. "We just wanted to get people together, go out and have

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bartlett High School announces Hall of Fame inductees

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the 2020 Inductions:

Francis Bonczek, Class of 1954 Peter Russell, Class of 1975 Michael Szamocki, Class of 1975

Harold Gardner, Class of 1981 Susan Lusignan Devlin, Class of 1992 Matthew Pavlis, Class of 2003 Paulina Ucher Comer, Class of

Bryana Poulin, Class of 2011 Rocco DiStefano, Class of 2012 Nicholas Kobel, Class of 2012 Arthur Kruger, Contributor 1995 Girls' Tennis Team

The Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Raceway Restaurant and Golf Club in Thompson, Conn. at 6 p.m. Further information regarding the ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Committee will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 13 at the Raceway Golf Club in Thompson at 1 p.m. For more information regarding the induction or golf tournament, please contact Athletic Director Anthony Paranto at 508-943-8552 Ext. 34028 or visit our website at www.bhsathletichof.org.

Shepherd Hill athletes named Midland-Wachusett League All-Stars

The following Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes were recently named All-Stars in the Midland-Wachusett League for their respective sports:

Boys' Basketball

Danny Brooks (Academic Award) Girls' Basketball

Emery Mullen Kerry Greenough (Academic

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Boys' Indoor Track Gabe Dos Santos

Matthew Gard Kobe Jean-Guillaume

Kobe Jean-Guillaume Eli Harmon

Henry Weiland (Academic Award) Girls' Indoor Track

Madi Marsh

Eliza Quinn Emma Sullivan

Riley Marengo (Academic Award) Wrestling

Ethan Ayotte

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Judy Reeks and Frederick W. Reeks, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Lendia, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37340, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated May 14, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49023, Page 306, and Assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 86, and Assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 21, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of

foreclosing the same, the mortgaged

premises located at 4 Allen Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on April 14, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Allen Avenue in the Town of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #46 on a plan of land entitled: "Huguenot Tract", dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 51, Plan 16, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340, to wit:

The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows:

Beginning at the most northerly point of the tract herein conveyed, which point is also the most westerly corner of lot #45, as shown on said plan.

Thence Southeasterly along said lot #45 a distance of 118 feet to a point on Allen Avenue;

Thence Southwesterly by said Allen

Avenue, 60 feet to lot #47 as shown on said plan;

Thence Northwesterly along said lot #47, 122.7 feet to lot #43 as shown on said plan;

Thence Northeasterly along said lot #43, 60.2 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851

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Reeks, Judy and Frederick, 14-016916 March 20, 2020

March 27, 2020 April 3, 2020

Massachusetts.

April 10, 2020

Public Announcement

The Webster School Committee has proposed an operating budget for FY2021. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Webster Public School Administration Office, Michael Makara Commit-

tee Room, 77 Poland Street, Webster,

Copies of the budget and supporting documentation can be found on the Webster Public Schools website at www.webster-schools.org: Office of Business and Finance. Hard copies may also be obtained at the Webster Public School Administration Offices, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570. April 3, 2020

OBITUARIES

Robert J. 'Robbie' Miller, II, 47





WEBSTER- Robert 'Robbie' Miller, II, 47, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 in the comfort of his home, with his loving Mom and Dad by his side. He fought the good fight, was always planning and looking forward to doing things, especially doing his yard work, that he enjoyed, his homemade crafts, and organizational talents that were

extraordinary, even had instructions in "The Book" as to his wishes for his final journey and chores for us to follow. He even in his last week with us, wrote Thank You notes to friends. He thought of everything. Robbie enjoyed his friends and family and was the Life of the Party. He worked as a supervisor for several years at Home Depot in Worcester, and during his short time with us, also worked for other retail stores such as Versace and others and also helped his father at the family funeral homes. He was a mentor to many, and Loved by All. Robbie was born in Southbridge, January 3, 1973, son of Christine M. (Choiniere) and Robert J. Miller and lived in Webster for many years, he also lived in the Newport and Boston areas. HewasagraduateofBartlettHighSchool and attended Becker Junior College. Robbie enjoyed the arts, and at last birthday, he donated to Worcester Art Museum and became a benefactor at the Museum. He leaves his parents; Christine M.

(Choiniere) Jacob and Robert J. Miller and his wife Iwona of Webster, his paternal grandmother, Theresa D. Miller, all of Webster, several aunts, uncles and cousins, and numerous friends, who will all miss him dearly. Robbie was predeceased by a sister, Francine M. Miller, his maternal grand-parents; J. Arthur and Dorothy M. Choiniere and his paternal grandfather, Robert G. 'Rocky' Miller. The family would like to Thank the VNA of Southern Worcester County and Central Mass. Hospice for the compassionate care that they gave Robbie to make him as comfortable as possible. The family would also like to Thank the hundreds of family, friends and acquaintances that have reached out with condolences, messages and phone calls, this means so much to us, THANK YOU ALL. As per Robbie's wishes, and written in 'The Book', there are no calling hours, his graveside services will be Private in the Choiniere family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Webster. He also instructed that flowers be omitted and Memorial Contributions be made to: The Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA. 01609. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, 366 School St., is heartbroken to be directing services, but realizes that Robbie wants us all to continue our lives and go on with our families and friends, and even perhaps, do a good deed or thought for someone. Please leave an on-line message of condolence or Share a Memory of Robbie, visit: RJMillerfunerals.net Love You Son, Mom & Dad Miss You.

Vasilios T. "Bill" Siozopoulos, 93



DUDLEY – Vasilios T. "Bill" Siozopoulos, 93, entered Paradise on Saturday March 21, 2020.

Being predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years Sophia (Kotoulas) Siozopoulos in 2010,

Vasilios is survived by two daughters: Steliane Thompson and her husband David of Holden, and Despina Kiely of Dudley; his brother Theophilos Siozopoulos of Thessaloniki, Greece; five grandchildren: William, Elias, and Nicholas Thompson; Alexandra and Christopher Kiely; he also leaves many relatives and dear friends.

Bill was born in Polykastanon, Greece on March 12, 1927, son of the late Theodore and Theodora (Tsiliminga) Siozopoulos. Bill was extremely proud of his Greek heritage, as a young man, he served honorably in the Greek Army during World War II; he moved here with his wife in 1956. Bill and Sophie were very active at the original Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church on High Street where Bill served as treasurer on the parish council. Bill was a founding member of the new church constructed on Lake Parkway; he and his wife greatly loved their church community; they were always eager to lend a helping hand and provide supplies for church fundraisers, especially the annual Greek Festival. For nearly forty years Bill and his wife operated the former Mini Mart, more affectionately known as "The Greek Market" on Main Street in Webster, which he continued operating until just a few years ago. proud business owners, Bill and Sophia helped define the true meaning of philanthropy; they cared for their customers as if they were family; they delivered groceries to the homebound during blizzards, they open-heartedly helped those with limited financial

resources, they provided for their community while successfully raising a family. Bill was the quintessential hard-working Greek immigrant who worked earnestly to provide for and care for his family who he was devoted to: they were truly happy helping others. Bill and Sophia raised their family with the firm belief that kindness is the most important quality and that you can reach your goals with hard work and dedication. During the past two years, whenever Bill was seen in the community, he was fondly remembered for his kindness and generosity. Bill was approached by caring recipients of his kindness and even children of children remember him; he was a very proud, stoic, hard-working, family-devoted, and truly inspiring man who never hesitated to help anybody. As the outpouring of support from the community continues it is clear he has left an everlasting impression and will never be forgotten.

May his memory be eternal μπορεί η μνήμη του να είναι αιώνια. Due to the current pandemic, private funeral services will be held at the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster; Private Committal Services will be held in Mount Zion Cemetery, where Vasilios will rest next to his beloved Sophia. Once the current pandemic resolves, a Celebration of Life Gathering will be arranged and announced.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Memorial Fund in honor of Bill.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA is honored to have been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Bill.

Mary (Jordache) LeCour, 73

QUINEBAUG, CT- Mary (Jordache) LeCour age 73 passed away at her home, Saturday March 21, 2020. She leaves her husband Robert LeCour of Quinebaug and a daughter Victoria Woodmancy and her husband Joseph of Huntington Beach, CA, five grandchildren, Alexandra, Kimberly, Nicholas, Ian and Ivy. She also had a son that predeceased her, Soren Laica of CA. She was born in Timisoara, Romania and lived in Quinebaug for the past year prior to that living in Huntington Beach CA. Mary taught pre-school for many years and most recent customer

care in retail. Mary loved gardening and quality time with family.

There are no calling hours. A private celebration of life will be held in CA at a later date. Family requests donations in her memory be made to your local elementary school special education program. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Mary

Steven P. Ide, 62



DUDLEY - Steven P. Ide, 62, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 after a long, courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was constantly surrounded by his loving family

and friends. Born in Southbridge on December 16, 1957.

He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 32 years, Marilyn (Sims) Ide. His 5 children, Son Steven Jr. and wife Tracy of Dudley; Daughter Melissa Daniels and partner Bill of Rochdale; Son Timothy Magierowski-Howe and husband Nick of Leominster; Daughter Rebecca Ide and partner Bruce of Thompson, CT; and Daughter Samantha Ide and partner Keith of Southbridge. His grandchildren, Adam and Tommy Ide, Maddi and Jordan Daniels and Alice Myotte. He also leaves his companion Margie, the cat who kept him company throughout his days homebound. She gave him great comfort and never talked back.

He also leaves behind his 4 brothers and 5 sisters, Brenda Allen of Charlton, Eugene Ide Jr. and wife Brigid of CA, April Laughlin and husband Ed of FL, Christine McTigue and husband David of Charlton, Jeffrey Ide and partner Marcy of Webster, Jodi Sawyer and husband Paul of W. Brookfield, Roxann Tetreau and husband Jim of Dudley, David Ide and wife Jaimie of AL, and Max Rockatansky and wife Tena of CT. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

His lifelong friends Dan Hebert, Terrence Miner, Jack Kavorkian, Scott Gale and Jimmy Williams. His longtime dear friend, ex-wife, Colleen O'Neil and partner Rick Fontaine.

He also leaves behind his large "family" of close friends – too numerous to mention but you know who you are!! He truly loved and cherished each and every one of you.

Steve graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1975 with the "Highest Temperature" in his class! He has worked in the vending business for over 40 years, starting with Stevens Automatic Sales and ending with Brightside Amusements, becoming partners with friends Brian Stone and Peter Camasso, and would like to thank them for all the love and support they have given throughout this battle. He serviced juke boxes, pinball, video games and pool tables. He loved

his work and made many wonderful

friends throughout the years.

Steve played softball for 35 years in the Southbridge and Spencer Leagues. He was a proud member and Past President of the Southbridge Lions Club for 16 years and truly loved all his brother Lions. We would like to thank the Southbridge Lions for all the love, support, kindness, generosity and friendship of all the Lions and their

Steve was predeceased by his loving parents Eugene H. Ide and Josephine H. (Porter) Ide.

In luie? louie? Oh, "What the Dickens"....In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Southbridge Lions Club, Charity Account, PO Box 622, Southbridge, MA

The family would like to thank Dr. Seidler and all the wonderful staff at the Southbridge Cancer Center, Dr. Bathini and staff at UMass, the Trial Team of Dr. Andrea Bullock, Laura and Shelby at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and the Hospice nurses Tara and Holly for their care and support.

A special heartfelt Thank You to Ruben Rios for the countless trips into Boston and staying by his side the whole day during his treatments.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling arrangements. Due to the current precautions, services will be private. The family would like you to pay your respects by sharing your condolences and memories online at sansoucyfuneral.com.

Baisley "June" Herbin, 76



WEBSTER – Baisley "June" Herbin, 76, passed away on Thursday March 19, 2020 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center.

Baisley is survived by his longtime companion Linda

Froneberger; four children: Malinda Hughes, Ricky Herbin, Shirley Rumrill, and Corey Dumas; three siblings: Maimon Herbin, Beatrice Tucker, and Ronnie Herbin; eight grandchildren: Antioe Herbin, Nikesha Summers, Latoya Herbin, Kevin Herbin, Yolanda Galloway, Ryan Herbin, Lanesha Shuff, and Nikecia Herbin; fourteen great-grandchildren, and many rela-

tives and dear friends; he was predeceased by two siblings: Dillard Herbin and Clara Dale.

Baisley was born in Rockingham, North Carolina on March 4, 1944, son of Simone and Katie (Lester) Herbin. Baisley will be deeply missed by his loving family, his dear friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

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 where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Baisley.

Carol A. Sepuka, 79



O X F O R D / SUGARLAND, TX – Carol A. (Kaczynski) Sepuka, 79, formerly of Hudson Road and currently of Sugarland, TX, died Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in

Houston. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Paul R. Sepuka of Oxford, who died in 2018. She is survived by two children, Paul S. Sepuka and his wife Melissa of Peoria, AZ, and Ann-Marie Sepuka and her fiancé Carmine Abbruzzese of Sugarland, TX; five grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Walter J. and Gertrude (Janiszewski)

Kaczynski, and lived in Worcester, Leicester, and Millbury before moving to Oxford in 1984. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1958.

Mrs. Sepuka enjoyed caring for her home and family for many years. She was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford. She was a member of the Oxford Woman's Club and loved caring for her horses on Hudson Road.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a funeral Mass at St. Roch's Church and burial at Notre Dame Cemetery will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Cheryl C. Merrill, 72



DUDLEY- Cheryl C. (Devine) Merrill, 72, passed away at the UMass Memorial Medical Center on Wednesday March 18,

Cheryl is survived by her sister Cindy Napolitano, and her

brothers Richard and Robert Devine.
Cheryl was born in Lynn, MA on
January 18, 1948, daughter of James

earned her MBA from Simmons College and was employed as a marketing executive with Hood & Dennison.

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 where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Cheryl.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to Obits@stonebridgepress.news



OBITUARIES

Eugenia Mary (Evanski) Kubiak



Mary Eugenia (Evanski) Kubiak passed away peacefully on the 21st of March 2020 at Mary Ann Morse Healthcare Center in Natick, MA. She was a lifelong resident of Webster and Dudley.

Affectionately known as Nanny, she was a loving wife and mother of six. She always helped provide for her family working as a stay at home mom, part-time restaurant server, and in service to our nation during World War II sewing military gun and tank covers for Waterhouse Co., Webster, MA. Devoutly religious, she donated her time to the church as a Rosary Sodality member and a long time Catechism teacher passionately spreading the Word to young people. In her later years, she selflessly devoted herself and opened her home to her children in times of need.

Eugenia is predeceased by her parents. Joseph and Frances Evanski. her sister Rosalie Gregoire, husband Joseph of 55 years, three daughters

Judith Kubiak, Joan Racicot, and Patricia Greenlief, first grandson Paul Kubiak, Jr., and granddaughter Melissa Greenlief. She is survived by three sons: Paul Kubiak and his partner Mary Nickerson of Quinebaug, CT; Robert Kubiak and his wife Joan of Yarmouthport, MA; Joseph Kubiak and Gwen of Oak Hill, VA; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Kubiak family expresses a special Thank You to the wonderful and professional staff at Mary Ann Morse Healthcare Center, and to a close relative, Emily Petterson of Quinebaug, CT.

A memorial service will be held at a future date following the current national health concerns. Donations in her name can be made to local parishes of Dudley and Webster.

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 where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Eugenia.

Joy Oneita Bolton, age 63



Joy Oneita Bolton, age 63, of Worcester, Massachusetts, died Monday, March 23, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital of Putnam, Connecticut battling cancer for over a year. Joy was born July 19, 1956

in Everett, Massachusetts. She is the daughter of the late Frank Canale and Oneita (D'Andrea) Canale.

Joy is survived by her husband Jason Bolton, daughter Justine Laporte, sons Stephen Laporte and Andrew Laporte, mother Oneita (D'Andrea) Canale, brother Phil Canale and five grandchildren. She is predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Laporte and her Stepfather, Peter D'Andrea.

Joy raised her family and lived in Dudley, Massachusetts for many years. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, and grandma. She worked for over 20 years in commercial insurance at Mapfre Insurance in Webster. Joy loved spending time with all of her grandchildren who were the light of her life. She loved animals, especially her dog Bella and cats Stormy and Comet and her chickens. She enjoyed tending her vegetable garden in the summer and cooking, recreating many family recipes.

Joy and her husband Jay had recently been able to travel to Hawaii for the first time, which Joy had said was one of her lifelong dreams.

Her family is grateful for the dedicated care and treatments at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in her memory to the Dana Farber Cancer institute at https://www.cancerresearch.org/join-the-cause/donate/ one-time-donation.

A graveside service will be held at Waldron Cemetery, Ramshorn Rd., Dudley, Massachusetts with a date to be determined. Please omit flowers. Donations in Joy's memory can be made to Danafarberjimmyfund.org Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel at 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Massachusetts is directing arrangements.

James Weiss 54



James Weiss 54, of Thompson CT passed away at home surrounded by his family after a battle with cancer on March 24, 2020.

Jamie leaves his high school sweetheart

Tammy (Rohr) Weiss of 32 years; his daughter Samantha Rogers and her husband Zakary Rogers. The joy of his heart, his grand-daughter Ava Marie Rogers; he was predeceased by his mother Barbara Weiss in 2014; he also leaves his father Bernard Weiss; brother Ronnie Weiss with his two children Jennifer and Tyler. He shared a special relationship with his Uncle Jack from Arizona.

He was a talented auto body technician and worked for Precision Auto Rebuilders Inc. for over 30 years. His attention to detail, creativity and precision carried him in so many areas of his life. He could build or fix anything.

First and foremost, he loved football Go Patriots!! His love of the outdoors took him on family camping trips every year, playing softball for 25 years, ATV riding, and going to nascar races.

Thank you to all our close family and friends that supported us through this difficult time. Thank you to Jamie's childhood sisters Mia Longo and Misty Holke for all your love and support. The team of Hospice nurses and home health care of Day Kimball Hospital especially Candice Zamagni, Lynn Girouard and Diane Cook. You are all

In lieu of flower, we ask that you consider a donation to the special work of Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut 32 South Main Street Putnam CT 06260 or to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 383 Culver City

A private service will be held with the family with a celebration of life to be held May 3 2020 at our house starting

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 where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of James.

Joyce R. Poirier, 75



WEBSTER- Joyce R. (Roy) Poirier, 75, of Slater St., passed away on Saturday, March 28th, in the Webster Nursing Manor Rehabilitation Center, Webster, after an illness

Her beloved husband, Andre J. Poirier died in 2000. She leaves her three daughters, Carol A. Pryor and her husband Robert of Dudley, Denise Grzyb and her husband Jack of Dudley and Michelle M. Roy and her husband Christopher of Webster; two sisters, Linda Kenney and Lorrie Brunet; three grandchildren, Sadie Linkous, Joshua Healy and Renee Alicea; and four great grandchildren, Alaina, Jayde, Hannah and Christopher

Joyce was born in Putnam, CT the daughter of Emile J. and Eva E. (Chenette) Roy. She worked for the American Optical Company in Southbridge as well as an office clerk for C Optics in Webster before retiring many years ago. Joyce was a member of Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish in Southbridge. She was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Joyce cherished her family and loved to spend time with them and enjoyed watching their games.

Funeral Services and Burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery will be private. There are no calling hours.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Lorraine J.A. Sniadach, 91



WEBSTER/ SOUTHBRIDGE-Lorraine J.A. (Matte) Sniadach, 91, passed March 20, awav 2020 at Southbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Southbridge.

She was born in Southbridge on September 14, 1928 daughter of the late Romeo T. and Antoinette (Donais) Matte and lived in Webster most of her life.

Lorraine was also predeceased by her husband Stanley S. Sniadach.

She leaves a son, Bruce D. Sniadach

and his wife Norma of Henderson, Nevada and a grandson.

Lorraine worked for many years for the former Jordan-Marsh Company, before retiring.

There are no calling hours.

A Graveside Service will be at a later date in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery next to her husband Stanley at a later date.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Yvette D. Devault, 8



WEBSTER - Yvette (Corriveau) Devault, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday March 24, 2020.

Being predeceased by her husband, the late Arthur Devault. Yvette is survived by

two brothers: Rene Corriveau of Fl. and Lucian Corriveau of NY; her daughter in law Debbie Champagne who lived with and cared for her for the past three years; her granddaughter Robin Champagne-Brewer of Maine, four great-grandchildren: Jazlyn, Jaron, Lilly, and Grace of Maine, and one great-granddaughter Beatrice Tomah, also of Maine. Doris also leaves several relatives and friends. Yvette is also predeceased by her son Bobby

Champagne; two daughters Debbie Champagne and Ann Corriveau; four brothers: Roger, Dickie, Donald, Jerry, Albert, and Bernie. Yvette was born in Sturbridge, MA on

July 7, 1933 daughter of the late Lucian and Irene (Tetreault) Corriveau; she worked at Ethan Allen Furniture ad an upholsterer for many years. Yvette greatly enjoyed cooking, especially for her family and treasured 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 where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Yvette.

Frederick A. Baird Jr., 73



WORCESTER-Frederick A. Baird Jr. age 73 passed away Monday morning at the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, He leaves MA. his wife of 35 years Sharan A. (Springer) Baird of Worcester.

He also leaves daughters, Jessica Ring and her wife Erinn of Worcester and Pamela Cavallo and her husband Jaye of NJ, also sons, Craig and Jason of Worcester, grandchildren, Hunter, Forrest, Emma, Kailyn and Kendall. He also leaves a sister Beverly Boza of Worcester.

Fred was born in Worcester, son of the late Frederick A. Baird Sr. and

Blanche (Cusson) Baird and lived in Worcester all his life; he was a Vietnam Era US Air Force Veteran. Fred was a electrician and worked for IPG Photonics, Oxford, MA; he enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and watching his children and grandchildren playing sports. Fred was a season ticket holder for Holy Cross football. The love of his life was quality time with his grandchildren.

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Russell G. Norwood Sr. 72

Russell G. Norwood Sr. 72, formerly of Worcester passed away March 18, 2020 at Harrington Healthcare Hubbard Campus.

He leaves three children, Michael Norwood and his wife Tammy, Russell Norwood Jr. and his wife Wendy; Kellie Theriault and her husband Joshua. He also leaves several grandchildren and his brothers Stanley Norwood Jr and George Norwood. He is pre-deceased by his fiancé Edna Barnes and his former spouse, Linda Norwood. Russell

worked many years for St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. Russell loved NASCAR, local car shows and listening to Elvis and the oldies.

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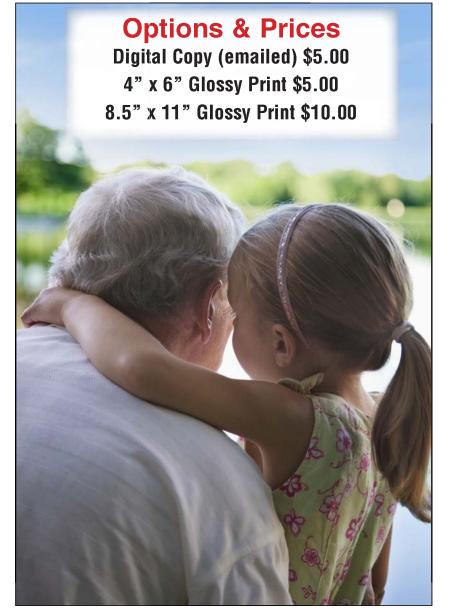
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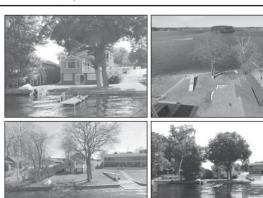




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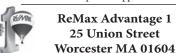
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Dick and Tom Lisi welcome Worcester County Senior Golf Club members to the sign-in booth at last year's event at Shining Rock Golf Club.

SENIOR GOLF

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a good time."

Condelli noted that the senior golf group is helping the course out, while in turn the course is helping the group

"We basically try to tell them we can bring X amount of players and since it's a weekday the courses aren't as busy," said Condelli.

The modified shotgun start allows players to tee off at the same time, finish their round at the same time, and then enjoy food and beverages together.

The group will continue to grow, as Condelli noted that they currently have 101 contacts through phone numbers and email addresses.

"We'd like to continue to grow the club, but we don't want to grow unmanageable where it doesn't become fun," said Condelli. "We're more of a social club instead of a competitive club, so we

invite all people."

To inquire about joining the Worcester County Senior Golf Club and foursomes, threesomes, twosomes and singles are welcomed — please email wcsgolfclub@gmail.com or call Lisi at (508) 410-1332. There is also a Facebook group at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.

A few dates and locations have already been established for this season. The group begins May 14 at Raceway Golf Club in Thompson, Conn., continues June 11 at Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, travels back to Shining Rock on July 9 and returns to Heritage on Aug. 6. The September and October dates and locations are still to be determined.

"One of the things we decided is we're not going to have a membership fee, but in lieu of a membership fee they make a \$25 donation to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield," said Condelli.

'We donated over \$1,300 last year,"



Dick Lisi offers a pre tee-off pep talk at last season's Worcester County Senior Golf Club event at Blackstone National Golf Club.



Before Worcester County Senior Golf Club members take part in the Cyprian Keyes Golf Club event, Dick Lisi offers words of encouragement.

added Lisi. "It's a voluntary, one-time donation.'

In addition to the actual golf on the course, the group also offers cash priz-

"We collect a \$5 prize fee and we divvy it up between the closest to the pins on the par-3s, we have a putting contest and a cash prize for anyone that chips in off the green. We keep it competitive and rewarding," said Condelli.

"Some people were even nice enough when they won their cash winnings, they even donated that."

One thing the club can't predict is the pace of the coronavirus outbreak. For this, Condelli offered assurance.

"Our club is going to take members' safety into consideration. Hopefully we will get off on time, but things are kind of variable right now as far as this virus is concerned," he said.



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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center 2020 Our new Trip Coordinator is Mary Lou Lepko.

A few things to know:

Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.com

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets

Trips are open to the public

Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior

Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.

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April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due 3/17)

May 19 — CAROLE KING TRIBUTE \$94 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 4/17)

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DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more into call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE **SENIORS**

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an appproximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.

On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochgure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your

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Join us on Wednesday, September 2nd on our day trip to Lake Winnipesaukee for a scenic cruise out of Weirs Beach taking in the remarkable scenery of the Western end of this magnificent lake. We will also visit the spectacular Castle in The Clouds a turnof-the-century sixteen room mansion with its breathtaking mountaintop views over-looking Lake Winnipesaukee. Enjoy a delicious full course luncheon at Harts Turkey Farm in Meredith, NH. Famous and renowned for their turkey dinners you are sure to delight in this bountiful lun-

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For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Thursday, May 14: Twin River Casino & Wright's Chicken Farm. \$10 slot cash and \$7 food credit at the Casino. Then we depart for Wright's Farm for a family style dinner. Cost is \$64. We leave at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17: The Glouchester Lobster Cruise with lobster clam bake and chicken buffet. On the way home, we stop at Kimball's Farm for their famous ice cream. We leave at 9 a.m. Cost is \$109.

Thursday, July 16: The Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre's "The King and I" and Hart's Turkey Farm luncheon. We leave at 9 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Casblanca By the Sea in Portland, Maine. Lunch at the Bull & Claw, then a cruise in Portland Harbor. Viewing war forts, seals, lighthouses. We leave at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$99.

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