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Pandemic creates unknowns for school district budget

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CHARLTON – With the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic still a big question mark on both the state and federal level, a lot of unanswered questions remain for town budgets especially when it comes to education costs. The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is one of countless school districts statewide going into budget season with only vague ideas of the compromises they will need to make for their spending plans or the aid they will receive from the state in the coming months.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche touched on the current budget situation during a livestreamed meeting with the Charlton Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on May 27 explaining that, pending any future data, the district will be moving ahead with numbers approved in February with no solid financial figures to work with from the state.

“There is no clear direction from the state when it comes to not only Chapter 70 funds, which is a huge support for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, but also for (Charlton). We’re kind of at a standstill with our budget at this point in time,” Lamarche said.

That same day, Lamarche had participated in a conference call with the Commissioner of Education who, when asked about specific figures for things like Chapter 70 money or House and Senate budget, could not give a precise answer especially before July 1. The School Committee is recommending that the budget approved in February totaling \$13,897,944 be pushed forward unless further financial details are made available. Lamarche further stated that the district is attempting to avoid “serious unrest” financially and that the district is aware of the possibility of a recommended 20 to 28 percent budget decreases pending recovery and stimulus monies for municipalities or schools.

“We’re doing our work to plan for possible reductions, for a level funded budget, for a \$3 million reduction, for a \$5 million, what it might look like to get to that 20 or 28 percent reduction mark.

We have evolving plans right now. It involves a lot of people, a lot of changes beyond the changes that we’ve already been going through,” Lamarche said.

The superintendent noted that there could be savings to consider due to the closing of the buildings following the COVID-19 outbreak including some possible transportation savings that could help. However, in his words, things remain in flux.

“This is not your typical budget year. We’re trying to span everything from status quo to what does a major reduction look like for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. There’s no happy place in there. There is no comfort in there. It’s really weighing down on a lot of people to try to do this right, to be methodical, to be thoughtful and to represent Dudley and Charlton in the best way possible because there is a lot of pride for the schools here,” said Lamarche.

Richard Mathieu, Director of Finance and Operations for the school district, gave his insight into the budget situation and the many moving pieces saying that they remain hard at work crunching the numbers and considering every scenario. The district has been asked by both Charlton and Dudley to examine assets prior to town meetings, and on June 3, the school committee planned to further examine the numbers and make a final decision on what will go before the public for consideration. Superintendent Lamarche said he feels that inevitably there will be a reduction to the operating budget and the district is approaching that reality from a “systematic perspective” especially when it comes to the cost of limitations schools may face when they return to buildings following the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The difficulty here is not only are we trying to plan for a reduction we also have to plan for an increase in costs. It’s really a very difficult balancing beam that we’re on at this point in time. We’ve already looked, and we can only accommodate eight to ten students in a classroom with a six-foot distance. We’ve already looked at the CDC guidance for school buses and they’re saying at most we can probably have eleven kids on a seventy-four-seat bus. Is that feasible? Absolutely not. We’re not going to add sixteen tiers of buses

just to accommodate that. This is all the stuff that we’re processing right now. How do we not only look at maintaining an effective program moving forward but how do we match that with the guidance and then cost increases as well, the cost of cleaning supplies, the cost of mitigations? We really are trying to walk a very tight line right now,” said Lamarche.

With so many unknowns members of both the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee showed concern for how things would be handled if the school ended up needing more money before the start of the school year. This may include reallocating money from within the budget to offset any unforeseen costs for education. Finance Committee member Joseph Spiewak put this conundrum into perspective.

“The challenge we have is we’re all trying to figure out how to fly the flight plan with enough fuel to get where we need to go and we don’t know how many passengers we have to carry,” said Spiewak.

The district is hoping to have a better idea of state numbers before the start of the school year in August, something finance officials felt was “optimistic” at best. Many agreed that changes would need to be made before the traditional October fall town meeting to accommodate the needs of district before the new year commences.

“We don’t have the luxury of starting the school year at a certain level and coming back and saying (to the town) we need buckets of more money,” Superintendent Lamarche said. “That would be irresponsible on our part as a school district. We would really have to make decisions in August and recommendations working with the town moving forward as to what that would look like. We could not possibly wait until October for big decisions for the school district.”

For now, the district is working with what it has while everyone, from school officials to finance experts and town leadership, continue to keep an eye on the ever-evolving situation and how finances will play out as lawmakers begins to assess the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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thanking the Board of Health and Town Administrator for their continued efforts to lead the town through such unique and unsure times.

“We frankly can’t thank you for the leadership you’ve displayed. Thankfully we’re now on the tail end. We’re coming out of it. It’s been a couple of hectic months, but on behalf of the board you have our deepest thanks,” Singer said.

Kaylie Gonya elected to Lasell University Student Alumni Association executive board

NEWTON — Kaylie Gonya, a Lasell University student from Uxbridge, was elected to the University’s Student Alumni Association (SAA) executive board for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Gonya, a Event Management major at Lasell, was elected the SAA’s VP of Business.

The SAA is comprised of student leaders, ranging from first years to seniors, who engage with the University’s alumni community. Members serve as a liaison to alumni on behalf of the current student community. They are high-capacity leaders looking for a leadership development experience that heightens awareness about Lasell’s history and traditions and inspires a commitment to lifelong engagement with the University.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.



Sheriff warns of phone scam

REGION — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is warning residents about a recent phone scam in which the caller tells victims they have an arrest warrant issued in their name. In order to avoid going to jail, the caller tells the individual they need to pay a fine.

Unlike previous scams which involved claims of missed jury duty, the current scam does not say what the «warrant» is issued for. The scam artist fraudulently uses the Sheriff’s Office name and/ or a phony telephone number. Many calls have originated from the phone number, (508) 635-0166.

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“Our department does not contact residents and demand payment

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Worcester firefighter recruits participated in the course and City of Worcester Training Division Fire Captain Steven Oberg said the class provided up-to-date information and was relevant for his recruits. “Much of what we do as firefighters involves direct patient care on the street. An educated firefighter is a good firefighter. Someone who can think on their feet and make decisions quickly,” Captain Oberg said. Course attendees were able to

learn safe and protective ways to deal with blood borne pathogens, needle-sticks, and sharps safety, an area where recruits may lack experience.

“I would recommend this course to other first responders and healthcare workers. It is a great way to learn new information for those who haven’t been trained yet and is also a great way for those who have been trained to reinforce their training,” said recruit Wesley Allain. Recruit James Sharpy agreed. “Being a firefighter in a time like this can be challenging because of the connection to the community and interactions that are required daily. Having this knowledge can not only help the individual firefighters to remain safe, but it allows for the community as a whole to be sure that they have a full fire force that is not handicapped by many illnesses,” Mr. Sharpy said, adding, “Protecting ourselves and our colleagues allows us to be available at full strength in health and numbers.”

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja said it is vitally important

to work together as a community during this health crisis, and the free course is just one of the ways in which the College is helping its community.

“We have redoubled our efforts in finding ways in which to assist our community,” President Pedraja said.

Captain Oberg said he has passed the information learned in the course to the District 7 Fire training coordinator, who was going to share it with all district member departments.

“I do feel like the course was valuable and will help me throughout my career as a firefighter. Being a first responder we must know about the safest ways to deal with and control diseases, which is exactly what this course teaches. I have already used some of the information that I learned during this course without being on the job yet,” said recruit John Simoncini.

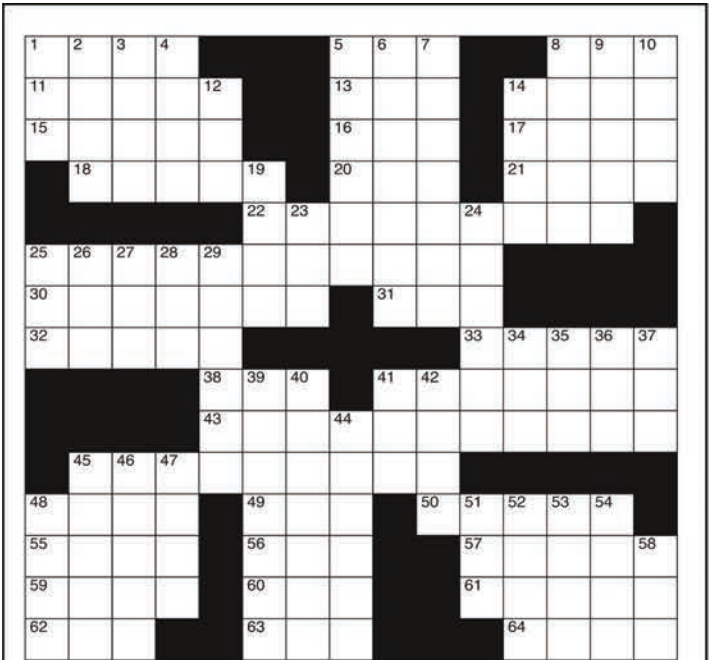
“If another first responder or healthcare worker has not yet taken this course, I would highly recommend they do so,” recruit Nicholas Toedt added.

“This information is especially important in the current climate. Knowing how to properly control the spread of infectious disease, and understanding the proper safety measures that need to be taken, can ultimately save lives.”

To learn more about this course and current free courses offered, visit <https://www.QCC.edu/center-workforce-development-and-continuing-education>

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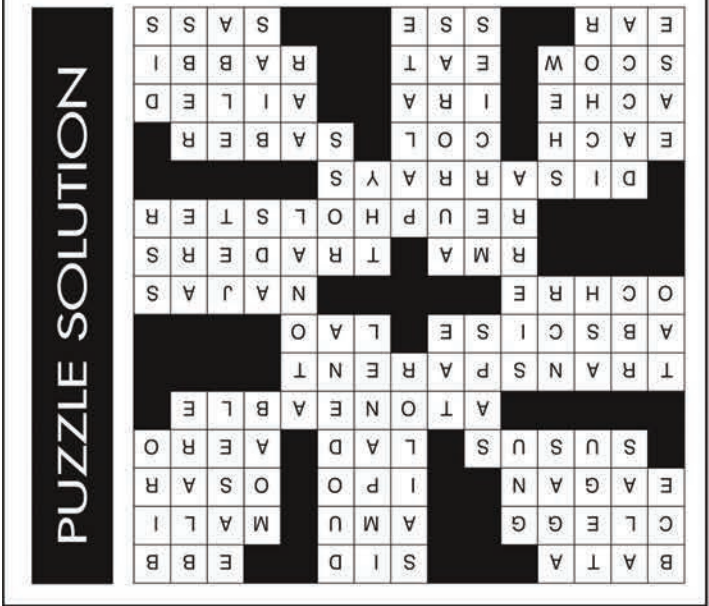


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1. Swiss shoe company
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. ___ and flow
11. Horselfy
13. Egyptian pharaoh
14. African nation
15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
16. Initial public offering
17. Long-winding ridge
18. Guinea peoples
20. Fellow
21. About aviation
22. Able to make amends
25. Easy to perceive
30. Cut off
31. Northeast Thai language
32. Earthy pigment
33. Water nymphs
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
41. Those who deal
43. Apply a new fabric
45. Confusions
48. “To ___ his own”
49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Partner to pain
56. A type of savings account
57. In a way, felt pain
59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
60. Consume
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Body part
63. Midway between south and southeast
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Central American lizard
4. Muslim military commanders
5. One who takes to the seas
6. Select jury
7. Parts of the small intestine
8. Painter’s accessory
9. Honk
10. Ballpoint pen
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
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23. ___-bo: exercise system
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25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
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45. National capital
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47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
48. Freedom from difficulty
51. Swiss river
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54. Revolutionaries
58. Criticize



Cameron Coleman honored with Service Award

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — On April 22, Saint Anselm College student Cameron Coleman of Charlton was honored with the Leahy Award for participation in the college’s Service and Solidarity Missions trips this past academic year.

Coleman, a natural sciences major in the class of 2021, was one of 17 students nominated by their leaders for The Dan Leahy Award, named for the director of campus ministry when the first spring break alternative group traveled to Orland, Maine

30 years ago; it’s his vision that the Office of Campus Ministry continues to live out through its service trips.

Service and Solidarity Missions are student-led service trips overseen by the Office of Campus Ministry during winter and spring breaks. One hundred and ninety five students traveled across the country, to Puerto Rico, and locally in Manchester, N.H., to serve those in need, learn about and witness social injustice, and gain experience that further develops lessons learned in

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CHARLTON — ExxonMobil, with alignment from the Town of Charlton and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, resumed planned roadway paving work on Monday, May 18 while maintaining safety protocols to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The crews will start to prepare to pave by lowering castings and grinding the road on the Charlton Middle School access road and the connector road. Learn more about the construction work on the Traffic Updates page.

The next phase of the Charlton Waterline work – waterline activation, installation of plumbing, and private well abandonments – will require regular interactions between our neighbors and work crews.

ExxonMobil will discuss appropriate next steps with the Town and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as the virus recedes, with the goal of connecting neighbors to the Charlton Waterline as soon as safely possible.

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QCC President, Chief of Police respond to Floyd protests

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja and QCC’s Chief of Police Kevin Ritacco have put out two statements to the QCC community about the recent death of Mr. George Floyd and the riots and protests going on across America.

President Pedraja’s statement:
“As I began to write this earlier in the week, I had a different message in mind. I had planned to write about the lessons we’ve learned from the pandemic or about how the challenges we face make us stronger. Yet, neither seems appropriate for the moment. Throughout the week, I’ve struggled with the images in the news. The rising death toll that numbs us to the many heartbreaks and losses so many families are enduring. I see the disproportionate number of minorities that are dying in this pandemic; the lack of resources for the most vulnerable in our community. I see the self-appointed posse of vigilantes hunting down a black jogger, claiming self-defense. The images of George Floyd struggling to breathe, his cries callously ignored.
“I’ve struggled for days to find words that can express the unbearable sorrow, anger, and frustration that I feel in every fiber of my being; my soul aches. Maybe that is for the best. Words are

cheap when lives are at stake; they fall on deaf and uncaring ears. Words are twisted and spat back at our face dripping with the poison of ridicule, sarcasm, and malice. Words are silenced as we gasp for air under a chokehold or knee. Words alone do not change history or bend its moral arc. Our words do not define us; our actions do.
“The callous action of an individual should not taint the valor and dedication of those who risk their lives to protect us, but the lack of a swift response to those actions should alarm us. We are a nation divided, where truth and reason seem to have succumbed to the violence of hate and the vile rhetoric that demonizes those who are different from us. The pandemic is but a mere symptom of the disease that plagues our society; the cancer that is eating us from within. If anything, the pandemic has revealed the fractures in our society, the inequities entrenched through centuries of systemic oppression. We see it every day in the struggles of our students, the almost insurmountable challenges they face as they pursue their education. We can no longer afford to ignore the equity gaps, the injustices in society, the disregard for our common humanity. Words alone will not suffice; we must act. We cannot afford to sit idly by.
“There are days when I fear that the

voices of our better angels will be muted by the demons of hatred that haunt us; days when I fear that the darkness that has engulfed us will suffocate the light. Yet, I believe, I must believe, that the dimmest of light will burn more brightly in the darkest of night and that even love defeated is stronger than hate. Throughout history colleges and universities often led the way, sowing the seeds of knowledge and freedom, reinventing our world, and serving as a catalyst for change. In the hallowed halls of colleges and universities, we value differences, protect dissent, and engage in civil discourse. We challenge ideas, seek common ground; focus on solutions rather than blame. I believe in the power of education to effect change. Through education we can lift the veil of lies, ignorance, and fear that has descended upon us. We may try to hide the truth, to deny it, to ignore it, but we cannot escape it. Inevitably, truth will set us free. I invite you, as a college community to lead the way, to be the catalysts of change that our world needs in these trying times.”
Chief Ritacco’s statement:
“As the Chief of Police for the Quinsigamond Community College Police Department for the last 15 years, as well as a 39-year veteran of the force, the death of George Floyd in Minnesota

has left me appalled, disgusted and disillusioned. I strongly condemn the actions of this former police officer and his colleagues as they demonstrated the very worst actions of not only a police officer, but also as a human being. These officers lost sight of their mission to protect and service the public in the most disrespectful and horrific manner. Their actions have left all professional law enforcement officers angry and disheartened. My department embraces a professional approach to law enforcement, emphasizing superior service, community policing and impartial enforcement of all laws and regulations. The police officers of my department handle themselves professionally and treat each member of our community with respect and consideration regardless of the situation. They have worked extremely hard through their community policing efforts to develop a rapport with the students, faculty and staff of QCC. Their jobs just became much more difficult because of the incredulous nature of the actions that lead to the death of George Floyd.
“Law enforcement professionals must now work together to continue to do their work while rebuilding trust with the communities that they serve.”

Local historian releases timely new book

WORCESTER — In the spring of 2018, Linda Hixon, lead historian of the Hopedale Women’s History Project and former instructor at Worcester State University, realized that the 100th anniversary of the influenza pandemic of 1918 was approaching. Throughout the world, the 1918 pandemic killed the most people in the least amount of time – estimates say between 5 and 10 percent of the world’s population died between September and November 1918, with about 675,000 dying here in the United States.
Having spearheaded book projects on Worcester’s military heroes from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and World War I, she decided that chronicling this historic event was of paramount importance. Thus was born “The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege.”
Shawn Driscoll, a student in the Master’s program at Worcester State at the time, collaborated with Hixon. He is currently a second year Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell; his field of study is twentieth century American History with a concentration in Vietnam Conflict history. Together, they decided to include high school students and volunteers in this project. Driscoll approached Worcester Academy and

Worcester Public Schools, and almost 20 students and 10 volunteers joined the effort to remember some of the nearly 1,000 people who died in Worcester from influenza.
Altogether, about 50 profiles were written on the victims of the “Spanish Flu,” all of them either residents of the city or dying within the city’s limits. But that is less than ten percent of the total number of victims who died here in Worcester. Very few photos of the victims could be found, although some volunteers wrote biographies of family members who perished during the epidemic. Those photos of loved ones have been included in the book.
The book also includes chapters by local historians and academics on the city’s response to the influenza epidemic. The chapters range from the effort of the local media to inform the public; the volunteer efforts of local groups to try and aid the sick, the dying, and the orphaned; the creation of an emergency hospital to take the strain off the local medical establishment; how influenza impacted the African-American population of Worcester; how local cemeteries dealt with the influx of the dead; and an account of the Worcester County town of Milford, where the local population of poor immigrants was devastated by the disease.

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early wrote the foreword for “The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege.” Early’s family lost a member to influenza – Helen Labuski, who died on December 31, 1918 at barely 18 months old. Helen was the last death in 1918 as influenza resurged in Worcester. Once the death toll began to fall the city attempted to return to “normal,” but they did so too soon – hundreds more would die between mid-October when the restrictions eased, and May 24, 1919 when Bertha Mackey became Worcester’s last official death from the influenza pandemic.
“A project like this, remembering the victims of a medical disaster, is important at any time in history. But I believe it is most important now because we have forgotten the lessons of the past. We have forgotten that human lives are more important than economic gain. We have forgotten to keep our

neighbors safe by wearing masks and keeping our distance,” Hixon said. “We have forgotten to protect the vulnerable by keeping public gatherings to a minimum. Worcester’s powers-that-be took similar steps in 1918, but not without a fight and not until it was too late, and more people died than was necessary. And restrictions were ended too soon, leading to even more deaths. Worcester was not alone – this happened in most cities and towns across the country during that pandemic 100 years ago, and more people died. The fact that we have forgotten those lessons is to our shame. More will die because we have forgotten our past.”
Hixon and Driscoll launched a Kickstarter to help raise money to publish “The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege.” www.kickstarter.com/projects/1918grip/the-grip For more information, please contact Linda Hixon at 508-373-8315.

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BayPathPracticalNursing2015.
Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, said “The Academy has been physically closed since March 13, we had successfully transitioned to remote learning. But we have only seen each other or our students virtually. The stars aligned and we were determined to make this even happen. It helped that Superintendent, John Laffleche had given us guidance and that Douglas Farm and Orchard was open and accommodating.”
Further, Bolandrina stated “Nursing education is challenging, the Bay Path Practical Nursing curriculum is accelerated and rigorous. To make it through nursing school, qualify for the honor society, amidst the pandemic, these are outstanding accomplishments that are inspiring and must be recognized.”
Ten practical nursing students were recognized during the ceremony. The inductees achieved high honors, demonstrated leadership and exceptional skill development, and had a positive impact on the community. The inductees

are Rachel Carlisle of Oxford, Michelle Elcierof of Worcester, Cynthia Harris of Ludlow, Aja Johnson of Springfield, JoAnn Milford of Woodstock, Conn., Genshire Maura of Webster, Barbara Owusu of Worcester, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, Fjolla Shehu of Worcester, and Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn.
Bolandrina gratefully acknowledges the NTHS inductee’s families for their presence and support, Douglas Orchard and Farm for their wonderful physical accommodations, and volunteers Lilly Bolandrina (still photos) and Max Bolandrina (video live stream).
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Project New Hope receives donation for veterans, military families

WORCESTER—On May 26, Padraic Rafferty, Associate Attorney at Eden Rafferty Attorneys at Law, and candidate for Massachusetts Governor’s Council, visited Project New Hope in Worcester to deliver a \$500 donation. Rafferty was joined by Sterling resident and US Army veteran Fionuala Dullea, who donated a large quantity of baby supplies, including diapers, formula, and hygiene products.

Project New Hope was founded in January 2011 by Bill Moore, a disabled US Air Force veteran and former social worker. Project New Hope serves all six New England states, and helps veterans transition from military to civilian life, and to create mutual support networks and camaraderie among veterans, wounded warriors and military families.

“These donations mean more to Project New Hope than I can say,” said Moore. “We have a lot of military families with disabilities, and they’re struggling. They are often reluctant to ask for help. They’re the first to offer help, but the last to ask for it. What we offer is a hand up, not a handout.”

In addition to a food pantry, Project New Hope offers supplies for children from newborn through toddler. All items are brand new, including clothing donated by Carter’s, a major American designer of children’s apparel.

“The donation of diapers is huge for us,” said Moore. “Diapers and formula are so expensive, which can pose a real hardship for families, especially when there’s a disability. I know our military families will be as grateful as I am for these generous donations.”

Padraic Rafferty is an attorney and candidate for Massachusetts Governor’s Council. He became aware of the need among veterans and military families through his association and friendship with Dullea, a US Army veteran. “It’s an honor to be here at Project New Hope and to hear about the enormous service they’re providing to veterans and active military families,” he said. “As the father of a one-year-old, I’m hugely aware of not only the joys of parenthood, but of the significant expense involved. I’m delighted to help this wonderful organization.”

Massachusetts will hold an election for all eight seats on the Governor’s Council on November 3. The primary is scheduled for September 1. The Massachusetts Governor’s Council is a governmental body that provides

advice and consent in certain matters, such as judicial nominations, pardons, and commutations, to the Governor of Massachusetts. In addition to the regular court system, there are six specialized courts in Massachusetts that are dedicated to veterans’ issues, with the goal of reducing incarceration and recidivism rates among veterans, while helping them to address mental health, substance abuse, and other issues they may face.

For more information about Project New Hope, visit www.ProjectNewHopeMA.org.

For more information about Padraic Rafferty, candidate for Massachusetts Governor’s Council, visit www.facebook.com/VoteRafferty/.

Marianapolis celebrates honor society inductions

THOMPSON, Conn. — On Wednesday, May 27, Marianapolis held virtual induction ceremonies for the National Chinese Honor Society and the National Honor Society. Congratulations to the new and renewing members of each society.

National Chinese Honor Society:
Renewing Members:
Michael Acquaaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA
Christopher Sullivan, Charlton, MA
New Members:
Kylie Miller, Webster, MA
Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA

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Renewing Members:
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Mary Wall, Northborough, MA

Class of 2021:
Abigail Boria, Charlton, MA
Alexandra Delano, Charlton, MA
Sofia Hargrave, Charlton, MA
Maura Hoban, Millbury, MA
Emma McQuiston, Webster, MA

New Members:
Class of 2020:
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Pannawat Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Anh Dao, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
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MA
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Lucas Yash, Webster, MA

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John Vigliotti, Worcester, MA
Yunpeng Wang, Shenzhen, China
Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA
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Becker College recognizes graduates

LEICESTER — Becker College is please to announce the graduation of more than 430 students at a virtual commencement celebration, including the following local residents:

Selena-Deane Alphonse Branchaud, of Charlton, has graduated with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Meghan Berg, of Uxbridge, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science, Criminalistics Concentration.

Emily Carpenter, of Charlton, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Monique Farrar, of Charlton, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management Concentration.

Savannah Margarida Gaspar, of Charlton, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Evan Shanks, of Charlton, has graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Jesse Edward Van Opijnen, of Uxbridge, has graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Graphic Design and Media.

To see Becker College’s Commencement page, including details on graduates, awards and a video message from President Crimmin, go to <https://www.becker.edu/student-life/commencement-2020/>

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The chosen class

Students throughout the area are flipping tassels this week, albeit not in the traditional way. But while nothing about this rite of passage will unfold as expected this year, we hope that our local graduates seize the opportunity to fulfill Oprah Winfrey’s prophetic comment that they are “the chosen class.”

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amid a global pandemic. This summer, finding work won’t be as easy as it once was, and figuring out if college campuses will even open this fall remains another question mark. With that being said, this time in an 18-year-old’s life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following

1. Don’t smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day; and
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn’t mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it’s hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it’s what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it’s really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you are the one who needs to make it what it is and what it will be.

And above all, we invite our readers to join us in expressing congratulations to the class of 2020!

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OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

To the Editor

Deborah Noble deserves your vote for Moderator

To the Editor: The Charlton Town elections are coming up on June 13, and I’m writing in support of a candidate for Town Moderator.

Deborah Noble is stepping down from her three year stint on the Select board to run for Moderator, and I can’t recommend her highly enough. I’ve known Deb for many years and have found her to be clear and straightforward in her communication. This trait is vital for the post of Moderator. However, and possibly more important, Deb is a compassionate woman who cares deeply about our town. Finally, and maybe most important, she has a great sense of humor.

Please consider casting your vote for Deborah Noble for Charlton Town Moderator.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN WALKER
CHARLTON

The optimism of the human spirit

The events unfolding as I pen this column are an insult to the human spirit. The unnecessary and terrible death of a fellow human being at the hand of someone we should trust is beyond the limits of the word tragic. I’ll resist dedicating the limited space available weekly by repeating what many other columnists are writing in the despair we all feel the over the death of George Floyd. My sympathies are with his family.

Buried in the tragedy is our nations return to human space travel. The weekend accomplishment of a wildly successful joint venture between SpaceX and NASA was something in which we should all take pride.

For the first time since 2011, American astronauts were delivered safely and successfully to the International Space Station by this collaboration between the private sector and the federal government. The United States of America has once again taken the lead and made us all proud.

I think that all the advancements are not as important as the effect these achievements have on the human spirit. Space.com writes, “Many of us still remember the first time we saw Earth from the Moon’s orbit, when the astronauts of Apollo 8 filmed it on Christmas Eve, in 1968. Many argue this global awareness started the conservation movement, which might turn out to be the space program’s greatest spinoff and may save the earth’s climate in the long run. Many of us were inspired when we saw the astronauts walk on the Moon, and realized that if mankind could do that, we could do almost anything. The achievements of NASA’s unmanned spacecraft are phenomenal, and deserving of acclaim, but they don’t lift people’s spirits to these heights.”

Our return to manned space travel is important beyond the technology it inspires. I’m a Baby Boomer. I remember as if it were yesterday, the pride of the nation as our Mercury Astronauts were breaking new ground and taking our nation into space. We were taken out of our grade school classes and brought to the gymnasium while five hundred students crowded around a small black and white television screen and struggled breathlessly to watch John Glenn become the first human being to orbit the earth. The technological climax of it all was as Neil Armstrong placed the first human foot in history on the Moon.

The pride and sheer joy of American’s have maybe never been higher since that day. It made our generation believe the stars were not the limits and we could achieve anything our minds could conceive. The very idea that we are on the path to sending astronauts to Mars is an incredible tribute to the indelible optimism of the human spirit. As Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX says, “There is a difference between improbable and impossible. If we are not defying

the laws of physics, any challenge can be met and accomplished through engineering.” That is pure optimism and it’s true.

NASA says, “Human space exploration helps to address fundamental questions about our place in the Universe and the history of our solar system. Through addressing the challenges related to human space exploration we expand technology, create new industries, and help to foster a peaceful connection with other nations.”

The past benefits of our manned space efforts are often forgotten. Ranging from kidney dialysis, fetal heart monitors and programmable heart pacemakers, these are just the tip of the technological iceberg created by our efforts to reach out to the stars. Our return to space will undoubtedly not just provide celestial travel but once again bring our nation back to the forefront of technological advancement.

Unfortunately, this magnificent achievement in space has been forever scarred by one man’s indifference and lack of compassion for his fellow man. A human being who callously placed his knee on the throat of another simply because he had the power and could, has caused pain, suffering and death. If we can figure out how to catapult two men into space and return them safely, surely, we can learn to live in peace and harmony with others ... at least logic tells us so. Unfortunately, this week, logic, compassion, and love for one another is out the window.

I believe in the compassion and love of our human nature. I know we cannot allow the tragic actions of the few to destroy the lives of the majority. Those of us who love must condemn and fight hate. Where there is good, there will also be evil, but we cannot give into this reality and must fight evil with love.

I’m left only this morning with prayer. Heavenly Father, You taught us through your words and example to love each other as we love ourselves. You commanded us not to murder, yet through all our advances, we seem unable to protect the vulnerable from the powerful. I pray for the family of George Floyd, that they will find peace amidst the chaos and comfort from their pain of loss. I pray for our nation and world to find healing and resolution to the hurt and anger rampaging through our communities and I pray fervently that we will finally internalize your words and love one another.”

Amen

I believe we will overcome. ■

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Garden “Recipes” to Try



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

It’s growing season and nearly every successful backyard gardener uses a few tricks of the trade to ensure a successful season. But the average gardener is

not without challenges this time of year, whether it is repelling pesky garden pets or curing black spot disease. With this in mind, the following tried and true “recipes,” made from ordinary household ingredients offer a creative solution to common lawn and garden problems.

*Note, these are home “recipes” from multiple sources. Use with caution and at your own risk.

Natural Pesticide

If the bugs are bugging your

precious plants, try this natural insecticide to rid your garden of the hungry pests without harsh chemicals.

Ingredients: Three hot green peppers (canned or fresh); two or three cloves of garlic; three quarters of a tsp. liquid detergent or soap; three cups water. Instructions: Puree the peppers and garlic cloves in a blender. Pour into a spray bottle and add the liquid soap and water. Let stand 24 hours. Strain out pulp and spray onto infested plants,

making sure to coat both tops and bottoms of leaves. Caution: Always test any new insecticide on a few small plants first.

Easy Pesticide

This mild insecticide uses only two ingredients, but gives bugs a powerful one-two punch!

Ingredients: One gallon water; 1/3 cup Murphy Oil Soap

Instructions: Mix oil soap

Sticking to budget can boost your emergency fund

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual’s total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.



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In normal times, it’s a good idea for you to keep three to six months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

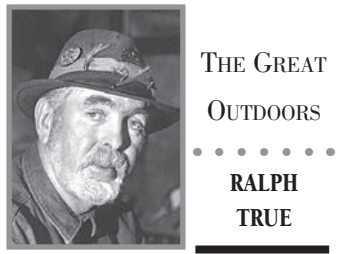
Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won’t have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you’re likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59 and a half. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it’s not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren’t going to use for your normal cash flow. That’s why it’s so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it’s up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you’ve budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you’ll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up “a few things” – because it doesn’t really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You’ll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you’ll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you’ve saved – it may be much more than you’d expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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The Covid-19 outbreak has anglers searching for answers relative to nonresidents of Rhode Island using boast ramps in Rhode Island and residents of Rhode Island using boat ramps in Massachusetts! This weekend, a couple of Rhode Island anglers were ready to launch their boat in Plymouth, Mass., hoping to catch some mackerel. They were quickly turned away by law enforcement. The ramps are open to Massachusetts residents only!

I was told that Rhode Island had the same practice, but it did not seem as though it was being enforced. I would recommend boaters that are planning to use boat ramps in Rhode Island, call the Environmental Police headquarters in Rhode Island before heading out. I tried to reach the agency over the weekend, but was unable to reach them.

This past week, Matt Fontain & this writer fished Galilee Rhode Island hoping to catch a few fish for the dinner table. We launched the boat at the state ramp, that was renovated a few years ago. There was only a couple of cars with boat trailers in the parking lot, that had evidently gone fishing. We had

stopped at Quaker Lane bait & Tackle shop to purchase a few green crabs, as we planned to catch a few tautog before the season closed, at the end of the month.

It was extremely foggy, with only a quarter mile visibility as we headed out from the boat ramp. Fortunately, Matt had a great Lowrance GPS that made it easy to navigate out to our fishing spot. This writer has been fishing the area for many years, and was extremely comfortable with the foggy conditions. After we located a few fish, we shut the motor down and started to drift, hoping to catch a few Legal-size fluke.

It was not long before we started to get a few bites on our squid strips, but we only managed to catch a few sea robins, which are mainly trash fish, although some people do eat them. They can also be cut up as bait for bottom feeding fish. This writer was drifting a piece of squid on a single hook when my rod tip suddenly bent to the water. I quickly set the hook and I realized I had a decent fish on the rod. A bit of line was stripped from the reel, as Matt quickly grabbed the net when he saw the large sea-bass come into view. I gently maneuvered the fish towards the net, which was scooped up and placed in the boat.

«Nice sea-bass,» I remarked.

Unfortunately, we had to release the fish because the season does not open until June in Rhode Island. The season is already open in Massachusetts, but the rules and regulations on saltwater recreational fishing vary from state to state. We took a quick picture and released the fish. It will more than likely end up in a commercial trawlers net before the day was out, as three trawlers were working not far from our boat! The fog had finally lifted and revealed numerous boats in the area.

Matt loves to fish as much as I do, and he was as excited as I was when his rod tip surged to the water. He quickly set the hook and the fight was on.

“Another nice fish,” I remarked.

I thought he had another sea-bass but when the fish came into view, I realized he had a nice tautog. Catching a tautog (black fish) on a fluke rig is extremely rare. I quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the four pound tautog and set it on the floor of the boat. After placing the fish into the live well, we continued fishing.

Finally, I managed to hook into a 17-inch fluke which also had to be released, as the new regulation on fluke for recreational anglers was increased to 19 inches this year. Before releasing the fish, I noticed



something in his mouth, and upon opening his mouth, I took the pliers and removed a five-inch sand eel from him. Sand eels are more common bait fish on the Cape, as I have never observed one during all of my years of fishing in Rhode Island.

The tide was ready to change so we decided to target some tautog. We headed for the light house area at Point Judith, set the anchor after finding some rocky areas and started to use crabs for bait. It was a slow bite but we managed to catch

a few undersize tautog and a few scup. The fog was starting to move back in so we decided to call it a day. Matt started the 90 horsepower motor, and we headed back to the launch area. It was a great day on the water.

Stripers are reported to be in at the Providence River again. Hopefully, they will stay around for a while. Bluefish have also started to bite in the river also.

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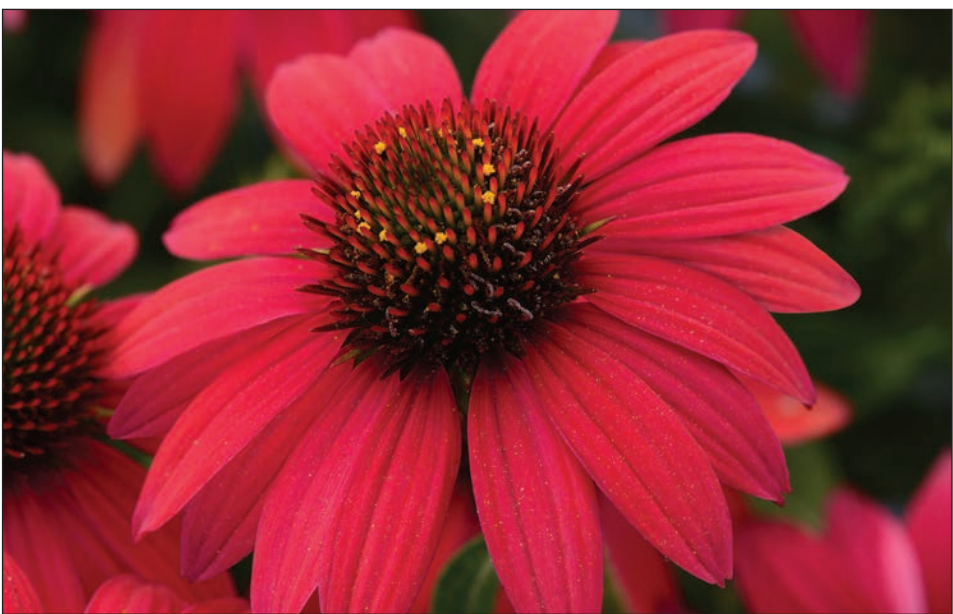


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Zielinski is pursuing a degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Audio. Founded in 1784, Becker College is an

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Silver age comic books

In my last column, I offered a brief history of comic books and discussed Modern Age and Bronze Age comic books. I will discuss the Silver Age of comic books in this column, which took place from 1956 to 1970. Some sources, including Britannica, list 1969 as the final year though.

Even though comic books were popular during the Silver Age, Britannica notes that the genre faced new competition during the 1950's. The Adventures of Superman ran on television from 1953 to 1957. Many comic book readers switched from reading Superman to viewing him on television.

DC Comics turned to other themes like science fiction and the Cold War with Russia to attract more readers, according to Britannica. In 1955, they introduced the first new character in approximately 10 years, the Manhunter from Mars. They also released updated versions of superheroes from the past: the new Flash, the new Green Lantern, Justice League and the "New Look" Batman.

The Justice League was generating such strong results for DC Comics in 1961 that Marvel Comics shifted its focus to superheroes. The Fantastic



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site has a timeline of the introduction of new comic book characters. Supergirl first appeared in 1959. The Justice League was first published in 1960. As previously mentioned, the Fantastic Four was created in 1961. 1962 saw the introduction of the Incredible Hulk and Spider-Man. Ironman and the X-Men first appeared in 1963.

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Four's premier edition was published in November of 1961. Marvel later created the Incredible Hulk, the Mighty Thor, Daredevil, the X-Men, Captain America and the Amazing Spider-Man. Guinness World Records website has a timeline of the introduction of new comic book characters. Supergirl first appeared in 1959. The Justice League was first published in 1960. As previously mentioned, the Fantastic Four was created in 1961. 1962 saw the introduction of the Incredible Hulk and Spider-Man. Ironman and the X-Men first appeared in 1963.

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also brought over \$200,000. An Incredible Hulk # 1 sold for over a third of a million dollars in 2018. A first issue of X-Men fetched nearly \$500,000 in 2012. A 1962 copy of Amazing Fantasy # 15 featuring the first appearance of Spider-Man sold for nearly \$800,000 at auction this year. That should have made the consignor feel almost superhuman.

Unfortunately, there is some disappointing local antique news. The July Brimfield Antique Show has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The September show is still scheduled though for Sept. 8 through the 13.

As I mentioned in my last column, we are changing our approach to keep everyone safe and healthy during these times. The good news is that we have reopened online bidding on our Rutland farm estate auction. We will have a preview on June 20. Masks will be required and we will be following social distancing guidelines. Bidding will end on June 24. We continue to accept smaller sized, high quality consignments that can be shipped to bidders across the country for our online only auction that will take place this month, ending on June 25.



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with water and apply to stems and leaves of plants.

Flower Bed Pet Deterrent
Made from pantry dry goods, this chemical free recipe has been used for generations of gardeners to repel pets from garden beds.

Ingredients: one part cayenne pepper; two parts dry mustard powder; four parts flour
Directions: Mix in a large paper grocery bag by holding the neck of the bag and shaking it. Distribute generously in the beds. Repellent must be reapplied after watering.

Spring Lawn Feeding Mix
This feeding solution uses basic ingredients for fast and easy lawn upkeep.

Ingredients: One cup Epsom salts; one cup ammonia
Instructions: To use with a hose sprayer, mix with enough water to equal one quart total volume and pour into the sprayer container. Fertilizes 2,500 square feet of lawn.

Green Lawn Cocktail
Give your lawn a healthy boost with this cocktail, which features the unexpected addition of beer to the above "recipe".

Ingredients: one cup Epsom salts; one cup household ammonia; one can beer; two cups water
Directions: Pour into hose-end sprayer and apply. Covers and peeps up about 2000 square feet.

All Purpose Lawn Fertilizer
Lush lawns don't have to be a luxury with this homemade brew.

Ingredients: One can of beer; one can of cola (not diet); one box or cup of apple juice; one cup lemon scented dishwashing liquid; one cup ammonia; one cup liquid lawn fertilizer.
Instructions: Mix together all ingredients. If you buy liquid lawn fertil-

izer with a hose sprayer attachment, you can use the attachment with any one liter bottle to make a 50 gallon sprayer. Spray your lawn and garden with the above mixture every three weeks, early in the day.

*For houseplants, mix four shot glasses of the above mixture to one gallon of water and add one quarter tsp. unflavored gelatin.

Black Spot Cure for Roses
Get roses back in tip top shape with this simple spray.

Ingredients: three tablespoons baking soda; one gallon water.
Directions: Mix together both ingredients and spray roses. Pick up any fallen rose leaves and burn them or take them to the dump.

Miracle Grower Garden Tonic
Are your plants suffering from lack-luster leaves? Are your blooms bowing out? Try this tonic to miraculously rejuvenate your plants this growing season.

Ingredients: Five gallon bucket; water; three pkgs. unflavored gelatin; two cups Epsom salts; one teaspoon Borax (boron); one fourth cup dishwashing liquid (made with vegetable oils, not animal fats).
Instructions: Put gelatin and Epsom salts in bucket as you fill it with water, so they will dissolve properly. Add borax and stir. Put soap in last (to keep down suds). Mix well. Use about two cups of formula per plant or group of plants. May be poured directly over foliage and allowed to soak in ground. In two to three days, plants and foliage should perk up nicely.

Cut Garden Flower Preservative
The theory behind this recipe is that Listerine contains sucrose and a bactericide to extend the life of cut flowers.

Ingredients: two ounces Listerine mouthwash; one gallon water
Directions: Mix together and pour into vase of cut flowers.

Exterior Mildew Wash

Extinguish mold on outside garden walls and other surfaces with this powerful mildew wash.

Ingredients: three quarts warm water; one quart liquid laundry bleach, such as Clorox; one quarter cup powdered laundry detergent such as Tide; two thirds of a cup trisodium phosphate (available at paint stores)
Directions: Mix well and apply to surfaces with a stiff broom. Let stand for one half hour. Rinse well with a garden hose to prevent damage to plants. Wear rubber gloves when handling.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House
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.

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Hi! My name is Justin and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" is one of my favorite songs to sing along to!

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Justin enjoys school activities such as swimming and exploring the sensory room. He benefits from specialized supports and supervision. Justin has made many strides since being at his current placement; his team is proud of the progress he is making with his communication skills, too.


Justin is legally freed for adoption. We are looking for a family with room in their hearts and lives to support Justin and his needs into adulthood. Justin especially enjoys being around other children. His social worker is hopeful to match him with a dedicated two-parent family in Massachusetts that has knowledge of medical needs.

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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.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Carter Elser, 103

CHARLTON- Helen Carter Elser, 103, passed away May 27, 2020 at the Overlook Independent Living Center.



She was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia February 3, 1917, daughter of Margaret Minor and Justin F. Carter. She had two brothers, Douglas and Raymond who passed away before her.

The family moved to the United States when Helen was 9 months old. However, she spent many happy summers in a family vacation cottage in Nova Scotia.

Helen met her husband, Max, during a time when she was a dancing instructor for Arthur Murray in Boston. They were married on December 10, 1938.

She attended Northeastern University majoring in Library Science and Psychology which led to her becoming a Medical Reference Librarian for the Department of Mental Health in Massachusetts. She retired in 1980.

Helen had many interests. She was

a passionate duplicate bridge player and played in many state tournaments around Massachusetts. Antiques was another interest and she and her husband had a small business called "ME and HE antiques". She was active in the Congregational Church in Ipswich where the family lived for many years. She also loved to write and had articles published relating both her work as a librarian and to her life experiences.

Her husband Max was a devoted Mason and when Overlook in Charlton was built, they decided to spend the rest of their retirement years there. They moved to Overlook Life Care Community in May of 2007.

She is survived by her two sons, Edson Elser and Max A. Elser, III.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the ROBERT J MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd.

Burial and private services will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, N.Y.

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

Leo H. Cote, Sr., 92

DUDLEY- Leo H. Cote, Sr., 92, of Albee Rd., passed away on Tuesday, May 26th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness.



He leaves his wife of 57 years, Emma M. (Lavallee) Cote; his two sons, Leo H. Cote, Jr. and his wife Peggy of Charlton and Brian Cote of Dudley; his three daughters, Jeannette St. Pierre and her husband Norman of Spencer, Linda Johnson of New York and Sheila Dunn of Webster; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild. He was predeceased by two sons, Keith Joseph Cote in 1964 and Robert Cote in 2019 and by a daughter, Geraldine Cote in 2018. He was also predeceased by his two brothers, James Cote and Earl Cote and by his sister, Lillian Boise. Leo was born in Hyde Park, VT the son of Leo A. and Velma P. (Nichols) Cote.

Leo worked for Ken's Bottle Gas and which later became Sahagan Propane in Rochdale for 26 years, retiring many years ago. He was a member of the

Teamsters Local 170 of Worcester. He also previously worked for Consumer's Market in Southbridge and Schott Fiber Optics in Southbridge. After retiring he worked as a bus driver for 11 years for the Southbridge Liver Co. and the Town of Dudley. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley and served on the St. Anthony Parish Council. Leo was also a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus council #228 of Dudley and Webster. Leo was a past Grand Knight and was a Sponsor to nearly 150 new members of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed working in his yard, playing cards and traveling with his wife.

A funeral Mass for Leo was held on Monday, June 1st, at 10:00am in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd, Dudley. Burial followed in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no public calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Webster Dudley Food Share, 4 Church St. #2, Webster, MA 01570.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Paul L. Lafleche

Paul L. Lafleche of Okeechobee, Florida passed away peacefully on May 25, 2020. He was born on August 22, 1945



in Southbridge, MA to the late Henry O. & Rita F. Lafleche. He leaves behind his beloved soulmate Bernice Blain Broughton, his loving son, Richard L. Lafleche of Woodstock, CT, his loving daughter, Kelly Lafleche

Cristo of Charlton, MA, His brother, Donald Lafleche of Southbridge, MA. His beloved grandchildren, Benjamin Lafleche, Brian Cristo, Lacey Cristo, Laynie Cristo. Brianna, Sierra, Riley, Gabriella Rowe, Brooke Broughton.

In addition, great grandchildren, Caedon, Brody, Ameila, & great grand-

daughter, Oakley. He is predeceased by his son, Michael S. Lafleche of Woodstock, CT.

In addition, he leaves behind many beloved friends.

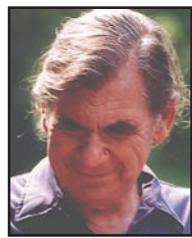
Paul grew up in Southbridge, MA where he was owner of Pauls Used Cars in Sturbridge until moving to Stuart, FL in 1987 where he continued working as a sheet metal mechanic. He retired early and relocated to Okeechobee, FL where he enjoyed boating

and the lake. During his lifetime, he loved boating, fishing, beaching and collecting stuff along with flea marketing.

He loved people and always made a new friend. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and had the best infectious laugh. He loved riding the roller coasters with his kids.

Services will be held at a later date.

Lee Bradford Borden,



Lee Bradford Borden, longtime resident of Charlton MA passed away peacefully in his sleep around dawn on May 29, 2020. He is survived by his

wife Pauline (Yvon) Borden and son Michael, daughter-in-law Elizabeth, granddaughter Rowan and her husband Thomas, granddaughter Jenna, son-in-law Luke and pre-deceased by his daughter Rebecca. Also surviving are his two sisters Susan and Nancy as well

as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800) 733-1830



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John Moore Miller Sr., 75

WOODSTOCK CT- John M. Miller Sr., 75, of Woodstock, CT, died unexpectedly on Wednesday May 20, 2020 doing what he loved. Born in Worcester, MA on August 30th, 1944, John was the son of the late Ralph E. Miller and Ruth I. Miller, predeceased by his sister Ruth Ida Miller. He is survived by Carol, his wife of



48 years, his children Lisa C. (Miller) Nowak and her husband James, John M. Miller Jr. and his wife Ginny, Lauren H. (Miller) Daoust and husband Ron, Evelyn F. (Miller) Wright, and Pamela J. (Miller) Soucy and husband Patrick, his grandchildren TJ Nowak, Marissa Nowak, Kimberly (Miller) Farragher and her husband Pat, Samatha Miller, Kassandra (Miller) Taylor and her husband John, Matthew Miller, Joshua Nowak, Amanda Nowak, Alicia (Daoust) Cullinane and her husband Pat, Michael Daoust, Nevin George, Ian George, Kathryn (George) Coates and her husband Noah, Thomas Soucy and his wife Stephanie, and Collin Soucy and 6 great grandchildren.

He graduated from Woodstock

Academy (1962) and earned an Associates Degree in Industrial Science from Manchester Community Technical College. John started as a manager of Farmshop restaurant where he met his wife. He was the owner of CJ's Family Restaurant in Vernon, a machinist at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford and retired from Superwinch in Putnam as a manager.

John was known as a mischievous troublemaker with a unique sense of humor. He was an avid reader, loved hunting, beekeeping and dabbling on his Woodstock property where he grew up. He loved to talk about his five kids born within 3 years with no twins. For 14 years he and his wife enjoyed traveling throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico in their three different RV's. They volunteered 10 times for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, state parks and the National Park Service. His favorite position was at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument deep in the Sonoran Desert as a National Park Interpretive Volunteer.

Graveside service will be held by family at their convenience. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to the National Park Service by going to www.nationalparks.org

Margaret Goll

Margaret Goll affectionately known as Mom, Peggy, Peg, Peg 'O My Heart and "Leo" passed away peacefully on Sunday May third, at her residence in Charlton, Massachusetts.

Peggy was born to William and Louise Hayes and was the oldest of their three children. She grew up in the Bronx where she met her to be husband Edward Goll. Many years later at a mutual friends' wedding the flame was kindled and they became a couple. They married in 1951 and celebrated their sixty seventh anniversary shortly before Ed passed away in 2018.

Mom worked for NY Telephone until the first of their four girls was born (she must have washed and folded 50,000 diapers in the evenings as the girls were growing). When they were expecting their second daughter they decided to move to the "country" where they found their first home with a yard in Thornwood. It was at that house that a vegetable garden provided stock for Peg's growing culinary skills. Peg also kept the basement freezer stocked with deliveries from Tony the butcher in the Bronx and she created amazing meals that fed the body and soul. A great testament to her skills as a chef was the proudly stated phrase "Yes it's home-made."

She developed her love of sewing while helping her mom, who was a professional seamstress. After school Peg would help with finishing the garments her Mom had created. As Peg's family grew the sewing machine was always busy (often late into the night) turning fabric that Ed brought home from Manhattan into everyday clothes and holiday outfits for the "Goll Girls."

As their family grew Peg and Ed moved the family into a bigger home while they were expecting their fourth child. Dogs and cats in need of a home joined the family. Peg's taxi service supported Girl Scouts, horseback riding, volleyball, piano lessons, chorus, Rainbow, cross country, religious instruction, cheerleading, church, bake sales and countless trips to and from friends and college. Peg taught us the value of friends as her friends and neighbors became our extended family. Visits and traveling dinners were frequent. We learned to share their joys and challenges as we grew alongside their families.

Peg and Ed loved the water and were blessed with having two retirement homes, the first in Virginia surrounded by the Chesapeake and afterwards the

second in Montauk when the summer cottage gave way to a year round home.

Wherever their home was Mom was always happiest when the family would gather together, to celebrate holidays, go fishing or just to spend time together. Peg was a dedicated wife and Mom who loved her family fiercely. She held us all to higher standards, academically, professionally, socially and morally. She insisted that we all knew how to take care of ourselves and others, and also knew the importance of dedicating our effort to causes beyond ourselves.

She happily embraced her son in laws and grandchildren into the family and held them to the same standards. She was very wise and was not shy about giving you her opinion (usually in no uncertain terms). But we always knew that her opinion was her vision of what was best for us, and we were grateful that she cared enough about us to speak her mind.

Peg lost her husband of 67 years in 2018 and is survived by her four daughters and their families; Anita and John and their children Kimberly and Raymond and Rays' wife Tory; Suzanne and Mace and their son Eddy; Joyce and Ken and their animal rescue family A.J, Otis and Wiley, and Barbara and her boys Matt and Christian.

Peggy will be missed dearly by many, but we know she is at peace with Ed in heaven.

Due to the health concerns in the world today, a celebration of her life will be held at the convenience of the family sometime in the future in Montauk, NY. Mom was passionate about the intelligence, family structure and current plight of elephants. We ask that in lieu of flowers donations in Peggy's memory be made to Save the Elephants (SaveTheElephants.org) or The World Wildlife Fund (WorldWilsLifw.org).

Finally, the family would like to thank the Nurses and Doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester and all of the amazing nurses, therapists and staff at the Overlook in Charlton, MA for their professionalism, support and caring of Peg and her family.

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 offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Margaret.

Scott A. Duval, 57

CHARLTON- Scott A. Duval, 57, passed away unexpectedly at his home on May 28, 2020. Scott was born in



Worcester, June 10, 1962, to Wilfred and Regina Duval of Millbury, MA. Scott graduated from Blackstone Valley Tech, and had a successful career working in the sales and technical service of print-

ing and publishing equipment. Scott was an avid golfer, enjoyed camping, fishing and spent many years coaching Oxford Youth Basketball, but Scott was his happiest and proudest when he was amongst his children, Danielle Bakerlis, Emily and her partner Keith LaFountaine, Alexander Duval, Haley Banfill, and Justin and Don Freeland, and with his grandchildren, Jackson Duval, and Abel and Dylan Bakerlis. They were all truly the light of his life.

Scott is also survived by his mother, Regina (Pinkala) Duval, his sister, Laurie Bird, and his brothers Keith and Christopher, as well as his former wives Kathryn Znamierowski and Kim Duval, companion Donna Freeland, and his nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, there are no calling hours.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Scott at 11 AM, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton.

(Social distancing and face masks are still required at this time, under the state guidelines)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Recovery Centers of America, 9 Village Inn Rd., Westminster, MA. 01473.

The ROBERT J. MILLER - CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton is assisting the family with arrangements.

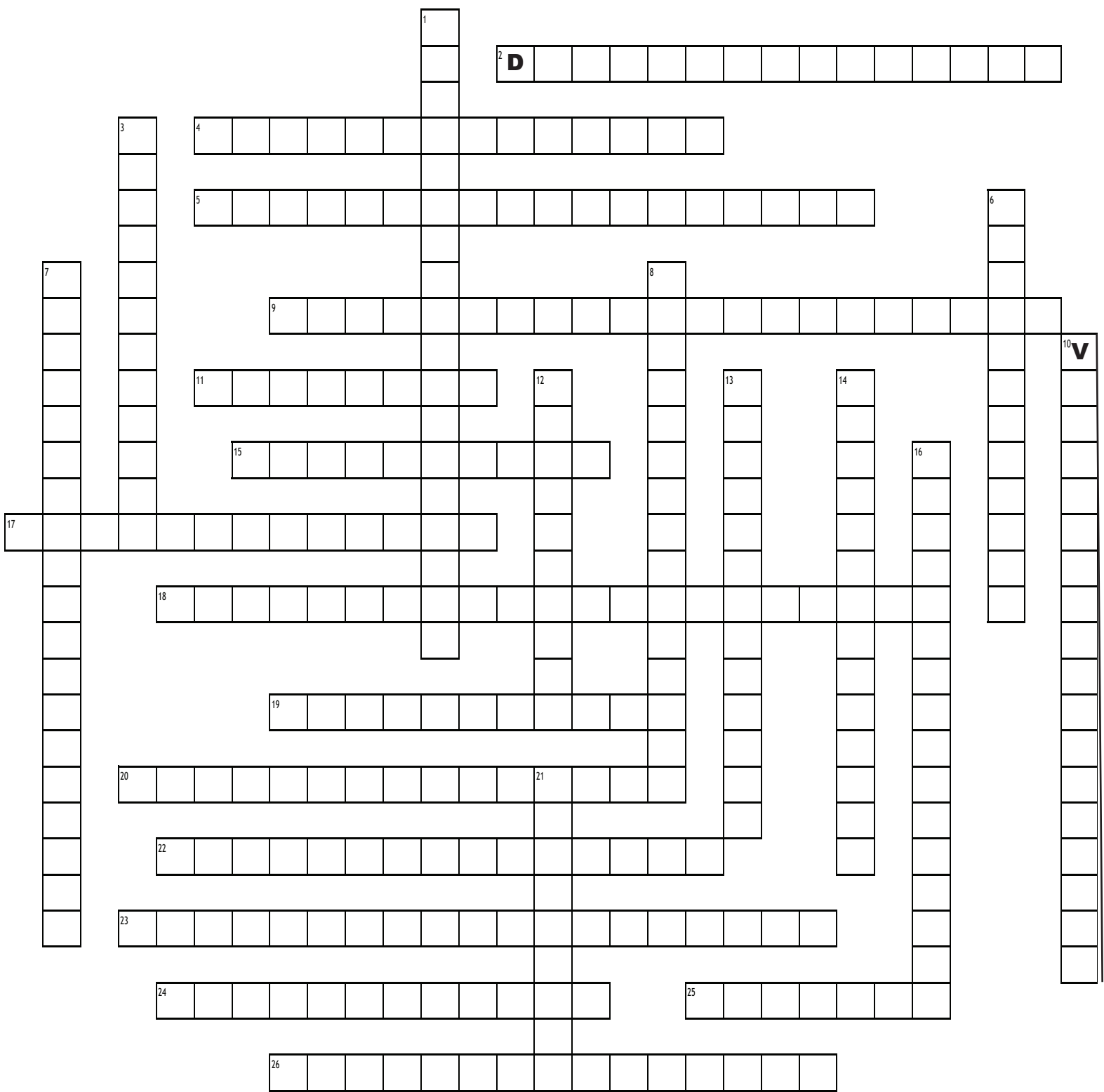
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- 17. Outside Seating Now Open!
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WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer. **ON DEPOSIT \$70,000**

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Webster - Potential 6 Buildable Lots! Water/Sewer Access, Zoned Lake Residential **\$129,400.**

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bor village of Rockport, Maine. Over the next 34 years, he built the school into an international conservatory. In 1996, the school became a college with an undergraduate and MFA graduate program.

Now, in retirement, Lyman is taking advantage of the opportunity to focus entirely on his writing. His wide variety of titles will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

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Brewing Company for being ahead of the curve in prioritizing outdoor seating. Selectman John McGrath said he feels it will be a good move for Tree House.

“A lot more business in the cities are going to have to do this to extend their premises so they can have outdoor seating,” McGrath said. “I think this is a good step for them.”

Golinski responded saying

“Since retiring, I’ve been writing books I wanted to write while I was busy building an educational empire. Now I have the time, the material, and my memory still intact,” Lyman said. “I’m creating something to share with family, fellow travelers, and anyone interested.”

Lyman’s memoir was released by McFarland Publishing. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and McFarland Publishing.

For more information on the memoir, or to check out photos and sample chapters, visit www.Seabee71.com.

Lyman is currently wrapping up a draft of his next project, a memoir of growing up on a lake in Sturbridge. The book will cover his memories of Sturbridge’s old drive-in theater, watching Tantasqua High School being built, working at WARE radio, and filling ice cream cones at Deary Brothers, among several others. Local residents will enjoy reading about Sturbridge in the ‘50s and ‘60s.

that while the plans are not a direct response to the pandemic it will help with their plans to reopen as businesses begin to welcome guests back on their properties. However, the overall idea is to give customers a good experience whether in the current business climate or in a more “normal” business atmosphere.

“We have a lot of people (on weekends). It’s a little bit overwhelming. It’s nice to see those people but we also want people to be comfortable and not to feel so claustrophobic. We’re hoping

this is going to create a more leisurely type of experience,” Golinski said.

Selectmen reiterated past comments calling Tree House Brewing Company “great partners” for the community and crediting them with being proactive when working with police to control traffic and adjusting to the COVID-19 pandemic. The green space portion of the project approved during the meeting is expected to be completed by July.

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