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A scene from the tornado that rolled through Webster two years ago this week.

Celebrate 100 years of women’s suffrage

BY ELAINE F. DAVIES, PH.D.
WEBSTER

WEBSTER — On Aug. 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, granting the vote to women, was adopted when Tennessee ratified the amendment. It was certified on Aug. 26, 1920.

If this was not such an unusual year, we would have celebrated 100 years

of women’s suffrage (as we would have celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in April) with library exhibits, lectures—who knows—maybe even celebratory gatherings. Alas, not to be...but we should remember—masked, or in the privacy of our homes with our families—those who made it happen. Women’s suffrage was not easy to get. This amendment to the Constitution was long in

coming— 80 years and three generations of effort—as Barbara Berenson writes in “Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement”—and “victory was never inevitable. Recently, PBS released an excellent documentary on the suffrage movement called the Vote, as part of its American Experience series. It presents a clear picture of the national fight and the heroes we recognize

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From jail to table

SHERIFF DELIVERS VEGGIES GROWN FROM ORGANIC FARM AT HOUSE OF CORRECTION



Courtesy

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis delivers two hundred pounds of fresh organic produce grown at the jail farm located in West Boylston to the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Pictured from left to right are WCSO Farm Director John Travaglio, Webster-Dudley Food Share volunteers; Angel Santiago & Jacob Reed, Sheriff Evangelidis, Webster-Dudley Food Share President A.J. Alkire and WCSO staff member Shaun Mullaney.

REGION — For the past ten years, the Worcester County Jail & House of Correction has been home to the largest working organic farm located at a correctional facility in the Commonwealth.

Tended to by inmates who qualify and volunteer for the program and by maintenance staff at the jail, the fifteen acre farm grows bell

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Exploring New England’s tornado history

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION—As Webster, Southbridge and points west know quite well, Massachusetts has a history of tornadoes. Last Thursday, a National Weather Service webinar took a look at that history, exploring why the storms develop.

As NWS-Boston’s Science & Operations Officer Joe Dellicarpini noted, the June 2, 2011, tornado was nearly identical to the more deadly June 9 Worcester tornado of 1958.

In both cases, the weather was “typical of an almost plains-type severe weather day,” but very rare here – “probably a once in 50 or 60 year event,” he said. In both cases and most plains tornadoes, the day’s weather featured high instability, high humidity, a strong

wind shear (rapidly changing direction and/or speed at different elevations), and rapid vertical temperature changes. Those features tend to create supercell thunderstorms, which often spawn “hook-like structures” and “bright and tight” features on radar that are characteristic of tornadoes, Dellicarpini said.

The 1958 twister was a strong EF-4, killing 94, injuring 1288, and destroying about 4000 buildings during an 84-minute rampage over 46 miles. The 2011 storm was a strong EF-3 with winds estimated at 160 mph, killing 3, injuring about 200, and destroying hundreds of buildings over 38 miles. (Tornadoes are measured on the Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale from EF-0 to EF-5.)

“The staff actually

knew the history of the [1958] weather system,” with a tornado outbreak in Michigan the prior day, he said. “But they decided against [giving a tornado warning] because they didn’t want to be ‘unnecessarily alarming.’”

On the other hand, the NWS did issue Massachusetts’ first ever warning about “locally severe” thunderstorms. After seeing the “classic pattern” of a radar “hook” when the tornado was hitting Holden and getting photos of it hitting Shrewsbury, NWS did issue a tornado warning for the Boston area – “after the tornado was done, unfortunately,” he added.

That day had three other tornadoes as well – two in New Hampshire and an EF-3 from Sutton

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Shepherd Hill cancels planned graduation

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Despite recent plans to hold an in-person graduation ceremony for Dudley and Charlton seniors, Regional School District Superintendent Steven Lamarche announced in a press released that the proposed Aug. 2 celebration was cancelled.

Outgoing seniors from Shepherd Hill Regional High School were initially planning to attend a special ceremony honoring their graduation after the Class of 2020 saw their big day put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ic. Sadly, the pandemic was also the primary reason for the cancellation of the August ceremony after representatives of both towns voiced safety concerns with school officials.

“We have been consulting with town health agents and after a representative Town of Dudley and Town of Charlton Board of Health meeting it was determined and recommended to cancel the event. Our state has experienced an uptick in COVID-19 cases and the older children and young adults have been impacted the most. You will see recent reporting

in neighboring towns experiencing the impact. Out of an abundance of caution it has become necessary to cancel our event,” Superintendent Lamarche said in his announcement.

Lamarche offered his sincere apology to the class of 2020 that the pandemic has caused them to once again be unable to celebrate their accomplishments from their senior year in a public forum. He added that the decision was a difficult one that they believe has everyone’s health, safety and best interests in

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Dudley library to remain closed

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – Despite announcing their intent to reopen in May, the Pearl L. Crawford Library in Dudley will remain closed for the time being with all clients being directed to the library in Webster for service. The town made the announcement on July 28 through social media thanking patrons for their patience and confirming that phone calls and emails will not be answered from the library until further notice.

The announcement led to many questions among citizens, including the purpose of the extended closing or any underlying factors behind it. According to Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda, the answer was simple. The Department of Public Health has asked libraries across the Commonwealth to remain closed as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and the town of Dudley has had to make difficult decisions during the reopening process and without solid state budget numbers in hand.

“Since March, the mission of the Library Director and Children’s Librarian changed. Part of the mission was administrative, which included in-house duties and the delivery of social-media-based programs and the other, vital part of the mis-

sion became to provide public outreach to vulnerable members of the community through community-based services such as elder services, religious-based groups, charitable organizations and the local Council on Aging,” Ruda said in an interview. “Additionally, both staff members remained in contact with local businesses to determine if assistance was needed in getting the word-out to the community about curbside and take-out services, and more recently, in fast-tracking the application and permission to re-open business with outdoor seating and other phased approaches. It is one of the many examples of the need for local governments to quickly adapt to unprecedented conditions and to re-invent the ways and means of continuing to serve the public, when the public has been excluded and confined, by public order, from actually being ‘in-public.’ It was and continues to be, a daily, trial and error undertaking.”

Ruda said he has been in contact with the Library Trustees about a phased approach to limited reopening, which would begin with curbside service through phase 3 of the state’s reopening plan. This approach is consistent with recommendations from the Department of Public Health. The Town Administrator also admitted

that the lack of local aid and Chapter 70 numbers from the state complicates things even more.

“Where other towns have instituted some lay-offs and furloughs on an intermittent basis, Dudley’s budget, revenue amounts, reserves and local tax rates do not provide a sufficient cushion for the Town to gamble with the unknown local aid figures from the state that, in the best-case scenario, will be above the FY-20 amount but reportedly now, and in all likelihood, will be level-funded or below,” said Ruda. “The strategy remains to limit and cut spending during the initial stages of the economic crisis during the stay-at-home period and phased but limited reopenings to provide for sufficient funding to enable the Town to re-open services as conditions improve, and critical services are required rather than to find out that lowered local aid amounts have forced deeper spending and staffing cuts at the exact time that we are trying to reopen our local economy, support the return to school and plow snow.”

Ruda added that the community can “rest assured” that Dudley’s library serves will return but the town needs to approach that in a manner that takes into consideration many unknowns. For the time being library aids remain furloughed and

personnel will be brought back to help the Library Director and Children’s Librarian when curbside pickup is implemented. Ruda clarified that any rumors on social media indicating that the status of the library, which has been closed to the public since March, is due to any recent medical issues with staff or that there are other intentions behind the closure are simply hearsay.

“There is a lot of anxiety, pessimism and fear of the unknown during these times and sometimes, people assume mal-intent when it is introduced to them by individuals that crave attention as a conspiracy. I’m happy to put an end to that right now. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees, the library is not ‘permanently’ closing. Closing the library permanently was never discussed, considered, introduced as an idea or plan or casually brought-up. Has and will the library model change due to COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing economic uncertainty? Of course. Everything has and will change,” Ruda said. “Finally, it is very important to understand that the Town of Dudley will never report or announce the medical status of any of its employees or any individual members of our community that have entrusted us with that information.”



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Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 24-31.

Adam R. Carbonneau, age 25, of Charlton was arrested on July 25 for a Marked Lanes Violation, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on July 25 for Disorderly Conduct and Assault & Battery-Domestic on a Family or Household Member.

Matthew D. Brzowski, age 33, of Dudley was arrested on July 28 in connection with a warrant.

Sally Buffum of Dudley receives Fidelity Bank’s Mission Accomplished Award



Sally Buffum

LEOMINSTER — Fidelity Bank Senior Vice President, Business Banking Officer Sally Buffum of Dudley was among those being virtually hon-

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IT Technician Damian Scott of Leominster received the Mission

Accomplished award representing the support departments of the bank. Five staff members were given Role Model Awards. They are Phillis Johnson of Gardner for Continuous Learning and Improvement; Alexandria Morrissey of Hubbardston for Pursuing Excellence; Ridge Markeseines of Winchendon for Maintaining a Positive and Fun Work Environment; Dan Ramos of Baldwinville for Treating Everyone with Care and Respect; and Brittany Roberge of Rutland for Making Sound and Ethical Professional Decisions.

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Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 26 to Aug. 1.

Patricia A. Butler, age 77, of Charlton was arrested on July 26 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Operating So As to Endanger.

Elese M. Elia, age 36, of Webster was arrested on July 27 in connection with a warrant.

Scott Anthony Vanzandt, age 35, of Webster was arrested on July 28 on Probable Cause from Another Agency.

Anna Szwarch, age 36, of Webster was arrested on July 29 in connection with a warrant.

Michael A. Rodriguez, age 25, of Providence, R.I. was arrested on July 29 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit, and in connection with an out of agency warrant.

William S. Tetreault, age 63, of Webster was arrested on July 30 for Assault & Battery and two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Joseph Kruzewski, age 42, of Webster was arrested on July 31 in connection with a Warrant of Apprehension.

David J. Smith, age 33, of East Brookfield was arrested on July 31 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Leaving the Scene of Personal Injury, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Leaving the Scene of Property Damage.

A 31-year-old female from Webster was taken into protective custody for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace on Aug. 1.

Dudley police respond to motorcycle crash

DUDLEY — On Saturday, Aug. 1 at approximately 11:50 p.m., Dudley Police Officers Tyler Smith and Mariano Conte responded, along with Dudley Fire and EMS Personnel, to a motorcycle crash on Charlton Road near the intersection of Tomahawk Drive. A 33-year-old male was traveling east on Charlton Road on a Kawasaki motorcycle. He may have been accompanied by other motorcyclists at the time of the incident.

This driver lost control and crashed along the eastbound side of the road. He was transported by a responding mutual aid Webster Ambulance to UMass Hospital in Worcester with serious injuries. He is currently in intensive care. Members of the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Accident Reconstruction Team responded to assist with the investigation. More information, including the victim’s name, will be available later.

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School facilities to remain closed

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Dudley and Charlton school facilities will remain closed to the public until further notice as the district continues to discuss its reopening plans for the fall.

During a meeting in late July the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee decided to reaffirm the limited access

to buildings following a recommendation from Richard Mathieu, the district’s Director of Finance and Operations.

“It is our recommendation that schools continue to prohibit the use of indoor facilities until the virus situation is better managed. This is airing on the side of ultra-caution and is recognized that this will have an impact on some local groups, however if we do want to stop the potential spread of the virus within the school

walls it’s logical to limit the numbers of people who may enter the schools,” Mathieu said.

The recommendation also included school fields and playground remain closed although policing those outdoor facilities was seen as a complication.

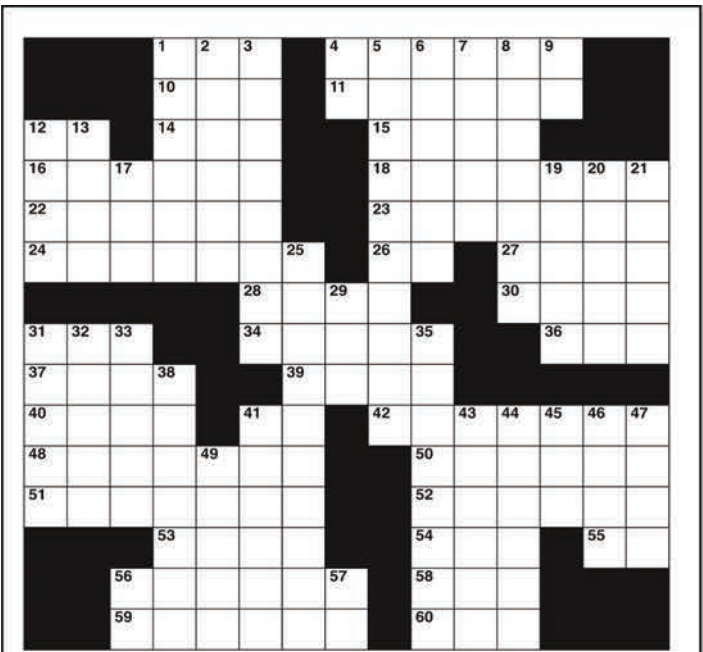
Superintendent Steven Lamarche entertained motions from the committee noting that they district only has the capacity to police entry into the buildings.

“We’re not officially sanctioning the fields. I know daily I watch not tons, but a handful of people use our fields and track and basketball courts out back. The district doesn’t have the capacity to police those,” Lamarche said.

After a short discussion, some committee members felt uncomfortable dictating how the administration handled school facilities while others felt a vote would “take the heat” off of administrators

putting any pressure from the public on the shoulders of the committee instead. Motions made were withdrawn but it was decided to put in the minutes of the meeting that the committee supported the administration’s decision making for access to the buildings.

Superintendent Lamarche also noted that exceptions can be made for emergency situations should they arise in order to help support the health and safety of the community.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of on

4. Creator

10. No seats available

11. About springtime

12. Flagship ESPN show (abbr.)

14. Automobile

15. A matchup

16. Porous volcanic rock

18. Utter repeatedly

22. Not written in any key

23. Revolved

24. Archrival

26. Within

27. Smoker’s accessory

28. Disfigure

30. Primordial matter

31. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

34. Kisses
36. Some is iced

37. A way to derive

39. Unaccompanied by others

40. Discontinued Google app

41. Tony B. left his heart there

42. Condiment

48. Ancient Italian city

50. One who distributes payoff money

51. Guarantees

52. Highly decorative

53. A hair on top of the eye

54. Pie ____ mode

55. Spanish be

56. Glued

58. A way to drench

59. Part of the body

60. Changes the color

CLUES DOWN

1. Passerine birds

2. Noisy quarrel

3. The front arm or leg of an animal

4. Early multimedia

5. Golden years

6. Large mollusk

7. Small arm of the sea

8. Persian jurisdiction

9. Atomic #81

12. From end to end

13. Adorable

17. Ma

19. Nearly falling

20. Portable conical tent

21. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
25. Fish with high dorsal fins

29. Equal (prefix)

31. Aquatic plant genus

32. Choppers

33. Hand parts

35. Region bordering the sea

38. Well-liked

41. Nap

43. It’s used to make beer

44. Related on the father’s side

45. Senior officer

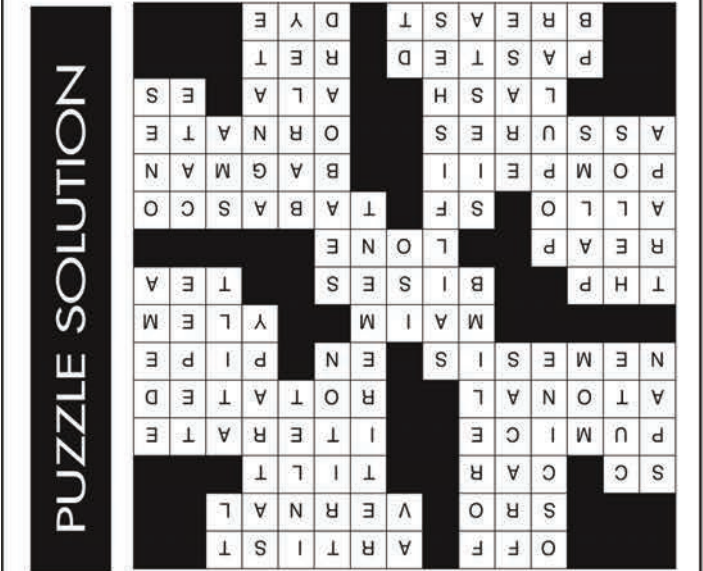
46. Delicacy (archaic)

47. Figures

49. A way to take away

56. Beloved sandwich ____&J

57. Symptom typical of withdrawal (abbr.)



Samantha Alves earns Dean’s List honors at Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Samantha Alves, of Oxford has been named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester.

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St. Andrew Bobola hosting Polish Platter Sale

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Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Prizes are \$1,000 (1st), \$500 (2nd) and \$250 (3rd). In addition, weather permitting, there will be an outdoor Mass at 4 pm. To allow for social distancing at Mass, attendees are asked to wear masks and bring their own chairs! So please swing by, pick up some fresh Polish food, stay for Mass or support our church’s raffle! (Raffle tickets can also be purchased in advance by calling Paula at 508-248-4237, emailing Niksa@charter.net or from the rectory at 54 West Main St., 508-943-5633.)

Rebecca Nguyen named to Bentley University’s President’s List, NE10 Academic Excellence Honor Roll

WALTHAM — Bentley University announced that Rebecca Nguyen has been named to the School’s President’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. The President’s List is the highest distinction Bentley confers for academic excellence in a single semester. Students must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with no grade below 3.0 to earn a place on the President’s List. Bentley University is named as one of the top 100 best business schools in the United States. Popular majors include finance, accounting, business, and management.

The Northeast-10 splits its Academic Honor Roll into three categories: Academic Excellence for those with a 4.0, Academic Distinction for those between 3.50 and 3.99, and Academic Honors for those between 3.00 and 3.49. Rebecca was one of sixteen Falcons to receive Academic Excellence this past Spring 2020 semester.

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Local troubadours Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards to perform summer concert

WEBSTER – Local folk troubadours and Webster residents Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards with their studio band will perform Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the French River Park at 6 p.m. Rain date for the concert will be Thursday August 13. This concert is one of very few that the group will be able to perform for a live audience in 2020 due to the COVID 19 virus and the safety precautions required. The group is very grateful for this opportunity as many of the players are Webster residents. The new album “Road May Rise” will be available for purchase at the event on CD and Vinyl LPs. The town of Webster recreation department will have pizza and drinks available for purchase. Please remember to follow social distancing guidelines and when not seated please wear a mask.

The concert will feature songs from the new CD “Road May Rise,” their third studio album recorded at Signature Sounds Studio (Pomfret,

Conn.) and mixed/mastered at Black Forest Sound Studios (Philadelphia, Pa.). The title track, written by Mandeville for a play performed at the Factory Theater in Chicago, has been awarded Honorable Mention by the Songwriters’ Association of Washington, D.C. (SAW). Studio musicians include Doug Williamson (piano, guitar, mandolin, upright bass), Peter Hart (pedal steel, guitar) and Zack Ciras (upright bass). All songs have been written by Mark and Raianne, except for the spirited cover of Robin and Linda Williams’ “Don’t Let Me Come Home A Stranger.”

Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards are best recognized within the state for organizing the Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour. In the fall of 2017 Mandeville & Richards were acknowledged in the congressional record by senator Edward Markey for their community efforts throughout the commonwealth.



Local students receive Bachelor’s degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 6,600 students received bachelor’s degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as the university held a virtual commencement celebration for the Class of 2020 on May 8.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

OXFORD
Jessica Daury
Bridget Marie Johnson
Noah Robert Kersting-Mumm
Adam S Rivelli
Christopher Walne

WEBSTER
Megan Emma Candito
Tia Erlich
Joseph Ralph
Marco Hisham Zaky

Webster residents graduate from Anna Maria College

PAXTON — Webster resident Kayla Keogh, Nursing major, received her Nursing pin, and Rachel Davis, Social Work major, received her Social Work pin as graduates of Anna Maria College’s Class of 2020.

Dudley resident named to UMass Dean’s List

AMHERST — The University of Massachusetts congratulates Nicole Look of Dudley on being named to the Dean’s List for the Spring Semester of 2020.

Dudley residents earn Nursing pins

PAXTON — Dudley residents Brittany Decker and Olivia Tsoumakas, Nursing majors, recently received their Nursing pins as graduates of Anna Maria College’s Class of 2020.





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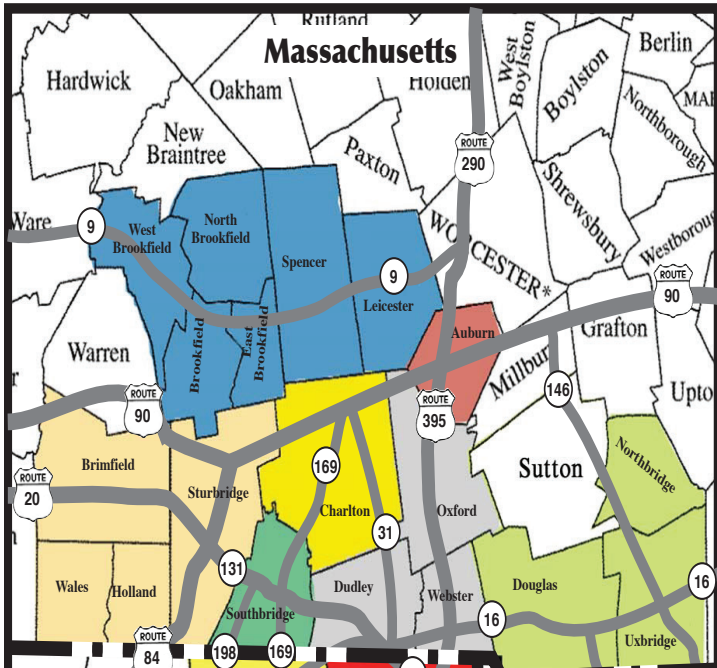
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to Mansfield. By 2011, NWS had a much better warning system, sending out emergency alerts, meaning that although the June 1 twister caused major damage along its route from West Springfield to Southbridge the deaths and injuries were far lower. That day also saw two other short-lived EF-1 tornadoes in Central Massachusetts and a second supercell to the north that never developed tornadoes. “I personally never thought I’d ever see anything like this,” Dellicarpini said of investigating the track afterward. “It seemed, especially in Monson, like a bomb went off.” Meteorologist Rodney

Chai showed a map stating that Worcester County has seen the most tornadoes (43) since records have been kept. The storms generally occur in the western part of southern New England in part because ocean temperatures in spring limit the extent of severe weather to the east, he said. Nationwide, tornadoes mostly occur in the central plains, where colliding cold Canadian air, warm Gulf air and a low-level jet stream create instability. The stretch from southern Minnesota to Texas is “Tornado Alley” and sees the greatest number of tornadoes on Earth, but significant storms also hit a wide swath of the southeast, particularly Alabama and Mississippi. Chai noted that tornado strength is defined

by “high-impact wind damage.” Often, he said, what matters is “not the amount of damage, but the pattern of damage.” Tornadoes are “usually chaotic,” with downed trees criss-crossing because of the rotation. Microbursts can cause a similar level of localized damage, but trees “line up in the same direction,” he said. (Dellicarpini later added microbursts can themselves spawn tornadoes.) Among the things investigators look for are damage to houses, trees being uprooted and stripped of bark, and reports of debris swirling in the air. Certain ranges of windspeed cause certain levels of damage, but that depends on the sturdiness of the structure and the health of the trees, among other things.

Dellicarpini later noted that most storms “show some sort of rotation,” so they base tornado warnings on three factors – the rotation’s strength, persistence and depth through the storm. Terrain can affect tornado development, with river valleys being a source of wind shear that can cause rotation, he added. He said the region’s tornado history dates back at least to Aug. 15, 1787, when at least five tornadoes were documented in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They caused “many injuries” and extensive tree damage, but just two deaths because the population was so sparse. He summarized a list of other tornadic outbreaks since 1953. One of the biggest and more unusual

ones was the EF-4 that hit Windsor Locks, Conn., in October 1979, killing three, injuring 500 and causing extensive damage to Bradley Airport. Initial reports “were of an explosion, not a tornado,” he said. By contrast, the Aug. 4, 2018 twister that rolled through downtown Webster was much more typical of New England tornadoes. It was a short-lived (just one minute and a half-mile long) EF-1 with 110 mph winds causing “quite bit of damage” but just one injury, he said. Official records from that date show the NWS issued a tornado warning 13 minutes before it touched down in Dudley, and the fact that went to the town’s reverse 911 system probably saved lives. A second “weak, narrow” twister lasted four minutes in

Woodstock causing minimal damage. Chai made a distinction between tornado watches and warnings. The former happen when “the ingredients are there, so you should use the time to plan” and watch the sky. A warning, by contrast, means someone has actually reported a funnel cloud touching down, and its arrival is “imminent.” Under such circumstances, he said, people should take shelter and “hunker down until the tornado is over to save your life.” NWS-Boston webinars are available on the agency’s YouTube page addressing a wide range of weather-related topics.

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peppers, cabbage, celery, corn, green beans, zucchini, squashes, eggplant, tomatoes and in the fall a bumper crop of pumpkins. “The mission of our farm is to feed both our inmate population and to help feed the hungry in our community,” said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. During the harvest season, the jail donates and delivers on average three hundred to five hundred pounds per day of fresh organic vegetables to food pantries, meals programs, veterans groups and community centers throughout Worcester County to help those who struggle with food insecurity. On Wednesday, July 29, the Sheriff and members from the jail farming staff dropped off freshly picked prison produce at the Webster-Dudley Food Share,

Webster and Charlton Senior Centers and Douglas Adult Social Center. All have nutritional outreach programs that help feed the community and the elderly. Each location received approximately 100 to 200 pounds of fresh organic produce grown at the jail. “During this pandemic, we never stopped serving the community for one day instead we stepped up more. Our mission throughout has been to help those local families who may struggle with food insecurity have access to nutritious food and meals. We are grateful to the Sheriff’s Department for thinking of us and donating hundreds of pounds of fresh organic vegetables from their jail farm to our pantry each week which goes a long way in helping others,” said Webster-Dudley Food Share President A.J. Alkire. “Our center may be quiet at the moment due to COVID, but the need is still there. Many seniors still look to

us for our lunch program. These fresh organic vegetables are a wonderful addition to our menu. We truly appreciate the Sheriff’s Department thinking of us with this generous vegetable delivery,” said Charlton Senior Center Director Elaine Materas. “We are proud to be home to the region’s largest working organic farm at a correctional facility. This farm gives back in many ways; helping our inmates with the dignity of work while acquiring the skills and patience of farming all while knowing they are helping so many folks in need in our community.” Evangelidis continued. “Last year, our farm fed both our inmate population and over thirty thousand pounds of fresh produce was donated to help feed the hungry. So far this growing season mother nature and the humidity have been very kind and we are on track for an even more bountiful harvest,” said Evangelidis.

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mind. “I know this outcome weighs heavily on every decision-maker and it was not taken lightly. They are in a very difficult role and we must respect their processes. As shared, we are living day-to-day and at best week-to-week. We look forward to a new change,” Lamarche said. The decision came less than a week after Bay Path Regional Vocational High School held a live graduation ceremony to celebrate the members of their class of 2020 however in the days since that ceremony numerous states have reported small surges in cases of COVID-19 among younger members of society.

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EDITORIAL

Advice for avoiding burnout

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before winter strikes. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go-go, go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers, especially given the current unease the pandemic has brought on. The future remains uncertain; we still have no idea what school or universities will look like this fall, and whether a vaccine really is on the horizon.

If work and stress is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that often times simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions, however without proper techniques every job, could eventually burn you out. Noted is the newfound appreciation to even be employed, given the high unemployment rates due to Covid.

Managing stress properly is important, however not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so often times a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. Further, vacationing seems to be off the table for the time being. Trying to play tourist in your own backyard will have to suffice.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability. Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice outdoor coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary and you need to protect it.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In’ basket means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

VIEWPOINT

Avoid touching retirement savings early



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DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

You contribute to an IRA and 401(k) to help build the financial resources you'll need to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But despite these funds being set aside for retirement, many investors use them before they retire. More than half of Americans tap into their retirement savings early, according to a survey from Magnify Money, a website focusing on financial topics. How can you avoid this problem?

It's obviously important to leave your retirement savings untouched, as much as possible, until retirement. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Of course, it's understandable why some people touch their retirement accounts early: According to the Magnify Money survey, about 23 percent did so to pay off debts, 17 percent to make down payments on a home, 11 percent to pay for college, and the rest for other reasons.

While you also might consider these needs for taking an early withdrawal or loan from your retirement account, you've got good reasons for not touching your IRA or 401(k) before you retire. First, you may face tax penalties if you withdraw money from your IRA and 401(k) before 59 and a half, though there are exceptions. Also, if your withdrawals from your retirement accounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket. Plus, the longer you leave your money intact, the more you'll probably have when you need it in retirement.

Let's use the survey results to look at some additional points you might evaluate before using funds from your retirement accounts for other purposes:

Paying off debts – You could consider using a 401(k) loan to pay down some high-interest rate debt, but this move assumes two things – one, you don't plan

on taking on additional high interest rate debt, and two, you plan on repaying the loan from your 401(k) within five years. If you don't, you could face penalties.

Making a down payment on a home – The IRS allows first-time home buyers to make a penalty-free withdrawal of \$10,000 from an IRA to make a down payment on a home; however, taxes could still be owed. You might be better off by delaying the purchase of a home, giving you time to build up additional savings, held outside your retirement accounts, that could be used for the down payment.

Paying for college – If you haven't saved enough for a child approaching college, you might consider withdrawing from your retirement accounts to do so. If the funds are used for qualified education expenses, you may be able to withdraw from your IRA without paying a penalty, but again, taxes could be owed on the withdrawn funds. Alternatively, if you have more time, you could consider opening tax-advantaged 529 accounts for younger children to help pay for their education.

As the name suggests, a retirement account is designed for retirement, so do whatever you can to protect it. You may want to consult with a financial professional for guidance on meeting the other needs people cite in tapping into their retirement accounts early. The more you know, the better prepared you'll be to make the best decisions you can for your situation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Announcing my candidacy for State Rep

To the Editor:

I'm the most qualified candidate to serve as your next State Representative for the 7th Worcester District of Millbury, Auburn, Charlton's Precinct 4, and Oxford's Precincts 2 & 3.

I'm an Independent candidate...and I believe in workingG for a living.

After more than 22 years of taking your money, my opponent, Paul Frost's reason for you to reelect him is a "100 percent voting attendance." From the numbers on his website, that means showing up an average of approximately 24 days a year for roll call votes, to cast 12 votes. How long would you last in your job if you only showed up about 24 days a year?

I served 33 years in the Military Reserve in the USANG, USAFR, USNR, and USMC, with "Honor" and "100 percent Attendance." My last deployment was in Afghanistan. As a leading Petty Officer, I helped my units earn "Outstanding Unit Citations." Among my personal awards were «Outstanding Airman of the Quarter», and «Outstanding Sailor of the Quarter.»

My campaign signs have an American flag, and are Red, White, and Blue. Frost's are Yellow.

Over the years, I have never found him at the State House. Use elevator 5/6 at the side entrance, pass by all the janitorial supplies and stored water and furniture, until you come to the locked door of Room 542. That's Frost's office, 15 steps from the Military Wing, and they don't know who he is.

He pleads to keep his job until he can retire at age 60, so that he can put his 3 daughters thru college. Most of us have to work second jobs and take out loans. He hasn't exerted the effort to better himself in preparation for another job. That's no reason to be reelected.

He claims he fights for state local aid for our town's schools, roads, etc. State Aid is based on formulas of population, road mileage, employment levels, etc. He doesn't "fight" for them. He

announces these predetermined payments to the towns in newspapers to impress you.

I was recently reelected to the Millbury Planning Board. I will continue to serve there as well as the Millbury's Ponds and Lakes Commission and Youth Commission.

I remain an active member of Millbury's Veterans' Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion, and the Vietnam Veterans of Auburn.

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- The Second Amendment
- Treating destruction and/or harm done to public or private property or people as a punishable crime
- Full funding for local and state police with additional "Restraint Training" like teachers take
- Open dialog in public sessions to discuss and attempt to resolve issues of serious concern, instead of resorting to violence
- Better access to Mental Health Providers
- Better access to Social Workers
- Better Mental Health and Health Care for Veterans
- Reducing and freezing real estate taxes for Senior Citizens
- Reducing interest rates on Student Loans
- iPads and Technology back-up for 1-12 public school students
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Forged documents are not worth the risk



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

Modern technology has been used to falsify several documents, including money, driver's licenses, and vehicle inspection stickers. I was recently asked to discuss penalties for making or possessing these false vehicle documents. Even in this age of COVID-19, with extensions being in place to allow for the continuation of many of these items, some people may attempt to falsify them. This is a serious matter for you to keep in mind.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 section 24B is the section for false driver's licenses, permits, inspection stickers, handicapped placards, etc. It covers the violations of making, stealing, altering, forging, and counterfeiting numerous items issued by the Registry. It also addresses procuring or assisting another person to do the same. In addition, this section prohibits copying the signature of the Registrar without proper authorization.

Penalties for driving without a license generally carry a fine and are considered misdemeanors. A failure to have your vehicle inspected is also a civil infraction with only monetary penalties. Many people believe having a false license, registration, placard, or sticker would call for similar punishments. It is quite the contrary. A violation of this law is a felony. It calls for a fine up to five hundred dollars or a prison sentence for up to five years. It is also arrestable. A conviction is reported to the Registry and a person's right to operate can be suspended for at least one year.

Anyone engaging in this activity is assuming a huge risk. The potential penalties should encourage people to comply with the proper procedures for motor vehicle use. At this time with a state of emergency, you may have additional time to take care of things properly. Please look for the information to address your concern. Do not take a chance when it comes to these violations. It is better to do things the right way than risk the serious potential consequences.

In addition to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there is a great deal of turmoil taking place in our state and around the country. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. With so much discussion around police reform taking place, there are several documents posted on our Facebook page which can serve as a source of information for people. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, government and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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.



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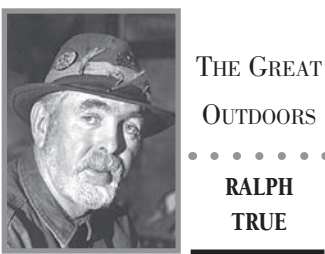
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Gone fishing

Todate,thissummerhasbeen extremely hot & humid. Fresh & saltwater temperatures are also very warm, driving many species of fish deeper, looking for cooler waters. This past week, this writer & Matt Fontaine enjoyed some great fishing for seabass and fluke in Rhode Island waters. He actually caught two legal size fluke measuring 20 inches each. Throwing back 18-inch plus fluke was not easy to do, with many just short of the 19-inch legal size. Matt commented how cold the fish felt that we were catching. Seabass limits were also reached, but many were also just short of the 15 inches. The seas were calm on this day of fishing, with thick fog until 9 a.m.

Navigating through the fog was fairly easy with the help of Matt's Lawrance GPS. but it is a lot easier and safer to navigate without the fog. We started out fishing in 40 to 50 feet of water, but fishing remained slow. Our next stop was in 50 to 60 feet of water, and it was basically lock and load fishing on sea bass and fluke. Fortunately, we took the time to catch some fresh mummies again prior to unloading the boat at the ramp. What also made a big difference was putting the 90 horsepower motor in gear using the trolling plate to keep the boat moving because of no wind, and we had very little drift from the tidal flow.

Matt was using a fluke rig with a spinner attached to the



front of it, and this writer was using a striped bass rig which consisted of a double hook set up and two spinners attached. We baited the rigs with a combination of squid strips and a couple of live mummies. Using a fish finder and a four ounce weight to get the rigs to the bottom was a perfect combination for the type of fishing we were doing. I always check the rig and bait in the water along the side before lowering it to the bottom.

The slow trolling speed was great for the rigs and bait we were using, and we quickly lowered them to the bottom. Double hookups were common. I sure miss my buddy Steve Mercure on my fishing trips. He is missed, but not forgotten. He was one of the best bottom fishing anglers that that I had to fish with, and he always kept me laughing.

Something and someone need to address the high population of protected species that are negatively impacting our food sources as well as the safety of humans. They need to decide what is more important. Shark attacks are endangering the public at our beach-

es every year and some of the attacks are fatal, extending all the way into the state of Maine this year. Seal populations are out of control, and they are luring sharks into shallow water causing numerous fatal attacks every year. Seals also eat many pounds of fish daily which is negatively impacting many species of fish populations.

Bottom fish species are disappearing rapidly. Cod populations are at a point of collapse, and it is not only the type of fishing being done by commercial fishing, that is the problem. Haddock populations are also in big trouble on the South Shore of New England, but have bounced back on the North Shore over the past 10 years or so.

Winter flounder are in big trouble on the South Shore, with Narragansett Bay being basically shut down to any recreational fishing over the last five to 10 years. Cormorants eat millions of pounds of fish annually, including the recently born fry. How long will these protected species of birds and animals be allowed to destroy our valuable fish populations.

We all love to see wildlife flourish, but we need to keep their populations in check and properly managed as we do our deer populations. Just imagine deer hunting being suspended. 13,000 animals were harvested last year in Mass. ,and the deer population continues to grow. Mute swans, coyote & beaver are also out of control &




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from our history books like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B Anthony, Alice Paul, and Carrie Chapman Catt, only to name a few of the many leaders over those many years of struggle.

A few years ago, while researching the history of the Church of the Reconciliation, I was struck by what I found in the journal of the Girls Friendly Society. At their meeting on Oct. 27, 1920 (right before the first Presidential election in which women could vote) they wrote: “Miss Clarke gave a splendid talk on citizenship. She said every woman should take advantage of her privilege to vote, and she spoke of a number of conditions that could be improved by the women. She also explained the form of government and ballot to be used at the polls.” That started me thinking about how difficult it was to get the “privilege” Miss Clarke cited. (The struggle it takes to get these rights was amplified for me recently by the passing of Civil Rights leader Congressman John R. Lewis and his fight to ensure voting rights for African Americans.) Being a native of Webster, I began to wonder how women’s suffrage played out in Massachusetts and especially in our town.

The first national woman’s rights convention actually took place in Massachusetts—in Brinley Hall in Worcester on Oct. 23, 1850. One thousand people attended and Sojourner Truth spoke to the assembly. Yet the critical press referred to it as a “Hens Convention” or “Insurrection in Petticoats”. (The second convention which also took place in Worcester the next year attracted three times the number, forcing the group to use the larger Worcester City Hall.)

In 1879, Massachusetts women were given a limited right to vote for School Boards and Committees—since this was deemed more suitable to their domestic responsibilities. But this right led to an interesting occurrence in 1895—sometimes referred to as a “sham referendum” on women’s suffrage. Massachusetts would test the waters to see how much interest there was for granting women the vote. Women who were registered to vote for the school committee were allowed to be

part of this “election.” The editorial found in the Webster Times on Oct. 25, 1895 seemed supportive. It noted: “We call the ladies attention to the following act. The last day to register is tomorrow, so do not fail to take advantage of your rights. The act was enacted by the Legislature of Massachusetts in June, 1895: Section 1. All persons qualified to vote for school committee, shall, at the next state election, have an opportunity to express their opinion, by voting yes or no in answer to the following question: ‘Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?’” It went on to answer the question: “What women can vote?” “Any woman of native birth, 21 years of age, who can read and write, can register and vote if she has lived in the state one year and in the town six months. Women of foreign birth can register and vote by showing their own or their husband’s naturalization papers.” The Town Warrant printed in the paper reminded the voters that the election would take place in the Music Hall on November 5, 1895. This edition of the Times also included one letter to the editor opining on the vote referendum. Henry Brandes addressed his comments to the “gentlemen” voters of Webster. “This is not a new question... You should consider this most seriously before you cast your vote. The founders of the State constitution no doubt gave this question a fair consideration as you will find that the constitution reads, none but male persons twenty one years of age or over shall have the right to vote for State or national officers, and I have no reason to doubt the wisdom of their action as I have heard this question debated pro and con, and, in my judgment, the merit was on the no side, and I see no good reason why the constitution should be amended.” In any case, according to the Times, eleven Webster women registered to take part in that referendum. The paper reported a resounding defeat in Webster— no—610, yes 179. A deer wandering down Main Street got more press than this vote.

The next major setback to woman suffrage in Massachusetts took place on November 2, 1915 when an amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts allowing women the vote was held. On Oct. 26, 1915, the Times dutifully listed the candidates and amendments. “Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified— Article

three of the articles of amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out the first line thereof the word ‘male’.” In this edition of the Times there was no more information about the vote, but a rather interesting entry on the use of turkeys to eat grasshoppers—called “hopper dozers” and used in the Rocky Mountain states. While there were parades in Boston and considerable lobbying, there also were bars in Boston offering free drinks to men who voted against the amendment. In the end, only one town in the Commonwealth voted for it. No, it was not Webster, nor Dudley, nor Oxford for that matter. The men of Webster defeated the amendment soundly: 887-no, 364-yes, 205-blank. (I wonder how many of those male voters who left the ballot blank returned to tell their women folk that they did not vote against the amendment.)

Watching their sisters in the Western states get the vote while they could not find a path to suffrage here must have been trying, but the Massachusetts suffragettes did not give up. They put their weight behind a national amendment which finally passed the US Congress four years and a world war later on June 4, 1919 (although Massachusetts Senator Lodge voted against it). Now it had to be ratified. The Massachusetts legislature got on the bandwagon finally and Massachusetts became the 8th state to ratify. But it was not a sure thing that two thirds of the states would so act. When the Tennessee legislature began its debate, 35 states had ratified. The remaining ones did not look promising. The Tennessee House was tied when the deciding vote was cast by 24 year old Harry Burn —wearing a red rose symbolizing opposition to the amendment. His mother Phoebe Ensminger Burn sent him a letter that morning. “Hurrah and vote for suffrage! Don’t keep them in doubt....Don’t forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the ‘rat’ in ratification.” Mrs. Burn’s son came through with the winning vote on August 18, 1920 and the amendment was adopted.

So what happened in Webster after that? The Times tells us in the Sept. 2 and 9,1920 editions that over 500 women registered over two weeks. They had English, Polish, French, and Irish names, reflecting the diversity of the town at that time—unlike the 1895 registration, where only English names

appeared. We know where they lived because their addresses were printed in the paper. One of my greatest surprises and one that filled me with pride was that my Great Grandmother Leokadya Mroczek from North Main Street registered. And yes, a Miss Clark—hopefully the one who spoke at the church—registered too. There was some concern that women would not register because of the poll tax which was being waived for them in 1920 but they did come out. The first vote open to women was the September 7, 1920 Republican and Democrat primaries. According to the Times the first Webster woman to vote was Rose Stefaniak, a milliner. She deposited the first ballot in the machine. Of the 823 people who voted in both primaries, 235 were women. While the first page of the Times marked the momentous occasion with “First Time In History of Town Women Take Part in Voting for State Officers”, next to it the paper printed a series of 10 vignettes entitled “Women of Webster Go A-Voting”. You guessed it, the stories of unnamed women focused on perceived feminine foibles and stereotypes—the woman who forgot to vote for Senator and wanted her ballot back, one who wanted to know where to sign the ballot, one attending a party who wanted registration kept open for her, and invariably comments about age. Here is just one example. “Registered Saturday, married Monday and unable to vote on Tuesday because she married a man not a citizen was the experience of one Webster woman. She didn’t try to vote, however, as a honeymoon was far more important than voting, so she was out of town when the primaries were conducted.” But women did vote. They voted in the 1920 Presidential election and continued to do so. And the rest is history.

Today, we hear so much about our rights and so little about the responsibilities that go with them. People fought long and hard to give women the vote, so that we can make a difference. Let’s learn the lesson the young ladies at the Church of the Reconciliation were taught. We have a right to vote. We need to exercise it. As we go to the polls this year let’s remember our Massachusetts heroines, among them Lucy Stone and her daughter Alice Stone Blackwell. And don’t forget to raise your hat to Phoebe Burn and her son.

When did we stop caring for each other?

It’s election season and the mass “unfriending” has begun. Friend against friend and family member against family member arguments are in full bloom and potentially creating relationship damage that may extend far past election season. I grew up believing in the old adage, “Blood is thicker than water” and I always believed that friendships should be forever. I’m wondering ... “When did our political ideology become more important than our relationship with family and friends and our love for each other?

Relationships are important to me. There isn’t an election nor any life event that would cause me to unfriend a friend or disown a family member. My love for those I care about transcends who they vote for. Because you believe something different does not mean you are my enemy. It just means we disagree. No



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problem. Some people like pepperoni on their pizza while others prefer sausage. Why is that different than one person is voting for Biden while another is voting for Trump? I’m not making light of the weight of the voting decision but am saying disagreeing on an election should not be relationship damaging. Why should a disagreement negatively impact the love we feel for one another?

I’m hearing with great regularity how families are being torn apart by this election and this pandemic. I heard recently about how a friend posted a very passive comment about the current state of the nation and then were attacked publicly online by her daughter. Are

you kidding me? Shame on anyone who will publicly scorn a loved one because they see things differently! I sadly heard this morning of a son who told his parents over the weekend, “You are dead to me!” Really? Over political differences?

What has happened to us?

Look no further than the great mask debate. I believe wearing a mask in public protects others. There are no absolutes and masks are not fool proof. Common sense tells me that anything that reduces the amount of mouth aerosol into the air cuts down on the risk of transmission. I posted this online and was attacked by others. I won’t repeat the name-calling, but here’s some of what I was told ...

“What’s wrong with you? Forcing me to wear a mask is a violation of my rights.”

There’s nothing wrong with me but I’m curious about everyone else’s rights not to breathe your spray. Do we not have rights?

“You of all people (meaning me) should know better! Little children get their emotional cues from your facial expressions.”

Me of all people? Well, don’t wear a mask at home, but until we get control of this pandemic, it won’t hurt you or your children to make a small sacrifice. In fact, I think it’s a great opportunity for a learning experience for our kids. Maybe teach them about social responsibility?

“This is all a government conspiracy to take away my rights.”

Maybe I’m in the dark, but I don’t believe there’s a government conspiracy to take away anyone’s rights in this case.

Here’s my favorite ...

“A mask only protects you from me. It is not for my protection, so why should I wear one?”

Again ... When did we stop caring about each other? I willingly wear a mask to protect you. Why would you not do the same for me? Have we really become that selfish?

And before you send me a study saying masks don’t work, be aware there’s a plethora of studies saying they do. I think the best sources I’ve read say masks are not fool-proof but will provide a 65 percent reduction in the chances to transmit or catch the virus. I think 65 percent is well-worth the inconvenience of wearing a mask in public.

My faith tells me that the greatest commandment is to love each other as we love ourselves. I don’t think it means we

should only love those who vote as we do or agree with our opinions. I don’t think it means I shouldn’t wear a mask to protect others, even if it doesn’t protect me. It means exactly as it says. We are to love each other as we love ourselves.

I love you enough to wear a mask in public. Won’t you do the same for me?

Life is too precious and so very fragile. We have no guarantees for tomorrow. Can’t we choose to love our neighbor while we are here?

I do.

Will you join me?

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Reader’s Share Favorite Tips

Summer is in full swing, and with many still staying close to home, there is no better time to share your favorite tricks and tips than now.

From garden and grilling tips to saving money and making do, the following tips from readers are sure to please this season. **

Yes, we have some bananas - especially since this tip will keep them around longer!

My hint: When making banana bread, do not use overripe bananas. That is a holdover from the depression so as not to waste food. For a better taste and lighter texture, use firm and less ripe bananas. Try it and you will not go back to the old way.

Paul Davignon



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Talk about Yankee Ingenuity! This reader always comes up with creative tips and tricks and the following are no exception:

My first tip is how I made my own version of an easy open medicine bottle cap.. My dad wanted to be independent for as long as possible, but he hated the childproof lids on his prescriptions. He had no children living with him, so I made cloth with a pipe cleaner, to serve as an oversize twist-

ie and he was happy. Also, Nature Made and a few other brands make a flip top lid, these are interchangeable with other brands, e.g. local drugstore brands, Just save your flip lids and just attach them to your next bottle before opening!

I keep a few around and share with elderly I check on!

Also, when doing floor and other exercises that require you to roll a towel under your shoulders etc., I use the same towel, rolled and secured it with pony tail elastics. This way, I can wash it easily when needed and the same towel is always at the ready each day.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA
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Fresh lemon slices do double duty with this tasty grilling tip:

Now that it is summertime we are all doing lots of grilling.

I found that when grilling or baking fish (I have been baking mine lately), it’s a good idea to wrap it up in foil and place lemon slices on the bottom of the foil. This will help keep the fish from sticking as well it gives added flavor to the fish.

MD
Sturbridge MA
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These garden hints up your odds of a successful tomato crop:

Fish buried a couple feet below plants is fantastic, a cracked egg under tomato plants is like magic, and rags soaked in ammonia and aluminum pie plates tied up around the garden

help keep away critters
Joe S.
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Prize Winner
Congratulations to Paul Davignon of Uxbridge, whose name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. He sent in the banana buying tip above.
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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.

Support native bees and enjoy the many benefits

Pollinators are responsible for about 75 percent of the food we eat. The European honey-bee is the most well known but our native bees are also critically important.

We can help our native bees and gardens by reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides and providing shelter as well as food and water.

About 70 percent of our native bees are ground nesting. Reduce the risk of conflicts with ground nesting bees. Create an inviting habitat away from prime gardening areas. Leave warm south facing spaces open for bees to establish their in-ground nests.

Wood and cavity nesting bees, like the leaf cutter bee, make up about 30 percent of our native bee population. Others nest in hollow plant stems so leave these, their homes, stand for winter.

Bumblebees nest in abandoned animal burrows, tree cavities, grassy areas, or under fallen leaves. A colony usually contains a few hundred bees. All members of the colony die in fall except the fertilized queens. The queens look for new homes the following spring.

Support our native bees by planting a variety of bee attracting flowers. The plants provide food and shelter and help attract the native bees to your landscape and bee houses.

Include plants with different colors and shaped flowers. Grow lots of purple, blue, white, and yellow flowers that are favored by bees. Plant flowers in mass. You will enjoy the



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display, the garden will require less maintenance, and you will get the attention of the bees you are trying to attract. Plus, bees use less energy when they can gather lots of food from a smaller area.

Make sure you have something in bloom throughout the growing season. Spring bulbs, wildflowers and perennials provide essential food that is often in limited supply early in the season. Fall flowering plants provide needed energy supplies as the bees and other pollinators prepare for winter.

Bigger flowers are not always better. Double flowers may be showy, but they have less nectar and pollen. The multiple layers of petals hinder access to what nectar and pollen they contain.

Grow some herbs in the garden and containers for you and the bees. Let some go to flower and watch for visiting bees on thyme, borage, oregano, and other herb flowers.

Grow native plants whenever possible. They are a richer source of nectar and pollen than cultivated plants. Native bees and other beneficial insects have evolved with these plants, providing a mutual benefit.

Leave leaf litter in place and healthy perennials including grasses stand for winter. These



Courtesy

Plant a variety of bee attracting flowers like swamp milkweed, a North American native plant.

provide homes for some bees and other beneficial insects. Wait as long as possible in spring so you don't interrupt their hibernation.

Increase living quarters by making your own native mason bee houses. Just be sure you provide a properly designed, clean home with needed winter protection. Do your homework first to make sure you are not harming the native bees you are trying to support.

The easiest method uses a bundle of hollow sticks such as bamboo, reeds, or sumac. Cut them into short segments and remove three to five inches of pith with wire or a drill. Consider painting the front to make an inviting entrance for the bees. Bundle the stems

together with wire or place in a bucket or can.

Or create a solitary bee house from a block of untreated wood. Drill holes into, but not through a block of untreated wood. The holes should be three to five inches deep and about 5/16 of an inch in diameter for mason bees. Nesting tubes inserted into the holes makes for easier cleaning and storage that prevents debris and disease from building up one season to the next.

Mount the bee house on the southeast side of a post, fence or building. Make sure to provide a nearby mud puddle the bees will use to seal off the individual development chambers in the holes.

Creating a bee friendly landscape not only increases your garden's productivity but also the number of songbirds and beneficial insects that visit your garden. That means fewer garden pests and a more beautiful garden for you to enjoy all season long.

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Welcome to our 2nd Annual Summer Scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle!

Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER page in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 21st issue.

Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by August 14.

Good luck!



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Webster police host Cruise Night fundraiser



Police Chief Mike Shaw (left front) makes the burgers and dogs.

Gus Steeves

WEBSTER – Even a pandemic didn’t stop the Webster Police from holding their annual fundraising Cruise Night last week to raise money for community policing programs. It drew a couple dozen antique vehicles dating from the 1930s to the 1980s.



Doug Miller is seen through the window of a 1930 Model A coupe.



Dave Johnson hangs out with his dogs.




Detective Joe Reed looks over the engine of one of the cars.





A participant checks out a friend's 1963 Austin-Healey convertible.

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Friday's Child





Kealan
Age 6

Hi! My name is Kealan and I like bubbles!

Kealan is a curious boy of Caucasian descent who loves to babble and smile when he is happy. Kealan also loves music and lights up when he hears his favorite songs!

Kealan is on the Autism spectrum and is currently in preschool. Kealan can say a few words, but mainly uses noises and movement to make his needs known. Kealan has a gastrostomy tube for feeding and has made tremendous progress with gaining weight. Having decreased vision causes Kealan to only see about 3-4 feet away without his glasses.


Legally freed for adoption, Kealan's social worker is looking to place him with a family that is able to meet his needs and help him thrive. A family would need to be able to keep up with Kealan's many medical and developmental appointments and help advocate for him in school.

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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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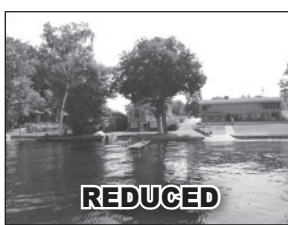
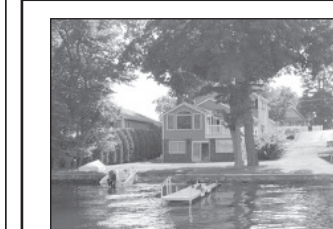


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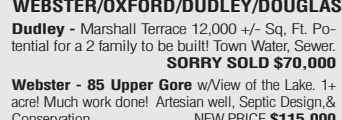
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The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: Change of Manager – Jinguang Wang, 81 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA 01571.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Sr.
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August 7, 2020

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The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:45pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on a Transfer of a Off Premise – Wine and Malt License from Park n' Shop, Inc. to Imperial Park n' Shop, Inc located at 10 Airport Road., Dudley, MA 01571.

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Docket No. WO20P1974EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Martha Belle Canterbury
Date of Death: 05/19/2020**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mont R Canterbury of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Mont R Canterbury of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/25/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 23, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
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Docket No. WO20P1642EA
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Estate of:
Mabel Ann Hurley
Date of Death: 01/30/2020**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Doreen Lowell of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Doreen Lowell** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2020

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Date of Death: 11/06/2018**

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