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A good time for some good news



Brendan Berube Photo

Our Editor, Brendan Berube, following the CDC's social distancing recommendations by working from home with the help of his 'assistant,' Lola.

BY BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

As members of the news industry ourselves, we try to keep up with current events as much as possible by monitoring other publications and watching the nightly news regularly. At this point, however, we — like many of you out there — have had it. Over the past

few weeks, there has simply been too much darkness assaulting us through our television screens every night. Too many graphs and charts depicting rates of infection, too much footage of ambulances racing through city streets, too much focus on dreary and depressing statistics reporting how many have been infected by the COVID-19 virus and how many have died. A steady diet of television news right would be enough to leave any viewer with the impression that the very fabric of our society is crumbling away around us.

Anyone who has been out of the house during this outbreak, however, has seen that nothing could be further from the truth. There is another side to the COVID-19 pandemic that has been receiving far less attention. Individual tales of generosity and goodwill have been popping up across the country recently — stories of landlords foregoing the collection of rent from tenants who are home without pay or insisting that the hard hit businesses who rent space from them pay employees first; stories of neighbors buying groceries and supplies for the elderly couple next door; of parents organizing food collection drives to ensure that families in need are able to keep food on the table for children whose schools have temporarily closed. Every day, in every community across the nation, ordinary people are stepping up to the plate to combat the negative impact of COVID-19 with kindness.

Just last week, we received a phone

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Smola: Legislature taking steps to protect public, assist workers during coronavirus outbreak

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) says he is working with his colleagues to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by taking steps to protect the public and provide support for workers who lose their jobs as a result of the outbreak.

Smola noted the House of Representatives and the Senate have already approved a bill waiving the one-week waiting period for laid off workers applying for unemployment benefits. The changes are retroactive to March 10 – the day Governor Charlie Baker declared a State of Emergency in response to the outbreak – and will remain in place for 90 days after the Governor's order is lifted.

The Legislature previously enacted a supplemental budget providing \$15 million in assistance to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as well as local and regional boards of health. This money is being used to support ongoing monitoring, treatment, containment, public awareness and prevention efforts against the virus.

Smola said the House and Senate are now working on a proposal filed by Gov. Baker to assist municipalities with essential government functions during the State of Emergency. House Bill 4572 would allow for a 30-day postpone-

ment of Town Meeting due to the public health emergency created by the virus, while giving local Select Boards the power to extend Town Meeting beyond the June 30 cut-off date mandated by state law if necessary.

House Bill 4572 would also allow for the temporary reduction of quorum requirements for Town Meeting to comply with "social distancing" measures designed to prevent the spread of the virus. The bill would also authorize towns that are unable to finalize a budget by June 30 to continue spending at current fiscal year levels on a month-to-month basis for essential operations, using revolving funds and existing cash balances, until a new budget is finalized.

Representative Smola expects the House and Senate will be taking additional actions in the weeks ahead to help mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. In the meantime, he encourages constituents to utilize the state's Web site at www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19 to stay informed about the latest developments during the State of Emergency. For additional information, please contact Rep. Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

Charlton sees first positive test for COVID-19

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The COVID-19, or coronavirus, pandemic has hit close to home with the first recorded case in the town of Charlton.

On Wednesday, March 18, town officials were notified of the first positive case of the virus after three EMTs were exposed to a patient who was later tested for the illness. The positive case was confirmed on Tuesday, March 17, and the following day, a call from St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester informed officials of the situation prompting the three EMTs to be self-quarantined for fourteen days. As of this report none of the EMTs were confirmed to have contracted the virus during the call.

The Charlton Fire Department released a statement on their Facebook page confirming the reports and discussing the measures being taken to help protect first responders during the pandemic.

"In an abundance of caution, even before being notified of this exposure, the fire department took extreme measures to isolate all shifts in a 'verbal vacuum' so that there is no cross contact amongst the four working shifts. The administrative staff has been relocated offsite, working remotely. This was done to minimize exposure opportunities running through the department.

We have also updated our response to include every patient receiving a surgical mask prior to interaction with the EMTs. We are also providing additional personal protective equipment for our staff to wear during respiratory calls. Sanitizing of all apparatus is happening after every response for service," the statement read.

The revelation of a positive case capped off an eventful week for Charlton as the town followed suit with countless other communities across the state and country by closing town office buildings to public traffic and imploring residents to practice social distancing and proper hygiene to curb the spread of the virus. Charlton Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said the town has been working all along with the assumption that the virus was in the area and acknowledges that things progressed quickly even before a confirmed case was announced.

"This, in a way, made some of the residents more aware of the situation. The Board of Health has been very aware of it and we were taking it very seriously before it hit us. It's become our world for the last month. We saw it coming but I just think this will make residents in town more aware that it is here, it is a real issue. Hopefully they'll practice the social distancing and I think they'll be more cautious.

It's not something somewhere else, it's right here in our communities," Gagner said. "The town of Charlton is very well prepared. We've had a plan in place for a situation such as this and other situations that could occur. We've always had an emergency response action plan. Charlton was well stocked up with gloves and masks and personal protective equipment that other towns are running short on and we've been able to supply mutual aid to local doctors offices and even other towns in the area as needed."

Town Administrator Andrew Golas said having a positive test in Charlton doesn't change much from his perspective either. Charlton has used the governor's recommendations and orders as well as the advice of medical professionals to their advantage to try and stay ahead of the pandemic and they plan to continue to embrace these practices as long as needed to prevent the continued spread of the illness.

"The result of having a positive case hasn't changed anything. We've been operating using the governor's orders and looking to other towns as well but obviously having a positive case in town is not a great thing. We're just trying to get the public information out there

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G & R Fish Market: Celebrating 15 years in business

STURBRIDGE — What makes a man change his profession from hairdresser to fishmonger? For Sebastiano Giaquinto it was simple. A passion for buying and selling the freshest fish and seafood in the area.

When Giaquinto, who grew up in Italy, moved from Worcester to his wife's, the former Jeannette Ramos hometown of Southbridge, he went looking one day to buy fresh fish for dinner.

"In Italy, everything is fresh," he said. "You go to the fish market for fish; the vegetable market for fruit and produce. We don't have big supermarkets like here in America."

While one can certainly buy fish at the local stores, the product, however, is mostly frozen, not fresh.

A decision was made. Giaquinto would leave his profession as a hairdresser. The couple first opened G & R Fish Market in 2005 in Southbridge. On March 18, 2008, they moved the store to its current location at 135 Main Street in Sturbridge.

G & R Fish Market is open only four days a week, Wednesday – Saturday, as Giaquinto is committed to freshness. He travels to Boston two or three of those days each week to buy the freshest haddock, cod, salmon, scallops, tuna, and swordfish available. And



Courtesy Photo

Pictured: Sebastiano Giaquinto and Antonietta "Toni."

you can tell the moment you walk through the door. The clean smell of the air is noticeable. G & R also carries fresh live lobsters, clams, PEI mussels, king crab legs, and wild shrimp from Gulf of Mexico.

"That is the only product that comes in fresh frozen," he said.

Additionally, G & R sells a variety of homemade pasta ravioli from Somerville; chowders and bisques, stuffed clams and more.

The business is family-oriented in many ways. Sister Antonietta "Toni" Giaquinto works

alongside her brother; artwork by his children when they were young and now his grandchildren adorn the walls.

"Customers' kids bring me drawings, which I hang up too," Giaquinto said proudly.

On the walls, too, you will find six certificates designating G & R Fish Market the Winner of the Best Fish Market of Greater Sturbridge (comprised of eleven area towns). The Sturbridge Times Readers Choice

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Community health centers call on Baker for COVID Relief

WORCESTER — The Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center (Kennedy Community Health) and the Family Health Center of Worcester (Family Health) announced today that they are in full support of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' letter to Governor Charlie Baker seeking immediate and substantial financial relief in order to avoid a partial or complete collapse of the state's largest primary care network.

As the two largest health centers serving Greater Worcester, Kennedy Health Center and Family Health are responsible for the health care for over 50,000

local residents. The health centers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis, and have redeployed resources and staff to assess and care for patients with urgent health care needs.

"We have transformed our operations to respond to the coronavirus crisis, while continuing to serve the health care needs of the people who live and work in our community," said Stephen J. Kerrigan, President and CEO of Kennedy Community Health. "Dealing with this pandemic has the potential of crippling both our financial sustainability and workforce."

Community health centers work

within a tight financial model caring for the needs of low-income, vulnerable individuals and families.

"We have alerted the Governor to the significant impact of this epidemic on front-line providers at Community Health Centers," said Louis Brady, President and CEO of Family Health. "We protect the health the entire community and need the resources to continue this critical public health work."

Both Worcester health centers have set up screening and isolation tents or mobile structures to assess patients' risk for COVID-19 and coordinate appropriate treatment or offer quaran-

tine guidance. The health centers have shifted many services to telehealth appointments to protect both patients and staff from the risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

"We are relying on the Governor to hear the pleas of the largest primary care group practice in Massachusetts," said Kerrigan. "Without financial assistance over 1 million Massachusetts residents will have no access to health care during this crisis and in the foreseeable future."

Country Bank donates \$250,000 to four local Hospitals

WARE — Country Bank announced today it has donated \$250,000 to four local hospitals to help assist with the work they are doing for their patients as they fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hospitals receiving donations include Baystate Health in Springfield, Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, UMass Memorial, and Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

"We are so grateful to Country Bank for its most generous support and appreciate its continued partnership during this unprecedented time. This gift will directly support resources needed at Baystate Health as we continue to address and prepare for the care our community needs as we face this worldwide pandemic," stated Scott Berg, Vice President of Philanthropy, Baystate Health, and Executive

Director, Baystate Health Foundation.

"These are challenging and ever-evolving times as we face uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. As a community partner, we care deeply about our communities, and we wanted to support our local hospitals to help ease their financial burden as they continue to offer exceptional care to our friends and neighbors in the region," stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO at Country Bank.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

Legislature approves a \$15 million fund in response to Coronavirus outbreak

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Senate and House recently passed a supplemental budget to create a \$15 million fund in response to the outbreak of COVID 19 cases in Massachusetts. The funds, held in reserve, will support the Commonwealth's monitoring, treatment, containment, public awareness and prevention efforts against the 2019 novel coronavirus by the Department of Public Health, regional and local boards of health, and other public entities.

"I am pleased that we were able to approve this critical funding so quickly," said Representative Smola. "We are determined to do anything in our power to assist state and local efforts to deal with our unfolding public health crisis."

The bill now goes to the governor. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

Hitchcock Academy cancels activities

BRIMFIELD — In accordance with state mandates Hitchcock Academy will be closed through the end of the month. Staff is utilizing this period to thoroughly clean and sanitize the building in anticipation of resuming our regular schedule. We realize the impact this has on everyone but ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

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Awards ran from 2011-2016 and G & R won every time.

"We are so thankful for everyone's support and we look forward to many more years serving the greater Sturbridge community." Business hours are Wednesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Smola announces legislation to support workers affected by health emergency

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed legislation this week to waive the one-week waiting period for workers seeking unemployment

insurance benefits related to, or resulting from, the COVID-19 pandemic or the effects of the State of Emergency declared by Gov. Baker on March 10.

"More than anyone else, this crisis is being felt by people living paycheck to paycheck whose employment has been affected by the coronavirus," said Smola. "Anything that can help people get through this difficult situation, we're going to take a look at it."

On March 18, the bill passed in the Senate, and the Governor signed it into law. For additional information please contact Rep. Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.



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Bartholomew & Company advisors earn Five Star Wealth Manager Award



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WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a wealth management and financial planning firm in Worcester, has announced that its Vice President, Dory Huard, RICP®, AIF®, Sr. Vice President, Joshua Paul, CFP®, AIF®, and President, Thomas Bartholomew, AIF®, have been named 2020 Five Star Wealth Managers* by Boston magazine. Less than 13% of wealth managers in Massachusetts were named to the list.

“This award speaks volumes—not only to the caliber of Bartholomew & Company’s practice, but also to the quality of work and personalized attention these advisors put in to their clients,” said Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth Financial Network®, Bartholomew & Company’s independent broker/dealer-RIA. Dory, Joshua and Tom are valued members of Commonwealth, and we are extremely pleased to see them recognized on this scale.”

The 2020 Five Star program is the largest and most widely published financial services award program in North America. Award candidates are evaluated against 10 objective criteria to determine the Five Star Wealth Managers in more than 40 major markets.

As part of the updated research process for the Five Star Wealth Manager program, firms and peers nominate



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American Legion news

CHARLTON — On March 14, the annual Charlton American Legion Post 391, Past-Commander’s banquet was held in the lower Grange Hall with approximately 40 people in attendance. Corned beef, cabbage and vegetables were prepared and served by Cathy Kuehl and Jennifer Trudeau. The meal was outstanding.

As it is the 75th year of the

end of World War II, Danny Dono set up a uniform and memorabilia display including a dress uniform that was donated by LT Mathew Smith who was a B-24 navigator in the southwest pacific theater. There were also pictures of several legion members taken during that crisis era, including Clarence Bachand who served in Europe as a combat engi-

neer.

Awards were presented to Karen Potter, a retiring music teacher from Charlton Middle School who, along with her 5th and 6th grade chorus, has performed so many times for Legion and veteran events, mainly at her school, the Overlook senior care and the Senior Center here in Charlton.

Also attending, two eagle scouts who were present, Michael Mullaly, Jr. and Christopher Sampson.

Alexandar Vescovski of Bay Path Reg'l-Voc'l High School, our Boys State recipient. Zachary Correia From St. Peter/Marian Sr High School was unable to attend. Also, Miss Lana Antocci of Bay Path HS who attended the State Police Youth Cadet Training program

and won a \$500.00 scholarship. For your information, Cathy Kuehl is 1 of 4 honorary members of Legion Post 391. She retired from the Town of Charlton after serving almost 40 years and is presently serving on the Town Housing Committee.

Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale announces cancellations

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has canceled worship services and other church-related gatherings until further notice. Cancellations include a screening of Jonah and the Whale originally slated for Friday, March 20.

In a notification to church Members on Monday, March 16, Leigh Darrin, president of the church’s executive board cited Governor Baker’s emergency declaration prohibiting gatherings of more than 25 people. Darrin said Pastor Gretchen Switzer plans to prepare and send out pastoral messages and discussions are underway about the possibility of offering a virtual online worship service.

In addition to worship services and

other scheduled public events, the executive board has recommended that all church-related gatherings be canceled for the time being. The meetinghouse will remain open to community groups that regularly use the facility, such as local support groups, but participants should check with their own organization for guidance on cancellations.

“This crisis may make many of you feel isolated, vulnerable and afraid,” Darrin told church Members, “but let us remember that this will pass! Until then, please reach out to the Pastor Gretchen via email (switzer7743@gmail.com) or phone (508-852-7413) or anyone else in the congregation if you want to talk or need assistance.”

Quinsigamond Community College to transition to remote learning opportunities

WORCESTER — Due to the current and unfolding situation regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19, Quinsigamond Community College has instituted the following safety measures:

- From March 18-27, the College will be closed to in-person services for current students and the public.
- On March 22, regularly scheduled online classes will resume as normal.
- Current in-person courses, labs, and clinicals (including in-person meetings of blended/hybrid courses) are being delayed until Monday, March 30 as the College transitions to remote instruction.
- Seven-week courses (QCC’s Spring II) that are 100% online will begin on March 23 as scheduled.
- New, in-person, seven-week courses scheduled to begin on March 23 will be delayed until Monday, March 30, as they are reformatted to remote

instruction.

- Additional strategies such as facilitating access to Internet and online services, the QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center, and other student support services are being addressed and new procedures are being adopted. All information will be available to the public as strategies are finalized.
- Registration for current QCC students will begin on March 30. Students will receive emailed instructions.

For the latest information and updates, visit QCC’s Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information Center at www.qcc.edu/coronavirus.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 orjmartin@qcc.mass.edu

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MARIANAPOLIS PREP ANNOUNCES QUARTER 3 HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON, Conn. — Marianapolis Prep announces students who have earned their place on the Quarter 3 Honor Roll.

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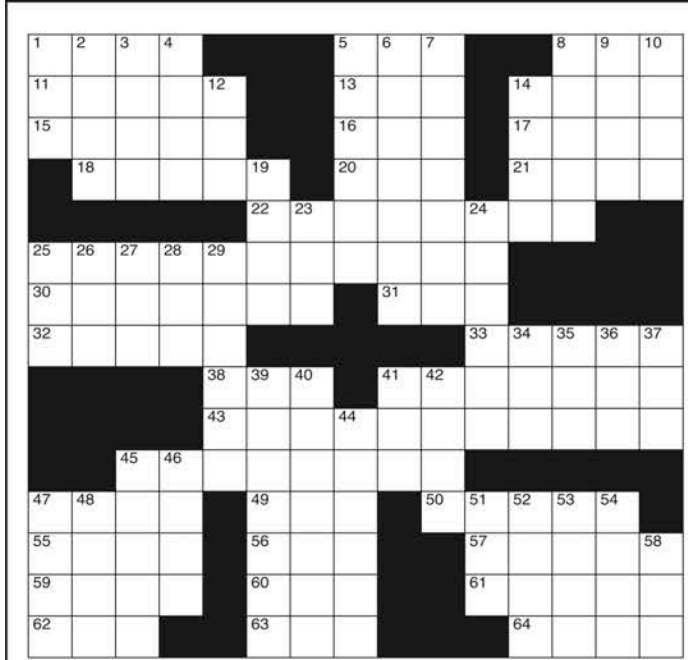
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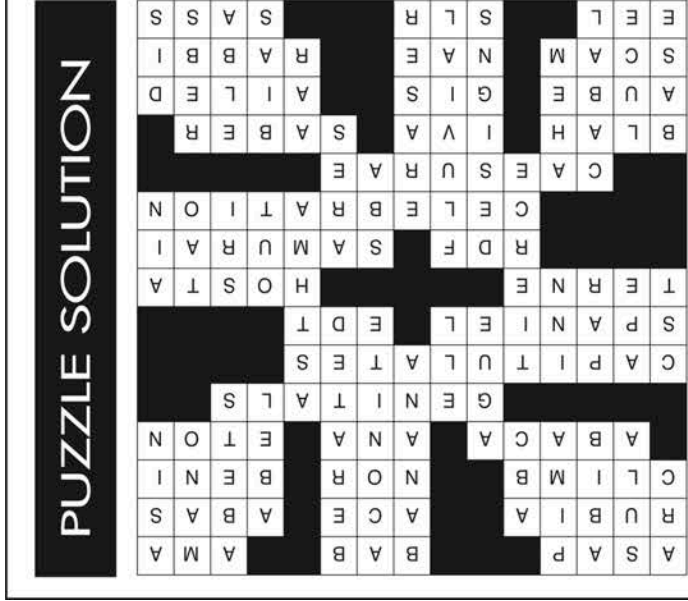


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. As soon as possible
- 5. Gateway (Arabic)
- 8. Doctors' group
- 11. Madder genus of plants
- 13. A team's best pitcher
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Go up
- 16. Neither
- 17. Bolivian river
- 18. Manila hemp
- 20. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 21. British School
- 22. Human reproductive organs
- 25. Surrenders
- 30. Dog with long, silky coat and drooping ears
- 31. Sun up in New York
- 32. Lead alloy
- 33. Eastern Asian plant
- 38. Rapid deployment force (abbr.)
- 41. Japanese warrior
- 43. Festivity
- 45. Interruptions
- 47. Nonsense (slang)
- 49. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. French river
- 56. Global business conference (abbr.)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Con man's game
- 60. No (Scottish)
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Fish
- 63. Camera term (abbr.)
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A continuous portion of a circle
- 2. Genus of seabirds
- 3. Infant's dining accessory
- 4. Native Americans from Arizona
- 5. Popular fruit
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Scolded
- 8. Assists
- 9. Hand (Spanish)
- 10. Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
- 12. Basics
- 14. Cain and ___
- 19. Malaria
- 23. Indicates particular shape
- 24. Respiratory disease
- 25. Central Standard Time
- 26. Imitate
- 27. Golf score
- 28. A place to lay your head
- 29. Three cards of the same suit
- 34. Not in
- 35. Human gene
- 36. Ancient Chinese philosophic concept
- 37. French river
- 39. Thinks up
- 40. Type of geological deposit
- 41. Helps little firms
- 42. Area units
- 44. A device to remove
- 45. Secret political clique
- 46. Polite interruption sound
- 47. Foundation
- 48. Clare Boothe ___, American writer
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resistance fighters
- 58. Speak disrespectfully of



Nichols College postpones Commencement exercises

DUDLEY — Nichols College has announced it will postpone its annual Commencement exercises on May 2, in accordance with government mandates aimed at containing the transmission of COVID-19. Nichols President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D., informed the graduating class in a March 17 email, saying, “Per CDC and state guidelines, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that our May 2, 2020 Commencement Ceremony is postponed.” This week, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a prohibition on gatherings of 25 or more people, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations to cancel or postpone events of 50 or more for eight weeks. In her message, President Engelkemeyer also promised graduates an opportunity to commemorate their academic achievement at a future event, with details to be determined. “There will be a day that I will proudly, and with great joy, recognize this milestone in your

lives,” she added. In addition, Nichols is planning to create a virtual event for May 2 in acknowledgement of the Commencement Ceremony that was scheduled to take place at Worcester’s DCU Center. The college recently announced it was moving exclusively to online course delivery following this past week’s spring break until at least April 3 and offering campus housing only to those students unable to return home. “It is truly impossible to express how very sorry I am that your final semester has been disrupted in such a profound way,” Dr. Engelkemeyer said to the seniors, referring to the cancellation or deferment of in-person classes, and activities such as spring athletic events and travel opportunities. “For many of you and your families, I remember being there the day you moved into Shamie or other residence halls. And I fondly remember shaking each of your hands as we came together during fall orientation. You are all in my heart.

Please know it aches for you.” As the ever-changing situation develops, Nichols is keeping open various channels of communication to the students and the entire campus community. About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers Master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy has released its honor roll for the second trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 4

Honors
Symeon Downie, Jameson Durocher, Aedyn Esser, Issayris Gonzalez-Rivera, Heather Kennedy, Oliver MacDonald, Aleya Pereira, Noah Waterhouse

GRADE 5

High Honors
Michael Gasperini, Apollo Logan, Yashvi Swadia, Nico Yacavace

Honors
Jeremy Figueroa, Melany Ngo, Tatum Perez

GRADE 6

High Honors
Makayla Capillo, Zoe Forget, Colin Ladd

Honors

Charles Congdon, Frances Dyer, Anika Ferrantino
Brandon McGlone, Amari Pereira, Nicholas Sargent, Cameron Simpson

GRADE 7

High Honors

Luisa Henao, Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud, Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya,

Honors
Jason Checka, Elena Jerez, Lizmarie Rodriguez, Jennalee Rousseau, Ava Simon

GRADE 8

High Honors
Kirsten Congdon, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert

Honors
David Adorno, Zachary Cournoyer, Teresita Del Valle, Eva Jerez, Payton MacDonald, Avelyn O'Brien, Laci Pollone

United Way honors volunteers, area companies at awards ceremony



Campaign Chair Dawna Dagenais, Unsung Hero Award recipient David Langlais and Board President April Parzych.

STURBRIDGE — On March 12 at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village, prior to the restrictions on events, the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton honored two special volunteers and recognized our corporate partners that held workplace campaigns.

The 2019 Campaign Chair, Dawna Dagenais addressed the gathering stating “Our success is very dependent on the companies and individuals in our community who support the United Way so that we may provide the resources that our Member Agencies need.”

Mrs. Dagenais updated the guests on the status of the current campaign.

“With the loss of a few companies who chose not to run workplace campaigns this year, the campaign is short \$32,000 of the local goal of \$312,000,” she said. “As the United Way forward funds our Member Agencies based on the previous year’s pledges, this shortfall will affect the allocations to our member agencies in 2020. However, our corporate partners that are here today, and some that are not able to be in attendance, did an outstanding job of maintaining and even increasing their annual workplace campaigns!”

Awards were presented to two individuals for their commitment to help the United Way in their own ways. David L. Langlais, a Hyde Tools employee, received the 2019 Unsung Hero Award for his many years of volunteering to help to maintain and deliver the large campaign thermometers that are displayed during the campaign in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.

The 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award

was presented to Maria Gravel, an employee of Savers Bank, who acted as the campaign manager for the bank. Her passion and compelling story of how a United Way program assisted a person she knew through a difficult time was instrumental in the success of the Savers Bank campaign.

Other awards of recognition were presented to the following companies for either their level of employee participation, or for total money raised through their individual campaigns.

Good Neighbor Award - Over \$10,000 and under 70 percent participation

Hyde Tools, Inc. & Employees for their continued support of over \$15,000

Harrington Hospital Employees - for their continued support of \$10,000

Bronze Award - 70-84 percent employee participation

Dexter-Russell & Employees – with a combined total of \$20,000

Southbridge Credit Union – with a combined total of \$7,100

Silver Award - 85 – 99 percent Employee Participation

Savers Bank & Employees – 94 percent with a \$20,000 campaign.

Gold Award Small Business - 25 or less employees 100 percent Employee Participation

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St. Luke’s Health Care

Diamond Award - Employee &



Campaign Chair Dawna Dagenais, Volunteer of the Year recipient Maria Gravel and Board President April Parzych.



The staff of Karl Storz Endovision and Endoscopy America receiving the Diamond Award for raising almost \$70,000 between their two locations in Charlton and Auburn.

Corporate Gift Totaling \$30,000 or more

Income, Inc. & Employees - \$34,000

Cornerstone Bank & Employees - \$49,575 combined total for the local United Ways

Karl Storz, Endovision & Endoscopy Divisions & Employees - Our largest corporate donation and campaign at almost \$70,000!

Executive Director, Mary O’Coin, concluded the event stating that “In these times, it is important to remember those who struggle daily with making ends meet, finding affordable day care, access to medical and mental health services, food for seniors, activities for the youth and much more. We appreciate all who volunteer and those that give to the United Way. This event marks the last one for the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton

as we begin a merger with the United Way of Webster-Dudley and will be known as United Way of South Central Massachusetts in the coming months.”

United Way plays a vital role in creating positive change within our community. UWSSC spends its time, energy, and funds on five initiatives: Health, Education, Financial Stability, Basic Needs, and Literacy, funding more than 26 programs through 19 non-profit partner agencies annually for programs and services that focus on the initiatives.

If you would like to give or contact the United Way please contact: Unitedwayssc@verizon.net or call (508) 765-5491. Please visit: www.Unitedwayssc.org or follow on Facebook for the latest news.

Online antique education



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What a difference two weeks can make. In my last column, I discussed upcoming flea markets as we started to see nicer weather. Now, with people staying at home and social distancing, many are looking online to learn something new. There are plenty of online options for those of you interested in studying about antiques and collectibles.

If you want to do something informal, you can dig out your antiques and collectibles and research them. If you aren’t sure what your item was used for, Google images may help you find a match on the web. Go to images.google.com and you can find other items on the web that look like yours. I recently had a piece I couldn’t identify and found it was a gold-filled retractable toothpick using Google images. You may find a manufacturer’s mark on some of your pieces and can research the company’s history on the web. You can look up eBay sold prices if you’d like to find out what items like yours sold for. There are other research options as well, including worthpoint.com, liveauctioneers.com, invaluable.com, askart.com, artprice.com and artnet.com. Some of these sites do charge fees to access their databases.

There are plenty of videos about antiques on YouTube and other websites that you can view for free. Just remember that there may be inaccuracies, biases, or the video creator may be trying to get you to sell them your antiques and collectibles. So, view them with the healthy skepticism you would with anything else you find on the web.

If you are serious about learning more about antiques and collectibles,

there are some distance learning courses that you can sign up for. Please use due diligence when choosing courses as I have no direct experience with any companies offering these courses.

[Universalclass.com](https://www.universalclass.com) offers online classes on a wide range of topics. Their antiques and collectibles course costs \$50, or \$75 if you want a CEU credit. They also offer unlimited courses from their hundreds of offerings for \$189 a year. Their antiques and collectibles course description reads: “How to Buy and Sell Antiques and Collectibles offers a highly successful approach to acquiring and selling antiques and collectibles for both fun and profit. This course incorporates many strategies of acquiring and selling desirable objects and pieces, with the goal of personal enjoyment and fulfillment.” There are 15 lessons for both collectors and dealers.

The Asheford Institute of Antiques offers an online appraisal course. The individual lessons may appeal to people

who are interested in opening an antique shop, selling online or considering some other type of antique related career. I spoke with the Business Director at Asheford, Greg DeMarco. He said that they typically see an increase in people taking their courses during a recession, as people feel the need to learn more or make career changes. When I spoke with Mr. DeMarco, Asheford was seeing nearly a 15% increase in registration since the COVID-19 virus. Asheford Institute’s website is [asheford.com](https://www.asheford.com). DeMarco may see an uptick in business, but like all of us he hopes that the pandemic and the measures needed to contain it are short-lived.

I’ll be appraising items for the Douglas Historical Society on May 3, provided there is no need to reschedule it. We will also be running an estate sale with many antiques in an Auburn, MA home and an online auction in Warren, R.I. when conditions allow. Our online Rutland estate farm auction



has been temporarily postponed. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events. Stay healthy, everyone! I look forward to seeing you at antique events soon.

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Golas settles in as town administrator



Charlton Town Administrator Andrew Golas listens intently during his first Board of Selectmen meeting in January.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Since attending his first meeting in January, Charlton’s new Town Administrator, Andrew Golas, has seen quite a lot in town during his first two months on duty.

Golas succeeded long-time Town Administrator Robin Craver who departed in October of 2019, after himself serving several years in the town of Barre and hit the ground running.

Golas said his first few months in town have been quite the learning experience. He has been welcomed with open arms by the staff and town officials, and said it didn’t take long for him to realize he made the right choice by joining the Charlton community.

“Everyone that I’ve worked with has been great about bringing me up to speed. I’ve been as proactive as possible to get out to the business community and reach out to residents to see how I can best serve them in my capacity. I’ve been getting up to speed on the budget system but thankfully we have a finance director who is great to work with. Pretty much everything else that’s

ongoing has almost come naturally,” said Golas.

After only a few short months, Golas said he feels like he has been in the town for years and thanked the staff and elected officials for making his transition seamless. Among his biggest challenges has been learning the nuances of the different people he works with day to day, from department heads to the board of selectmen, challenges that come with any job transition especially when helping manage a community as tight nit as Charlton.

“Everybody here is so passionate about what they do. I have a lot of department heads that have been here for a long time, and know a lot about where Charlton has been and where it is now. A lot of the things that surprise me is when they talk about when Charlton used to be this rural farming community and being a new person in town I think of Charlton as more of an affluent community. Now that I’m here I can see that personality and how things have all come together and grown,” Golas said.

While Golas has big shoes to fill after Craver’s 13-year stint in the town’s highest non-elect-

ed post, he feels up to the challenge. He doesn’t plan to judge his success based on the past, rather he wants to continue to create a bright and successful future for the community and believes that to accomplish this everyone needs to work together.

“I want to see a teamwork approach. As we see people come in for new developments, I want to sit down as a team with the applicant and give them our guidance all at once rather than having them bounce from office to office. I’d like to make sure that department head meetings continue, and we all know what’s going on,” Golas said. “We launched a social media page for the town, and I want to make sure we push updates for people to see about what’s going on and they know what we’re dealing with and what to anticipate going forward.”

Anyone interested in staying informed on the happenings in the town of Charlton and news from the new Town Administrator’s office need only search for Town of Charlton on Facebook and click the like button to follow the page.

Designing a beautiful garden for you and the pollinators



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You don’t need a prairie or large lot to attract and support pollinators. A meadow or informal, formal and even con-

tainer gardens can bring in bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to help pollinate plants. It’s just a matter of selecting the right plants, adjusting your maintenance practices, and skipping the pesticides. Create your garden by converting a few square feet of lawn, garden bed or front yard into a pol-

linator-friendly garden. You may want to start by switching out part of an existing garden or container to more pollinator-friendly flowers. Expand your planting options by converting a portion of your lawn into a pollinator garden. Outline the bed with a hose or rope. Remove the sod, add compost as needed to improve drainage and you’ll be ready to

plant. Simplify and dress up your efforts by using an easy-to-assemble raised garden kit like the Pollinator Garden Bed (gardeners.com). Its long-lasting cedar planks slide into aluminum corners to create a hexagonal bed. Get creative while increasing the garden’s size by adding additional sections to create a honeycomb or other interesting design. Mark the outline of the raised bed you select. Cut the grass short and cover with newspaper. Set your raised bed in place and fill with a quality planting mix. Mulch four to six inches surrounding the raised bed for ease of mowing and to eliminate the need to hand trim.

Once your planting bed is prepared, you’re ready to plant. Include single daisy-like black-eyed Susans, coneflowers, and asters that allow visiting insects to rest and warm when sipping on nectar or dining on pollen. Add a few tubular flowers for butterflies and hummingbirds. They both like bright colors and can be seen visiting salvias, penstemon and nasturtiums. And don’t forget the bees that are attracted to bright white, yellow, blue and ultraviolet colors. You’ll find them visiting these and other blossoms like catmint, sweet alyssum and perennial geranium.

Include spring, summer and fall bloomers to keep pollinators visiting and well fed throughout the season. You’ll enjoy the seasonal changes along with the color and

motions the visitors provide. Include early spring perennials and bulbs to attract visitors in early spring as they search for much-needed food. Add fall flowers to help prepare them for winter or migration to their winter homes. Those in milder climates will want to add some pollinator-friendly flowers to support and attract pollinators wintering in their backyard.

Plant flowers in groups for greater design impact and to reduce the energy pollinators expend when gathering nectar and pollen from one flower to the next. Provide plants with enough space to reach their mature size. Temporarily fill in voids with annuals like salvia, single zinnias and nicotiana that also attract pollinators.

Don’t let all the plant and design possibilities overwhelm you into inaction. Gardener’s Supply Company has plans for designing gardens to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds plus tips on keeping them safe in your garden.

Mulch the soil with leaves annually. It suppresses weeds, conserves moisture, improves the soil and provides homes for many beneficial insects.

Allow healthy plants and grasses to stand for winter. These provide homes for many beneficial insects and food for birds. Wait as long as possible to clean up your garden in spring. If needed, pile clippings out of the way to allow beneficial insects to escape these winter homes once tem-



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Gardener's Supply Company

peratures warm. Then shred and compost the plant debris in summer.

As your gardens flourish, you will want to create more pollinator-friendly spaces. Your efforts will be rewarded with beautiful flowers, increased harvest and the added color and motion these visitors provide.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardeners Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Nyla is currently in the 4th grade. There are no concerns about Nyla's behaviors in school. Nyla states that she'd like to be a math teacher or hairdresser when she is older.

Legally freed for adoption, Nyla will thrive in most any family constellation with older children or no other children in the home. Nyla must be placed in a family who can allow her to visit with her biological siblings and possibly her maternal grandmother who live in western MA. There is an open adoption agreement in place for 3 visits a year with birth mother.

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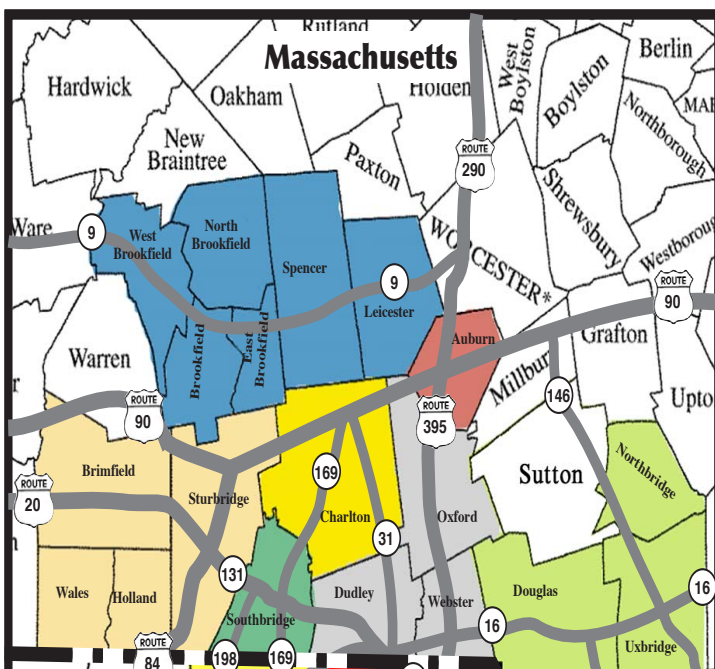
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EDITORIAL

A much needed time for renewal

Another winter is on its way out, and warmer, longer days are finally here. As March turns the corner into April, the dawning of the season of renewal is perhaps more welcome this year than ever before in the shadow of the Coronavirus outbreak, and we thought this would be an opportune moment to reflect on some of the things that make us grateful for the arrival of spring.

While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snow banks melt away, and we welcome the sight of our lawns and tree branches once again sprouting green.

Another phenomenon that comes with spring is ‘spring fever.’ In modern times this is a semi-positive term. Back in colonial times, however, ‘spring fever’ referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today’s ‘spring fever’ will have children restless in school, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex.

Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the spring-time are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight, and you will not only be awake, but enthusiastic.

To touch on a bit of history, as we are wont to do, the month of April is derived from the word ‘Aprillis,’ which in turn is derived from the word ‘aperire,’ meaning “to open.” This makes perfect sense, as the world becomes abloom again in spring. With everything once again blooming and warm, sunny weather ahead, we hope all of you out there have an opportunity to stave off stir craziness during this outbreak by stepping outside to feel the sun on your own faces, inhale a deep lungful of invigorating air, and enjoy a much needed sense of renewal.

GOOD NEWS

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call from someone driving down Main Street in one of our own local communities who saw a group of children writing messages of encouragement and affirmation on the sidewalk with brightly colored chalk because it was something they felt they could do to help the people of their hometown stay positive and keep their spirits up. We were so moved by this extraordinary act of selflessness on the part of those so young that it inspired us to seek out similar displays of goodwill. All of us could use some ‘good’ news right now, and we are asking you, faithful readers, to share yours with us. If there is a collection of food and supplies for those in need taking place in your community; if you have been the fortunate recipient of an unexpected act of kindness; or if you know of a hometown hero who you believe deserves recognition for going above and beyond to make a positive difference during the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to hear about it. Feel free to contact our Editor by e-mail at brendan@salmonpress.news or by phone at 279-4516, ext. 101 and help us spread some positivity.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Does humanity really end when the toilet paper runs out?

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

I have a friend since high school named Karen. She was a smart and focused student, a cheerleader ... very popular but always a kind soul. We lost touch through the years but reconnected when, to her surprise, she saw my name on a book at Barnes & Noble. Karen was always engaged and helpful. Raised by kind parents, she was always one of those people who were ... well, just that way.

Sunday morning, Karen rose early and headed to the grocery store in her small Michigan town. She had a plan to arrive as the doors opened and get the few items she needed and did. Toilet paper was on her list and she bought the only package left ... a package of eight rolls. She, like most of us, was surprised by the empty shelves. She bought what she could and headed out of the store and to her car. In the parking lot, she encountered an elderly man, visibly upset. Karen asked if he was okay.

“My wife and I are out of toilet paper. I’ve been searching for days. I don’t know what to do,” the troubled old gentleman explained.

He didn’t know what to do, but Karen did. She broke open the package of eight rolls and tried to give him half. He would only accept two, and was touched to tears. He didn’t have to leave empty handed because of the generosity of Karen Tyson. She, and others like her, give me hope and optimism in a time wrought with despair and pessimism.

We still live in the richest nation in the history of the world. Is it truly necessary for some of us to survive, that others must go without?

No.

“We have nothing to fear but fear itself.” – Franklin Delano Roosevelt

When fear sets in, irrational behavior begins. Saturday, I witnessed a man and a woman struggling in the aisle of my local store over a bottle of bleach. There’s really not a shortage of bleach, there is only the fact that some bought more than they needed and left others without. The same with hand sanitizer. I’ve seen some on social media bragging about how much they have while others are driving all over town and can’t find a single bottle. I personally know of a 65-year-old man with cancer who is at high risk and

can’t find a single bottle anywhere.

Being prepared is admirable, while hoarding is only selfish.

Last week, I wrote a column that I thought would be whimsical, but by the time it went to print was not. There are people in serious need of the basics of life. No, not having toilet paper may not be life threatening, but a lack of food items and basic products for disinfection are. If you have a little to spare, please share. Call your local house of worship, food pantry, Salvation Army or any organization who can help get these into the hands of someone in need. Be inspired by the kindness and willingness to share that Karen, and many like her have displayed.

No. I am not asking you to share what you need for the survival of the next few weeks or month, but please examine your heart and ask yourself if you have a little to spare. I believe the supply chain of these items will catch up with demand sooner than later. The shelves will soon be filled again. That’s the beauty of capitalism. Just look into your heart and pantry and see, like Karen, if you can graciously give a little to help someone who is in need.

Keep your eyes open. Most people in need will never ask. Karen saw a man who was distraught and asked him. Will you do the same? Do you have elderly neighbors? Will you stop by and check on them? See if they are in need?

Be kind ... be optimistic ... and pray.

If you have nothing to give, share a kind and encouraging word. Do not take part in the negative gloom and doom conversations. Be uplifting and encouraging in public and in private, if you are so disposed ... please pray.

We’ve always been a nation that looked out for our neighbor and pitched in to help where we can. Yes. These are unprecedented times, but we will survive then thrive. And besides ... I am old enough to brag that I have survived at least ten end-of-the-world predictions. I’m optimistic the world will survive this one too.

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Easy Easter Time Tips

Easter is right around the corner and the religious holiday, steeped in tradition, often creates the best family memories. Coloring eggs, early morning candy hunts, Easter lilies, and family tables heaped with festive fare, all make this spring celebration one of the most enjoyable holidays ever.

Few family traditions are more enjoyable than those that happen at Easter time. Read on for some fun and easy Easter related tips - from a new twist on tinting eggs to preserving potted lilies.

Bye Bye Bunnies: Do you have leftover solid chocolate bunnies? Here are some ideas to put them to good use:

*Chop up chocolate and store in zip lock bags to use as chocolate chips in cookie batter, muffins, pancakes or to top cupcakes.

*Make candy coated popcorn: Melt chocolate and toss in freshly popped corn to coat. Allow to cool and harden before serving.

*Whip up an old fashioned mug of rich and yummy hot chocolate. For every cup of whole milk add four ounces chopped chocolate. Add a few drops of vanilla extract and a dash of sugar if desired. Melt on the stove on medium/high heat, stirring constantly. When mixture simmers, turn to low and cover for three minutes. Stir before serving.



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Everlasting Flower Preservative

Want to preserve your Easter bouquet or corsage? It’s easy to make them last almost indefinitely!

Ingredients: 1 pint powdered Borax (in laundry aisle); two pints cornmeal; covered cardboard box (a shoebox is ideal); fresh flowers.

Instructions: 1. Thoroughly mix borax and cornmeal. 2. Cover the bottom of the box with 3/4 of an inch of this mixture. 3. Cut flower stems about 1 inch long. Lay the flowers face down in this mixture. Spread the petals and leaves so that they lie as flat as possible. Do not place flowers too close together. 4. Cover the flowers with 3/4 of an inch of the mixture. 5. Place the lid on the box and keep at room temperature for 3 to 4 weeks. The flowers will stay summer fresh indefinitely.

Tissue Paper Dyed Easter Eggs

Why not try a new twist on an old tradition? Using tissue paper to color eggs results in an interesting hue of pastels (and no more dye mess)!

Note: Did you know Celebrity Chef Bobby Flay recommends boiling older eggs rather than very fresh eggs, because it’s easier to peel older hard

Don’t let fears drive your investment choices



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

First, the coronavirus rocked the financial markets. Then, oil prices dropped more than 20 percent after a

breakdown in OPEC production discussions. Not surprisingly, the markets took another nosedive. Yet, despite these events, this recent market volatility may well be attributed more to fear than the forces that usually drive the markets. Ultimately, in the investment arena, as in all walks of life, facts matter. And right now, if you look beyond the headlines, the facts that matter to investors may be far less gloomy than you might have imagined.

So, here are some things to keep in mind over the next several weeks:

This isn’t 2008. If you were an investor in 2008, you well remember the market crash that resulted from the bursting of the housing bubble, which had severe ripple effects throughout the economy. The situation is different now. While it’s quite likely that the U.S. economy will take a hit in the short term, the overall economic fundamentals were strong before the coronavirus came along and may indeed prove resilient enough to withstand the recent shocks. Specifically, the labor market conditions were the best in decades, housing activity was improving and interest rates remained low. And even the recent events may have a bright side: The drop in oil prices will likely reduce prices at the gas pumps, leading to more money in the pockets of consumers, which, in turn, can boost spending, a key driver of our economy. And the large decline in interest rates will make home purchases and mortgage refinancing even more attractive – again, positive moves for the economy.

We’ve been here before. From the time the markets bottomed out in early 2009 until just a few weeks ago, stock prices climbed about 300 percent. Yet, during that time, we also saw three separate market drops of more than 15 percent, similar to what we’re seeing now. These market corrections always feel unsettling, but it’s important to recognize that they are actually a normal part of the log-term investing process.

So, given these factors, how should you respond to the current situation? Instead of simply selling your stocks in an attempt to cut your losses, review your portfolio to see if it is properly balanced between stocks, bonds and other investments in a way that reflects your goals, time horizon and risk tolerance. Those investors with properly balanced portfolios are not seeing the same level of decline as those whose holdings are almost entirely in stocks. And while diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help reduce the impact of volatility.

Here’s another suggestion: Look for good buying opportunities, because they are certainly out there. A well-managed company with a solid business plan that produces quality products and services is going to be that same company after the coronavirus and oil price panics subside – and right now, that company’s stock shares may literally be “on sale.”

While it’s not easy for you to look at your investment statements today, remember that you’re investing for goals that may be decades away. By keeping your eyes on this distant horizon, so to speak, you’ll be less likely to over-react to the news of the day – and more likely to follow a long-term strategy that can work for you.

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Turkey hunting tactics



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Will life ever be the same again? One good thing that sportsmen have in their favor is that hunting and fishing in the great outdoors is available 24/7, with plenty of room for all. Massachusetts has been busy stocking trout in most area ponds that normally receive them. Local rivers and streams had not been stocked as of this past weekend, but should receive an allotment of trout this week. Check the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Web site for up to date stocking of trout in your area. The water is still cold and fishing for trout has been slow, according to some anglers. As always, power bait is the number one bait to fish with.

Wild turkey season is not far away, with this year's opening

day April 25. With the mild winter we had this year, an abundance of birds survived, as did other wildlife. Central Massachusetts has a large population of birds, far surpassing the Berkshires and areas north & West of the valley. Those areas were once the only place to hunt Wild Turkeys back in the day, but when the state started to stock some of the wild birds from New York and other states in the Blackstone Valley, their populations exploded.

Hunting tactics for harvesting a Wild Turkey have not changed much over the years, but more and more hunters are starting to use ground blinds, unnoticed by the keen sight of the wild turkey. They allow the hunter a lot more ability to move around in a comfortable chair, or just to sip on a cup of hot coffee while waiting for a big tom turkey to come strutting into your decoys. The blind also allows you to stay off of the ground decreasing an encounter with a nasty deer tick, which, by the way, have started to show up on my dogs in the last month, as well as

other residents' dogs. Today's ground blinds are easy to set up and are extremely light and cost around \$100.

Using a box call to imitate a hen turkey is the most popular call among sportsmen to lure in a big gobbler, and is easy to use. Slate calls and mouth calls work extremely well, but do require a bit of practice. Many hunters have a hard time using a mouth call, which requires the call to be kept in their mouth for sometimes long periods, but when they are mastered they work very well.

When wild turkey hunting first started in Massachusetts, numerous seminars were held throughout the valley by some game call representatives like Quaker Boy, or professional turkey hunters from other states. There are very few seminars today, but some Fish & Game clubs should consider holding one at their club for first time turkey hunters, and even those that enjoy that have harvested a few birds. The hosting club usually has some great food available and even some video of past hunts. Hopefully,



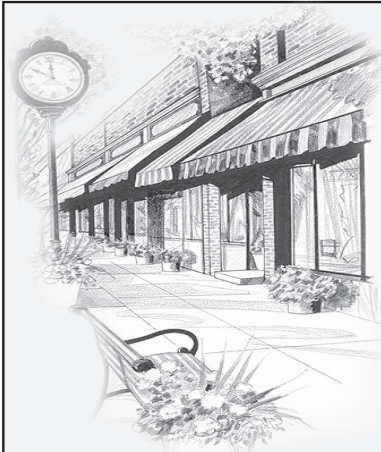
the virus that has caused so much health concern will be gone soon so that everyone can get back to their normal life. It is too late for turkey seminars this year, but hopefully, next year will be different.

Charter boat captains are also going to get hit hard by the virus pandemic when fishing season rolls around. Boat captains that have sport fishing boats (called six packs) carrying six anglers or less, will not be hit as hard as the large char-

ter boats that carry up to 40 or 50 people. They will basically be shut down until July or August if things stay the same or get even worse. Private boat owners will still be able to fish unless we are told to shelter in place.

Hope everyone stays safe and life will get back to normal soon!

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SPORTS

YMCA swim team competes at Mid Regions



The following are the results from the Tri-Community YMCA Torpedoes swim team, who on March 7 participated in the Mid Regions at Clark Memorial YMCA in Winchendon:

Age Group: 8 & under
High Point Girls First Place Kestrel Brousseau (Woodstock, Conn.)
Kestrel Got First in the Girls 50 Free, First in the 25 Backstroke, Second in the 25 Breaststroke
Devon Raymond got Second in the Boys 25 back, Third in the 25 Free
Age Group: 9 & 10
High Point Girls Fourth Place Abbey Korenda (Sturbridge),
Second Place Kylie Formigal (Sturbridge)
Boys First Place Dominik Ignatovich (Dudley)
Girls Medley Relay Second Celia Ares, Kyrarh Gingo, Hailey Mathurin, Addison Foster
Boys Medley Relay First Jack Sullivan, Ethan Rodriguez, Ignatovich, Nathan Regan
Girls Freestyle relay First Brynn Boucher, Spillane, Korenda, Formigal
Boys Freestyle relay Second Sullivan, Oprica, Ethan Rodriguez, Nathan Regan
Kylie got Second in 100 Freestyle, First in 100 IM,

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Second in 50 Butterfly
Dominik got First in 100 Freestyle,
First in 50 Freestyle, First in 50 Butterfly
Katelyn Spillane got Second in 100
IM, Third in 50 Backstroke,
Miles Oprica got Third in 100 IM,
Third in 50 Backstroke
Abbey got Second in 50 Backstroke,
Third in 50 Freestyle, Third in 50
Breaststroke
Jack Sullivan got Second in 50
Backstroke
Age Group: 11 & 12
High Point Boys: Ethan Zhu
(Sturbridge) Fourth place, Quinn
Sullivan (Sturbridge) Third place, Evan
Dambly (Sturbridge) Second place
Girls Medley Relay Third place
Amara Johnson, Tori Stendrup, Sonia
Ganski, Abigale Houle
Boys Medley Relay First place
Dambly, Sam Merchant, Quinn
Sullivan, Zhu
Girls Free Relay Third Johnson,
Ganski, Stendrup, Houle
Boys Free Relay First Quinn Sullivan,
Merchant, Zhu, Dambly
Evan Second in 100 freestyle, First in

50 Backstroke, Second in 50 Freestyle
Quinn First in 100 IM, First in 50
Butterfly
Sam Merchant Second in 50 Butterfly
Keenan Scherer Second in 100 IM
Ethan Z Third in 50 Backstroke,
Second in 50 Breaststroke
Jonah Scherer Third in 50
Breaststroke
Sonia Ganski Third in 50 Breaststroke
Age Group: 13 & 14
High Point Girls: Abigail Morse
(Woodstock, Conn.) Fourth Place, Jade
Desmond (Woodstock, Conn.) Second
Place, Kira Dambly (Sturbridge) First
Place
Boys: A Sweep... Fourth Eben
Mazeika (Sturbridge), Third Ethan
Korenda (Sturbridge), Second Akshat
Viswanath (Charlton), First Max
Sullivan (Sturbridge)
Kira First in 100 Freestyle, First in
100 Backstroke, Second in 50 Freestyle
Abigail Third in 100 Freestyle, Third
in 100 Backstroke, Third in 50 Freestyle
Jade First in 200 IM, First in 100
Butterfly
Julianna LaForce Second in 200 IM
Nicole Apicelli Third in 100
Breaststroke
Max First in 100 Free, Second in 50
Freestyle, First in 100 Breaststroke
Ethan Second in 100 Free, First in 50



Courtesy photos

The Tri-Community YMCA Torpedoes swim team placed well at the Mid Regions at Clark Memorial YMCA in Winchendon back on March 7.

Freestyle, Second in 100 Breaststroke
Akshat Third in 100 Free, First in 100
Backstroke, First in 100 Butterfly
Eben First in 200 IM, Second in 100
Backstroke
Reed Magnan Second in 100 Butterfly
Nathaniel Chute Third in 100
Butterfly
Relays were 13 and over:
Girls Medley Relay Second Place
Sarah Kersting-Mumm, Emily Owens,
Maria Piekarczyk, Katie Wade
Third Place Kira Dambly, Julia
Obrycki, Zoey Zhu, Nicole Apicelli
Free Relay First Wade, Zhu,
Piekarczyk, Kersting-Mumm
Third Dambly, Rebecca Turley,
Apicelli, Owens
Age Group: 15 and Over
High Point Girls Third Place Sarah
Kersting-Mumm (Oxford), Second place
Emily Owens (Sturbridge)
Sarah Second in 100 Freestyle, Second
in 100 Backstroke, Third in 50 Freestyle
Emily First in 50 Freestyle, First in
100 Breaststroke
Maria Second in 100 Butterfly
Katie Third in 100 Butterfly
Adrian Ignatovich Second in 100
Freestyle, Second in 50 Freestyle



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CALENDAR

Saturday, April 4

ANNUAL BRIMFIELD COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT: 2 p.m., First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St. Bring a basket and come prepared for a community Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Bunny traditionally has made an appearance. Games and snacks included.

“ROARING ‘20S MOM PROM: The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host “A Roaring ‘20s” Mom Prom on Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Auburn South County Worcester Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. This evening of dinner and dancing will benefit two organizations, the John Paire Student Support Fund, which helps kids in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District have access to a well-rounded educational experience, and the Kennedy-Donovan Center of Southbridge, a nonprofit organization in Southbridge that supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Grab your spouse, friends and family members, and join the MOMS Club for the second annual Mom Prom. It’s not just for moms, but all guests must be 21-plus. Early-bird tickets are \$45 per person until Feb. 14 and \$50 per person after that date. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the club, please email charltonmomsclub@gmail.com, or purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/MOMPROM2020>. The Mom Prom name and logo are registered trademarks of founder Elizabeth Crapps and used under license.

Tuesday, April 7

TANTASQUA AND UNION 61 DISTRICT ART SHOW AND HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR: 5:30-8 p.m., Tantasqua Regional High School, 319 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale. Join us to see what our district’s children are learning as they explore the arts and sciences. Explore the halls of the high school to view the artwork of our district’s children in grades K-12. Tour the art studios to purchase high school students’ artwork, snacks, or drinks to support the art department. Art includes ceramics, jewelry, prints, and more! Enjoy

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boiled eggs than fresh ones?.

You’ll need: Tissue paper in several colors; water, hard boiled eggs, small bowls or cups.

Instructions:

1. Tear the tissue paper into small pieces.
2. Put some water in a bowl.
3. One at a time, soak pieces of tissue paper in the water. Then stick the pieces onto the surface of a hard boiled egg. Keep placing tissue on the egg until it is covered. You may want to overlap the tissue pieces a little to cover the entire egg, or leave spaces to create a mosaic effect.
4. After the entire egg is covered, place it in an egg cup to dry.
5. When the tissue is dry, peel it off of the egg. The color of the tissue paper will have transferred to the egg.

Prolong Potted Lilies: Easter lilies are gorgeous plants, and with a few tricks you can prolong their life as a potted plant way past the Easter holiday. If you are purchasing the plant your-

presentations by Tantasqua students displaying their independent research projects in science and engineering as part of the science fair.

Saturday, April 18

FOXWOODS BUS TRIP FUNDRAISER: Relay for Life will host a fundraising bus trip to Foxwoods, with the bus leaving from JC Penny in Sturbridge at 3 p.m. and returning from the casino at 11 p.m. \$30 per person. You will receive \$10 in free play and a free buffet meal. To reserve your seat, contact Elizabeth Mongeon at (413) 436-9383.

Saturday, April 25

CHARLTON HELPING HAND SOCIETY ANNUAL YARD/TAG SALE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton. Our always generous donations from our members and community make this a ‘something for everyone’ event. Come early, stay late and enjoy the variety of bargains and fellowship!

ONGOING

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER’S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common.

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We’d love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran’s wakes & funerals. There’s plenty we can still do to help our community.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

self, choose a healthy looking plant with a few flowers in full bloom but with most unopened. Keep potted soil moist and place in a cool 60 to 65 degree room where it can get some indirect sunlight. Avoid direct heat and direct sunlight. Be sure the pot is on a saucer, and if it is wrapped in foil be sure the foil doesn’t trap any water in the bottom of the pot. Help your lily last even longer by snipping off the pollen laden anthers from the center of the blooms.

Long Lasting Lilies: When your Easter lily has seen better days, don’t toss it out! Your potted lilies can last for years to come if you plant them outside. To do: When leaves and stems turn yellow and or brown, trim them back and plant the bulb directly into the garden after the threat of frost has passed. For best results, plant the bulb in about three inches of good soil in a sunny or partial shade area. Top with another three inches of mulch, peat moss, compost, etc. (bulb is six inches underground). Water as needed. Keep in mind transplanted lilies won’t bloom until next summer. Keep well mulched during the winter and next

St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Vista Adult Day at The Overlook. Loved ones welcome to join Vista Program with prior screening. Contact Kathleen Walker at (508) 434-2876.

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield.

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including begin-

spring remove extra mulch to help lilies sprout up.

Chalk it Up: Wondering what to do with all those eggshells left over from Easter? Why not be creative and teach the kids how to make sidewalk chalk? While you’re at it, you can throw in a little recycling lesson!

Eggshell chalk: four to five eggshells, one teaspoon flour, one teaspoon very hot tap water, food coloring (optional).

Directions: Wash and dry eggshells. Put the shells into bowl or grinder and pulverize into a powder. Toss away any large pieces. Place flour and hot water in another bowl and add one tablespoon eggshell powder and mix until a paste forms. Add food coloring if desired.

Shape and press mixture very firmly into the shape of a chalk stick, and roll up tightly in a strip of strong paper towel. Allow to dry approximately three days until hard. Remove paper towel and you’ve got homemade chalk! (Eggshell chalk is for sidewalks only.) Recipe can be doubled or tripled, depending upon how many eggshells you have.

ners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. Times: WeighIn/Registration 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael’s On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oea@charter.net or visit oea.org.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!

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.

COVID-19

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about the fact that it is close, and we want to do everything we can to mitigate the situation and keep it from spreading further,” Golas said.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Singer released a statement to the public in the wake of the positive test urging the community to remain calm and touting the town’s preparedness as the pandemic has become a much clearer reality. He also urged the community not to change who they are, but only how they interact to help stop the spread of the virus without sacrificing the sense of community that has made Charlton so great.

“The people of Charlton have always supported and watched out for one another. Knowing the people of this town that’s not going to stop. Call your neighbors to check in and make sure they’re okay. If you know a senior offer to help if you can. They may need someone to run and get groceries for them or may need a ride. Call in a take our order from any of the restaurants owned by our friends and neighbors. Together we can, together we will!” Singer said.

He also urged citizens not to panic as many in the country have done in the past few weeks by raiding grocery stores and hoarding supplies.

“There’s no reason to run to the store and buy all the food and supplies in sight,” he said. “There is no shortage of food

or supplies. There is simply a shortage of manpower to unload trucks and restock fast enough. Buy what you need as you normally would, and there will continue to be plenty to go around.”

With Charlton having its first confirmed case Harrington HealthCare Systems has announced the temporary closure of the urgent care facility in Charlton recommending all patients go to the Oxford urgent care site at 78 Sutton Ave. instead. While the confirmed case from Charlton did not originate from the Charlton facility, the company decided to close the facility due to declining patient volumes and the increased space for patients in Oxford. The company has set up a coronavirus hotline at 508-765-8191.



To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

(Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages)

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail or drop off to
June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.
Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and AMEX are accepted.

For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!



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TRIPS OFFERED

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

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Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise
9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020
What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!
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Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

The Boston Red Sox vs The Baltimore Orioles

3 Days/2 Nights August 21 - 23, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights hotel lodging, breakfast at hotel, lower reserved seating to 2 ballgames, The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Guinness Brewery & More

\$549pp Double Occ. - \$679pp Single Occ. - \$539pp Triple Occ. - \$539pp Quad Occ.

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September 11th Museum & Memorial in NY City and West Point Academy
2 Days/1 Night May 14-15, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, hotel lodging, two (2) meals (1 breakfast & dinner theatre show), touring the Hudson River Valley & dinner theatre show and so much more!
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Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show Queen Esther
3 Days/2 Nights September 23-25, 2020

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Nova Scotia w/Tattoo Fest featuring The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Bay of Fundy, Halifax,

Saint John, Annapolis Valley
5 Days/4 Nights June 29-July 3, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging - Marriott Saint John - New Brunswick, 2 nights lodging - Westin Nova Scotian - Halifax, breakfast each morning (4), 2 scrumptious dinners, 1 lobster luncheon, guided tours each day and more!

\$1499pp Double Occ. - \$1899 pp Single Occ.

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Montreal & Quebec Getaway
4 Days/3 Nights August 18-21, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging - Marriott in downtown Montreal, 1 night lodging - Quebec City, four meals (4), 5 meals, guided tours each day and more!

\$849pp Double Occ. - \$1159 pp Single Occ.

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

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

A few things to know:
Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.com

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets
Trips are open to the public
Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior Center

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

You will be notified of pick up time & location

Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton

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

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

July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE \$135 includes transportation, Beauport Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake buffet, Entertainment & Dancing. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 6/25)

September 2 — LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE & CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS \$129 includes transportation, Lake Cruise, Luncheon, Visit to Castle in the Clouds. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 7/30)

November 17 — YESTERDAY ONCE MORE w/The Carpenters, ABBA, 5th Dimension, The Mamas & The Papas all in one show! \$92 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 10/15)

Dec 4-7 — A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN. Gaylord Oprey Hotel! 4 days/3 nights. Call for more info

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020.

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

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

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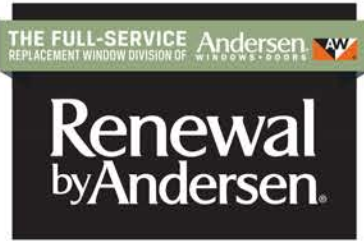
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Mother's Day Honors

Publish Date:
May 8, 2020
Deadline date:
Friday, May 1 @ 5 pm

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ANSWER: RETINA

What’s the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Glasses on man 2. Tie on man 3. Missing glasses on shelf 4. Ponytail on woman

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A. 5 24 24 21
Clue: Used for scoring

B. 6 4 18 13 13 3 22
Clue: Move a basketball

C. 6 15 7 10
Clue: Push the ball down

D. 20 5 24 24 14
Clue: Throw ball at hoop

Answers: A. hoop B. dribble C. dunk D. shoot

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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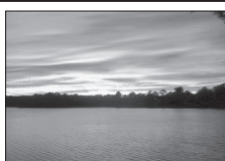
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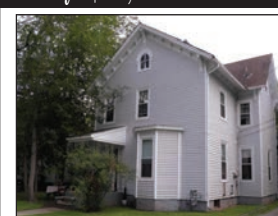
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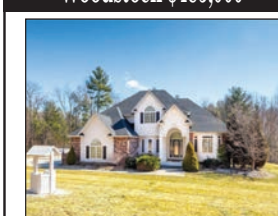
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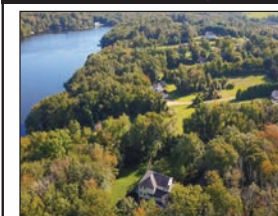
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