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Boaters bring patriotism to Lake Sargent

LEICESTER Boaters recently showed off their patriotic spirit with the first annual parade on Lake Sargent.

Celebrating the Fourth of July in style, the fundraising parade was open to both motorized and unmotorized boats. And despite stormy skies looming, participants were eager to hit the water and display their patriotic pride.

Vessels taking part in the event included pontoon boats, jet skis, and kayaks. A total of 12 boats entered the parade.

All funds raised from boat entry fees will support the lake association's weed treatment program and other maintenance projects.

"We go to Florida in the winters, and they have many boat parades down there.

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North Brookfield resident celebrates 100th birthday

NORTH BROOKFIELD Even though residents weren't able to hold a large centennial birthday party, they still found a fun way to honor 100-year-old Pearl Crevier.

A lifelong North Brookfield resident, Crevier officially joined the triple-digit club on June 18. Residents recently celebrated her birthday with a drive-by parade on Grove Street, with Crevier watching from her son's car in the parking lot of St. Joseph's Church.

Crevier still lives in the same house in "little Canada" in which she was born; she has spent all but three years of her life in that home.

One of six children born to Alphonse Richard and Elizabeth Richard (Gaudrew), Pearl married the late Harold Crevier and had six children of her own. She now has nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Over the years, Crevier has worked at William E. Wright Co., of West Warren, and Kleven Shoe, of North Brookfield. She was a seamstress and dressmaker in town for many years.

Crevier has also been a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Church. She is a founding member of the choir and has spent over 30 years with the



North Brookfield resident Pearl Crevier recently turned 100.

group, in addition to making choir robes.

"Pearl's beautiful, strong soprano voice could hold a note seemingly forever," said resident and friend Patricia O'Connor.

In addition to her singing talents, Crevier is also an award-winning artist. Sne enjoys drawing and painting with oils and acrylics, and more recently she began coloring with pencils and markers.

Crevier attributes her longevity and happiness to hav-

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Officials caution against threat of EEE

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION - As COVID-19 numbers decline statewide and the Commonwealth continues to reopen, officials are monitoring an entirely different threat - Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Last year, New England saw a significant increase in EEE cases. Six Massachusetts residents died as a result of EEE in 2019, plus another three deaths in Connecticut. The threat became so severe in September that fall sports and other activities had to be rescheduled to daylight hours or held indoors.

Ten months later, with the recent announcement of the state's first positive EEE detection in mosquitoes in 2020, officials are urging residents to use caution to prevent another outbreak.

Last week, Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that the EEE virus was detected in mosquitoes collected in

Orange. No human or animal cases of EEE have been detected yet, but officials have already increased the EEE threat level to moderate in the communities of Orange and Athol.

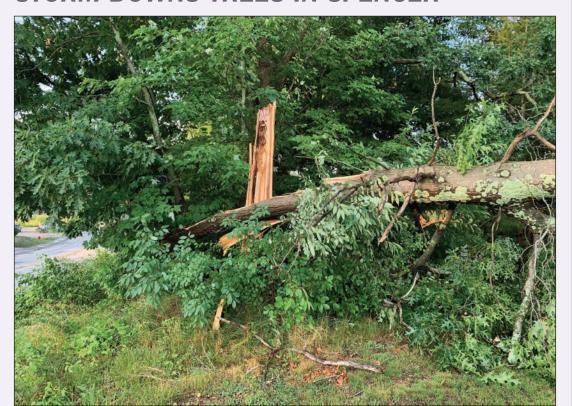
In 2019, southern Worcester County and the Blackstone Valley were heavily affected by positive EEE cases. Officials want to get out ahead of the virus this year.

"We have been preparing for EEE activity this year, said Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel. "It is early in the year for the first evidence of EEE. Therefore, continued mosquito surveillance over the next several weeks will help us understand more about how quickly the virus might emerge this year.'

EEE is a rare but serious disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the

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STORM DOWNS TREES IN SPENCER



No injuries were reported during a strong thunderstorm on July 6, but several areas of town saw extensive tree damage. The memorial in front of the Spencer Police Department was damaged by falling branches. The memorial honors Spencer police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty. A handful of vehicles throughout town were also damaged during the storm.

Camp Marshall rallies to salvage summer programming

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After receiving disappointing news from the Governor's office, the Camp Marshall staff has worked hard to salvage summer fun for local kids.

In early July, just days before campers would have begun their overnight programs as part of the state's third phase of reopening, camp officials learned that overnight residential experiences were moved

last-minute to phase four. The decision left camp leaders scrambling across the state. Many of them chose to remain closed, but Camp Marshall is pushing through adversity.

"It was a frantic moment of deciding how to pivot on this and salvage the summer for campers, staff, and families. We had very little time to react," said Camp Marshall Executive Director Sheryl Moore.

The news of no overnight camps was a major letdown for area youngsters and their families, many of which were looking forward to camp for several months. After rush-

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North Brookfield Savings Bank's Business Center helps with PPP loans

BROOKFIELD - North Brookfield Savings Bank makes it a priority to be there for their customers old and new, and their communities, always, and more importantly, when it matters most. This is far more evident this year, as the country fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic and most community businesses were faced with the harsh realities of closing their businesses doors, losing much needed revenue and laying off employees. Then, the now well-known Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program was announced and North Brookfield Savings Bank was there to help. As of July 9, the NBSB Business Center has helped 219 businesses obtain PPP loans, totaling \$11.3 million.

Initially, the Paycheck Protection Program was complicated and left many vital details still unanswered. Regardless, the North Brookfield Savings Bank Business Center Team were all in and ready to be of service. Business lenders immersed themselves in learning about the program, answering calls and emails late into evening hours, over the weekends, helping business owners who were stressed, worried and not sure where to turn or begin. Many businesses, when trying to obtain a PPP loan with their current financial institution, were turned away for various reasons, making the process all the more stressful. To top it off, many business were facing having to simultaneously revamp how they were doing business since they could not allow customers into their facilities. The NBSB Business Center Team was there to ease business owners concerns, answer their questions, release them from some stress, and guide them through the PPP loan process.

The pandemic hit my business hard. Being a speaker at events, conferences, and in person trainings, the ability to do any of that kind of work was cancelled and I watch thousands of dollars in business disappear. North Brookfield Savings Bank was my life line. I was not even a client of NBSB when I reached out to them for a PPP Loan. I had interestingly enough been turned down from my Bank that I had done business with for 30 years," said Rita Schiano, Founder of Live a Flourishing Life, a personal professional development, training & coaching company. "Within a half hour of filling out the application I received a call from Rick Egan, and within a matter of a few days I received an email that my PPP loan had been approved. About a week later, I had the money in my account and I cannot tell you how that gave me the ability to feel like I could breathe again."

Schiano continued, "The folks at NBSB could not have been more helpful, more understanding, really making sure that when it comes to the loan forgiveness process that I have all of the information I need. They really gave me the guidance for every step along the way. I am so

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thrilled to have moved business to North Brookfield Savings. If you are a small business owner, and now that PPP has been extended, reach out to North Brookfield Savings Bank.'

With the most recent extension to accept PPP application moved out to Aug. 8, North Brookfield Savings Bank is still helping day and night to give community business the support they need during this challenging time. Thankfully, now many of the details of the PPP loan and the forgiveness details have been finalized, giving much desired clarity to both the lenders and business customers.

During this entire process, to help answer questions for the public, North Brookfield Savings Bank made it their mission to create a comprehensive, all-inclusive COVID-19 resource center. This included a detailed breakdown not only on the Paycheck Protection Loan Program itself, but also all of the important details on how business should prepare for PPP Loan Forgiveness - an important and confusing element of the PPP loan. Online applications were made readily available for those applying for the PPP loan and PPP loan forgiveness.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Business Center provides its customers with the attention, detail and care that they deserve, and with over 127 of combined lending experience among its team, they have no shortage of knowledge to help business customers and meet their business banking needs. The Bank's primary Business Center location at 40 Main St. in Ware is a full service location, however lenders frequently travel to the destination most convenient for the business they are assisting.

To contact the Brookfield Savings Bank Business Center, call 508-867-0710 or email businesscenter@ banknbsb.com for your lending inquiries.

Although the pandemic limited what could be done to publicly celebrate

Crevier's birthday, her friends, family

members, and residents enjoyed the

ily, friends, and former choir members

- drove by, beeping horns and playing

The event also included balloons, posters, streamers, and even bubbles.

Crevier received several bouquets of

flowers, a cake, art supplies, and a CD

of a studio session of the St. Joseph's

happy 100th birthday to Pearl Crevier.

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Church choir on which she sang.

the birthday song," O'Connor added.

"Many well wishers - including fam-



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drive-by celebration.

ing kind, supportive friends and eating well. Her axiom for a good life is: "Eat right. Grow well. Have nice friends." Crevier's favorite food is oatmeal. FOR IMMEDIATE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY, and she also enjoys peaches, applesauce, Cheerios, soup, ice cream, and **MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE AREA!** marshmallow cookies.

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State enters third phase of re-opening

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION - Local businesses continue to reopen as part of the state's third phase, including fitness centers, health clubs, and movie the-

Gov. Charlie Baker launched the third phase of reopening on July 6, with specific guidance for each industry. The Governor thanks residents and business owners across the state for their efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. After a careful review of statewide health metrics, Baker's team felt comfortable with progressing to the third phase.

"Thanks to the hard work everyone has put in so far, more places will be able to reopen with strict guide-lines," Baker said. "Phase three contains some bigger players that will draw more people into indoor settings. This phase will last significantly longer than other phases so we can closely monitor the impacts.

The third phase of reopening also allows the following to return:

Outdoor performance ven-

Museums, cultural venues,

and historical sites

Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact

Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-

Although COVID-19 numbers have declined statewide, officials are urging residents not to become complacent. As more indoor facilities reopen, the chance of spreading the virus will increase if preventative measures aren't taken.

"It's important that we continue to follow the guidance and do all of the things that have allowed us to get to this point," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Everyone has a role to play, and everyone must do their part. You have all made it possible for more businesses to reopen."

Key public health data, including the number of new cases and hospitalizations, continue to be closely monitored. Since mid-April, the state's seven-day average

organizations and businesses for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 94 percent, and the three-day average of hospitalized patients is down 79 percent.

Over a million COVID-19 tests have been administered statewide.

Also included in the Governor's phase three announcement was a revised public gatherings order. Indoor gatherings are now limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet; gatherings should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed indoor

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, and conventions. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

Also addressed in the third phase of reopening, healthcare providers can now offer in-person group treatment programs and day programs.

These include adult day health programs, day habilitation programs, substance abuse services, and outpatient services. Additionally, community-based day services for adults with intellectual and cognitive disabilities can also reopen.

Additionally, visitation guidelines have been updated for several sectors. These include the Departments of Developmental Services, Youth Services, Children Families, and Public Health, Mental Health, and the Mass. Rehabilitation Commission. Offsite visits, including overnight visits, will be allowed under specific guidelines.

MassHealth will extend its current telehealth flexibility through at least the end of the year to ensure member access to critical healthcare services.

The state's reopening plan includes four total phases. The fourth phase won't likely be reached until there is a COVID-19 vaccine, officials

For a full list of state guidance and regulations, visit www.mass.gov/reopening.



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I thought it would be a nice idea up here as well," said event organizer Bob Richmond in an interview last month.

A panel of three judges reviewed boats from the patio behind Castle Restaurant. Prizes were awarded to the owners of the most patriotically dressed boats in both the motorized and unmotorized categories.

Richmond thanks all sponsors for their support of the first-time event, including Northeast Pizza, Barber's Crossing, Castle Restaurant, Eller's, Dunkin Donuts, Dippin' Donuts, Cheov Lee's, and Subway.

E-sports team taking shape at QC

WORCESTER Quinsigamond Community College has begun a new esports team for the League of Legends, a highly competitive, fast paced, action-strategy online game. Coaching this year's inaugural team is Nate Mello, QCC learning manager for Interactive Media Design and parttime faculty member.

'QCC Athletics started looking into esports last year. Our goal was to offer a different kind of sport to engage our students who play online gaming on their own, to be part of a QCC team," said Athletic Director Lisa Gurnick. "The push to move this forward this year is due to COVID-19."

Esports collegiate teams have exploded in recent years. According to the National Association of Collegiate Esports, which began in 2016 with only six colleges and universities, by 2019 that number had increased to 128. QCC is part of the NJCAA Region XXI conference, which currently has five colleges with esports teams.

"Our egaming will be set up like baseball; e-game scrimmages will take place in the fall with season games and tournaments in spring 2021. The number of games will depend on how many of the colleges in our conference have an esports team in the fall and spring," Ms. Gurnick said. "We will hold as many scrimmages as we can this fall. The master game schedule for spring 2021 has not been made yet, because we are still waiting a little bit longer to see how many colleges will join with the rest of us.

League of Legends is a five vs. five game that pits players against each other with the objective of destroying the other team's base. A competitive collegiate match consists of the same premise, with each team having five students taking on the other team of five students. Currently, the students log in to play other colleges from their own computer at home. When not in a global pandemic, the game is generally played in an arena where the teams sit across from one another other.

"I think one of the biggest things for the students is the comradery," said Coach Mello. "When playing a game like League of Legends, working together as a team of people who you know makes it much more compelling and fun. One of the students told me after our first week of practice that it was the most fun he has ever had playing League of Legends and he could not wait for our next practice."

QCC players have been meeting online Monday and Wednesday nights for practice. The team is set to play a couple of exhibition games this summer against Bunker Hill and Mass Bay Community Colleges, with scrimmages in the fall currently against Bunker Hill, Mass Bay, Northern Essex and Bristol community colleges.

"There is still time to be part of the

team. We are completely remote right now due to COVID-19, so space is not an issue," Ms. Gurnick said. "Based on the initial support and interest from the students, staff and faculty, we see esports at QCC being quite successful. We have a lot of interest and currently have 14 students practicing with Coach Mello. We feel this is just the beginning of a strong student engagement opportunity for our students and the college."

Those interested in playing can email Ms. Gurnick, LGurnick@qcc. mass.edu. Students must be enrolled at least part-time in the Fall semester and full-time (12 credits or more) in the Spring semester. A valid (within a year) physical form and a GPA of 2.0 or higher are required in order to play.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

Friends of the Swan Tavern launch fundraising campaign

LEICESTER – The Friends of the Swan Tavern have officially kicked off their "Be A Drop in the Bucket" fundraising campaign.

The effort will help fund several improvement projects at Swan Tavern, including painting the exterior of the building. The fundraising sweepstakes is well underway, with the first drawing already taking place on July

Looking ahead, residents are invited to enter the program for a chance to win one of more than 20 baskets and/ or gift cards. Entry opportunities are available online at the Friends of the Swan Tavern Facebook page.

The second sweepstakes drawing will be held on July 26 for baskets and gift certificates worth \$100. For more information on how to enter using cash or check, contact

Diane Calvano at 508-335-9706. All funds raised will help

continue the restoration of the historic Swan Tavern, located at 1 Paxton St. Event organizers previously scheduled a fundraiser in March, but it was canceled due to the coronavirus. Residents are now asked to join this new effort to support an iconic building that has been trans-

formed into a town history museum. Several collections are already in place, and more will be added in the coming months.

Residents are also invited to check out the Friends of the Swan Tavern Facebook page for more information on the building.





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Second Chance continues to evolve for the sake of pets

EAST BROOKFIELD Second Chance Animal Services helped 40,000 pets last year. Less than 5 percent of those pets ever entered the shelter doors. These two numbers tell a very compelling story about the rapidly changing landscape of animal welfare. It's a story of innovation that Second Chance has been writing for over two decades that comes down to a single question: How do we help pets in need?

When Second Chance was founded in 1999, the biggest need for pets seemed to be a home. Across the country puppies and kittens were being euthanized by shelters who had no space. Recognizing the root of the problem, Second Chance pioneered low-cost spay/neuter and feral programs to provide a long-term solution to pet overpopulation. These two successful programs have helped 55,000 pets to date through spay/neuter and prevented an untold number of unwanted offspring from ending up in shelters.

In the following years, as pet owners told Second Chance they could not afford to keep their pet, Second Chance established a nonprofit veterinary hospital program and a pet food pantry program. Today, pet owners who may suddenly find



Rebel and Olive are two dogs helped by Second Chance.

themselves struggling financially can get pet food from affiliated local food pantries and have access to veterinary care for their beloved pets. Second Chance's Community Veterinary Hospitals

Springfield, Worcester and North Brookfield offer subsidized rates for qualified households, to help keep pets in their homes. All three locations provide full-service care, plus lowcost vaccine clinics and spay/

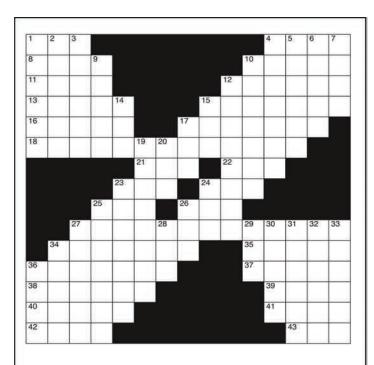
neuter clinics to help all pet owners care for their pets.

"When I started working in animal welfare, the euthanasia rate was well over 20 million pets a year in the United States," notes Second Chance founder

Sheryl Blancato. "Through the hard work of organizations across the country, that number is now 625,000 and we are on track to hit zero in the next couple years. Every day, I ask 'How can we innovate to help even more pets? What do they really need?""

Blancato says the greatest needs for the future will be medical and behavioral. There's currently a shortage of veterinary professionals, which is why Second Chance has partnered with Bay Path Vocational Technical High School to establish a Veterinary Education Center at their new Southbridge veterinary hospital which is expected to open next summer. The hospital will be open year-round providing the same high-quality care synonymous with Second Chance hospitals, while the lower-level of the building will house a classroom and learning lab to help prepare the next generation of animal welfare professionals to carry the torch.

Businesses and individuals interested in supporting the future of animal welfare by sponsoring a room in the new educational hospital can visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/.



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Haston Library opens with restrictions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD - After being shuttered for more than three months, the Haston Free Public Library has reopened on a limited basis.

With the launch of the state's third phase of reopening, the library was able to open its doors to the public on July 7. The staff is thrilled to welcome patrons back, but there are still several restrictions and regulations in place to ensure safety.

For the immediate future, the library will be open to patrons on reduced hours (Monday 4-7

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All patrons must check in at the circulation desk upon entering. Guests and staff members must wear face masks; if you do not have a facial covering, one will be provided for you by the staff.

Patrons must also use hand sanitizer upon entering. items like keyboards in the building, staff members will ensure that sanitizers are available to all

> guests. Additionally, social distancing of at least six feet must be maintained in the building. Please return all books to the book drop outside; they will be quarantined for 72 hours before circulating again.

Also, please be mindful of furniture and equipment reconfigurations for guest safety. Two computers will be available in the building, one on the

first floor and the other on the lower level. Patrons may use the computers for up to 30 minutes at a time.

All photocopying and faxing must be done by a library staff member.

All library programs and activities are postponed until further notice, unless they can be done with social distancing. "We will still offer curbside

service to anyone who prefers not to enter the library building," read a statement issued by Library Director Dawn Thistle. 'We can't wait to see you all.' Library officials are also

reminding kids about their virtual summer reading program. From July 6 through Aug. 22, as part of this year's challenge: Imagine Your Story. Books will encompass myths, fantasy, fairy tales, and much more. A summer reading party with prizes will take place on Saturday, August 22, at 10 a.m.

Also, the library's book group is reading "Tip of the Iceberg: My 3,000-Mile Journey Around Wild Alaska, the Last Great American Frontier," written by Mark Adams.

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Candy has worked tirelessly making beautiful handmade quilts for the children in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UMass/University Campus with the intention that they will provide comfort to sick kids away from home. She has handmade more than 700 beautiful quilts since this started. She also knits hats and mittens at Christmas for the Spencer Toys for Kids program. Thank you Candy for your selfless generosity of your time and talents, and for being such an awesome member of our community.

- Submitted by Donna Morin Flannery of Spencer

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of the nation's banks, those that have maintained BauerFinancial's highest 5-Star rating longer than 90 percent of the industry.

'It is so important to us as a neighborhood Bank to make sure we are providing the absolute best service to our customers and support to our local communities." said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "This BauerFinancial 5-Star Superior rating is a direct result of

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Spencer seeks proposals for Valley and Mill Street projects

SPENCER - The town has been awarded funds from the Fiscal Year 2018 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program. Professional design engineering services are needed for the infrastructure improvement project on Valley and Mill Streets.

The Phase I engineering services currently being sought include site surveys; wetland flagging at the drainage outfalls/stream crossings; site base plan development; identification of all required easements; environmental permitting; preliminary design plans; final design plans and specifications; preparation of bid documents; and opinion of construction costs.

If project construction funding is secured, the engineer will provide Phase II services. These include bidding assistance, construction administration, and engineering services.

A more detailed request for proposals (RFP) is available at the Pioneer Valley Commission, Planning located at 60 Congress St., Springfield, MA, 01104. You can contact the PVPC at 413-781-6045.

You can also request an RFP form via email; please contact Sue Ortiz at sortiz@ pvpc.org. Parties requesting the RFP electronically are encouraged to verify that their email request has been received.

Completed proposals are due by 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.

Local students named to Dean's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates over 950 students named to the Spring Semester 2020 Dean's List.

The following students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Jacob Glass of Brookfield is pursuing a BA in Communication/ Media Theory & Production Concentration.

Kevin O'Neil of Brookfield is pursuing a BS in Computer Science. Abigail Gershman of East Brookfield is pursuing a BS in

Forensic Chemistry. Troy Johnson of Leicester is pursuing a BSBA in Sport Management.

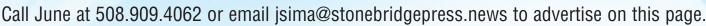
Andrew Fountain of West Brookfield is pursuing a BSBA in Business Analytics & Information Management.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.



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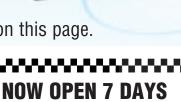
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Blueberry Crush Serves 1

- or 5 ice cubes
- blackberries blueberries
- raspberries

club soda (optional)

- Blueberry ounces Vodka (see below)
 - Dash of lime juice
- cup cracked ice cup sparkling water or 1/2

Place the ice cubes in a chilled old-fashioned glass. Place the berries in a small bowl and crush with a fork. Add to a shaker with the vodka, lime juice and cracked ice. Shake for 10 to 15 seconds, then strain over the ice cubes. For a lighter version of the drink, add the sparkling water.

Blueberry Vodka

- 750-ml. bottle of vodka quart fresh blueberries
- to 1 cup Sugar Syrup (optional; see below)

Decant the vodka into a clean 2-quart glass container with a tight-fitting lid. Soak the original bottle to remove the label. Let dry.

If using frozen berries, allow them to thaw. Place the fresh or thawed frozen berries in a bowl, crush with a fork and add to the vodka. Allow the vodka to infuse away from direct sunlight and intense heat for 3 months. Shake the container a few times each week.

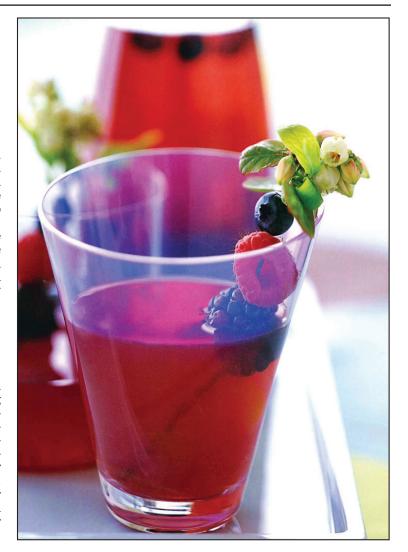
When you're satisfied with the intensity of flavor, strain the liqueur through a metal sieve into a bowl. Discard the berries. Add the sugar syrup to taste, if desired.

Using a funnel, pour the liqueur into the original bottle (or another container). Label with the name of liqueur and the date. Age for 1 month away from light and heat.

Sugar Syrup

cup water cups granulated sugar

Put the water in a small saucepan. Add the sugar. Bring the water to a boil while stirring. Reduce the heat and continue to stir until the sugar dissolves. Cool to room temperature. Select a clean container that will hold at least 11/2 cups. Using a funnel, pour the sugar syrup into the container, seal and store in the refrigerator for up to 6 months.



Bryant University students CAMP CONTINUED From page A1 named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is dedicated to the pursuit, recognition, and celebration of academic excellence. The University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring

'These outstanding achievements are particularly commendable as students have overcome significant challenges to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to excellence," says Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. "I am impressed and proud of their resilience, dedication, and innovative spirit."

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Kevin Copeland, class of 2023, from

Thomas Guinee, class of 2023, from

Tiara Haizel, class of 2022, from the summer. They were Spencer

David Ranucci, class of 2023, from Leicester

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ing to notify families of the state's decision, the Camp Marshall staff then worked to rearrange its offerings for the rest of determined to give kids something to look forward to in a summer that has mostly seen them sheltering at home. Many children have already lost vacations, family day trips, sporting events, and other fun activities

this summer. "It was very difficult for kids to hear this news when they were looking forward to it for months,' Moore added. "Everyone was looking forward to eventually reopening this summer and having somewhat of a sense of normalcy. A lot of these kids have been confined

at home since March." Camp leaders took advantage of their small window to readjust the schedule. As a result, the camp is still able to offer a limited day program and also an extended day camp. The latter program offers a nearly full camp experience, with the exception of the overnight portion. Campers can still enjoy fun activities from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., including hiking, fishing, biking, crafts, horticulture, games, and even campfires.

A range of drop-off and pick-up times are available for day campers.

Additionally, Camp Marshall is partnering with the Publick House in Sturbridge to enable children who live farther away to attend camp while their parents stay at the hotel and enjoy its historic atmosphere. The hotel is located only 20 minutes away from camp.

Camp Marshall's horse camp program is also still running this summer. Even though campers won't be able to stay overnight, officials are thrilled that their offerings will provide at least some relief to weary parents during the daytime hours.

"There is a large need for a solution for parents trying to go back to work," Moore said. "It's hard to work from home with kids in the house all day. A little bit of quiet can go a long way for parents, who have had to become teachers and care providers while trying to focus on their regular jobs."

The camp staff has fully already been trained on health protocol. Several procedures are in place to keep kids and counselors safe.

"We want to do every-

thing we can for our kids and families," Moore said. "It would have been ideal to have our overnight camp, but we are turning on a dime and adjusting to all-day programs."

The majority of Camp Marshall's programs will run through Aug. 14. The limited day program will run until Aug. 21.

Looking ahead, camp leaders don't know how long they will have to wait for overnight programming to return. Several state officials have indicated that the fourth phase of reopening won't begin until there is a COVID-19 vaccine.

"We don't know what the future will hold, but we will be as creative as possible and forge ahead," Moore said. "We are already operating on a shoestring budget, and this has stretched us to the max. We want to do everything we can to preserve ourselves for next year. We want to continue to evolve in these challenging times."

If you would like to make a donation to assist the camp, visit the Go Fund Me page that can be accessed on the Camp Marshall Web site: www. campmarshall.net.

For more information about camp offerings this summer, call 508-885-4891.

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I have several family members who I am close with, including my aunt, grandmother, grandfather, and two cousins. I am particularly close with my aunt who I speak with about funny things, my emotions, and my hopes. Along with my many strengths, I also have many talents and interests. I like to ride horses, play hockey, video games, and board games, and go swimming.

I'm looking for a family that will love me and have fun with me! I would like

to do many activities with my family including horseback riding, arts and crafts, movie nights, and cooking/baking. I am also learning to play the piano. I also would be a big help to my family by doing chores, playing with any siblings, and making everyone laugh. I would also love a visiting resource. I hope to speak with you soon!

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bite of an infected mosquito; it can also be passed to domestic animals.

'People have been spending time indoors due to COVID-19, and now, as we venture out, we want to remind people about the need to protect themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes," said State Epidemiologist Catherine Brown. "We are also asking people to remain aware of the level of virus activity in areas where they live, work, and play."

The best way to protect yourself against EEE is to apply insect repellent when outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient; DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Additionally, residents are asked to avoid being outdoors during peak mosquito hours between dusk and dawn. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning.

Experts also recommend wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and

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socks when outdoors. Moreover, you can reduce mosquito activity around your home by draining standing water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water that can collect in buckets, wheelbarrows, birdbaths, flowerpots, and wading pools. Residents are asked to change water in birdbaths frequently and check gutters and drains

for the proper flow of water. Residents can also protect their homes by ensuring that all windows and doors have tightly fitting screens with no holes or tears.

Animal owners should also take several precautions to reduce risks. Water troughs should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep their animals in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Also, owners should speak with their veterinarians about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals, as well as vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus and EEE.

If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to contact the Department of Public Health (DPH) at 617-983-6800.

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much relief as walking into a cool room on a hot summer day. Air conditioning systems make such experiences possible, and homeowners' decision in regard to which one to install in their homes is signif-

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is best? When shopping for new air conditioning systems, homeowners must consider a host of factors to ensure they get the best match. The AHRI notes that the home's age, the number and quality of its windows, how well it's insu-

lated, the number of stories it

Few experiences provide as has, and its square footage are among the factors to consider. Homeowners can benefit from working with trained technicians who can investigate each of these factors and recommend the correct system. The AHRI recommends homeowners ask their technicians to perform a Manual J analysis, which is a standardized formula that can help homeowners get the perfect system for their homes. What about energy efficien-

> Energy efficiency is an important consideration when purchasing a new air conditioner for a home. Energy rates vary depending on where a person lives, but rates remain pretty high across the board. Energy Information Association notes that residential electricity rates increased throughout the United States by about 15 percent between 2009 and 2019. An energy-efficient unit can help homeowners save considerable amounts of money, so homeowners can ask their technicians to recommend energy-efficient units that suit their homes. A

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Common sense has left the building

It seems like our country remains, and will remain, divided over how to stop the spread of Covid-19.

It distresses us that common sense seems to have left the building. When our cars break down, we bring them to a mechanic. When our phones or laptops go on the fritz, we bring them to a tech professional to fix them. When we need a new prescription for whatever ails us, or we break a bone, we call the doctor. When we are speeding down the highway and get pulled over for doing so, we are given a ticket to deter us from speeding again, and to keep ourselves and each

Why, then, when doctors and scientists whose experience and expertise are beyond question almost universally advise us that the best way to slow the spread of this virus is to wear a mask in public and avoid gathering in large groups, are so many so adamant in their refusal to listen? We all want our economy to function normally again. We all want our children to be able to attend school safely. We all want to be able to enjoy shopping at our favorite stores and dining at our favorite restaurants. So why this bullheaded refusal to do two very simple things that will help all of that happen safely? The answer is, regrettably, that like seemingly everything else in today's world, COVID-19 has been politicized.

Here's the thing, though — political affiliation has no effect on reality, and the reality we face at this crucial moment is that we are being stalked by a highly contagious virus. This enemy could not only prove fatal to certain segments of the population; it appears to leave even those who survive it with debilitating notion that nature had its health issues that may follow them for the rest of their lives. And it doesn't God the Father. give a damn what side of the political American Indian is one divide any of us stand on. Masks have always, and still do, helped to decrease the spread of viruses. Granted, certain styles are proven to work better than others, but that is a different discussion. There is ample research demonstrating that even the flimsiest of surgical masks can dramatically reduce the ability of entities like the COVID-19 virus to traverse the air between two people, and at this point, with flare-ups happening across the country, there is simply no excuse for those who are physically able to wear one not to do so.

This brings us to our next point. The fact that you might have found an article published somewhere online purporting to prove that a face mask is unhealthy for the wearer does not make it legitimate. You can find all sorts of misinformation during a Google search that could fuel a point/counterpoint discussion on any topic under the sun. While the Internet was meant to open conversations and was dubbed the 'information superhighway,' it seems the opposite is happening. People rely on ever narrowing social circles, memes, and unverified social media posts to guide them in their behavior, and it has frankly become dangerous. Facebook and Twitter 'trolls' spread misinformation at an alarmingly high rate to create division and unrest, and unfortunately, it has worked. With so much misinformation out there, it's hard to determine what is and what isn't fact. Many argue that COVID-19 is "just the flu," while ignoring the fact that the flu does not cause such a flood of patients at hospitals that they have no space to treat anything else.

According to the CDC, an infected individual, will spread the virus to at least five others. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable; however, that trend has seemed to spread to people of all ages becoming more and more infected with dire outcomes. If we value life, we must value it regardless of age.

No matter what our political persuasion, we all want to win the war against this pandemic. So why the refusal among so many to unite as one team to fight it? One of the defining characteristics of this great country of ours is that each time we have been faced with adversity, we have joined together as one to fight it. If all it takes is wearing a mask and some social distancing to get rid of this virus and to open our schools and economy, then there is no room for this childish refusal to cooperate. We are, and must be, better than this.

 \overline{O} PINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

TO THE EDITOR

Make the Mason-Dixon Line great again!

To the Editor:

President Trump has long said that we need a fortified southern border to stop the incessant drain of resources from us and to keep things such as disease out. I am starting to think he is on to something and he has had a point all along. I have come to realize that to achieve the goals that President Trump wants we might have to build that wall a little further north and Make the Mason Dixon Line Great Again!

As Coronavirus spreads out of control in the former Confederate States of America while the North watches in awe, it is hard to see how we could pos-

sibly be the same country. I've asked many times and many ways, why did we fight a war to get that back? Why did we want it back so badly? Couldn't we have let them go so they could have their third world country in peace while we could have a secular developed country in peace? Wouldn't it be more convenient for our low wage sweatshop imported goods to come from Virginia instead of Tamaulipas?

The U.S. Civil war was a major victory in many senses. It ended slavery in the last major country where it existed and freed millions of slaves. It also kept our Union together,

but I question if that was really a good thing.

The American South, the old Confederacy, has always been an ankle weight to the Northern states. We are tied at the hip. In the beginning the northern states were merchants whereas the south relied on chattel slavery to work agricultural fields. In the beginning there were compromises in our government, most laughably the "three fifths" compromise where the South didn't want to give their slaves rights as people but wanted to count them in the census so that they would have the political clout as though they

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Mother Nature vs. God

To the Editor:

Mother Nature comes from the Greek Mythology, the goddess GA/Gaia, meaning earth, that the earth created everything; she, earth gave birth to her husband Uranus, meaning sky and Pontus, meaning sea. Mother nature, Mother earth.

The earliest written and most reliable references to Mother Nature are found in Mycenaean Greek transcripts dated back in 12 or 13 B.C. The term Mother Nature is transliterated as maga, or Mother Gaia. This nation had its roots in the pre-Socratic philosophers who were able to convince many they had invented nature, and it was further championed by the Greek philosopher Aristotle. Other cultures have embraced the own spirit, unique from such culture believing that there is something called an "Earth Mother" that provides water of life and gives them the abun-

dant provision of food. This is all Greek to me! What I do know, "fact" "is" God controls the forces of nature and except for the book of Genesis I don't know what other proof, evidence I can share with you that there is no Mother Nature, God is the creator and in control of this world, universe and all that happens and we need to replace Mother nature with Father God, Father Nature the creator of all that exist, God is in control of "all."

Look around you! Do you really believe that all this creation just happened through Greek Philosophers and Aristotle?

I will give you some true facts, not theory and you will have to form your own opinion. You know what mine is; there is no Mother Nature, mother earth. Again, this is a matter of choice. I am not sure where some of you get your information; I receive mine from God's Word, the Bible, the book of life and truth. I believe in God, Jesus who is very much alive and not in Aristotle who is dead and buried, that makes good sense to me.

The book of Genesis is where it all started, God created the heavens and the earth and everything that lives and grows in six days and on the 7th, the Sabbath, Sunday, God rested. If you want the details you will have to read it for yourself. [Genesis 1: 1-26] and in Genesis Chapter 2, we learn that God placed Adam and Eve in the garden and how we inherited our sinful nature.

Have you ever asked yourself why does God use the plural in Genesis 1 verse 26, let "us" make man in our image This is the reference of the Triune God [Trinity] God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, they are three spirits [persons] in one God, all of whom are God with each their own character. God is a pure spirit [no physical body] that is why God sent His son Jesus to us on earth in

the flesh so we could see Him and He could teach us how to live so that we could one day live a Holy God in His Kingdom, heaven, and we, each of us are created in God's image to reflect who God is. Unfortunately, because of our sinful nature we inherited from Adam and Eve, the first parents, there have been some changes and we today must learn to deal with it daily and that is why Jesus came to earth to die for us to redeem us back to God the creator [Father] of all life. [Genesis Chapter 1: 1-26 and chapter 3]

God assures Abraham, a man of God in the Old Testament, "I Am." Why would Abraham a man of God yesteryear and any of us today who are in submission to God, Jesus be afraid? God, Jesus promises His devoted people to defend us and be our shield and stay, walk with us through difficult We have days, times. the confirmation of God, "there is only one God." creator of everything that we see with our human eyes. If you want to dishonor God that is your choice, the fact is God is the "I Am" the Father of all nature. [Genesis 15: 1] Also in [Exodus 3: 14] I am who I am! Yahweh is Hebrew for God, God's name "I Am" and Yeshua is Jesus [Exodus 6: 2] God said "I Am" the Lord and that makes God the Father of all nature. To be continued!

> ROLAND BLAIS BROOKFIELD

Dispatches from the front

To the Editor:

With regard to our just-aborning schedule of Trump sidewalk standout demonstrations in area towns, I'm wondering if you want the good news first-or the bad.

Well, let's be positive for a change. The results of our first two efforts are in, and those of us promoting these events couldn't be more pleasantly surprised. In back-to-back trials (Spencer and West Brookfield), on blazingly hot and humid sunny days, far more patriots than we had even hoped for turned out to show a flag, hold a sign, and wave to the occupants of passing vehicles. As this is the moonbat state of Massachusetts, we had to wonder (not worry, we're not that sort of people) just what kind of a reception we would receive. Both times, we were not prepared for what transpired: an almost unbroken stream of honking horns, smiling and happyto-see-us faces, thumbs up and waving gestures, and a general atmosphere of excited enthusiasm. As per usual, the most dependably supportive passers-by are motorcyclists (they love freedom), tractor-trailer drivers (they're often from other more patriotic parts of the country), and working class pickups and their craftsmen (they know life was good for them under Trump). It was an invigorating tonic for one such as myself whose otherwise humdrum life consists

of weeding the onion patch, keeping up with the bumper crop of raspberries, or trying to bring to an untimely end the career of that fat, too-clever woodchuck who somehow manages to devastate the blue hubbard squash plants despite my best defensive measures.

Now, I'm fired up, ready for a summer of street politicking alongside my patriot pals in the Trump movement. I love these people because they love America and don't want to see it destroyed, which will doubtless be its fate if these zombies of the left (the mainstream press; the Antifa lunatics; the utterly ignorant, "useful idiot" white female millennials of the clearly Marxist Black Lives Matter movement; the Progressive professoriate; and the entire Democrat Party from top to bottom) are able to steal the election from President Trump and usher in the collectivist hell they envision for the rest of us. You do understand, dear reader, your life and those of your children and grandchildren will change forever-and in a catastrophically bad way--if the only force standing in their way, President Trump, loses in November. You can stand by for one of two things: your very own enslavement (never mind the 19th Century experience) and loss of everything you've worked a lifetime for, or an incredibly

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What should you do with an inheritance?

If you were to inherit a large sum of money, what would you do with it?

The question may not be hypothetical, especially if you are in the millennial, Gen X or Gen Z demographic groups. That's because the baby boomers – often referred to as the richest generation in history - are poised to transfer some \$30 trillion in assets over the next few decades, according to the consulting

firm Accenture. Of course, this is a

"macro" figure, and

everyone's situation is

different. Furthermore,

since baby boomers

are living longer, more

active lives, the total

amount passed on may



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end up being considerably less than the estimate. Nonetheless, you may well receive a medium-to-large inheritance someday, and when that day arrives, you'll need

to decide how best to use your newfound wealth.

Your first move may be to do nothing at all. Generally speaking, you have enough time to decide how to handle the various elements of an inheritance, although if you are inheriting an investment vehicle such as an IRA or a 401(k) plan, you will eventually have to make some decisions about liquidation or withdrawals. (And since these accounts may carry tax obligations, it's a good idea to consult with your tax advisor fairly soon after you receive your inheritance.) But if a big part of your inheritance simply consists of cash parked in a bank account, there's nothing wrong with moving the money into a cash management account at a financial services company until you decide what to do with it.

However, after some time has passed, you may want to put your inheritance to good use. If you're already working with a financial advisor, you might want to get some guidance on how to use your new assets to strengthen your existing investment strategy. Do you have any gaps in certain areas? Can you use the money to help diversify your holdings? Diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses but it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

And, of course, if your inheritance is large enough, it may permit you to "max out" on your IRA for years to come, and possibly free you to have even more of your salary deferred into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement account. Plus, you could use the money for other long-term goals, such as funding a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan for your children.

You also might use part of your inheritance to donate to the charitable organizations you support. Due to recent changes in tax laws that caused many people to stop itemizing their deductions, charitable groups are in more need of support than ever.

And last, but certainly not least, take this opportunity to review your goals. Is your inheritance large enough for you to adjust your planned retirement age? And if that age may indeed change, what about your other plans for retirement? Will you now be free to travel more or pursue other hobbies? Will you even need to modify the way you invest for your new reality, possibly by taking a less aggressive approach? Again, a financial professional can help you answer these questions.

Someone thought enough of you to leave you a valuable inheritance – so use it wiselv.

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Three letter word

To the Editor:

I am saddened with the way our country is going. The looting, protests, shootings, murders that are horrific and tearing down of statues Morals are pretty much non-existent, and once prayer was taken out of school, the decay started.

The three letter word I am talking about is 'sin.' It all started in Garden of Eden, and the bible clearly states it will continue because we disobey God's word. The Ten Commandments were given to show no one could keep them; therefore, God sent His son so we would repent when we err and receive Him as our personal Savior. Yes, we will still sin at times however the Holy Spirit convicts us to tell Him we are sorry and learn from them...John 3:16 is such a well known scripture that should convict anyone who is seeking answers to life.

When I think of many of the Ten Commandments, it's obvious how we are to

everything, to love our neighbors as ourselves and on and on, and if we can't do this, then something is wrong. This is the start of decay in America.

So many think how awful the pandemic is and looting, murders and how many have died yet give no thought to death of babies in womb. It's been amazing in 12 years of counseling at a pro-life pregnancy center how these teens and young women have been taught nothing about life and God is creator and baby is just a blob or cell yet it has life day of conception. I am thankful for pro-life centers for their Christian beliefs and values to help our young moms and dads especially when they see ultrasound in first trimester as once seen they keep their babies or place for adoption. I think of how if a pregnant woman is murdered, the person is charged with two counts of murder, yet people don't see the difference regarding abortion. God's

Love our God first above word says only God has right to take a life, and it's amazing to see what God has done in people's lives that were botched abortions. Some are doctors, lawyers, yet what if some of these babies that were aborted had been people that had cure for cancer, etc.? There are so many other issues, yet how many nowadays stand for what the bible teaches besides read bible. Every answer in life in these trying times are all answered in the gospel. I know not all will be and saved, as there's so much unbelief in the world but if we could life with Gods love and respect this world would be in a better place than we have now.

I am so thankful for men like John McRae, who I've known for years and knows and studies all the facts, and also Mr. Blais, whom I've never met or talked to, but his Christian editorials are wonderful so it hopefully touches lives.

> DIANA HART SPENCER

TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Robillard seems to want to take credit for "the original BLM," i.e.: Civil War soldiers who fought for the Union. He has rejected the idea of white privilege and it seems that since his Great

Grandfather fought in the Civil War that wipes the slate clean for both him and Spencer. I am sure there was a lot of virtue in the area towns in the 1860's but that in no way means that the work was The slaves may have been freed in 1863 but they weren't even equal on paper until the Civil Rights Act of 1965 long after all Civil War veterans were dead. Fifty-

five years later black peo-

ple despite being de jure

equal are de facto not. It has been over 150 years since Mr. Robillard's ancestor fought in a war. What has Mr. Robillard done to promote racial justice and equality apart from denouncing the groups that are fighting in 2020 for justice and saying he wants to punch people's teeth out who try to explain the concept of white privilege? Has he inherited virtue from ancestors who died before he was born? The modern people who live in these towns do not get a pass because 150 years ago they were called to arms to preserve the union. Whitewashing history may make some people feel better, pointing out our flaws may make them feel attacked, but until we all understand the full context and implications of our history we can't move

Congratulations, America

I've said it before many times, but it seems that much of the United States really wants to be a third world country. of the United States has third world values. Fortysix percent of the United States elected a third world dictator wannabe. While there have been many examples throughout the years the COVID-19 situation never fails The United to impress. States has the highest COVID-19 infection rate and the highest death toll in the entire world. If each state were independent - Arizona, Floirda, and South Carolina would be worse than any other nation. The entire former Confederacy is worse, per million residents, than even Brazil, Panama, Armenia, Oman, South Africa, etc.

As for COVID, it has been a record breaking week. As of this writing the United States has 3.3 million infections. have a death toll of 134,830 people which based on mathematical analysis is likely severely undercounted. At the peak of the crisis in April our country saw about 34,000 infections per day. pushed it down to 20,000 per day by early June. Just this week we saw as high as 67,000 new infections per day.

What will it be next week? 3.8 million infections (500,000 new ones), 140,000 deaths (5,800 new dead people), and 80,000 new cases per day? By the time the ignoramuses realize this is a problem worth solving it will be too late.

I (and others) have said much about how the rest of the developed world has controlled COVID-19 while we have given up.

We are a rich nation with third world values and this leads to some peculiar results. The United States has a lot of builtin advantages when it comes to controlling disease – we live some of the most 'socially distanced' lives in the world, we travel by private vehicle instead of public transportation, our CDC and NIH are unparalleled in the world. It is true that our numbers look more like Brazil, India, Mexico, and Indonesia more than they look like Canada, Australia, or anywhere in Europe. One thing I find more interesting though is how the third world countries' curves look compared to ours.

In the developed world (sans USA) the COVID infections spiked quickly, then slowly came down, then they re-opened with extreme caution. In the third world countries hard-hit by COVID-19, the disease wasn't a problem. then it started spreading seemingly unabated. India locked their entire country down for a month and the infection didn't slow down until they had to give up at some point. Brazil's federal government acted like us but their state governors tried to lock down and weren't successful at controlling the spread. Indonesia. South Africa, and Mexico have been unable to control the spread and it never slowed down.

Now the United States' curve is especially interesting. We spiked early, like Europe, and then we brought the infection rate down, like Europe. Unlike Europe, it was brought down very slowly because we never took the lockdown serious-Unlike Europe, we Turn To HAR-YOK page A17

We need to re-open schools safely

To the Editor:

I am a big proponent of opening the schools as quickly as we safely can, and with as much capacity as we safely can. It is imperative for our children's education and their mental health to get out of the house and receive the education they deserve. For our economy to get back on track, we need parents to be able to work again, and that means the schools need to be open.

The CDC had published school re-opening guidelines only for them to be criticized by President Trump as too tough, expensive and impractical. The CDC recommended physical barriers, keeping desks six feet apart, not sharing books, etc. He asked the CDC to revise their guidelines and initially they said they would. Later the CDC refused to amend recommendations and basically said it was up to other officials to decide what to do with the information.

Safely is the key. Letting the plague rip through our schools and pretend it isn't happening may give the President the optics he is looking for but that will only set us back. The COVID-19 pandemic is real, and we need to balance competing goals here. President Trump and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos have pushed for full school re-opening, 100 percent of the students five days per week, full days. Trump and DeVos have gone as far as to threaten to pull funding from schools that do not fully reopen. They are acting like the final COVID victory lap is to have news crews filming schools running at full capacity with no masks, as if that makes the problem go away!

The CDC has flagged school reopening as the "highest risk". This document was marked "Internal Use Only" and was accidentally leaked and sent to local public health officials. Betsy DeVos when interviewed wouldn't say if schools should listen to the CDC The federal gov or not. ernment can't agree with itself... This is great...

In Massachusetts, we are looking at reducing our school building capacity by 50 percent, creating a "hybrid learning model" where half the kids are in school half the days. This is ridiculous. I don't know how a teacher can possibly lesson plan with half

the kids in-person and half not. This will invariably lead to half the content. The only good part I see from this is that it will put all school staff in the same childcare dilemma the rest of us have always been in (when they have to teach five days a week, but their kids are only in school two or three days a week). Driving the point that schools are also childcare and driving the point that teachers are also babysitters by creating a childcare crisis in teacher families almost makes it

We need to put our heads together and think outside the box. We have school buildings large enough to hold all children in the state for seven hours a day in normal circumstances. There are 24 hours in a day. Why not run two shifts? Then we have enough classroom space for all of the kids five days a week!

Now, we certainly don't have two times the teachers. But we also have the highest unemployment this country has seen since the Great Depression. We are the richest country on the planet. Can we not hire unemployed peo-

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The Civil War

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To the Editor: Mr. Mark Robillard stated recently that the 'original BLM" started in 1861 in an obvious reference to the Civil War. He has also rejected the very concept of white privilege, though he claims his Great Grandfather. who fought in the Union Army, understood it well. I have no interest in speculating what opinions or values of a man who is long dead that I had never heard of before reading this week's New Leader. What I do know is that values are not necessarily inherited, and even if they were, every person has eight great-grandparents, so each one would only represent 12.5 per-

Should people be proud (or embarrassed) of their heritage whatever the case may be? I don't know that they should. People should be proud of how they've treated others, the impact they will leave on the world, and those that they've helped elevate to positions of power. Even if your great-grandfather was Mahatma Gandhi vour pride should come from what you've done with your life as opposed to family lore.

What about residents of Spencer, should we be proud of the dozens of troops that volunteered for the Union Army? Perhaps; but no more proud than those troops

that came from Leicester, Worcester, or Boston. Should we be more proud of the troops that came from Massachusetts than those from Vermont or New York? How does occupying the same land, the very same 34 sq. mi, as courageous troops more than 150 years ago lead to pride?

Spencer is a 34.1 square mile parcel in Worcester County near the geographic center of Massachusetts that was incorporated in 1753. I have no family history in these 34.1 square miles. If I were to trace my family history back to 1861, I'm pretty certain none

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Where do our rights come from?

To the Editor:

I say my ancestors declared the world their hunting grounds. Therefore, I own all the land. An absurd notion. Good luck me trying to keep it. So, where does your right to live on a piece of land come from? Does God give it to you? I don't see any one with a title given them from the man. I don't see an almighty being enforcing ownership. Of course not. The right to occupy any property is a right that is given you to a government that a group of people has declared to be the people that want in charge.

The original people in the Americas, whoever they were, declared "These lands are mine." What right did they have to do this? They didn't create the land. They just happen to be the latest one on it. The right to live on it belongs to the group with most strength to defend it. That is the natural way. It can be called Gods way too. Call it whatever you want, but it is a fact.

When the settlers or explorers came to the Americas, they saw a vast land with resources. There were people here but there was enough for all to share. At some point the groups didn't want to share. The native Indians raided settlements and slaughtered inhabitants. The settlers then raided the Indian camps and did much the same; the group with the superior strength won. That's the way world worked back then.

At some point, these people decided instead of constant fighting and defending properties, let's make a government to create laws and make rights. We'll fund this by doling out land to live on, and then tax the occupier of these parcels. You see these so-called owners don't own this property. You are given a permission to live on it by the government in a conveyance of title. This

is the paper that allows you to live on it. Stop paying these taxes and you are pushed off it. Living on it is not a God given right, but a government given right. The taxes paid are be used by the govt to fund an army and police officers to enforce these rights. They keep you from having to fight off interlopers. In this country these rights are documented in the Constitution. The enforces are the police and army. Whatever rights we have are backed by these. Remove them and you have no rights. We will be back to fending for ourselves and killing each other.

There are those saying that the Constitution was written by white slave owning men. They therefore have no responsibility to follow the Constitution. Ok, it's the Constitution, written by these guys that give them and everyone equal rights under the law, freedom to demonstrate for redress to the govt, and voting. It doesn't say only white men get these rights. It gives it to all people. What were these slaves owning white men thinking? After all, they were so racist and unjust? I'll tell you what they were doing. They were educated humanitarians that were trying to make a better world the best they could. They saw the injustice and evils being perpetrated on others. They were striving to overcome their own shortcomings to make a more perfect union. They knew if they went too far, they could not get everyone to sign off on the agreement. They knew how to work together and build a coalition that could function with the diverse makeup of the country. I think they did a pretty darn good job on creating a set of rules that to live by. Remove this and no

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Health is now partisan?

To the Editor:

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are surging in some areas of the US in the South and the West. First there were four and now I read 50 hospitals in Florida are beyond 100 percent ICU capacity. New records for new cases are being set in the south and the west day after day. All the while, President Trump claims things are going well and he expects them to get better. I wonder if this will be like in March when he said the cases would soon go to zero or like in April when he said the heat would kill the virus and it would go away in the summer. It is now July, and the virus is spreading most rapidly in the hottest parts of our country. President Trump now insists the schools re-open.

This is a tough disease for sure; we see it rising in both California and Florida despite different lockdown rules. Epidemiologists stumped by how complicated, tough, and hard to control this disease

help that our President is detached from reality. It certainly doesn't help that Trump is detached from Dr. Fauci, and hasn't spoken to him in months. Dr. Fauci is our nation's top infectious disease expert, and the guy who should be in all the meetings; however, it seems he has been disinvited due to Trump not liking his advice. The number of new cases per day is three times higher now than the last time President Trump spoke with Dr. Fauci.

President Trump, and his supporters, are living in a different world, which has been bad enough. The President has actually successfully polarized the country to the point where the President and Fox News have staked out their battle position as opposed to scientists and experts. They have successfully turned a public health crisis into a partisan thing, a left-right thing, which is

just crazy. It's a disease. The President is criticizing Dr. Fauci, insisting that the schools fully is. It certainly doesn't re-open, is publicly fight-

ing with the CDC over their school re-opening recommendations, and is threatening to withhold federal money from the schools if they don't re-open. We have a global pandemic that is spiking all over the country in most states, the president is not following his own government's guidelines to keep it in check, he is demanding the schools re-open, we have no national strategy, and we have 50 hobbled strategies going in different directions ranging from controlling the virus to ignoring it. The totality of the circumstances is simply insane.

The American Academy of Pediatrics originally recommended that kids be in school, but they are now walking it back to say "if at all possible," and are leaving it up to public health experts. The AAP is really trying to balance 2 bad options and realize the "least bad" option may differ by local conditions.

Maybe in some places, the schools can be

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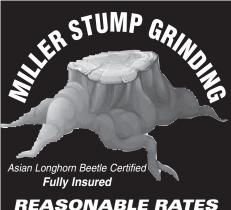
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LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No.WO20P1797EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Estate of:**

Frank L. Henshaw Date of Death: 8/16/2019 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ann E. Meilus of Barre Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that:

Ann E. Meilus of Barre Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/04/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First

Justice of this Court.

Date: July 07, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

July 17, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No.WO20P1741EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Estate of:** Evelyn P Pratt

Date of Death: 07/11/2015 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jennifer L Goodale of West Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner Requests that: Jennifer L Goodale of West Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 02, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

July 17, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 10 Sumner Street Extension a/k/a 10 Sumner Street, Spencer, MA 01562

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Denise Farmosa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC, and now held by PNC Bank, National Association, said mortgage dated April 26, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50839, Page 385, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC to PNC Bank, National Association by assignment dated August 14, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60880, Page 163; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same

will be sold at Public Auction on August 14, 2020 at 4:00PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

Legal Description The land in Spencer with buildings thereon at the westerly end of Sumner Street being shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Sumner Street in Spencer, Mass." owned by Ambrose R. Tower dated October 17,1989, E.H. Perry Associates, Land Surveyors, said plan recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 638, Plan 71, B & D as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin at the southeast corner of the lot herein conveyed; THENCE N. 82° 02' 50" W. 287.09 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 18° 55' 05" E. 146.55 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 30° 18' 17" E. 64.64 feet to a point; THENCE N. 30° 22' 03" E. 57.93 feet

to a point, THENCE S. 82° 36' 15" E. 44.47 feet

to a point; THENCE S. 60° 02' 11" E. 100.02 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 40° 18' 30" E. 113.51 feet to the westerly terminus of Sumner Street Extension;

THENCE S. 35° 07' 25" W. 38.69 feet along the westerly end of Sumner Street Extension to a point; THENCE S. 54° 08' 50" E. 67.89 feet

along Sumner Street Extension to an iron pin; THENCE S. 41° 21' 10" W. 93.90 feet

to the point of BEGINNING. Also conveying all right title and inter-

est in Sumner Street Extension as shown on said plan.

Containing 1.42 acres more or less. And being the same property conveyed to Denise Farmosa, Individually in a Deed from Kirk R. Farmosa and Denise Farmosa dated April 10, 2007 and recorded April 13, 2007 in the County Recorder's Office in Book 40985 Page 372. Tax ID/APN#: U12/62

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 10, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40985, Page 372.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank July 17, 2020 treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 1080 Main Street, Suite 200 Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for PNC Bank, National Association

Present Holder of the Mortgage 401-217-8701

July 17, 2020 July 24, 2020 July 31, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No.WO20P1669EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Marguerite E. St. Amand Date of Death: 05/03/2020 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Thomas R. Miville of Oxford MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that:

Thomas R. Miville of Oxford MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/28/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

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were people. It is as if Wisconsin tried to get a few more House seats on behalf of all the cows living there for the people to choose.

The British Empire abolished slavery long before the USA. The Confederacy seceded largely because they desperately wanted to remain a slave based, agrarian, undeveloped country. The south wanted to be a third world country. The consensus today is if they had successfully seceded. slavery would have died out in the early 20th century anyway but the American South today would be a 3rd world country much like Brazil. Brazil was very late in abolishing slavery, and started/tried to industrialize very late because at the beginning of the industrial revolution the power structure saw no need slaves sowing fields worked just fine. Brazil went down the exact path that the Confederacy fought

It should be noted that many Confederates fled to Brazil near the end of the Civil War or after the Civil War. There are cities in Brazil that were founded by "Confederados," and even Jimmy Carter visited some Civil War memorials down there when he was Governor of Georgia and noted the cultural similarity between the American South and Brazil. The thing he didn't say but could be read in-between the lines is "this is what the south would look like if we weren't connected to the north".

How ironic that while we sit as the clear and obvious worst country in the world for handling the coronavirus... Brazil is second worst. The other thing that is interesting is that the northern states (blue states, typically elect Democrats) have coronavirus numbers (cases, deaths) that look more like other developed countries. The American south, the old Confederacy, is actually substantially worse than Brazil.

After the civil war was 12 years of reconstruction, which was expensive and objectively a failure. After reconstruction the southern states immediately passed Jim Crow laws, the KKK rose to prominence, lynchings started up, segregation became policy. This led to civil unrest and ultimately the civil rights era. The South did not give up racism and inequality without a fight. It is only within the last 25 years or so that they can't be openly racist, now it is beneath the surface and mostly unwritten/unsaid but still very real.

Today, the South is a major economic drain. Levels of education are much higher in blue The Confederate GDP per capita is pitiful, the Hillary States have much more economic output compared to the Trump states. The blue states pay way more in federal taxes than the red states due to the higher incomes in blue states. The blue states are the givers and the red states are the takers. South Carolina gets \$8 from the federal government for every dollar it pays in taxes, Mississippi has the most people on SNAP at 22 percent of their population, and the examples go on and on. Massachusetts, which we all know is a blue state despite the "island of rustbelt despair" this paper circulates, pays more in federal taxes than it gets back. Massachusetts is in a club with New York, California, and New Jersey, among others.

In our current political climate, it seems that half the country voted for a third world dictator who is promising to destroy universal healthcare, become more theocratic, destroy unions, and

cut the social safety net. He promised to destroy some of the things that make us a first world country, and the south loves it. He promises to stop fighting infectious disease and instead pretend that it isn't happening and only the weak get sick and die anyway...and the south loves it.

Today, the irresponsibility of the people of the south combined with the ridiculous people they elect has finally caught up with us. We though there wasn't much they could do to affect us but along came a pandemic, the 100 year plague, and we have open borders with the place on earth that has managed it worst. The states are starting to set up "green zones" and "red zones." My daily health questionnaire along with fever, cough, loss of taste/smell, etc. includes a question - "have you traveled outside New England in the last 14 days?" Perhaps if we re-established the Mason-Dixon line as an actual fortified border we wouldn't need to be interrogated about how recently we've visited. Perhaps if those of us in the green states were issued a different passport, we could actually travel the world freely instead of the whole world lumping us in with Florida, Georgia, Arizona,

Texas, Tennessee, etc. Today, the South continues to fight for the third world country they want. Perhaps saving the Union in 1861 wasn't the best course of action - the south was and is a toxic asset. Perhaps blue America would be happier without the southern ankle weight. Perhaps the Confederacy would be happier without 1st world notions, well educated, and productive people getting in the way of their vision. Perhaps a divorce would be best for all.

> FRED BAGG SPENCER

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living will envy the dead. Yes, those of my compatriots on the street are, in my opinion, the salt of the earth. Some are quite old, others not physically well, many have little of what might be called an earthly estate, but all are possessed of a true love of and pride in their country, its history (warts and all), religious liberty, great beauty, stories, songs, poems, language, traditions, heroes, physical security and the opportunities it has given countless millions of otherwise unremarkable people--like me--to live lives of meaning, purpose, and, to some degree, accomplish-

ment. Trump people, here in enemy-held territory, in our own little way, are like those whom the Bard described in Henry V in the St Crispin Day Speech: "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers (and sisters!)." If "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" is going down, we're going down fighting. Did several hundred years of monumental struggle, of battlefield heroics, of great sacrifice in the cause of freedom here and around the globe lead us to this?! Handing it all over to a mob of brain-washed, incompetent, spoiled, pampered, corrupt, violent, hyper-emotional and colossally ignorant fools? Patriots across the country are stepping up to say "not on my watch!" As Mr. Henry said, "Give me liberty…or give me death!"

The bad news is nothing has changed since the days of the Tea Party standouts. The other side, the enlightened ones, the ones with all the letters after their names, the Rt.9 intelligentsia passing by in their hybrids, and who are visibly angered and shaken by seeing Trump flags flying in their "People's Republic" can only respond with the one-fingered salute. That's right. Sixty-five-year-old, pinched-face liberal women can only counter a flag or a sign with a bony upraised middle finger. Is there anything more pathetic than that? That was a common occurrence in junior high, by the students, but not by self-respecting adults. Get a life, liberal idiots. We're here, and we're in your face. Get over it.

Meanwhile, if you feel adventurous and want to join us to try to do something to save your country from the vandals making their move to destroy it once and for all, join us. "Do not go gentle into that good night! Rage, rage against the dying of the light." (Dylan Thomas). If you won't stand up now, when it's still possible to fight, what will you do when it's too late? Accept your chains?

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A closer look at the Canal

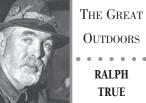
A large bear was spotted in Douglas last week, and it was not a small one. The large bear was crossing through a resident's back yard during the morning hours. I was surprised to hear that the bear did not have any cubs with it. Black bear numbers have been increasing in

the valley area over the last ten years

Massachusetts hunters can purchase a bear permit for only \$5, and can be used to harvest a bear during any one of the three seasons. All Wildlife Management zones are open to bear hunting during the 2020 seasons. Be sure to read your Massachusetts hunting guide for all regulations and seasons.

Bobcat populations are also on the increase, but strict trapping regulations need to be followed. A first-time trapper must pass a trapping & hunter education program. All harvested fur bearing pelts need to be reported to Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife. The pelts need to be brought to any check stations to be registered. Again, if you plan on trapping this year, it is very important to read all of the rules and regulations prior to trapping.

The Massachusetts antlerless deer hunting permit system for 2020 requires the applicant to have applied for a per-



line at MassFishHunt and try to win an antlerless deer permit, for the

zone that they applied for. Surplus permits will go on sale at a date to be announced.

mit by July 16 to be eligible for the antler-

less deer permit lot-

tery. The application

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an applicant can go on

Striper fishing on the Canal continues to give up some impressive stripers, but many need to be released. There have also been numerous people fighting at the famous fishing spot, which has turned off a lot of angers that once enjoyed the area for fishing, but now go somewhere else. Most anglers at the canal are there to fish and enjoy themselves, but the few that are causing the problems need to be banned from the area, before it is too late. Closing the canal to fishing would be a terrible loss to the responsible law-abiding anglers.

The canal is over 100 years old, and was considered an engineering marvel back in the day. Under private ownership back in 1914, it was redesigned and reconstructed under federal ownership

Congress directed the US Army Corps of Engineers on March 31, 1928 under authority of the Rivers & Harbors act of 1927 to operate and improve the foundering canal. It was purchased by the federal government for \$11,500,000 on July 22, 2018. The canal is rich in history. Now anglers enjoy some of the best striper fishing around.

Fluke fishing remains fair around Block Island, but Bluefish and Dogfish need to be dealt with. Numerous large seabass are also being caught. Lots of big bluefish are raising havoc with bass fishing anglers, cutting their expensive eels in half, or even worse.

Freshwater bass fishing anglers are catching some impressive Smallmouth bass at Webster Lake. Bass anglers that do not mind doing a bit of work catching their own bait, can walk along the shallow water on small ponds and catch some crayfish by turning over small to medium rocks. They are fast so you also need to be ready when you slowly and gently lift the rocks. It can be a great family affair, and the bait is dynamite for smallmouth bass. Give it a try.

Wild Blueberries are now ready for picking. This writer found some high bush berries ready for the picking last week, and I have been eating them every day. They sure taste better than the cultivated ones, and they are free.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



This week's picture shows a young lady with a nice doormat fluke.

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Keep your garden looking its best and reduce your workload by enlisting practices that provide multiple benefits. Your garden will flourish and you'll have more time to enjoy its

Put your yard waste to work in your garden. You'll save time hauling plant debris to the recycling center and money spent buying bagged material. Use shredded leaves, evergreen needles, herbicide-free grass clippings or other pest- and weed-free organic material as mulch. Spread a one to twoinch layer of these materials over the soil around annual and perennial flowers and vegetables.

Use woodchips and shredded bark to mulch pathways, trees, and shrubs. Consider joining forces with your neighbors, renting a chipper, and turning brush into mulch for your landscape. Maintain a two- to threeinch layer of mulch around these plants. And keep the mulch away from tree trunks and the crowns of the plants.

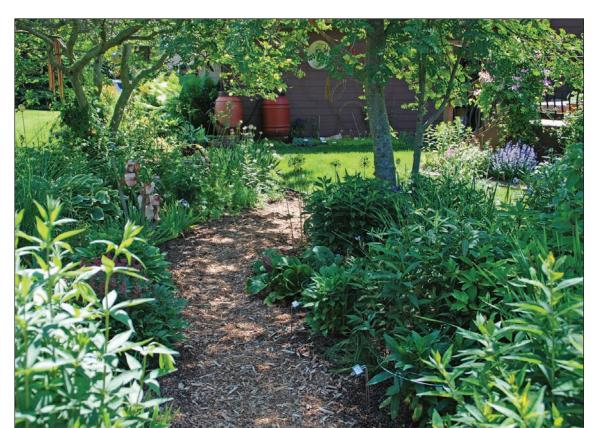
Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, reduce weeds, and improve the soil as it breaks down. So, you get multiple benefits from this one task while burning a few calories and strengthening your mus-

Water plants thoroughly and less frequently whenever you irrigate the garden. This encourages deep roots, making your plants more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Water early in the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. And consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses to deliver water right to the plant roots where it is needed.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly until the excess water runs out the bottom. Or enlist the help of one of the many container irrigation systems. Consider using a slow release fertilizer when needed to keep plants thriving with less effort. These types of fertilizers provide a slow, steady release of nutrients for balanced growth without sacrificing flowers or burning drought stressed plants.

Don't forget your trees nd shrubs. Proper ing will also improve their health. Water new plantings and moisture lovers whenever the top few inches of soil Even established are dry. trees and shrubs need a helping hand during extended periods of drought. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, drought-resistant roots.

Keep mowing your lawn as long as your grass is actively growing. Mow high since taller grass is better able to out compete the weeds and forms deeper roots, making it more drought tolerant. Minimize the



stress by removing no more than a third of the total grass height each time you mow.

Always use a sharp mower blade. Sharp blades cut more efficiently, saving you time whenever you mow. You'll consume 22 percent less fuel and the lawn will use up to 30% less water when using sharp blades. Plus, the clean cut will be less noticeable and the wound will close quickly, helping you grow a healthy, better-looking lawn.

Be sure to leave grass clippings on the lawn.

add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application. So every time you mow you are fertilizing the lawn and

improving the soil. Finish every garden chore with a bit of cleanup. Sweep clippings, plant debris and fertilizer off walks, drives and patios, so it won't wash into storm sewers. Keeping plant debris out of our waterways is good for us and the environ-

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Ephemera that was saved from the trash

Merriam Webster defines ephemera as "something of no lasting significance." second definition reads "paper items (such as posters, broadsides, and tickets) that were originally meant to be discarded after use but have since become collectibles.'

Ephemera was not meant to be preserved. Posters were used to promote events like movies, plays, the circus, sport matches or to advertise products. The posters were typically ripped down after the event or another poster was plastered over them.

Tickets were typically ripped or punched. Most people threw them away as soon as the event ended.

Merriam Webster's definition for a broadside is "a sizable sheet of paper printed on one side." Broadsides documented events prior to the Revolutionary War, during the Civil War, and throughout other significant times in history. They were intended to inform the public and were not expected to last long after they were printed

There are also other types of ephemera not included in Merriam Webster's definition. Postcards were meant to communicate with family and friends and then be thrown away. Programs for a play or sporting event provided you information on the event and performers or players. Most were not saved. Locally, Whitney in Worcester played a big part in producing greeting cards. Those made in Worcester



COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES WAYNE TUISKULA and elsewhere were usually discarded after the holiday or event passed.

As with other antiques or collectibles, it is often the things that most people threw away that are the most collectible. Some ephemeral pieces can bring large sums at auc-

A 1959 ticket for a John F. Kennedy speech in Nashville, TN signed by JFK, Robert Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy sold for over \$8,000 last year. A "Mountain Road" lottery ticket signed by George Washington brought \$12,500

this year. The tickets were sold to raise funds for a proposed road to a resort in Virginia. A ticket stub for Michael Jordan's first NBA basketball game from 1984 went for over \$36,000 at auction in 2018.

Real photo postcards are actual photographs with a postcard back and some can be quite valuable. A real photo postcard that read "WRIGHT AEROPLANE COLLEGE PARK MD OCT '09" pictured the Wright Brothers' airplane. It sold for \$10,000 in 2017. A 1964 Beatles postcard signed by all four reached over \$18,000. As you might expect, sports related postcards can be some of the most valuable. A 1915 Red Sox team real photo postcard that included Babe Ruth during his rookie year fetched \$80,000.

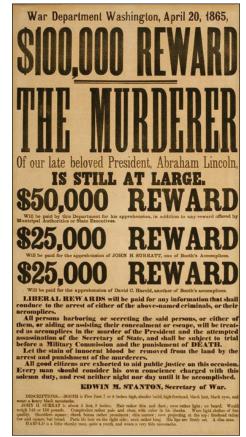
A six-color broadside offering sale of Missouri lands in 40 acre or more lots

by the Hannibal & St. Joseph's Railroad brought nearly \$20,000 in 2013. A broadside advertising a \$100,000 reward for Abraham Lincoln's assassins sold for \$80,000 in 2009. A rare July 1776 printed broadside of the Declaration of Independence sold at auction in 2016. The Massachusetts-Bay Colony's Authorized Edition was printed by Ezekiel Russell of Salem, Mass. It realized over \$500,000.

An 1892 Henri de Toulose-Lautrec poster, "AMBASSADEURS / ARISTIDE BRUANT," brought \$50,000 in 2016. An 1864 campaign poster for Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson sold for \$250,000 last year. A 1932 movie poster for the Boris Karloff's "The Old Dark House," which was said to be one of two known to exist, went for \$950,000 in 2019. Bela Lugosi's IMDb profile shows his highest salary for a film was \$5,000. Lugosi would have had to make 190 films to pay for the poster.

We will soon be hosting an online auction in Warren, RI. We are planning an estate sale in Auburn later this summer. We also will be offering toys from a huge collection in multiple online auctions. The first auctions will feature diecast cars and later auctions will feature some of the finest antique tovs that we have handled. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions. com for details.

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OBITUARIES

Jean T. (Caron) Gagne, 76

BROOKFIELD- Jean T. (Caron) Gagne, 76, died June 29, 2020 at home surrounded by her husband and children after a long illness.



She leaves her husband, Edward A. Gagne; whom she spent 31 years with; a brother, Russell Caron and his wife Joan;childrenMichael "Scott" Letendre and his wife Laurie, Caron McNeaney and her

husband James, Rebecca Day and her husband, Steve; Mary "Kelly" Biando and her husband Ernest, Edward L. Gagne & his partner Tom Mulcahy; Lynn Dyer; and Catherine Rodriguez and her husband Ricardo. She also leaves 15 grand children, 11 great grand children, and 2 great great grand children. In addition, she had a very close relationship to her sister-in-law Carol Caron Peluso and her husband Bill.

Jean was born in Amherst, the daughter of Marion and Alphonse Caron. She worked as a hairdresser and also

at various long term care facilities in Worcester County as an activity assistant. Jean was a very spiritual person who enjoyed reading tarot cards. She would often be found volunteering at the West Brookfield Senior Center and also for hospice. She had a passion for baking and during the holidays she always made sure that her grandkids had her famous gingersnap and oatmeal raisin cookies, while during the summer it was her famous potato salad. Jean and Ed spent many summers in Maine where she simply loved going for a ride along the coast and yard saleing while they drove. Her most favorite times were spending time with family.

A Graveside Service was held at 11:00 AM Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Sacred Heart Cemetery in West Brookfield. Please practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the VNA Hospice Care, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, MA. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 3 West Brookfield Road, Brookfield.

Alice B. Pariseau Trask, 91

NORTH BROOKFIELD: Alice B. (O'Brien) Pariseau Trask, 91, of North Brookfield, died peacefully, Thursday, July 9 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge.



Born in Ware, she was the daughter of George J. Marguerita (Vigneault) Ö'Brien and was a liferesident of long Brookfield. North Alice graduated in from North 1947

Brookfield High School.

She was a longtime member of St. Joseph's Parish and volunteered at the annual chicken barbeque and served on the bereavement committee. She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Alice worked for Quaboag Rubber Company in North Brookfield 14 years before retiring in 1974.

Her husband of 32 years, Philip D. Trask died in 2005. She leaves her daughter Carol A. Smith and her husband Donald of N. Brookfield, two sons, Robert W. Pariseau and his wife Patricia of N.Brookfield, and David W. Pariseau and his wife Frances of Ware, and 2 stepdaughters Phyllis

Hanson and her husband Robert, and Paula Hannah and husband William. She also leaves 5 grandchildren; Kelly Valeri of North Brookfield, Lori Duza of Belchertown, Steven Pariseau of Charlton, Richard Pariseau of Florida and Andrew Pariseau of North Brookfield. She also leaves 5 great grandchildren; Leona Smith, Kevin & Olivia Valeri, Tanner Duza, and Braeden & Shamus Pariseau. She was predeceased by her first husband of 20 years, Maurice W. Pariseau, her son Richard G. Pariseau, her grandson Daniel Smith and her brother Rev. William G. O'Brien.

A calling hour was held at the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, Monday, July 13 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. her funeral Mass followed at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, 296 North Main St., N.Brookfield. (Covid-19 precautions will take place in the church and funeral home). Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, N. Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Renovation Fund/ St. Joseph Parish, 28 Mt. Pleasant Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

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mas, ice cream, Ken's salad dressing,

James Michael Southworth, 58

North Brookfield, MA / Bangor, ME James Michael Southworth, 58, unexpectedly passed away June 12, 2020 in Bangor, Maine. Jim is predeceased by



his beloved parents, Robert Southworth and Barbara Beaupre, paternal grandparents Clarence and Southworth Lena and maternal pépère

and mémère, Lucian and Olida Grondin. Jim is survived by his brother Glenn Southworth and his wife Cindy of Riverhead, NY, sister Lory Branscombe and husband John of North Brookfield, Jim's partner and best friend of over 20 years, Beth Brown of Whitinsville, MA (formerly Colorado), his blue heeler and constant companion Brody; many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family in Colorado and lifelong friends and coworkers too numerous to count. Jim also leaves behind an extensive eclectic music library, over 100 "lids", at least 21 snowboards, 9 cans of B&M baked beans and a crutch in a cornfield in Iowa. Jim will forever be remembered for his sarcastic humor and wit. He was intensely passionate about second amendment rights, freedoms, motorcycles, snowboarding elevations above tree line in Vail and Breckenridge, craft beer, Natalie Wood, tattoo art, CHARCOAL grilling, muscle cars, stea-

eating dozens of eggs weekly, LOUD alternative music, physical training himself and others, all beaches, NEW ENGLAND sports teams, concerts at Red Rocks Amphitheater, leather-ass road trips, and dive bars across the country. Not necessarily in that order. Jim graduated North Brookfield High School class of 1979. Jim's career journey started at Hodes Market where he was dismissed for spitting on a shoplifter's moped. He worked for several landscaping companies, most notable P G Landscaping in Spencer, causing mayhem and mischief across central MA. Tyree Environmental brought Jim to Colorado in 1998 where he pursued his snowboarding passion. In 2004 Jim became a personal trainer and managed and operated several gym facilities in the Denver metro area where his rigorous training style often sent many a gym member running for the door. Jim lived his life on his terms of risk and adventure. "Got no time for spreadin' roots The time has come to be gone. health And our to drank thousand times It's time to ramble on." -Led Zeppelin JIMMYFUN-COVID-OVA-PARTY-TBD for a later date. Get your Jim stories and anecdotes ready to share and we will give the epic sendoff that you know he's expecting.

Richard F. Foisy, 91

SPENCER: Richard F. Foisy, 91, of Spencer died July 5, 2020 after an illness. His beloved wife June I (Blackwood) Foisy predeceased him in 2019. He leaves a son Michael F. Foisy and his wife Linda of Perkinsville, VT; two daughters Susan N. Foisy and her husband Stephan Torrey of Spencer and Tracy A. Foisy and her husband Peter Robidoux of New Milford, CT., nine grandchildren; Richard Marsden, Meredith Carnazza, Stephen Torrey, Joseph Torrey, Jonathon Robidoux, Robidoux, Brandon Maeghan Robidoux, Kevin Heiden and Keith Heiden. Fifteen great grandchildren, Leiann, Ryan, Emily, London, Kayleigh, Benjamin, Clementine, Daisy, Andromeda, Treyton, Violet, Sawyer, Lowen, Isabella and Antonio. He was predeceased by his brothers, Roger, Roland and Rodney Foisy. He leaves his sister Sandra (Peggy) Young. Richard was born in Spencer, son of Jerry and Lillian (Lucier) Foisy. He graduated from DPHS in 1948 and attended Worcester Junior College. He served

his county in the US Navy. He worked for forty three years for the White and Bagley Company (Oilzum) as an Assistant Technical Director. He was active in town government serving on the Finance Committee & Personnel Board and as an Assessor. He served on the fire station and police station building committees and chairman of the police station building committee. He looked forward to vacationing on Cape Cod with his family. He enjoyed watching New England Sports teams. He was an avid hunter for Hare and Pheasant with Beagles. There will be no calling hours. After cremation burial with Military honors will take place at Worcester County Memorial Park at the discretion of the family. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. Please omit flowers, memorial donations may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad, Inc.,

P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Donald L. Irish, 90

Spencer-Donald L. Irish 90, died July 10, 2020 at home after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of the late



Clare (Veaudry) Irish ,who predeceased him in 2009. He was born in Worcester on January 25, 1930, a son of the late James Forrest Irish and Ethel (Hunt) Irish. Donald was predeceased by his broth-

er, James Forrest Irish Jr. He was the former owner of the Worcester City Delivery trucking in Spencer. Donald was a long time member of First Congregational Church, Spencer. He was a member of the church choir for many years and served on multiple committees. He was also a member, and past president of Spencer Snow Birds Snowmobile Club. Past superintendent of Pine Grove Cemetery in Spencer.He is survived by his children,

Donald (Lee) Irish Jr. and his wife Mary of Greenfield, MA, Nickerson Irish of Port St. Lucie, Fl, Darwin Irish and his wife Diane of Chicopee, MA Robin Bernard and her husband Mark of Barre, MA, 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and multiple nephews and nieces. Due to the present health situation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. You may reach out to the Pillsbury Funeral Home, Spencer (508) 867-3604 or visit the funeral home website for continued updates.In lieu of flowers,memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Spencer, the Spencer Rescue Squad, or the Overlook VNA and Hospice of Charlton, MA. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 163 Main St., Spencer. To plant a memorial tree in honor of Donald L. Irish, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store. pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Hazel L. Brennan, 88

LEICESTER- Hazel L. (Powers) Brennan, 88, of Leicester died Sunday, July 5 in St. Mary's Healthcare, Worcester.



husband Her Matthew T. Brennan died in 2015. leaves four sons; Matthew M. Brennan and his wife Deborah of Leicester, Peter J. Brennan and his wife Julie of Colorado Springs,CO., Thomas

E. Brennan of Southwest Harbor, ME and Robert C. Brennan and his wife Tina of Spencer, ten grandchildren; Jackson and his wife Amy, Zachary, Powers, Cate, Maddie, Joe, Jack, Michael, Matthew and Colby, 2 great grandchildren; Crosby and Carter, several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by three brothers; Franklin, Roy & James Powers and a sister Patricia Daigle.

Hazel was born in Leicester, daughter of William J. and Bertha E. (Dumont) Powers. She graduated from Leicester High School. She was an Assistant Branch Manager for 22 years at Guarantee Bank & Trust in Worcester. She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, Leicester Senior Citizen Club, Senior Bowling League and the Red Hat Society.

A special thanks to the staff, especially Louise, at St Mary's for the care they gave Mom.

A Graveside Service was held at 1:30 PM on Friday, July 10 in Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Avenue, Paxton. Social distancing and mask protocol will be required at the graveside service. There are no calling hours. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

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Paul R. Bottis, Jr., 76

LEICESTER- Paul R. Bottis, Jr., 76, of Leicester, died Friday, July 3 unexpectedly from complications following heart surgery. He was surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his wife





his daughter Emily J. Calvin-Bottis and her wife Heather of Arlington, his granddaughters, and Isla, his brother John Bottis and his wife Sandy of Worcester, his sisters Joan Gray and her husband Louis of Peoria, Az., Diane Cino of Worcester, Susan Hiitt and her fiancé Ben Bailey

of 51 years, Donna

M. (Shivick) Bottis,

Lena

of Wayland, and Elizabeth Sanchez of Webster, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his daughter Jennifer Bottis and a brother Michael Bottis.

He was born in Worcester, the son of Paul R. Bottis, Sr. and Lena (Falcone) Bottis and later graduated from North High School and Clark University. He served his country with the U.S.

Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Paul began his career as a carpenter with Local #107. He later joined the staff at Clark University, eventually becoming Director of Physical Plant. He retired from Clark after 36 years of service in 2012.

Louis Falcone, Paul's grandfather. passed down cooking and gardening traditions, which Paul in turn shared with his daughter and granddaugh-

ters. Paul lived most of his adult life in the family home he built himself on land cultivated with flower and vegetable gardens, fruit trees and vines, and designed to welcome birds and other wildlife. His love of nature observed through game cameras installed around his home can be seen on his YouTube channel: http://tiny.cc/paul-

Paul became an avid hunter and fisherman, interests fostered by his fatherin-law Tom Shivick, and was a longtime member and former President of the Leicester Rod & Gun Club. Paul was also a devoted golfer whose record included two holes-in-one. He played regularly with friends at several area golf courses both here and in Boynton Beach, Florida, where he enjoyed spending winters during his retirement.

Paul's greatest loves were hosting large family cookouts, traveling the world with his wife, Donna, taking pride in his daughter, Emily, and laughing and playing with his treasured granddaughters, Lena and Isla.

The funeral Mass will be private. There are no calling hours. The familv invited.family and friends with Covid-19 precautions (masks and social distancing) to attend the burial with Military Honors, in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, at 11:30 AM on

Saturday, July 11. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is directing arrangements for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Leicester Food Pantry, 759 Main St., Leicester, MA. 01524.

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William J. LaPointe, 86

LEICESTER- William J. LaPointe, 86, of Lillian Avenue died Tuesday, June 30 in the Meadows of Leicester. He leaves his





wife of 30 years Andrea D. (Therrien) LaPointe, five daughters; Denise Chase of Pennsylvania, Linda J. Knope of South Carolina, Michelle A LaPoint of Worcester, Elizabeth A. Gilbert and her husband Edward of Worcester Karen Janos and her husband Peter of Epping, Hampshire, New six grandchildren; Ashley, Brittany,

Catrina & Danielle Janos, Meaghan and John "Jay" O'Madigan, eight great grandchildren; Caleb, Gabriella, Eli, Cole, Joseph "JT", Skyler, Devon & Victoria, two brothers; Henry LaPointe of Cape Cod and Robert LaPointe of Spencer,

two sisters; Ellen Bleau and her husband Kenneth of Oxford and Lucille Gunville of Rockland, several nieces and nephews.

William was born in Worcester, son of Joseph W. and Gertrude (Paradise) LaPointe. He graduated from South High School in Worcester and attended Boston University. He served his country in the United States Army. He was a mail processor for the United States Postal Service in Shrewsbury for many years before retiring. He currently was a driver for County Cab in Spencer. He was a 3rd. degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford.

graveside service Military Honors was held on Friday, July 10 at 1:00 PM in Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Avenue, Paxton. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Veterans Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing

funeral arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Love Lavender!

Lush lavender has found a home in many New England gardens, and with good reason. The fragrant flowers are not only a favorite to display, but the popular herb also boasts many medicinal and practical uses. Since the time of the ancient Greeks, lavender has been hailed as remedy for everything

from insomnia to moth invasions. With a renewed interest in the virtues of herbs, this week's column will review how lovely lavender can be utilized in an array of duties all around the house.

Did vou know lavender blossoms and leaves can be used instead of rosemary in many recipes? Try it to add a dash of color as well as flavor to your next gourmet dish.

Lavender lemonade is a summertime favorite. Here's a classic recipe using fresh lavender from the garden: Lavender Ingredients: five cups water; one and one half cups sugar; 12 stems fresh lavender; two and one quarter cups lemon juice Directions: Boil two and one half cups of water with the sugar. Add the lavender stems and remove from heat. Place on the lid and let cool. When cool, add two and one half cups water and the lemon juice. Strain out the lavender. Serve the lavender lemonade with crushed ice and garnish with lavender blossoms and lemon wedges. Serves eight tall glasses over ice.

Drying tip: Dry lavender by harvesting it on a dry day and tying into bundles. Hang the bundle bouquets out of direct and allow to completely dry.

Essence of Lavender: Lavender essential oil is a concentrated form of lavender that lends itself to many convenient uses. It takes about 175 pounds of fresh lavender flowers to produce a single pound of lavender oil! A little goes a long way, as one drop of lavender essential oil can be equal to one ounce of the fresh plant.

Did you know pure essential oil of lavender is proven more antiseptic than many commercial chemical disinfectants? Make up your own spray by adding 20 drops of pure essential oil of lavender to one cup of water. Pour into a spritz bottle and use around the house to kill germs on surfaces.

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Lavender oil also comes in handy when you vacuum. Just place a few drops on the vac bag before vacuuming to cut down on dust microbes that trigger allergies.

For generations, minor burns have reportedly been soothed by applying lavender oil immediately after the injury occurs. If done in time, the lavender can prevent a blister from forming and ease the hurt with its pain killing properties.

Lavender's role in inducing calm is legendary. Here are two remedies to try: Mix a little lavender essential oil with a carrier oil and massage on the bottom of the feet to soothe away stress. Or place a drop or two of the oil on a cotton ball and tuck it inside a pillowcase to lull you off to sleep. NOTE: Use herbs and essential oils at your own risk and only under proper direction. Consult an herb guide for direction on usage.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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

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

The decisions that change your life



Positively SPEAKING GARY W.

The decisions that we make determine the trajectory of

Last week, this column spoke of the choices we make. I said that we are who we are, what we are, and where we are in life because of the decisions we've made ... and it's true. If you take a pad of paper and begin backtracking, step by step and decision by decision, your current situation, both good and bad, become clear. You are where you are because of the decisions and choices you made. That's true for all of us.

I received an email disputing my claim. The writer said, "I'm a victim of circumstances. I've lost everything and none of it was based upon my decisions. My life has always been in the hands of others.'

My first question is, "Why is your life in the hands of others? Are they really making your decisions for you? Probably not." And that question leads me to my next question, "What decision that you made placed you in their

Blaming others is easy. "It's not my fault!" To blame others is also a decision you make and an awfully bad one. It's a decision to not accept responsibility for your results.

Let's say that circumstances were such that they were completely out of your control. My next question would be, "What decisions are you making now to pull yourself out of this mess?" You can blame others and say it's not your fault, but you must accept responsibility to move forward. The decisions you make will pull you out of the situation.

I was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. I don't know why. Maybe environmental ... maybe stress ... maybe genetic. I don't blame others or take a fatalist view. I decided to do the research and find the right team of doctors at the right medical facility to give me the best chances to live. I decided that I was going to fight and win. I five-dollar bar of iron into decided that I'll die someday, but not today ... and not from

Many people accept their diagnosis, get their life in order, then go home to await the end. I chose differently. I decided not to die from cancer and that decision pushed me to make other decisions to find the right medical team and treatment. I am where I am now in my medical care because of decisions I've

The quality of our lives is determined by the decisions we make.

A friend on LinkedIn posted something this morning that I found interesting and an example of how decisions impact results.

"If you have a bar of iron, it's worth five dollars. If you make the iron into horseshoes, the value increases to twelve dollars. That decision more than doubles the value of your investment.

Now, take the same bar of iron and turn it into simple sewing needles. The value becomes thirty-five hundred dollars.

But if you turn that same

springs for Swiss watches, the value becomes an astonishing three-hundred thousand dollars. The decision you make of what you do with your iron gives you a variety of values and outcomes." The decisions you make about how you live your life are the same. The quality and value of your life are determined by your deci-

Stephen Covey says, "We are the creative force of our life, and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish our goals."

What about your decisions? Who you associate with, what you read, the importance you put into receiving training and/or education ... it all impacts your life by the decisions you are able to make based upon the knowledge you have.

You are influenced greatly by the people you spend the most time with. Choose your friends wisely.

You are who you are, where you are and what you are in your life based by what you allow into your mind.

What you let in determines the decisions you make. Read good books and choose your entertainment wisely. Don't allow negativity into your mind. Chose what and who you allow into your head.

Finally, I'll share that I've never met a successful pessimist. The most successful people I have ever met are also the most optimistic. Successful people are those that believe in their success before it happens and they make the decisions to make it so.

Choose to be optimistic in all that you do.

What decisions will you make today?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com

Knox Trail congratulates award winners

SPENCER - Because the final three months of school were canceled due to COVID-19, Knox Trail Middle School officials were unable to hold their annual awards ceremony. Staff members wanted to ensure that award winners were still recognized.

Below is a list of KTMS students who earned awards this year.

Goodlight Memorial Ed Science Award Jaydon McCormack

ple to be paraprofessionals, run

study halls, help kids with work-

sheets? We could put half the

teachers on each shift and then

hire an army of paraprofession-

als to help the kids half the day.

We could spread all the desks out

6' but utilizing all the classrooms.

We can require masks. We could

put cardboard and plastic barri-

ers up like has been done in other

countries (those countries that

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Project 351 Community Service Award - Logan Josti and Ava Bergeron

Scholar Leader Award (academics and positive role models) - Madison Ethier and Shaun McLaughlin

Priscilla Walker Math Award and General Henry Knox Award for Highest Academic Achievement – James McNicol

Paul Jolie Award for Most Improved Student - Gabriel DeCoff

Kaitlyn Langlois Courage and Perseverance Award - Michael Lavallee

Jacob Knight Art Award Liam Ryan

Excellence in Music Award -Tyler Downes

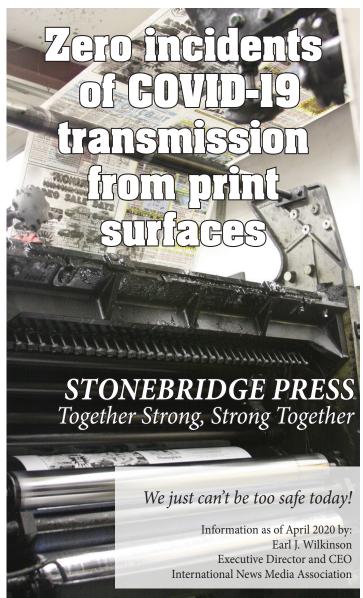
Philip Delongchamp Memorial Act of Kindness Award - Ayla Messier

wrangled COVID-19 into control). We can deliver kids a full-time 100 percent in-person education and employ people that need jobs. We have the facilities to do this.

People could put in for their desired shift. Some teachers and students will prefer first shift. Some would prefer second shift. Teachers could be on the same shift as their own children to ease their childcare burden. If we don't get enough volunteers for each shift we could then hold a lottery to see who gets put on the shift nobody wants. If you don't like the shift you've been given, you could always choose to home-school, like we did for three months last year.

We need to think out of the box. Children getting an in-person education is essential, just as controlling the virus is essential. What isn't essential is everyone's school day starting at 7:35 a.m. Eastern Time.

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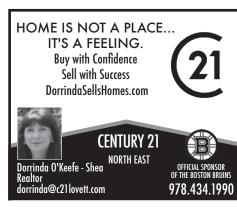
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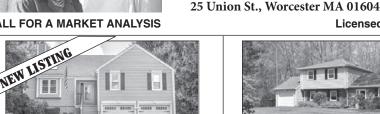
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of them ever set foot in Spencer. Should I feel proud that I go grocery shopping where a shoe factory used to be that perhaps employed someone who later went on to fight in the Civil War? If I walk along Main Street; should I feel proud that 159 years ago, someone else likely marched to battle on this same road? Do the 300 or so troops Spencer supplied to the Civil War effort possibly make up for the fact that more than half this town in 2016 voted for Donald Trump? I fail to see how Spencer's contribution to the Civil War effort is even relevant.

As for the "original BLM" line of thinking for Union troops... The reasons the Civil War was fought were different for the North compared to the South. The South seceded specifically and

explicitly to protect the institution of slavery, as they saw the clouds darkening over their "peculiar institution." The The North however was not as anti-slavery as some would like to believe. The North fought the war to "preserve the Union."

Abraham Lincoln once "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or to destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that." Lincoln was concerned about a weakened Union if the precedence had been set that unhappy states could just leave. Slavery was abolished in the aftermath of the Civil War, but the North did not fight the war to end

slavery. It is important for all the understand our history. It is important to understand our glory and victories we should be proud of. It is also important to understand what we should be ashamed of. It is equally important to understand what merely a factoid and not terribly relevant – what anyone's great-grandfather did or didn't do is not relevant. Just as it would be silly to figure out exactly where all of those Spencer Union soldiers lived so that the current residents can beam with pride, it is equally silly to be specifically proud of the soldiers who happened to hail from the rectangle we call home 159 years later.

It's up to all of us to leave the world a better place than we found it and be proud of the legacy we leave in our wake.

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re-opened before it was in control, and then lo and behold, it took off again. The weirdest thing about the USA, and what makes us unique...We proved we have the capability and resources to control the virus and then gave up anyway. No other country on earth saw the pandemic get arrested, reversed, and then given up on before the job was done with a return to exponential growth. It takes a rich country with 3rd world values to do that!

A United States passport is currently pretty worthless. Our freedom to travel is similar to a war-torn third world country. We can currently travel to Mexico, Turkey, Tanzania, and a few Balkan states. Americans are prohibited from Canada, China, Russia, the EU, most of Africa, all of East Asia, etc. as we are seen as a diseased infection risk. As those countries open their borders to each other, we are not included. Even though we can technically travel to Mexico now, private citizen vigilantes in Mexico are blocking the roads with private vehicles near the border with Arizona to intimidate Americans from visiting beaches in Mexico. Mexico doesn't want our tourist dollars, they want the COVID to stay on our side of the border.

Trump has Finally, taken the final curtain off his campaign of xenophobia. The campaign against "illegals" was never really about legal status, it was anti-immigrant. It was about keeping "them" out of "our" Trump almost

immediately went after H1B highly skilled visas (ie: legal immigrants) and has used any and every excuse he could find to limit the number of brown people in this country – illegal, legal, canceling visas, reducing the number of new visas, etc. Trump has now gone after student visa holders and wants them out of the country. Student Visas represent an export of the United States... These people are living here on their parents' foreign money. They aren't tak-ing any jobs. They aren't using any public services. They are just a net flow of money into the United States....But I suppose we shouldn't expect Trump to let a good crisis go to waste...

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News Briefs

Alec Simonovitch named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. Bryant University is dedicated to the pursuit, recognition, and celebration of academic excellence. Alec Simonovitch, class of 2020, from Spencer, has been named to the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

"These outstanding achievements are particularly commendable as students have overcome significant challenges to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to excellence," says Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. "I am impressed and proud of their resilience, dedication, and innovative spirit."

The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Congratulations to Alec on this outstanding achievement!

About Bryant University

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Worcester Academy announces Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 2 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students are:

Noel Gomez of Spencer, 9, First Honors. Nathan Novia of Leicester, 12, First

Honors. Lillian Reynolds of North Brookfield,

11, Headmaster's List.

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Aimee Travis named to UA Dean's List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Aimee Travis, of Spencer was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for spring 2020.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students

who take less than a full course load.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

Fairfield University congratulates Dean's List honorees

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Ruby Francis of Leicester and Darian Kenneway of West Brookfield received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2020 semester.

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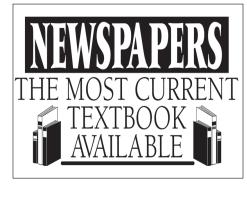
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open; maybe in some places, the schools can be open at reduced capacity; and maybe in some places, the public health risks are just too high. Politics is about competing priorities. In the case of schools, we have to balance getting kids educated, getting parents relief, keeping the kids safe, and keeping our

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one has any rights to anything. The Constitution endows rights on everybody. There is no hint of racism in it. It gives these rights to people of every race with no preference over any. So be careful what you wish for. The American system may not be perfect. It may not have been started by squeaky clean people. But it is a hell a lot better than what was before. Instead of destroying it, these groups should be working to improve it.

I suggest these groups use their energies to build on the system we have. For protection

community at large safe. When we have some states that have outbreaks worse than any independent nation and other states which are quite good, having an all-or-nothing one-size-fitsall and forcing schools to open simply because it plays into the story line of "we're doing great" strikes me as insane.

The danger of electing Donald Trump was "what if something happens"... Well, something

and fight crime? Build a citizen defense force to work with the police. This group would respond to domestic disturbances and petty crimes instead of the police. Let them peacefully deal with the other peaceful citizens Police would be the last option. For jobs and training? How about instead of military service, they get the government to create a "Medical Service". People could enlist for 4 years the same as the Army. They would be trained to be nurses and doctors free of charge by the government. One their enlistment is up, they could reup to serve in government free clinics or leave and go into private practice. It

did. As it turns out, pandemics are the type of thing that are so dangerous to a society that they are not to be messed with. A proper response would look like an overreaction. It wasn't hard to see how bad a pandemic could get. Too bad our fearless leader couldn't see this back in February and March.

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sure would help when we have a Pandemic to have all these trained medical people, available. On monuments and parks? Instead of tearing downs monuments, put up your own. Next to a monument of General Lee, put a bigger one up of Martin Luther King. Show the world we have moved onward. It's better to build a better world than destroy what we have and fall into anarchy. The only option in this falls election is clear if you want to build on what we have. You have to vote for the Trump and the Republicans.

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