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Baker escalates precautions against coronavirus



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

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

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

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

“This list is based on federal guidance and is amended to reflect the needs of Massachusetts’ unique economy,” read a statement issued by the Baker-Polito Administration. “While these businesses are designated as essential, they are urged to follow social distancing protocols for workers in accordance with guidance from the Department of Public Health.

“Businesses and organizations not on the list of essential services are encouraged to continue operations through remote means that do not require workers, customers, or the public to enter or appear at the brick-

and-mortar premises closed by the order.”

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

Due to the increasing outbreak of COVID-19 statewide, Governor Baker also directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory outlining self-isolation and social distancing protocols. Residents were advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and other activities during the two-week emergency period. Residents over 70 years of age, as well as individuals with underlying health conditions, were asked to limit social interactions.

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

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

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

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

Charlton Sewing Center producing masks for health workers

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — As COVID-19, or coronavirus, continues to leave an impact nationwide and locally, several businesses, organizations and groups are coming together to be part of the solution and make a difference in these unsure times.

One business doing its part is the Charlton Sewing Center, with owner Cathy Racine providing kits to create cover masks for the N95 respirator and surgical masks utilized by medical personnel to prevent themselves from catching the coronavirus while working with patients. To date, the Charlton Sewing Center and its customers have produced more than 1,000 masks to doctors and hospitals from Southbridge, Worcester, Boston and beyond with hospitals like Tufts Medical Center and Harrington Hospital benefitting from the effort.

Countless local sewing specialists and even hobbyists have helped make the effort a success. Racine said she isn’t surprised to see the turnout as her clients and customers are always ready to jump on any opportunity to give back to their community or those in need.

“All the supplies they need are inside the kits and we have a tub outside my shop, two tubs outside Christ Episcopal Church and I believe an additional church at Grace Episcopal Church in Oxford. People can just drop off their finished masks. We have very little contact with people. We just keep putting kits in plastic tubs and people are just cranking these out,” Racine said. “I’m overwhelmed. Every time I’ve made a request of the local sewing community, they’ve stepped up and they don’t disappoint. This has been an incredible effort.”

The covers may not serve as a perfect replacement for the N95 masks that have been in short supply as the nation works to up production to combat the virus, but they are a powerful tool to help provide medi-



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An example of the N95 mask covers being made by local sewing enthusiasts



A collection of masks made by local sewing specialists. The Charlton Sewing Center reports over 1,000 masks have been made to date.

cal personal at least some kind of barrier when dealing with infected patients. Medical personnel have used the masks as either an add on to the N95 for extra protection or as a mask unto themselves with the often vibrant and welcoming colors and patterns often being more welcoming and calming for patients than the N95 masks.

Racine said the idea of making the masks was sparked by a phone call she received from a nurse looking for material and reporting that nurses were wearing bandanas and ripped up fabric pieces to compensate for the lack of masks. Racine’s company joined many across

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Spaces available for community yard sale

AUBURN — Spring cleaning? Now’s the time! Don’t throw that good “stuff” away. Recycle it by selling it to someone who needs it! Do you have an accumulation of things that are too good to throw away but you no longer need? Don’t have enough to hold your own Yard Sale? Join us on the lawn of the First Congregational Church, Saturday, June 20, 8

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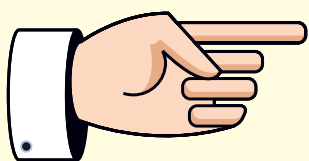
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With many local groups and organizations wisely canceling planned events due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, we have temporarily suspended publication of our weekly calendar

of events. Once the current situation settles down, we will return to being your go-to source for the area’s most comprehensive listing of local events and activities.



A Note to Readers

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

social distancing.

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

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

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How to practice social distancing during a pandemic

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As COVID-19 continued to spread across the world, it quickly became evident that the public would have to take drastic measures to slow the transmission. In addition to practicing generalized sanitation and good hygiene, people in some of the hard-

est-hit clusters were advised to take additional, more aggressive measures. Quarantines and travel restrictions were implemented, and the term “social distancing” became a buzzword.

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

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

- Opt out of group events. Steer clear of events, whether meetings, sports games, conferences, and other gatherings where large amounts of people congregate together.
- Stick to non-contact greetings. Avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes. Substitute a smile, a wave or a bumping of elbows, instead.
- Practice remote learning. Students who attend large schools, such as high

schools, universities and colleges, can continue their studies via remote learning and virtual classes instead of gathering in classrooms.

- Work from home. Many companies are now equipped to allow employees to work from home all the time or a portion of the time. Businesses can encourage employees to stay home and utilize the internet to get their work done.
- Stagger commute times. Commuters in urban areas can consider staggering work hours so that they help curb crowds on public transportation.
- Alter shopping schedules. Try to visit stores in the early morning or late at night when they are less likely to be crowded.
- Make changes in worship practices. Celebrants may have to make modifications to the way they worship. The Catholic Diocese of Trenton, NJ, recently advised all diocesan churches to halt the distribution of the most precious blood (wine) from communal chalices; encouraged clergy and eucharistic ministers to sanitize their hands before distributing the eucharist; and parishioners to avoid contact during the sign of peace.

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

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READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

First COVID-19 cases confirmed in Dudley

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

"The difficulty in serving the public has been that we have been restricted in our ability to serve the public through traditional means. Although you can't see us face-to-face, your essential services are still staffed and opened, we can be contacted by phone or email during regular business hours same as always, and we are here for one purpose, and that is to help you. Please do not hesitate to call on us," said Ruda.

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

"State-mandated protocols regarding COVID-19 are in place for Emergency Medical Services that require patients experiencing flu-like symptoms, but not experiencing any life-threatening symptoms, to first call-ahead to their primary care physician. The use of an ambulance, in the absence of a life threatening condition and to transport patients that display non-life-threatening symptoms of COVID-19 puts the first responder at risk of the need to quarantine, remove the ambulance from ser-

vice for cleaning and disinfecting and jeopardize the ability of the community to respond to actual emergencies during this difficult time. If you however, have a medical emergency, or are experiencing a true, life-threatening symptom, either related or unrelated to COVID19, please do not hesitate to call. In all cases, our public safety personnel stress that when calling 911, please inform the dispatcher whether you or someone else at your location is symptomatic of COVID-19. The dispatcher will advise responding units to take necessary precautions," Ruda stated.

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

"We knew it had to be here. It was inevitable. I just think it emphasizes all of the safety protocols and all of the steps that the state has put in and what we've done in the local level and how important these measures are to make sure all the first responders and the

general public just maintain vigilance and be safe," Sullivan said. "We're confident in the measures we've taken so far. With any case, first and foremost it's the health and identities of those diagnosed that we consider. We wish them a speedy recovery, but we also don't want to make their name's known unless they choose to name themselves. The state has protocols in place for first responders and the fire and police chiefs ensure that. This situation emphasizes that we really need to be vigilant. Do what the experts say. Still try to check on your neighbors but do it at a safe distance. Help those you can, your family or the elderly that are alone."

The Board of Selectmen are also continuing to have meetings during this time of social distancing and self-quarantine practices. Selectmen are holding their regularly scheduled meetings on both Zoom and Facebook Live. As of this report there have been no discussions about moving either the annual town meeting or town election, set for May and June respectively although Sullivan said the potential for that is not out of the question should the COVID-19 situation extend into those months.

Support for community a top priority at Edward Jones

STURBRIDGE — In today's challenging times, Edward Jones financial advisors are thinking about the health of their clients, their families and their colleagues, what's happening in their communities and the effect of Covid-19 on the markets.

Local Financial Advisors Jeff Burdick & Trevor Nielsen are taking steps to protect the health and well-being of clients, associates, families and communities. To help mitigate this crisis, they are suspending face-to-face visits with clients, holding virtual meetings and training sessions and ensuring office spaces are sanitized and disinfected.

Of course, people's financial situations also weigh on their minds. The current market selloff is certainly concerning, but it seems to be driven more by fear and panic than by economic or financial reality.

Monetary and fiscal policy are necessary, but at the end of the day, it will be the medical progress that will dictate the timeline for reducing market volatility and the ultimate rebound in stocks.

Edward Jones expects daily volatility to persist until new virus cases begin to slow, but investors should find optimism in these facts: prior to the epidemic, unemployment was near a 50-year low, with solid wage growth; there was an uptick in the housing market, which may accelerate due to declining mortgage rates; and the Federal Reserve has cut short-term interest rates back to near 0 percent.

Furthermore, the drop in investment prices may indicate that the financial markets have already "priced in" the likelihood of a short-term recession. This could mean that investors have already endured much of the stock market pain. Yet, even a short recession is

of concern since it's likely to bring at least a temporary disruption to an otherwise strong labor market.

For investors wondering what to do now, Jeff Burdick & Trevor Nielsen offer these suggestions:

First, remember why you're investing. With the market decline, people will be tempted to change their investment strategies. But they need to keep in mind that most of their financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement are long-term in nature - a lot longer-term than the shelf life of the coronavirus. If investors have established a long-term strategy that's appropriate for their needs, they should stick with it regardless of today's headlines.

However, individuals who are particularly concerned over the current results of their investment statements might want to evaluate their risk tolerance. For those who may be losing sleep over what is going on in the markets, it is possible the portfolio is positioned too aggressively for the amount of risk that feels comfortable. In that case, investors are advised to work with their financial advisor to consider adjusting the investment mix to include more fixed-income securities, which can provide some downside protection; but there is a trade-off because this might be affecting long-term growth potential.

Finally, now might actually be a good time for investors to consider actually adding to their portfolios. Right now, many stocks are at their best values in more than a decade. For those needing to rebalance a portfolio, this could be a good time to do so.

Ultimately, investors need to realize that, while these are somewhat uncharted times, the temptation to panic should be fought. Emotions are running high right now, and while everyone's top pri-

ority should be to protect themselves, their families and their communities, it is still important not to lose sight of their financial well-being. For that, the best thing to do is look past short-term downturns and maintain the discipline to keep investing in all types of markets.

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Oxford selectmen set tax rate, debate gravel project

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

It took so long to set a rate this year because the town has been switching its assessing software to

a new one, Vision, used by many communities in the area. As part of that process, he said, the state's Department of Revenue required Oxford to submit "over 970 record cards" so DOR could compare the new system to the old one. The state determined it worked properly, giving Pupka "confidence our new software is correct in assessing data," he said.

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

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

decision until April 28.

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

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

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Fiskdale resident honored with Quilt of Valor

FISKDALE — “Thanks for your service” is a phrase heard often these days, as we have come to

realize more fully that those who have served in our Armed Forces have truly given of themselves, their time, safety, family engagement, and often sacrifice opportunities to move up the employment ladder along with their peers. They have made these commitments and sacrifices on our behalf and we are grateful.

Pat Young, a longtime resident of Sturbridge who recently moved to Utah along with her husband Steve, returned to Massachusetts for a few weeks’ visit and brought with her a surprise gift of gratitude for Navy Veteran Mark Johnson of Fiskdale. Chief Petty Officer Johnson served for 25 years, between active and reserve duties.

The Young family, as well as the Johnson family, are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Following Sunday services at the chapel in North Brookfield, the entire congregation gathered to help Pat honor and thank Mark in a tangible way for his years of service in the United States Navy. Pat presented Mark with the gift of a beautiful and complicated quilt handmade by quilting expert Pat. The time and precision needed to make the memorable Quilt of Valor are a similitude of the commitment Chief Petty Officer Johnson made when, many years earlier, he

stepped forward and undertook a career dedicated to the protection of our country.

Mark is a special person, as is anyone who has embraced a career in selfless service to others. But in Mark’s case, the Navy has made it official: Mark was named Sailor of the Year for two years in a row. Each year, each Naval base selects one sailor who is considered by his peers to be the epitome of what the base’s best sailor should embody. Then the base’s nominee’s name is in competition with all other nominees from all the bases in the nation until one solitary nationwide selection is made: the cream of the cream, the Navy’s National Sailor of the Year. To move through such a competitive, refining gauntlet once in a lifetime is remarkable, twice is absolutely amazing.

Electronics is an area in which Mark has both interest and talent. After graduation from high school, Mark selected the Navy as the place to expand that interest into a career of dedication and service. First, he was a student of electronics in a special Navy program equivalent to an Associate Degree from college. Then later, after service in places as varied as Cuba and Norfolk he served as an electronic instructor in Memphis with Navy students of his own. Indeed, seeing their uncle Mark’s dedication, his nieces Rose and Shana D’Angelo have also joined the Navy. The nieces are proud of

their uncle’s service, and their uncle is proud of their decision to serve.

The quilt, designed in a beautiful subtle patriotic theme, was a surprise to Mark. When asked his reaction to the receiving a Quilt of Valor, Mark compared it to receiving the phone call, many years previously, notifying him that he was selected as the national Sailor of the Year. Mark said that “receiving the Quilt of Valor was humbling to know that people think so much of me and my heart is overwhelmed that Pat thought to do this for me.”

Young has been making quilts for decades. She finds them to be an expressive outlet for her many creative talents. As she plans (she does not use patterns) the colors and designs she will use on any specific quilt, she feels connected both to the potential recipient and to her own need for artistic flavor in her life.

But with the quilts she has made for members of the armed services, she also finds it humbling to be able to express her thanks to those who have given so much for so many others.

Young noted that “military service, whether on the battlefield or elsewhere has an indelible impact of those who serve. Yet so often, they receive sincere but only cursory acknowledgement for their sacrifices and find it unlikely to have listening, thoughtful ears around them with whom to share their life-changing experiences.”

She went on to say, “The quilts are intended to bring comfort as well as the personal validation of gratitude for having served others in such important and meaningful ways.”

When asked how she became



Photo Courtesy

Mark Johnson receives his Quilt of Honor from Pat Young.

involved in the specific effort of creating quilts for veterans, Young told of seeing a poster at a local fabric store in Charlton which invited quilters to share their expertise and efforts with a group called the “Quilts of Valor Foundation.” The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization with local units dedicated to making and presenting quilts for veterans. Pat, in her own way, stepped forward and started making Quilts of Valor. Her husband Steve who, like Mark, is retired from military service, found

ways to add his efforts to honoring Mark and other veterans. Steve, not a quilter, still has talents that are useful in the project. He said, “I feel like I am at least adding my efforts when I iron the quilt blocks before they are joined with others. Mark is a fine example of a good and dedicated man and very deserving of this recognition.” Thank you, Mark, for your service to our community and to the nation.

Charlton confirms second COVID-19 case, launches hotline

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A week after confirming its first case of COVID-19, the town of Charlton announced a second confirmed case of the virus and while increased cases might be cause for concern for many Charlton’s Town Administrator says this unfortunate reality was expected. The goal now is to keep the case numbers as low as possible.

Town Administrator Andrew Golas explained that while it is unfortunate that two Charlton residents have been stricken with COVID-19 the town knew it was a matter of time before local cases came to light and the focus has not changed. The goal was never to completely avoid the fast-spreading virus, but to manage its spread as effectively as possible.

“This is kind of what we expected. We didn’t expect to see zero cases. We knew we’d probably have a few. We’re hoping that with the social distancing guidelines put forward by the state we would maybe see, at most, one a week. We don’t want to see these cases start to come around in bunches of five or ten at a time. Obviously, any case we get is unfortunate, but hopefully we can keep them low and keep them slow coming in,” Golas said.

With that in mind, the confirmed cases have not stopped the town from performing business as usual, with the town hall still operational but closed to the public. Meetings are also continuing among boards and commissions with the Board of Selectmen moving to an online format using Zoom, a popular app and Web site that many groups have turned to under the new “work from home” guidelines.

“We’ve been trying to keep to business as needed rather than business as normal. Our first (online) meeting went off without a hitch. We had participation from both State Rep. Peter Durant and Sen. Anne Gobi. It was good to have their input on the situation. We also got an update from the Board of Health,” Golas said.

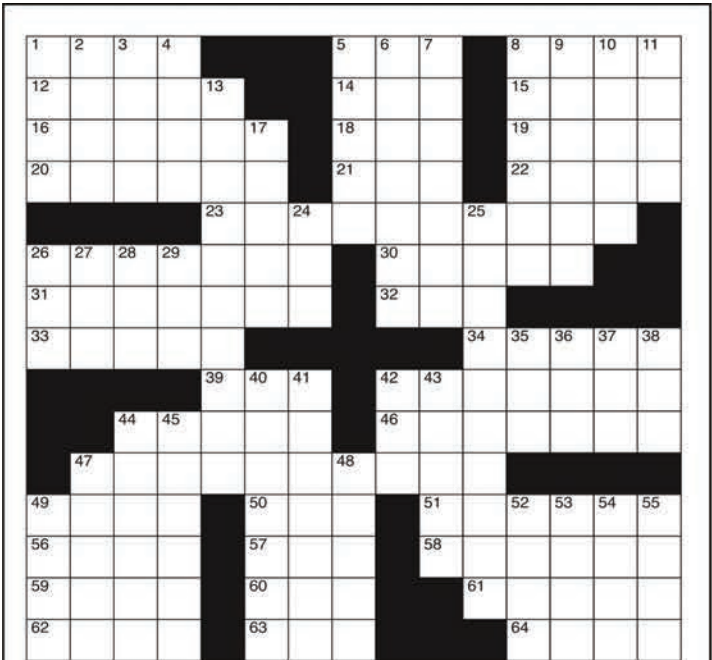
That meeting also revealed a major, unprecedented change for Charlton as both the annual town meeting and town election, which were both scheduled for May, have officially been postponed to a yet-to-be-announced date. The state legislature had previously implemented a special act that allowed towns to move their annual meetings and elections to avoid forcing large groups to gather during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Board of Selectmen are expected to discuss the tentative new dates during their meeting

on April 14 which will also be streamed online. Another new update concerning the COVID-19 virus is a hotline that Charlton has set up as an added resource for residents and those in self-quarantine during this difficult time. The goal of the hotline is to help bridge and gaps that residents might find difficulty maneuvering in terms of accessing food or any kind of information related to the virus. It will also serve as a way for those who want to provide assistance to get in touch with those most in need. “We launched this number for people who are looking for resources or might have resources to offer. That way we can anticipate questions from citizens who can’t leave their homes or are looking for a specific resource. We want to connect those in need with the resources available in the town as best we can, whether or not that’s letting people know about Instacart and the ability to purchase groceries online and have them delivered or connecting them with Chip-In, the local food bank, if they’re in need of food and might not have food stamps or have a cash flow problem,” said Golas. Those who wish to utilize the public assistance hotline only need call 508-248-2366 or they can email assistance@townof-charlton.net.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bond villain Mikkelsen
5. A team’s best pitcher
8. French river
12. Mountain nymph (Greek)
14. City of Angels airport
15. Military force
16. Scrawny
18. Value
19. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
20. Highly seasoned sausage
21. Trouble
22. Prong
23. Showing varying colors
26. Cloaked
30. Renters sign one
31. Acquires
32. Type of language (abbr.)
33. Partner to pains
34. Third portion of the small intestine
39. Excessively theatrical actor
42. Infraction
44. Classical music for the stage
46. Slogged
47. One who terminates
49. Breakfast is an important one
50. Moved earth
51. Medical procedures
56. Genus of clams
57. Not well
58. Comparative figure of speech
59. Covered thinly with gold
60. Principle underlying the universe
61. A parent’s sisters
62. Professional engineering group
63. Coniferous tree
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Female parents
2. Region
3. Transaction
4. Heroic tale
5. Of algae
6. Luminous intensity unit
7. Uncovers
8. French commune name
9. Poisonous gas
10. Pearl Jam’s bassist
11. Horse groom in India
13. Destroyed
17. A way to alter
24. Promotional materials
25. American state
26. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
27. “Modern Family” network
28. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
29. Exercise system ___-bo
35. Type of bulb
36. Opposite of beginning
37. Utilize
38. Type of student
40. Deficiency of moisture
41. Areas of the eye
42. Select
43. Sheets of floating ice
44. Priests who act as mediums
45. Roof of the mouth
47. Unnatural
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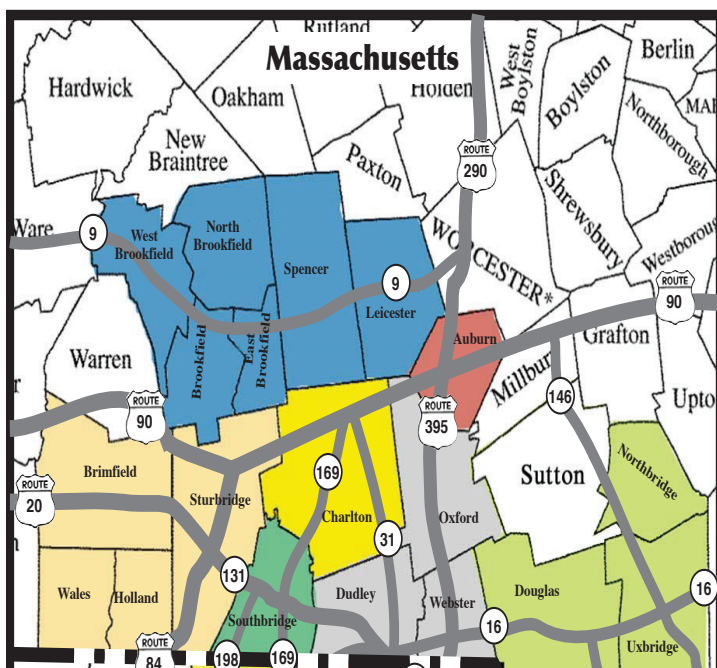
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United Way receives \$49,000 donation from Cornerstone Bank & Employees

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

The United Way is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the educational, economic and healthcare needs of people worldwide. The \$49,312 donation raised through the Bank campaign will support three different United Way organizations: United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton; United Way of Webster and Dudley; and United Way of Central Massachusetts.

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

“United Way has been helping people in need for such a long time, its

reputation and charitable services are impeccable,” commented Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. “Cornerstone Bank is pleased to play a role in supporting its efforts, and I am so proud of all the people here who were instrumental in making this happen.”

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

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

Escape the Pike invites you to unlock the identity of the Zodiac

STURBRIDGE — Escape the Pike is launching a contest — can you decode a cipher and puzzle out the identity they have assigned to the Zodiac Killer? If you can, you could be the sole winner of two free Private Game gift certificates to Escape the Pike.

The prize, valued at \$400, will accommodate as many as eight players per escape room game and can be redeemed for current or future games, birthday parties, corporate team-building, or other special events. The “Name the Zodiac Killer Contest” and prize are being offered to announce the opening of “Son of the Zodiac”- the long-anticipated third escape room game to be offered at the business which is located in Sturbridge.

In the 1960s and ‘70s, The Zodiac Killer was infamous for releasing a series of messages and ciphers that dared people to uncover his identity as a means to end a serial killing spree. Although a few individuals, over the course of five decades, have claimed to uncover the identity of

the killer, no translations of his second cipher have been accepted as the correct solution by the case investigators. His identity has remained a mystery. Those who enter into the story line of Escape the Pike’s “Son of the Zodiac” game have identified who the Zodiac Killer is, inadvertently making them a target of his son’s wrath- from whom they must escape. The game is a horror-thriller not suitable for children. Players are immersed in an environment meant to saturate the senses with that which evokes slight fear- darkness, confinement, musty odors, and dampness.

Escape the Pike, for the fun of their contest, has assigned an identity to the Zodiac Killer that escape room enthusiasts can attempt to uncover. Anyone who wishes to enter the contest has 20 days to decode a cipher, solve the puzzle, and submit their entry. Escape room players are accustomed to getting clues from their Game Master to help them successfully overcome challenges. Those who wish to enter the con-

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\$11,200 to ensure the project gets cleaned up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGALS

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

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

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

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

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

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the nation coming together to help provide an important tool for keeping medical professionals safe and reducing the spread of the pandemic.

“This has nothing to do with politics or race or religion. These are people getting together who have such phenomenal respect for the medical community and think it's outrageous that there's not enough masks and that we came into this so unprepared. They want to step forward and make a difference and they truly are,” Racine said.

The Charlton Sewing Center isn't slowing down, either. As of this report, the company was continuing the provide masks to hospitals almost daily and is expanding their project seeking volunteers to help make 70 masks for children in the Boston area as well as masks for elder residents of rest homes.



GOOD NEWS

Being optimistic in a Covid-19 world

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I believe as we come out the other side of this pandemic, we'll be better people and see better government. I'm watching on the news as some Republicans and Democrats are working together, and even complimenting each other for their efforts. When was the last time that happened?

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

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

Did you know most of our pharmaceuticals are manufactured in China? That's a national security issue, plain and simple. I believe now that citizens are aware, and we've experienced this pandemic,



lawmakers will work quickly to bring the manufacturing of essential products for our health and security back into our country, along with the jobs.

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

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

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

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

“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”

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

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

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

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

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A Mix of Tips

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

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

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

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

More than ever, cooking has become a favorite “in house” activity! To duplicate the fluffy omelets you find in the best restaurants, add a pinch of powdered sugar or cornstarch to the egg mix before cooking. Here's a hot tip from a steak house: Reduce meat shrinkage by pouring a little liquid over steaks throughout the cooking time!

Stressed out? Who isn't! How about some therapy - music therapy that is. To relieve stress, take a 20-minute “sound bath.” Lie in a comfortable position and listen to music with a slow rhythm, slower than the average heartbeat, which is



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about 72 beats per minute. As the music plays, breathe deeply and allow the music to ease away the stress.

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

Garlic is praised as a natural antibacterial, anti-viral and anti-fungal remedy. But before you gorge on garlic, take note: Garlic must be fresh for optimal benefits. Garlic's active ingredient is destroyed within an hour of smashing the clove. So eat fresh garlic, or run it through a juicer in a vegetable drink for best results.

If you're choosing this time at home to spruce up your house with paint, choose warm dry mornings to start the project. Cold weather retards drying of paint and the dampness will spoil the gloss. And avoid using paint directly from the can as this may cause contamination and prematurely age the paint. Pour the amount you expect to use in 30 minutes into a separate container.

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

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

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Time for some financial spring cleaning

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

You can apply some of the same principles of traditional spring cleaning to your financial environment. Here are a few suggestions:



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• Clear your vision. Spring brings extra hours of sunshine — and to enjoy them, you'll want to clean your windows, inside and out. As an investor, you also need to take a clear-eyed view of your situation periodically. Are you on track toward achieving your goals? If not,

what moves can you make to get back on the right path? You need to be honest with yourself to see if you're doing all you can to help make progress toward your objectives.

• “De-clutter” your portfolio. As you go about sprucing up your house, you may find that you have a lot of clutter. Do you really need three mops? And are you holding on to those old calendars for any good reason? You'll probably feel much better about your surroundings when you de-clutter them — and the same may be true of your investment portfolio. For example, do you own several investments that are virtually identical? If so, you might want to consider ways to help diversify your holdings. While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it might help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio.

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

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

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

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Local legislators offer guidance and assistance during COVID-19 outbreak

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

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

As of last Monday morning, Gov. Baker had declared a state of emergency and issued five additional emergency orders. Subsequent orders and news about legislation will follow, likely daily for a while. For now, we’d like to make sure you know that public and private schools are closed for at least a three-week suspension. All bars and restaurants in Massachusetts are currently shut down to on-premise consumption. Gatherings are limited to crowds of 10 or fewer. Please stay up to date with these and future emergency orders by visiting mass.gov/covid19

Throughout this health emergency, we will continue to be guided by actions that will ensure our resources are dedicated to responding to this epidemic in a fair, timely and effective way. We have already introduced and/or are supporting legislation related to extending and

increasing unemployment insurance, moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures during the time of the Emergency Order, increased funding for our regional transit authorities, deferral of payment of hospitality-related taxes, and providing assistance to public institutions of higher education and their host communities.

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

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

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

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

We stand with you. Today and always.

As we continue to learn more about this virus, improve testing and gather data, the situation may get worse before it gets better. But it will get better. We

have already seen so many beautiful examples of individuals in our communities reaching out to support one another. Let’s continue to support each other in the coming days. In this time of social distancing, know that we are not just here for you - we are here with you.

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Fishing may offer a cure for cabin fever

By now, most people are feeling the effects of cabin fever. Fortunately, we are dealing with this terrible situation during the warmer weather, and not in the middle of winter. It has also brought families closer together. Families are actually sitting down to the table together and enjoying a meal. Trout fishing at recently stocked trout waters has many families fishing, and it is also being enjoyed by many other senior residents.

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

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun stocked their club pond this past weekend with some real impressive trout, and



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opened it up to members for fishing immediately. With the country going through a pandemic the clubs fish chairman Ed Gervei hoped that fishing would give their members something to do!

Saltwater fishing is expected to open as usual with some of the following recreational 2020 regulations for Massachusetts & Rhode Island: Massachusetts & Rhode Island striped regulations have a slot limit this year that allow only fish 28 to 35 inches legal to keep. Fish over 35 inches must be released. The Massachusetts Marine fisheries received word that a rumor about striped fishing being closed this year is indeed a rumor!

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

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

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



six fish daily. Tautog fishing starts on April 1, with a 16 inch size limit and three fish daily.

This week’s picture shows a young old angler with his nine pound, four ounce Brown trout caught recently at a local reservoir. The second picture shows a young man with a four pound, six ounce, white catfish caught last week at a secret fishing hole. The state of Massachusetts has been stocking some large fish in local ponds and reservoirs, but local rivers and streams



had not been stocked, despite rumors of them receiving trout at the time of this publication.

God Bless America.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

The best dahlias for a backyard cutting garden

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

These spring-planted tubers make gorgeous additions to flower beds and even the vegetable garden. If space allows, the very best way to grow dahl-



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ias for bouquets is in a cutting garden. A backyard cutting garden doesn’t need to be large. Even a three-by-six-foot raised bed will give you plenty of space for six to eight full size dahlia plants. Planting dahlia tubers in rows lets you get maximum productivity with minimal maintenance.

When choosing dahlias for a small to medium size cutting garden, start by narrowing your choices. Select col-

ors that you can imagine looking great together in a vase. This will make it easy to create lots of creative combinations on the fly.

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

Floral designers know that combin-



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

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

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

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SPORTS

Worcester County Senior Golf Club welcomes new members for second season



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

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

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

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

“Our idea was to play some of the pre-

mium courses in Central Massachusetts at a discounted rate, so that’s where we set our focus on,” added Lisi, of Sturbridge.

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

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

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

“We started with 34 golfers at Heritage in May and we finished with 66 at Pleasant Valley in October,” said Lisi. “Seeing our numbers increase, that was very satisfying. It meant that



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

people liked what we were doing.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“We’d like to continue to grow the club, but we don’t want to grow unmanageable where it doesn’t become fun,” said Condelli. “We’re more of a social club instead of a competitive club, so we invite all people.”

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

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

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OXFORD – 10 Huguenot Rd! 8 Rm Colonial! 1.36 Acres! Country Setting! Country Kitchen w/Bay Window Overlooking Back Yard, Front to Back Living/Dining Rm w/French Doors to Deck! Office! Side Entry Breezeway! 3 Bdrms Plus a Study/Craft Rm on the 2nd Floor! 1 Car Detached Garage w/Workshop! Easy Access to Shopping and Highways! **\$179,000.00**



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WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall over Hrdws! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdws! 1st Flr Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**

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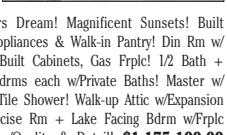
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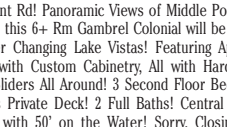
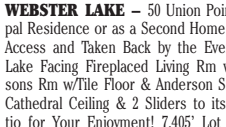
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**TRIPLE
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INCLUDES: MULTI-POINT INSPECTION OF ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS.
ALL FOR ONLY: **\$39.95**
• LUBE, OIL FILTER CHANGE
• FOUR TIRE ROTATION
• EXTERIOR CAR WASH AND DRY
UP TO 7 QUARTS OF OIL, SYNTHETIC OILS AND SPECIALTY VEHICLES
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NO HIDDEN FEES
BUY ANY SET OF FOUR TIRES AND GET:
FREE ALIGNMENT CHECK - FREE CAR WASH
**FREE TIRE DISPOSAL, VALVE STEMS, WHEEL
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WE'RE SO CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE THE LOWEST PRICES, WE
GUARANTEE THEM FOR 30 DAYS! IF YOU FIND A BETTER DEAL, SIMPLY
BRING US THE COMPETITOR'S ADVERTISEMENT AND WE'LL BEAT THAT
PRICE FOR THE SAME SET OF TIRES. **COUPON EXPIRES 04/07/20**

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CAR WASH, VACUUM
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WINDOW CLEANING

WITH EVERY SERVICE *Just bring in
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**LIKE NEW 2019 CHEVY EQUINOX
PREMIER 2LZ**
#40789R
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,960~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,377**
All-Wheel Drive, Premium Audio,
Heated Leather, Satellite Radio, Turbo.
SAVE \$13,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE
#D10462L • LIMITED TRIM, 4X4,
BACK-UP CAM, HEATED LEATHER
NEW Retail Price: ~~\$32,180~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,377**
SAVE \$6,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 TOYOTA CAMRY SE
#TP0189V • ALLOYS, SUNROOF,
BACK-UP CAM, FUEL EFFICIENT
NEW Retail Price: ~~\$30,340~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,577**
SAVE \$12,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**LIKE NEW 2016 FORD F-150 4x4
SUPERCREW**
#P12556L
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,985~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$29,377**
XLT Trim, 4x4, Alloys, Bluetooth,
Back-Up Cam, Only 21K Miles.
SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

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Like New **2019 FORD
EXPLORER SUV**
XLT TRIM
4X4
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,640~~
STARTING AT ONLY: **\$29,877**
12 Available
Sunroof, Back-Up Cam, Alloy Wheels, Nav, Only 13K Miles!
SAVE \$8,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 DODGE CHARGER
#D10624L • SXT TRIM, ALLOYS,
AWD, KEYLESS START, 8.4" LCD
NEW Retail Price: ~~\$34,595~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$26,377**
SAVE \$8,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**LIKE NEW 2017 CHEVY TRAVERSE
LT w/1LT SUV**
#40539L
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,305~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$21,377**
All-Wheel Drive, V6, 3rd Row Seats,
18" Alloys, Satellite Radio, Bluetooth.
SAVE \$19,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**LIKE NEW 2017 TOYOTA TACOMA
DOUBLE CAB**
#TP0037
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$42,665~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$30,377**
TRD Sport, 4x4, 3.5L V6, Alloys,
Satellite Radio, Nav, Towing Package.
SAVE \$12,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 RAM 1500 LONGHORN
#20446A • 4X4, CREW CAB, NAV,
V8 HEMI, ALLOYS, TOWING PKG
NEW Retail Price: ~~\$44,250~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$34,577**
SAVE \$9,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 SUBARU OUTBACK
#40671A • 2.5i PREMIUM TRIM,
BACK-UP CAMERA, MOONROOF
NEW Retail Price: ~~\$34,445~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**
SAVE \$16,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**LIKE NEW 2017 HYUNDAI TUCSON
SPORT SUV**
#H1341V
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$30,475~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**
All-Wheel Drive, Premium Alloys,
Turbo, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats.
SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

SALE ENDS 04/08/20. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR PROMOTION AND MUST USE DEALER SOURCE FINANCING. SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ESTIMATED KBB VALUES BASED ON VEHICLE CONDITION. AMOUNT MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR MILEAGE, WEAR AND TEAR, AND OPTIONS. NEW RETAIL PRICE BASED ON MSRP OF NEW MODELS. NOT VALID WITH PRIOR SALES. SELLING PRICE INCLUDING OUR \$1,000 IMPERIAL TRADE ASSISTANCE BONUS FOR A QUALIFYING 2010 OR NEWER TRADES. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ADVERTISED PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX, TITLE, REGISTRATION OR DOCUMENTATION FEE. VEHICLE MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND TAKE SAME DAY DELIVERY. 5 DAY OR 200 MILE RETURN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUR TOTAL CONFIDENCE - IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR IMPERIAL CERTIFIED USED VEHICLE, BRING IT BACK WITHIN 5 DAYS OR 200 MILES AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A CREDIT OF YOUR FULL PURCHASE PRICE TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER VEHICLE. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS. PHOTOS ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

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