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# Rotary Club helps to combat hunger



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Accepting the check are (L to R) Food Pantry volunteers Connie Waack and Marie Jimenez, Roberta Watson, Pantry Co-Director, Klaus Hachfeld, President of Sturbridge Rotary Club and Glenys Hachfeld.

STURBRIDGE — Many years ago, St. John Paul II Food Pantry founder, the Rev. Peter Joyce, reached out to the community for support to alleviate hunger in this community. The response was widespread and generous. The Sturbridge Rotary Club answered the call then and continues to support the efforts of the Food Pantry in today's challenging times. In the last seven years alone, the Sturbridge Rotary Club has donated \$21,000 to the Food Pantry. That support enables the St. John Paul II Food Pantry to reach families, singles and senior citizens in Southbridge and Sturbridge. What began as a food voucher program nearly 30 years ago has progressed to a client choice Food Pantry serving 350 households monthly.

The Rotarian motto "Service Above Self"

reflects the Clubs' commitment to advance and support a community in times of need.

To further their commitment to the local food insecure individuals, the Rotary Club formed the Rotary Community Corps, a volunteer-driven arm of Rotary that created the Community Food Collaborative (CFC). The CFC grows organic vegetables each year and donates the entire crop produced to the Food Pantry. More than 3,000 pounds of fresh organic vegetables were donated last year. As the number of households reached has grown, the range of needs has also been revealed. In getting to know guests, leadership at the Food Pantry has expanded services to include the nutritional needs of children 0-4 years old, schoolage children, young adults, Moms, singles and Senior Citizens.

"The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) provides generous amounts and a

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# Center of Hope Foundation CEO announces retirement

SOUTHBRIDGE — It is with great sadness, but also great thanks for his dedication and service, that the Center of Hope Foundation announces the retirement of longtime CEO Jim Howard.

Howard, who has led the organization for 36 years, delivered the news in a letter reflecting on his tenure.

"My position as the Executive Director of the Center of Hope for the past 36 years has now inevitably come to the point of my retirement," he wrote. "It has been a wonderful journey. Please bear with my brief review of these years.

"As the Center of Hope was about to close back in 1984, a benefactor left the Center \$115,000. This money provided new start for the Center, which had been in decline for many years. The Board of Directors hired Geri Filion and me to rebuild the agency. Starting at the original school on Walnut St. we've added 10 sites, including the main building at 100 Foster St., have grown from serving 10 towns to 64 in Massachusetts and Connecticut, serve 700 families with employment, day habilitation services, housing supports, family supports, transortation etc We also porated Noress Corporation, a subcontract packaging company, providing an integrated work environment and additional funding to the



Jim Howard

Center. We serve on community boards and committees and have become a well-respected organization in town.

"Most of all, we have worked at developing an agency philosophy, mission and service model that is committed to fostering support, care and opportunities for our participants with disabilities, families, staff and the community.

"It will personally be quite difficult to leave such a wonderful organization and people. Fortunately, we have an extraordinarily talented and hard-working team who consistently go above and beyond in the care for this agency and its stakeholders. As I become the Executive Director Emeritus (retired) the new executive management team approved by the Board of Directors includes

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# Local teacher and writer reconnect for class at St. John's Summer Academy

REGION — Charlton native Elisabeth Gilbride, is excited to announce that she will be teaching virtual classes Creative Writing to Publish and Intro to Freelancing at St. John's Summer Academy, running from July 6-31 at 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., respectively.

"Creative Writing to publish will focus on writing short stories, a novel, novella, play, or poetry," states Gilbride. "The

course is not limited to working on your chosen literary work, but also discusses the process of how to find an agent (and what you need to do to get there), as well as the steps of publishing once you've found an agent. I am also extremely excited to share that Jenn Bishop, a former classmate of mine, who is the author of several successful middle grade novels, will be a guest speaker in this class on

July 10 at 1:30 p.m. I plan to have additional guest speakers who are equally as talented as Jenn added to the lineup by the time

classes begin."

Bishop, a native of Sturbridge, and alumna of Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, where she attended high school with Gilbride, is the author of the middle grade novels "The Distance to Home" and "14 Hollow Road," published by

Penguin Random House, and "Things You Can't Say," published this spring by Simon & Schuster.

Gilbride recently made the career change to teaching after spending 12 years in the publishing industry as the Executive Editor at the Equine Journal (formerly "Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar"), and has freelance written for notable publications including Young

Rider, Sidelines, Chronicle of the Horse, and Massachusetts Horse. Gilbride also initially freelanced for the Stonebridge Press and Villager Newspapers, writing for the sports sections of the Charlton Villager and

Spencer New Leader.
"Writing for these newspapers helped me develop the confidence that I needed with

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# Southbridge residents rally in support of Black Lives Matter



Photo Gus Steeves

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SOUTHBRIDGE — The voice of protest sweeping America came to Southbridge on Election Day last week, as around 100 people gathered at McMahon Field to rally in support of Black Lives Matter and against police violence directed at blacks.

**BY GUS STEEVES** 

For the African-American community, such violence "is not anything new. It's what they've had to deal with for years," organizer Jasmin Rivas said. To end it, she called for "coming together to find solutions" that involve the police and the community.

Rivas noted she isn't black, and "as a white Latina, I benefit from white privilege." But several other speakers were black or had otherwise experienced nega-

black or had otherwise experienced negative relations with police over the years.

One of them used those experiences to

make himself a cop – Deputy Chief Jose Dingui. "Behind this uniform was an angry kid

who hated police," he said. He noted he grew up on the 600-block of Main Street, and recalled walking out of his house to be instantly surrounded by cops demanding "Where are the drugs?" while his parents watched from the window. When he didn't have any, he said they gave "no apologies. I was brushed off and sent on my way with 'We'll get you next time."

Another incident had him riding with a friend to Riverside (now Six Flags) at age 16. They were pulled over twice; the second time, the driver got arrested and the state police towed the car, leaving him stranded in Springfield. He walked to several precincts until he found his friend and bailed him out, then they bussed home.

"That motivated me to be the police officer I am today," Dingui said. "[I work to] create positive relationships with youth because I hated how I was treated as a youth. ... Look at the faces that serve you in the community."

He was referring to the fact that the Southbridge Police's ethnic makeup is far from the almost-exclusively-white force it

After the speakers were done, the crowd made a couple laps around the track with one woman providing some drumming to march by.

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# Open Sky Community Services celebrates EVP of Organizational Development and Diversity

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services is celebrating the career and retirement of Michael Seibold, Executive Vice President of Organizational Development and Diversity. On May 29, Seibold received a key to the City of Worcester in recognition of his 40 years of dedicated service to organizations

supporting individuals with disabilities. Seibold, who had held the position of Director of Community Services with Alternatives Unlimited, Inc., joined Open Sky in 2018 when Alternatives affiliated with The Bridge of Central Massachusetts as Open Sky Community Services.

Worcester Mayor Joseph

Petty presented Michael with the key for his 40 years of work to provide people with developmental disabilities or mental health challenges the support and opportunities they need to lead full and successful lives in the community. Mayor Petty noted that the presentation marked his first "Zoom Key" – digitally presented on the Zoom video conferencing platform.

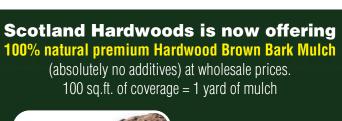
"We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside Michael," said Ken Bates, President and CEO of Open Sky Community Services. "His thoughtful approach, breadth

of knowledge and teaching style has left a lasting legacy for the entire central Massachusetts community."

During Seibold's tenure, he oversaw years of extraordinary service growth. Of particular note is Michael's work to develop an agency-wide mentoring program to assist staff members in their career development.

For more information about Open Sky Community Services. please contact Lorie Martiska, lorie.martiska@openskycs.org About Open Sky Community

Services Open Sky Community Services is dba for Alternatives Unlimited, Inc and The Bridge of Central MA. Open Sky offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children with mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky Community Services has over 1.300 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$83M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.





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Due to an editorial oversight, an article published in last week's edition recapping the graduation ceremony recently held for Trinity Catholic Academy's Class of 2020 misidentified the school as Holy Trinity School. The Sturbridge Villager deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from this unfortunate but unintentional error, and offers its congratulations to Trinity's Class of 2020.



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# Bay State Savings Bank hosts fundraiser for NEADS World Class Service Dogs

 $W \ O \ R \ C \ E \ S \ T \ E \ R$  Bay State Savings Bank is excited to announce a monthlong fundraiser to help support NEADS, a nationally recognized, ADI Accredited 501 c(3) nonprofit that trains highly-skilled Service Dogs to help people who are deaf or have a physical disability. The fundraiser is in honor of the Bank's mascot, Benjie, celebrating his first

birthday.

During this time of quarantine, stayat-home orders, and distancing brought on by the pandemic, it has become even more apparent just how vital NEADS World Class Service Dogs are to the safety and well-being of their owners, many of whom are without the human assistance and support they might otherwise have.

Benjie the Bay State Beagle, official mascot of Bay State Savings Bank, is celebrating his first birthday on Saturday, June 27. To celebrate, we are hosting a month-long fundraiser in support of NEADS World Class Service Dogs, based in Princeton, and matching all donations, up to \$3,000.

Covid-19 has altered many of the existing fundraising strategies organizations like NEADS depend on, such as road races, truck pulls, fairs, etc., which is one of the many reasons why Bay State Savings Bank decided to step in and help support the organization.

Donations tax-deductible, and all funds raised will be used towards training and placing a dog with an individual in



Massachusetts. Bay State Savings Bank will match every donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$3,000. Donations can be made by visiting support.neads. org/baystatesavings-

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## Wales resident earns college degree

PAXTON — Jacob Mullins of Wales, a 2016 graduate of Oxford High School, graduated from Anna Maria College in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

Mullins has been accepted to, and will be staying on at Anna Maria to complete his Master's degree in criminal

# Christian M. Locurto of Sturbridge graduates from Colby College

WATERVILLE, Maine — Christian M. Locurto of Sturbridge was one of 480 seniors who graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, May 24, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Locurto, who majored in physics with a concentration in astrophysics, attended St. Sebastian's School, and is the son of Charles Locurto and Katarzyna Podoska-Locurto of Sturbridge.

'This was to be the day that we would gather on Miller lawn for your formal commencement exercises and all that they represented in terms of your learning, accomplishments, and growth," said President David A. Greene, speaking live from Colby's Lorimer Chapel.

"At Colby," he said, "you lived in a community where relationships are central to everything we do. The irony that we all recognize is that learning and living through deep, meaning-ful relationships-the most fulfilling, enlightening way to live-is threatened when this pandemic limits close personal interaction. But this threat will not last.

"The knowledge that we are better together," he said, "that human connec-

tion and the bonds of community are essential to humanity will drive us to eradicate the damaging impact of this virus.'

President Greene also highlighted the class's scholarly and creative talents, its courage in challenging community norms, its athletic championships, and its engagement with the city of Waterville.

Founded in 1813, Colby is one of America's most selective colleges. Serving only undergraduates, Colby offers a rigorous academic program rooted in deep exploration of ideas and

close interaction with world-class faculty scholars. Students pursue intellectual passions, choosing among 58 majors or developing their own. Colby's innovative and ambitious campaign, Dare Northward, will support deeper connections between the College and the world and a fully inclusive experience for all Colby students. Colby is home to a community of 2,000 dedicated and diverse students from more than 65 countries. Its Waterville, Maine, location provides unique access to world-class research institutions and civic engagement expe-

# Local students graduate from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates more than 950 students who received their academic degrees in May 2020.

The following students earned their degrees:

Nathan Lachapelle of Holland graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science.

Cole France of Brimfield graduated with a BS in Engineering. Dean Lemansky of Sturbridge graduated with a BS in

Engineering. A Salute to Undergraduate students of the class of 2020 fea-

turing a driving parade of the Western New England community, conferral of degrees, memories of the journey, and a live chat can be viewed here (https:// youtu.be/ruftr3pw-1o).

Salute to Doctoral, MMaster's, Law, Pharmacy, and Occupational Therapy students of the class of 2020 can be viewed here (https://youtu.be/ XqJt1bKKjcY).

All Class of 2020 students will be warmly welcomed back to campus for a traditional ceremony when it is safe to do so.

Having just celebrated its

Western Centennial, 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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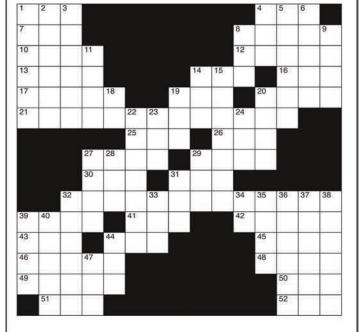
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 4. Superhigh frequency
- 7. Southern constellation
- 8. Swines 10. Self-righteously moralistic
- person 12. United Arab Emirates city
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sign language
- 16. Tattoo (slang) 17. Makes level
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. It must be scratched
- 21. Where people live 25. Swiss river
- 26. Buddy
- 27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- 29. Shrek is one

- 30. Egyptian unit of weight 31. Fiddler crabs
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife 39. No longer having life
- 41. Former OSS
- 42. A way to emit sound
- 43. Mandela's party 44. Adult female chicken
- 45. U. of Miami's mascot
- 46. Southeastern Chinese people 48. Casino game
- 49. Amos Alonzo \_\_, US football coach
- 50. Joint connecting two pipes at
- right angles 51. Will Ferrell film
- 52. River in NE Scotland

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan 4. Former French coin
- 5. Some are bad 6. Monetary unit
- 8. Package (abbr.)
- 9. Indian religious person 11. Crew
- 15. Makeshift
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Not moving
- 23. Clumsy person
- 14. Antidiuretic hormone
- 18. Baseball box score stat

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- 22. Even distribution of weight
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Worked the soil
- 28. Alias 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
- 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 32. Wild dog 33. Immoral act
- 34. Pound
- 35. Manning and Lilly are two 36. Put on the shelf for now
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer 38. Cuddle
- 39. Dashes 40. Related on the mother's side
- 44. Witch 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

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Cindy Howard as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Erika Travinski as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chad Krause as the Chief Program Officer (CPO) and Christine Byrne will remain the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

"We also have a highly unusual group of employees who genuinely care about our participants and families. Moreover, and very importantly, this agency

has been favored over all the years with a wonderful Board of Directors who have allowed me the freedom and flexibility to help grow the agency, including bearing with my mistakes.

"Although we have been impacted by the events surrounding COVID-19, there is a tremendous effort to keep the Center viable and positive as it recovers. Families have been wonderful, and our State funding agents are fully committed to the recovery of all the agencies providing services to people with disabilities.

community.

"Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support and kindness over the years. Unless a person works in this kind of agency, it is difficult to convey the joy brought to our lives by the people we serve. Our members have a hopefulness, innocence and happiness that is contagious and makes our jobs extremely rewarding. This experience has been a 36-year blessing for me and my family. Hopefully, I will still be around part of the time. My hopes, deep affection and prayers will be with this

agency and all of you."

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to visit We encourage you the Food Pantry Facebook www.facebook.com/ page at SaintJohnPaulIIFoodPantry/ as well as that of Sturbridge Rotary at www. facebook.com/sturbridgerotary/ and www.facebook.com/CFCGardens/.

a poem featuring the line "we are not human to them." It's a reaction to a historically common trope that Natives. blacks and other non-European people were often labeled with various derogatory terms used to justify murder,

enslavement and stealing their land. The audience member, who didn't give his name, was even more blunt, saying our culture tends to see others in relation to whites, but "we are beings outside your existence." To him, there's a major need to fix the institutions of inequality and injustice, not just talk

about equality. Several other speakers, poems and a couple prayers emphasized the same themes - peaceful community action to make change, promote diversity and justice, and fix how the system reinforces white privilege in various ways without violence. Several also cited one thing happening a mile away at the same time as important: voting and running for office.

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# **LEGALS**

#### Wales **Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wales Senior Center located at 85 Old Stafford Rd. Wales MA 01081, on the application of Ray LaBonte of 201 Main St. for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-Laws pursuant to the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4.0.2. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.0.2 states "Not more than one principle building shall be erected on a lot unless otherwise specified in this by law". Specifically, Mr. LaBonte wishes to erect 2 buildings during Phase 1 of his self-storage project.

Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to participate virtually.

If you have any questions or concerns please email <u>planning@townofwales</u>.

June 19, 2020 June 26, 2020

#### **GILBRIDE**

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my writing, and greatly benefitted me not only by helping me add to my portfolio and expanding my resume. I was happy to continue writing for these publications, while also getting my leg in the door at other magazines and journals.' Gilbride says. "I learned a lot about how to quickly write and develop a good sports article.

"I am excited to share my love for journalism with students in my Intro to Freelancing class, which is intended to help them obtain experience writing for a media outlet. It will cover the basics of writing shorts, news articles, features, and profiles; how to request or find an editorial calendar from an editor or a publication's website; how to write a query letter to an editor; and how to write your article once you've been assigned one.'

For more information on the classes at St. John's Summer Academy, and to learn how to sign up for Creative Writing to Publish and Intro to Freelancing, visit www.stjohnshigh.org/summer.

#### ROTARY

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great variety of non-perishable food, dairy and eggs, produce and frozen meats and other miscellaneous items' says Roberta Watson, Co-Director of the Food Pantry. "In reaching out to all ages served, we have identified special food items not available at the WCFB. We purchase special items such as: baby food, formula, salt and sugar free products and personal care items for seniors and babies. It is only through the ongoing monetary sup-

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violence.

was in the 1990s. To him, the goal is to "continue to tear down walls," and he uregd people to "let the anger be your inspiration" for change, but not

'Racism is real. Hate and brutality is real and happening in our country every day," added Carol Torres, wife of another officer. "... We cannot have change if we do not acknowledge our problems."

Torres said the key to solving them is to listen to others, "embrace what is working in our community [and] stand together against racism." To her, cooperation and conviction will bring change.

Rosa Brito, a Southbridge High graduate who recently returned to town after six years in Rhode Island, urged local Latinos to recognize they "are black as well" because of centuries of African-Latino marriages. (In fact, all humans are African in that same sense, since our species evolved in Africa. port from donors like the Sturbridge Rotary Club that we are able to continue funding these special aspects of our pantry.'

"St. John Paul II Food Pantry located at 279 Hamilton St. in Southbridge expresses sincere gratitude to the Sturbridge Rotary Club for this generous and timely gift of \$3,000," Watson said, adding, "It is only through a strong support system that we are able to advance in our efforts to create a stronger, healthier and hunger free

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service

Archeologists fairly recently determined the earliest modern human inhabitants of places as far north as Britain were probably dark-skinned.)

To Brito, the protest "is not about politics; it's about society," and the fact blacks have experienced "centuries of injustice." Look at your biases and stereotypes, she said, "then push them to the side," do some research, get involved, and remind others "it's okay" to befriend and date people of other races and visit other cultures.

"Teach your kids tolerance, teach your kids love, and teach your community as well," Brito added.

Teacher Bill Batista agreed by pointing to the fact that "there's no such thing as a two-year-old bigot. Bigots are groomed, not born." While the US has many things worth praising, he noted our history also has "many, many bad things," and one key to ending racism is to "learn something new about this country - learn the negative things.

For Ashley Wonder and a notably vocal audience member, one of those new things is to recognize that this was Native American land. Wonder read

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Age 11 and 13

teachers.

Kye is a playful young boy who always wants to be running around outside. He is very active and loves to play different sports, as well as activities like fishing and camping. When he is inside, Kye likes building with Legos and playing video games. Kye has some behavioral concerns in school and will be assessed soon to see if he would benefit from extra supports

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# Sydney Davey of Sturbridge named to URI Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2020 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Sydney Davey of Sturbridge was named to the Dean's List.

Note: Students who qualified for the

Dean's List, but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, are not included on this public listing. Students may adjust these restrictions on eCampus.

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motorcycle was purchased to be raffled to raise the funds to help save Rachel's life. We have had to shift gears since her passing. Rachel attended the Center of Hope for many years. Her family would appreciate the proceeds in Rachel's memory be applied to purchase needed items for her peers, such as sensory equipment, Ipads and music related items at the Center of Hope. We will also be making a donation to Clowning for Kidz Foundation for their help in assisting in the raffles.

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# Gardening and wildlife

Wildlife in many areas of Massachusetts are thriving, as this week's picture shows a doe with her three young deer. Numerous gardeners are also feeling the negative part of high deer populations. Gardeners have told me about losing a lot of their

crops to deer this year. Woodchucks are also to blame for lost crops to the first-time gardeners, as well as longtime gardeners. One local gardener told me about a fellow gardener that planted seed for his corn crop. It did not take the crows long to find the recently planted seeds and pretty much cleaned out his corn patch.

This year, with all of the Covid-19 problems, many people are working from home, or are not working at all. They have a lot of time on their hands and decided to grow a garden for the first time. Seeds and gardening equipment were sold out of most stores early in the area, and they had to reorder. That to was pretty much sold out quickly.

Rabbit populations are also on the increase in the valley, which is good news for the few remaining hunters that own beagles, and enjoy listening to their hounds baying, as they track the rabbit's scent. There were many rabbit hunters in the area 30 or more years ago, but the rabbit population dropped dramatically because of destroyed habitat due to construction. The return of birds



of prey and the surge in coyotes, and fisher cat populations also took their toll on the rabbit population. Rabbits can cause some destruction to small gardens, feeding on recently sprouting plants.

Freshwater bass fishing is nothing but great, as this week's picture shows

young Randy Curley with his 6.4 ounce largemouth, he recently caught in a local body of water. Plastics are number one with many bass fishing anglers, but shiners are also catching some impressive freshwater bass. Top water plugs are great for catching lunker bass when fishing at night. The biggest thrill for catching big bass are fishing with a fly rod.

A number 8 or 9 fly rod when fished with small poppers, or the great assortment of weedless plastic frogs that are available today, provide the angler with some of the most successful fishing trips ever when used properly. Fishing top water frogs in the heat of the day will surprise you with some great action, even if you catch a number of two-orthree-pound bass. The big one is not far away, and you will enjoy the bass fishing a lot more. Your local Bait & Tackle shop should be able to set you up with the proper equipment for fly fishing, and you may never go back to the conventual rod & reel and braided lines for bass fishing.

Last week's picture of a large calico bass taken from Webster Lake, was



indeed an impressive fish. Back in my younger days I fished at Meadow Pond in Whitinsville as a youngster and used a fly rod to catch them. The fly called the Mickey Fin was a killer when it came to catching Calico bass, also known as crappie. Fishing from the old bridge on Main Street. and at the Arcade Pond were two favorite places of mine for catching calico bass.

Back in the '50s, aerial spraying of DDT helped keep the mosquito population down, but it also killed the Mayflys. The fly's fell into the water and the calico bass and other species of warm water fish ate the dead fly's killing them



off also. The fish populations have since rebounded, but not in the numbers that we once had. Because of aerial spraying of DDT many birds were also killed, and the use of DDT was stopped. It was a hard lesson learned.

Fluke fishing around Block Island and the shores off of Matunic beach are finally giving up some keeper fish. Numerous doormats up to 22 inches have been reported. Sea Bass finally opened up this past Wednesday, June 24 in Rhode Island waters. The daily limit is three fish at 15 inches or more. Buzzards Bay area continues to give up some big seabass along with monster Scaup.

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# Protect your landscape from hungry critters



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While you're busy filling your landscape with beautiful flowers and scrumptious vegetables, the deer, rabbits and other wildlife are watching and waiting to move in to dine. Don't lose your beautiful investment to hungry animals. Be proactive in keeping wildlife at bay, so you can grow a beautiful landscape this season.

this season.

Protect plants as soon as they are set in the ground. It's easier to prevent damage rather than break a habit. Once critters find delicious plants, they will be back for more and they're likely to bring along a few additional family members

A fence is an excellent defense against animals. A four-feet-high fence anchored tightly to the ground will keep out rabbits. Five-feet-high fences around small garden areas will usually keep out deer that tend to avoid smaller spaces.

Woodchucks are more difficult. They will dig under or climb over the fence. You must place the fence at least 12 inches below the soil surface with four to five feet above ground. Make sure gates are secured so animals can't squeeze through or under these. The last thing you want

is an animal happily living and dining inside your fenced in garden.

For gardeners who do not want to spend the money on fencing or view their flowers and other ornamental plantings through a fence, there are other options.

Scarecrows, rattling pans and other scare tactics have been widely used for decades. Unfortunately, urban animals are used to noise and human scent and not discouraged by these tactics. You must move and alternate the various scare tactics to increase your chance of success.

Repellents may be your best and most practical option. Always check the label for details on use, application rates and timing. Research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other types of repellents. Wildlife will avoid plants rather than taking a bite before they discover they don't like the taste.

Look for organic repellents labeled for use on food plants when treating edibles. Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) is the only OMRI certified organic repellent and is effective against rabbits, deer, voles, elk, moose, chipmunks and squirrels. It is rain resistant and each application lasts three to four months during the growing season.

Maximize results by treating new growth according to label directions. Most liquid repellents need time to dry while granule repellents may need to be watered to activate the smell. Always check the



Deer can wreak havoc on landscapes and research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other repellents at keeping deer and other critters from eating your plants.

label for the product you are

applying.
Protect new tree whips by dipping them in a long-lasting liquid repellent. Mature trees will benefit as well. Treat them prior to bud break or two to three weeks after leaves

have developed.

Continue to monitor plantings throughout your landscape all season long. Watch for animal tracks, droppings and other signs wildlife have moved into your area. Protect new plantings and those

favored by wildlife before they start dining on your plants. Always be as persistent as the hungry animals.

If you're ever feeling discouraged, remember that gardeners have been battling animals in the garden long before us and there are lots of options to help protect your flowers and harvest.

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

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#### **EDITORIAL**

# Strength through survival

While our current economy hasn't quite dipped to the level it did during the Great Depression, the inevitable comparisons have been a dominant topic of discussion since COVID-19 put a halting stop to our economy.

To date, the Great Depression was the worst economic decline in modern times. A hard jump from the 'Roaring Twenties,' when Americans were enjoying a robust economy with more time to spend and recreate.

After the stock market crash in 1929, those who were still employed saw a decrease in pay of roughly 40 percent. This included doctors and other affluent career paths. One quarter of the population remained without a living wage. With that said, the typical American had to adapt to a new way of life that included a level of scrimping and saving never seen before.

Homemakers, which were primarily women back then, were shown how to make due with what they had in the kitchen. Meals were stretched as far as possible. To do so people learned to enjoy more casseroles including macaroni and cheese, chili, Mulligan stew (a mix of anything available), bologna casserole, and a 'poorman's meal' (fried potato with diced hot dogs). Another go to was 'hot water pie' which was made up from simple ingredients such as butter, vanilla, sugar and flour. Potluck gatherings were also a cheap way for people to come together and socialize. Thrift gardens popped up in vacant lots across the country where community members could grow food, feeding thou-

Movie theaters were a major source entertainment during the years l ing up to the Depression. After the economy bottomed out, people had to find other, cheaper forms of leisure. One third of the cinemas in the country were shuttered. Miniature golf courses charged people no more than 50 cents per round, making the low-key game another popular thing to do. With that said, board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly became all the rage. People were also tuning into the radio for comedy shows and other dramas.

More women became employed to supplement lost income, despite the fact that they were paid significantly less than men. Government help was also more socially acceptable after President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced his New Deal initiative aimed at putting Americans back to work building infrastructure, such as the interstate highway system, that provided increased mobility not only for civilian traffic, but for the military and law enforcement as well. Before the Depression, those receiving welfare had their names listed in local newspapers, which was a deterrent for many to accept government assistance.

Men grew insecure after not being able to provide for their families, which caused an uptick in suicide. Divorce rates were low because couples could not afford to separate, and though many couples did decide to split, others were inspired to work through their issues and emerge on the other side stronger than before.

Traveling hobos became very common for teenagers who sought work to help their families on the road. Violent crimes did increase, however fell after a few years.

While things have not reached a point nearly that low in our contemporary society (and hopefully won't), this situation has forced Americans to adjust their way of life, just as our forebears in the '30s did. And just as it did for them, that course correction may make us stronger.



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As I age and travel through my life, I find that time and experience are chang-

ing me.

I've always been on the go. As a CEO for a quarter of a century, I worked long hours and spent countless time on the road. As an author on book tour for my three books, I've traveled to 31 cities in 35 days,

did 92 media interviews and spoke to 32 groups. I've spent my life always on the move mentally and ahead of where I was physically.

I'm not retired. I appear in 50-plus different publications weekly and have one new book out for publishing and two more in the works. I'm also cofounder and Interim COO of CubeStream, Inc., a free-market streaming platform that will launch this fall. So, I'm busy ... but I've changed.

I've become a "noticer."

I see things I've never noticed before. I'm certain my eyes have seen it all, but I never took the time to engage my brain and heart to notice. My eyes were focused on what was ahead and I was never in the moment. I'm sure my eyes glanced at the beauty around, but my brain and heart didn't engage to see what my eyes were beholding. But things have changed. Through time and a medical diagnosis, my heart and mind have engaged in everything and for the first time, I'm really noticing the wonderment of creation.

Arlene is a gardener. She loves putting her hands in the dirt and planting flowers. I've always known gardening was a passion but before, I looked at it as busy work. It was something she did. I thought if it as a chore. Wow ... was I wrong.

No different than Beethoven or Bach . or Monet or Van Gogh ... each year, Arlene gets on her knees, lovingly plants, weeds, and tills, while composing a symphony of colors. The soil is her pallet and she paints a work of art in our back yard that changes and evolves with each day. She's been doing it for years. She's honed and improved her craft and created a magnificent living work of art for us to enjoy, and in doing so, she's living in the moment. It's been there for years. My eyes saw it, but my mind and heart never engaged. That's a loss ... a tragedy of missed opportunity to see beauty and experience joy. But not now. I spend time every day taking in the beauty.

I have two focuses to my life's work. I write to uplift and encour-

age optimism in my readers and to help others enjoy and live life in the moment. As a business leader I always said things like "keep your eyes on the future," but time has taught me that if you keep only looking ahead, you miss your life in the moment. It's

not just a loss for you but also your friends and family. They want you with them in the here and now. In the future, vou can look forward to life's rewards, but you never arrive in the future. It's a moving target that is always ahead. So, open your eyes and heart to the right now and enjoy your life in this moment.

How do you begin?

Take five minutes each morning and live in the moment. Empty your brain of distractions. Block the thoughts of the future and the things you must do. Sit in your backyard or take a walk and look for the little things you've never taken time to notice. Tune in to your surroundings. Notice the sunshine on your face and think about how it feels. Take in the color of the sky and shape of the clouds. Sniff the air. Engage all

Look people in the eyes when you encounter them. Smile and acknowledge you know they are there. I was in the grocery store last week. I encountered another shopper. We were both wearing masks, so it was hard to recognize others, but she called me by name and told me she was praying for my health. Gail Emme could have just passed me by, but instead decided to act in the moment and brighten my day. Speak to others, if only to smile and say hello. Acknowledge only your immediate surroundings. At this moment, pretend nothing else exists.

It's not easy to change life-long behavior, but its worth the effort. As you learn to live and love in the moment for a few minutes, expand the length of time and the number of times per day. Trust me . it's worth the effort.

What have you noticed lately?

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# Summer Drinks

Bright sunny days, shade tree breezes and a comfortable backvard chaise are the perfect elements for warm weather "easy living." And what could be more delightful than sharing a chat and a refreshing, cool drink on the porch

with a friend or neighbor? There's no doubt about it, nothing quite "hits the spot" on a hot New England summer day more than a tall glass of ice tea or lemonade. The sweet taste and clanging ice cubes of the thirst-quenching drinks have prompted recipe contests, starred at country fair refreshment booths, and spawned generations of young roadside entrepreneurs. With summer officially here, read on for some great old-fashioned lemonade and iced tea recipes guaranteed to refresh both body and spirit.

When people call for Tea Time, this season, it's usually iced tea - in frosty glasses filled to the brim. Here are a couple of delicious ways to serve up the perennial favorite drink.

Citrus Tea The carbonation and orange juice add sparkle and zest to this alternative to traditional iced tea. Perfect for a punchbowl at an outside get-together. Ingredients: Three bags or one tbsp loose black tea; one and a half cup boiling water; one half cup fresh lemon juice; one bottle (28 oz) lemon-lime -carbonated beverage or ginger ale, chilled; three quarters to one cup sugar; one tray ice cubes ;one half cup fresh orange juice. Directions: Place tea bags or loose tea in bowl. Pour boiling water over tea. Let stand five minutes. Remove bags or strain to remove leaves. Add sugar and stir until all is dissolved. Place ice cubes in two-quart serving pitcher. Pour hot tea, lemon and orange juice over tea. Stir briskly several seconds until mixture is cold. Stir in chilled lemon-lime carbonated beverage. Pour into glasses and serve at once. Makes two qts.

Lemon Sparkler Now here's a quick and easy version. (For those of us whose "leisurely" outside activities more likely find us hanging out clothes, chasing after a stray

TAKE THE HINT **KAREN** TRAINOR child or dog and running for the ringing phone!) Ingredients: Two cups tea, brewed; one half cup Real Lemon juice; one half cup sugar; juice cubes (ice cubes made with lemon juice and a little water); two quarts of ginger ale, chilled. Directions: In a pitcher, combine the tea, lemon

juice, and sugar stirring until sugar is dissolved. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and pour over juice cubes.

Lemonade and sunny days have gone together forever. Many a summertime memory is sparked by sipping a chilled tumbler of syrupy sweet lemonade.

Fashioned Lemonade Most lemonade aficionados agree the secret to a great lemonade is to make a heated syrup as a base. This recipe from Hamilton Beach, is touted as a "sure-fire hit."

Ingredients: Two cups granulted sugar; two and one half cups water; juice of six lemons; juice of two oranges; grated peel of one orange; one cup fresh mint leaves Directions: In a medium saucepan, combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium high heat five minutes. Let cool. Add lemon juice, orange juice and orange peel to syrup. Add in mint leaves. Cover and let stand one hour. Strain lemon syrup into a jar or pitcher. Store in refrigerator until ready to use. For each serving: Put one third cup lemon syrup into an eight ounce glass filled with crushed ice and cold water. Mix or shake well. Serves two (eight ounce servings)

Quick Old Fashioned Lemonade Now, here's an "easy" version. Ingredients: Two or three ice cubes; two tablespoons lemon juice; one and one half tablespoons lime juice; two tablespoons superfine sugar; six to eight ice cubes; two cups cold water. Directions: Pour lemon and lime juice into a pitcher, add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add ice cubes and water and stir. Serve in tumblers.

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# achieve your financial independence

Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previously took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your financial independence.

Here are some moves to consider: Build an emergency



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fund. It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.

Keep your debts under control. It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.

Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and every time your salary goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix.

Explore long-term care coverage.One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of long-term care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy – which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services - or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit.

Manage withdrawals carefully. Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate

As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a lifelong activity - but it's worth the effort.

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# **OBITUARIES**

## Jason Nicholas King

Jason Nicholas King of Ashford, CT. 37, went to be with his Lord on April 27th, 2020.



Jason was born April 7th, 1983 in New Haven, CT to Peter and Melinda Basto King. A 2001 graduate of Woodstock Academy, he worked as a skilled carpenter and became versed in plumbing and elec-

trical. He made his home in Maine, Rhode Island, East Killingly, Eastford and Ashford. Jason was a gentle soul, always eager to say a kind word and lend a helping hand. Nature was his soul mate. In the woods with Ox, his loving golden lab, was where he felt most comfortable.

Jason is survived by his parents, Peter (Springfield, Ma) and Melinda King (Ashford, Ct.) His brothers, Peter (Woodstock CT) and Brandon King (Eastford, CT) and his Grandparents, Dana Basto (Woodstock, CT) and Marieann MacGinnis (Auburn, MA).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to: The Evangelical Christian Ctr., 574 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

Memorial Service to be held Saturday June 27th, 2020 at 11:00am, Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road, Eastford, CT, 06242

\*In accordance with COVID-19 regulations, masks will be required for attendees and social distancing will be

## Vernon M. McCaughey, 83,

STURBRIDGE-Vernon M.McCaughey, 83, of Fiske Hill Rd., passed away on Saturday, June 13th, in the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, after an





leaves his He wife of 61 years, Hildegard (Schosnig) McCaughey; his son, James J. McCaughey and his wife Stephanie  $\mathbf{E}.$ Kingston, NH; his daughter, Patricia M. Porter and her husband Scott of Wilbraham; his three brothers, Joseph McCaughey of Melrose, Charles McCaughey Somerville and McCaughey John of Prince Edward Island, Canada; his

three sisters, Elizabeth Aylward, Carlotta Kelly and Mary McCaughey, all of Prince Edward Island, Canada; his daughter-in-law, Flavia Cote of East Longmeadow; his 11 grandchildren, Matthew Porter and his wife Alison, John Porter and his wife Janelle, Jennie Allegretta and her husband Andrew, Flavia McCaughey, Kyle McCaughey, Trevor McCaughey, Edward McCaughey, Shauna McCaughey, Patrick McCaughey, Brandon McCaughey and Madison McCaughey; 7 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. His son, Donald M. McCaughey, passed away in 2017. He was also predeceased by his infant brother, Patrick McCaughey. Vernon was born in Auburn, PEI,

Canada, the son of James P. and Mary Margaret (Garland) McCaughey.

He served in the US Air Force from

1956 to 1960. He was a longtime resident of Watertown before moving to Sturbridge.

Vernon was a private contractor partnering with his brothers in McCaughey Brothers Contracting for over 20 years. He later went on to work for Mass. Housing and Finance as a senior field rep for 10 years before retiring many years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Watertown, MA. He was involved in Watertown local politics. He was a Town Meeting Member in the 70's and played an important role in the "Think Rink" committee. Responsible for the first skating rink to be built. In 73-74 he initiated the 1st woman's hockey team, the "Red Devils" for his daughter, who wanted to play hockey like her brothers!

Vernon enjoyed fishing, bowling and was an avid Boston Red Sox and Bruins fan. He loved going to Amusement Parks and going to Drive-In Movie Theaters. He loved to dance with everyone but most especially with his wife. Vernon loved to travel with his wife, to Prince Edward Island and throughout Europe. They also enjoyed travelling cross country in their motor home. Vernon enjoyed working on his children's homes and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Vernon was a very social person and made fast friends everywhere he went.

A private graveside service will be held in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

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

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### Diane B. (Racicot) Osimo, 72

SOUTHBRIDGE- Diane B. (Racicot) Osimo, 72, died on Sunday, June 14th, at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a brief but courageous battle with cancer and COVID-19. Her husband was the late Robert A. Osimo, who died in January 2017.



Diane is survived by two sons, Anthony Osimo of Uxbridge, and Jonathan Osimo and his wife Kerri of Sturbridge, and five grandchildren, Adon Osimo, Robert Osimo, Elayna Osimo, Marissa Osimo, and

Frank Osimo. She also leaves four sisters, Dolores Desrosiers and her husband Ray of Southbridge, Yvetter Dwyer and her husband Jack of Poinciana, FL, Pauline Goodstone of Southbridge, Ann Hapgood of Wilbraham, and her brother Paul Racicot of Houston, TX, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Margo (Partlow) Osimo, and her twin grandchildren Emily and Jack Osimo.

Diane was born in Webster on May 24, 1948, daughter of the late Henry A. Racicot and Dora M. (Bolduc) Racicot Geary. She was raised in Southbridge, and graduated from Southbridge High School in 1966. She was a licensed beautician and then became a stay-at-home mom for many years. She was also a school bus driver for special needs children for several years and then worked at the former Martel Cleaners in Southbridge.

Diane was honest, kind, and compassionate. She was always very supportive and fiercely protective of her family and friends. She enjoyed bird watching, especially the Hummingbirds, trips to the casino, playing cards, and crossword puzzles. She especially loved her role as a hockey/baseball/soccer/football Mom to her two sons, and then enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their many activities and school events. Although Diane was loved by so many and will be missed dearly, it's comforting to know that she's been reunited with her high school sweetheart, the love-of-her-life and soul mate.

A funeral service for Diane will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Autism Speaks, New England Chapter, 88 Broad St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Ma 01550 is assisting the family with the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

## J. Normand Corriveau, 88

STURBRIDGE-Normand Corriveau, 88, passed away peacefully at Harrington Memorial Hospital died to complications from pneumonia, on Friday, April 17th, surrounded by his loved ones.



He was the loving husband of Florence (Provost) Corriveau for 69 years, and the loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his family. He is survived by his sister Theresa Corriveau

of Granby, Canada, his son David Corriveau and his wife Cecile of Holyoke, his daughters Jane Corriveau of Holland, Gail Hickland and her partner Stephen McKeon of Holland, his grandson Peter Drake and his wife Susy of Holland,

his granddaughter Jessica Rockhill and her husband Phillip of Gansevoort, New York, his great grandchildren Dillon Drake and his partner Vanessa Julian of Worcester, Amber Drake and her fiancée Julian Costa of Worcester,

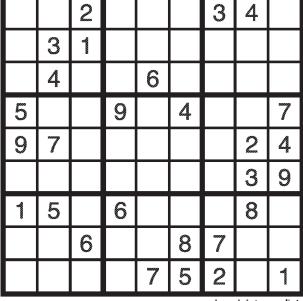
Reid and Porter Rockhill of Gansevoort, NY. He was predeceased by four sisters, Lillian Corriveau, Lorraine Dumas, Claire Parent, and Cecile Corriveau, and five brothers, George, Lucien, Paul, Raymond and Robert Corriveau.

Normand was born in Southbridge, the son of Hormidas and Anna (Lamoureux) Corriveau. He was a lifelong resident of this area. Normand was a former Police Officer for the Town of Southbridge in his earlier years,

but dedicated most of his career as a land developer and builder.

After retirement, he was well known and liked for his involvement in his daughter Jane's former businesses, the Charlton Flea Market and the Palmer Co-op. Normand enjoyed spending time with his family, and walking his beloved dog, Julie. Normand was a devoted member of St. Anne/St. Patrick's Parish. He will be missed by all.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10AM, Saturday, July 11, 2020, at St. Anne/St. Patrick's Church, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is assisting with the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.



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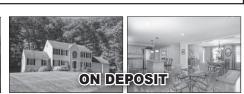


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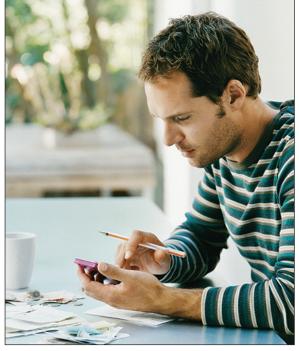
The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 had a dramatic effect on the global economy. Businesses were shuttered seemingly overnight as public health organizations across the globe embraced social distancing as a means to preventing the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

Few, if any, businesses proved immune to the economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, which forced many employers to lay off or furlough employees. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the week ending April 18 marked the fifth consecutive week that more than three million Americans filed initial unemployment claims. During that period, which for many areas of the United States coincided with the first five weeks of social distancing guidelines going into effect, roughly 26.5 million workers had filed jobless claims. The picture was not any rosier in other parts of the globe. For example, Statistics Canada noted that more than one million jobs were lost across Canada in March, increasing the country's unemployment rate from 5.6 percent in February to 7.8 percent by the end of March.

Many workers were furloughed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and while furloughs differ from layoffs, each situation left people looking for ways to save money. The following are some simple ways to save that can help furloughed or laid off employees make it through the financial uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

· Contact your lenders immediately. Many lenders, including Bank of America and Chase, announced breaks for homeowners and other borrowers in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Lenders may vary regarding the extent of the breaks they offer as well their eligibility guidelines, but borrowers may be able to defer mortgage and auto loan payments for several months. Consumer advocacy groups warn borrowers to learn what the long-term effects of deferring payments may be. In addition, borrowers should know that they must contact their lenders before ceasing monthly home or auto loan payments.

• Consider cutting the cord. Many people have long advocated cutting the cord as a means to saving substantial amounts of money. Cutting the cord refers to forgoing traditional cable television service in favor of less expensive streaming options like Netflix and Amazon Prime. The cut the cord mantra seemed to resonate in the immediate aftermath of the implementation of social



distancing, as Netflix reported adding nearly 16 million subscribers in the first quarter of 2020. But before cutting the cord, consumers are urged to see if doing so would actually save them money. Customers who currently bundle their cable with internet and/or phone service may end up paying the same amount of money, if not more, even after canceling their cable subscriptions. Do your homework before cutting the cord, speaking with your provider to learn the true cost of cutting the cord. You may end up saving more by maintaining your cable but removing premium channels and downgrading to basic packages.

· Develop a new budget. Budgeting is an essential component of responsible money management at all times, and especially so in the wake of a layoff or furlough. Do not hesitate to develop a new monthly budget, examining all monthly expenses to determine where costs can be trimmed. The longer you wait, the less you may save during a layoff or furlough.

Saving money in the wake of a lay off or furlough can be simpler than people think.

# How partnering is helping small businesses weather the social distancing storm

Social distancing guidelines implemented in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak posed unique challenges to small business owners. Many small businesses were forced to close their facilities to customers to prevent the spread of the virus, which various sources estimated had claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people by the end of April. Delivery and curbside pickup enabled many businesses to offer limited services to consumers, but low revenue still forced many businesses to seek new ways to generate sales. Partnering is one creative way many small businesses owners sought to generate more sales.

By partnering with other local businesses, small business owners can capitalize on the community-first attitude many consumers are embracing as they look to help local industries weather the storm created by social distancing. Restaurant owners can look into partnering with local grocers who can sell prepared meals in their stores, many of which are operating only under very limited, if any, restrictions. Such a partnership can fill the needs of consumers who have grown tired of making

their own meals for weeks on end, while also giving grocery stores struggling with supply chain issues more items with which to stock their shelves. It also allows restaurant owners to generate revenue while ensuring food they purchased prior to the implementation of social distancing guidelines does not go to waste. Local auto body shops also can capitalize on partnering by working in conjunction with local automotive supply stores. By offering many of the items drivers need, such as windshield washer fluid, auto accessories and more, in their shops, auto body shops can attract customers who still need to maintain their vehicles but don't want to make too many shopping trips. When customers call to book oil change appointments, ask if there are any automotive supplies they need, then partner with a local supply store to deliver those items before customers arrive for their oil changes. Such partnerships benefit consumers and business owners alike, making them ideal ways to generate additional revenue during what has proven to be challenging economic times for

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**Aebleskivers** Makes about 3 dozen

- Aebleskiver pan cups all-purpose flour
- teaspoon baking powder
- teaspoon baking soda
- teaspoon ground cardamom
- teaspoon kosher salt
- cup sugar large egg yolks
- teaspoon vanilla extract
- cups buttermilk 3 large egg whites
  - tablespoon unsalted butter Raspberry or strawberry pre-

serves Powdered sugar

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cardamom, salt, and sugar.

In another bowl, beat the egg yolks, vanilla and buttermilk with a whisk or handheld mixer until frothy. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients just to combine.

In another bowl, beat the egg whites until frothy and stiff peaks form. Gently fold the egg whites into the batter.

Rub a little of the unsalted butter into each indentation of a well-heated aebleskivers pan. With a paper towel, remove excess butter. Place about 1 tablespoon batter in each indentation, top with about 1/2 teaspoon of preserves of choice, and add another tablespoon of batter on top. Cook until the sides are



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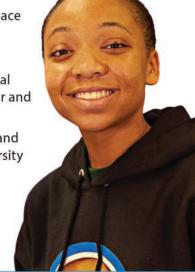
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