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Friday, April 3, 2020

Young wheelchair racer inspires community



Courtesy Photo
Spencer wheelchair racer Maddie Wilson continues to inspire the community in new ways, this time with a children's book based on her accomplishments.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With help from a local author, 11-year-old wheelchair racer Maddie Wilson continues to find new ways to inspire the community.

Wilson, a Spencer resident known throughout the state for her racing accomplishments, has been wowing residents with her determination and dedication from a young age. In her latest endeavor, she partnered with author Todd Civin to create a children's book inspired by her story, titled, "Maddie Wilson: Going Really Fast."

Proceeds from book sales will benefit the eventual restoration of the David Prouty High School track.

"I met Maddie and her dad, Carl, at a Team Hoyt Race in Holland about three years ago," Civin told the New Leader. "I was mesmerized by this little girl in a pink racing chair dominating in the sport at such a young age. I've followed her since and knew that at some point I wanted to do a book with her."

Maddie's mother, Jennifer, began planning the book with Civin last fall. The author interviewed both Maddie and her mother to get a detailed understanding of her challenges and how she continues to soar past them. She has become a local celebrity in the process, and no matter which event she attends, guests always instantly spot her bright smile and pink racing chair.

"Maddie is so upbeat and positive. Though her

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Spencer sees first COVID-19 cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Officials last week announced that the town has recorded its first two confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.

On March 25, officials were notified by the Public Health Nurse that two residents have tested positive for the coronavirus. Health officials are working closely with the patients and have notified others who may have come into contact with them.

Officials continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to ensure that any affected residents are properly notified and monitored. If symptoms arise, a self-quarantine period is advised.

"The Department of Public Health follows certain protocols in order to inform possible affected residents," said Lisa Daoust, Spencer's Health Agent. "If the DPH investigation shows that the person who has tested positive has been in contact with people in a past described amount of time, those persons are notified and advised to self-quarantine for 14 days."

Town Administrator Thomas Gregory, Police Chief David Darrin, and other members of the town's emergency management team continue to monitor the situation. Information on the confirmed residents will not be released to the public, only Chief Darrin.

"The Massachusetts Department of Public Health allows the Board of Health to release the address of any positive cases to the Chief of Police so dispatch can advise emergency personnel to take the necessary precautions," read a March 25 statement released by the Spencer Board of Health. "If any other positive cases are reported to the town of Spencer, the Public Health Nurse will be working closely with those cases and others who may have been in contact with them. As

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Local travel agency hopes for post-outbreak resurgence

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WARREN – The travel industry has been hit especially hard by the coronavirus outbreak, but local business owners are hoping for a resurgence once the crisis lifts.

For Randall Decoteau, the owner of Adventure Tours of Warren, business came to an abrupt halt when the crisis deepened last month. Adventure Tours of Warren offers myriad travel and tour opportunities, including packages for day tours, cruises, international ventures, and theater outings, among others.

But once travel restrictions were instituted last month and the outbreak worsened globally, Decoteau knew his business would become temporarily dormant. He is hopeful that the industry will eventually recover and customers will resume their travel excursions, although the uncertainty surrounding timing has caused concern.

"The outbreak of the virus has brought business to a sharp halt. Most of our travelers, though



Courtesy Photos
Randall Decoteau, the owner of Adventure Tours of Warren, is working hard to overcome the challenges of the coronavirus crisis.

concerned, are looking to the future," Decoteau told the New Leader. "We are rescheduling tours to future dates, and in many cases our vendors are assisting clients in moving their trips to next year."

Adventure Tours of Warren operates year-round, and Decoteau is working hard during the suspension of services to ensure that travel experi-

ences can be rescheduled. For countless area residents, eagerly-anticipated trips scheduled for this spring and summer had to be postponed, including vacations, destination weddings, cruises, and international travel. Decoteau has made it a priority to keep all of his customers well-informed during this uncertain time.

"Our Web site features

daily updates," added Decoteau, who opened Adventure Tours of Warren in 2006. "This is a people-oriented business – I love people and consider my travelers as family."

As the sole owner of the company, Decoteau personally designs most of the tours. A typical day

Turn To **TRAVEL AGENCY** page **A6**

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 you can.

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 you think should be recognized by e-mailing news@stonebridgepress.news.

Above all, know that we have been your trusted source for local news for generations, and we plan to be here for you to generations to come, in print and online at www.stonebridgepress.com.

Calendar of events suspended

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.

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How to practice social distancing during a pandemic

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 hardest-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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For our elder community members a few things that you can do at home to keep yourselves safe...

- Restrict visitors - Visit loved ones through the window, outside while remaining at least 6 feet apart or video chat when possible.
- Call your local senior center or Tri-Valley Elder Services if you need help with services or obtaining groceries/meals.
- Call your local grocery stores to find elder shopping hours and only shop during that time period.
- Wash your hands frequently with hot soapy water.
- Stay home as much as possible.

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Second Chance Food Pantry helps pet owners in trying times



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Local food pantry volunteer Michelle Bertrand picking up pet food pantry distributions for four area programs.

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services wants Massachusetts food pantries to know the Second Chance Pet Food Pantry remains open for distributions to help pet owners in their communities. The program has been helping local food pantries for more than 10 years, providing a helping hand for pet owners in difficult times.

“This program is more important than ever,” says Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. “We started our pet food pantry to help pet owners bridge the gap. Pet owners often cite a personal financial crisis when they call us to surrender their pet. Being able to direct them to the food pantry in their own town is an important tool to help keep pets in their homes.”

“Do I get my medicine, or do I get my cat’s food?”

This question, overheard at a senior center many years ago, still echoes for Michelle Bertrand who volunteers with several area food pantries. Bertrand helps pick up pet food distributions from the Second Chance Pet Food Pantry for programs in Rutland, Barre and Hubbardston. She told Second Chance staff she sees first-hand how the program is making a difference,



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particularly for area seniors on fixed incomes.

Blancato expects the need to increase during the current COVID-19 crisis. Anyone interested in donating to the pet food pantry can have pet food donations sent directly through online retailers to Second Chance, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515. The pantry is currently requesting dry cat food.

If you need help feeding you pet due to financial constraints, Second Chance encourages you to reach out to your local food pantry and let them know Second Chance can help.

Brookfield postpones Operation Clean Sweep

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Board of Health has postponed until further notice its town-wide clean-up,

Operation Clean Sweep, until the threat of the coronavirus is past. The virus can live on plastic and metal road-side litter for at least three days, so recent litter - soda cans, food trays, liquor nips, etc. - poses a health hazard to anyone picking up trash. Operation Clean Sweep will be re-scheduled later in the year.

Because the coronavirus can be transmitted physically as well as by human contact, litter is a public health threat in addition to marring the beauty of

our New England streets and roads. Residents picking up trash around their property should wear waterproof gloves, wash their hands thoroughly afterward, and for good measure, use disinfectant.

Town officials appeal to all motorists to keep a trash bag in their vehicles and to empty it frequently at home. Too frequently in area towns, the most-littered roads are those leading to the towns’ Transfer Stations; when taking trash to the Transfer Station, make sure all con-

tainers are covered tightly and cover all loose trash with a tarp so it does not accidentally blow onto roadsides.

Prevention is the best measure to ensure our health and the beauty of our towns. Let’s all pitch in!

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Lucy Stone Day set for Aug. 22

WARREN – Residents are invited to celebrate Lucy Stone Day with an array of activities.

Set for Saturday, Aug. 22, the event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lucy Stone Park. From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., members of the Forest Park Zoo and Educational Center will be on hand.

The event will also include the following activities:

- The Annual Duck Race: Friends of the Town Hall (11-12)
- Rotary Club of the Brookfields: baked goods and more (11-1)
- Students of Quaboag Regional High School and Lucy Stone (11-3)
- Lucy Stone re-enactment by History at Play (12-2)
- The Turtle Rescue League of Southbridge, MA (11-3)
- Lucy Stone Park Native Garden: (11-3)
- Warren Scout Troop 142 – How they built the trail at Lucy Stone Park (11-3)
- Chicopee 4Rivers: a landing of canoes (1-2)
- Drone demonstration and fly-over (11-3)
- Pie eating contest (11-3)
- Music by Noah Lis (11-12)
- Johnny’s Dogs and Catering (11-3)
- T.C. Scoops: Ice cream and soda (11-3)

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Spencer town election postponed

**Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board**

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 21, 2020 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Major Site Plan Review/Special Permit – Applicant: Arista Development LLC; Owners: The Estate of William D. Ekleberry, Richard Cormier, and S-BNK Spencer LLC, Location: 4 lots bounded by High Street, Main Street, and Pleasant Street; Spencer Assessor’s Map U13-98, 99, 100, & 101. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under section 3.3.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to develop a 12,850 sf CVS with Drive Thru. The property is located within the Town Center and Village Residential zoning districts.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday and Thursday 7:30-12:00.

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April 3, 2020
April 10, 2020

**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following item starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Variance – Applicant/Owner: Audrzej Sobieck/ 73 Wilson LLC. Location: 73 Wilson Street, Spencer Assessor’s Map U28-10. The applicant is seeking a variance under Section 7.3 (Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to replace an existing deck within the side boundary setbacks. The property is in the Lake Residential zoning district.

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March 27, 2020
April 3, 2020

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER**

SPENCER – During its second remote meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to postpone the election to June.

On March 26, selectmen voted 5-0 to postpone the annual town election to June 23. Special legislation enacted at the state level was required to allow individual towns to delay their elections. After receiving state approval, Spencer selectmen postponed their election almost as long as the law allows.

Regulations stipulate that each city and town in the state must hold its election before June 30, but changes could be made if the coronavirus outbreak worsens.

Hours for the June 23 election will be announced in the coming weeks. Selectman Ralph Hicks also presented the idea for securing protective shields for poll workers, and Board members agreed that the town should pursue these devices. Supermarkets and other businesses nationwide are already using the plexiglass shields to protect workers.

“Ralph came up with a great idea for the shields to protect our poll workers. We would love to see this in place,” said Selectman Warren Monette.

The Town Clerk and Health Agent are both working on securing the shields. Meanwhile, officials are encouraging absentee voting during this year’s election. With uncertainty surrounding the expansion of the virus nationwide, it’s difficult for officials to predict how safe conditions will be when June arrives.

“I suspect we will have a much larger number of absentee votes than we normally would,” Selectman Hicks told the New Leader. “I think [postponing the election] is the right thing to do. I pray that by June we reach the top of this curve and things begin to improve.”

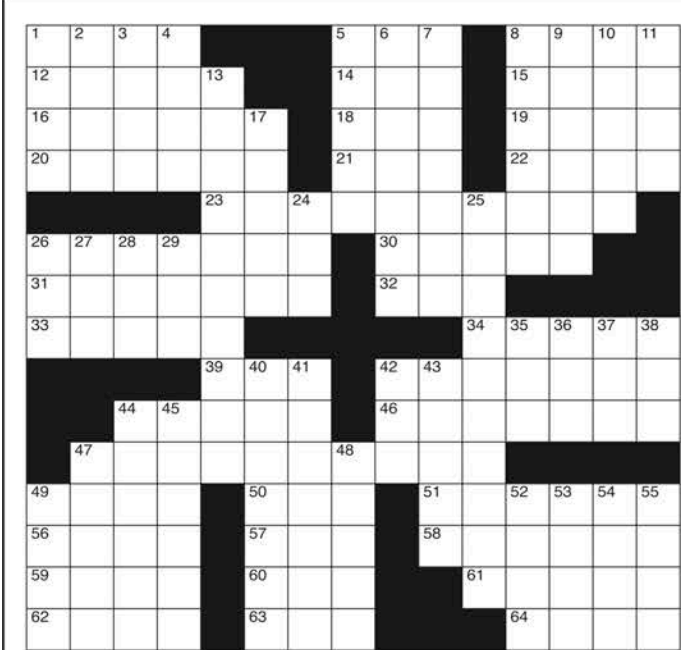
The deadlines for pulling papers for specific seats remain the same.

Meanwhile, selectmen agreed that statistics on COVID-19 will be updated on the town’s homepage every Thursday. A pair of residents tested positive for coronavirus last week, and officials are committed to keeping residents informed.

Selectmen are also sending out a reminder on behalf of the Sewer Department. Please do not flush wet wipes and baby wipes down the toilet, as this can clog toilets, pipes, and town infrastructure. With a significant rise in the use of disinfectant wipes over the last month, officials have seen problems begin to develop.

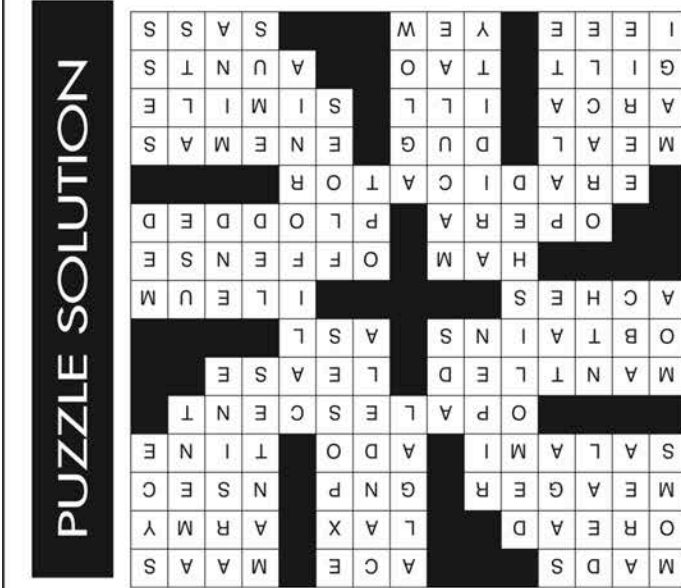
For more information and updates on the outbreak and how it is affecting Spencer, visit www.spencerma.gov.

“As the situation changes, we are prepared to adapt plans and procedures accordingly and will keep the community informed,” read a statement released by Town Administrator Thomas Gregory.



- 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
 - 48. Illuminated
 - 49. There are three famous ones
 - 52. Large, fast Australian birds
 - 53. “Dracula” heroine Harker
 - 54. Substitutes (abbr.)
 - 55. Tax



Leicester resident tests positive for COVID-19

LEICESTER – Officials were notified by the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance last week that a resident has tested positive for COVID-19.

Public health officials are working closely with the patient and will notify others who may have been in contact.

“CMRPHA will continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to ensure any affected residents are properly monitored, quarantined, and isolated as each case dictates,” read a statement released by town officials.

The CMRPHA maintains a COVID-19 information line for residents to call at 508-799-1019. If you have additional questions for the CMRPHA, you can send an email to Health@worcesterma.gov.

Transfer station stickers now available

SPENCER — Transfer Station stickers for residents of Spencer will be on sale at the Water Department beginning April 1 during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

P.A.L. of the Week

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NBES STEAM-athon canceled due to coronavirus concerns

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The school district’s annual STEAM-athon was canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The event had been set for April 1 at North Brookfield Elementary School. Several workshops were planned to introduce students to STEAM careers.

School officials have not decided whether to reschedule the event.



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Senate passes bill to expand scope of practice during COVID-19 emergency

BOSTON — Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Senate voted yesterday passing legislation to expand the scope of practice for certain health care professionals for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This bill removes barriers to immediate care by granting certain health care professionals the authority to work at the top of their license, education and training to ensure that our health care system can meet the increased demand it's currently seeing due to the coronavirus outbreak.

One of the biggest challenges COVID-19 presents to the health care system is its impact on the workforce. Expanding health care providers' capacity to safely provide care is essential to addressing the pandemic while also responding to other demands on the system. Executive Orders from Governor Baker have already

expanded access to telehealth and eased restrictions on credentialing of health care professionals.

This bill, An Act ensuring access to qualified health professionals, builds on these actions and provides another level of workforce expansion that health care facilities desperately need. It enables advanced practice registered nurses and pharmacists to provide services that will ease the strain on other health care workers and increase access to treatment throughout the system.

"This is a necessary action to put all hands on deck during this public health crisis," commented Senator Gobi on the bill's passage. "Our communities depend on our health professionals and I thank them for all they do to keep us safe."

This bill authorizes certified nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, and

psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialists to practice independently and issue written prescriptions and medication as well as order tests and therapeutics. The bill limits this practice authority to nurses with two or more years of supervised practice, unless the Board of Registration in Nursing determines that a reduced supervised practice requirement is necessary to increase access to these nurses during the current state of emergency.

In addition, the legislation grants advanced practice registered nurses the authority to admit patients to mental health facilities for care and to restrain patients in cases where failure to do would create the likelihood of serious harm.

The bill also enables pharmacists to better coordinate with health care teams and engage in a broad range of

patient services beyond filling prescriptions. These services can include conducting health and wellness tests, managing chronic diseases, performing medication management, and administering immunizations.

Allowing pharmacists to provide medication management to patients will decrease the caseloads of physicians and nurse practitioners and reduce the burden on the overall health care system.

"We have long been supportive of proposals that allow nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training—particularly as a means for expanding access to critical primary and behavioral health care for residents across the Commonwealth," said James W. Hunt, Jr., President & CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. "As we continue to combat this pandemic, we will need rapid

mobilization of all health care professionals to not only help mitigate its spread and treat those impacted by it, but to continue to provide high-quality care for the patients that rely on community health centers each and every day."

Finally, the legislation limits these scope of practice expansions to 90 days after the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency. This time limitation enables the state to manage this unprecedented demand on our health care system by allowing health care providers to work to the full extent of their training and licensure, maximizing the work that all types of health care professionals can safely provide. This immediate workforce expansion will help meet the needs of patients during this public health crisis.

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

COVID-19 emergency puts damper on Centennial events

EAST BROOKFIELD — The year 2020 was supposed to be a centennial celebration for residents, but the coronavirus outbreak has caused the town's 100th Anniversary Committee to postpone several events.

After years of planning, committee members have been forced to welcome the new year by pushing back events indefinitely. A March 24 historical re-enactment was the first event to be postponed, in addition to the April 4 Roaring Twenties Dance at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

No rescheduled dates have been announced for the events, but committee members hope they can be held at

some point in 2020. Currently, Gov. Charlie Baker's emergency mandate bans public gatherings of more than ten people through April 7. The Governor also ordered the closure of nonessential businesses and organizations statewide.

For residents and town officials alike, they are eager to eventually get out and celebrate after sheltering at home for weeks. Because the anniversary committee scheduled an entire year of celebratory programs, there will still be plenty to look forward to down the line.

"We are lucky to have planned a full year of events, which gives us time to reschedule within 2020," said Heather

Gablaski, a member of the town's 100th Anniversary Committee. "Our thoughts are with the residents of East Brookfield and surrounding towns as we support each other and keep others safe during this challenging time."

No decisions have been made yet on whether to postpone additional events slated throughout the year. These include:

7K Run and Walk (May 16 at 10 a.m. at Timberridge Brewery)
Strawberry Festival at Podunk Chapel (June 6 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.)
Parade and Family Fun Day (Sept. 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m.)

Cemetery Tour (Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m., beginning at Town Hall)

Several other events will take place throughout the year. They are all posted on specialized celebratory calendars available at multiple locations.

Meanwhile, the anniversary committee encourages residents to check out its Facebook page for more information. There are several posts featuring fascinating facts about the history of the town.

Information on additional event postponements or rescheduled dates will be posted on the Facebook page.



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spina bifida impacts her ability to walk, it certainly doesn’t slow her down,” Civin said. “She is vivacious and filled with a contagious enthusiasm. We went to dinner a few weeks ago at Charlie’s Diner, and everyone in the town seems to know her.”

For Civin, a former Spencer resident who has authored several children’s books, it means a lot that Maddie and her fam-

ily want to use book sales to assist the DPHS track project. The complex is in disrepair, which makes it difficult for athletes to train and compete.

Maddie trains occasionally on her hometown track, and both her family and Civin are eager to see it improved to allow more athletes to use it.

“The restoration of the David Prouty track is a fundraising project I’m heavily involved in, and the fact that Maddie and her mom suggested donating all earnings from the book

to the track project speaks volumes about the type of people they are,” Civin said. “Many people would see their own children’s book as an opportunity to put a little bit of money in their own piggy bank. I’m touched that the Wilson family would see it as a way to give back to the community.”

Added Jennifer Wilson, “Maddie trains at the David Prouty track occasionally with her dad. The bumps and cracks make it very difficult. Maddie hopes that once it’s fixed, she can train more here

in town. She also doesn’t want to see anyone get hurt.”

For the Wilson family, it’s exciting to share Maddie’s story with young readers and families. They hope the book inspires youngsters of all abilities to go out and pursue their dreams.

“Maddie has read the story and thought it highlighted all of her accomplishments in a fun, witty way,” Jennifer Wilson added. “It also puts some pressure on for her future racing career. And we love challenges.”

Under the mentorship of Boston Marathon wheelchair division winner Tatyana McFadden, Maddie will continue to chase her personal goal of winning a Boston Marathon medal. She can’t wait until she is 18 and eligible to compete in the Marathon.

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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 emer-

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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 sup-

port 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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump — A man for all seasons

To the Editor:

I no longer read the letters submitted by Mr. X, as he has now managed to bore me to distraction. It’s like what Gov. Ronald Reagan of California once purportedly said of redwood trees: “If you’ve seen one, you’ve seen ‘em all.” Read any one of Mr. X’s five or six fake-named “writers”, and you’ve read them all. A new reader of these pages might ask, who is Mr. X? Simple. The author of at least a half dozen letters written under assumed names, always, lately, with the same monomaniacal obsession: to spew hatred, contempt, mockery, abjuration, disrespect-and any other contumacious term you can think of with regard to President Trump. By now, it’s become trite and pedestrian; don’t waste your time, you’d be better off scanning the sports pages or the classified ads.

Mr. Trump could donate his billions-all of it-to researching a cure for the Corona Virus or volunteer to be injected with it to see if a new vaccine held out any hope for the rest of us. It wouldn’t matter to the likes of Mr. X, who doesn’t even have the simple courage to sign his own name to his rancid exhortations of the president who is ten thousand times the better man, the braver man, and the more competent man than the pathetic Mr. X could ever hope to be. No matter what heroic, selfless thing the President might decide to do, the haters, like our local little pissant, Mr. X, would dismiss it as Trump just “grandstanding.”

As for me, and, I suspect, for others of the Trump base, I’ve never been prouder of an American president during my long lifetime as I have been of Trump and the way he has conducted himself during this unprecedented epidemiological disaster. Some men are born leaders, and Trump clearly is one of that breed. I’m not, and I don’t suppose many men are.

But, he has had to witness his greatest accomplishment-the strong, roaring economy-threatened with annihilation before his very eyes, and not due to anything he has done, but to the untimely appearance of a little bug. Rather than despair and whine, Trump has seized the moment, acted as quickly as possible, devoted himself exclusively to fighting this war on behalf of his countrymen, enlisted the best of the private and public sectors and set high expectations for them, and been consistently positive, upbeat, and encouraging as a nearly perfect role model for a leader in a time of great crisis. I cannot think of anyone-liberal or conservative-who could’ve done a better job so far as this situation continues to unfold.

Trump has the guts necessary to be a warrior in this battle. To recognize that he is one, you only need to watch him in action with the mainstream media as they attempt-daily-to find the right insulting, pre-planned “gotcha” question; the exquisitely condescending tone of voice; the screeched, demanding insistence that he recognize them; the hyena-like anger of the pack when he gives it right back to them, and shows them to their faces that he genuinely has more respect for the folks who will clean the room after it’s over than he does for them.

Obama, who didn’t take a hostile question from his adoring crowd of media sycophantic lapdogs for 2,922 days, would’ve collapsed in a stuttering, stammering heap if he had had to endure even a fraction of what Trump has to contend with every day. Wasn’t it illegal to put the first black president on the spot? To risk possibly offending his fragile self-image as a demigod whose mere existence meant the rise of the level of the oceans would now cease?

And, sadly, President Bush, who at one time I sort of liked, was completely out of his element and regularly let them kick sand in his face while never showing the least interest in fighting back and defending his honor and his self-respect. I know he was a fighter pilot, but I thought they were made of sterner stuff.

President Trump is no Bush, or any other kind of Republican “gentleman” who fights by the Marquis of Queensbury Rules while the media, these punks in \$800.00 Brooks Brothers suits, delight in biting your off ear, gouging your eyes, kicking you where you really don’t want to be kicked (and while you’re defenseless on the ground), and generally doing any rotten thing they can to destroy you if you’re a Trump, a conservative, a Christian or a patriot.

Every question, every single one, is designed to be unanswerable without somehow making Trump look bad, no

matter how he answers it. These are people whose hatred for the man is so crazed, they would settle, if that’s what it took, to see the country virtually destroyed with massive unemployment and widespread hunger and hopelessness across the land if it would help get the hated Orange Man out of office. These are truly wicked and dangerously ignorant people who, I believe, would welcome hundreds-of-thousands of dead Americans if that would force Trump out. They are, after all, the children-or grandchildren-of the Flower Children of the 60’s who cheered for the Viet Cong and celebrated the rising casualty rates of their former high school classmates who were dying in Vietnam. Horrible people.

But, our President, who I never liked until Inauguration Day 2017, soldiers on. When Trump is in those press briefings he is like an explorer swimming the Amazon River being swarmed by piranhas; he is Lloyd Bridges with only his scuba knife fighting off a school of sharks somewhere in the Bermuda Triangle; he is Samson killing a thousand menacing Philistines with the jaw bone of an ass. And I love it. Do you know how long-most of our lives-some of us have waited for someone, anyone, to stand up to these lying snots from the media, these supercilious dumb bell “journalists” who are more political than most politicians, and who, for some strange reason, think they matter, that they are important??

Who but Trump could speak directly

to CNN’s insufferable Jim Acosta and say “You’re fake news...sit down and keep quiet.” Or, to another, “You’re a terrible reporter...why don’t you try asking a question that makes sense?” That’s right, there’s no one. Trump is an old New York City construction guy, and I know what he really wants to. But, for love of country, and because he knows it wouldn’t fly with the snowflake generation and the suburban idiot soccer moms in this repulsive, enervated culture he has to deal with, Trump remembers Archie Bunker’s advise to the Meathead to “stifle!”

He probably also remembers as a teenager singing along with Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons’ “Walk Like a Man, Talk Like a Man!” If so, he has followed that advice, and our country and its future is the better for it, for, if you want to see genuine masculinity in action just watch the daily press briefing where the mob tries to take down “The Man”, but can never quite seem to do it. It’s probably because too many of them are just like our own Mr. X: cowards who attack in packs, but slink away when it comes down to standing up, mano-a-mano, with a fighter.

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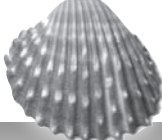
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When you're on your own, we are there for you

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tired of all the winning

To the Editor:

This US is now leading the world; we've surpassed every other country in COVID-19 cases, and experts say it's only going to get worse because of missed early opportunities. Is this what was meant by "America first?" I guess when Donald Trump once said, «There is going to be such much winning, you will get tired of all the winning," he wasn't kidding.

America's reaction, at least in the blue states, has been encouraging so far. People have been taking it seriously, we have been working from home, and they are social distancing. I have been on more Zoom and Microsoft Teams calls this week than I was on all of 2019. People are volunteering to help each other out in ways that are safe and other than the fact the Trump disciples won't turn on him for seemingly anything, I have been impressed by the public's reaction as I see it in my small world.

The government response has been a mixed bag. Obviously, President Trump poo-pooed this threat for a long time and that cost us vital weeks and will ultimately cost us many lives. The CDC messed up tests and the FDA regulations got in the way but we can't forget those institutions report to the President ultimately. Our governing institutions have been in decay for years — too much politics, too much regulation, not enough room for managers to maneuver, etc. Add to that an imbecile reality TV star as President as the crisis we all feared hits us. We have seen an institutional failure from the White House on down.

The American people aren't as prepared as we could have been because our leaders, primarily the President, didn't prepare us for what was coming. He failed to prepare the country in terms of the supplies and material needed to fight this crisis, he's failed to provide a clear and consistent message, and he's failed to get all 50 states rowing in the same direction. We have a bifurcation of response — largely blue states that believe science and fact based news that are taking it seriously and largely red states that are stuck in hoax talk of three weeks ago and think it's a joke. We may have closed our border with Canada but the most dangerous borders that are still open are the state lines that will allow wave after wave of re-infection from the former Confederacy.

Trump has been self-congratulating himself daily despite the failures of the day. He is also getting petty with states that don't bow down and lick his shoes. He complained about the Governor of Michigan and told Mike Pence not to call governors back

if they aren't nice to him. That's not presidential. That is petty and beneath what the country deserves and needs.

The best word to describe Trump right now is inconstant. We're used to his self-focus, his narcissism, his desire for everyone to love him or he shuns them. Although there is nothing new, it is unnerving at a time like this when a president says we don't need ventilators one hour and then says we desperately need them the next hour. It is unnerving when he gives one state that didn't vote for him the cold shoulder and without evidence says he "doesn't believe they need" the number of ventilators their hospitals asked for while directing all the resources states that voted for him ask for.

In some ways, it is too bad that Steve Bannon is gone. Steve Bannon, evil as he is, was the 2016 election architect. Trump is an idiot that downplayed the COVID threat for weeks but Bannon is a smart, albeit evil, guy. At least Bannon would have seen mobilizing medical equipment manufacturers weeks early as a good reelection strategy instead of the ostrich solution of burying our national heads in the sand. We knew this was coming for a long time and our intelligence agencies knew it was coming.

Congress just passed a \$2.2 trillion bailout for the pandemic. This is the biggest economic rescue package in history. Interesting that in the Great Recession, the Republicans didn't think we could afford \$800 billion to get the country back to work and we were giving money to the undeserving, but today, with Republicans taking credit for it, it's all good. What ever happened to the concern over the deficit? What ever happened to the TEA Party? The fact that congress came together to do this so swiftly should make it clear how serious the COVID-19 situation really is. It's undeniable.

The funniest thing of all is that Trump wants to "re-open" the country by Easter with full churches. While COVID-19 spreading through the churches and killing hoards of old Christian Trump voters does have a silver lining, this is just not based in reality. Trump has suggested re-opening America county by county. I get it — Trump doesn't like the closed economy. Every expert says that would be a total disaster. The horse is out of the barn. We need to close the entire country down for an extended period of time before it's under control.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

We need to take shelter in God, Jesus!

To the Editor:

To all who are reading this, this virus storm is not to be feared, we need to respect it, not fear it. How do we do that? By taking shelter in God, Jesus, God is in control God knows what is happening.

Why is God allowing this to happen, I would guess He wants to get our attention and I would suggest instead of inflicting our health with anxieties and fear we need to be focusing on God, Jesus, Jesus is our present and eternal help, peace and shelter and God, Jesus has the power and authority to stop and destroy this virus storm. Our responsibility is to cry out to God, Jesus in prayer and devotion requesting God's help to stop this storm instead of overwhelming our self with fear and anxieties.

God is a gentleman; He will not impose, God gave us free will, choices, God gives us the opportunity to come to Him, God likes to be asked, God wants our devotion, God wants us to intervene with him, asking Him for His help through Jesus, God wants us to have a relationship with Him God, Jesus, and we do that with prayer, trust and faith in God, Jesus asking God's help. The choice is ours; we can ask for God's help or suffer the consequences, the choice is ours. Let us not spite our self, let us humble our self and ask for God's help, God is our shelter and God desires for us to commit our self to Jesus spiritually, emotionally and physically.

We need to do our part during this storm, we need to follow the advise and instructions of the medical profes-

sionals and we need to give our anxieties to God, Jesus through prayer, trust and faith] 1 Peter 5: 6-7] and we need to believe from our heart that God, Jesus is the creator of this world and He can speak to this virus storm and defeat it with the command of His voice. However, God would like our attention God desire for us to cry out to Him in prayer, devotion, and commitment.

God is reminding us that apart from Him we can do nothing [John 15: 5] when we remain in Jesus we receive many blessings, including God's ability to stop and secure us from this violent virus storm [Psalm 143] asking God to have mercy on us and bless us and restore us.

When we come together as a church people and or individually and pray for victory against this demonic oppressive, virus storm the Lord God, Jesus will hear us and shelter us.

Psalm 127: 1 is reminding us not to fear, the Lord God, Jesus is our stronghold to those who come to Jesus in faith and trust.

So what are you waiting for, this is the day the Lord has made Psalm 118: 24, there is no promise for tomorrow, you need to make your commitment to God, Jesus today, this is the day! And, my prayer for all who are reading this is for God to bless you and grant you safety from this storm. Amen!

ROLAND BLAIS
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Five keys to navigating market pullback



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As an investor, you constantly want to see your portfolio move just one way — up. But that's not possible, because the financial markets will always fluctuate. So, if you're going to invest for many decades, you need to be prepared for many ups and downs. Still, the recent market pullback from record highs, caused largely by the coronavirus, may have you particularly concerned. How can you navigate this environment?

Here are five suggestions:

Avoid the temptation to panic. This pullback, while unsettling and unprecedented because of its speed, won't last forever. And when it ends, you'll still want to be invested in the financial markets, because the biggest gains usually occur in the earliest stages of a market rally. Of course, there are no guarantees in the investment world, but we've seen many examples of this pullback/rebound pattern throughout history.

Measure your progress against your goals. In the midst of a market downturn, it's tempting to look back longingly at the peak value of your portfolio, and that's especially true these days, when that high point may well have been just a couple of months ago. But this isn't a good "measuring stick" of your financial situation. Instead, consider the overall progress you've made toward your long-term goals since you first started investing. If you've been at it for quite some time — at least a decade — you'll probably see that you've actually come a long way, despite what's happened lately. So, if your goals haven't changed, your strategy to achieve them shouldn't either.

Put time on your side. If you are investing for goals that may be two or three decades away, you have the advantage of time to overcome market downturns, even severe ones. After all, you weren't going to be cashing in long-term investments now, anyway. That's not to say this pullback is irrelevant, of course — it may indeed slow your progress toward your goals, but it still shouldn't stop you from achieving them. Here's another point: If you need money from your portfolio for short-term goals, such as a wedding or a long vacation, you should keep those funds in investments that offer greater protection of principal — such as high-quality bonds and government securities — and are far less susceptible to fluctuating financial markets.

Benefit from diversification. The headlines show how much the major stock market indexes, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average, have fallen. But if you've built a diversified portfolio, containing a mix of stocks, bonds and other investments, your own results, while not great, are probably much better. Although diversification can't always prevent losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings and smooth out returns.

Go "against the crowd." When prices are falling, it's not hard to join the crowd and start selling, in an attempt to "cut losses." But cutting losses really means locking them in. Right now, prices of quality investments are lower than they've been in years, which can make for compelling buying opportunities for those investors willing to go against the crowd.

Even by following these moves, you can't eliminate all the effects of the market drop — but you may be able to create a softer landing for yourself.

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SPORTS

Worcester County Senior Golf Club welcomes new members for second season



Courtesy photos

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 premium 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 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



Dick and Tom Lisi welcome Worcester County Senior Golf Club members to the sign-in booth at last year's event at Shining Rock Golf Club.

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,

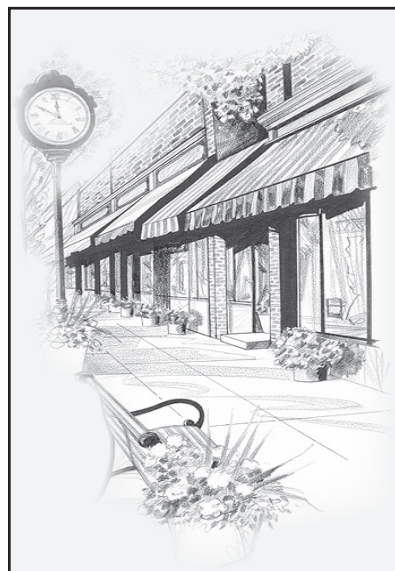
go out and have a good time."

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.

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



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KAREN
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Pile 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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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.

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,

siasm, 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

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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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always, please take all necessary precautions.”

All municipal buildings remain closed to the public, and Gov. Charlie Baker’s closure of nonessential businesses remains in effect until Tuesday, April 7. Residents are asked to continue sheltering in place and maintaining a safe distance when they must go out.

The Spencer Board of Health continues to urge residents to take strict measures to prevent the virus from spreading.

“Maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are not an essential employee,” Daoust added.

For the latest updates on closures and coronavirus information, visit the town website at www.spencerma.gov. Officials plan to post updated statistics on the website each Thursday night.

SENIOR GOLF

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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.

“One of the things we decided is we’re not going to have a membership fee, but in lieu of a membership fee they make a \$25 donation to the Shriners Children’s Hospital in Springfield,” said Condelli.

“We donated over \$1,300 last year,” added Lisi. “It’s a voluntary, one-time donation.”

In addition to the actual golf on the course, the group also offers cash prizes.

“We collect a \$5 prize fee and we divvy it up between the closest to the pins on the par-3s, we have a putting contest and a cash prize for anyone that chips in off the green. We keep it competitive and rewarding,” said Condelli. “Some people were even nice enough when they won their cash winnings, they even donated that.”

One thing the club can’t predict is the pace of the coronavirus outbreak. For this, Condelli offered assurance.

“Our club is going to take members’ safety into consideration. Hopefully we will get off on time, but things are kind of variable right now as far as this virus is concerned,” he said.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 19
9:02 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 10:26 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highwa), assisted; 10:32 a.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), peace restored; 12:49 p.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 12:52 p.m.: restraining order service (Maple Lane), served; 4:03 p.m.: restraining order service (West Street), unable to serve; 6:48 p.m.: family problem (Oakwood Lane), peace restored; 8:25 p.m.: mutual aid (School Street, Spencer) transported to hospital; 9:38 p.m.: family problem (Main Street), report taken; 9:49 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20
12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:35 a.m.: ambulance (King Terrace), transported; 9:06 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report tekan; 12:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Hillside Road); 1:16 p.m.: keep the peace (Lake Avenue), peace restored; 1:31 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (Main Street), services rendered; 2:03

p.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), unfounded; 2:10 p.m. assist citizen (Main Street); 3:15 p.m.: restraining order service (Auburn Street), served; 3:57 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 5:09 p.m.: investigation (Westminster Street), services rendered; 8:56 p.m.: disabled mv (River Street), assisted; 9:28 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
1:18 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), no service; 5:08 a.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), transported; 10:23 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Chapel Street), services rendered; 12:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:19 p.m.: fire/chimney (Mannville Street), services rendered; 8:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:15 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22
3:53 a.m.: suspicious mv (Ingram Road), services rendered; 8:41 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), assisted; 2:11 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 6:48 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported;

8:26 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:45 p.m.: mutual aid (Boys & Girls Club Way, Worcester), transported to hospital; 9:15 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), no service; 10:16 p.m.: accident (Mulberry Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, report taken.
MONDAY, MARCH 23
12:25 a.m.: fire/odor of gas (South Main Street), report taken; 5:52 a.m. transport (Main Street); 5:56 a.m. ambulance (Lexington Avenue), transported; 6:16 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:06 a.m.: mv fire (Paxton Street), services rendered; 3:57 p.m.: accident (Chapel Street), gone on arrival; 4:24 p.m.: accident (Whittemore Street), assisted; 5:30 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Woodland Road), spoken to; 5:55 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Pine Street), assisted; 6:37 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 7:12 p.m.: erratic operation (Fairview Drive), message delivered; 7:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwin Street), report taken; 8:55 p.m.: assist other agency (Charlton Street), message delivered; 9:04 p.m.: mutual aid (Town

of Northbridge), services rendered; 10:30 p.m.: fire/grass/brush (Young Street), no action required; 11:19 p.m.: stolen mv (Auburn Street), report taken.
TUESDAY, MARCH 24
12:22 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:46 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:26 a.m.: ambulance (Bottomly Avenue), transported; 1:50 p.m.: harassment (Fairview Drive), services rendered; 2:07 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 2:36 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 2:58 p.m.: assist citizen (Chapel Street); 8:10 p.m.: gunshots (Burncoat Street), unable to locate; 9:16 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
12:30 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), message delivered; 9:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:53 a.m.: haassment (Franklin Street), spoken to; 11:26 a.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Pryor Road), investigated; 10:48 p.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), unable to locate.

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 opened it up to members for fishing immediately. With the country going through a

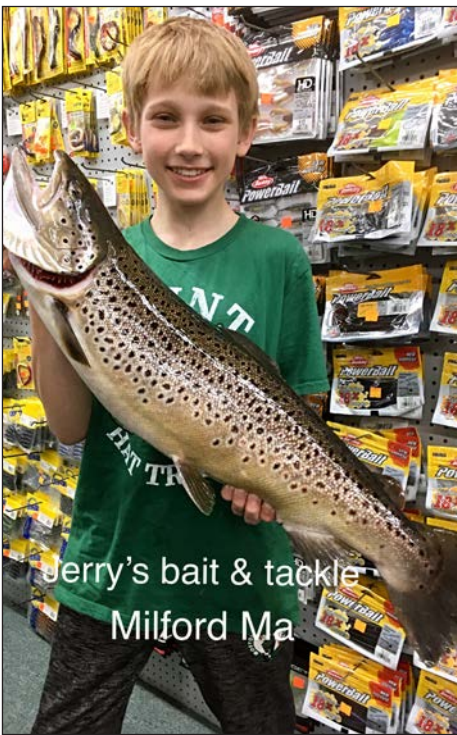


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pandemic the clubs fish chairman Ed Gervei hoped that fishing would give their members something to do!
Saltwater fishing is expected to open as usual with some of the following recreational 2020 regulations for Massachusetts & Rhode Island: Massachusetts & 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 stock-



ing 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



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

Courtesy Photo

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 dahlias 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 colors 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 combining flowers with different shapes and sizes makes arrangements more interesting. Dahlias offer many options and it's one of the reasons they are such a popular cut flower.
Ball dahlias have tightly curled petals and dense, perfectly round, three-to-four-inch flower heads. Varieties such as Sylvia and Jowey Mirella are perfect for adding repeating bursts of color. Decorative dahlias have the classic dahlia look, with four-to-six-inch wide, open-faced blossoms and orderly layers of petals. American Dawn and Great Silence are two reliable and versatile, decorative dahlias.
The flowers of dinner-plate dahlias can measure eight to 10 inches across and these enormous blossoms make it easy to make stunning summer bouquets. Popular varieties for cutting include Café au Lait, Penhill Dark Monarch and Otto's Thrill. Add texture and movement to your arrangements with cactus dahlias. Varieties such as Yellow Star and

Nuit d'Ete have tightly rolled petals that give the flowers a spiky appearance.
Single and peony-flowered dahlias are seldom seen at the florist or even in farmer's market bouquets because they don't travel well. But home gardeners can enjoy growing varieties such as scarlet-red Bishop of Llandaff or the melon and burnt orange flowers of HS Date. These plants tend to be compact and rarely need staking.
Don't let the many options overwhelm you. Consider starting with an assortment such as the Flirty Fleurs Sorbetto Collection (longfield-gardens.com). It includes five varieties of pink and burgundy dahlias, specially selected by an experienced floral designer.
Most cutting garden flowers are picked before they are fully open. But dahlias should not be harvested until they are fully open and in their prime. To avoid crushing the stems, make your cuts with a sharp knife rather scissors.
If you want your dahlias to have nice, long stems, take a cue from cut flower farmers. When harvesting for market or removing spent flowers, they always remove



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the entire stem, cutting right back to a main stalk. Though this means sacrificing some buds in the short term, the next round of flowers will have noticeably longer stems.
When selecting plants for this year's flower garden, be sure to include plenty of dahlias. These spring-planted, summer-blooming bulbs will take your homegrown flower arrangements to a whole new level.
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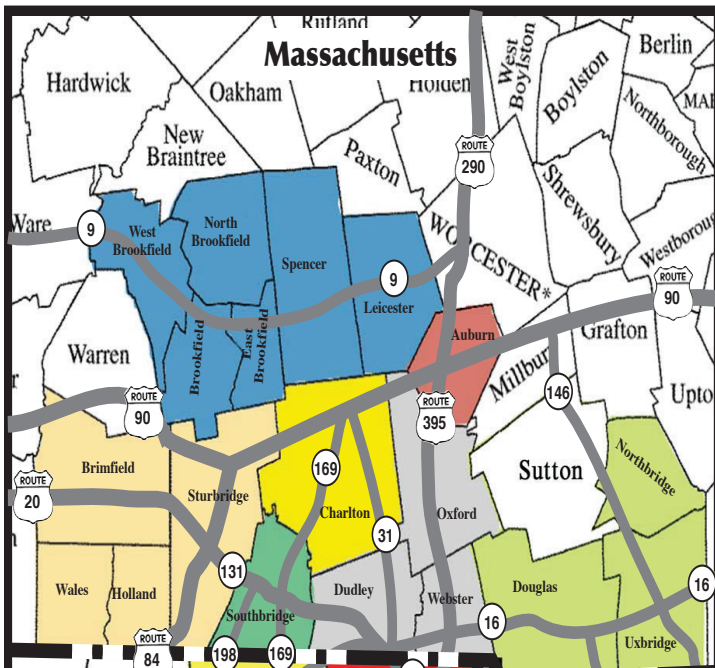
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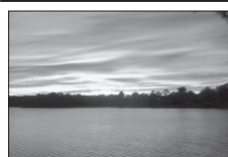
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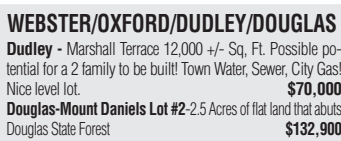
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OBITUARIES

Steven P. Ide, 62



DUDLEY - Steven P. Ide, 62, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 after a long, courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was constantly surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Born in Southbridge on December 16, 1957.

He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 32 years, Marilyn (Sims) Ide. His 5 children, Son Steven Jr. and wife Tracy of Dudley; Daughter Melissa Daniels and partner Bill of Rochdale; Son Timothy Magierowski-Howe and husband Nick of Leominster; Daughter Rebecca Ide and partner Bruce of Thompson, CT; and Daughter Samantha Ide and partner Keith of Southbridge. His grandchildren, Adam and Tommy Ide, Maddi and Jordan Daniels and Alice Myotte. He also leaves his companion Margie, the cat who kept him company throughout his days homebound. She gave him great comfort and never talked back.

He also leaves behind his 4 brothers and 5 sisters, Brenda Allen of Charlton, Eugene Ide Jr. and wife Brigid of CA, April Laughlin and husband Ed of FL, Christine McTigue and husband David of Charlton, Jeffrey Ide and partner Marcy of Webster, Jodi Sawyer and husband Paul of W. Brookfield, Roxann Tetreau and husband Jim of Dudley, David Ide and wife Jaimie of AL, and Max Rockatansky and wife Tena of CT. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

His lifelong friends Dan Hebert, Terrence Miner, Jack Kavorkian, Scott Gale and Jimmy Williams. His longtime dear friend, ex-wife, Colleen O'Neil and partner Rick Fontaine.

He also leaves behind his large "family" of close friends - too numerous to mention but you know who you are!! He truly loved and cherished each and every one of you.

Steve graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1975 with the

"Highest Temperature" in his class! He has worked in the vending business for over 40 years, starting with Stevens Automatic Sales and ending with Brightside Amusements, becoming partners with friends Brian Stone and Peter Camasso, and would like to thank them for all the love and support they have given throughout this battle. He serviced juke boxes, pinball, video games and pool tables. He loved his work and made many wonderful friends throughout the years.

Steve played softball for 35 years in the Southbridge and Spencer Leagues. He was a proud member and Past President of the Southbridge Lions Club for 16 years and truly loved all his brother Lions. We would like to thank the Southbridge Lions for all the love, support, kindness, generosity and friendship of all the Lions and their partners.

Steve was predeceased by his loving parents Eugene H. Ide and Josephine H. (Porter) Ide.

In luie? louie? Oh, "What the Dickens"....In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Southbridge Lions Club, Charity Account, PO Box 622, Southbridge, MA 01550.

The family would like to thank Dr. Seidler and all the wonderful staff at the Southbridge Cancer Center, Dr. Bathini and staff at UMass, the Trial Team of Dr. Andrea Bullock, Laura and Shelby at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and the Hospice nurses Tara and Holly for their care and support.

A special heartfelt Thank You to Ruben Rios for the countless trips into Boston and staying by his side the whole day during his treatments.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling arrangements. Due to the current precautions, services will be private. The family would like you to pay your respects by sharing your condolences and memories online at sansoucyfuneral.com.

Elaine Sullivan Lane, 85



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D / C H A R L T O N- Elaine Sullivan Lane, 85, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2020 in UMass Memorial Health Center.

She leaves 4 children Jeanne Sullivan of Spencer, John Sullivan and his wife Evelyn of Palmer/Lakeland FL, Barbara St. Germain & her husband Kenny and Larry Sullivan of Charlton; 3 stepchildren Steve Lane of North Brookfield, Jeff Lane & his wife Sheila of Los Angeles, CA and Pam Tully and her husband Ben of Strubridge; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a great great granddaughter; 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She was predeceased by her husband James L. Sullivan; her second husband John "Buddy" Lane; a son Paul Sullivan; 2 brothers and a sister.

Elaine was born in Worcester February 4, 1935 the daughter of Thomas and Sylvia (Mondor) Burns and was a graduate of Charlton High School. She worked at the Rochdale Mill until moving to Boston when she married the love of her life. Before starting her family Elaine also worked

at Woolworths.

Elaine was a stay at home Mom who was involved in scouting and baseball. She was also an award winning Mary Kay Consultant and sold Avon. Elaine played softball, bowled for many years and was an avid traveler. Her faith in god led her to much volunteer work at her church. Her greatest pride was being a communicant of St Josephs Church. She served on the bereavement committee, prayer groups and sang in its choir.

Elaine was one of the kindest people you could ever meet. She loved her family and friends and no one was ever a stranger to her. She will be forever loved and missed.

The family would like to thank the staff and administration of Fieldstone at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton for their love, devotion & great care for the last 3 years.

Funeral service with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield will be private for the family. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements. Donations may be made in her name to Operation Smile po box 5017 Hagerstown, MD. 21741.

Marcia E. Banfill, 74

SPENCER- Marcia E. (Aronson) Banfill, 74, of 6 Main St., died Sunday, March 29th. in The Jewish Healthcare Center, Worcester.

She was the wife of David R. Banfill who died in 2015. She is survived by her loving family and close friends.

Marcia worked at the Colony Retirement Home, and previously for Paul Revere Insurance Co. both in Worcester. She was born in Worcester, the daughter of Ames and Marjorie (Gustafson) Aronson and later grad-

uated from the former Classical High School in Worcester.

There are no services planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 46 Maple St., Spencer MA. 01562.

J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Erika M. Ryan, 24



PUTNAM - Erika May Ryan, 24, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 19, 2020, at her home in Putnam. Erika was born in Worcester, MA and raised in both Worcester and Leicester, where she

attended school. She was most proud of the time she spent as a Starter Substance Abuse Counselor for Spectrum Health Services. She was in the process of continuing her education to study Human Services.

Erika's boys meant the world to her and she loved them more than anything. Every breath she took was for them. Erika lived a life filled with hardship, adversity, and crushing loss, yet she remained full of spirit and life. Her resilience shined; she never gave up and she worked so hard to rise above her circumstance; she loved hard and fought harder.

Erika is survived by her three sons, Daniel (5), Brayden (2), and Carson (1); her fiancé, Ryan Peperato; her father, Thomas Ryan; her sister, Brittany Hanna and her husband Andrew; and her two nephews, Julian and Max; her

aunts, Jody Coran & family of Ohio and Mary Evans & family of England; her grandfather, Eddie Lindquist of Leicester, MA; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Erika was predeceased by her mother, Jennifer M. Short, and her grandmother, Bonnie E. Lindquist, with whom

she was very close.

Erika, may you finally be at peace, embraced in your mom's arms. You were loved by all and our hearts are broken by your loss. The world was brighter with you in it. Your smile, compassion, beauty and sense of humor is everlasting. We will miss you forever, more than you know.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to her boys' college fund: Erika Ryan Memorial, Cornerstone Bank, 200 Charlton Rd, Route 20, Sturbridge MA 01566.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A private burial in Hillside Cemetery will be held at a later date per the request of her family. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Evelyn L. Smith Anderson, 83



SPENCER- Evelyn L. Smith Anderson, 83, of Spencer, died Thursday, March 26 in Knollwood Nursing Center, Worcester. She leaves her husband of 62 years,

Warren A. Anderson, and her sister, Beverly Nicklin and her

husband, James of Winchester, TN, and nieces and nephews. Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Richard and Ethel (Gotha) Smith and graduated from Northborough High School. Evelyn worked at the former Machinery Electrification, Inc. in Northborough for many years and later as a secretary for Our Lady of the Angels

School in Worcester before retiring in 1993. Evelyn was involved in many Spencer activities including her service on the Spencer Finance Committee for 8 years, as a dedicated Town Meeting member, election worker for over 20 years and member and Past Secretary of the Cranberry Meadow Pond Association. Many

years ago, she spearheaded and coordinated with

the Town, under a new town bylaw which she had supported and assisted in its

passage at Town Meeting, the paving of Jolicoeur Avenue, a private dirt road accessing the Cranberry Meadow Pond residences. She enjoyed the early morning

sunrises over Cranberry Meadow and her pet cats and sitting on the shore by the

dock to greet neighboring boat enthusiasts who passed by. Most importantly, she

cherished sharing these moments with Warren, the love of her life.

Due to the ongoing health crisis and directives, funeral services are private and

burial in All Faiths Cemetery in Worcester will be private and at the convenience

of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Cranberry Meadow Pond Association, c/o Barbara Grusell (Secretary), 87 Jolicoeur Avenue, Spencer MA 01562.

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Laurel Burdon, 67



West Brookfield - Laurel (Gronostalski) Burdon, 67, of Lake Shore Drive Ext. in West Brookfield succumbed to advanced stage breast cancer and died on Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.


She leaves her husband of nearly 50 years, Kim M. Burdon; her daughter, Brie Armstrong and her husband Ryan of Brighton, CO; her son, Benjamin Burdon and his husband Shane of North Smithfield, RI; three grandchildren Colton, Rylee, and Royce all of Brighton, CO, and three brothers, Ted, Chester (Chip) and Steve Gronostalski. She also leaves her many friends. She was born in Northampton, daughter of the late Chester and Lorraine (Niedbala) Gronostalski. She and Kim lived in Sturbridge for 25 years, before moving to West Brookfield 9 years ago.

Laurel was a wonderful person and wife and a devoted mother who handled her disease with grace and courage. She was very proud of her role as a religious educator leading the religious education program at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church for over 20 years as Director until she was forced to resign in January of this year.

Due to the current health concerns and travel restrictions and difficulties, no celebration of life is currently planned. However, one will be held as soon as the conditions allow. In lieu of flowers and other remembrances, please make a contribution to the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church General Fund in Laurel's name at P.O. Box 386, Brookfield, MA 01506.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

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Spencer police offer advice on combatting coronavirus

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Thursday, July 16: The Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre's "The King

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ALL FOR ONLY: **\$39.95**

- LUBE, OIL FILTER CHANGE
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- EXTERIOR CAR WASH AND DRY

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BUY ANY SET OF FOUR TIRES AND GET:

FREE ALIGNMENT CHECK • FREE CAR WASH

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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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LIKE NEW 2019 CHEVY EQUINOX PREMIER 2LZ

#40789R

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$38,960

WHOLESALE PRICE: \$25,377

SAVE \$13,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

All-Wheel Drive, Premium Audio, Heated Leather, Satellite Radio, Turbo.

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

#P1256L

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$41,985

WHOLESALE PRICE: \$29,377

SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

XLT Trim, 4x4, Alloys, Bluetooth, Back-Up Cam, Only 21K Miles.

SPECIAL PURCHASE #H1178V

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

SAVE \$19,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

All-Wheel Drive, V6, 3rd Row Seats, 18" Alloys, Satellite Radio, Bluetooth.

LIKE NEW 2017 TOYOTA TACOMA DOUBLE CAB

#TP0037

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$42,665

WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,377

SAVE \$12,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

TRD Sport, 4x4, 3.5L V6, Alloys, Satellite Radio, Nav, Towing Package.

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

SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

All-Wheel Drive, Premium Alloys, Turbo, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats.

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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