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St. Joseph students explore the world of insects

WEBSTER — On March 12, prior to beginning remote schooling due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the four-year-old students in Ms. Robyn Dodge's Pre-K class at St. Joseph School received a special package from Insect Lore, a company that provides tools to give learners insight into the world of insect metamorphosis. The package contained caterpillars that immediately spiked the children's curiosity.

The containers holding the caterpillars were small, clear cups that made it easy for the students to see the tiny larvae crawling around and feasting on the food at the bottom. Ms. Dodge immediately began her instruction.

"The larvae will continue to eat their food and grow before your eyes," she said as the students listened attentively. "They will shed their exoskeletons several times over the next seven to ten days."

Unfortunately, later that afternoon, families were notified that the school would be closed the following day and subsequently the following weeks. However, Ms. Dodge did not let that deter her from her class's

learning experience.

Utilizing ClassDojo, Ms. Dodge provided her students with updates on the larvae by posting photos and videos. As she predicted, approximately ten days after their arrival, the larvae climbed to the top of the containers and attached themselves to the undersides of the lids. There, they hung in a "J" shape, shed their exoskeletons one last time, and hardened into chrysalides. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Dodge moved them into a butterfly habitat. In a ClassDojo post, she updated and encouraged the students.

"They've been in their chrysalides for over a week now. I will keep a close eye on them so you will get to see them hatch on video," she said.

Ms. Dodge did not disappoint her students! With a special Easter post, Ms. Dodge shared videos of the Painted Lady Butterflies emerging from their chrysalides. At first, their wings appeared to be soft and crumpled, but the butterflies slowly stretched their wings and basked in the sun.

Although this lesson allowed the Pre-K students to develop a great

er understanding of the amazing metamorphosis of butterflies, it was also a special lesson in their religion class. St. Joseph School utilizes the Loyola Press Religion Program, "God Made the World" and within the Pre-K curriculum there is a unit titled, "God Made Butterflies." The focus of this unit is the scripture, "God has made a home for us in Heaven," an adaptation of 2 Corinthians 5:1. Ms. Dodge chooses to teach this lesson closer to Easter because it also gives her students a better understanding of the resurrection of Christ. I explain to my students, "Jesus is like a caterpillar here on earth and then dies and goes into the tomb, which is like a butterfly's chrysalis. Then, He rose from the dead just like the hatching of the butterflies. Now, Jesus has gone to heaven! He has prepared a special place for us." This is an especially important concept for Pre-K children to understand and Ms.



Courtesy

St. Joseph School Pre-K 4-year-old students (left to right) Mason Lucier, Gabriella Powaza, and Anna Wozniak examine caterpillars for the classroom butterfly habitat.

Dodge noted that her students tend to be sad when they learn about Jesus' death. However, she explains that Jesus died

to take-on all the hurtful things we have done and goes to a great place Heaven. This is always a special moment when the

students begin to comprehend Jesus' love for us.

Currently, the Painted

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Dudley police remain diligent during pandemic

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down life for many, the Dudley Police Department remains diligent and hard at work serving the community to the best of their abilities.

Chief Steve Wojnar provided an update to selectmen during a LiveStream meeting on April 9 where he said the men and women of his department are doing their best to meet the community's needs. While some needs have decreased due to social distancing and self-quarantine practices, the department still has plenty to work with as they continue business as usual.

"Our folks are maintaining their full response to calls for service. We're still seeing consistent calls for disturbances and other incidents. I think it's just because of the fact that some people are cooped up and things are kind of limited in terms of movement. Some things are down but some things are fairly consistent," Chief Wojnar said. "I have to extend kudos to everybody at the department for all they're doing. It's definitely a tough situation with everything that we're facing through this time. There's very little complaining from everybody. They're doing their job in a professional manner despite all the challenges. I'm really proud of the men and women who are working with the department."

While his staff and crew are doing their best, Chief Wojnar said the constantly changing times have brought some challenges to the department including keeping up with the state. Some of the biggest challenges according to the chief are how quickly the department has to act to adjust to new mandates or allowances on the state level. One such case occurred earlier this month when the department found itself having to make swift changes to accommodate restaurants being allowed to serve alcohol with take-out orders.

"That came down on a Friday afternoon around 1 p.m., so it was difficult to get information out to businesses and then answer the questions on it," Chief Wojnar said. "That's a little bit of frustration on the state end is not getting advance information which is causing some issues."

The chief stressed that on the local level things are going smoothly as every department is working together to make necessary adjustments. The town has limited activities to parks and playgrounds while walking and biking trails are being considered "passive enforcement" zones where citizens are still welcome to enjoy the outdoors as long as they adhere to social distancing guidelines.

In terms of personal protection, the chief said the police are facing many of the same issues as other towns and departments in keeping up with their need for personal protection equipment, but they have managed. MEMA has provided some resources while the chief credited an anonymous donor who has made masks for officers using a 3D printer.

Oxford delays election, town meeting

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Although all town ballots will state May 19, local Election Day this year actually won't be that date. It'll be sometime in June, but the exact date remains to be determined.

Selectmen made that decision unanimously April 14, at the same time they delayed the Annual Town Meeting, and for the same reason – the Covid pandemic. Town Meeting will also happen in June. They're aiming to set it a week or to after the election, and state law requires it to happen before June 30.

Whenever it happens, one unusual factor in this election is that all voters will be given the option of voting early by mail or waiting until election Day and doing it at the polls as usual. Town Clerk Lori Kelley said they won't be able to get a mailed ballot in person, but getting one is simple.

"Any form of written communication is acceptable," provided it has four things: name, address, date of birth and a written (not electronic) signature, she said. That means someone can scan in their signature on a letter requesting a ballot and send it by email, or fax it or mail it or drop it in the sealed dropbox at Town Hall. She

noted, however, voters will have to pay the postage to send the ballot in (or they can drop it in the box as well).

The early voting by mail sparked some objection from Selectman John Saad.

"It seems like an extra adminis-

trative step for a very low turnout for only one contested item on the ballot," he said.

In fact, Kelley noted, it's even more complicated than that. All mailed ballots will end up passing

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Dudley Fire Chief addresses proper glove use

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – As locals attempt to do right by social distancing guidelines and the recommendations of health officials, many have embraced increased measures to preserve their own well-being while out on the town. Face masks and gloves have become commonplace, and while the use of masks is highly recommended the use of gloves has become a divisive topic of discussion.

Dudley Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Dean Kochanowski addressed the use of gloves at a recent live-streamed meeting of the Board of Selectmen where he indicated that using plastic gloves may cause more harm than good. Whether it's through improper knowledge of how the gloves work or improper disposal, many who are attempting to prevent exposure to the COVID-19 virus may, in fact, be exposing themselves more by using gloves and feeling a false sense of security.

Chief Kochanowski said that some of the things he and his colleagues have noticed when it comes to glove use have been "disturbing" and that he wanted to discuss the matter in a public forum after witnessing

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EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

At Jack and Jill Preschool in North Oxford, teachers are missing their students during this time when schools are closed, so they invited them to participate in a drive-through car parade this week. As their parents drove them slowly around the school, honking their horns, waving their signs and shaking pom poms and streamers; students were so happy to get a glimpse of their teachers. Teachers wore masks and gloves and kept a social distance from each other while they were waving and blowing kisses, greeting each of the children who were excitedly waving from their car windows. The bubble machine and kids' music added to the festive atmosphere. It was fun for everyone involved to show their school spirit, to maintain the parent-child-school connection, and to see the faces they've been missing since their last day of school on March 13. Find more photos of the parade inside.

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How to wear cloth face coverings

In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where it can be difficult to maintain social distancing measures. That means people are advised to wear cloth face coverings while shopping for groceries or in any other settings where it might be difficult to stay at least six feet away from other people.

In recognition that the notion of wearing face coverings while in public is foreign to many people, the CDC issued instructions on how to wear such coverings to ensure

they provide as much protection as possible.

How to wear cloth face coverings

The CDC notes that cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction

Additional guidelines

The CDC says face coverings should be avoided by certain people. Such coverings should not be placed on children under age two. In addition,

people who have trouble breathing, those who are incapacitated and people who cannot remove coverings without assistance should not wear them.

The CDC also notes that cloth face coverings does not refer to surgical masks or N-95 respirators. The CDC urges everyone to reserve such supplies for health care workers and other medical first responders.

Cloth face coverings should be routinely washed. A washing machine should be enough to clean these coverings.

When removing cloth face coverings, do so carefully. The CDC urges people to avoid touching



their eyes, nose and/or mouth when removing their face coverings. Once the coverings are removed, people should wash their hands immediately.

Cloth face coverings can help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While wearing such coverings is a simple gesture, it's also one that can save lives. More information is available at www.cdc.gov.

Safeguard against COVID-10 when grocery shopping

Safeguard against (447 Supermarkets and other food merchants are allowed to stay open as “essential” retailers amid the mass shut-downs prompted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Along with banks, gas stations and takeout restaurants, supermarkets are among the few places that people are allowed to visit to procure the necessities of everyday life.

Even with social distancing and other precautions in place, grocery stores remain high-traffic locations. As a result, many people feel concerned about how to best protect themselves when turning to in-store visits or grocery delivery services to stay stocked on food and other essentials.

- Maintain a six-foot distance. As with other locations, shoppers should keep a distance of six feet between themselves and other shoppers. Do not hesitate to move back or ask someone to move away if you feel concerned about proximity. Shopping during “off-peak” hours may help thin out crowds and make it easier to maintain social distance.
- Shop small retailers. It can be beneficial to visit independently owned retailers, like local markets, delis and specialty food stores. Crowds at such stores will likely be smaller than the crowds at large chain stores.
- Wipe down products. Data published in The New England Journal of Medicine that tested how long COVID-19 survived on surfaces found the virus was detected up to 72 hours on plastic, 48 hours on stainless steel, 4 hours on copper, and 24 hours on cardboard. While infection from touch may not be as likely as it is from direct inhalation of COVID-19 from an infected individual, it can be helpful to wipe down surfaces, including non-porous packaging, once items are brought home, as well as counters or tables used to unload packages. Wiping down a shopping cart handle also may be helpful.
- Wash produce. Consumer Reports suggests washing fruits and vegetables in a mild soap-and-water solution to eliminate any possible live virus and pesticides.
- Avoid direct contact. Whether items are delivered or purchased in-store, avoid personal contact with cashiers or other store employees. Pick up and pack your own groceries. Opt to pay with a credit card or another digital pay option like Apple Pay instead of handing over cash. Use your own pen to sign receipts. Scan your own frequent shopper card or have the cashier use a scan gun, rather than taking your key ring to hold. Delivery services can place the bags outside of your front door. Tips also can be exchanged electronically for delivery services through an app or online or over the phone.

Some simple shopping strategies can help people prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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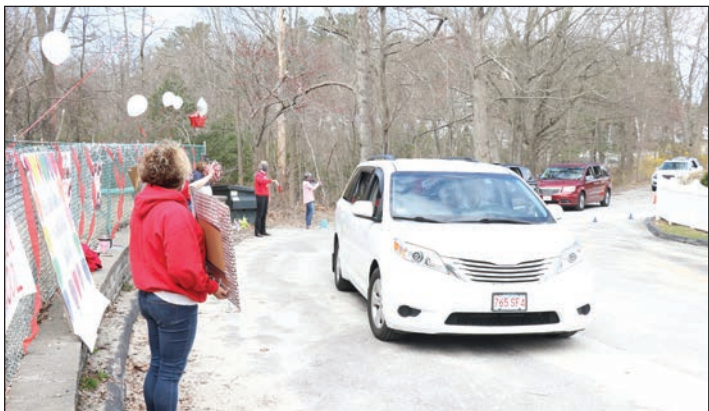
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Mrs. Nicole McAleer with her sign



Luke Davis waves his sign



Cars driving through the school's parking lot



Emma Raymond waves her streamers



Moms are happy too!
to see teachers.



Teachers line up to greet students



Joel Daoust with Olivia and Charlotte



The Nyhaug family drives by to say hello



Raegan Hanson wants everyone to see her sign



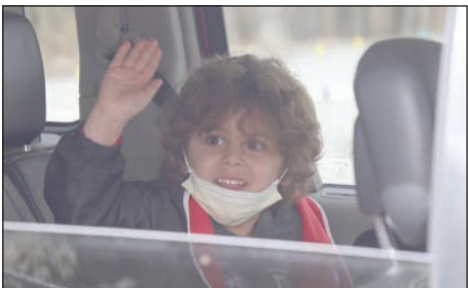
nnalee Kimball sporting her face mask



Emma Wierbik is happy to see everyone



We missed the Easter Party but the bunnies
make an appearance



Even the little people are wearing their
masks



The Karle kids have messages for teachers

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St. Joseph’s Pastor upholds tradition in the face of COVID-19

WEBSTER — The Blessing of the Food, or Po wicenie pokarmów, is a practice dating back to the 15th century or earlier, and one that is still maintained by families in Poland as well as in the United States. It certainly remains a cherished tradition for many parishioners of St. Joseph Basilica Parish, as well as students of St. Joseph School, to have their baskets blessed on Holy Saturday, and one that Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, pastor, was passionate about maintaining in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like most priests in the Diocese of Worcester and throughout the country, Rev. Chodkowski, known as Fr. Gregory to his American friends, has utilized new methods to minister to his parishioners during this crisis. He familiarized himself with techniques such as streaming Masses and Stations of the Cross through Facebook, and developed creative ways to support his church, especially during Lent and Holy Week, such as “drive-up” confessions. He was determined to find a safe way to bless food baskets so families could continue their special Easter tradition.

Fr. Gregory grew-up in the small village of Krzy ewo Borowe in the northern Mazovia region of Poland, and fondly recalls the tradition of traveling to his family’s parish for the Blessing of the Food.

“It was some distance away, so my family would bring our basket to be blessed at the church and then return home with its contents and Holy Water. Then, my father would bless our farm. We would also share the contents of the basket during breakfast on Easter morning – the most important meal of our Easter celebration. It was a very meaningful time for my family and one

that I want others to experience,” said Fr. Gregory.

The food in the Easter baskets has a special significance. The contents of the basket, known as wi conka in Polish, are very symbolic. It includes bacon – a symbol of the overabundance of God’s mercy on us, bread – representing the staff of life given by God, Easter bread - a round cake of rich, eggy yeast dough with raisins that reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord, who, in the Eucharist, is the food of our earthly journey and the true bread of everlasting life, butter - included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation, cheese - a symbol to remind Christians of moderation, ham and other meats symbolizing great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ’s resurrection, sausage links - symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead, horseradish - a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus, and the vinegar it’s mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross, salt - present to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption, sweets - suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come, and colored eggs or pisanki, as well as uncolored hard-cooked eggs, to indicate hope, new life, and Christ rising from his tomb. During the Easter breakfast, each person exchanges their eggs and well wishes with all who are present. It is a beautiful tradition that follows the “Resurrection” Mass.

After careful consideration, Fr. Gregory decided that he would not conduct a “virtual” blessing but rather invite all who wanted to receive the Blessing of the Food to St. Joseph Basilica. When Holy Saturday finally arrived, Fr. Gregory stood outside



the rectory, microphone in hand, and conducted the Blessing in English and Polish every hour, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., while attendees remained safe in their cars. Although Holy Saturday was a blustery day and some who practice the tradition of the Blessing of the Food had difficulty assembling the contents due to social distancing, many still traveled to the Basilica with their decorated baskets thankful for the plan that Fr. Gregory had in place. Following each Blessing, Fr. Gregory also visited cars and sprinkled Holy Water on baskets held by outstretched arms. All were grateful for the opportunity.

“The Blessing of the Food is such an important tradition for me and my family,” one person exclaimed. “I used to

come here with my aunt each year and she just passed away. I’m so thankful to be able to carry on this tradition with my new niece.”

Others who attended had never received the Blessing at St. Joseph Basilica, but were made aware of the opportunity through social media and word-of-mouth. Whether you were new to St. Joseph Basilica or someone who has always attended the Blessing, the comment by parishioner Beverly Williams on St. Joseph School’s Facebook page nicely summarized what all were feeling: “Fr. Gregory has, at a young age, earned his spot in heaven for allowing us to still participate in all of these services. Thank you, Fr. Gregory!”

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of April 10-17.

Ricardo A. Alvarez-Cano, age 50, of New Britain, Conn. was arrested on April 13 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Kindness isn’t CANcelled in Dudley

DUDLEY — Dudley Middle School students are organizing a safe, socially distant food collection to benefit the Webster Dudley Food Share. Student neighborhood ambassadors will be picking up donated items left by mailboxes on Friday, May 1.

Students are asking Dudley residents to leave items near mailboxes by noon. If items are not collected by 3 p.m., please reach out to Claudette Eagleton at ceagleton@dcrsd.org to arrange pick up. Donated items may also be safely dropped off in the Dudley Middle School parking lot on Saturday, May 2 between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. At this time, donations of

pasta, soup, cereal, and juice would be greatly appreciated. Donations of cardboard boxes would also be appreciated!

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Friday’s Child



Daniel Age 10

Hi! My name is Daniel and I love to be active!

Daniel is a sweet and friendly ten-year-old boy of Caucasian descent. Daniel can be shy at first, however, he opens up as he gets more comfortable. Daniel enjoys being active and thrives in sports. One of his favorite sports to play is basketball. Daniel enjoys wrestling and karate. Daniel is also in a drawing club! During quiet time, Daniel enjoys building things using Legos. He likes dogs

but loves cats. Daniel is in the third grade. He is an inquisitive child who loves school and learning. He does well with the additional support he receives.

Daniel is legally freed for adoption. Daniel will benefit from a home that has at least one male father figure. He reports that he would like a 2 parent household, ideally with some children older than he is. He responds well when he has a male to connect with. Daniel will thrive in a home that can keep him active and maintaining a full schedule of extra-curricular activities.

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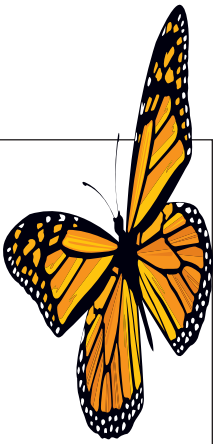
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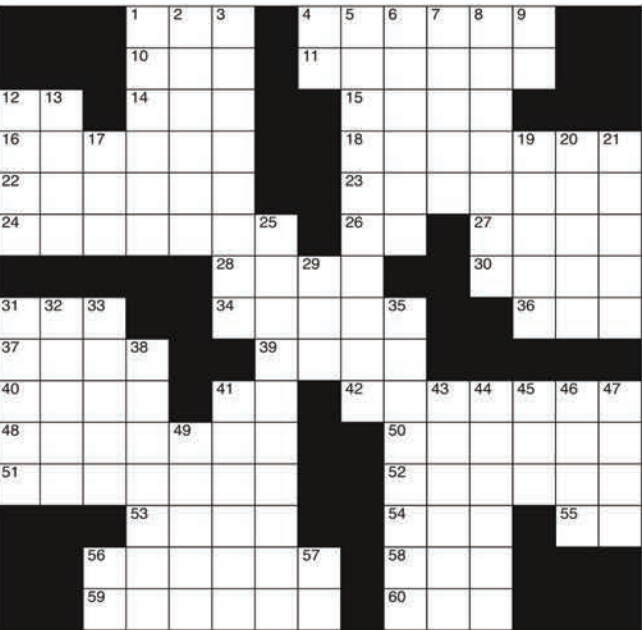
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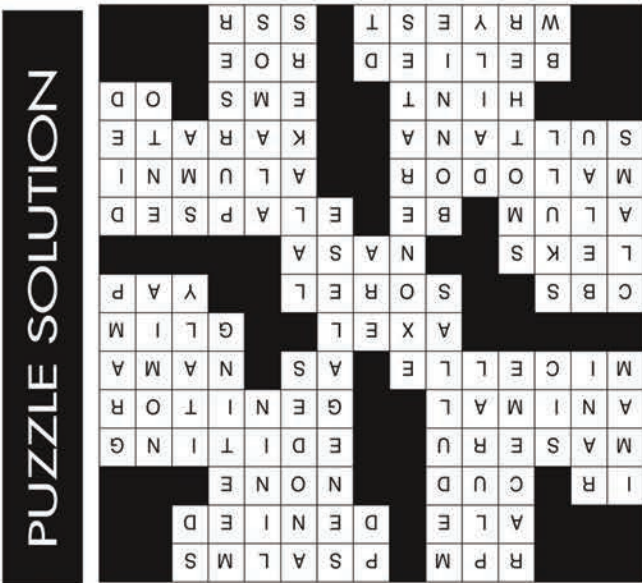


CLUES ACROSS

1. Revolutions per minute
4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One’s biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)



Webster resident to be inducted into Anna Maria College Athletic Department Hall of Fame

PAXTON — Anna Maria College is pleased to announce that Kelly Downey, of Webster, basketball standout '05 will be inducted into the Anna Maria College Athletic Department Hall of Fame. This marks the 7th Hall of Fame class at Anna Maria College, which was founded in 1993. The five 2020 inductees will join the 26 current Hall of Fame Members, which include athletes, coaches, administrators and staff. The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through their involvement in Anna Maria's athletic program and who have demonstrated outstanding character, leadership, commitment, and sportsmanship. The induction ceremony

was postponed due to COVID-19 and will be rescheduled at a later date. "The Hall of Fame inductees for 2020 will join a prestigious group of Anna Maria College athletic alumni and I'm excited to be part of this special occasion for these five outstanding individuals," commented Joe Brady '96, Director of Athletics. "The Hall of Fame Committee, Athletics Department, and the College are extremely disappointed that we have had to postpone the induction ceremony for these five individuals; however, the priority for everyone is the health and safety for our communities. The committee will determine soon the plans on how we will honor this class as they rightfully

deserve." Downey appears in the record book multiple times for both basketball and soccer. Her dominant soccer career includes six records: career points (162), career goals (71), points in a season (72), goals in a season (30), and career game winning goals (11) and season game winning goals (eight). She is third all-time with 20 career assists. Downey helped the women's soccer team to 37 wins in her four years, a 2001 Commonwealth Coast Conference regular season championship and to the 2000 TCCC conference championship game. Downey was named to the All-Conference First Team in 2000 and 2001, the All-Conference Second Team in 2002 and All-Conference

Honorable Mention in 2004. She finished her three-year basketball career with 909 career points (16th overall) and 395 rebounds (28th overall). She holds the fourth highest three-point field goal percentage at 33.2. Downey graduated from St. Peter Marian in 2000. She is currently a Behavior Therapist in the Newtown Public Schools and is married to Roderick Payva. She will be presented into the Hall of Fame by Paul Keating, her high school soccer coach. "Kelly is that rare, talented athlete that is able to internalize her greatness and find motivation and inspiration from within to achieve success in everything she does and leads

by example as well as word," commented Keating. About Anna Maria College Located just outside of Worcester in Paxton, Anna Maria College is a private, co-educational institution inspired by the ideals of the Sisters of Saint Anne. We prepare students to become ethical leaders by combining a values-based, service-focused education with strong functional knowledge and the skills necessary to address the rapidly changing needs of their world. Anna Maria delivers undergraduate and graduate degrees along with certificate programs on campus and online. For more information, visit www.annamaria.edu.

Nichols students attend Model UN

DUDLEY — Seven students from Nichols College attended the North American Model United Nations Conference at the University of Toronto, Victoria College campus, on February 20-22, 2020. Model United Nations is a program that aims to build and maintain strong links between the UN and Model UN participants around the world by providing students hands-on experience through real-world issues simulated at conferences. Bridget Canavan of Dudley Thomas Thames of Dudley About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.



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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from April 5-18. Jose R. Rodriguez, age 36, of Webster was arrested on April 5 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 6 for Assault & Battery on a Disabled Person over the Age of 60, Assault & Battery, Resisting Arrests, and Disorderly Conduct. Hector Manuel Feliciano, age 28, of Webster was arrested on April 7 for Probable Cause From Another Agency. Deanne J. Voas, age 44, of Oxford was arrested on April 8 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Threatening to Commit a Crime, and issuing a Bomb or

Hijacking Threat. Mark Racine, age 32, of N. Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on April 8 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants. Jose Anthony Lebeau, age 19, of Webster was arrested on April 8 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Vandalization of Property. Elizabeth A. Lebeau, age 43, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault & Battery, and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police officer, or Court Official. Also arrested during this incident was Jai A. Hylton, age 22, of Webster for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Vandalization of Property, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrest-

ed on April 9 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Resisting Arrest. Katherine Burnett, age 32, of Webster was arrested on April 9 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. Christopher Ries, age 51, of Worcester was arrested on April 11 for Shoplifting by Asportation (third offense) and in connection with multiple warrants. An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 15 for Assault & Battery. An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on April 15 for multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. Bernard R. Krasnecky, age 53, of Webster was arrested on April 17 on two counts of Failure to Appear Upon Recognizance and in connection with multiple warrants.



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

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DUDLEY SENIORS

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

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

On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beapre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.

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Join us on Wednesday, September 2nd on our day trip to Lake Winnepesaukee for a scenic cruise out of Weirs Beach taking in the remarkable scenery of the Western end of this magnificent lake. We will also visit the spectacular Castle in The Clouds a turn-of-the-century sixteen room mansion with its breathtaking mountaintop views overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Enjoy a delicious full course luncheon at Harts Turkey

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We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show “Queen Esther”. One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Social Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called “Saturday Nigh Fever” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

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Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th. Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch, An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guilded Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.

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LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Thursday, May 14: Twin River Casino & Wright's Chicken Farm. \$10 slot cash and \$7 food credit at the Casino. Then we depart for Wright's Farm for a family style dinner. Cost is \$64. We leave at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17: The Gloucester Lobster Cruise with lobster clam bake and chicken buffet. On the way home, we stop at Kimball's Farm for their famous ice cream. We leave at 9 a.m. Cost is \$109.

Thursday, July 16: The Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre's “The King and I” and Hart's Turkey Farm luncheon. We leave at 9 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Casablanca By the Sea in Portland, Maine. Lunch at the Bull & Claw, then a cruise in Portland Harbor. Viewing war forts, seals, light-houses. We leave at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$99.

Sept. 1-3: Trip to Bar Harbor, Maine. Many sights to see. Cost is in the low \$400's. More information coming.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: New Hampshire Turkey Train. Scenic foliage train traveling around beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. Hart's Turkey Farm brings a full turkey luncheon on board. Then more sightseeing and foliage viewing. We leave at 9 a.m. Cost is \$89.

Thursday, Nov. 11: Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant presents “Ghost of a Chance,” a buffet full with everything. The play, then back to your seats for the Cabaret. Two shoes for the price of one. We leave at 9 a.m. The cost is \$99.

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EDITORIAL

The lost class of 2020

When schools across the country moved to remote learning, we weren't sure how long it would last, but many of us suspected that eventually it would last for the remainder of the year.

Many students use school as a respite and several thrive on having a consistent schedule. Younger students are facing many losses, but our hearts truly break for the seniors, particularly athletes who are missing out on their final sports season.

In our own experience, it was track season that would have had the most impact. As a senior, records needed to be broken, goals needed to be reached and rivals needed to be beat. To have that season abruptly "taken" would have been devastating. Thinking back, time spent on a Saturday at a sunny track meet with talented athletes, encouraging coaches and parents with coolers loaded with food are some of, if not the best, memories from high school.

Then there are softball and baseball players. Baseball, in all its various incarnations, is called the 'American pastime' for a very good reason. The adrenaline rush that comes after managing to hit an expertly thrown pitch and sprinting to first base is unforgettable. Making a catch in the outfield, or making the play for that all important out that could decide the game, is gold. Fortunately, many athletes are going on to play ball or run track in college. For those that are not, know that we sympathize with you, and hope that you can continue doing what you love in some sort of league that will hopefully be available to you. No, it won't be the same, but this is when they say you need to "adjust your sails" and remember that what is happening is in order to keep you and your families safe.

Again, we know that all of our students, parents, faculty, healthcare workers, business owners and all community members are going through a loss, all to varying degrees but all just as important. For students, whether it's the last school theatre production or JROTC competition, we feel for you. Have faith that your administration will make up for all of this, as best they can, given the circumstances.

Certainly, our students understand the gravity of the situation. Lives are being lost, families are losing loved ones and people are heart broken. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, but that doesn't mean that the devastation those students are feeling shouldn't matter. We acknowledge your pain. Reading a recent Facebook post by a friend's daughter brought the situation home to us. In an emotional letter to her fellow members of the Class of 2020, she wrote that if she had one wish, it would be to go back to the last day of classes before the governor's office made the decision to close schools, with the knowledge this time that those eight precious hours would be the end of her senior year, and give all of her classmates — many of whom she might never have an opportunity to see together in one place again — one last hug or high-five before saying good bye.

Her words speak for all students across our region, and across the country, who have been denied the opportunity to experience one of the most memorable times in a young person's life, and we invite our readers to join us in recognizing the pain, comforting the sorrow, and above all, saluting the achievements and incredible fortitude of the Class of 2020

VIEWPOINT

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week's newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Brendan Berube at [THE WEBSTER TIMES](mailto:news@stonebridgepress.news) — news@stonebridgepress.news

The Lord tests the heart

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These times in which we live seem so uncertain. What will tomorrow bring? What will the social, spiritual, financial and global impact look like a month from now? Six months from now? Although this crisis may appear unprecedented, if we study world history, we know that there have been countless forms of "unprecedented" calamity and insecurity from man-made and natural causes in every generation. We can fear and mourn these life-changing events, or we can see in them an opportunity to sincerely discern what is essential and eternal in life. Will we allow these circumstances to challenge us to look at ourselves and our own lives in a new way, and to use this opportunity to draw closer to the Source of Life, God Himself.

We read in the Proverbs, "The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the Lord tests the heart." (Proverbs 17:3) The crucible is a container in which very high temperatures melt silver into a new form. We can also define the crucible as a situation of severe trial, in which "different elements interact and lead to the creation of something new."

Think about that for a moment. "The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the Lord tests the heart." The crucible and the furnace melt and form silver and gold into something new. In like manner, the Lord uses crises and times of trial such as the one we face today as a means to test the hearts of humanity, to test what is in our own hearts, and to hopefully lead us to something new!

Can we see the coronavirus and all the drastic consequences of this crisis as maybe one of the greatest tests of our lives? Will the temporary discomfort of "social distancing" lead us to sincerely evaluate what life is all about? What do we truly value and cherish in our own lives? Fear and uncertainty surely tempt all of us, but will these emotions challenge us to carefully look at the foundations of our lives, and ask ourselves in whom do we put our ultimate trust?

Moments like these should help us understand how brief and fragile life is. Too often, we fool ourselves into thinking we're immortal, that we're invincible, that we control our own lives and destiny. We embrace the egocentric deception that life is just about the here and now, and it all centered around me.

Such crises as the coronavirus can give us a glimpse of our naked self, if we are courageous enough to look, and reveal clearly who we are, what character we possess, and what values we cherish. "The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the Lord tests the heart."

These moments may also offer us an opportunity for sincere reflection that leads to deep repentance. Repentance means turning away from all that is false and meaningless, turning away from all that is superficial and empty in our lives. Repentance also implies turning toward the Source of Ultimate Meaning and Holy Wisdom, turning toward the Well-Spring of Eternal Life and Divine Love, turning toward our Creator.

The Lord is "testing our hearts." What does He see in us? What do we see in ourselves? And how will we react?

The Psalmist proclaimed "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear." (Psalm 46:1) Can we embrace these words and repeat them throughout these days of uncertainty and concern, trusting in God and not allowing fear to reign in our hearts? Can we break away from the endless hours of news and social media, which fill us with dread and anxiety, and carve out time to focus on the Good News that God is with us and that all things are under His control. Will we take time every day to "be still and know that I am God," (Psalm 46:10) dwelling in His presence and never forgetting that our Lord proclaimed, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty who is and who was and who is to come." (Revelation 1:8) Nothing in past history, present history, or future history is outside the Almighty One. Our lives find definitive meaning, comfort and hope in Him, and in Him alone. Is this what our hearts reveal when they face the test?

Everyone will react to stress, concern, and fear in different ways. Do our hearts compel us to act as instruments of God's loving and comforting presence in the

world around us? When family, friends or even strangers panic and express anxiety or worry, do we radiate Christ's "peace that transcends all understanding?" (Philippians 4:7) Will we offer words that "impart grace to the hearers," (Ephesians 4:29) gentle words of comfort, encouragement and hope? What is in our hearts that we will share with others?

As we reflect on this theme of God "testing our hearts," it seems most appropriate to reflect on the symbol of the Holy Cross, a symbol Christians have always understood as a symbol of sacrificial love. The Cross was the greatest "test" that Jesus Christ faced. He passed the test by showing that agape love, divine love implies offering oneself for the other, even offering oneself in love for our enemy. Love demands sacrifice, placing the other before oneself. As our Lord shared with His disciples on the night He offered His own life up for the entire world, he told them "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend." (John 15:13) This followed Christ's teaching, "If anyone wants to follow me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross." (Mt 16:24)

Here lies the fundamental meaning of life – to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to follow Christ by loving one another even to the point of laying down our lives for the other. By living in this way, we live lives of the deepest meaning and purpose, and no global crisis or uncertainty will faze us. Such faith and life in the Cross gives us eternal hope.

Let me conclude with one of my favorite stories that reflects the hope and meaning found in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian author who spent eight years in the gulag of Siberia during the Soviet period, shared his experience in the power of the Cross. After suffering in the death camp of that frozen wasteland, one day he fell into utter despair. Like other prisoners, he worked in the fields day after day, in snow, rain or sun, throughout the summer and winter. Backbreaking labor and slow starvation filled his days. On one particular day, the hopelessness and meaninglessness of his situation became too much. He saw no reason to continue living. He thought that life had no purpose since he would most likely die a miserable death in this Siberian prison. His life made no difference in the world. So he gave up.

Laying his shovel on the ground, he slowly walked to a crude work-site bench and sat down. He knew that at any moment a guard would order him to stand up, and when he failed to respond, the guard would beat him to death, probably with his own shovel. He had seen it happen to many other prisoners.

As he waited, head down, he felt a presence. Slowly, he lifted his eyes and saw a skinny, old prisoner squat down next to him. The man said nothing. Instead, he drew a stick through the ground at Solzhenitsyn's feet, tracing the sign of the Cross. The man then got back up and returned to his work.

As Solzhenitsyn stared at the sign of the Cross, his entire perspective changed. He knew that he was only one man against the all-powerful Soviet empire. Yet in that moment, he realized that there was something greater than the evil he saw in prison, something greater than the totalitarian atheistic state. He knew that the Cross represented hope and meaning for all humankind. And through the love and power of the Cross, anything was possible.

Solzhenitsyn slowly got up, picked up his shovel, and went back to work. Nothing outward changed, but inside, he received hope and rediscovered the meaning of life.

Years later, Solzhenitsyn's prophetic writings and life would enlighten the entire world, telling us not only about the horrors of the Soviet system, but also witnessing to the love and power of God, the hope that comes through living the Life of the Cross.

"The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the Lord tests the heart." As we get tested by the crucible we all face today, let us take an honest look at ourselves and repent, turning away from all that we have embraced that is superficial and meaningless, and turning toward the Way of the Cross, the Path of Sacrificial Love which leads us to Holy Wisdom.

A rundown on renewal deadlines



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues operating under the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 virus. Several people have inquired about the status of motor vehicle documents, such as driver's licenses. What happens if theirs has or is due to expire?

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has come out with some guidance on this topic that I wanted to share.

When the state of emergency took place back in March, the Commonwealth extended expiration dates on many registry documents (Licenses, Vehicle Registrations, ID Cards, etc.) for 60 days. This means many of them were set to expire in May or June, depending on the date. Since most of the Registry offices are still closed for walk in business, the state has agreed to once again extend these expiration dates. For example, if your driver's license was to expire in March of this year, it was initially extended until the same date in May 2020. This new extension allows for the renewal period to be extended until July of 2020. If your license expires this month (April), the current deadline for renewal is June 2020; however, this may once again be extended beyond that point. This should ease the minds of many people as they go about their business in these trying times. On-line renewals should still be processed so everyone is encouraged to check with the Registry to determine their best option. There are many other items included in these extensions and writing about them here would probably take up an entire page of a newspaper. For a sample list, please check out our Dudley Police Facebook Page. Otherwise, further information, can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-registry-of-motor-vehicles>.

In addition, the Real ID program (which set certain standards for licenses in order to be used as official identification for airline travel, federal building access, etc.), was scheduled to go into effect in Massachusetts on Oct. 1. As a result of the state of emergency and the impacts on services, the Federal Government announced it is extending the deadline to obtain these identifications. The new date for this requirement is Oct. 1, 2021. This will be helpful for many who are in the process of renewing their licenses or seeking out these important documents. More information on this program can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>.

Thanks again go out to the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley. Thanks also go out to the many Fire and Emergency Services members, public works and government employees, hospital workers, grocery and retail workers, and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service through this situation. We will get through this and hopefully we will be back in full swing soon, with as limited negative impact as possible.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

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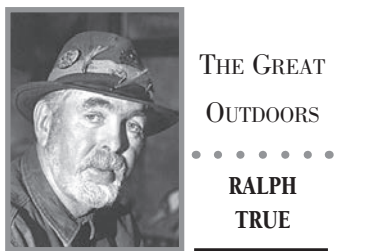
COVID-19

BY SHARYN MORIN
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They say it started in bats
And now they think, it can spread to cats
It has turned our lives upside down
In every corner of the world, it can be found
We can no longer go to a restaurant for a sit-down meal
And every day, we hear the Governors and President give their spiel
Our hair is growing long, cuz we can't get it cut
How long will it be before we all look like a scraggly, old mutt?
Toilet paper is in short supply
And that's for the sandpaper-like, single-ply
We can't visit extended family and friends

Will someone please tell me when this will all end?
The kids are home from school and getting bored
Would someone tell me why toilet paper became the thing to hoard?
The weather is getting nicer and soon it will be summer
If we're all stuck staying home, it sure will be a bummer
Our healthcare workers put themselves at risk every day
As they try to keep this monster at bay
There are lessons to be learned
So that the next time, we don't get burned
PPE does not work with "just-in-time" supply
In a crisis, we have found, there's not enough to get by
Spring break, church services and business meetings spread disease

So, just stay away from these gatherings, please!
Ignoring and downplaying the problem does not make it go away
By doing that, more people get sick and die, that's the price we pay!
Politics and medical advice do not mix
Especially during a serious, world-wide pandemic
Saving human life is more important than stock markets
Even though it hurts people in their pockets
People are hoping that they will be spared
But, there are many people who are struggling, cuz they are scared
So much that, now we worry every time we sneeze or cough
Would someone please stop this "carnival ride?" I don't like it and I want to get off!



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What crazy weather! Last week's snowstorm was no big surprise for New Englanders. Thankfully, it did not stick around long, and melted quickly the next day. It did give turkey hunters the opportunity to check out their favorite turkey hunting spot by following tracks in the snow, before it melted. Wild turkey hunting opens in Massachusetts this coming Monday, April 27, in zones 1-13. This year, turkey hunters can harvest two bearded turkeys in the spring and one of either sex in the fall. A hunter can harvest two birds on the same day this year during the spring hunt.

Hunting wild turkey can provide some great days in the field during the Corona virus outbreak. No problem doing social distancing while engaging in this sport. Although local hunters were not reporting on a lot of turkey's being spotted in local woodlots prior to the season, there are a lot of birds, as tracks in the snow last Saturday revealed.

The Wild Turkey youth hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 25, and can provide some great time with your son or daughter.

As mentioned in a previous column, hunting from a ground blind allows a hunter to conceal himself from the sharp eye of the wild turkey, and makes hunting a lot easier as you wait for the turkey to approach your set of decoys. Calling in a wild turkey for a good shot is extremely exciting. If you do not get that rush of excitement as the bird slowly advances



into your set up strutting and gobbling, you probably should find another sport.

Turkey hunters often do very well hunting in pairs. One hunter is set up a short distance from the setup of decoys, and another hunter is back at least fifty to one hundred feet, doing most of the calling. Turkeys can often calculate the distance of where the call of the hen turkey is coming from, and often stop short of the decoys. Hung - up are the word's that turkey hunters often use to describe the situation. Too much calling can often keep a bird from coming into shooting distance. If the bird's spot your set of decoys, they will often go around and come into view

from another direction. They often come in silent, surprising the hunter.

Turkey decoys are a bit expensive, but will last for many years to come. Each year that I harvest a tom turkey, I save the beard and wings of the bird. The wings are given to some local fly tiers, and the tail is spread out to dry on a piece of cardboard. Apply small amount of Twenty Mule Team Borax to the fleshy part of the tail, and store in a cool part of your garage or shed. The tail is attached to a stake and used during the next years hunt, which I use in back of an old turkey decoy. It sure works for me. This week's picture shows my brother Ken with a



wild turkey he harvested a few years ago.

Tautog fishing is picking up fast in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters. Green crabs are the number one bait using a number three circle hook for these hard fighting fish. They make excellent table fare when poached in a pot of boiling water and two tablespoons of white vinegar. It is unlikely that you will find this delicious eating fish in local markets, but you can find it at fish markets along the coast. This week's picture shows the late Steve Mercure with a monster tautog taken a few years ago while fishing with this writer on the Westport River. Steve is missed by his family and friends. He was my fishing partner for many years, and we had a lot of great times fishing together.

Massachusetts has had the recreational bluefish limit cut to three fish daily from the regular 10 fish per angler daily limit. There has been a dramat-

ic decrease in bluefish populations over the last 10 years. I have not received any notification on reduced bluefish limits from Rhode Island Marine Fisheries but would suspect that they too will have their limits cut.

A bright spot from this pandemic is the adoption of many dogs and cats from animal shelters. Some shelters have had every dog and cat adopted. Hopefully, they are all in good homes, and that they will keep their newly adopted family member long after the country gets back to some form of normality.

Trout fishing should improve when the waters start to warm. Hopefully, it will be soon. Water temperatures are still cold.

Until next week, stay safe and healthy. God Bless!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Quarantine is what we make of it

For years to come, pundits and historians will write about the wisdom, impact and results of this quarantine. Was it necessary? Was the result worth the devastation to the economy? Did it save lives? Of course, for the next few years, the discussion will be strictly partisan. If you support the President or your governor, you'll praise him/her. If you are not a fan, none of the decisions were correct. However, as time passes, a clarity of events will set in, and the true impact of quarantine will be measured.

A television journalist I deeply respect (and there's not many left) said last week, "When the decision is made to end quarantine and how the economy is restarted, will determine if the President is re-elected or not." He didn't say so, but I think the same decisions will apply to our governors.

If they end quarantine too soon, the virus could explode again. As we lead up to the election, the death rate will climb. If quarantine remains too long, irreparable damage can be done to the world economy. We are truly in uncharted territory and the decisions made by our government leaders will impact our nation and world for decades to come.

For those of us who believe in the power of prayer, we should all be praying for wisdom to be granted to our governmental leaders as well as their advisors and influencers. For those who are not, positive thoughts and statements are always helpful.

What is totally useless, and damaging is negative partisanship. I've heard more than one political pundit wishing a recession or worse, only to damage the Presidents chances for re-election. Think about the negative impact of a recession or depression. Really? There are people who hate the President enough to wish damage to the world economy, unemployment, loss of homes and even suicide? Regardless of your political leanings, there is something deeply wrong in that type of hatred that some would wish this kind of damage and destruction.

I'm still old school. I pray for and support the President and governmental leaders whether I voted for them or not. To pray for the success of our President, whether he's your choice or not, is to pray for the success of the nation. To pray that he fails, is to pray for our failure.

How about praying for the

health, happiness and prosperity of all regardless of political leanings?

As for quarantine ... how's it going? I'm an extrovert, so I am deeply missing my friends and basic social connections. I can whine about it, but what will that accomplish? Giving into it and complaining solves nothing and can potentially move me from missing other people into depression. Don't give in!

Count your quarantine blessings!

I work full-time as a writer. I love what I do and feel blessed to have a career that I truly love and adore. Quarantine, in many ways has been perfect for me. A major publisher is looking at my new book, "Fragrance of Lilacs," and claims to love it, but asked for a rewrite of an antagonist's storyline. If not for quarantine, it may have taken months to accomplish, and in the process, given the publisher time to move on. Instead, quarantine has given me the time to complete the rewrite in ten days.

Quarantine has caused my family to be more deliberate in contact and communica-



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tion. We are talking and Facetimeing daily. I am loving the connection and I'm determined to continue the deliberateness of talking and expressing our love daily, face to face.

Quarantine has helped me be of service. I truly cannot keep up with the positive email I'm receiving from readers wishing to talk about a column and express their opinion. I think positive content in this, and all newspapers, has never been more important than now. To remain optimistic during a pandemic will help us all weather the storm, survive and once again thrive as it passes. And believe me, this too shall pass.

My prayer for us all is that we remain positive and optimistic during the worst of times. In doing so we'll usher back into our world, and our lives, the best of times.

I hope and pray that we all use this time to accomplish the things we previously wished we'd have had the time to accomplish and enjoy.

Do not squander this precious opportunity with partisan bickering and complaining.

Never in my lifetime of over six decades, has it been more important to reach across the political aisle and work in unison to save lives and recover quickly from the impact of this terrible disease. Partisanship in this time of turmoil only guarantees prolonged misery and suffering.

Optimism is a powerful choice in times when being optimistic is most difficult.

Purposefully looking for positive ways to be encouraging during times of mass discouragement is not just helpful but is an honorable calling.

Choose optimism. Act positively in thought, word and deed. Make the best of a bad situation and we may look back at this time in history and say we virtually held hands and together, we positively weathered the storm. And when the dark clouds break and the sun once again rushes in, our attitude in the worst of times will make us better people.

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OBITUARIES

David L. Kennedy, 75



WEBSTER – David L. Kennedy, 75, of Webster, MA, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020, at Webster Manor Nursing Home in Webster. His family and friends meant the world to him and he was committed each day to doing everything he could for those he loved. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marguerite (Mann) Kennedy of Webster; two sons, Jason Kennedy and his wife Carol of Darien, CT, and Justin Kennedy and his wife Angie of Mendham, NJ; four grandchildren, Anden Kennedy and Nolan Kennedy of Darien, CT, Alexandra Kennedy and Josephine Kennedy of Mendham, NJ; a brother, Wesley Kennedy and his wife Patricia of South Berwick, ME; a sister, Linda Kennedy of Guilford, CT; a sister-in-law, Aileen Allard of Sanford, ME; a brother-in-law, John Mann of Bangor, ME; eight nieces and nephews, Wendy Ralph and her husband Bill of Yarmouth, ME, Jennifer Marchi and her husband Chip of Mansfield, MA, Bryan Mann and his wife Kim of York, ME, Nathan Mann and his wife Erica of Springvale, ME, Aaron Mann of Westport, CT, Ian Mann and his wife Sarah of New Gloucester, ME, Eben Mann and his wife Rachel of Kennebunk, ME, and Zachary Mann of Lebanon, ME; a cousin, Gary Sidelinger and his wife Maureen of Cumberland,

ME; 10 great nephews, 7 great nieces, and countless friends. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, George Mann and sister-in-law Linda Banville. He was born and raised in Auburn, ME, son of the late Edward W. and Lena B. (Sidelinger) Kennedy, and lived in Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and Maine before moving to Webster in 1978. He graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn, ME and received his bachelor's degree from Husson College in Bangor, ME. Mr. Kennedy worked at Marshalls for over 15 years, retiring in 2006. Previously, he worked at Zayre's for 30 years. He served in the Army National Guard for 6 years. Mr. Kennedy was a member of the First Congregational Church, UCC in Oxford, and was a former trustee at the church. Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be private at Gracelawn Memorial Park in Auburn, ME. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 585, Oxford, MA 01540. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.



Pauline R. Soucy, 98



OXFORD – Pauline R. (Socia) Soucy, 98, died Friday, April 17, 2020, at the Meadows of Leicester. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Claude Soucy who died in 1994. She is survived by a brother, Charles Socia of North Oxford; two sisters, Helen M. Shaw and her husband Ronald of Oxford, and Nora L. Williger of Crystal, ME; her sister-in-law, Vivian B. Socia of Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her son, Stephen C. Soucy; and two brothers, Frederick Socia and Ralph Socia. She was born in Island Falls, ME, daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Moran) Socia, and lived in Maine and Connecticut for many years prior to moving to Oxford.

She graduated from Island Falls High School in Island Falls, ME, in 1940. Mrs. Soucy was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Oxford. She worked for several years as a cook at a nursing home in Vernon, CT, and was a skilled seamstress. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. The family would like to thank the staff at the Meadows of Leicester, and hospice volunteer John Orrell, for the exceptional care given to Pauline. Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a funeral service and burial at North Cemetery will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 577, North Oxford, MA 01537. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com



BROOKLYN, CT. Doris Dorothy (Poirer) Rekola, age 91 of Brooklyn, CT, passed away April 13, 2020. She was born May 15, 1928 in Moosup, CT. to the late Rose (Dumas) Poirier and Arthur Poirier. She graduated from Plainfield High School class of 1946. After the war she met her husband Viljo Rekola a returning Navy veteran and plant engineer at National Casket in Plainfield, CT. They married in 1948 and moved to Brooklyn, CT to raise a family and operate chicken farms for over five decades. Upon retirement from farming and after a road trip to Alaska she managed the Brooklyn's Senior Housing Lillian Apartment behind the Senior Center bringing a sense of community to residents. Doris was a simple person yet did not suffer fools. She believed in God, loved her family, felt rewarded in a hard day's work enjoyed travel on the open road, or a good cocktail hour with her friends in Texas where she wintered, and her amazing community on Stetson Road. Doris had a wicked sense of humor, a strong opinion, and was a sure shot. She was always known to cook, grow delicious blueberries, complete the

daily NYT crossword puzzle, and even day trade on the NY Stock Exchange. Her friends and family will sorely miss her. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Viljo Rekola, loving son Douglas Rekola, a brother Leon Poirier, and a sister Claire Eist. Doris is survived by a son, Brett Rekola and his wife Karen of Orange, CA., grandchildren; Christopher and Kristin Rekola of Pasadena, CA., Michael and Kaitlin Rekola of Arlington, VA., great grandchildren; Stevie, Emma and Scarlett Rekola, a niece, Carolyn Eist and her husband Gale Hastings of Bradenton, FLA, nephews; Stephen Eist of Stonington, CT., Karl , Kelly and Kris Poirier of Holly Pond, Alabama and daughter-in-law, Roberta Rekola of Brooklyn, CT. The family would like to thank her wonderful caring neighbors on Stetson, Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Mortlake Fire Company, 12 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, CT. 06234. A Private burial service will be at Witter Cemetary in Brooklyn. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, 366 School St., Webster, MA. is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Edna Gregory, 95



OXFORD- Edna Gregory, 95, passed away, Friday April 10 in The Meadows of Leicester. Edna was predeceased by her husband Clarence G. Gregory. Edna leaves her daughter Diane Preston and her loving family, extend-

ed family, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial services will be held at the discretion of the family at a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Greenville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 396, Rochdale, MA., 01542. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Roger D. Lorange



Roger D. Lorange, beloved brother, uncle, friend and client passed peacefully into his eternal reward on Monday, March 6th, 2020, while at home. Roger resided at DDS Central Residential Services, 18 Golden Heights, Webster, MA since March 4, 1997. He leaves behind his siblings, Norman Lorange and wife Susan (Pannier) of Rochdale, MA; Richard Lorange of Davenport, WA whose wife Linda (Bonnette) pre-deceased Roger in 2018; David Lorange and wife Siony (Monzon) of Santa Rosa, CA; Barbara Rondeau and husband Michael of Southbridge, MA; Edward Lorange of Southbridge, MA; Katie White and husband Tim of Sanford, ME as well as eleven nephews, eight nieces and many great nephews and nieces. Roger's mother, M. Pauline (Levesque) Lorange, went before him in 2013, and his father, Norman P. Lorange passed away in 1980. Roger was known in his younger years as a "tease" and will always be remembered for his fun-loving spirit. He liked hats, music, dogs and sports

and could always be found kicking a ball around, even from his wheelchair! Roger attended F.R.S. (Family Resource Services) in Dudley, retiring on his 72nd birthday, March 5th of this year. The family would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the staff of Roger's home and work program for their great care and kindness to Roger over all these years. Each one of you are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU! "His heart skipped a beat and he was in heaven." (Katie White) Private graveside services were held on Friday, March, 10th, at 11 a.m. in Notre Dame Cemetery on Woodstock Road, Southbridge. Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home is handling all arrangements. The family requests memorial donations be made to one of Roger's favorite charities, Dog Orphans of Douglas, MA or The M. Pauline Outreach Center for battered women and children created and named for his Mom @ hodministries.org/m-pauline-outreach-center/. Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, directed arrangements. An online guestbook is available at http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Donald E. "Rebel" Greenwood, Sr, 82



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Donald E. "Rebel" Greenwood, Sr, 82, of North Main St., died Wednesday, April 15, 2020 after a noble fight in the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton. He leaves a son Donald Greenwood Jr. of East Brookfield; daughters Rhonda Greenwood of North Brookfield, Lisa Greenwood of East Brookfield, Sheryle Morrow Gaudette of North Oxford, and Sheila Sugarman and her husband Donald Sugarman of Auburn, MA.; 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by the love of his life Sally Greenwood, his son Robert Morrow and his grandson Geno Waugh. He served his country in the US Navy. Rebel owned and operated his own

trucking company for 28 years and later worked for the Local 243 Construction Laborers Union until he retired. He was a lifetime member of the Spencer Fish and Game Club. Rebel loved playing cards and was and avid outdoorsman. He was well know in the community and will be greatly missed. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Overlook Masonic Home and Hospice in Charlton, MA for the care he received. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date to be announced. Funeral services are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield.



LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO20P0982EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Ann Marie Hurley
Also known as:
Mabel Ann Hurley, Ann Hurley
Date of Death: 01/30/2020**
To all interested persons:
A **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Maryellen Cherwinski of Bristol, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Maryellen Cherwinski of Bristol, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/05/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 06, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 24, 2020

Marina E. Borghi, 71



Marina E. Borghi, 71, of Grafton, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from complications of COVID-19; She was the beloved mother to four children: son Joseph Barranco and his partner DeJon Phillips of Oakland, CA; son Mark Barranco and his wife Kristen with two grandsons Jacob and Tyler of Shrewsbury; daughter Tara and her husband Scott Hemingway with grandson Joshua of Charlton; and son John Barranco and his wife Tara with three grandchildren Lila, Phillip, and Meredith of Worcester. Marina was the dear sister of Richard Borghi and wife Carol of Webster, David Borghi and wife Dianne of Bonita Springs, FL, and Jeanne Licciardo of Spring, TX. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandnieces and nephews. Marina was born in Milford, MA to the late Louis and Marie (Greene)

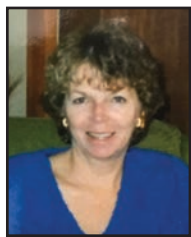
Borghi. She attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and St. Mary's Central Catholic High School. She will be remembered as always being joyous, kind, and welcoming; she had a way about her that made you feel at ease. She took great joy in spending time with family at various celebrations and cookouts for special events, birthdays, or just to hang out. She was never happier than when she was spending time with her beloved grandchildren. Due to health concerns and restrictions on gatherings, there will be no funeral services at this time. A memorial mass and a celebration of her life will be held at a time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Lung Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Marina.

Mary Anne Conroy, 67

SPENCER – Mary Anne (Rousseau) Conroy, 67, passed away on Sunday April 5, 2020 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester. Mary is survived by her daughter Claire Conroy, her granddaughter Montana West Barker, as well as many relatives and friends. Mary was born in Portsmouth, NH on March 2, 1953, daughter of Joseph Xavier Lucien Rousseau and Jane Frances (Adams) Rousseau; she

worked as a cook for many years prior to her retirement. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Mary.

Margaret M. Talman, 82



OXFORD-Margaret M. (Goldsmith) Talman, 82, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster. She was predeceased by her husband, George J. Talman, Jr., who passed away in 1990.

Mrs. Talman is survived by her children; Theresa A. Willems and her husband Andrew of Woodland Park, Colorado, Michael G. Talman and his wife Sharon of Oxford, and Patricia A. Murray and her husband Jeffrey of Oxford; her sister Anne Gillis of Worcester; nine grandchildren, one great grandson and several nephews and nieces. She was also predeceased by her brother, Edward J. Goldsmith, Sr.

Mrs. Talman was born in Worcester, daughter of the late George and Esther (Turnan) Goldsmith, and grad-

uated from Commerce High School. She was former member of Our Lady of the Angels Church in Worcester and a member of St. Roch’s Church in Oxford. She was also a member of the “The Club” with close friends. She enjoyed working in her yard, planting flowers, and gardening. She also loved to knit and she donated many hats to Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford. She loved her family and grandchildren more than anything.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lanessa Extended Care and the Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts for their compassionate care.

Burial will be private at North Cemetery in Oxford. Donations in her memory made be a made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Robert W. Barton, 79

WORCESTER – Robert W. Barton, 79, passed away at the Lutheran Home of Worcester on Thursday April 9, 2020.

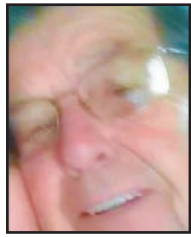
Robert was born in Marlborough, MA on November 16, 1940, son of the late Ernest and Annette (Benoit) Barton; he is survived by his nephew Anthony Barton of Worcester.

Private funeral arrangements have

been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Robert.

William R, Martin, 81



DUDLEY - William R, Martin passed away on Monday April 13, 2020 at the age of 81 at his home after losing his battle with Leukemia, with his daughter (Debbie) by his side.

William is survived by his wife Nellie (Ferrell) Martin of Dudley; his sister Agnes “Sunshine” Marcoux of Webster, his daughter Deborah and her husband Ambrose Sastamoine of Norridgewock, ME; his other children Katherine and her husband of New York, Doreen and a son William “Billy” Martin Jr., also, his stepdaughters and son, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. William is predeceased by his brothers Raymond and Andrew Jr., and his parents.

William was born in Webster, MA on January 4, 1939, son of the late Andrew Martin Sr. and Marion (Roy) Martin; he was a graduate of Bartlett High School and served for a time in the National Guard. William owned a contraction business for many years in 60-70’s; he

was also employed by Lusignan Textile of Uxbridge MA for many years as a maintenance worker as well as US Button of Putnam Ct.; he always kept busy doing odd jobs and working at the Grange in Woodstock, CT.

William was always there to lend a helping hand to whoever needed help; he loved to go on drives along back roads of New England, pan for gold and stop at yards sales; he was a charming and warm hearted person, his beaming smile and great sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Due to the current pandemic a Celebration of Life will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of William.



OBITUARIES

Doryann Garnett, 60



Doryann Garnett, 60, of Brimfield died suddenly Saturday April 11 at her home. She was born in Palmer to the late Richard+Marlene (Gurski) Garnett. She leaves behind her husband Paul Skomro of 30 yrs, her daughter Jennifer Tenczar and spouse Jonathan Checka of Charlton, her 2 brothers John Garnett and Richard Garnett both of Palmer, her grandson Dylan Checka, and her beloved dogs Gumber and Frankie.

Doryann had a huge and warm heart. She loved nothing more than her family. She enjoyed a good cup of coffee and sitting around the kitchen table sharing a good story. One of her favorite pastimes was tagsaling, she always loved a bargain. She enjoyed taking care of “her” lake and planting and replanting her shrubs.

Funeral services will be private and held at a later date with family. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you can post a condolence or light a candle.

Theresa L Gadoury, 91

Theresa L Gadoury, age 91, of Dudley died Peacefully Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Jewish Health Care Center of Worcester. Theresa was born June 5, 1928 in North Grosvenordale, CT. She is the daughter of the late Rosario and the late Bella (Barrett) Blain..

She is survived by one son: Joseph Gadoury of Dudley her grandson, Brian D. Gadoury of Salt Lake City, UT; Sister In Law and angel Betty Ann Gadoury of Dudley.

Predeceased by her husband Arthur

Gadoury ,daughter-in-law, Deborah Daniels, and brother, Ronald Blain. She was a faithful communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

She was employed by Thrifty Market as a book keeper for many years .

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Anthony Of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd. , Dudley When current restrictions are lifted . Burial was private in Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery, Webster . www.bartelfuneralhome.com

William Steibel, 95

CHARLTON - William Steibel, 95, passed away away the Overlook Masonic Home on Tuesday April 14, 2020.

Born in New York City on July of 1924 to Phoebe and George Steibel. Bill loved growing up in NYC and for the rest of his life he remained connected to “The City” as he called it. At the start of the Second World War Bill enlisted in the Navy and rose to the rank of Lieutenant.

After the war, Bill married Mae Lucille Bodiford of Columbus Georgia. He then attended and graduated from the NYU School of Dentistry. He opened a private dental practice in Babylon, NY. After 20 years building his practice, he became interested in public health. Bill then earned a Masters in Public Health degree from Columbia University. He worked in public health the rest of his professional life.

Bill had a wide range of interests. He was a ham radio enthusiast (W2EJQ), a private pilot, rode various motorcycles even up into his seventies. In his later years he and his wife, became

regular attendees of the Metropolitan Opera House in his beloved New York City. During his retirement, he volunteered at the Museum of Natural History in NYC and at the summer home of Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill.

Bill and Lucille remained happily married for 76 years. Bill leaves his two wonderful children, Melanie and Scott, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Bill passed on April 14, 2020, a mere 2 weeks after his wife’s death.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of William.



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through multiple hands: her office, the Post Office, the voter, the Post Office, her office again upon receipt (when it’s vaulted until Election Day), election workers remove and feed it into the counting machines, then take them out and return them to the vault for 30 days, she said.

“A lot of people handle it,” she said. “There’s a lot of germs going back and forth possibly. ...There’s a lot of contact with those paper ballots.”

Even so, many election activists argue paper ballots handcounted in public is the best way to ensure an accurate count, citing problems with the programming for touch screen systems used in other states.

This year’s ballot will include a debt exclusion question seeking \$15 million in three \$5 million chunks more than 15 years specifically to fund road repairs. A couple weeks ago, DPW Director Sean Divoll told selectmen getting such dedicated money is crucial; without it, the best the town can do is maintain them at the level they are now (by spending state Chapter 90 aid and the extra \$500,000 a year Oxford adds to it). Spending just state aid, as many towns do, would cause them to continue to deteriorate, he said then.

That issue will also go to Town Meeting. Under state law, it has to pass both of them to happen, although Callahan said if it passes one and fails the other, the town can try the failed one again.

Kelley suggested having the election either June 23 or 30, but waiting until early June to set the date “so we’ll have a better idea where we stand with the health of the nation.”

The same rationale applies to Town Meeting, with a different factor. While municipal legislative bodies are exempt from the state’s 10-person gathering limits, they still have to plan for social distancing.

“It would behoove us to think very clearly [about this]. Just to conduct a Town Meeting the way we’re used to is not feasible,” Town Manager Jen Callahan said. She said town attorney Marc Rich suggested looking at June 24. If something pushes it past June 30, the town’s only option is to run on a one-twelfth budget “which would be devastating” to town services, she warned.

“If things really improve quickly ... we’ll shoot maybe for the ... 17th,” Callahan added.

Traditionally, Oxford holds town meetings in the high school auditorium. This year, some towns are looking at alternatives, including holding it outdoors.

Kelley said she will set up two voter registration dates – one for the election, one for Town Meeting – when the selectmen finalize the events themselves. Regarding election, she also cited concern about having enough workers to staff the polls, since many of them are seniors most at risk from the pandemic.

“We already run with the minimum number” the state allows, and may have to seek a waiver to reduce it this year, she added.

She also told selectmen they’ll have to vote on how

long to have the polls open, but didn’t need to do it then. State law requires a minimum of four hours, and no later than 8 p.m.

In other business, the selectmen also summarized Callahan’s annual review, giving her first year in the manager’s seat an overall score of 88 out of 100 (“out-standing” in their scale).

“You can’t get much better than she is” at organization and planning, said Chairman Dennis Lamarche, who personally scored her highest at 97. “... She burns the candle and more than two ends. I think she burns it in the middle and the sides, too.”

although his was the highest rating, the others were generally equally complimentary, praising Callahan’s ability to work with people, solve problems, communicate and use her contacts to get grants and other things for Oxford.

Specifically referring to the pandemic and the probably serious economic downturn we face, John Saad said, “We have the right person in that position to help the town get through it.”

Even the lowest scorer, Cheryll Leblanc at 76 (“satisfactory”), described Callahan as “a strong leader” who has “succeeded in righting the ship” after previous years of problems.

“I think you managed remarkably under the circumstances,” she said.

The board put off discussing what to do about giving Callahan a raise to their next meeting.

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

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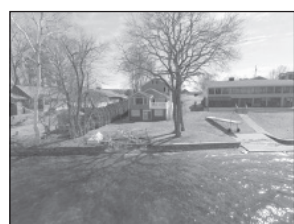
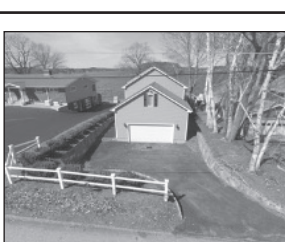
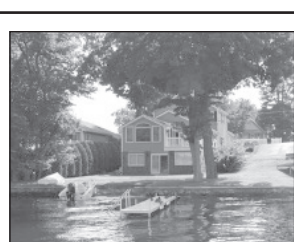


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A hockey stick dating between 1850 and 1870 is currently being auctioned online, according to Bleacher Report. The “Morse stick” was found by Anthony Bean when he purchased his grandmother’s Northfield, Vt. house in 1980. The stick was later gifted to Gary and Germaine Morse. The first recorded hockey game took place in 1875. “Hawkey” is reported to have been played in New England as early as 1845. Another hockey stick from the 1850’s known as the “Rutherford stick” sold for \$2.2 million in 2018. The Morse Stick has a starting bid of \$100,000 and may set a record. It has a \$3.5 million auction estimate.

Many people have been watching shows on live streaming platforms during the pandemic. One of the most popular is “Tiger King” on Netflix. TMZ reported that a pink sequined



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shirt worn by the main Tiger King character, Joe Exotic, was recently auctioned online with a \$650 starting bid. The owner told TMZ that the Greater Wynnewood (G.W. Zoo) Exotic Animal Park had previously sold clothes worn by staff members. He purchased the shirt from the zoo for \$100. The owner had also seen some of Joe Exotic’s hats being offered online for \$800. The auction for the shirt ended on April 17. It received 43 bids and sold for \$10,400.

ABC News reports that a “very special” Porsche 911 Speedster that was recently delivered to a

California dealership will soon be auctioned. “Typically, we would not auction a car that has historic relevance to us – it would go [to] a special customer or in our museum,” according to Klaus Zellmer, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. The Speedster is the “last 991 generation 911 that rolled off the Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen production line in December.” The two-seater convertible is one of only 1,948 produced. Porsche will donate all proceeds to the United Way Worldwide’s COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund. The car has an estimated value of \$312,000.



Movie stars, sports figures, and other celebrities are also helping raise funds for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Opportunities to meet celebrities, buy memorabilia, and for other fan experiences can be found at allinchallenge.com. You can also buy raffle tickets for some of the events for only \$10. As of Sunday, April 19, \$11,646,495 had already been raised.

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In Appreciation of Trees!

Spring has officially sprung and trees, both big and small, are coming alive with long anticipated buds of color. But the promise of lush, green foliage is just one benefit of planting trees. Hot on the cusp of Earth Day and Arbor Day, this column will celebrate the many virtues of trees - from showy shrubs to towering timbers!



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Tree Rx: Did you know just looking at trees can reap health benefits? According to medical studies, recovery rates among hospitalized patients are often quicker when their rooms view a landscaped area compared to patients with non-landscaped views.

Breathe easier: Trees absorb harmful pollutants and small particles from the air which could irritate sensitive lungs. Plus, trees give off oxygen. A mature leafy tree can produce as much oxygen in one season as ten people inhale in a year!

Tree planting tip: It can be difficult to successfully take cuttings from trees or shrubs to root and plant. Here is an option that ups your chances the cutting will take: Take a small potato, make a small hole, and place your shrub cutting inside. Immediately plant, potato and all, either in the ground or in a pot.

Planting pointers: Waiting until the fall to plant encourages good root development. Nurseries often slash prices on perennials and shrubs at the end of the summer, so planting then will reward you with healthy plants on the cheap!

Forest Facts:
*One mighty oak tree may have up to 400 species of plants and animals living on it.
* Trees provide us with thousands of products that go way beyond wood and paper: Items derived from trees include: toothpaste, chewing gum, suntan lotion, paint, film, crayons, perfumes, soap, paper, shatterproof glass, cork, dyes, drugs, syrup, and more.
*It takes approximately 17 to 24 trees to make one ton of paper.

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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.

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Earth Day - Time to “Go Green” with your investments?

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Over the past several weeks, many of us have been working from home in response to the “social distancing” necessitated by the coronavirus. Nonetheless, we still have opportunities to get outside and enjoy Mother Nature. And now, with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day being celebrated on April 22, it’s important to appreciate the need to protect our environment. Of course, you can do so in many ways – including the way you invest.

Some investors are supporting the environment through “sustainable” investing, which is often called ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance) investing. In general, it refers to investments in businesses whose products and services are considered favorable to the physical environment (such as companies that produce renewable energy or that act to reduce their own carbon footprints) or the social environment (such as firms that follow ethical business practices or pursue important societal goals, such as inclusion and pay equity). ESG investing may also screen out investments in companies that produce products some people find objectionable.

ESG investing has become popular in

recent years, and not just with individuals; major institutional investors now pursue sustainability because they think it’s profitable – and plenty of facts bear that out. A growing body of academic research has found a positive relationship between corporate financial performance – that is, a company’s profitability – and ESG criteria.

So, although you might initially be attracted to sustainable investments because they align with your personal values, or because you want to hold companies to higher standards of corporate citizenship, it turns out that you can do well by doing good. Keep in mind, though, that sustainability, like any other criteria, can’t guarantee success or prevent losses.

In any case, be aware that sustainable investing approaches can vary significantly, so you need to determine how a particular sustainable investment, or class of investments, can align with your values and fit into your overall portfolio. Specifically, how will a sustainable investment meet your needs for diversification?

For example, if you desire total control over how your money is invested, you might want to invest in a bas-

ket of individual stocks from the companies you wish to support. But if you want to achieve greater diversification, plus receive the benefits of professional management, you might want to invest in sustainable mutual funds. Be aware, though, that even though they may not market themselves as “sustainable,” many more mutual funds do incorporate sustainability criteria into their investment processes. You also might consider exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which own a variety of investments, similar to regular mutual funds, but trade like stocks. ETFs often track particular indexes, so an ETF with a sustainable focus might track an index including companies that have been screened for social responsibility.

Make sure you understand the fundamentals of any sustainable investment you’re considering, as well as whether it can help you work toward your long-term goals. But by “going green” with some of your investments, you can help keep the spirit of Earth Day alive every day of the year.

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GLOVES

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someone driving around while wearing gloves. He said such action is not only unneeded but defeats the purpose of wearing the gloves at all.

“We’ve seen people in the supermarket with gloves on reaching into their pocketbook or reaching into their back pants pockets. Gloves really aren’t appropriate in that scope,” Chief Kochanowski said. “All you’re doing is spreading the germs worse because you’re getting things on the gloves. You’re reaching into your pocketbook. You’re picking up food. Every time you perform an action you would have to take the gloves off - I am stating that hand washing and hand sanitizing more frequently is a much more effective way to prevent the spread.”

Chief Kochanowski requested that citizens avoid using the disposable gloves in their cars, as touching anything outside the vehicle, from grocery carts to a railing and everything in between, may transfer the virus to the gloves. Once those same gloves touch anything in the vehicle then the car, and anyone in it, becomes exposed.

The chief also discussed proper dis-

posal of the gloves, as Dudley, along with many communities, has seen a disturbing trend of littering, including shoppers simply leaving them on the ground in parking lots. The chief provided an example of how to remove the gloves safely and properly which sees the wearer remove one glove and then fold the glove on the other hand inside out containing one glove inside the other. Afterwards the items should be properly disposed of not left on the ground for others to clean up.

While face masks are effective, and even recommended by state and national experts, Chief Kochanowski concludes that the use of gloves does less to prevent the spread of the virus than proper hand washing and sanitation practices.

“If you’re performing an action in one area, such as washing doorknobs or cleaning the bathroom in your house, you can effectively use gloves. They’re really not appropriate for a grocery store or retail store,” Chief Kochanowski added. “You’re not helping anybody by wearing gloves everywhere, getting in your car, touching doorknobs, leaving them in parking lots because all you’re doing is spreading the virus worse.”

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Lady Butterflies are enjoying a sunny spot in Ms. Dodge’s home. Ms. Dodge is hopeful that she and her students will return to St. Joseph School soon, and she will release the butterflies with her students. Until then, she continues to provide regular updates during her remote lessons. To learn more about the four-year-old Pre-K program at St. Joseph School, take a virtual tour of Ms. Dodge’s classroom, or view the incredi-



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Don't let this watering schedule discourage you from growing in pots. Enlist one or more of these strategies to eliminate the daily burden of watering while still maintaining beautiful and productive gardens.

Grow plants in large

plastic, glazed or other less breathable material to extend the time between watering. The larger the pot and less breathable the container material, the longer the soil stays moist. Small pots made of breathable materials, like unglazed terra cotta, dry out more quickly.

No matter the size and type container used, monitor and adjust your watering schedule based on weather, number of plants in the pot and size of the plants. The more plants used and the larger the plants grow the more water needed; so, frequency will increase over time.

Use self-watering pots to extend the time between watering. Fill the reservoir in these containers as needed. The water moves from the reservoir to the soil where it is needed. This extends the time between



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watering. As your new plantings grow, you will need to fill the reservoir more frequently.

Use a quality potting mix that holds moisture and is well draining to avoid waterlogged soils that can lead to root rot. Most potting mixes contain peat moss, compost or bark to hold moisture.

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Mulch the soil surface in newly planted container gardens. This common garden practice is often overlooked when growing in containers. Cover the soil surface with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic material. This helps conserve moisture until plants grow and shade the soil.

Automate watering with one of the many commercial or DIY container irrigation systems. These are designed to provide water to each individual pot with the turn of the faucet. Attach the irrigation system to the faucet, attach a timer and watering becomes a breeze. Regularly check the system to make sure the lines that deliver water to the pot are

intact and the watering frequency is adjusted throughout the growing season as needed.

Enlist one or more of these strategies to make container gardening a manageable growing system. Once you eliminate the inconvenience of daily watering you may just find yourself planting more container gardens each season.

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

Online auctions remain strong during the pandemic

Although auction houses are not able to run live auctions due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the demand to buy and sell at auctions remains high. Many auction houses have turned to online only auctions to meet this demand. Some items have brought strong prices recently and others will soon be sold that are also expected to sell very well.

A hockey stick dating between 1850 and 1870 is currently being auctioned online, according to Bleacher Report. The "Morse stick" was found by Anthony Bean when he purchased his grandmother's Northfield, Vt. house in 1980. The stick was later gifted to Gary and Germaine Morse. The first recorded hockey game took place in 1875. "Hawkey" is reported to have been played in New England as early as 1845. Another hockey stick from the 1850's known as the "Rutherford stick" sold for \$2.2 million in 2018. The Morse Stick has a starting bid of \$100,000 and may set a record. It



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Many people have been watching shows on live streaming platforms during the pandemic. One of the most popular is "Tiger King" on Netflix. TMZ reported that a pink sequined shirt worn by the main Tiger King character, Joe Exotic, was recently auctioned online with a \$650 starting bid. The owner told TMZ that the Greater Wynnewood (G.W. Zoo) Exotic Animal Park had previously sold clothes worn by staff members. He purchased the shirt from the zoo for \$100. The owner had also seen some of Joe Exotic's hats being offered online for \$800. The auction for the shirt ended on April 17. It received 43 bids and sold for \$10,400.

ABC News reports that a "very special" Porsche 911 Speedster that was recently delivered to a California dealership will soon be auctioned. "Typically, we would not auction a car that has historic relevance to us



-- it would go [to] a special customer or in our museum," according to Klaus Zellmer, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. The Speedster is the "last 991 generation 911 that rolled off the Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen production line in December." The two-seater convertible is one of only 1,948 produced. Porsche will donate all proceeds to the United Way Worldwide's COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund. The car has an estimated value of \$312,000.

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