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Sturbridge native publishes Vietnam memoir

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – From narrowly escaping a road mine to riding on convoys through Viet Cong territory, David Lyman's memoir takes readers on a fascinating journey recalling his time as a Navy photojournalist in Vietnam.

Titled "Seabee 71 in Chu Lai – Memoir of a Navy Journalist with a Mobile Construction Battalion, 1967," Lyman's book required a year to write. Much of the content was gathered from material he'd already written while in the service.

"I read the stories I'd written 50 years ago into the dictation software on my iMac, then rewrote them adding stories that I couldn't have published while in the Navy," said Lyman, who graduated from Tantasqua High School in 1958. "The stories came from the monthly newspaper I wrote, photographed, and edited while on deployment."

In the 1940s and '50s, Lyman grew up in a hunting lodge on Fiskdale's Big Alum Lake. Upon graduation from Tantasqua, he majored in mechanical engineering at Western New England College before attending Boston University as a journalism major.

In his 230-page memoir, Lyman recalls the harrowing days and nights spent writing and photographing in wartime.

"The book is meant for other Seabees and their families, who want to read about what it was like back in 1967 to live and work with a war going on all around you. It's the only memoir that deals with Seabees in Vietnam," said Lyman, who served with the MCB-71 Seabee Battalion for 14 months.

Having written six books, Lyman has covered a variety of subjects and is seeking to publish the others. Among his manuscripts are four chil-

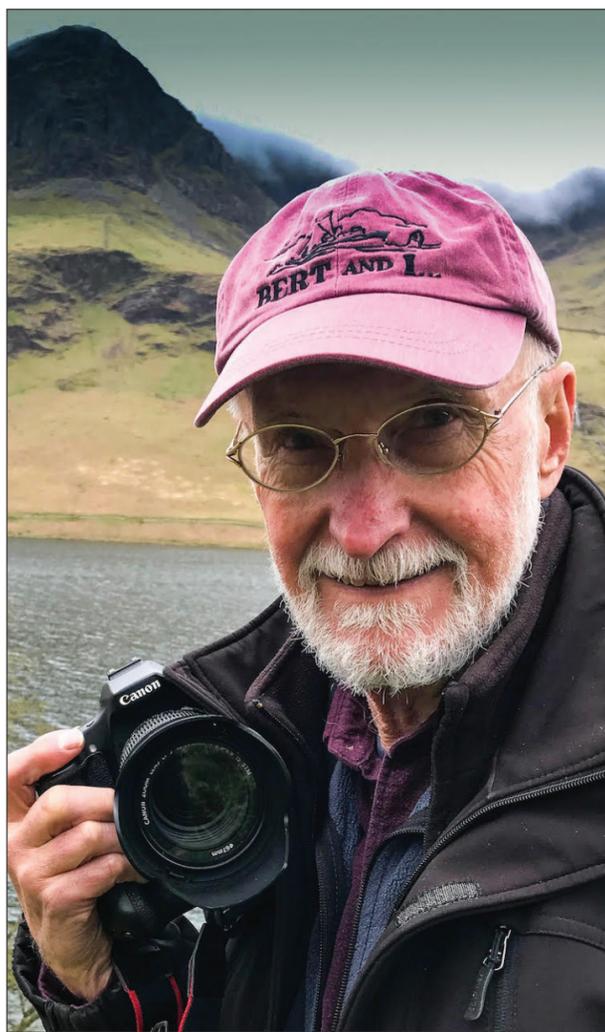


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Author David Lyman's memoir provides readers with a lens into wartime photography and reporting.

dren's literature books, plus a book chronicling his adventures in Cuba and another book on the creative process for artists and entrepreneurs.

Throughout his life, Lyman has always enjoyed sharing stories through multiple formats. He looks forward to continuing to connect with readers and bring people together through common interests. "Writing stories of my adventures is something I've done

since I was in high school," Lyman said. "My career after Tantasqua and college was in radio, television, photography, and journalism."

After his Navy service, Lyman went on to edit weekly newspapers in Vermont and Cape Cod. In 1973, he launched a summer school for photographers in the harbor village of Rockport, Maine.

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Tantasqua Boosters recognize senior athletes

FISKDALE — Typically, the Tantasqua Athletic Booster Club hosts a Senior Sports Banquet for our graduating seniors who have participated in sports during their senior year. The athletes are our guests and family members are invited to attend the banquet at the Garden Tent in the Publick House in Sturbridge.

The unexpected outbreak of the COVID-19 virus led to the cancellation of this year's banquet, but the Boosters still feel that our athletes are more deserving than ever of recognition.

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Becker College recognizes graduates

LEICESTER — Becker College is please to announce the graduation of more than 430 students at a virtual commencement celebration, including the following local residents:

Emma Devlin, of Brimfield, has graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science, Clinical and Laboratory Animal Medicine Concentration.

Meghan Drysdale, of Brimfield, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies.

Micaela Rice, of Sturbridge, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

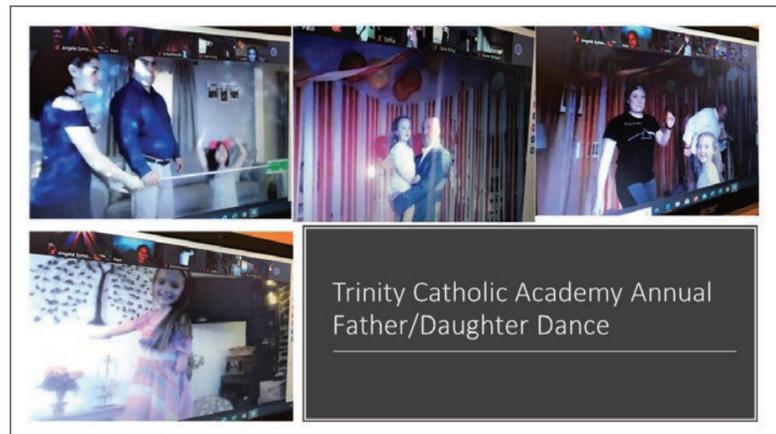
Jaime Richter, of Brimfield, has graduated with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Daniel Staples, of Sturbridge, has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

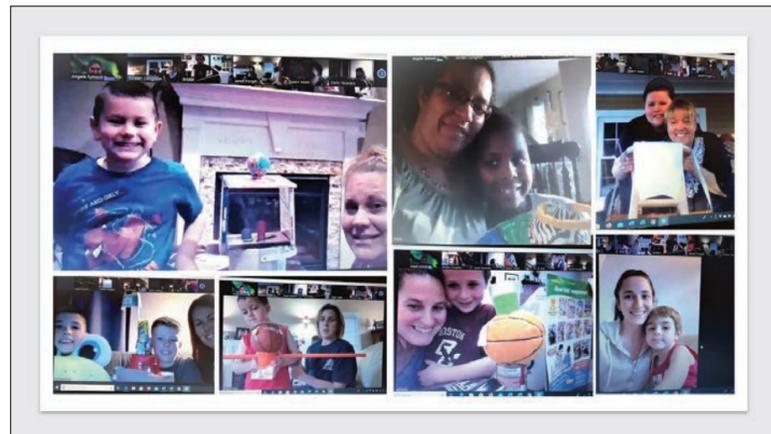
To see Becker College's Commencement page, including details on graduates, awards and a video message from President Crimmin, go to <https://www.becker.edu/student-life/commencement-2020/>

Founded in 1784, Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world attend Becker College, which has campuses both in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

Trinity Catholic Academy keeps fun happening, even virtually!



Trinity Catholic Academy Annual Father/Daughter Dance



SOUTHBRIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy recently held both the Father/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt via Zoom that was open to all TCA students!

The Father-Daughter Dance is in its 10th year hosted by Angela Symock, Assistant

Principal. She has been hosting this since her daughter was in Pre-k at Trinity, her daughter is now a freshman at St. Peter Marian HS. The entertaining event saw an array of dance moves from Waltzes to Limbo. Special thanks go to DJ Paul who volunteered his time and music,

he really kept them engaged. Dads and daughters dressed special if they wished and enjoyed the opportunity to party with family and classmates even if just virtually.

The Mother Son Scavenger Hunt was also held via Zoom, with each participating team building something with all

their findings on the hunt at their homes!

It is great to have so many families continue to participate at this crazy time, special thanks to Angela Symock for organizing both events. This pandemic has made opportunities for family-time in many capacities.

To see more activities that Trinity is involved through the year, check out: <https://trinitycatholicacademy.org/programs/>

Stay tuned, Trinity Catholic Academy will host a Virtual Open House in June for preschool – eighth grade new students.

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QCC President, Chief of Police respond to Floyd protests

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja and QCC's Chief of Police Kevin Ritacco have put out two statements to the QCC community about the recent death of Mr. George Floyd and the riots and protests going on across America.

President Pedraja's statement: "As I began to write this earlier in the week, I had a different message in mind. I had planned to write about the lessons we've learned from the pandemic or about how the challenges we face make us stronger. Yet, neither seems appropriate for the moment. Throughout the week, I've struggled with the images in the news. The rising death toll that numbs us to the many heartbreaks and losses so many families are enduring. I see the disproportionate number of minorities that are dying in this pandemic; the lack of resources for the most vulnerable in our community. I see the self-appointed posse of vigilantes hunting down a black jogger, claiming self-defense. The images of George Floyd struggling to breathe, his cries callously ignored.

"I've struggled for days to find words that can express the unbearable sorrow, anger, and frustration that I feel in every fiber of my being; my soul aches. Maybe that is for the best. Words are

cheap when lives are at stake; they fall on deaf and uncaring ears. Words are twisted and spat back at our face dripping with the poison of ridicule, sarcasm, and malice. Words are silenced as we gasp for air under a chokehold or knee. Words alone do not change history or bend its moral arc. Our words do not define us; our actions do.

"The callous action of an individual should not taint the valor and dedication of those who risk their lives to protect us, but the lack of a swift response to those actions should alarm us. We are a nation divided, where truth and reason seem to have succumbed to the violence of hate and the vile rhetoric that demonizes those who are different from us. The pandemic is but a mere symptom of the disease that plagues our society; the cancer that is eating us from within. If anything, the pandemic has revealed the fractures in our society, the inequities entrenched through centuries of systemic oppression. We see it every day in the struggles of our students, the almost insurmountable challenges they face as they pursue their education. We can no longer afford to ignore the equity gaps, the injustices in society, the disregard for our common humanity. Words alone will not suffice; we must act. We cannot afford to sit idly by.

"There are days when I fear that the

voices of our better angels will be muted by the demons of hatred that haunt us; days when I fear that the darkness that has engulfed us will suffocate the light. Yet, I believe, I must believe, that the dimmest of light will burn more brightly in the darkest of night and that even love defeated is stronger than hate. Throughout history colleges and universities often led the way, sowing the seeds of knowledge and freedom, reinventing our world, and serving as a catalyst for change. In the hallowed halls of colleges and universities, we value differences, protect dissent, and engage in civil discourse. We challenge ideas, seek common ground; focus on solutions rather than blame. I believe in the power of education to effect change. Through education we can lift the veil of lies, ignorance, and fear that has descended upon us. We may try to hide the truth, to deny it, to ignore it, but we cannot escape it. Inevitably, truth will set us free. I invite you, as a college community to lead the way, to be the catalysts of change that our world needs in these trying times."

Chief Ritacco's statement:

"As the Chief of Police for the Quinsigamond Community College Police Department for the last 15 years, as well as a 39-year veteran of the force, the death of George Floyd in Minnesota

has left me appalled, disgusted and disillusioned. I strongly condemn the actions of this former police officer and his colleagues as they demonstrated the very worst actions of not only a police officer, but also as a human being. These officers lost sight of their mission to protect and service the public in the most disrespectful and horrific manner. Their actions have left all professional law enforcement officers angry and disheartened. My department embraces a professional approach to law enforcement, emphasizing superior service, community policing and impartial enforcement of all laws and regulations. The police officers of my department handle themselves professionally and treat each member of our community with respect and consideration regardless of the situation. They have worked extremely hard through their community policing efforts to develop a rapport with the students, faculty and staff of QCC. Their jobs just became much more difficult because of the incredulous nature of the actions that lead to the death of George Floyd.

"Law enforcement professionals must now work together to continue to do their work while rebuilding trust with the communities that they serve."

Health professionals attend QCC's free course

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education has met the challenges of the global pandemic head-on by recently offering a free course on infection control and barrier protection proficiency. Hundreds of practicing allied health professionals attended the course, which focused on pragmatic prevention processes in clinical healthcare environments. Over two dozen Worcester firefighter recruits participated in the course and City of Worcester Training Division Fire Captain Steven Oberg said the class provided up-to-date information and was relevant for his recruits.

"Much of what we do as firefighters involves direct patient care on the street. An educated firefighter is a good firefighter. Someone who can think on their feet and make decisions quickly," Captain Oberg said.

Course attendees were able to learn safe and protective ways to deal with blood borne pathogens, needle-sticks, and sharps safety, an area where recruits may lack experience.

"I would recommend this course to other first responders and healthcare workers. It is a great way to learn new information for those who haven't been trained yet and is also a great way for those who have been trained to

reinforce their training," said recruit Wesley Allain.

Recruit James Sharry agreed.

"Being a firefighter in a time like this can be challenging because of the connection to the community and interactions that are required daily. Having this knowledge can not only help the individual firefighters to remain safe, but it allows for the community as a whole to be sure that they have a full fire force that is not handicapped by many illnesses," Mr. Sharry said, adding, "Protecting ourselves and our colleagues allows us to be available at full strength in health and numbers."

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja said it is vitally important to work together as a community during this health crisis, and the free course is just one of the ways in which the College is helping its community.

"We have redoubled our efforts in finding ways in which to assist our community," President Pedraja said.

Captain Oberg said he has passed the information learned in the course to the District 7 Fire training coordinator, who was going to share it with all district member departments.

"I do feel like the course was valuable and will help me throughout my career as a firefighter. Being a first responder we must know about the safest ways to deal with and control dis-

eases, which is exactly what this course teaches. I have already used some of the information that I learned during this course without being on the job yet," said recruit John Simoncini.

"If another first responder or healthcare worker has not yet taken this course, I would highly recommend they do so," recruit Nicholas Toedt added. "This information is especially important in the current climate. Knowing how to properly control the spread of infectious disease, and understanding the proper safety measures that need to be taken, can ultimately save lives."

To learn more about this course and current free courses offered, visit <https://www.QCC.edu/center-workforce-development-and-continuing-education>

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

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Jakob Shea graduates from University of the Sciences

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DOUGLAS — The Bay Path RVTNS Practical Nursing Academy of Charlton's National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) would have held its induction ceremony at Homecoming on Nurses' Week, but due to school closure and social-distancing orders, the first-ever, touchless, NTHS Induction was held at Douglas Orchard and Farm.

The NTHS is a prestigious club. NTHS members are outstanding in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. For nursing students, NTHS membership also means excellence in clinical practice. Inductees must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Inductees were also recommended by the Practical Nursing faculty and were

scored on volunteer/community service, leadership, and character.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's NTHS Chapter 3994 held its first-ever touchless, self-induction ceremony, May 23 at Douglas Orchard and Farm amidst the beautiful apple blossoms. Traditionally hosted at the Bay Path Campus in Charlton by the NTHS Advisor and Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, she coordinated the outdoor event with Student Representative and NTHS Inductee, Aja Johnson of Springfield, and Aaron Socrat, Property Manager of Douglas Farm and Orchard. The NTHS induction and pinning ceremony was attended by the inductees and their families and observant of CDC guidelines. Faculty and staff in attendance included Professor Cheryl Cahill of Oxford, Professor Lindsay Guertin, and Professor Jason Guertin, both of Spencer. The NTHS induction and pinning ceremony was streamed on Facebook live for community members, on the Academy's page at BayPathPracticalNursing2015.

Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, said "The Academy has been physically closed since March 13, we had successfully transitioned to remote learning. But we have only seen each other or our students virtually. The stars aligned and we were determined to make this even happen. It helped that Superintendent, John Lafleche had given us guidance and that Douglas Farm and Orchard was open and accommodating."

Further, Bolandrina stated "Nursing education is challenging, the Bay Path Practical Nursing curriculum is accelerated and rigorous. To make it through nursing school, qualify for the honor society,



Photo Courtesy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's NTHS Chapter 3994 held its first-ever touchless, self-induction ceremony, May 23 at Douglas Orchard and Farm amidst the beautiful apple blossoms. Among the inductees was Aja Johnson, pictured here with her family.

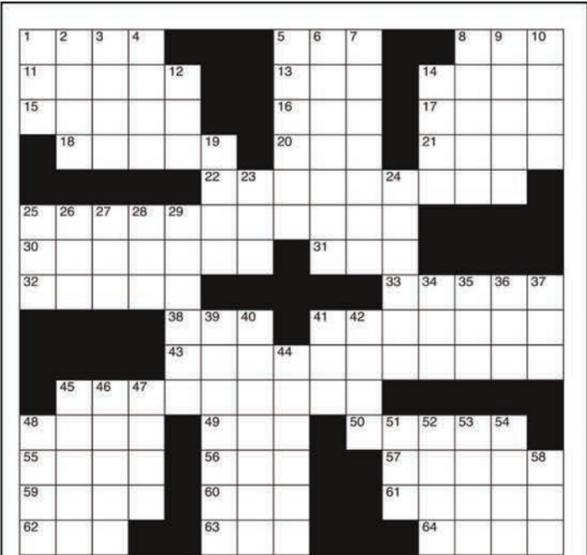
amidst the pandemic, these are outstanding accomplishments that are inspiring and must be recognized."

Ten practical nursing students were recognized during the ceremony. The inductees achieved high honors, demonstrated leadership and exceptional skill development, and had a positive impact on the community. The inductees are Rachel Carlisle of Oxford, Michelle Elicier of Worcester, Cynthia Harris of Ludlow, Aja Johnson of Springfield, JoAnn Milford of Woodstock, Conn., Genshire Maura of Webster, Barbara Owusu of Worcester, Yaizarie Rodriguez of Millbury, Fjolla Shehu of Worcester, and Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn.

Bolandrina gratefully acknowledges the NTHS inductee's families for their

presence and support, Douglas Orchard and Farm for their wonderful physical accommodations, and volunteers Lilly Bolandrina (still photos) and Max Bolandrina (video live stream).

It is the Mission of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School to facilitate current, integrated, and rigorous academic and technical vocational programs that prepare students for the ever-changing world of employment and post-secondary education; to provide a school culture that meets the diverse needs of our student body for safety and mental wellness; and to foster student confidence, professionalism, and life-long learning skills that will enable them to become contributing members of our communities.

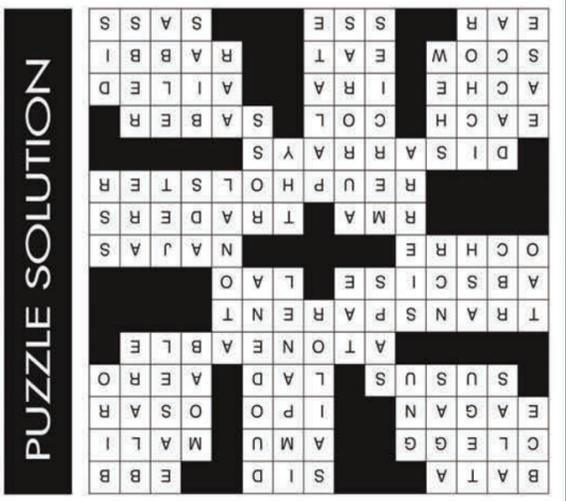


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Swiss shoe company
- 5. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 8. ___ and flow
- 11. Horsefly
- 13. Egyptian pharaoh
- 14. African nation
- 15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow
- 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends
- 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Those who deal
- 43. Apply a new fabric
- 45. Confusions
- 48. "To ___ his own"
- 49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Partner to pain
- 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain
- 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- 60. Consume
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Body part
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Check

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Central American lizard
- 4. Muslim military commanders
- 5. One who takes to the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory
- 9. Honk
- 10. Ballpoint pen
- 12. Large, dark antelope
- 14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 19. Exhausts
- 23. ___-bo: exercise system
- 24. Not written in any key or mode
- 25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 27. Powdery, post-burning residue
- 28. Company that rings receipts
- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials
- 35. NY football player
- 36. A form of be
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Kindnesses
- 40. Natural electrical phenomenon
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Upper surface of the mouth
- 45. National capital
- 46. Fluid in Greek mythology
- 47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
- 48. Freedom from difficulty
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Revolutionaries
- 58. Criticize



Sheriff warns of phone scam

REGION — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is warning residents about a recent phone scam in which the caller tells victims they have an arrest warrant issued in their name. In order to avoid going to jail, the

caller tells the individual they need to pay a fine.

Unlike previous scams which involved claims of missed jury duty, the current scam does not say what the «warrant» is issued for. The scam artist fraud-

ulently uses the Sheriff's Office name and/ or a phony telephone number. Many calls have originated from the phone number, (508) 635-0166. This line has a misleading recording designed to sound like the Sheriff's Office. This number is not associated with the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and is a scam.

In recent days, the sheriff's office has received numerous reports of this type of phone scam. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office encourages people to be aware of calls like this and to never give personal or financial information over the phone to anyone whom you didn't call yourself.

"Our department does not contact residents and demand payment or ask for credit card information. Today's scam artists are always trying to stay ahead of the curve, residents need to beware of any unsolicited calls that ask for cash, money card payments, their personal or credit card information," said the Sheriff. "These callers can sound convincing, will be aggressive and try to intimidate you, even threaten you with jail time. We encourage anyone who gets a suspicious call to just hang up or call authorities first before giving out any type of personal information or money."

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Local historian releases timely new book

WORCESTER — In the spring of 2018, Linda Hixon, lead historian of the Hopedale Women's History Project and former instructor at Worcester State University, realized that the 100th anniversary of the influenza pandemic of 1918 was approaching. Throughout the world, the 1918 pandemic killed the most people in the least amount of time — estimates say between 5 and 10 percent of the world's population died between September and November 1918, with about 675,000 dying here in the United States.

Having spearheaded book projects on Worcester's military heroes from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and World War I, she decided that chronicling this historic event was of paramount importance. Thus was born "The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege."

Shawn Driscoll, a student in the Master's program at Worcester State at the time, collaborated with Hixon. He is currently a second year Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell; his field of study is twentieth century American History

with a concentration in Vietnam Conflict history. Together, they decided to include high school students and volunteers in this project. Driscoll approached Worcester Academy and Worcester Public Schools, and almost 20 students and 10 volunteers joined the effort to remember some of the nearly 1,000 people who died in Worcester from influenza.

Altogether, about 50 profiles were written on the victims of the "Spanish Flu," all of them either residents of the city or dying within the city's limits. But that is less than ten percent of the total number of victims who died here in Worcester. Very few photos of the victims could be found, although some volunteers wrote biographies of family members who perished during the epidemic. Those photos of loved ones have been included in the book.

The book also includes chapters by local historians and academics on the city's response to the influenza epidemic. The chapters range from the effort of the local media to inform the public; the volunteer efforts of local groups to try and aid the sick, the dying, and the

orphaned; the creation of an emergency hospital to take the strain off the local medical establishment; how influenza impacted the African-American population of Worcester; how local cemeteries dealt with the influx of the dead; and an account of the Worcester County town of Milford, where the local population of poor immigrants was devastated by the disease.

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early wrote the foreword for "The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege." Early's family lost a member to influenza — Helen Labuski, who died on December 31, 1918 at barely 18 months old. Helen was the last death in 1918 as influenza resurged in Worcester. Once the death toll began to fall the city attempted to return to "normal," but they did so too soon — hundreds more would die between mid-October when the restrictions eased, and May 24, 1919 when Bertha Mackey became Worcester's last official death from the influenza pandemic.

"A project like this, remembering the victims of a medical disaster, is important at any time in history. But I believe

it is most important now because we have forgotten the lessons of the past. We have forgotten that human lives are more important than economic gain. We have forgotten to keep our neighbors safe by wearing masks and keeping our distance," Hixon said. "We have forgotten to protect the vulnerable by keeping public gatherings to a minimum. Worcester's powers-that-be took similar steps in 1918, but not without a fight and not until it was too late, and more people died than was necessary. And restrictions were ended too soon, leading to even more deaths. Worcester was not alone — this happened in most cities and towns across the country during that pandemic 100 years ago, and more people died. The fact that we have forgotten those lessons is to our shame. More will die because we have forgotten our past."

Hixon and Driscoll launched a Kickstarter to help raise money to publish "The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege." www.kickstarter.com/projects/1918grip/the-grip For more information, please contact Linda Hixon at 508-373-8315.

Marianapolis celebrates honor society inductions

THOMPSON, Conn. — On Wednesday, May 27, Marianapolis held virtual induction ceremonies for the National Chinese Honor Society and the National Honor Society. Congratulations to the new and renewing members of each society.

National Chinese Honor Society: Renewing Members:
Michael Acquaaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA
Christopher Sullivan, Charlton, MA
New Members:
Kylie Miller, Webster, MA
Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA

National Honor Society Renewing Members:
Class of 2020:

Michael Acquaaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA
Lily Alessandro, Pomfret Center, CT
Ryan Barnwell, Danielson, CT
Marielle Caparso, Worcester, MA
Julia Crosby, Whitinsville, MA
Zachary Hall, Plainfield, CT
Katelyn Jacoboski, Willington, CT
Nhi Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Yasmeen Osborne, Brooklyn, CT
Sara Powers, Grafton, MA
Brendan Phaneuf, Danielson, CT
Elizabeth Schoemer, Oxford, MA
Alex Stawiecki, Thompson, CT
Mary Wall, Northborough, MA

Class of 2021:
Abigail Boria, Charlton, MA
Alexandra Delano, Charlton, MA

Sofia Hargrave, Charlton, MA
Maura Hoban, Millbury, MA
Emma McQuiston, Webster, MA
New Members:
Class of 2020:
Panachai Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Pannawat Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Anh Dao, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Madeline Hollett, Charlton, MA
Julia Kilroy, Upton, MA
Andie Lee, Charlton, MA
Ryan Martin, Douglas, MA
Lucas Yash, Webster, MA

Class of 2021:
Fiona Doiron, Charlton, MA
Chiara Faiola, Auburn, MA

Brianne Rett, Uxbridge, MA
John Vigliotti, Worcester, MA
Yunpeng Wang, Shenzhen, China
Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA
Wenyang Yuan, Beijing, China

Class of 2022:
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Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson, CT
Ashley Giorgio, Millbury, MA
Kaylynn Horan, Putnam, CT
Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock, CT
Declan O'Connor, West Boylston, MA
Grace Rhoads, Stafford Springs, CT
Maya Summiel, Dayville, CT
Christian Terwilliger, Lebanon, CT

Tree House gets approval for outdoor improvements

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Board of Selectmen has given its approval for Tree House Brewing Company to proceed with upgrades to facilitate an enhanced outdoor experience at the popular venue on Sturbridge Road.

The unanimous approval from the town's highest elected board allows the brewery to proceed with planned exterior upgrades to the property including 9,000 square feet of green space and an additional 54,000 square feet of outdoor seating space. The project had received approval from numerous other boards and commissions in town prior to the Board of Selectmen hearing. Kimberly Golinski, a representative of Tree House Brewing Company, met with selectmen during a livestreamed meeting at the end of May and detailed the nature of the upgrades as part of a multi-step initiative to enhance the customer experience.

"We've been doing a lot of stuff up there with the expansion of our warehouse. We did a lot of work with our driveway and we have a lot more grass area now. We're just trying to create a

more comfortable environment because we do see a lot of people. We're not trying to increase the number of people, we're just trying to make it so that those who are already on the premises are more comfortable," Golinski said.

While the planned upgrades pre-date the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, selectmen credited Tree House Brewing Company for being ahead of the curve in prioritizing outdoor seating. Selectman John McGrath said he feels it will be a good move for Tree House.

"A lot more business in the cities are going to have to do this to extend their premises so they can have outdoor seating," McGrath said. "I think this is a good step for them."

Golinski responded saying that while the plans are not a direct response to the pandemic it will help with their plans to reopen as businesses begin to welcome guests back on their properties. However, the overall idea is to give customers a good experience whether in the current business climate or in a more "normal" business atmosphere.

"We have a lot of people (on weekends). It's a little bit overwhelming. It's nice to see those people but we also want people to be comfortable and not

to feel so claustrophobic. We're hoping this is going to create a more leisurely type of experience," Golinski said.

Selectmen reiterated past comments calling Tree House Brewing Company "great partners" for the community and

crediting them with being proactive when working with police to control traffic and adjusting to the COVID-19 pandemic. The green space portion of the project approved during the meeting is expected to be completed by July.

Carrie Wiater earns degree from University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Carrie Wiater of Holland graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies during commencement ceremonies on May 17.

The university conferred degrees this

year on some 3,183 graduates, including 2,415 bachelor's, 533 master's, 114 doctoral and 121 medical degree recipients. The Class of 2020 includes graduates from 39 states and 30 countries.

The class's academic achievement was saluted online with remarks from UVM President Suresh Garimella, Vermont Governor Phil Scott, and university and state leaders.

About UVM

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Elise Hanks-Witaszek graduates from Lebanon Valley College

ANNVILLE, Pa. — Elise Hanks-Witaszek of Brimfield, Mass., is one of nearly 430 students marked their academic success and achievements during the culmination of a week-long virtual celebration as part of Lebanon Valley College's 151st Commencement Saturday, May 9.

Hanks-Witaszek received a bachelor of science in actuarial science. Hanks-Witaszek is a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School.

Dr. Robert Machado, chair of humanities and director of English, delivered the Commencement address. Machado encouraged students to view the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to act boldly and creatively in their work as the next generation of leaders.

"I have confidence in my students and this graduating class to lead the way and make a better world," Machado said. "There's real work to be done. You don't need me or any authority to get started."

Maddie Dietz '20, class president, followed with a creative speech that highlighted Dutchman resiliency, optimism, and ingenuity. Dietz encouraged her fellow graduates to "always remember the love and memories that we will always share in our hearts and in our minds."

Along with celebrating graduates, LVC announced the winners of several major annual awards.

Dr. Robert Carey, associate professor of biology, and director of the biochemistry & molecular biology program, presented the top student award, the H. Anthony Neidig Award, to Brandon

Roy, who graduated with a near-perfect 4.0 GPA with a B.S. in biochemistry & molecular biology. Roy received numerous academic accolades during his four years at the College including acceptance into the Cornell University Summer Scholars Program, recognition as a Barry Goldwater Scholar, selection as a Fulbright Research Grant alternate to London, and distinction as an Honorable Mention in the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

Roy also excelled throughout campus. He served as a Study Pod leader for seven courses, First-Year Mentor, Resident Assistant, and leader of the Organ Guild. He volunteered for a College service trip to the Dominican Republic, participated with the LVC Brazilian student exchange program, and earned the Gold Service Award, the highest service honor bestowed by LVC.

Roy has accepted a full-scholarship to pursue his Ph.D. at Cornell University this fall.

Also during Commencement, Dr. Monica Cowart, provost and vice president of academic affairs, announced Dr. Michael Fink, chair and associate professor of physical therapy, as the recipient of this year's Vickroy Award, the top honor for a full-time faculty member. Numerous letters from students noted Fink's influence on their academic careers. One student wrote, "There is a difference between a teacher and an educator Dr. Fink exemplifies the true definition of an educator."

Dr. Fink is a former U.S. Air Force physical therapist who is dual board-certified in orthopedics and sports, both of which are part of his private clinical practice areas away from campus. He is a national lecturer, published researcher, and winner of numerous physical therapy awards.

The second teaching award presented by Dr. Cowart during Commencement was the Nevelyn J. Knisley Award, annually bestowed on a part-time or adjunct member of the College faculty. Dr. Joseph R. Hribick, adjunct instructor in physical therapy and clinical director of Madden Physical Therapy, received this year's honor. He was acknowledged by students "for modeling every day how to be an exemplary practicing professional and leader in the field of physical therapy."

As part of Commencement, Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC president, conferred an honorary Doctor of Music (D.Mus.) to Stuart Malina, maestro of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. Malina was honored for "his nearly two decades as music director and conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, for being a visionary proponent of the arts in Central Pennsylvania, and for his commitment to Lebanon Valley College, which includes serving as a Distinguished Lazin Resident in 2010 and receiving the College's Founders Medal in 2012."

Dr. Alan Walker, assistant professor of exercise science, received the Educator of the Year Award from Justin Lytle '20, Student Government

president, on behalf of the student body. This honor is bestowed annually on a member of the full-time faculty who embodies the transformative power of the LVC experience, in and out of the classroom.

President Thayne has promised graduates and their families that the College will host an on-campus Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2020 at a later time, when it is safe to hold large group events.

About Lebanon Valley College
Lebanon Valley College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts and humanities, business and communications, education, health professions, social sciences and psychology, and science, technology, engineering, and math. Advanced health professions degrees include master of athletic training, master of clinical mental health counseling, master of science in exercise science (three tracks), master of speech-language pathology, and a doctor of physical therapy.

Online and graduate programs include an MBA with six concentrations and a general option offered on-campus or partially or fully online, a Master of STEM Education, an Integrative STEM Education Certificate, a Master in Music Education, and a Modern Band Certificate. In 2018 and 2019, the College was listed as #1 in Pennsylvania (and #1 and #4 overall, respectively) for graduate job placement by the career guidance site Zippia.com, using federal data.

Project New Hope receives donation for veterans, military families

WORCESTER—On May 26, Padraic Rafferty, Associate Attorney at Eden Rafferty Attorneys at Law, and candidate for Massachusetts Governor's Council, visited Project New Hope in Worcester to deliver a \$500 donation. Rafferty was joined by Sterling resident and US Army veteran Fionuala Dullea, who donated a large quantity of baby supplies, including diapers, formula, and hygiene products.

Project New Hope was founded in January 2011 by Bill Moore, a disabled US Air Force veteran and former social worker. Project New Hope serves all six New England states, and helps veterans transition from military to civilian life, and to create mutual support networks and camaraderie among veterans, wounded warriors and military families.

"These donations mean more to Project New Hope than I can say," said Moore. "We have a lot of military families with disabilities, and they're struggling. They are often reluctant to ask for help. They're the first to offer help, but the last to ask for it. What we offer is a hand up, not a handout."

In addition to a food pantry, Project New Hope offers supplies for children from newborn through toddler. All items are brand new, including clothing donated by Carter's, a major American designer of children's apparel.

"The donation of diapers is huge for us," said Moore. "Diapers and formula are so expensive, which can pose a real hardship for families, especially when there's a disability. I know our military families will be as grateful as I am for these generous donations."

Padraic Rafferty is an attorney and candidate for Massachusetts Governor's Council. He became aware of the need among veterans and military families through his association and friendship with Dullea, a US Army veteran. "It's an honor to be here at Project New Hope and to hear about the enormous service they're providing to veterans and active military families," he said. "As the father of a one-year-old, I'm hugely aware of not only the joys of parenthood, but of the significant expense involved. I'm delighted to help this wonderful organization."

Massachusetts will hold an election for all eight seats on the Governor's Council on November 3. The primary is scheduled for September 1. The Massachusetts Governor's Council is a governmental body that provides

advice and consent in certain matters, such as judicial nominations, pardons, and commutations, to the Governor of Massachusetts. In addition to the regular court system, there are six specialized courts in Massachusetts that are dedicated to veterans' issues, with the goal of reducing incarceration and recidivism rates among veterans, while helping them to address mental health, substance abuse, and other issues they may face.

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EDITORIAL

The chosen class

Students throughout the area are flipping tassels this week, albeit not in the traditional way. But while nothing about this rite of passage will unfold as expected this year, we hope that our local graduates seize the opportunity to fulfill Oprah Winfrey's prophetic comment that they are "the chosen class."

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amid a global pandemic. This summer, finding work won't be as easy as it once was, and figuring out if college campuses will even open this fall remains another question mark. With that being said, this time in an 18-year-old's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following

1. Don't smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day; and
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you are the one who needs to make it what it is and what it will be.

And above all, we invite our readers to join us in expressing congratulations to the class of 2020!

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OPINION

IEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

The optimism of the human spirit

The events unfolding as I pen this column are an insult to the human spirit. The unnecessary and terrible death of a fellow human being at the hand of someone we should trust is beyond the limits of the word tragic. I'll resist dedicating the limited space available weekly by repeating what many other columnists are writing in the despair we all feel the over the death of George Floyd. My sympathies are with his family.

Buried in the tragedy is our nations return to human space travel. The weekend accomplishment of a wildly successful joint venture between SpaceX and NASA was something in which we should all take pride.

For the first time since 2011, American astronauts were delivered safely and successfully to the International Space Station by this collaboration between the private sector and the federal government. The United States of America has once again taken the lead and made us all proud.

I think that all the advancements are not as important as the effect these achievements have on the human spirit. Space.com writes, "Many of us still remember the first time we saw Earth from the Moon's orbit, when the astronauts of Apollo 8 filmed it on Christmas Eve, in 1968. Many argue this global awareness started the conservation movement, which might turn out to be the space program's greatest spinoff and may save the earth's climate in the long run. Many of us were inspired when we saw the astronauts walk on the Moon, and realized that if mankind could do that, we could do almost anything. The achievements of NASA's unmanned spacecraft are phenomenal, and deserving of acclaim, but they don't lift people's spirits to these heights."

Our return to manned space travel is important beyond the technology it inspires. I'm a Baby Boomer. I remember as if it were yesterday, the pride of the nation as our Mercury Astronauts were breaking new ground and taking our nation into space. We were taken out of our grade school classes and brought to the gymnasium while five hundred students crowded around a small black and white television screen and struggled breathlessly to watch John Glenn become the first human being to orbit the earth. The technological climax of it all was as Neil Armstrong placed the first human foot in history on the Moon.

The pride and sheer joy of American's have maybe never been higher since that day. It made our generation believe the stars were not the limits and we could achieve anything our minds could conceive. The very idea that we are on the path to sending astronauts to Mars is an incredible tribute to the indelible optimism of the human spirit. As Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX says, "There is a difference between improbable and impossible. If we are not defying

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ing the laws of physics, any challenge can be met and accomplished through engineering." That is pure optimism and it's true.

NASA says, "Human space exploration helps to address fundamental questions about our place in the Universe and the history of our solar system. Through addressing the challenges related to human space exploration we expand technology, create new industries, and help to foster a peaceful connection with other nations."

The past benefits of our manned space efforts are often forgotten. Ranging from kidney dialysis, fetal heart monitors and programmable heart pacemakers, these are just the tip of the technological iceberg created by our efforts to reach out to the stars. Our return to space will undoubtedly not just provide celestial travel but once again bring our nation back to the forefront of technological advancement.

Unfortunately, this magnificent achievement in space has been forever scarred by one man's indifference and lack of compassion for his fellow man. A human being who callously placed his knee on the throat of another simply because he had the power and could, has caused pain, suffering and death. If we can figure out how to catapult two men into space and return them safely, surely, we can learn to live in peace and harmony with others ... at least logic tells us so. Unfortunately, this week, logic, compassion, and love for one another is out the window.

I believe in the compassion and love of our human nature. I know we cannot allow the tragic actions of the few to destroy the lives of the majority. Those of us who love must condemn and fight hate. Where there is good, there will also be evil, but we cannot give into this reality and must fight evil with love.

I'm left only this morning with prayer. Heavenly Father,

You taught us through your words and example to love each other as we love ourselves. You commanded us not to murder, yet through all our advances, we seem unable to protect the vulnerable from the powerful. I pray for the family of George Floyd, that they will find peace amidst the chaos and comfort from their pain of loss. I pray for our nation and world to find healing and resolution to the hurt and anger rampaging through our communities and I pray fervently that we will finally internalize your words and love one another."

Amen

I believe we will overcome. ■

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Garden "Recipes" to Try

It's growing season and nearly every successful backyard gardener uses a few tricks of the trade to ensure a successful season. But the average gardener is not without challenges this time of year, whether it is repelling pesky garden pets or curing black spot disease.

With this in mind, the following tried and true "recipes," made from ordinary household ingredients offer a creative solution to common lawn and garden problems.

*Note, these are home "recipes" from multiple sources. Use with caution and at your own risk.

Natural Pesticide
If the bugs are bugging your precious plants, try this natural insecticide to rid your garden of the hungry pests without harsh chemicals.

Ingredients: Three hot green peppers (canned or fresh); two or three cloves of garlic; three quarters of a tsp. liquid detergent or soap; three cups water. Instructions: Puree the peppers and garlic cloves in a blender. Pour into a spray bottle and add the liquid soap and water. Let stand 24 hours. Strain out pulp and spray onto infested plants, making sure to coat both tops and bottoms of leaves. Caution: Always test any new insecticide on a few small plants first.

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Sticking to budget can boost your emergency fund

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual's total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.



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In normal times, it's a good idea for you to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won't have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you're likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59 and a half. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.)

Of course, life is expensive, so it's not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren't going to use for your normal cash flow. That's why it's so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

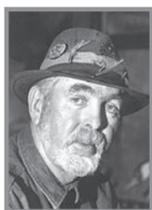
There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it's up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you've budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you'll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up "a few things" – because it doesn't really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You'll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you'll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you've saved – it may be much more than you'd expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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Of blackfish and boat ramps

The Covid-19 outbreak has anglers searching for answers relative to nonresidents of Rhode Island using boat ramps in Rhode Island and residents of Rhode Island using boat ramps in Massachusetts! This weekend, a couple of Rhode Island anglers were ready to launch their boat in Plymouth, Mass., hoping to catch some mackerel. They were quickly turned away by law enforcement. The ramps are open to Massachusetts residents only!

I was told that Rhode Island had the same practice, but it did not seem as though it was being enforced. I would recommend boaters that are planning to use boat ramps in Rhode Island, call the Environmental Police headquarters in Rhode Island before heading out. I tried to reach the agency over the weekend, but was unable to reach them.

This past week, Matt Fontain & this writer fished Galilee Rhode Island hoping to catch a few fish for the dinner table. We launched the boat at the state ramp, that was renovated a few years ago. There was only a couple of cars with boat trailers in the parking lot, that had evidently gone fishing. We had

stopped at Quaker Lane bait & Tackle shop to purchase a few green crabs, as we planned to catch a few tautog before the season closed, at the end of the month.

It was extremely foggy, with only a quarter mile visibility as we headed out from the boat ramp. Fortunately, Matt had a great Lowrance GPS that made it easy to navigate out to our fishing spot. This writer has been fishing the area for many years, and was extremely comfortable with the foggy conditions. After we located a few fish, we shut the motor down and started to drift, hoping to catch a few Legal-size fluke.

It was not long before we started to get a few bites on our squid strips, but we only managed to catch a few sea robins, which are mainly trash fish, although some people do eat them. They can also be cut up as bait for bottom feeding fish. This writer was drifting a piece of squid on a single hook when my rod tip suddenly bent to the water. I quickly set the hook and I realized I had a decent fish on the rod. A bit of line was stripped from the reel, as Matt quickly grabbed the net when he saw the large seabass come into view. I gently maneuvered the fish towards the net, which was scooped up and placed in the boat.

«Nice sea-bass,” I remarked. Unfortunately, we had to release the fish because the season does not open until June in Rhode Island. The season is already open in Massachusetts, but the rules and regulations on salt-water recreational fishing vary from state to state. We took a quick picture and released the fish. It will more than likely end up in a commercial trawlers net before the day was out, as three trawlers were working not far from our boat! The fog had finally lifted and revealed numerous boats in the area.

Matt loves to fish as much as I do, and he was as excited as I was when his rod tip surged to the water. He quickly set the hook and the fight was on.

“Another nice fish,” I remarked.

I thought he had another sea-bass but when the fish came into view, I realized he had a nice tautog. Catching a tautog (black fish) on a fluke rig is extremely rare. I quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the four pound tautog and set it on the floor of the boat. After placing the fish into the live well, we continued fishing.

Finally, I managed to hook into a 17-inch fluke which also had to be released, as the new regulation on fluke for recreational anglers was increased to 19 inches this year. Before



releasing the fish, I noticed something in his mouth, and upon opening his mouth, I took the pliers and removed a five-inch sand eel from him. Sand eels are more common bait fish on the Cape, as I have never observed one during all of my years of fishing in Rhode Island.

The tide was ready to change so we decided to target some tautog. We headed for the light house area at Point Judith, set the anchor after finding some rocky areas and started to use crabs for bait. It was a slow

bite but we managed to catch a few undersize tautog and a few scup. The fog was starting to move back in so we decided to call it a day. Matt started the 90 horsepower motor, and we headed back to the launch area. It was a great day on the water.

Stripers are reported to be in at the Providence River again. Hopefully, they will stay around for a while. Bluefish have also started to bite in the river also.

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AAS Winner Purple Majesty Millet is another bird magnet. Tolerant of heat and drought it grows three to five feet tall and its green leaves turn purple in the sunlight. Twelve-inch-long flower spikes top the plant, making it the perfect thriller in container gardens, backdrop in flowerbeds or addition to garden bouquets. But you'll want to leave most of the flowers on the plants to produce seeds that bring in the birds.

Another group of AAS Winners, the



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flocking to the plants. Coneflowers are well known for their bird appeal. Our native purple and pale purple coneflowers are always a good choice, but a few relatively new hardy varieties increase the color options for gardeners. The 2020 AAS Winner Sombrero® Baja Burgundy was trialed for three years, survived brutal winter and summer conditions and continued to produce deep-violet-red flowers midsummer to frost.

Cheyenne Spirit Echinacea produces a mix of purple, pink, red and orange flowers while PowWow Wild Berry's compact plants are topped with deep rose-purple flowers. Start these two from seed in early spring and be rewarded with colorful flowers the first summer.

A popular companion of coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, are sure to add a bright spot of color to any garden. And as the flowers fade, they provide an abundance of seed for birds to enjoy

fall through winter. The 2020 AAS Winner American Gold Rush provides all the beauty plus a resistance to Septoria leaf spot disease.

Longtime favorite flowers like cosmos, coreopsis, marigolds and zinnias also help bring in the seed-eating birds. Select single flowered varieties for maximum seed production. Radiance and Cosmic Orange cosmos, Sahara Starlight and the Profusion series of zinnias are a few outstanding performers to consider.

Look for other award-winning varieties that attract seed-eating birds, hummingbirds and other pollinators to your garden on the AAS website (all-americanselections.org). AAS is a non-profit trialing organization with test gardens and volunteer judges across the United States and Canada. Winners are selected for their outstanding performance in home gardens and containers.

Increase your garden's beauty, decrease maintenance and bring in the birds with a few of these winning flower varieties.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20

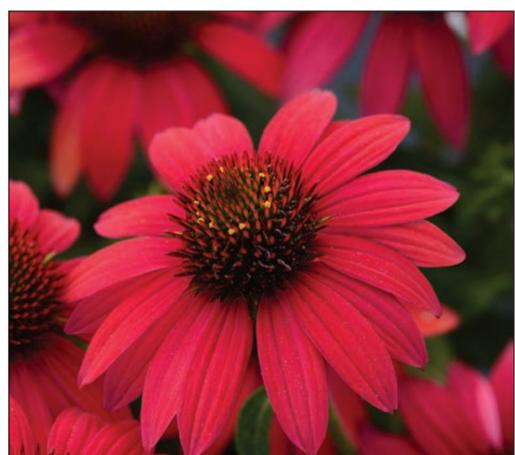


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After surviving brutal winter and summer conditions, Echinacea Sombrero® Baja Burgundy, a 2020 All-America Selections winner, continued to produce flowers midsummer to frost during a three-year plant trial.

gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Trinity Catholic Academy Alums awarded at St. Peter Marian

SOUTHBRIDGE — A pair of former Trinity Catholic Academy students have been honored for their academic and athletic performance at St. Peter Marian High School.

Kosmo Symock is the recipient of the James "Jimbo" McLaughlin Memorial Award! This award is given annually to a young man at St. Peter Marian High School who excels in sports but more importantly has pride for his school above all else as James

McLaughlin did. Symock is a TCA alum and a 2020 graduate of St. Peter Marian HS currently residing in Douglas. He played Varsity Baseball and was Captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team. He will attend Fitchburg State University this fall studying Secondary Education with a commitment to play baseball.

Julio Del Valle has been awarded the Renaissance Athlete Award at St. Peter Marian High School!

This award is given to just 2 students annually who are well-rounded individuals in the areas of scholarship, arts, and athletics.

Julio Del Valle, is a TCA alum and 2020 graduate at St. Peter Marian from Southbridge. Julio participated in Outdoor Track & Field, as well as Varsity Cross Country. He will attend Stonehill College this fall, studying Criminology.



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Julio Del Valle (left) and Kosmo Symock (right).

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Silver age comic books

In my last column, I offered a brief history of comic books and discussed Modern Age and Bronze Age comic books. I will discuss the Silver Age of comic books in this column, which took place from 1956 to 1970. Some sources, including Britannica, list 1969 as the final year though.



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site has a timeline of the introduction of new comic book characters. Supergirl first appeared in 1959. The Justice League was first published in 1960. As previously mentioned, the Fantastic Four was created in 1961. 1962 saw the introduction of the Incredible Hulk and Spider-Man. Ironman and the X-Men first appeared in 1963.

In our last live auction, we sold a first edition of the Incredible Hulk. Despite being in only fair condition, it went for \$4,500. High quality Silver Age comics in near perfect condition can bring huge prices. A Fantastic Four # 1 sold for over \$200,000 in 2012. In 2018, Justice League issue # 1

Four's premier edition was published in November of 1961. Marvel later created the Incredible Hulk, the Mighty Thor, Daredevil, the X-Men, Captain America and the Amazing Spider-Man.

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also brought over \$200,000. An Incredible Hulk # 1 sold for over a third of a million dollars in 2018. A first issue of X-Men fetched nearly \$500,000 in 2012. A 1962 copy of Amazing Fantasy # 15 featuring the first appearance of Spider-Man sold for nearly \$800,000 at auction this year. That should have made the consignor feel almost superhuman.

Unfortunately, there is some disappointing local antique news. The July Brimfield Antique Show has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The September show is still scheduled though for Sept. 8 through the 13.

As I mentioned in my last column, we are changing our approach to keep everyone safe and healthy during these times. The good news is that we have reopened online bidding on our Rutland farm estate auction. We will have a preview on June 20. Masks will be required and we will be following social distancing guidelines. Bidding will end on June 24. We continue to accept smaller sized, high quality consignments that can be shipped to bidders across the country for our online only auction that will take place this month, ending on June 25.



Contact us at: Wayne and Appraisal Services www.tuiskulaauctioneer/appraiser centralmassauctions.com (508-Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales 612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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this cocktail, which features the unexpected addition of beer to the above "recipe".

Ingredients: one cup Epsom salts; one cup household ammonia; one can beer; two cups water
Directions: Pour into hose-end sprayer and apply. Covers and peeps up about 2000 square feet.

All Purpose Lawn Fertilizer
Lush lawns don't have to be a luxury with this homemade brew.

Ingredients: One can of beer; one can of cola (not diet); one box or cup of apple juice; one cup lemon scented dishwashing liquid; one cup ammonia; one cup liquid lawn fertilizer.
Instructions: Mix together all ingredients. If you buy liquid lawn fertilizer with a hose sprayer attachment, you can use the attachment with any one liter bottle to make a 50 gallon sprayer. Spray your lawn and garden with the above mixture every three weeks, early in the day.
*For houseplants, mix four shot glasses of the above mixture to one gallon of water and add one quarter tsp. unflavored gelatin.

Black Spot Cure for Roses
Get roses back in tip top shape with this simple spray.

Ingredients: three tablespoons baking soda; one gallon water.
Directions: Mix together both ingredients and spray roses. Pick up any fallen rose leaves and burn them or take them to the dump.

Miracle Grower Garden Tonic
Are your plants suffering from lackluster leaves? Are your blooms bowing out? Try this tonic to miraculously rejuvenate your plants this growing season.

Ingredients: Five gallon bucket; water; three pkgs. unflavored gelatin; two cups Epsom salts; one teaspoon Borax (boron); one fourth cup dishwashing liquid (made with vegetable oils, not animal fats).
Instructions: Put gelatin and Epsom salts in bucket as you fill it with water, so they will dissolve properly. Add borax and stir. Put soap in last (to keep down suds). Mix well. Use about two cups of formula per plant or group of plants. May be poured directly over foliage and allowed to soak in ground. In two to three days, plants and foliage should perk up nicely.

Cut Garden Flower Preservative
The theory behind this recipe is that Listerine contains sucrose and a bactericide to extend the life of cut flowers.

Ingredients: two ounces Listerine mouthwash; one gallon water
Directions: Mix together and pour into vase of cut flowers.

Exterior Mildew Wash
Extinguish mold on outside garden walls and other surfaces with this powerful mildew wash.

Ingredients: three quarts warm water; one quart liquid laundry bleach, such as Clorox; one quarter cup powdered laundry detergent such as Tide; two thirds of a cup trisodium phosphate (available at paint stores)
Directions: Mix well and apply to surfaces with a stiff broom. Let stand for one half hour. Rinse well with a garden hose to prevent damage to plants. Wear rubber gloves when handling.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random

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

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

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Hi! My name is Justin and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" is one of my favorite songs to sing along to!

Justin is a cheerful Hispanic boy who always has a bright smile on his face! He loves listening to music, singing along to nursery rhymes, dancing, and being read to. When Justin hears a familiar song, he will clap his hands and cheer! Justin loves any opportunity to be in the car and go someplace new. In fact, his visiting resource expressed Justin's excitement for going out to eat and stroll around the mall. Justin is a curious child who will continue to find joy and wonder when placed with an adoptive family who shares his love for adventure.

Justin enjoys school activities such as swimming and exploring the sensory room. He benefits from specialized supports and supervision. Justin has made many strides since being at his current placement; his team is proud of the progress he is making with his communication skills, too.

Justin is legally freed for adoption. We are looking for a family with room in their hearts and lives to support Justin and his needs into adulthood. Justin especially enjoys being around other children. His social worker is hopeful to match him with a dedicated two-parent family in Massachusetts that has knowledge of medical needs.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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OBITUARIES

Charles R. Pierce, 82

AGAWAM/ STURBRIDGE- Charles R. Pierce, 82, passed away on Friday, May 29th, in the Heritage Hall South nursing facility, Agawam, after an illness.



His wife of 46 years, Loretta T. (Puduski) passed away in 2011. He is survived by his sister, Lucille B. Forgues of Agawam and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by four brothers, Lawrence, Roland, Luther and Lloyd and by three sisters, Lila, Lorraine and Leona. He was born in Duxbury the son of Luther and Lottie (Hunt) Pierce. Charles was a US

Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Charles was a barber for many years working in Worcester barber shops. He loved music and loved to sing. He was an avid card player and always up for a good game of chance. He enjoyed traveling, whether it be going to Las Vegas or just going for a car ride. He also enjoyed going out to eat. Charles was a very charming person who built a family of friends everywhere he went. He had a great gift of making people feel good about themselves.

A graveside service for Charles in Brimfield Cemetery, Brimfield, will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Wonderfund, 600 Washington Street, 6th floor, Boston, MA 02111.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

G. Elizabeth Brackett, 89

STURBRIDGE- G. Elizabeth (Beaudry) Brackett, 89, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 28th, after a long illness.



Her husband, James W. Brackett, passed away in 2002. She leaves her four children, Alan J. Brackett and his wife Ann of Dudley, John S. Brackett and his wife Renee of Southbridge, Laurie A. Lapierre

and her husband Jeffrey of Southbridge and Randy C. Brackett and his companion Christine Hanson of Clayville, RI. She also leaves a brother, Joseph W. Beaudry, Sr. of Southbridge and her three sisters, Louise P. Caouette of Charlton, Sylvia M. Bialy of Arroyo Grande, CA, and Rachel C. Lavallee of Sturbridge. Her eleven grandchildren, who she absolutely adored, includes Joshua Brackett, Adam Brackett, Arielle Brackett, Erik Brackett, Christopher Brackett, Gregory Lapierre, Ashley Brackett, Sgt. AJ Brackett US Army, Amber Lynn Brackett, Tyler Baker and Megan Baker. She was also blessed to have six great grandchildren; Elizabeth, Owen, Allaura, Serenity,

Lincoln and Esmae as well as several beloved nieces and nephews. She was born in Waterbury, CT the daughter of Hormidas J. and Elizabeth J. (Perron) Beaudry. She was a 1948 graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge.

Elizabeth worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, and later at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store in Southbridge before retiring many years ago. She was a lifelong member of Notre Dame Parish (now St. John Paul II Parish). Elizabeth was a member of the Red Hat Society at the Sturbridge Retirement Park. She loved bird watching, especially Cardinals. Most of all she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and was a kind and generous friend to all who knew her.

Elizabeth's funeral service and burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

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James Mayer, 73

STURBRIDGE - James Mayer, 73, died at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, following a brief illness.



Jim is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judith (Rivera) Mayer. They were married June 15, 1969. He is also survived by their daughters, Evelyn Mayer Leung, and her husband Keenan, of Queens, NY, and Aileen Mayer, and her partner Michael Braga, of Sturbridge, MA; his grandchildren, Emma and Erik Leung of Queens, NY; 2 brothers, John Mayer

of Texas, and Michael Mayer of New Jersey; and his sister, Barbara Mayer, of Queens, NY.

Born in Bronx, NY, on October 16, 1946, he was the son of the late Martin and Eleanor (Regan) Mayer. He worked for the United States Post Office for 25 years. Following his retirement, he worked at a school bus driver for Lysak. He enjoyed watching "Let's Make a Deal" and "The Price is Right" daily. He also really enjoyed music, as well as his daily task of running errands.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling private funeral arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Kevin M. Layden, 70

LEICESTER- Kevin M. Layden, 70, of Lake Avenue, died Saturday, May 30, at UMass Medical Center, with his wife of 40 years at his side.



Kevin was born on May 3, 1950 in Worcester. He graduated from Saint John's High School, Shrewsbury, and went on to earn degrees from Assumption College and Northeastern University. Kevin served the State of Massachusetts for more than 30 years as a Licensing Coordinator for the Department of Developmental Services, retiring in 2010. He was a dedicated advocate for the protection of those with special needs. Kevin was a big fan of barbecues (hold the veggies) and was an avid fan of his local sports teams; Celtics, Red Sox, the New England Patriots and even golf and curling, in a pinch.

He was born to Joseph W. Layden and Mary (Coakley) Layden. He leaves his wife Bonnie (Collette) Layden, three daughters: Catherine Rockefeller (William) of Hudson, NY, Ann Marie Billiot (Shawn) of Thibodeau, LA, and Danielle Speerschneider (Casey) of Chantilly, VA, A brother Joseph A. Layden (Margaret) of Berwyn, PA, two Sisters: Joanne McNamee (Michael) of West Barnstable, MA, Cathleen Layden-Nichol (Thomas) of Randolph, NJ. Three grandsons, Mitchell (Cassandra), Benjamin, and Noah and three great grand-daughters, Lana, Maiya, and Nahlia, who brought him great Joy, and many nieces and nephews. We also must recognize the life-long friendships with his Flanagan's brothers whose bond has endured for over 60 years.

Due to the current pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VFW Post 7556, Rochdale, PO Box 47, Rochdale, MA. Or UMass-Memorial Transplant Program c/o UMass-Memorial, 365 Plantation St., Suite 100, Worcester, MA. 01608. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Louise C. Gildert, 62

WESTFIELD- Louise C. (LaRiviere) Gildert, 62, of East Mountian Rd., passed away on Thursday, May 21st, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, after a brief illness.



Her husband, Benjamin A. Gildert died in 2011. She leaves her daughter, Isscilyn S. Desrosiers of Southbridge; a granddaughter, Alora Desrosiers; and her grandson, Landon Perez. Louise was predeceased by a granddaughter, Jaclyn Renee Desrosiers in 2017. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Gerard E. and Bernadette M. (Paquet)

LaRiviere. Louise worked for several years as bank teller in Southbridge at Savers bank. She was a true woman for faith and spent many spiritual moments reading scripture from the bible to her grandchildren. Louise attended Mass at St. Anne's church in Fiskdale as well as services at the Friendship Baptist Church. She was a kind loving "Memere" who enjoyed traveling, baking and crocheting.

A graveside service for Louise will be private and held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

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

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LYMAN

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Over the next 34 years, he built the school into an international conservatory. In 1996, the school became a college with an undergraduate and MFA graduate program.

Now, in retirement, Lyman is taking advantage of the opportunity to focus entirely on his writing. His wide variety of titles will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

"Since retiring, I've been writing books I

wanted to write while I was busy building an educational empire. Now I have the time, the material, and my memory still intact," Lyman said. "I'm creating something to share with family, fellow travelers, and anyone interested." Lyman's memoir was released by McFarland Publishing. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and McFarland Publishing.

For more information on the memoir, or to check out photos and

sample chapters, visit www.Seabee71.com.

Lyman is currently wrapping up a draft of his next project, a memoir of growing up on a lake in Sturbridge. The book will cover his memories of Sturbridge's old drive-in theater, watching Tantasqua High School being built, working at WARE radio, and filling ice cream cones at Deary Brothers, among several others. Local residents will enjoy reading about Sturbridge in the '50s and '60s.

P. Edward Norris of Sturbridge, MA passed away on May 22, 2020 at his home.



Mr. Norris was born in Bolivar, PA where he finished high school and spent his youthful and senior years, exploring our country from coast to coast. He also served as a Merchant Marine as a young man. He built a home in Canoga Park, CA, and spent many years working for "The Racing Form" making many lifetime friends there. He married his wife Helen, who predeceased him in 1995. He left familiar surroundings to move to Sturbridge in 1996 and stayed happily here in "so much green nature"

as he put it. He leaves Henrietta Hayes of Lakeview, AR; Elaine & Bob Smith of Yellville AR and their children Rebecca and family of Benton, AR, and Jeffrey Smith and family in Monticello, AR. Susan Reilly of Southbridge, MA long time friend and caregiver, also longtime friend Marita Tasse of Sturbridge, MA.

Thanks to Beacon Hospice for unmatched support and caring. Mr. Norris was an avid supporter, member, and friend of Opacum Land Trust of Sturbridge, MA. Donations can be made to Opacum Land Trust in his name: Opacum Land Trust, P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

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 offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Mr. Norris.

P. Edward Norris

ATHLETES

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Cross Country; Amber Lataille - Soccer; Shane Lawrence-Soccer; Katie LeBrun- Field Hockey; Alyson Locke - Swim; Erika Madden - Swim; Hailey Magierowski - Soccer; Kyle Maldonado - Baseball; Julio Mercado - Tennis; Cody Miarecki - Tennis; Allie Morin - Field Hockey; Gavin Morris - Fall Cheer; Kylie O'Connor - Indoor Track; Kirsten Olson - Fall Cheer; AJ Osimo - Swim; Andrew Parker - Baseball; Rose Pecci - Field Hockey; Connor Perry- Baseball; Griffin Polga - Basketball; Maddy Ricci - Lacrosse; Tim Rynearson - Golf; Zach Schirm - Hockey; Ryan Sears - Football; Ryan Shanahan

- Tennis; Katlyn Shonak - Field Hockey; Drew Smith - Football; Jarod Spratt - Football; Owen Stanton - Football; Nolan Tallman - Football; Timothy Taudel - Tennis; Jade Tetrault - Indoor Track; Sophia Viapiano - Soccer; Kai Von Bleciken - Soccer; Cole Warren - Golf; Garret Webb - Swim; Eva Wengender - Soccer; Wade Woolley - Tennis; Alex Yarter - Football

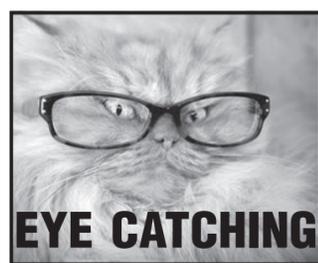
Two Sport Athletes

Max Ballou - Cross Country, Track and Field; Linda Barriere - Softball, Winter Cheer; Payton Barry - Indoor Track, Volleyball; Lydia Boland - Basketball, Soccer; Kyle Boone - Football, Indoor Track; Dominic Brown - Baseball, Football; Erin Carey - Fall Cheer, Winter Cheer; Eli Currier - Swim, Tennis; Nate Eliason - Cross Country, Tennis; Addison Ellithorpe - Lacrosse, Volleyball; Kylee Fortuna - Fall Cheer, Basketball; Jonah Green - Swim, Tennis; Chandler Horne - Football, Indoor Track; Ali Jedrzeczyk - Fall Cheer, Winter Cheer; Erin Jensen - Basketball, Track and Field; Kate Jones - Soccer, Lacrosse; Andrew Lafaille - Golf, Tennis;

Troy Lee - Football, Basketball; Roger Leland - Soccer, Baseball; Alex Majewski- Indoor Track, Track and Field; Erin McCarthy - Soccer, Softball; Kailey McCleary - Fall Cheer, Winter Cheer; Matthew McCormick - Football, Baseball; Casey Noveline - Fall Cheer, Tennis; Ashlee Picnia - Fall Cheer, Winter Cheer; Dan Reeve - Golf, Baseball; Parker Riley - Swim, Tennis; Molly Ryan - Field Hockey, Softball; Evan Selvey - Swim, Mascot; Sam Smith - Soccer, Indoor Track; Emma Thompson - Field Hockey, Track and Field; Andrew Wade - Swim, Tennis

Three Sport Athletes

Jacob Baldracchi - Football, Indoor Track, Track and Field; Jenna Casine - Fall Cheer, Winter Cheer, Softball; Julia Howard - Soccer, Indoor Track, Lacrosse; Jordan Lapierre - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track and Field; Katelyn Lauritsen - Fall Cheer, Indoor Track, Track and Field; Kathryn Morrill - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track and Field; Casey Robidoux - Football, Indoor Track, Track and Field



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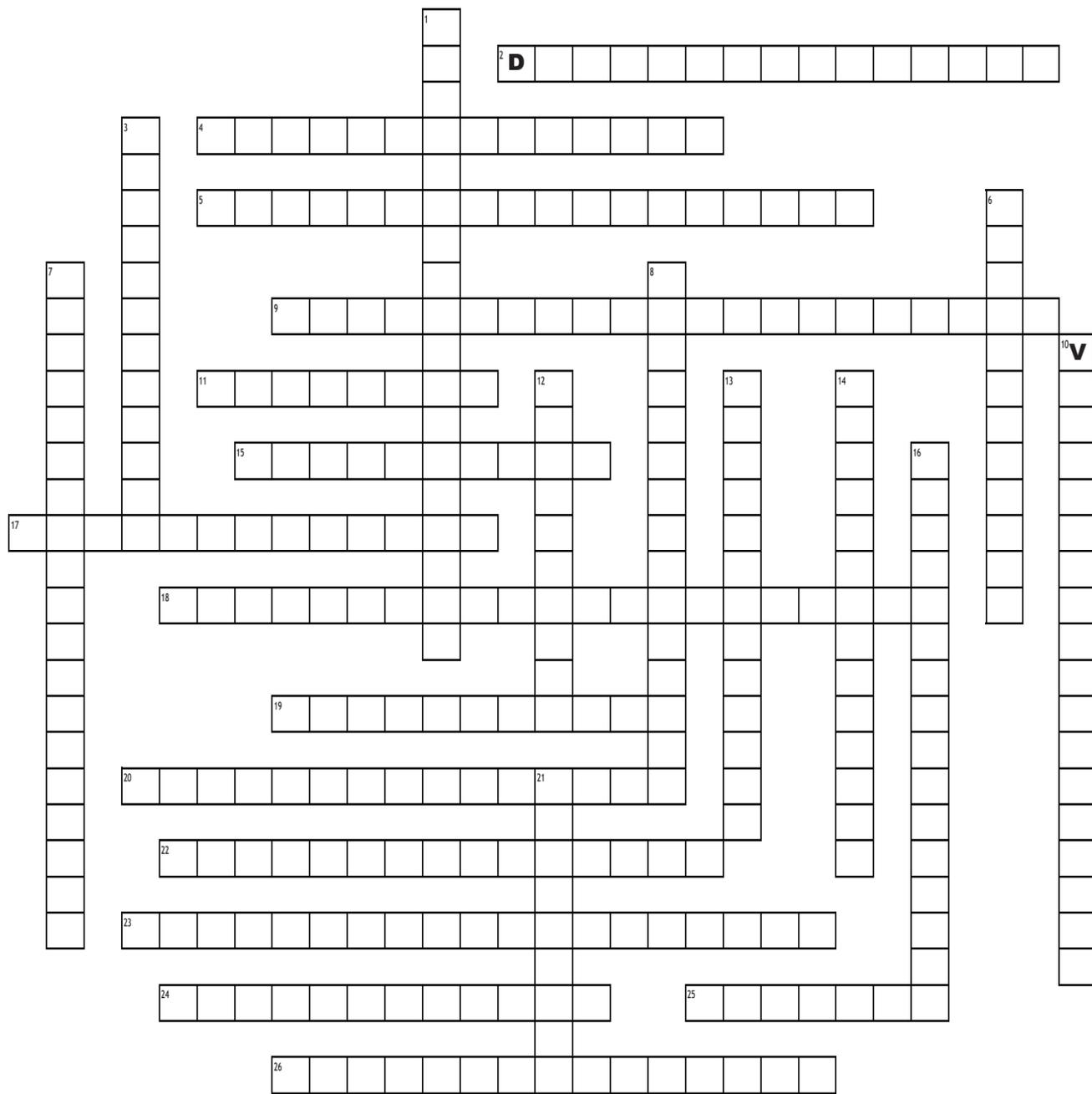
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Bill finalized calling for data collection on COVID-19 testing

BOSTON — The House of Representatives and the Senate have approved legislation calling for the Department of Public Health to expand the amount of data it makes available to the public on the impacts of COVID-19, including the number of residents and staff affected by the novel coronavirus at the state's nursing homes and the Holyoke and Chelsea Soldiers Homes.
 House Bill 4672, An Act addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment, also establishes a task force to investigate ways to address health disparities for underserved and underrepresented populations during the global pandemic. The bill was enacted by both legislative branches on May 28 and is now on Governor Charlie Baker's desk for his review and signature.
 State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) said House Bill 4672 requires DPH to

publish a daily report on the COVID-19 data it collects from local boards of health and elder care facilities. He noted that DPH already provides extensive data on COVID-19 testing and fatalities, but said the bill expands how this information is reported.
 Under the bill, DPH will be required to report the total number of people who have been tested for, tested positive for, been hospitalized for, or died from COVID-19 within the previous 24 hours, as well as the aggregate number of people who fall into each of these categories dating back to Gov. Baker's March 10 State of Emergency declaration. It also requires DPH to make available the number of known COVID-19 positive cases, as well as the number of known mortalities, among elder care facility residents and staff members.

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As an additional reporting requirement, DPH will need to provide a breakdown of COVID-19 testing, hospitalizations and deaths within specific demographic categories, including gender; race; ethnicity; primary residence; age; disability; primary language; occupation; and "any other demographic information that the department deems important to understand the disparate impact of COVID-19 on certain populations." This data will be compiled and reported by DPH at least every three days.

Rep. Smola noted that House Bill 4672 also requires elder care facilities to notify residents and their health care proxy, emergency contact, legal guardian or other legally authorized rep-

resentative by 5 p.m. the next calendar day whenever there is a new confirmed case or mortality due to COVID-19 among residents or staff. The same notification is required whenever three or more residents or staff experience new-onset of respiratory symptoms within the previous 72 hours.

In addition to its expanded reporting provisions, House Bill 4672 establishes a 16-member task force that will provide recommendations for improving safety for populations at increased risk of COVID-19, including employees of businesses providing essential services; residents living in congregate housing and group home facilities; prison inmates; individuals with serious underlying medical conditions that make them more susceptible to the coronavirus; and individuals residing

in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The task force will also explore ways to improve access to quality and equitable health care services and treatment; medical supplies; testing; and informational material on prevention, testing, treatment and recovery in multiple languages.

The task force will file an interim report by June 30 and its final report by Aug. 1. The bill requires at least one public hearing to be held prior to the issuance of an interim report, and at least two additional public hearings to be held before the final report is filed. The bill also contains provisions allowing the task force to conduct these hearings virtually if it is deemed necessary to protect public health.

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