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DPHS students to bring “Shrek” to the stage

Courtesy Photo

Local students are finalizing preparations for their upcoming performances of Shrek the Musical.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Local students have been working hard to prepare for their spring musical, a four-show production of “Shrek.”

Performances will take place on Thursday, March 26 (7 p.m.); Friday, March 27 (7 p.m.); and two shows on Saturday, March 28 (1 p.m. and 7 p.m.). All performances will occur in the David Prouty High School auditorium.

For director Jake Lewis and the student performers, it’s exciting to be this close to showtime after extensive

preparations. Comprised of 25 members, the cast features students from both David Prouty High School and Knox Trail Middle School. Cast members range in age from fifth graders through seniors in high school, and everyone put in plenty of hard work over the last few months.

“For a lot of the students, this is their first experience performing on stage, let alone in a pretty intricate musical,” Lewis said. “They have accepted the daunting task with

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Local officials take steps to curb spread of coronavirus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Municipal and school officials throughout the area are taking extra precautions as the coronavirus outbreak continues to expand.

Several school districts have sent letters home to guardians explaining their handling of the frequently changing situation. On March 10, Gov. Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency due to a sharp rise in cases.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District – along with several other districts – has been in constant contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Updates have been provided to ensure that local officials are current with the latest recommended

guidelines.

“SEBRSD custodians, who typically sanitize and disinfect our schools during cold and flu season, have been directed to intensify those efforts, especially in high-touch areas,” wrote SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey in a letter to parents. “As is general practice during flu season, nurses have been steadily reminding students and staff to take precautions such as washing hands often; covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze; avoid touching your eyes; and staying home if sick, especially with a fever.”

Sanitizing hands and surfaces has been an increasingly challenging task over the last week, as sanitizers and other products have sold out of many stores. Prices continue to soar for online products, and local schools, libraries, and senior centers are scrambling to make sure they are well stocked with disinfectant supplies.

“All hard surfaces are being washed, rinsed, and sanitized twice a day, as well as the touch screen login screen,” said North Brookfield Senior Center Director Diane Nichols. “We have placed hand sanitizer in high traffic areas and hand washing reminder signs in all bathrooms and the kitchen.”

Meanwhile, several local schools and organizations are pulling the plug on travel. SEBRSD officials have suspended all district-related travel overseas and out of state. This includes the cancellation of the annual East Brookfield Elementary School sixth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Officials in all surrounding towns remain in close communications

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Quaboag Historical Society to host annual luncheon

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Residents are invited to attend a celebration of local history and volunteerism at the annual Quaboag Historical Society luncheon.

On Sunday, April 19, the QHS will hold its annual luncheon at the Salem Cross Inn. The event begins at noon.

This year marks the 125th year for the QHS, whose mission is to provide education on the history of the six towns that comprise the original Quaboag Plantation. From the earliest Native American settlements along the Quaboag Pond and River, Naultaug Brook, Quacunqausit Pond, and other waterways, the area is rich in history. And residents of local towns have always valued that history and supported the QHS luncheon.

“It’s a wonderful event,” said QHS

co-president Ed Londergan. “It is open to anyone who wishes to come, enjoy great company and food, and hear an exciting and informative presentation.”

This year’s presentation will focus on King Philip’s War. Led by Sari Bitticks, the president of the Auburn Historical Society and chair of the Auburn Historical Commission, the presentation will feature fascinating information on King Philip’s War. The conflict was the bloodiest war in New England history, in which Metacomet, the son of Massasoit, led a confederation of Native Americans in resistance to the ever-increasing encroachment of English settlers.

The luncheon will begin with a cash bar cocktail hour, followed by the meal, award presentations, and annual meeting. The meal selection is roast prime rib of beef, hand-rubbed with herbs;

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Scouts race to the finish line at Pinewood Derby

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – It was off to the races last weekend, as Cub Scout Pack 148 members invited residents to attend a community Pinewood Derby.

The fundraiser took place on March 7 at East Brookfield Elementary School. Organizers were thrilled with the attendance at the second annual event, which drew guests from throughout the area.

An awards ceremony took place following the event. The program brought back fun memories for many former scouts who took part in similar events as children.

“We are so pleased with the turnout, and think everyone enjoyed it,” said Kelly Vosnakis, who helped organize the

event. “We would like to thank all the individuals and local businesses that supported us. And a special thanks to Lamoureux Ford, who sponsored us for the second year running.”

Congratulations to the event’s top finishers: Nick Vosnakis – third place; Robert Dauphinais – second place; and Judy Dauphinais – first place.

Students of all ages enjoyed building their cars and watching them race. Many youngsters took part in the project with their families and friends.

“It took almost a day to build. It was a lot of fun,” said Owen Hickman, six, of North Brookfield.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the pack.

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Owen Hickman, six, of North Brookfield, checks out the vehicles.

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Outbreak prompts closures and cancellations

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The coronavirus outbreak has brought life to a standstill in town, causing the cancellation of schools, library programs, and Senior Center events.

Last week, Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza announced that school would be called off for March 13 to allow for extensive cleaning operations in the buildings. Officials then decided to continue the suspension of classes for a period of one to two weeks.

“The national response to this pandemic has been very rapid and ever-changing by the hour,” Tencza wrote in a

letter to the community. “As Superintendent, in real time I have been in consultation with our local Boards of Health, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the School Committee, and the Worcester County Superintendents for their expertise to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.”

The School Committee held an emergency meeting on March 12. On or before March 20, school officials will work with local and state leaders to assess the status of the temporary closing. It may need to be extended, depending on the severity of the outbreak.

“While there are no presumptive positive cases in our district, we still want to pro-

ceed with an abundance of caution,” Tencza wrote. “We agree that the one to two-week window will enable us to reassess the depth and breadth of the current COVID-19 threat.”

State education leaders have relaxed the requirement on makeup days, officials said. Schools will only be required to be in session through Day 185 on their calendars, which is June 19 in Leicester.

Several other local school districts also called off classes through the end of March, in addition to sporting events and other extracurricular activities. Colleges have gone mostly online, with some canceling the entire second semester.

Meanwhile, all activities at Leicester’s library and Senior

Center were cancelled indefinitely, beginning on March 14. Just a short time ago, the cancellation of programs seemed like an extreme option for town officials, but it became unavoidable following the state and national emergency declarations.

“We have canceled or rescheduled programs for the next few weeks,” said Library Director Suzanne Hall. “We have removed toys, games, and other non-circulating items from the children’s room and YA area, since we don’t have the ability to clean them to suggested standards. We will provide extended due dates to patrons who are too ill to return their books, and will be fine-free for the foreseeable

future.”

Additional information is available on the library’s Facebook and webpages. The town homepage will also feature information on when various services will reopen in town.

Over the next few weeks, town officials encourage residents to pay bills online or use the tax bill box outside the main entrance to Town Hall.

A coronavirus fact sheet has also been posted on the town’s homepage, www.leicesterma.org.

Becker College shifts to online coursework

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Becker College recently joined a growing list of institutions statewide to shift to online studies amid the coronavirus crisis.

Following the declaration of a state of emergency in the Commonwealth, college officials announced on March 12 that all undergraduate course instruction will take place online for 11 days. From Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, all undergraduate courses will be held online.

“It is vital for us to take steps to prevent the spread of the virus on our campuses,” wrote Becker College President Nancy Crimmin in a statement. “We are continually monitoring the situation and will update the campus community as further decisions are made.”

The college’s Emergency Response Team, made up of members from various departments and offices on campus,

has met regularly to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Over spring break, staff members engaged in deep cleaning activities in a number of campus gathering areas (classrooms, residence halls, libraries, and dining halls).

“Despite these measures, there is simply no way we can guarantee a COVID-19 virus-free environment at the end of spring break,” President Crimmin wrote in her explanation of the temporary shutdown.

Resident students were asked to retrieve their belongings on March 15. Students wishing to remain on campus were asked to gain special approval from administration.

The college’s two campuses in Leicester and Worcester were expected to remain open during the shutdown. Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of the virus is urged to stay home.

“Contingency planning is underway should it become necessary for the

college to move its operations entirely online, outside of essential staff,” Crimmin wrote.

No athletic games or practices will be held from March 14-27. Additionally, Becker strongly discourages all personal domestic and international travel by students, faculty, and staff, except for the purposes of students returning home.

“Please be advised that as of Friday, March 13, the U.S. has imposed a travel suspension from Europe for the next 30 days, with the exception of the United Kingdom,” Crimmin wrote. “Any faculty, student, or staff currently abroad needs to stay current with this ban. Any faculty, staff, or student who has been to or traveled from CDC Level 3 warning countries is prohibited from coming to campus, even if symptom-free, for 14 days.”

Moreover, on-campus events that include external visitors were canceled

or held virtually from March 16-27. Subsequent events will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, officials said. The Lenfest Animal Health Clinic will continue normal operations, as well as the Community Counseling Clinic at Becker.

A special email address – covid19@becker.edu – was established to address questions from students and their family members. Residents were also asked to continue to monitor the college’s website for the latest information.

“This is certainly a challenging time, and can result in worry and anxiety, both for yourself and for your loved ones,” Crimmin wrote. “The actions being taken by institutions of higher education, businesses, organizations, and more to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is unprecedented in our lifetimes. Our goal, first and foremost, is to protect the health and welfare of our community.”

Operation Clean Sweep aims to clean up Brookfield

BROOKFIELD — The fourth annual John T. O’Leary Memorial Operation Clean Sweep will be held again in Brookfield beginning on April 4 and ending on May 2. John O’Leary single handedly organized the town wide cleanup for many years until his death. This is the fourth year since the event was named in his memory.

As part of Operation Clean Sweep, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which occurs on April 22 this year. Earth Day’s theme this year is Climate Change.



To call attention to the impact of plastic waste on our environment, residents can participate in a special Operation Clean Sweep contest this year to help rid Brookfield’s streets and roads of the thousands of plastic liquor and wine “nips” thrown out of passing cars. Plastic litter ends up in storm drains, polluting rivers and oceans.

There will be three cash prizes of \$75 which were donated by a private citizen. The prizes will be awarded to the individual, family and group who collects the most “nips.” Bring your collected “nips” to the Brookfield Transfer Station on Saturdays and Tuesdays and we will keep a tally for each contestant. The goal is to collect at least 2020 nips which will be displayed in a large “flower pot” to educate our citizens about the size of the problem caused by this kind of littering. Winners will be announced in early May.

Operation Clean Sweep is sponsored by the Brookfield Board of Health and coordinated by George Hirtle and Peter O’Connell. Our partners include the Town Highway and Recreation Departments, the

Clean Lakes Association, Tip Top Country Store and the town’s scout troops. Last year a large number of volunteers picked up over 200 bags of trash in colorful orange bags that were piled high so residents could appreciate their accomplishments.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up again this year at the Brookfield Transfer Station on Quaboag Street beginning in late March where they can indicate which street or road they will clean up. Orange bags can be picked up there and dropped off when full. A month-long cleanup makes it convenient for working around people’s schedules and the weather. Large items such as tires, mattresses and containers, mosquito breeding havens, will be picked up by the Highway Department. Call Tuesday through Thursday to arrange pickup.



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Thursday, March 24– In the Town of East Brookfield- Town Hall – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26 – In the Town of Spencer at Howe Village, 9 – 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, March 26 - In the Town of Brookfield at the Town Hall 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with staff to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

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Overdose tracking and response program implemented in Worcester County



WORCESTER — Police departments in all 60 of Worcester County’s cities and towns will begin tracking overdoses in real-time today thanks to a new program implemented by a partnership between District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., the Central Massachusetts Chiefs of Police, local hospitals and medical providers, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and recovery community partners.

The Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) allows law enforcement to collect overdose data and make it available in real-time to all police departments in the county. The information is then used to have a plainclothes police officer and a recovery coach reach out to the non-fatal overdose victim and offer services within 48 hours. The program allows police to identify those with substance use disorder who are most at risk and offer them treatment.

CIMS was developed by Kelley

Research Associates in partnership with law enforcement and the District Attorney’s office in Plymouth County. After implementing the program in 2017, Plymouth County had a 26 percent reduction in overdose deaths in 2018. CIMS is in use or being implemented in Bristol, Essex, Middlesex and Norfolk counties, as well.

The District Attorney’s office purchased the software for \$40,000 using drug forfeiture funds.

“I am proud that we are bringing the CIMS program to Worcester County,” said Mr. Early. “This model has proven effective in Plymouth and we hope to see the same success here. I’m glad to partner with so many who are helping us address this deadly disease. We are stepping out of our silos to use a model proven effective in another part of our state. It is exciting.”

Central Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association President and Fitchburg

Police Chief Ernest F. Martineau has worked to get all of the departments in Worcester County signed up to use the program.

“Critical Incident Management Systems have shown to make substantial gains with providing hope for those suffering with addiction,” said Chief Martineau. “Positive reductions to overdoses have been reported in Plymouth County and that same technology is soon to be a reality in Worcester County. CIMS will break down the silos and allow law enforcement to effectively collaborate its response. CIMS was developed by police for police.”

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has also agreed to partner on this program by identifying those reentering the community who may be at a high risk for overdose.



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Worcester Art Museum displays student art from across the state

REGION – Student artists from throughout the state are featuring their work this month at the Worcester Art Museum.

In celebration of Youth Art Month, pieces from 471 Massachusetts students in grades K-12 are currently on display in the museum’s Higgins Education Wing. The artwork will remain on display until March 22.

Youth Art Month is a national celebration endorsed by the Council for Art Education, the National Art Education Association, and the Massachusetts Art Education Association. A family reception will be held at the museum on Sunday, March 22, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The reception will feature a recognition ceremony at 1:15 p.m., as well

as performances by the Oak Middle School Select Choir and the Auburn High School Chamber Singers.

“This annual celebration emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in public and private schools,” event organizers wrote in a statement.

Students represented in the exhibit range from elementary school through high school. Work from several local youngsters is on display, and residents are invited to stop in and check it out.

The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the youth exhibit in the Higgins Education Wing is free.

Several workshops will be available to introduce students to the array of careers available in STEAM fields. Most new jobs to be created over the next decade-plus are expected to be related to STEAM.

Guests will also stay chill again this year, as Subzero Nitrogen Ice Cream will demonstrate the science behind their products at 5 p.m.

The event is free to the district’s students of all ages, as well as their families. Door prizes will be available to guests.

The program will take place from 5-7 p.m. Organizers thank everyone who came together to put on the event.

North Brookfield Elementary gears up for STEAM-athon

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Science, technology, and art will be the name of the game next month, as the school department gears up for its annual STEAM-athon.

Set for April 1 at North Brookfield Elementary School, the event will feature several fascinating activities for students and families. The theme for this year’s event is “A is for Art,” and guests will have a chance to learn more about coding, robots, and other technologies.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."



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Second Chance postpones annual dinner auction

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services offered thoughts and sympathies to those affected by COVID-19 as it announced the postponement of the 21st Annual Dinner Auction originally scheduled for March 28. The major fundraiser, which provides critical funding for all programs, has been rescheduled for May 9 at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, but the nonprofit is concentrating on keeping the community safe.

CEO Sheryl Blancato said “Second Chance continues to monitor the situation closely with local, state and federal officials in order to best protect our community and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We made the difficult decision to postpone and cancel several events. Upcoming vaccine clinics in East Longmeadow, Southbridge, Fitchburg and Auburn have all been postponed or canceled.”

“We will be working to reschedule vaccine clinics as soon as possible. Our

veterinary hospitals and adoption center remain open to serve the needs of pets and pet owners. We have increased the frequency of the rigorous routine cleaning schedule we employ to keep pets and people in our facilities healthy. We do remind all visitors to follow the CDC’s recommendations of cleaning your hands often, avoid close contact, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you are sick.”

Second Chance Medical Director, Dr. Amy Alwood, DVM DACVECC, also offered important advice for all pet owners in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“There is currently no evidence that domestic animals can develop disease from the COVID-19 virus or, if infected, transmit it to other animals or people. Nonetheless, we would like to offer some precautions that we and other veterinary professionals recommend pet families keep in mind as the situation with COVID-19 continues to develop: Remember to keep your pets’ needs

in mind when implementing your emergency preparedness plan. The AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) recommends “animal owners should continue to include pets and other animals in their emergency preparedness planning, including keeping a two-week supply of food and medications on hand.”

Take this opportunity to remind your family that while we all love snuggling with our pets, practicing good hygiene is important. Even though we have no evidence that our pets can carry and transmit COVID-19, there are other diseases that can be passed from domestic animals to humans. Wash your hands after petting, playing or interacting with your pet.

While there is no clear evidence that pets are able to transmit the COVID-19 virus, the CDC recommends that people sick with the virus or COVID-like symptoms avoid caring for their pets if possible. If you must care for your pet, limit contact and wash your hands BEFORE and AFTER pet interactions

in an attempt to limit exposure for your pet.

In an abundance of caution, if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, please alert your veterinarian before having your pet seen for any health concerns. If it is possible your pet is contaminated with coronavirus, we don’t yet know whether veterinary hospital staff could be exposed to the COVID-19 virus when working with pets that had contact with exposed owners. It is best to discuss by phone how your veterinarian can best assist you and your pet while still protecting the staff in the event that your animal needs immediate medical attention.

If you have already purchased a ticket to the dinner auction, our staff will be reaching out via email to ensure you have the new date. Tickets are still available for those interested in supporting the nonprofit’s programs helping pets in need in Massachusetts and beyond. Visit www.secondchance-animals.org for more information.

Paxton Lions gear up for town wide yard sale

PAXTON — The Paxton Lions Club will be hosting its annual town-wide Yard Sale Saturday, May 9, rain or shine. The residency cost is \$15, which will include advertising and your location on their

map, which will be available at the Town Common on the day of the yard sale. The scheduled hours of the yard sale are suggested to be 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. We also advertise in the Telegram & Gazette under

Yard Sale Column.

In addition, the Paxton Select Board have approved the Town Common’s use for those wanting to set up on it. The fee will be \$20 residents and \$25 for non-residents. Space is limited so book early.

The First Congregational Church of Paxton will again have many items for sale

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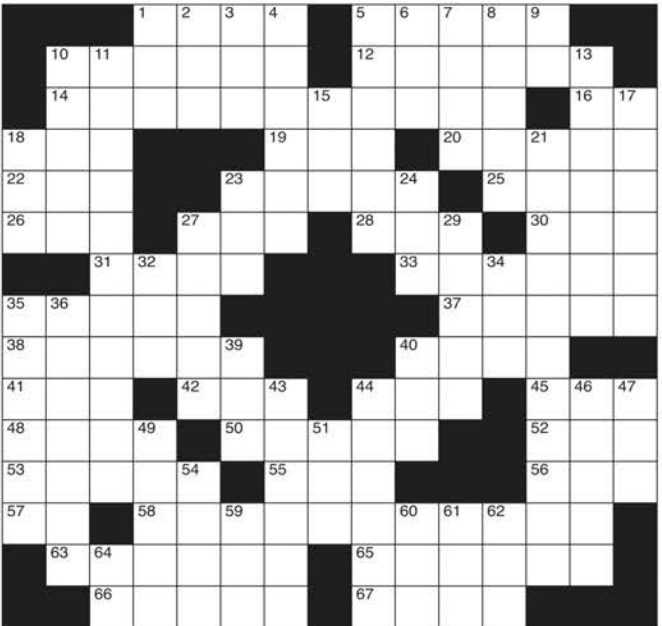
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea

5. Avert something bad

10. Sounds

12. Immediate dangers

14. Legendary Tar Heels coach

16. Califormium

18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)

19. Coastal Scottish town

20. Triangular lower back bones

22. Trouble

23. A way to smile

25. Something that is not what it seems

26. Of she

27. Temporary living quarters

28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near

31. Spiritual leader

33. Soup dish

35. Philippine island

37. No longer fashionable

38. Peaks

40. Alabama football team

41. ___ King Cole

42. Digital audiotape

44. Open trough

45. The woman

48. Cools down

50. Turkic language

52. Body part

53. Pulse steadily

55. Embedded computer hardware company

56. Indicates shape

57. Thou (plural)

58. Odd and remarkable

63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia

66. Tantalizes

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing

2. Exclamation of pain

3. Polynesian garland of flowers

4. Surrounded by water

5. Church towers

6. Hot beverage

7. Body parts

8. Travel documents

9. Railway

10. Gradually wear away

11. Measuring instrument

13. Minor dust-ups

15. Strongly alkaline solution

17. Extreme scarcity of food

18. Dash

21. Philly culinary specialty

23. Popular lager ___ Adams

24. Snitch

27. Trimmed

29. Greek god of desire

32. Take to the limit

34. Cool!

35. Sound mental health

36. Native American group

39. Test for high schoolers

40. Rocky peak

43. Preferences

44. Bother

46. Call attention to (slang)

47. Snake-like fish

49. Bulgarian capital

51. Don't know when yet

54. Italian Seaport

59. Brooklyn hoopster

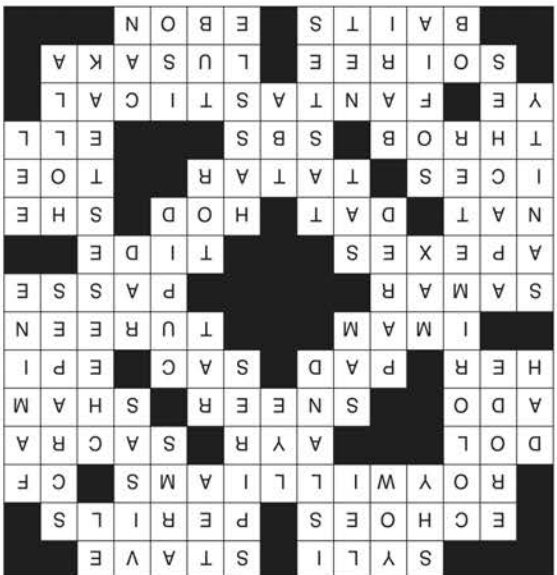
60. Where to bathe

61. Equal, prefix

62. Beverage container

64. Denotes openness

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Quaboag student art on display at Worcester Art Museum

WORCESTER — Artwork from 471 Massachusetts students in grades K-12, including Quaboag Regional Middle-High School, will be on display at the Central Massachusetts Regional Youth Art Month Exhibit in the Higgins Education Wing of the Worcester Art Museum from March 1 - 22.

Youth Art Month is a national celebration endorsed by Council for Art Education, the National Art Education Association, and the Massachusetts Art Education Association. A fam-

ily reception will be held on Sunday, March 22 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This reception will feature a recognition ceremony at 1:15 p.m., as well as performances by Oak Middle School Select Choir from 12:45-1:15 p.m. and the Auburn High School Chamber Singers and Acarockets from 1:45-2:15 p.m.

This annual celebration, which typically takes place in March, emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in public and private schools. The Museum is open Wednesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the third Thursday of every month, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission to the YAM exhibit in the Higgins Education Wing is always free.

Early spring preparation for a beautiful summer garden



Courtesy Photo

When pruning, start by removing the damaged and diseased stems of shrubs and roses and wear heavy duty gloves to keep yourself free from scratches.

As winter fades into spring, gardeners can't wait to get busy in the garden. Pruning, cutting back perennials and ornamental grasses and preparing the garden for spring planting are just a few of the tasks. Keep yourself and the pollinators overwintering in your garden safe as you start the cleanup process.



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

turbed areas back in place. Reseed bare spots so grass, not weeds, fill in these spots. Brush leaves off the crowns of perennials but leave the rest in place for insects that spend winter or summer in the leaf litter. Plus, the leaves help preserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as they break down.

Always prune with a purpose. Start by removing any damaged and diseased stems from shrubs and roses. Watch for insects like swallowtail butterflies that overwinter in protective cocoons and the egg masses of some like the hair-streak butterflies. Prevent problems by destroying overwintering non-native pests like the gypsy moth. Search the internet and insect books for help identifying the good and bad guys you may find in your landscape.

Additional pruning may be needed to manage the size and shape or encourage better flowering and bark color. Wait to prune spring flowering shrubs like lilacs and forsythia if you want maximum flowering. Prune these shrubs right after flowering before they set their floral buds for next spring.

Keep yourself safe by wearing safety glasses and gloves. It's too easy to focus on the task and end up with a stick in the eye. Heavy duty gloves protect and support your hands, allowing you to garden longer with less stress, scratches and bruises. Consider synthetic leather gauntlet style gloves like Foxgloves extra protection gloves (foxglovesinc.com) that protect hands and forearms from harm yet are supple enough to allow you to work efficiently. The breathable fabric is durable, machine washable and puncture resistant.

Lightly rake any debris off the lawn and add it to the compost pile. Check for damage and lightly tamp any dis-

Pull mulch away from tree trunks and shrub crowns that may have shifted over winter. Keeping mulch off the stems reduces the risk of future problems that can lead to decline and even death of the plants.

Leave perennials and grasses stand as long as possible since many are homes for beneficial insects. Bundle grasses for easy cutting and removal. Once cut, loosely stack or stand perennial stems and grasses at the edge of the garden or natural spaces. This allows any insects still present to safely emerge when it's time to move to their summer homes. Plus, birds will appreciate the easy access to nesting material.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons and the beauty of nature hidden among the plants in your garden. Protect yourself when preparing the garden for spring so you won't lose time recovering from injuries. And keeping the pollinators and other beneficial insects safe will improve your garden's health and productivity throughout the growing seasons.

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

Bay State Savings Bank donates \$1,200 to Mustard Seed



WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank donated over \$1,200 to Worcester soup kitchen Mustard Seed Catholic Worker. The organization, which offers food and shelter to local homeless, will use the Bank's donation to replace ceiling tiles in its rooms used for meetings, food, and clothing storage. Bay State Savings Bank staff raised money by allowing employees who donated to the Mustard Seed to participate in a dress down day. "We are so grateful for the ongoing support," said Annie Doyle, member of the Mustard Seed Board of Directors. "A new ceiling will surely refresh and brighten up the basement. Additional food for the Food Pantry will help to

feed dozens of families and individuals in need." The funds raised were also in support of a capital campaign by the Family Health Center of Worcester, an organization which currently runs a clinic at the Mustard Seed for homeless in need of medical care. "It all makes a difference," said Mike Boover, cofounder of the Mustard Seed's Piedmont Street location in Worcester. "How happy we are to have the good folks at Bay State befriend us. With their help...new initiatives have been undertaken by the Catholic Worker Community to better serve the many guests who come to us for refuge."

Roger Williams University announces Fall 2019 Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. The following students have been recognized for this achievement. Amelia Ashworth, of West Brookfield Nathan Barley, of West Brookfield Andrew Carlson, of Leicester Nathan Gershman, of East Brookfield About RWU With campuses on the coast of Bristol

and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate students and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today's employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

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P.A.L. of the Week
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Name: Millie
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Sex: Female
Age: Adult

My name is Millie. I was abandoned at a farm in a local town. I was very scared and didn't understand why I was left there. After a few weeks, the nice people at the farm were able to get a hold of me and bring me to the shelter. Gosh I like it here at the shelter. It is warm and they serve good food. The staff tells me that I am such a nice girl. I do purr and give head butts. I am very low key and spend hours just looking out the window. I'm a pretty girl with a nice disposition.

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Hi! My name is Marissa and I love running cross country!

Marissa is an energetic girl of Caucasian descent. Marissa enjoys playing tennis and running cross country and track. She also enjoys music. Marissa loves to have her hair and nails done. Marissa is a brilliant girl with a bright academic future. She has tested and considered into one of the one of the top exam schools in the city.

Marissa is legally freed for adoption. She would thrive in a home where she is the only child or with children close in age. She will need a family that can provide her with attention and patience. Marissa shares a close relationship with her younger sister and they hope to be able to continue to see each other at least monthly. The best family for Marissa would be a local family that is able to visit with her as a visiting resource initially.

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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 617-964-6273 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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Personal Testimony

To the Editor:

After having reread the letter I wrote, “The true purpose of marriage,” I realized I neglected to share with you my testimony. I am not sure why I didn’t include it at the time I wrote the letter, I do know I was convicted now and here I am. Why? I asked myself do I need to reveal my shameful past! It is revealed to me through God who is my conviction to share with you I am not Mr. goodie with all the saintly advice. The purpose for this is that God; Jesus would receive the glory for saving me, redeeming me from eternal death and using me to be a witness for God, Jesus today.

Prior to 1985, after graduation, I left home to join the military I began to explore the many avenues the world had to offer. Some time during all this, I got married and unfortunately much to young, after a few years of marriage I began to live a very reckless immoral life style neglecting the family that lead to divorce, and afterwards continued with several immoral relationships and explorations.

In 1985, I experienced a job related accident and began to witness physical challenges and other failures, and I reached out, cried out to God, something I had not done for many, many years, asking God for help and God told me what I had to do, God did not speak to me audibly, but God was convicting me what I had to do for Him to bless me. I needed to confess and repent before He could bless me, restore me and I also needed to ask forgiveness from those I abused and neglected and make an effort to make amends.

From 1985 to 1992, I wanted and tried to live has God instructed me and I also wanted to satisfy my flesh that included alcohol and sexual immorality. In 1992, I met my present wife, a lovely, loving godly Christian woman, I made a confession of faith to Jesus, I was baptized and for the past 28 years I have made a vow, commit-

ment to God, Jesus and to my wife.

None of us are prefect, we all have a sinful nature and we will continue to have this nature until our days in this world ends, however, because of the grace of God and the love and sacrifice of Jesus we are over comers, we have the ability, authority to resist our sinful nature. Apart from Jesus we can do nothing [John 15:5] apart from Jesus, without Jesus our life is self seeking and meaningless and eventually it will lead to physical and eternal death.

I am who I am today because of the love and sacrifice of God, Jesus and the love, devotion and patience of my wife.

The two shall become one does not just happen with marriage vows, it has to be the desire of the wife and husband and it should be mutually agreed before the wedding vows, it is a day by day one day at a time process, and husbands, you are the spiritual head of your family [Genesis 3: 16] Ephesians 5: 23] you need to pray daily that you will receive the wisdom to lead wisely, honoring God, Jesus and securing eternal life for your family and yourself through Jesus, and don’t be to hard on yourself when you fail, just confess and repent and continue your journey, God knows your heart and God is a re-warnder of a faithful heart.

Also, it is our responsibility to go to the person we have sinned against and ask their forgiveness. There are some that may not choose to forgive, that is their choice. God knows your heart, your faith and sincerity and He God will accept and receive your confession.

Well that is my testimony and confession, and my heart’s desire is that you and your family become one in God, Jesus. Amen!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Leadership in crisis

To the Editor:

This has been a week like none in my lifetime. As I think through history for a proper comparison, I think about the 1918-1919 Spanish flu which was largely caused by World War I, the outbreak of Word War II, or the polio pandemic of the 1950’s. For all of those events there was a time of collective national sacrifice. Everybody was in it together, and we were all at risk. There were shortages of luxuries like tobacco and alcohol as well as staples like meat and butter. Americans planted gardens to grow a third of the nation’s vegetables. Americans saved tin. There was no posturing – we were in it together.

There are two issues here: one is the political/leadership issue and the other is the moral/social.

Politically this has been an enraging week similar to when we say images of bodies floating in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. This week I, and all Americans, should feel a deep sense of anger. Anger that our government has responded so badly. Even as I continue to be shocked I really shouldn’t – this is what happens who you elect a sociopath president. A president who doesn’t care about the people he “leads” and has treated the whole crisis for the past month as though it was either a joke or somehow about him. Trump only cared about himself, how it reflects on him, minimizing the risks, how the stock market reflects on him or Trumpenomics.

Trump hasn’t done the things any normal human would have done – notable take precautions, prepare backup plans, ask his team to get ready, and care about people suffering and dying. He’s simply incapable of acting like a president, or how any decent person would. Even after he declared the national emergency he treated his press conference like his own propaganda.

Trump was asked directly in the Rose Garden about his shutting down of the pandemic response office at the National Security Council. He avoided taking responsibility, blamed staff he has since fired, and claimed to know nothing about it. By now, he should know about it and is either flat out lying or it is further evidence that nobody in the White House is willing to tell him bad news. We have a dysfunctional process at the heart of the administration during a time of national crisis.

This is a global crisis. Trump didn’t create it, but an “America First” response fails. If there ever was a time for international cooperation it is now. Trump is incapable of leading this response and Mike Pence is a joke given both his history of disbelieving science, bungling disease outbreaks in Indiana, and botching this so far.

We have heard much from Dr. Tony Fauci recently, why not put him in charge? He is the Director of the infection disease office at the NIH, he is an immunologist that has made substantial contributions to HIV/AIDS research, led our successful effort to contain Ebola in 2014, and Americans trust him. Dr. Fauci is knowledgeable, straight, direct, candid, and thoughtful. The president is impulsive and uninformed and misled the American public that the virus was contained.

Yet, we got Pence praying hard and Dr. Fauci on the sidelines because Dr. Fauci contradicted Trump’s tweets one too many times.

Any president who would leave Americans on a boat docked off the coast rather than bring them ashore for treatment because they would increase the number of cases in America because it would “hurt my numbers” is not somebody fit to lead anything. That is not somebody lacking in empathy; that is somebody without empathy.

Many Americans looked the other way as Trump rotted the soul of the nation from the inside because their 401k was doing well (as it has been since 2009). All of a sudden, the stock market crashes in a week in a way that hasn’t been seen in decades, the market went down last week when he downplayed the crisis and went up when he pretended to take it seriously. Trump is not only putting your wealth at risk, he is putting your health, and the health of your friends and family at risk.

We have seen leadership in this country. State and local leaders have stepped up and looked to each other. It isn’t perfect and it’s inconsistent, but they are trying without proper federal support. The country has been remarkable in its response with the drastic measures that have been taken. We may be 6 weeks too late but our local governments are done waiting for Trump to take charge.

My fear is that incumbents tend to be helped by crisis and people’s memory is short. This virus is doubling every six days. Trump may ultimately take draconian measures and then look like a strong leader and strongman. Don’t forget we are a month too late. Don’t forget February 2020. The virus has spread 30x worse than it would have if we took it seriously a month prior. The death toll in America will be 30x higher than it could have been. Not if but when somebody close to you dies of COVID-19 just remember that the chances of them getting it would have been 96 percent lower if we didn’t have a douche in the oval office.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

The old Democratic party is no more

To the Editor:

Half-a-century ago, I was wandering around the continent on a Eurail Pass when I dropped in to visit a couple–Dieter and Antjie–with whom I had become friends while in the service. Their home was in the small coastal town of Timmendorfer Strand (referred to by the locals as “Timmy Beach”) on the Baltic Sea near Lubeck, the nearby ancient city of the Hanseatic League.

After a hearty lunch of “brats, kartoffel salat, schwartzbrot, und bier,” Herr Kunkel, who was older than I, asked, “So, Johnny, you vant to see ze vall, ze border?”

Ja wohl, or, yes, indeed. Off we went through the foggy, raw, drizzly weather of the North German Plain where the sun never shines from November to March. After parking near a range of low sand dunes, I followed my host for a half mile or so before we began to hear a cacophony of barking dogs, a menacing, foreboding sound.

All of a sudden, there it was in all its inhuman ugliness and terrifying efficiency, the Iron Curtain. Herr Kunkel quietly said, “Don’t look through the field glasses at the towers where the guards are, don’t gesture in any way, and don’t look for more than a few seconds at the soldiers on the ground.” He explained to me how the barrier was set up to stop foot and vehicle traffic, where the minefields were, where the fences were electrified, and how the dogs–the thing I remember most–were secured to an overhead cable which allowed them to roam back and forth, constantly, day and night, and always barking in an agitated and angry state. The guard towers were very tall and stationed every quarter mile or so going away into the mists of the south. And, he said, the whole thing, for over four thousand miles, was lit up at night brighter than Times Square on New Years Eve. To read, as Churchill put it in his famous Westminster Speech in Fulton, Missouri in 1945, “An Iron Curtain has descended across Europe stretching from Stettin on the Baltic to Trieste on the Adriatic” is one thing, but to have seen it in person was, for me, a most sobering experience. How evil, how primitive, I asked myself, could a system–communism–be to go to such fanatical lengths to keep their own people in, to prevent them from getting even a taste of freedom, western style?

Back then, as a young man, I had friends of a liberal persuasion who ridiculed the idea that communism was something to be loathed and feared. I only regretted they could not have been there that day with me to see that hideous sight so I could’ve asked, “Who are you going to believe now, your Marxist professors at good old State U., or your own lyin’ eyes?”

More recently, about ten years ago, I met my daughter in Berlin for a week of sightseeing. Incredible things to see, but I had to visit the spot at Checkpoint Charlie on the Berlin Wall where young Peter Fechter, an 18 year old East German bricklayer, was murdered by the Vopos (Volks Polizei) as he attempted to make a run for it and get over the wall to go and live with his sister in freedom in West Berlin. After shooting him with no warning, the murderers let him hang there on the barbed wire screaming for help as he bled to death in front of horrified onlookers who were too terrified to try to help young Fechter.

Today, there is a memorial there, of sorts, to honor the boy and the hundreds of others slain while trying to escape the open-air concentration camp that was the GDR, the Democratic Republic of Germany. East Germany, communist paradise. There’s a small plaque there referencing young Peter: “...er wolte nur die Frieheit.” Or, “He only wanted freedom.”

To the Editor:

A plaque, on the waiting room wall, at the Radiation Oncology Department, at UMMC/Univ, reads as follows:

What cancer cannot do – cancer is so limited.

It cannot Cripple Love
It cannot Shatter Hope
It cannot Dissolve Faith
It cannot Destroy Peace
It cannot Kill Friendship

Hasn’t that been the story of communism since its inception? Brutal repression, starvation, slave labor, torture, millions-upon-millions dead, chronic shortages of everything (except for the Party leaders), shortened lives, poverty, rampant corruption, endemic alcoholism, hatred, nothing works, nothing is invented except more ingenious ways to control people, no God, no hope, total misery. A situation, as George Orwell imagined it, as “a boot grinding your face forever.”

There is nothing, I repeat, nothing good, respectable, or decent about the history of communism. And, yet, this political season, we have seen the rise of an old hard-core commie, a true believer, a classic non-observant, Brooklyn Jewish communist no different than the rest of the Reds from that city like the Rosenbergs, who went to meet their maker in whom they didn’t believe as a payoff for their treason in handing over to the criminals in Russia America’s nuclear secrets. That crowd, who had been given an opportunity to thrive in America, hated the country, the system, and the people and their traditions and culture who lived here. Bernie Sanders is in no way different from them. An angry, bitter old man who knows he’ll be dead before his Brave New World is ushered in.

He’s not the thing to worry about. It’s the legions of ignorant millennials, of not-so-ignorant academicians, and of run-of-the-mill Democrats who will vote for this commie hypocrite who owns three houses, is a millionaire, and who flies around the country in private jets all the while warning against carbon proliferation and the evils of American-style free enterprise.

And the others in the current crop of Democrat “leaders” (who want Sanders out of the way), are no better. Have you heard even one challenge Sanders on his irrefutable record of being a fan boy of communism? Not one. To them, his radical views are not the problem, as they all share them. It’s just that they don’t think he can win.

That’s your Party, you Dems: a dyed-in-the-wool commie, and a totally corrupt, gaffe-prone, badly-faltering septuagenarian who will say anything, believe anything, be anything you want him to be if you’ll just let him stay on the gravy train a little while longer. Biden. That’s some choice you’ve got there, pardnuh.’

Your Party is now, clearly, the Democratic Socialist Party. Try thinking about that for a while. You now support a philosophy whose record everywhere is one of complete disaster: Russia, the Satellite nations of eastern Europe,, Korea, Venezuela and the rest of South and Central America, Cuba, Vietnam, and much of Africa.

Wake up you people who can still think for yourselves (unlike the millennials). Here’s what Churchill, the little man who saved Western Civilization, had to say about socialism: “Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.”

But, he wasn’t through: “There are two places only where socialism will work: in heaven where it’s not needed, and in hell where they already have it.”

So there you have it, my friends, especially my Democrat friends who are not too far gone to be saved. Do you really want to stay a part of this imploding Party, this collection of fools, this sad remnant of something that once was respectable?

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

JIM REID
SPENCER

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more Letters to the Editor*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From “hoax” to pandemic in how many hours?

To the Editor:
The entire readership of this area owes a debt of gratitude to the Spencer New Leader for continuing to publish a wide array of opinions in this section and rejecting calls from some to silence others under any pretext for their viewpoints. Furthermore, I applaud the editor for continuing to publish some of the most vile and transparent authors as well as strongly calling them out in the Editor's Notes.
It is worth noting that in the “white nationalist” letter of March 6 that a “white nationalist” is not a person who by happenstance is of European descent and is patriotic. Patriotism and Nationalism are two very different things, but unfortunately are related to each other on a spectrum where a generally good trait becomes a bad trait due to the severity and it is a matter of judgement which category is an appropriate descriptor. In a similar example, a devout religious person would be considered ‘good’ whereas a religious radical would be considered ‘bad’.
Yes, white nationalists should be drummed out of polite society to either reform themselves or at least censor their worst thoughts. The definition of a white nationalist, who in our community is one or is not, and the evidence thereof have been beaten to death. I ask all readers to examine not what I or anybody else calls another – examine what they themselves write and make your own conclusions.
The overwhelming news of the day is, of course, the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is causing a COVID-19 pandemic across the world. It is important to understand how we got from the Narcissist-in-Chief to some (Dear Leader to others) calling it a “hoax” to a National Emergency in just a few days. This is the type of crisis we had previously been thankful hadn’t come up in the Trump years and now it isn’t clear what’s worse: his idiocy, narcissism, or his outright lying.
In April 2018, Trump dismantled the National Security Council’s team in charge of pandemic response, firing its leadership and disbanding the team. The administration also cut or failed to staff the CDC and HHS making it clear that Trump was not concerned with a disease outbreak such as the 2009 H1N1 Swine flu, 2000 West Nile Virus, 2014 Ebola outbreak, or 1918 Spanish flu.
We believe patient zero contracted COVID-19 in Nov 2019, showed symp-

toms in December, and throughout December patients kept showing up at Wuhan hospitals with pneumonia. By January the Chinese had identified it as genetically new and different from all known human viruses. It was identified as extremely dangerous because of its long incubation period – people were spreading the disease for over 5 days before they developed any symptoms
On Jan. 22, Trump said it was “totally under control”. By early February Italy the deaths were starting to pile up in China and Italy had become a second epicenter of community spread and new cases were skyrocketing, doubling every 6 days which is simply incredible. That type of exponential increase, if nothing were to be done, would lead to the entire world being infected by June 2020. COVID-19 was shown in February to have a 1-3 percent fatality rate and a 20 percent hospitalization rate – not exactly a “cold” or “common flu”.
China built a 1,000 bed hospital in two weeks. China put the city of Wuhan and surrounding areas under mandatory strict quarantine. Italy and Spain have locked down their entire countries. I doubt the US could ever pull anything like that off.
With the community spread infection rate and the hospitalization rate, we knew back in February that an uncontrolled outbreak in the United States would create a situation where there would be six patients in need of hospitalization for every one hospital bed we have. Not in Seattle and Boston, but across the entire country – it would be far worse locally.
On Feb. 24, Trump praised the stock market and said Coronavirus was under control. On Feb. 26, he said soon there would be zero cases in the US. On March 4, he encouraged sick people to go to work and retracted that statement on March 5. On March 6, he lied about the availability of tests.
On March 6, he refused to let a cruise ship dock that was full of American citizens, several dozen sick, and thousands currently healthy because he didn’t want “his” COVID-19 cases on American soil to double and said that ship’s people weren’t his fault. On March 8, he said we had a perfectly coordinated and fine-tuned plan for this virus. On March 9, he said “This blindsided the world.”
From the first patient on American

soil, so-called-President Trump claimed COVID-19 was no worse than the seasonal flu, the claim that it was dangerous was a “hoax,” and media coverage of the virus was part of a political conspiracy to destroy his presidency. The message from Trump until a few days ago was clear, “pay no attention to the fake-news fear-mongering, it’s all political hype, things are going to be great.” Pro-Trump social media stars ridiculed people concerned about the Coronavirus. Republicans seized on the political opportunity to call for more restrictive immigration, building the wall with Mexico, and accelerating the trade war.
It should be noted that back in 2009, Trump criticized Obama for taking the H1N1 pandemic seriously, and if you all remember, we got it under control. It should be noted that in 2014 Trump criticized Obama for allowing U.S. Citizen Ebola health workers/volunteers to return home saying that they should “should suffer the consequences” for going to Africa in the first place and essentially be left to die abroad. When an American nurse was in mandatory quarantine in New Jersey he then shifted to accusing Obama of jailing people against their will while the woman was on social media saying she is happy to be in quarantine. Fast forward to 2020 – he places travel/quarantine restrictions on foreign citizens only but lets U.S. Citizens arriving from ground-zero in Italy or China without quarantine to enter the community. Then he forces thousands of Americans on a cruise ship to suffer in a purgatory of sorts because he is concerned with his numbers.
To those of you who aren’t scientists – this is not a “foreign virus.” SARS-CoV-2 doesn’t have a zip code or a passport, and it doesn’t have an ethnicity. It is a human virus that causes a human disease. It is highly contagious and nothing short of a massive quarantine on an unprecedented scale can stop it. China beat it, they have barely any new cases. America’s main threat is community spread, America is pussy-footing around with locally controlled half measures, and our president is blaming foreign people.
The stock market went from all-time high to bear market in less than a month, and actually plunged every time our idiotic narcissist head of state opened his mouth. We experienced the stock exchanges activating their “cir-

cuit breakers” twice in a week for the first time ever. After Trump addressed the nation weirdly blaming European people and Chinese people we saw the largest 1-day drop in equities since 1987. Trump claimed credit for the 11-year long bull market in stocks that began in March 2009 (month #2 of Obama’s presidency) and in a few weeks it was all gone, and he was tweeting that the decline wasn’t his fault. Only then did he start to care.
Now it’s spread all over this country. We have a declared national emergency. Every state is taking unprecedented actions. Some would say what difference; we got to the same place anyway. The issue is we lost six weeks, it is significantly more serious than it should have or could have been, and there is both an actual body count and an economic toll for that.
On a similar note – Trump, his administration, and conservative figures have been intentionally misnaming COVID-19 as the “Wuhan virus” or “Chinese coronavirus”. They have clearly been trying to send the message that the virus is “foreign.” It smacks of intentionally fanning xenophobia for political gain. Public health officials have long specifically avoided naming diseases after locations to avoid scapegoating and blame and the World Health Organization actually has a published disease naming guideline.
This isn’t political correctness running amok and a tug-of-war between the accepted term and “official term.” This started in the media as “coronavirus” and WHO named it COVID-19 – it never was the “Wuhan virus.” Pompeo, McCarthy, and conservative commentators are actively trying to change its name to stigmatize China. The fact that they would actively try to change the name, and especially because it isn’t working, should be enlightening to how racist this administration, its political strategy, and the entire “conservative” movement really is. Trump’s excessive use of “foreign” is clearly trying to stigmatize everything not-American.
The coronavirus, of course, doesn’t care what it’s called, and like all contagions, will continue to spread regardless of any jingoistic posturing.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

Roses for Life

To the Editor:
I am writing to seek assistance in supporting the Problem Pregnancy Org’s fight against abortion in the Worcester County area. Problem Pregnancy (495 Pleasant St., Worcester) is an all-volunteer organization that provides women an alternative to abortion. The agency is staffed by experienced devoted volunteers who provide women guidance in pregnancy testing, ultrasound scanning, available housing, emergency financial aid, baby food/accessories, vocation assistance, along with practical and spiritual counseling. All of this is accomplished through donations and an annual fund raiser. The fund raiser is the Mother’s Day Rose Campaign (MDRC). Through this event Problem Pregnancy provides free live roses to organizations (no cost to the participating entity, mostly churches). Church members then make the roses available at church services on Mother’s Day (May 10, 2020) and accept donations for each rose (suggested \$2.00/rose).
In the western part of Worcester

County the Town of North Brookfield has been the leading element for the MDRC. Churches in N. Brookfield that are regular participants in the event are; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, The Congregational Church of N. Brookfield, The Pilgrim Baptist Church, and St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. All are united in the belief that unborn babies have a right to life. Historically the theme for the MDRC has been “Give the unborn a chance to smell the roses.”
Should you wish to join in this program the cut-off date for ordering roses is April 17. In western Worcester County the distribution of roses takes place on Saturday, May 9 at 1 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Church parking lot located on Grove Street in N. Brookfield. Proceeds are sent directly to Problem Pregnancy (no middleman involved) by the participating organization. For further information/questions, please contact Jim Foyle (JJUSMC@AOL.COM).
JIM FOYLE
NORTH BROOKFIELD

favorite musicals, so it was pushed to the top of the list, but it also got a lot of positive buzz from students when we floated the idea,” Lewis told the New Leader. “It also hasn’t been done in the area recently, so we felt that it was a perfect time to do it.”
Lewis was thrilled to see students from two schools working together, with the older students mentoring their younger counterparts.
“It’s really a whole school district effort,” added Lewis, who teaches fifth grade English at KTMS.
Tickets for adults are \$10. For students in the school district, the cost is \$8 with a valid student ID. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting the DPHS Facebook page and following the link to buy tickets. They can also be purchased at the door on the nights of the show.

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determination and excitement, and risen to the expectations that all of the directors, including myself, have set before them. In the process, we have all become a close-knit family that has gained valuable skills and forged lasting relationships.”
The preparation process began just before the holiday vacation in December, when auditions were held and a readthrough took place. Upon students’ return in January, several rehearsals were held to ensure that the young performers mastered the material. In addition to schoolwork and other commitments, it was a big demand for the students, but everyone went above and beyond.
“ ‘Shrek’ has always been one of my

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EDITORIAL

A time for hope, not hoarding

Life as we know it is changing — at least for the near future, only temporarily; however, this uncharted territory has left many questioning what exactly is happening. The new coronavirus designated COVID-19 has now infiltrated the country, causing the closure of schools, restaurants, bars, sporting events, concerts and any gathering with more than 50 people in attendance.

The next Democratic Presidential primary is coming up, and there is now a question as to how much the outbreak will affect the outcome. Could a mandatory two-week quarantine be implemented? We will soon find out.

In the midst of all this uncertainty, panic buying has commenced. Stores shelves are becoming more and more barren, with canned goods, milk and paper products hot commodities. Some stores have even been forced to implement a quota on how much a person can purchase.

Panic shopping is a natural response in the face of a crisis, but all of us need to step back and realize that as a result, price gauging can put much needed supplies out of reach for those on fixed incomes, and in this instance has created a situation in which medical supplies that are necessary for the protection of health care workers on the front lines of the crisis, such as face masks, are so scarce that hospitals have instructed doctors and nurses to ration them.

We understand the fear that underlies the ‘grab everything you can while you can’ mentality in situations like this outbreak, but overburdening the chain of the very supplies we need to get through this is not helping anyone. This is a time for calmness, not crazed behavior.

Just one example we recently encountered of the fallout from all this unnecessary hoarding particularly touched our hearts. While out shopping ourselves, we met an elderly woman who made a trip to her local grocery store needing a loaf of bread. She had no idea what was going on, and seemed visibly stressed to find the bread aisle so completely picked over.

Instances that have induced fear and panic are nothing new in our national experience. In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis caused Americans to stock their basements with bottled water and dry goods in the case of an atomic bomb. The Y2K scare at the turn of the millennium and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 generated a similar atmosphere of fear that we had arrived at the End of Days, but cooler heads eventually prevailed, and in each instance, our society soldiered on, as it doubtless will once this outbreak winds down.

Remember that we are all in this together. It may feel lonely to think about staying home and not interacting with the world around us for a long stint, but as has been the case demonstrated throughout history, we will all take care of each other. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, health-care providers, town officials and law enforcement personnel are always there to help in times of need. Those supports will provide comfort just like they do any other day.

“I am a firm believer in the people,” Abraham Lincoln once wrote. “If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vitamins may help to curb spread of coronavirus

To the Editor:

I’m a retired veterinary virologist, and I’m writing out of concern about the worldwide outbreak of the new coronavirus variant (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19). As of today (March 10), over 114,000 cases have been reported worldwide, with an approximately 3.5 percent fatality rate. Our President has suggested that warmer weather this spring will control the spread of this virus. There may be some truth to that theory, but until more is known, it would certainly warrant a more aggressive approach than wait and see.

The majority of cases of COVID-19 infection have occurred in locations above the 30 degree N latitude. There are several potential reasons for that, one contributing factor certainly being the location of the initial outbreak. Some colleagues would argue that the increased height of the sun in the spring and summer sky would permit more ultraviolet (UV) light to reach the earth’s surface, and could disinfect virus exposed to it (helping limit exposure to the virus). An alternative explanation for the seasonal occurrence of a number of respiratory virus infections (such as influenza virus and a wide variety of viruses including a human coronavirus that can cause the common cold) also includes the involvement of UV light. But with this theory, UV light protects populations through an indirect impact on the health of individuals exposed to the UV light (by increasing vitamin D levels through UV light’s essential role in its synthesis). In much the same way a vaccination program can reduce spread of a virus by increasing resistance to infection in a critical proportion of a population, increased exposure to UV light could have a similar effect. (But unlike vaccination, the effect will likely impact resistance to a wide variety of pathogens, not just the specific target pathogen involved in the vaccination program.)

Very little media attention has been directed toward two safe supplements that potentially could be used to help reduce spread of COVID-19. After a long winter, most of us are deficient in vitamin D. This vitamin is actually a prohormone with multiple effects, including critical influences on the regulation of both innate and adaptive immune responses. Although general consensus has not been reached in medical circles, considerably higher

levels of supplementation are needed for optimum health than have been recommended in the past. For example, a recent study with nursing mothers demonstrated that a daily dose of 6400 IU was both safe and necessary to provide 400 IU daily to their infants. Vitamin K2, which helps direct proper calcification of bones and teeth, could be added to reduce risk of inappropriate calcification of soft tissues of the arteries and kidneys (possible side effects of truly excessive vitamin D3, the type of vitamin D I would recommend).

Another well known supplement that could help is ascorbic acid (vitamin C). But again, dosage is critical. Nearly all mammals produce their own ascorbic acid (primates and guinea pigs being exceptions), and the levels they produce are considerably higher than the current government recommendations for humans. (A goat can produce 13 grams per day. In response to stress, ascorbic acid-producing mammals can increase their production 13-fold.) Once clinical signs of a respiratory infection occur, large doses of vitamin C would be needed to control the infection. The oral doses needed can cause diarrhea, and blood levels achievable with conventional vitamin C supplementation by the oral route are limited. However, there is a liposomal form of the vitamin available that can help achieve higher blood levels. With a variety of other pathogens, extremely high doses of intravenous ascorbic acid have been reported to enable remarkable recoveries from life-threatening infections, including that of a comatose New Zealand man in 2010 who was dying of a swine influenza virus infection. It is surprising to me that more recent studies have not been performed using intravenous dosages (as high as 100 grams) reported to be effective in the early (1940s and ‘50s) literature.

At this point, we can’t be certain that vitamin D3 or vitamin C will be effective in controlling spread of COVID-19. But given the safety record and many other health benefits associated with these vitamins, it would seem prudent to supplement now rather than wait for definitive studies to be published.

DAVID W. BROWN
NORTH BROOKFIELD

President Trump in his own words, and by the numbers

To the Editor:

Trump, when asked on Jan. 22, on whether he was concerned about the Corona virus: “No, not at all. We have it totally under control.”

Trump, on Jan. 30: “We have it very well under control. We have very little problem at this moment – five and all those people are recuperating successfully.”

Trump, on Jan. 31: “Well we pretty much have it shut down coming in from China.”

At this time, 14,557 cases existed around the world.

Trump, on Feb. 10: “Looks like by April, you know in theory, when it gets a little warmer, it miraculously goes away.”

Trump, on Feb. 19: “I think the numbers are going progressively better as we go along.”

Trump, on Feb. 23: “We had 12 at one point. And now they’ve gotten very much better. Many are fully recovered.”

Trump, on Feb. 26: “We’re going down, not up. We’re going very substantially down, not up.”

Trump, on Feb. 27: “It’s going to disappear. One day – it’s like a miracle – it will disappear.”

At this time, 85,043 cases existed around the world.

Trump, on camera March 6 during his Center for Disease Control visit: “Anybody that wants a test can get a test.”

Trump, on March 7: “It will go away. Just stay calm. It will go away.”

At this time, 113, 702 cases existed around the world.

Now as of this writing, more than 142, 000 cases exist around the world and entire countries such as Italy and Spain are “locked down.” On March 15, in Italy alone, 368 people died due to the virus. on. Pulitzer Prize winner David Leonhardt (on whose article this letter is based) indicates that tens of millions or more of Americans may become infected.

Leonhardt ends his article by pointing out that all along real experts have emphasized that our America could reduce our country’s terrible projected numbers by taking action. However at almost every point President Trump has ignored experts advice and insisted “It’s going to be fine.”

Which do you believe? The real numbers and experts or the President’s words?

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

How much will market volatility really affect you?

There’s no way to sugarcoat it: If you’re an investor, you haven’t liked what you’ve seen in the financial markets recently. The effects of the coronavirus triggered a market “correction” – a decline of 10 percent or more – and more volatility is almost certainly on the way. But instead of fretting over your investment statements, you could consider some more positive approaches to this situation.



For one thing, ask yourself this: When do you really need the money from your investment accounts, such as your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan? These are retirement accounts, so, depending on your age, you may not need to tap into them for 20, 30 or even 40 years. If so, your losses may be “paper” ones only for now and aren’t subjecting you to imminent financial jeopardy. This isn’t to minimize the effect this downturn will have on you, of course – it always takes time to recover lost ground, and there are no guarantees with investing. However, although past performance does not guarantee future results, it is useful to note that, over its long history, the U.S. stock market has typically trended in one direction – up – despite serious and sometimes lengthy declines such as we saw in the Great Depression and, to a lesser extent, the bursting of the “dot.com” bubble of the early 2000s and the financial crisis of 2008-09.

Nonetheless, you may have shorter-term goals – a wedding, down payment on a home, overseas trip, etc. – for which you need to save. For these goals, though, you wouldn’t want to touch your IRA or 401(k), anyway, as you’d likely face taxes and penalties. Instead, you’ll want your money invested in liquid, low-risk accounts that will be minimally affected, if at all, by declines in the financial markets. These vehicles might include Certificates of Deposit (CDs), money market accounts and even good old-fashioned U.S. Savings Bonds, all of which offer the protection of principal and can pay higher rates than traditional bank savings accounts.

But you might also have longer-term goals that can be addressed through investments that may be somewhat or largely free of the effects of market volatility. For example, to supplement your retirement income, you might consider a fixed annuity, which can provide you with a guaranteed interest rate and, depending on how it’s structured, an income stream you can’t outlive.

Apart from the issue of when you might need money from your investment accounts, you might want to ask yourself another question: Just how much of my net worth is tied up in my portfolio? If you’re like many people, you have other assets apart from your investments. If you’re a homeowner, consider your house: Has it dropped in value at all during the recent market decline? Probably not. Do you still have just as much equity in it as you did a month ago? You might have even more. In other words, the value of your investments may have dropped a certain percentage, but the decline in your overall net worth may well be significantly smaller.

So, here’s the bottom line: Large drops in the financial markets aren’t much fun for investors – but that doesn’t mean the bottom has dropped out on your financial future. Keeping things in perspective is a good move in all of life’s endeavors – including investing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thinking man aborts thinking

To the Editor:
Warning: the following contains graphic references.
Planned Parenthood (PP) has a special post abortion room in its facilities. On the door of that room, the acronym POC is prominently featured. That stands for “Products of Conception,” a.k.a. to PP personnel, “Pieces of Children,” in keeping with Planned Parenthood’s monstrous raison d’être. In that room, a PP employee carries out the task of taking the dismembered human remains of suction abortion and carefully reassembles the pieces to ensure that the abortion was complete. Otherwise, if the pieces of the unborn remain in the womb, the woman could go septic and suffer serious harm and even death.
In the March 6 edition of this newspaper, Robert Emerson of Spencer attempted to abort my prolife position as detailed in my article of Jan. 28. In the process, he entered his POC room, “Products of Cognition,” and his failure to properly represent my position and assemble the parts of my argument, coupled with his misunderstanding of biblical texts he alluded to, has resulted in septic conclusions.
Mr. Emerson attempts to address the timeline for ensoulment and to argue for the creation of all souls on the first day of creation. He insists, “most of the world’s religions scriptures including the bible state that creation was a one-time event, terminating on the Sixth Day. We have been resting on the seventh day for a very long time in remembrance of the creation process.” But his argument is void of hermeneutic discipline (hermeneutics is the method of and art of proper textual interpretation.) There is nothing in the first day of creation that indicates every soul was created. That is an eisegetical error (when one imposes one’s own supposition on the text rather than letting the text speak for itself). Also, to Ancient Near East (ANE) people, the cultural setting of the audience to whom the Genesis text

was written, what we call God resting, is God taking his position on the throne of his completed cosmic temple. Contrary to the notion that Genesis 1-2 is describing some sort of scientific process of the material creation, the original audience would have understood the text as God assigning function and order to the material creation he had already completed. The people of the ANE didn’t need to be taught that God created the material universe, they already assumed that. It was a given. Once all the functions were assigned and complete, God, or the gods in pagan thought, would take rest or dwell among the people. Yes, there was a seventh day observation of rest for theocratic Israel in observation of what God had done. That was to more fully realize and indulge this wonderful partnership with God and realize that he condescends to relate to his creation. To rest with God was to engage that relationship, not to recall that God made material stuff. There are various distinctives among Christian denominations as to what that should like, and whether Sabbath observance still endures in the New Covenant. I will not address those arguments here. At one point in his ministry, Jesus told the Pharisees, “My Father is always doing his work. He is working right up to this day.” If the Father wants to make souls each day, he makes souls each day. There is nothing “axiomatic”, biblically speaking, about the soul pre-existing the body. There is a range of views expressed even by the early church fathers regarding ensoulment. We don’t make the decision to terminate life based on what we don’t know, but on what we do know.
Now, I took the pains to explain that a bit because Mr. Emerson accused me (and others) of imposing some “officious dogmatic religious intrusion” on pregnant women. In fact, not once in my original article did I mention anything about religion, or God, or any so-called interpretation of a biblical text. You can be sure that when some-

one accuses you of such a thing, they are quite likely imposing their own religious or worldview dogma on you! My arguments were strictly from science, philosophy, and our moral intuitions. I argued among other things that there is no difference between a human being and a human person, and that attempts to redefine personhood have been the stimulus for the greatest crimes and atrocities ever committed, particularly the holocaust and slavery.
I fully agree with Mr. Emerson that the soul indeed animates the physical body and that the soul survives death. But his assertion that, “when the body ceases to function, the soul exits it for existence in other realms of existence until it feels ready to experience in physical again...And so the process is repeated as the soul uses experience to gain wisdom, ultimately becoming compatible with the creator and not needing a physical body again” is foreign to Christian scripture. Jesus and his apostles clearly taught that the soul does indeed survive death, AND that there is a future day when the soul will once again be embodied at the return of Jesus Christ, at which time those redeemed by Christ will have a body “like unto his glorious body,” one that will never die.
Therefore, Mr. Emerson fails to support his claim that, “during the gestation period, the soul does not occupy the body intended for its use”. He also writes, “quite bluntly the fetus belongs to the woman as at this point it is merely an extension of her own body.” No, it’s not. That is an arbitrary conclusion based on an arbitrary, unsupported premise, merely the whims of Mr. Emerson’s preferred dogmatic metaphysic. What, for the love of Pete, does “an extension of the woman’s body” even mean? It means nothing. As I amply demonstrated in my article, the fetus has its own genetic makeup entirely distinct from the mothers. It has its own heartbeat. Is the unborn’s penis also an extension of the woman? Does the woman have two

vaginas? The fetus is exactly where it belongs. Emerson claims “once the point of viability has been reached, then the soul may enter the fetus for...a test drive.” Scott Klusendorf asks, “Suppose a pregnant woman flies from the U.S. (where viability is 22 weeks) to a 3rd world country (where viability is birth) and then returns. Does her child go from human, to nonhuman, back to human again?” And this, “During fetal surgery (for defective diaphragms), the fetus is removed from the womb, fixed, then placed back in. Does the fetus go from non-human, to human, then back to non-human during the surgery?”
Then there is this by Emerson, “The soul cannot take complete possession of the body until birth when the body is outside the woman. This is generally agreed upon to be at the first breathe.” And there you have the perfect justification for partial birth abortion. (I am willing to grant that Mr. Emerson simply hasn’t thought this through rather than that he supports the barbarism thereof). For in that instance, the unborn human is delivered feet first to the neck. The head remains inside the birth canal where it cannot yet take its first breath (and is therefore by Mr. Emerson’s argument still merely an extension of the woman), then surgical scissors are thrust into the base of the skull causing immediate death.
Mr. Emerson alleges I “resorted to arguing by emotion and cherry-picked examples.” That is simply a misrepresentation as my facts are well attested to and commonly known. When emotions arise from facts, they are well justified, and my conclusions followed quite logically from my premises, buttressed by biology 101. When it comes to attempting to justify abortion in the manner of Mr. Emerson, there is no “thinking man”—It is an oxymoron and he should abandon his septic position.

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12:01 a.m.: medical/overdose (Duggan Street); 12:36-1:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:56 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 2:14-2:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:56-3:01 a.m.: parking violations (Main, Mechanic, Chestnut streets), tickets issued; 3:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:10 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 6:19 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 6:39 a.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 6:43 a.m.: mv complaint (R. Jones Road), speeding; 7:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), dead deer; 7:35 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:52 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:20 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:28 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:30 a.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 8:40 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:52 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:02 a.m.: mv repossession (Ash Street), info taken; 10:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:00 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:41 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:01 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 1:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Rene Drive), neighbor dispute; 1:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Charron Street), info taken; 2:13 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), tree on wires; 3:31 p.m.: multiple LTC/4 issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:00 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), Jaime A. Leland, 34, 34 Grove Street, Spencer, disturbing the peace, arrest; 5:11 p.m.: disturbance (Main

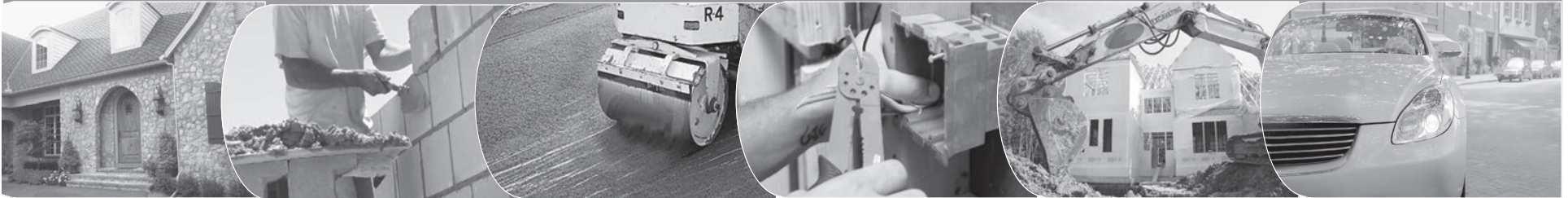
Street), loud argument; 5:31 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:35 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), father-son dispute; 5:37 p.m.: DPW call (Hastings Road), wire down; 5:40 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Lake Street), mv on sidewalk; 6:45 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Polar Springs Road), spoken to; 7:40 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:52 p.m.: warrant service (Duggn Street), Kimberly Kitteridge, 42, 4 Kitteridge Road, Spencer, warrant arrest; 9:29 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact.
THURSDAY, MARCH 5
12:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), loose dog; 12:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:15 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:18 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:26-1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:30 a.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket issued; 1:38-2:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:16 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street); 8:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:41 a.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), wallet lost; 9:08 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street); 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:20 a.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), noise complaint; 9:30 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accident report; 9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:54 a.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 10:22 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street);

10:40 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 11:00 a.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield); 11:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:55 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:08 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Street), investigated; 1:28 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), family issue; 1:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 2:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), injured raccoon; 2:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), poss. break-in; 3:24 p.m.: 911 call (Old Farm Road), misdial; 3:38 p.m.: fire alarm (McDonald Street), services rendered; 3:49 p.m.: parking violation (McDonald Street), ticket issued; 4:10 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 4:32 p.m.: warrant service (Cherry Street), Alaysia Marie Holly, 28, 33 Cherry Street, Spencer, warrant arrest; Nyari Sai Holly, 19, 33 Cherry Street, Spencer, warrant arrest; 5:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), harassment; 5:44 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 6:28 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:29 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), Marcos Santiago-Reyes, 30, 23 Orne Street, Worcester, possession of drugs w/intent to distribute/2 counts, reckless endangerment/3 counts, arrest; 8:48 p.m.: disturbance (Wilson Street), noise complaint; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 9:28-9:39 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), investigated; 9:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:10 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 10:18 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), fem. jumping in traffic; 11:25 p.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Lane), 11:53 pm.: suspicious mv (Sunset Lane), investigated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
12:12 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:22-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:33 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road), Jeanne Simon LaFortune, 26, 5 Rufus Street, Putnam, CT, errat (Charlton Road); 4:01 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 4:12 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Gauthier Road); 8:49 a.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 9:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:51 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:09 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 11:26 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 12:11 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 1:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:33 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 1:37 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 1:44 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 1:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:47 p.m.: parking complaint (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 3:21 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), scam call; 4:11 p.m.: weapons law violation (Howe Road), discharging firearm on trail; 4:42 pm.: mv stop (Cranberry Meadow Road); 4:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), no contact; 6:00 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 7:46 p.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 9:28 p.m.: elderly matter (Cranberry Meadow Road), services rendered; 10:00 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 10:35 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 11:12 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), family issue; 11:17 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 11:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chickering Road), accidental.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7
12:10 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 1:51-2:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:27 a.m.: mv stoop (Charlton Road); 7:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:21 a.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue);

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Take Action against the Flu Virus

You can't look at the TV, radio or cell phone today without being bombarded with COVID-19 news, photos of bare store shelves, and extreme germ fretting! Add to that the highly contagious stomach flu virus going around right now and it's no wonder many are in near panic mode right now!

But keeping yourself healthy comes down to common sense as has been repeated many times. Using caution and being diligent to avoid cold and flu germs is the golden rule. While this column addressed this subject earlier this year, read on for another round of tips to help you up your odds of staying healthy this season.

It's no secret the most common way to pick up and spread bacteria and other germs is by touching contaminated surfaces. Clean first, then disinfect.

For cleaning surfaces, use products that specify "disinfectant" on the label. For a homemade disinfectant, the CDC recommends mixing a quarter-cup of household chlorine bleach with one gallon of cool water. Be sure to rinse countertops and other surfaces after sanitizing.

While disinfecting wipes and sprays have been flying off the grocery store shelves, there's no need to worry if you can't get your hands on commercial products. Common products can do the job at a fraction of the cost:

Isopropyl (Rubbing) Alcohol: Undiluted alcohol (at least 70%) is effective against the COVID-19 virus. Alcohol has long been a frugal disinfectant used to kill common cold and flu germs. Simply wipe down surfaces with alcohol and it will immediately dry.

Hydrogen Peroxide (3%): Alcohol has become scarce in some areas as people buy it up to make their own hand sanitizer, but again, don't fret yet as Hydrogen Peroxide can do the job. For ease in applying, pour

undiluted H2O into a spray bottle and spritz it on household surfaces. Allow it to sit on the surface for several minutes.

Note: Alcohol can discolor some plastics; H2O can discolor clothing and other soft surfaces.

Your cell phone is a magnet for germs. In fact, I just read your phone may have up to ten times more bacteria than a toilet seat! Here's how to sanitize it properly:

Power off the phone. Using a disinfectant wipe (or alcohol dampened cloth), gently wipe down the (non porous) surfaces of the phone, starting with the sides, then the back and front. Be careful not to allow any moisture to get into any opening. And most importantly, wash your hands immediately after washing the phone!

The World Health Center offers these basic protective measures against the COVID-19:

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

Wash your hands frequently: Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

Maintain social distancing: Maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain



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virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene: Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early: Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Here are a few tips to battle the common cold and flu this season:

The health virtues of garlic have been touted for generations. The book, "The Healing Power of Garlic," suggests garlic nose drops can kill the viruses that cause cold or flu. The book's instructions on concocting the drops: Crush some garlic to obtain juice, and add ten parts water and mix well.

Apply as you would regular nose drops.

According to a home remedy, if you place a clove of garlic on each side of the mouth between the teeth and cheek, a cold will disappear within a day. It's worth a try!

Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried peppermint. Steep. Strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

One of peppermint's claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over four to six peppermint leaves. Allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and serve.

Flu season typically lasts from October to March. Here's something to keep in mind for the future: According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

Cold and Flu Facts
*The word "influenza" comes from the Italian influenza because people used to believe that the influence of the planets, stars, and moon caused the flu.

*On average children get about six to ten colds per year.

*Viruses are between 20 and 100 times smaller than bacteria and can be seen only through a microscope

*During the flu season, 59%

of surfaces in home can be contaminated with the flu virus.

*Children are two to three times more likely than adults to get sick with the common flu, and children frequently spread the virus to others.

*Flying when you have cold and flu congestion can temporarily damage your eardrums due to pressure changes. If you must fly, use a nasal spray prior to takeoff and landing. Also chew gum, and use a decongestant for symptoms.

*There are over 200 viruses that cause the common cold

*Colds are not caused by temperature or temperature changes. Despite what mother said, you can't catch a cold by going out barefoot or without a hat.

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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.

Am I supposed to be buying toilet paper?

I spent a fun week with my daughter and her family, and was oblivious to what was happening in the news. I caught bits and pieces on the 'Net, but was enjoyably disconnected. I was surprised at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) how many people I saw walking around wearing face masks. I was aware of the coronavirus, but really missed out on the last eight days of developments.

We landed in Chicago, grabbed our luggage and headed for home when my sister called from North Carolina and asked, "Do you have enough toilet paper?"

I don't think anyone had ever asked such a random question of me before.

"Enough for what?" I asked.

"To be quarantined for three to four weeks!"

I immediately began scrolling through the newsfeed on my phone, frantically trying to figure out what was causing the TP emergency. I laughed aloud as I thought. "Bernie Sanders with his push for socialism hasn't been elected yet and the stores are already out of TP?" I ran across a posting that said, "Almost all the major grocery chains are out of bread, milk and toilet paper." I saw another that said, "Someone is on eBay selling cases of TP for \$2000 each and has more buyers than inventory."

Arlene and I decided we better rush to the store before we got home and see if we could get some TP. We parked, ran into our local grocery store and headed to what we were convinced would be empty shelves. Imagine our shock when the shelves were full of every brand of toilet paper. We checked milk and bread to only find the same.

What's going on? I'd call this something between an overreaction to mass hysteria. As for me, I found it to be funny. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing funny about a communicable illness that is spreading around the world. We all must be vigilant and take the advice from healthcare professionals. Wash your hands often. Don't touch your body above your shoulders. Use hand sanitizer and carry a few sanitizing wipes wherever you go. On our flight home we used wipes to sanitize our seats and trays on our airplane seats. It also never hurts to have a supply of essentials on hand at home, but to rush out and buy a year's supply of canned goods and to lock yourselves behind the doors of your homes at this point, may be giving into mass hysteria. Be vigilant. Listen to government offi-

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

cials but avoid unsubstantiated rumors on the internet or you may end up spending two grand for a few rolls of toilet paper. When you see that Abraham Lincoln is assuring you that if it's found on the internet it must be true ... think about it first!

Relax. Be prudent about the sources of information you use to make your decisions. Then act wisely.

Thank you!

Thank you all for your prayers, emails and cards. I am grateful. I shared with you that I had been diagnosed with a rare affliction called Neuroendocrine

Tumors. I travelled to one of the world's leading clinics for this disease at the University of Iowa Hospital. While there I received the surprising news that I had been misdiagnosed and did not have Neuroendocrine Tumors. Instead, I learned I have Stage IV Stomach Cancer. It's not the news I expected nor wanted to hear but I am positively fighting this cancer with everything I have. I am optimistic of my outcome.

Don't misunderstand. I do not believe by being positive and optimistic alone can magically heal you. There are some medical realities that attitude will not overcome. But I know my chances of beating this illness are greatly enhanced

by being positive.

There is a great blog I would encourage you to read. It's entitled, "At a Cellular Level, Every Single Human Depends on Positivity to Survive." It is authored by Jenn Maronek and can be found at www.blog.sivanaspirit.com I think you will find a few moments reading this useful and encouraging.

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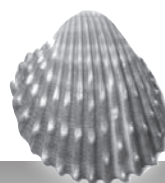


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BY KEN POWERS
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WEST BROOKFIELD — The effects of the pandemic created by the outbreak of the coronavirus notwithstanding, spring football is headed to town.

New England Youth Tackle Football (NEYTF), a seven-team spring league that began playing games in 2018 in Lynn, has added an eighth team, the Quaboag Panthers, who will practice and play games at Callahan/Landers Field on Lakeview Avenue.

The program began practicing on Monday, March 9, but workouts were suspended after the second practice (Wednesday, March 11) due to health concerns related to the coronavirus. Practices are tentatively scheduled to resume on Monday, March 23 and a league-wide jamboree is scheduled for the end of March.

The NEYTF is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. There are four divisions of competition: six-, seven- and eight-year-olds play in the 8U division; nine- and 10-year-olds play in the 10U division; 11- and 12-year-olds play in the 12U division; and 13- and 14-year-olds play in the 14U division.

The general manager of the Quaboag Panthers, who will field teams in all four divisions, is Maurice Payne. Payne is a fixture in Quaboag Youth Football circles, hav-

ing been affiliated with the program since 1996. Payne is also coach of the 14U team.

"I started the Quaboag Youth Football program back in 1996," said Payne, who grew up in Richmond, Va. "I used to coach in Belchertown when I heard that some kids from this area wanted to play football but couldn't because they didn't have any place to play. So, because kids from out this way wanted to play, I started a team in West Brookfield in 1996.

“I raised the money to start the program myself,” Payne continued. “An in-line skate company in West Brookfield donated in-line skates to the program and we sold them to raise money to start the team. I ended up raising \$80,000 in three months. Then I got skates donated to the Belchertown team I was a part of for six years and they raised \$65,000 for their team selling the in-line skates. I got Quabbin Youth football started the same way, too.”

Payne said he found out about the NEYTF while surfing the internet one night.

“In December I was online and I came across the New England Youth Tackle Football league’s website [www.neytfootball.org]. So, I reached out to the founder of the league, Joel Machado, and he invited me up to Lynn to talk about the league. We talked and he ended up inviting me to join the league.”

Payne said he has a 30-mile

radius around West Brookfield to draw players from. And, even though this is just the first year Quaboag has participated in the program, Payne said the response to the new league has been great.

"Interest in the program just blew up," Payne said. "We have close to 100 kids in the program. They're coming from everywhere; Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren, Spencer, Southbridge, Leicester, Sturbridge, Charlton, Barre, Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Belchertown, Monson and Worces-

Quaboag Youth Football volunteer Maureen Roberts said included in the kids who have signed up are five girls who want to play the sport of tackle football.

There are seven teams currently in the NEYTF including three in Lynn — the Sin City Steelers, the Silverbacks and the Outlaws — as well as the Boston Titans, the Merrimack Valley Blue Devils, the Ocean State (R.I.) Ducks, and the Manchester (N.H.) Bird Gang.

Payne said there are still openings for kids interest-



Image courtesy NEYTFootball.org

New England Youth Tackle Football is coming to West Brookfield this season.

ed in playing on the 8U and 12U teams. Roberts said the interest was so great for the 10U and 14U teams, that the league has created a waiting list for those divisions.

The cost to join the league is \$180, which includes a \$150 registration fee and \$30 for a game jersey that the kids get to keep.

“Parents interested in joining the NEYTF need to sign their son or daughter up through sportsid.org,” Roberts said, “and there is a \$10 fee for that. Signing up includes downloading the player’s birth certificate, a recent photo of the player and a report card.”



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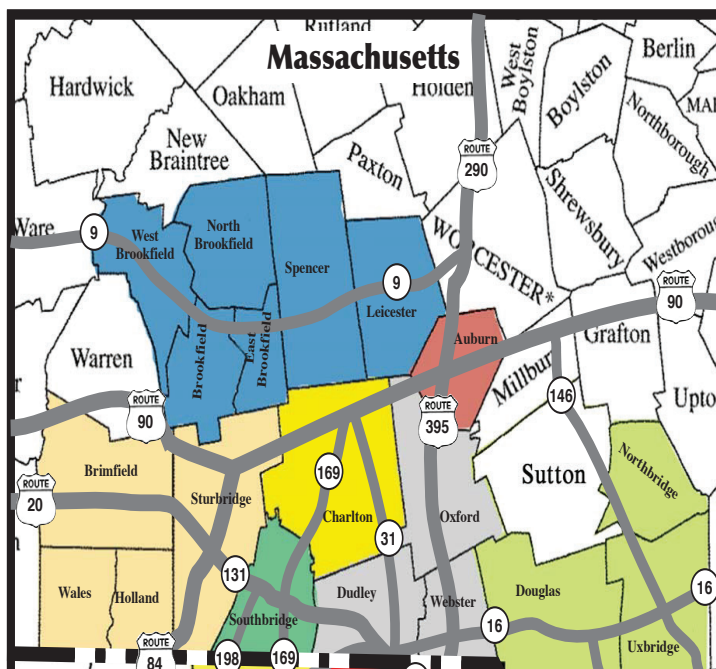
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Family fishing memories



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Freshwater fishing in local ponds and on Cape ponds was enjoyed by many anglers trying to catch some of the recently stocked trout this past week. Anglers fishing local ponds needed to spend a number of hours fishing to catch some trout, but the final results had many anglers catching their limit. Freshwater bass anglers were also catching some nice largemouth bass at Webster Lake, with a few small mouth bass also being caught. Some of the larger bass were being caught on shiners.

By the time you read this column, some of the local streams and rivers should have had a stocking of trout, as rivers and streams are ideal this year because of the lack of substantial rainfall, which normally happens this time of year.

In my younger years, I enjoyed some great stream fishing in Whitinsville and Sutton! Prentice Brook and Purgatory Brook were my favored trout streams for catching some native brook trout. Our dad had us fishing every year on opening day, catching a stringer of 10 - 12 inch brook trout. Spring was a great time of year back in my younger life for fishing. Growing up in Whitinsville in the late '40's and '50's I

had some great fishing on the Meadow Pond & Arcade Pond which were essentially in my back yard. My dad kept a small row boat on Meadow Pond which was used daily by my brother and I. On weekends, my dad would get us up early to go fishing in the boat to catch some fish for my dad to make a big fish chowder.

My brother Mel and I would use a spinner and worm to fish on both sides of the boat, as my dad rowed. It was not long before we had a good stringer of fish which included Bass, perch, pickerel, bluegills and more. On one early morning, we were trolling and my brother Mel asked my dad to stop rowing. He claimed he was hooked on the bottom. Within seconds, the line started peeling from the reel. Mel had a big fish on! Rowing in reverse to get some line back from the long run of the big fish, it was finally brought to the side of the boat. It was a huge largemouth bass. We sure had a fish story to tell everyone in the village.

Back in the day, my brother Mel and I fished almost every day. We would grab our fishing rods after school and go fishing. Our grades on our quarterly report cards suffered badly, as we rarely did our homework. Our parents tried to have us finish our homework before we could go fishing, but it rarely worked. Leaving school to start working at age 16 in the Whitin Machine works was great. Now I had some money to

buy a car and meet the girls. Purchasing a 1939 Chevrolet car for \$15 from one of the Ebbelings on Sutton street back in the day, had me leaving fishing and meeting girls.

I soon found my wife Judy, and we got married at 18 years old. Everyone thought we were nuts. Our parents needed to sign for us to get married. It was not easy being married that young, but we worked through it for more than 61 years. Unfortunately, she passed away last year. Bringing up two boys Ralph and David, I soon found myself back fishing a lot more, so I purchased a 14 ft boat that was used for fishing at Wallum Lake and Webster Lake. Both boys loved fishing and it stayed with them to this day. Unfortunately, David passed a few years ago, but the memories of us fishing remain.

The terrible mess that this country is going through today will hopefully pass soon, and we can all get back to our normal lives. Spending time fishing and enjoying the outdoors with family is the best way to stay healthy.

This week's picture shows Kurt Salvis fly fishing at the Uxbridge Club Pond last week. He caught numerous trout using a Woolly Bugger fly.

The Rhode Island saltwater fishing show has been canceled due to the virus. Many more events will be canceled in the coming weeks.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Early spring preparation for a beautiful summer garden



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When pruning, start by removing the damaged and diseased stems of shrubs and roses and wear heavy duty gloves to keep yourself free from scratches.

As winter fades into spring, gardeners can't wait to get busy in the garden. Pruning, cutting back perennials and ornamental grasses and preparing the garden for spring planting are just a few of the tasks. Keep yourself and the pollinators overwintering in your garden safe as you start the cleanup process.

Always prune with a purpose. Start by removing any damaged and diseased stems from shrubs and roses. Watch for insects like swallowtail butterflies that overwinter in protective cocoons and

the egg masses of some like the hair-streak butterflies. Prevent problems by destroying overwintering non-native pests like the gypsy moth. Search the internet and insect books for help identifying the good and bad guys you may find in your landscape.

Additional pruning may be needed to manage the size and shape or encourage better flowering and bark color. Wait to prune spring flowering shrubs like lilacs and forsythia if you want maximum flowering. Prune these shrubs

right after flowering before they set their floral buds for next spring.

Keep yourself safe by wearing safety glasses and gloves. It's too easy to focus on the task and end up with a stick in the eye. Heavy duty gloves protect and support your hands, allowing you to garden longer with less stress, scratches and bruises. Consider synthetic leather gauntlet style gloves like Foxgloves extra protection gloves (foxglovesinc.com) that protect hands and forearms from harm yet are supple enough to allow you to work efficiently. The breathable fabric is durable, machine washable and puncture resistant.

Lightly rake any debris off the lawn and add it to the compost pile. Check for damage and lightly tamp any disturbed areas back in place. Reseed bare spots so grass, not weeds, fill in these spots.

Brush leaves off the crowns of perennials but leave the rest in place for insects that spend winter or summer in the leaf litter. Plus, the leaves help preserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as they break down.

Pull mulch away from tree trunks and shrub crowns that may have shifted over winter. Keeping mulch off the stems reduces the risk of future problems that can lead to decline and even death of the plants.

Leave perennials and grasses stand as



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long as possible since many are homes for beneficial insects. Bundle grasses for easy cutting and removal. Once cut, loosely stack or stand perennial stems and grasses at

the edge of the garden or natural spaces. This allows any insects still present to safely emerge when it's time to move to their summer homes. Plus, birds will appreciate the easy access to nesting material.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons and the beauty of nature hidden among the plants in your garden. Protect yourself when preparing the garden for spring so you won't lose time recovering from injuries. And keeping the pollinators and other beneficial insects safe will improve your garden's health and productivity throughout the growing seasons.

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CORONAVIRUS

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on the situation. Information from the state is sought daily as new presumptive coronavirus cases are added.

"The town continues to await further guidance from the Mass. Department of Public Health," said Spencer Town Administrator Thomas Gregory. "We've included a link on our webpage which gives the public good information on prevention and preparedness."

Gregory held a March 10 meeting with the town's department heads to discuss additional preparedness efforts.

As of midday on March 11, the coronavirus was responsible for over 1,000 cases in the U.S. and 32 deaths. The number of confirmed and presumptive cases in the Bay State spiked to over 90, and a handful of colleges have opted to hold classes online for the remainder of the semester. Travel is strongly dis-

couraged to multiple countries, including China and Italy, and cruise ship voyages are being canceled in record numbers following several infection outbreaks over the last month.

At local schools, libraries, and senior centers, officials are hoping to avoid canceling programs. But as the number of cases continues to rise, they urge those who aren't feeling well to stay home, especially seniors.

"Our nurse has made sure that we have enough hand sanitizers, tissues, and that the place is very clean," said Leicester Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier. "We tell our seniors to wash their hands often. No program has been altered or postponed."

For more information about prevention and preparedness, most towns have set up links on their homepages.

LUNCHEON

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or rustic chicken, a boneless breast of chicken with homemade herbed bread stuffing topped with supreme sauce.

The event will also celebrate local residents who have given back to their communities through volunteerism. Two community service awards will be presented.

"We present our awards to acknowledge the commitment people make to their communities," said QHS co-president Amy Dugas.

The J. Irving and Jane L. England Award will be presented to Paul

Lussier, of West Brookfield. The Lucy Stone Award will be given to Mary Lou Knight and Don Taft for their longtime service to the town of Brookfield.

A brief business meeting will conclude the afternoon event.

The cost for the program is \$25 per person. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and support some of the area's top volunteers.

Invitations will be sent to QHS members; non-members wishing to attend can contact Barb Londergan at barblondergan@gmail.com, or by phone at 413-436-7901.

The deadline for making reservations is Saturday, April 11.

POLICE LOGS

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8:35 a.m.: 911 call (Laurel Lane), open line; 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 9:01 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 9:30 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:53 a.m.: medical/general (Cranberry Meadow Road); 12:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), spoken to; 12:54 a.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street); 1:28 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 1:54 p.m.: 911 call (Water Street), accidental; 2:56 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 2:59 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), debit card found; 3:46 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 3:56 p.m.: mv top (Donnelly Road); 4:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 4:23 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:34 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street); 6:01 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:31 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:22 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:54 p.m.:mv stop (Main Street); 9:07 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 9:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 10:08 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), mv vs deer; 10:32 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street); 11:26 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street).

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
12:00 a.m.: mv stop (East Charlton Road); 12:06-12:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:11 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 12:15 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road), Blake Daniel Warren, 24, 855 Charlton Street, Southbridge, OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, negligent operation, number plate violation, arrest; 1:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:02-3:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:58 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:25 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:40 a.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), open line; 9:48 a.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 10:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street);12:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Irving Street), welfare check; 12:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:30 p.m.: medical/general (Park Street); 2:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street) 2:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), argument in road; 4:38 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 4:43 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 4:50 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:36 p.m.: vandalism (Powers Street), tires slashed; 7:35 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), salesman; 8:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), cyber-bulling reported; 8:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), card stuck in ATM; 8:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Woodside Road), accidental; 9:06 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:29-10:03 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Borkum Road), West Brookfield PD bolo; 11:23 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address.

MONDAY, MARCH 9
12:36-12:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:07 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:08-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19-1:24 a.m.: parking violations (Howe Road, Chestnut, Mechanic streets), tickets issued; 1:29-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:34 a.m.: lost/found (South Spencer Road); wallet found; 7:36 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 8:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), probate issue; 8:48 a.m.: residential alarm (Shady Drive), services rendered; 9:05 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 9:20 a.m.: parking complaint (Wall Street), info taken; 10:00 a.m.: mv repossession (Charlton Road), info taken; between 10:00-10:31 a.m.: entire incident, including time of incident, redacted from police log; 10:31 a.m.: intelligence/criminal (West Main Street), info taken; 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 1:32 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 1:51 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 2:06 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), issue w/porcupine; 4:05 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 4:11 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), debris in road; 4:27 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:58 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:07 p.m.: larceny (West Main Sreet), report taken; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 5:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), kids on bikes in traffic; 6:03 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 7:40-8:18 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:33 p.m.: disabled mv (Chestnut Street), assisted; 10:35 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:37 p.m.: mv repossession (Elm Street), info taken; 9:20-9:21 p.m.: build-

ings checked, secure; 9:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 9:47 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), unauthorized use/debit card; 10:02 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 10:55 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:22 p.m.: fire alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered;

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
12:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 12:34 a.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 12:38-12:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (ParkStreet), investigated; 1:19-1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 1:42-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:02 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 2:21 a.m.: mv stop (Elm Street); 2:34 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 2:44 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:06 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 4:42 p.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 5:02 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 5:02 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operator; 7:16 a.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 7:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:03 a.m.: medical/general (Dale Street); 8:52 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 9:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), caught abandoned cat; 9:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), caught loose dog; 11:17 a.m.: mv complaint (Meadow Road), mv ran stop sign; 11:42 a.m.: mutual aid (Lincoln Street), welfare check; 11:44 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 11:52 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), child w/phone; 12:20 p.m.: juvenile matter (Paxton Road), info taken; 12:21 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:49 p.m.: medical/general (Lambs Grove); 12:55 p.m.: trash dumping (Howe Road), investigated; 1:22 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 3:12 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:25 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:26 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:51 p.m.: residential alarm (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; 4:21 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:27 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), driveway blocked; 4:57 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:32 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (Maple Street), info taken; 5:57 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 6:50 p.m.: mv lockout (Temple Street), assisted; 7:01 p.m.: disturbance (Lloyd Dyer Drive), verbal altercation; 8:14 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 9:19-9:24 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:47 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), info taken; 9:54 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:19 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost cell-phone; 11:49 p.m.: mv lockout (Bixby Road), assisted; 11:49 p.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Road).

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5
1:59 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 3:06 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Woodland Road), services rendered; 9:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:33 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:08 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 11:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:11 p.m.: larceny (South Main Street), report taken; 1:42 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:54 p.m.: welfare check (Shady Lane), unable to locate; 3:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Ward Street, Worcester), services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), report taken; 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:42 p.m.: suspicious mv (Carleton Road), spoken to; 5:51 p.m.: assist other PD (Watch Street), unable to locate; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:41 p.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 7:10 p.m.: fraud (Marshall Street), report taken; 8:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed;8:53 p.m.: suspicious mv (Marshall Street), spoken to; 9:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
7:21 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:23 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 11:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:42 p.m.: fire/odor of smoke (Pleasant Street), referred; 3:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford

Street), citation issued; 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:04 p.m.: investigation (Boyd Street), services rendered; 4:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:45 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 4:46 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mayflower Road), spoken to; 4:53 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:31 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:47 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 5:53 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), report taken; 6:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 7:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:15 p.m.: investigation (Boyd Street), services rendered; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:17 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), assisted.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
12:27 a.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), message delivered; 1:05 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 1:48 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 2:36 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 3:12 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), unable to locate; 3:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:51 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 3:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), citation issued; 4:49 p.m.: debris in road (Crystal Street), no action required; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warnng; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:35 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from polic log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, mv towed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
3:54 a.m.: ambulance (Homestead Lane), transported; 8:19 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 8:30 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 8:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:41 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 9:37 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:01 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:39 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 10:54 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 11:26 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:33 p.m.: ambulance (Sabina Circle), transported; 12:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 1:28 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 1:50 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:51 p.m.: investigation (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 6:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:28 p.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), advised civil action; 6:37 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Javiel Ramos, Junior, 26, 26 Donnelly Cross Road, Spencer, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, number plate violation to conceal ID, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 9:05 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transorted.

MONDAY, MARCH 9
12:36 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:11 a.m.:mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:16 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 5:39 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 5:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:44 fire/CO detector (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:26 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:31 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, op while using electronic device, criminal application issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 12:15 p.m.: ambulance (Parker Street), transported; 12:55 p.m.: suspicious person (Mannville Street), no action required; 1:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation

issued; 1:09 p.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 2:09 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), assisted; 2:58 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:05 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:15 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 4:18 p.m.: ambulance (Westminster Street), transported; 4:23 p.m.: investigation (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: assisther PD (Pine Street), no action required; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 6:24 p.m.: larceny (Rawson Street), no service; 8:24 p.m.: family problem (Deer Pond Road), peace restored.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
12:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Annie Rose Bennett, 28, 30A West Main Street, Millbury, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 1:59 a.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 4:20 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 5:06 a.m.: mutual aid (Kingsbury Road, Spencer), no action required; 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:26 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:40 a.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), transported; 9:45 a.m.: fire/brush/grass (Mayflower Road), spoken to; 9:51 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:26 a.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), spoken to; 11:57 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:11 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:42 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:54 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 1:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:36 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 2:00 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 3:42 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwin Street), verbal warning; 3:42 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), transported; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), written warning; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:59 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), citation issued; 5:56 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:33 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 9:01 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 11:08 a.m.: larceny (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 11:18 a.m.: assault & battery (Clark Street), report taken; 11:30 a.m.:suspicious mv (Willow Hill Road), no action required; 1:43 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:48 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:50 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:56 p.m.:mv sto (Main Street), written warning; 3:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Moosehill Road), investigated; 4:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:23 p.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:52 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), transported; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:09 p.m.: investigation (out of town, no location specified), spoken to; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 6:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:20 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:53 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported.





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B Section

Friday,
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Mother's Day Honors

Publish Date:
May 8, 2020
Deadline date:
Friday, May 1 @ 5 pm

We would like to honor all Mothers and Grandmothers in the May 8th issue. The deadline for honors is Friday, May 4 at 5 pm.

Cost is just \$20 per 2.4"x2" B&W block.
In the Spencer New Leader,
Auburn News or Sturbridge/Charlton Villager

SAMPLE: EXACT SIZE

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*With love from
John, Mary, and
Jennifer*

Please email a photo and a special message or an In Loving Remembrance message if deceased to jsima@stonebridgepress.news;
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June Simakauskas
Stonebridge Press
25 Elm Street, P. O. Box 90
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All photos will be returned.
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Ad Libs by June

Here's a creative way to continue to exercise without going to the gym. Are you missing your Zumba fix? You can now join the dance party from your living room with Melanie Silva **DO IT FOR US!** Because of the threat of the coronavirus poses to the public, Melanie will be live streaming classes. See her ad this week for the details and how to sign up. You won't see me (and that's a good thing) but I'll be joining Melanie in some of these classes. Get off the couch and Zumba!

At this time, we really need to be supporting our local businesses anyway we can. Please check out the Dining Page. Our local restaurants are stepping up and offering take-out so that we can still enjoy their delicious food and not have to cook every meal at home. Check in with your elderly neighbors to see if they'd like take-out from one of these restaurants and bring them a treat. Whether we are being overcautious or not, it's better to err on the side of safety and follow the guidelines of the CDC, WHO and local leaders. Wash your hands, practice social distancing, and stay home if possible, and if you have to shop, shop local! We will all get through this and back to our normal lives soon...praying helps too!

If you need a car or if your car needs servicing, check out LAMOREUX FORD'S ad on the back of Section A.

Welcome RICH O'BRIEN PAINTING to our Home & Auto Section this week. Rich does interior/exterior painting, power washing, carpentry and has a spring special going on. He also offers free estimates. Get those pesky jobs off your plate and hire local. He's fully insured with 28 years of experience. Call Rich at 508-248-7314.

Another local handyman joining us is MAIN STREET HANDYMAN SERVICES. They perform all home renovations. Their motto is, "If we don't do it, you don't need it done." He's been a tradesman for over 40 years and offers senior citizen (65+) discounts. See his ad on the Home & Auto page this week.

I would like to invite everyone to join THE WRITE STUFF for March 27 and April 24, and share your experiences and thoughts about this pandemic...how you're getting through it, do you think it's being overstated, what you're doing to keep the kids occupied, are you working from home or going to the office? This is a great activity for the kids to write their thoughts down! Not everyone is on Facebook or other social media sites and it will help people to know how others are handling this challenging situation! Please email me your thoughts and I'll get them in March 27 if I receive by Monday, or will save for the April edition. Thanks!

Have a great week!

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OBITUARIES

Harold S. “Dub” Doane, Jr., 73



WEST BROOKFIELD - Harold S. “Dub” Doane, Jr., 73, left this life on March 14, 2020 at the Rose Monahan Hospice in Worcester with his wife by his side.

Dub was born in Worcester on June 14, 1946, son of the late Harold S. Doane, Sr. and Evelyn (Bray) Doane of Spencer. He lived in Spencer most of his life and moved to West Brookfield in 2002. Dub served in the US Army from 1966 to 1970, and was a Vietnam Veteran. He graduated from David Prouty High School in 1964 and received his Bachelor Degree from Clark University. Dub retired from the TJX warehouse in Worcester in 2018 after almost 30 years.

Dub leaves behind his wife and partner of 48 years, Ann Toomey-Doane, his sister in law, Dawn Toomey of North Brookfield, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends and his beloved cats, Sophie and Lily. He also is survived by his stepsister, Marion LaPierre of CT. and predeceased by his

stepbrother Raymond Ives and step-mother Emelda (Desrosiers) Doane.

Dub enjoyed walking, reading, (especially history, philosophy and religion) wildlife, old movies and his many trips to Cape Cod. He was a big fan of the Red Sox and loved music, especially from the 1950’s and 1960’s eras, but also folk music and classical, especially harp music. He had a razor sharp memory and kept us entertained with his quirky sense of humor. He was well loved and will be deeply missed.

At his request there will be no formal calling hours. A graveside service and celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be announced.

The family is grateful for the compassionate and skilled care he received at the end of his life by the Rose Monahan Hospice team. Donations in his name can be sent to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, 18 R West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585, or the Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, PO Box 567, Kanab, Utah 84741-0567. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is handling arrangements.

John W Daniels, 84

John W Daniels, age 84, of Webster died peacefully Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Southbridge Rehabilitation in Southbridge, MA. John was born July 21, 1935 in Winchendon, MA. He is the son of the late Leon B and the late Blanche (Laclair) Daniels.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine (Roy) Daniels , one daughter: Veronica Cesnik of IN and one son: Mark Daniels of Spencer and their families.

He proudly served in the US Air Force for 20 years during Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War discharged as A Staff Sergeant .

A graveside service will be held in the Spring at Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery -Winchendon, 111 Glen Allen St., Winchendon, MA . Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Ave .Dudley is directing arrangements .www.bartelfuneral-home.com



Jose A. Thomas, 33



WORCESTER – It is with great sadness that we announce that Jose A. Thomas, originally from Webster, was taken from this world on March 7, 2020.

He leaves his mother, Denise (Kirby) Thomas and his father, Jonathan Thomas; his best friend and partner in life Kristine Stanley; their children, Julian Thomas and Kendallynn Thomas; his first born princess, Arianna Thomas; his brothers, Michael Thomas, DJ Kirby-Thomas and Jay Thomas and his sister Zoe Thomas; his maternal grandfather Donald Kirby; his paternal grandmother, Julia (Mendez) Thoma-Doutaz; many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends. His brother Corey Thomas passed away on January 15.

Jose was born in Milford on February 23, 1987 and was a sweet, loving and giving person throughout his childhood and into adulthood. He was a hard worker: whatever was needed to get the job done, Jose was there. His nickname at the Salvation Army was “The Bulldozer” and he completely lived up to that name.

Always a shy and introverted person, Jose spent a great deal of time alone. He loved the outdoors where he found comfort and solace. While in a program in Gardner he told me that he would sit in the woods for several hours, listen to music and just be. Jose loved music: he always had headphones in his ears. It soothed his soul and allowed him to escape from his demons.

Above all else, Jose wanted to be a

great father to his 3 children. His happiest moments included the children and his love, Kristine. His children all possess some of his amazing traits and will surely touch the lives of others as their father has. He will be missed by the many whose lives he touched with his graciousness.

He brother DJ recently told a story about his brother. A few years ago, when DJ was going through a particularly difficult time, Jose reached out and called him to check in and give support. DJ became emotional and told his brother how hard life was at that time. With a little chuckle, Jose said “Life is hard, life is really hard.” But he added “Whatever it is you want, just go get it.” It’s advice that has stuck with DJ. After telling his story, he mentioned how smart his brother Jose was. It’s absolutely true: Jose was a quiet type of smart that was almost philosophical.

Jose struggled with addiction for many years and was always working very hard to be clean and sober. It was a constant battle. Despite the battle and the demons that came with it, Jose remained kind, generous and loving. Even after his death, he gave the gift of life and saved 3 individuals awaiting an organ donation: this was his last gift to the world.

In his memory I ask you all to get help, stay clean, support each other, help spread the word about this disease and its deadly consequences. And finally, love each other.

Visiting hours and services to be announced. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. www.scanlonfs.com

Mary Wetnicka, 88

NORTH BROOKFIELD/ WORCESTER: Mary Wetnicka,88, passed away on March 5,2020 at Southbridge Rehab and Health Care Center in Southbridge, MA. She was born on March 25, 1931, in North Brookfield and was raised there. She later moved to Worcester. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Wetnicka and Mary Krugelska. Mary graduated from North Brookfield High School and Worcester School of Business. She retired from The Commonwealth of Mass.

Mary is predeceased by her siblings, Stella Bartolo, Helen Kokansky , Genevive Trahan, Rose Ostiguy, Nellie Barkoskie, her twin brother, Joseph

Wetnicka Jr. and John Wetnicka.

She leaves a sister-in law, Mary Lou Wetnicka of West Brookfield, her niece and caregiver, Marie Cormier and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

The family would like to thank Brookhaven Assisted Living of West Brookfield, Southbridge Rehab and Health Care Center in Southbridge and especially the hospice nurses of Overlook for their concern, excellent care and compassion during Mary’s Dementia journey. You are all the BEST!

Burial will be private at a later date. Casper Funeral Home of Boston MA is handling the arrangements.

Judith Ann Bartlett, 78



WEST BROOKFIELD – Judith Ann (Brown) Bartlett, 78, of West Brookfield passed away peacefully on March 8, 2020, at The Overlook in Charlton after a period of declining health. She

was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, John Bartlett in 2017, and two brothers, Kenneth Brown and Charles Brown.

She leaves her two sons, Daniel Bartlett and his wife Susan Lessard of Bucksport, Maine and Dennis Bartlett of West Brookfield and his partner Jean Enright; two granddaughters, Danielle Hammond and her husband Charles and great-granddaughter Adalyn Hammond of Windham, Maine, and Courtney George and her husband Matthew of Portland, Maine; two former daughters-in-law, Clarice Evans and her husband Frank Evans of Windham, Maine, and Anne Marie Julian and her husband Robert Julian of Sneys Ferry, North Carolina; sisters, Margot Abbott and her husband William of Keene, New Hampshire, Shirley Brown of Cromwell, Connecticut and Marie Samuel of Grafton, Wisconsin, as well as many

nieces, nephews and special friends.

Judith was born in Framingham on December 22, 1941, the daughter of the late Everett Brown and Clarine (Reeve) Brown. She was raised in Hopkinton and Winchendon and was a resident of West Brookfield for more than 50 years. Judith was an active member of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church for many years and served on numerous committees and as the church secretary.

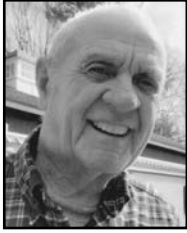
The family gratefully acknowledges the wonderful care provided by the staff at The Overlook in Charlton where Judith was a resident in the assisted living facility for the past three years.

A Funeral Service for Judith will be held at the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main Street, West Brookfield in the spring. Following the funeral service, a joint committal service will be held for her and John in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, Judith requested that memorial donations be made in her memory to the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 576, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Ralph W Nichols Sr, 85



BROOKFIELD, MA/ SOLON, ME -Ralph W. Nichols Sr, 85, died peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center surrounded by his

loving family.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Jane s. (Rice) Nichols of Brimfield: a son, Ralph Nichols Jr. and his wife Bonnie of Brimfield; two daughters, Catherine Dayhoff of West Brookfield and Deborah Nichols of Sterling: three sisters, Gail Michieletti of Arizona, Linda Adams of Florida, and Joyce Martin of California; 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. Ralph was predeceased by his brother Gary Nichols and his sister Bernice Dougherty. He was born in East Brookfield, son of the late Julius A. and Mary (Boulette) Nichols and lived Brookfield for 65 years before retiring and moving to Solon, Maine.

Ralph was a Welder for the

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority for 20 years, prior to that he served as Chief of Police for the Town of Brookfield for 15 years.

He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and close friends. He will be missed.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the nurses and PCA’s at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care, specifically to those that went the extra mile for his care and comfort.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held in the Brookfield Cemetery, in Brookfield. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

For updated service information or to sign the online guest book please visit varnumfuneralhome.com.

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LEGALS

ATTENTION SPENCER RESIDENTS

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 11, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 20, 2020

The Town of Spencer Office of Utilities and Facilities

The Town of Spencer Office of Utilities and Facilities is requesting proposals for Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Engineering Services. Scope of the initial contract will include design and bidding phase engineering services. Subject to receipt of construction bids, the Town may elect to extend the engineering services through construction and project close out. The RFP can be obtained from the Town's website www.spencerma.gov or by contacting James T. LaPlante, Jr at Jlaplante@spencerma.gov. Proposals are due April 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM.
March 20, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Variance-Remand: Applicant/Owner: Monica Hawes. Location: 71 Bor-kum Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R04/14. The applicant is seeking a variance under Section 7.3 (Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw as the lot does not meet the current zoning standards for square footage to build a new home and/or sell as a buildable lot. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.
March 20, 2020

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2

KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNER: 6 p.m., 61 Mannville St., Leicester. Cost is \$12 for dinner; choices are chicken picatta or baked fish, and include salad, rolls, entrée, dessert, coffee, and tea. Call for reservations by Monday, March 30 at (508) 892-4528. Leave a phone number in case the event is cancelled.

Sunday, April 5

HAM RAFFLE: Knights of Columbus, 91 Mannville St., Leicester. Doors open at noon, and raffle begins at 1 p.m. Hot dogs and snacks available. No cost to get in.

Friday, April 10

12TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 121 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. About an hour is the average time it takes to participate in this self-guided experience. You will wander at your own pace through a series of activities, reflections and Scripture to prompt an open heart to the living Gospel. Arrive at any time. Please enter from the front door. Otherwise, the handicapped entrance is from the parking lot behind the church. Stations of the Cross will be at St. Joseph's in North Brookfield at 3 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at St. John the Baptist at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact St. John's at (508) 867-3738.

Monday, April 13

FREE VETERINARY EXAMS FOR SENIORS: 1-4 p.m., Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. Second Chance Animal Shelter will be here as part of their "Home Bound to the Rescue" program, and this event is open to all senior residents of Spencer on fixed incomes. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in carriers. Please call (617) 431-4937 and leave your name and phone number to register.

ONGOING EVENTS

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Community members who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend our GriefShare support group. This program features Biblical teaching that focuses on encouragement, comfort and hope in grieving. GriefShare will be held on Tuesdays for 11 weeks total, beginning Febr. 4 at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Chapel. A registration fee of \$15 will cover the cost of a workbook. This ministry is a collaboration of both E. Brookfield Baptist Church and the Brookfield Congregational Church. For questions, please call 508-867-7725.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!

ECONOMY SHOP: The First Congregational Church's Economy Shop invites you to come in and see our Holiday items and our weekly specials. Our shop hours are Wednesday 8 a.m.-Noon, Thursdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon.

DEJA NEW: Art, Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace which is open in the St. Joseph's Rectory building at 759 Main Street Leicester. Hours are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, all proceeds going back into the town's Food Pantries, Hearts for Heat and programs for the needy. We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @ www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

VFW MEETING: The Rochdale VFW Post 7556 will hold their monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the post at 713 Pleasant Street, Rochdale on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk

through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, 508-859-8083. New 2 You Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon., Thursday 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. We have added Thursday hours.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

SUPPER TIME: A free, community meal is held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Cross Roads Café Coffeehouse, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren. All ages are welcome. There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the band or musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelorthodox.org).

STRE-E-E-TCH: Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road. Enjoy an hour of fun and exercise to music to help stay strong, fit, healthy and independent. Classes are co-ed and all are welcome. The fee is \$4 per class. For more information, call Joyce Gamache at (508) 754-2821.

SIT AND KNIT: knitting group every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Merriam Gilbert Library, West Brookfield. Bring your sewing, embroidery, knitting or crochet and enjoy some socializing while you work on your project.

STAY HEALTHY: The VNA Care Network and Hospice is holding a free Keep Well Clinic to residents 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Spencer Fish and Game Club on Mechanic Street. Local residents may have their blood pressure checked and learn about health concerns. Blood sugar, weight monitoring and other health assessments may also be available. VNA Care Network and Hospice

clinics are funded in part by the United Way, local boards of health, private foundations. For up-to-date clinic information visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call (888) 663-3688 x 5603.

IT'S A LUNCH DATE: The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens to a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. A delicious lunch and great desserts will be served. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

SHARING CUPBOARD: The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield Sharing Cupboard - serving West Brookfield, Warren and West Warren. Located at 36 N. Main St., West Brookfield, is open Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays 7-8 pm. Call the church for more information (508) 867-7078.

BINGO at the Knights of Columbus is now at the Spencer Senior Center, 68 Maple St. in Spencer, every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 regular games; two winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

PITCH at the Spencer Senior Center will begin on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. Cost \$5.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP IN W. BROOKFIELD: The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC has partnered with Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough, MA to offer a local bereavement group for individuals who are living with the loss of someone they care deeply for. This program honors the reality that there is no perfect way to grieve or say goodbye to someone that we love—we each have our own process and our own time. Grief is not something that we “get better” from or that ever leaves us. Rather, we build coping skills to help us carry it through our lives. This group is open for all ages and all kinds of losses. It is a circle that strives to be mutually supportive and free of judgment. Sessions are held on Fridays at 5 pm in the church office at 36 North Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. Please call the church office to indicate you will be attending (508)867-7078 or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com. There is no charge for this group. This group has recently started and wishes to welcome others in joining them. Sessions will be offered for six weeks with a two-week break between the next. (There is no limit to the number of times any individual can sign up for this program.)

OBITUARIES

Paul R. Sagendorph, 85



EAST BROOKFIELD - Paul R. “Pete” Sagendorph, 85, of East Brookfield, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at his home.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Joan D. Sagendorph; three sons, Paul R. Sagendorph, II (Amy) of Brookfield, Mark W. Sagendorph (Lisa) of Warren, and Richard S. Sagendorph, III (Sue) of Rutland.

He was born in Worcester, son of the late Richard S. and B. Louise (Reyman) Sagendorph. He lived in Brookfield for 30 years, prior to moving to East Brookfield in 2002.

Known as Pete, he worked as a welder at the former CPC Engineering in Sturbridge and Pratt & Whitney in Hartford for several years. He then was the Water Superintendent for the Town of Brookfield for 20 years before retiring in 1999.

Mr. Sagendorph is a United States Army veteran.

Pete loved watching old westerns. He kept active by working around his home and yard, and enjoyed swimming weekly. He and Joan traveled throughout most of the United States in their RV. His best times though were spent with his family and he adored his grandchildren.

At his request, funeral services will be held privately, and a Celebration of Pete's Life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Merrick Public Library, P.O. Box 528, Brookfield, MA 01506 or the Lashaway Senior Citizens Club, P.O. Box 72, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St.,

in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com



CARD OF THANKS

The family of Kenneth R Wilson Sr are so very thankful for the kind expressions of sympathy after Ken's unexpected passing. We can never prepare for the depth of despair that such a sudden death brings, and the connection of you, our family, our friends, our communities, helps tremendously to ease us back into the mainstream of daily life. Thank you for the support of providing food, sending flowers, making donations to St Jude's, and the visits you extended to us at this difficult time.

Much appreciation to all of you. Blessings, Judy Wilson and Family



To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,



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To send by mail, please mail or drop off to **June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.**

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DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR,
THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF
DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS
ARE NEARLY EQUAL.

ANSWER: VERNAL (SPRING) EQUINOX

Crossword Puzzle

1				2				3
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6								
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ACROSS

1. Sunlight unbroken by clouds
4. Work
6. No feeling
7. State of atmosphere

DOWN

1. Season of the year
2. Water vessel
3. Power from resources
5. Cleanse in water

THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

- **1920:** THE UNITED STATES SENATE REJECTS THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES FOR THE SECOND TIME.
- **1962:** BOB DYLAN RELEASES HIS FIRST ALBUM FOR COLUMBIA RECORDS.
- **1979:** THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGINS BROADCASTING ITS DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS ON THE CABLE NETWORK C-SPAN.

MULCH

material spread over a plant to enrich the soil

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Life
SPANISH: Vida
ITALIAN: Vita
FRENCH: Vie
GERMAN: Leben

Did You Know?

THE SPRING IS A POPULAR TIME OF THE YEAR FOR HOMEOWNERS TO GIVE THEIR HOMES A THOROUGH CLEANING.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BUTTERFLY

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

March 20, Fri., Noon-7pm
Club 2087 will hold a Lenten Fish Fry, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops or shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

March 20, Fri., 5-7pm
Please join us at the Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by Scout Troop 44 at the Trinity Church located at 7 Providence Pike, Brooklyn, CT. This fundraiser will held every Friday during Lent. The meal consists of fish, fries and coleslaw. The meal is take-out only and cost \$12. Please feel free to donate a canned good for the can drive to benefit our local food pantry. All proceeds benefit the Boy Scout troop outdoor activities and their chartered organization, Trinity church.

March 20, Fri., 10-3pm
Job Fair Hosted by Masis Staffing. Stop by the TEEG office (15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT) between 10:00-3:00 to speak with staff members from Masis staffing to see what job opportunities are available in the area. Free event with no registration required.

March 21, Sat., 7-8:30am
The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.

March 21, Sat., 7pm
Mass Production Reunion Concert at Killingly High School. Local singers and musicians will perform a variety of new songs as well as favorite oldies in order to raise money for the Phil Janetatos music scholarship. Tickets are: adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00, children \$10.00.

March 22, Sun., 9am-3:30pm
The Art of Transition Retreat/Workshop @Block134, Putnam, CT. The new Connecticut business. Are you retiring, re-wiring, changing careers, changing relationships, planning to start a business? Savor Life Coaching is hosting a Retreat/Workshop most appropriate for, but not limited to, people in pre- and post-retirement, business launch or considering career change transitions. Join the Workshop led by James A. Weiss, Registered Life Planner with the Kinder Institute. Three experts The Workshop's goal is to help attendees clarify their vision and plan, for their future. Visit savorcoaching.com/workshops-retreats for registration details and/or visit the Facebook event page at: www.facebook.com/events/500004730705748/

March 26, thurs, 5-7pm
Best casseroles family dinner. Only \$10 per person. Kids under 10-½ price! There will be a variety of casseroles all you can eat, bring take out containers. Senexet grange 628 CT Rte169, woodstock, ct 06281. Reserve tickets by email at grange40ct@gmail.com or 860-455-8844

March 27, Fri., Noon-7pm
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March 28, Sat., 5:30pm & 7pm
Dinner and bluegrass for march has been cancelled. Stay tuned for more info about April. Bruce, 203-731-1750

April 3, Fri., Noon-7pm
Club 2087 will hold a Lenten Fish Fry, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops or shrimp (\$13);

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April 4, Sat., 7:30-10am
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Senexet Grange-628 Route 169-Woodstock, CT. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, homefries, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Kids activities and crafts * bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. \$10 per person – all you can eat

April 4, Sat., 10:30am-5:30pm
The St. Andrew Bobola Holy Rosary Sodality Easter Bake Sale . There will be Pierogi, Raffles, baked goods and more. See you there! 508-943-5633

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WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Fir Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Flrs! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Fir Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



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



SOLD

WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 550 Rms! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Fir w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Fir w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Fir w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**



DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Fir! 2nd Fir Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**



SOLD



ON DEPOSIT



DUDLEY – 7 – 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities! 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! **\$399,900.00**



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



THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd! Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Frpl! 1st Fir Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Total Oil Heat! 3 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**



DUDLEY – 132 Southbridge Rd! 5 Rm Bungalow! 2.21 Acres! Enjoy Nature and Kayak right from your Backyard! Eat-in Kit w/Pantry! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bay Window! Din Rm or Fam Rm w/Hrdwds & Ceiling Fan! Full Tile Bath w/Tub/Shower Combo! Master Bdrm w/Wall to Wall Carpet! Second Bdrm w/Wall to Wall & Ceiling Fan! Walk-out Attic w/Potential for Additional Living Space! 3 Season Porch w/Natural Woodwork! Recent Roof! Recent Oil Steam Heat! New Septic & being Well Installed! Plenty of Parking! **\$179,900.00**



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NEW LISTING



WEBSTER – 14 Summit Street! Conveniently Located 8 Room, 4 Bedroom Cape! Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Applianced Granite Eat-in Kitchen w/Custom Cabinetry & Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring! Formal Dining w/Hardwoods! Spacious Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 1st Floor Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! Newly Remodeled Full Tile Bath! 2nd Floor w/2 Bedrooms w/Hardwoods, Plenty of Closet & Storage Space! Updated Second Full Bath! Recently Oil Heat, Cast Iron Baseboard! Detached Garage! Corner Lot! **\$279,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT



CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3' Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**



SOLD



WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath + Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplc & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**



SOLD



WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back - Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



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CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Is, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**



SOLD



WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Fir w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silhouette Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST



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WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST

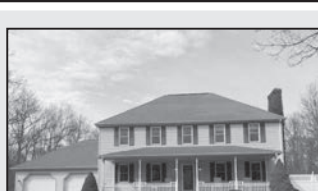


2 Family - 1st Floor: 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen, Fully Applianced, New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. **\$237,500**

CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 seson sunroom with atched deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st fir omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil unk. Passed Title V, well okay.
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Improve soil quality for a better lawn



A lush, green lawn can vastly improve a home's curb appeal. Thick, healthy grass indicates that homeowners care enough about their properties to invest the time, effort and money to make them beautiful.

According to the landscaping tool company Troy-Bilt, soil fertility is the foundation of healthy lawns. In fact, the quality of the soil is essential whether one is growing acres of grass, potted plants or vegetable garden beds. No matter which type of soil a homeowner is working with, there are various ways to make it better.

Remove thatch
Thatch is a tightly knotted layer of leaves, grass roots, stems, and other debris that accumulates between the grass blades and the soil.

Too much thatch can hinder the movement of water, air and nutrients into the soil. According to organic fertilizer company Organo-Lawn, thatch often occurs if the production of dead organic material in the lawn exceeds the ability of the microorganisms in the soil to break down that organic matter. A half-inch of thatch is normal. If thatch gets too thick, it will need to be removed. The home improvement resource DIY Network says dethatching can take place in the summer, fall and winter using a thatching rake.

Aerate
A lawn aerator will create holes in the soil. This can improve drainage

and encourage worms and helpful microorganisms that require oxygen to thrive in the soil. The Briggs & Stratton Company says the best time to aerate a lawn is during the growing season when the grass can heal and fill in any holes, such as spring and fall. Aeration can help develop deeper grass roots for a healthier lawn.

Test and amend soil
A great lawn has loamy soil, which has a key ratio of clay, silt and sand. Silt is a granular material of a size between sand and clay that originates from quartz and feldspar. It is the most fertile of the three types of soil components. Sand does not retain water, but it helps to create spaces in the soil that permit air to circulate. Clay particles are small and bind together tightly, but clay is naturally nutrient-rich. The home improvement site BobVila.com says loamy soil should have equal parts sand and silt and half as much clay.

If the lawn is not yet established, loamy soil can be created and then the grass seeds planted. For established soil, after removing thatch and aerating, top-dressing the lawn can help. This involves adding a thin layer of soil over the lawn. It can improve the soil without killing the existing turf. Ideally, it should be done in early fall or spring, as this gives the grass time to grow through three to four more mowings before severe heat or cold sets in.

Healthy soil is vital to a lush lawn. It takes a little work, but improving soil can create vibrant, healthy, green grass.

House powerwashing tips

Powerwashing, also known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website ImproveNet says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to do-it-yourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture, purchasing a unit may be worth the investment.

It is important to exercise caution when operating a powerwashing machine. The high-velocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of the tool.

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anyone and do not attempt to rinse feet or hands in the spray.

The renovation



Powerwashing the exterior of the home can be an effective way to clean it in the spring and fall.

resource The Family Handyman suggests starting with a wide-degree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the surface of the home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage. Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home.

Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away

from doors, windows and vents.

Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place.

Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The push-back from the wand can cause falls. Instead, opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home.

Powerwashing a home is an effective way to remove stubborn grime and refresh the look of a home's exterior.

How to protect wood floors from inclement weather



Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, crack and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

With proper care, hardwood flooring can survive rain, snow and cold weather.

Emerging deck trends

Custom-built decks can expand usable outdoor entertaining spaces. Decks can surround pools and create outdoor patio areas that make it easy to establish multitiered living spaces, improving the functionality of outdoor areas.

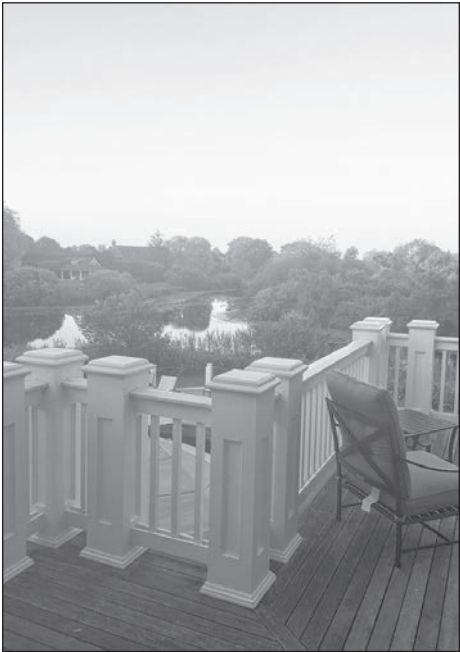
Certain deck trends have emerged as industry experts' top picks for the upcoming remodeling and renovation season. For those thinking of revamping an existing deck, or building an entirely new one, these trends are on point.

- Established perimeters: "Picture framing" is not a new trend, but one that has taken greater hold in recent years. The term refers to aesthetically appealing designs that conceal the ends of deck boards for a clean finish. Some designs feature contrasting material colors on the ends for even more impact. This helps create refined perimeters for a polished look.

- Roof-top decking: Urban areas also can benefit from decking to create usable outdoor spaces. In fact, many new condominium and townhouse communities are incorporating roof-top decks into their designs, particularly in communities with water views or other impressive vistas. HGTV experts suggest roof-top decks feature light-colored materials and fixtures to help keep the area cool even in direct sunlight.

- Distressed hardwood: Builder and Developer, a management resource for professional homebuilders, says that the trend for using distressed hardwoods at home has migrated outside. Some decking manufacturers have recently introduced low-maintenance composite deck boards that mimic the look and feel of distressed, rustic hardwood flooring. This weathered appearance gives the look of age without the upkeep of real aged wood.

- Wooden walkways: Decking can be the more traditional design people envision with a patio table or outdoor furniture. But it also can consist of wooden walkways or a low-laying patio to accentuate the yard.



Deck trends continue to improve on the form and function of outdoor living spaces.

- Mixed materials: Homeowners may be inspired by commercial eateries, breweries and urban markets in their exterior design choices. Decks featuring composite materials and aluminum railings blend sophistication, urban appeal and comfort.

- Personal touches: Homeowners can customize their decks with personal touches. It's not unheard of to wrap columns in stone or glass tiles for more impact. And a vast array of decking colors now enables fun interpretations for outdoor areas.

- Fire pit conversation area: Many decks can incorporate water or fire elements for visual appeal. Gas-fueled fire elements can expand the functionality of decks beyond the warm seasons, or make enjoying them practical on nights when the temperature plummets.

Decks are reimagined in many different ways with continually evolving trends.

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