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Jason Bleau

Volunteers with the Blessed Backpack Brigade pose for a photo during the Aug. 23 meals for local homeless and the less fortunate.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – While the COVID-19 pandemic has heavily impacted communities across the nation through shut-downs and the implemen-

tation of social distancing practices, countless organizations have persisted in doing their due diligence to help those in the community who need it the most. The Blessed Backpack Brigade is one such orga-

nization as the group has persevered through the pandemic to continue its monthly tradition of providing meals for local homeless and the less fortunate. Twice a month the group has been serving food to those in need

depending on donations and support from local businesses and volunteers to keep the effort going after COVID-19 caused one of their biggest contributors, Nichols College, to close early for the school year and social distancing limits prevented the Webster American Legion from hosting the meals as it has done in the past.

Through it all the group has maintained a presence in the community setting up a meal site location on Davis Street in Webster during distribution days offering lunches, vegetables, canned goods and other food items to those who need them. Lauri Joseph, a founding member of the Blessed Backpack Brigade, said they have noticed an increase in

need over the past few months partially due to the pandemic and partially due to word of their efforts being spread through the community. She commented on the outpouring of support the group has received from the community during the latest meal on Aug. 23, where they served lasagna, coffee and doughnuts.

“We have noticed and increase from when we first started but I think that’s due to word of mouth. A lot of people that are homeless and need the meals don’t go on social media. It’s difficult to find meals to go. Before we had Nichols College do these ginormous meals on site, but now we’re limited with what we can do. We’ve done grinders from Big Y

and the Be Kind Café did a whole month’s worth of meals for us. This time I was looking for something unique and saw the menu for Macks Catering and that he had lasagna, so they helped us out and we had people lined up waiting when we started,” Joseph said.

The coffee and donuts were both donated by the Honey Dew on Gore Road who approached the organization offering to donate the goods after learning of the meals from social media. Fresh produce was also provided by Farmer Tim’s, who is a regular donor to the cause and canned goods and other products were also handed out throughout the day.

Such an effort would
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Dudley crews praised for storm response

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Hurricane Isaias created quite a mess for Dudley and surrounding communities on Aug. 4, knocking out power and closing off roads for, in many cases, numerous days and bringing all hands-on deck for several town departments.

Those unsung heroes of the cleanup effort were put center stage during the departmental updates of the Aug. 17 Board of Selectmen meeting where department heads praised their employees for a job well done.

Water and Sewer Superintendent George Patrinos was the first to speak commending his crew for working hard

to keep the Lyons Road Station up and running after downed trees limited access to the site and lost power forced the use of an aging generator to keep the station operational.

“It took out the whole street for about two and a half days. We have a 1940s generator that we had to keep moving to keep that station running. They stayed up there day and night. We all took turns trying to keep that running. I do have a new generator coming into place there, unfortunately it wasn’t in time for that,” Patrinos said. “It was a nice effort. Everybody chipped in to take care of the problem. They stayed with it and made sure everything was done properly. They kept the

station running so that there were no issues with any kind of sewage or anything coming up. I just want to thank them all for that.”

The Dudley Police were also essential to helping respond to emergencies and identifying priorities for emergency responders and the cleanup. Chief Steve Wojnar said his officers worked hard to respond to reports of fallen trees and downed lines as the wind took its toll on the community.

“Even though we didn’t get a lot of rain, the wind certainly reeked some havoc and took some power out for a few days. I think we had over 40 reports of different areas with trees down

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Dudley selectmen urge diligence despite drop in COVID cases

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Even though Dudley’s COVID-19 cases are way down, with only one active case as of Aug. 23, the Board of Selectmen is urging continued diligence to keep that number down.

Several selectmen chimed in on the subject during a meeting on Aug. 17 where Selectman Steve Sullivan started things off by addressing the fact that as schools return to action this fall and Massachusetts approaches more potential reopening it’s important for citizens to continue to take the pandemic seriously and embrace safety precautions to keep the outbreak at bay.

“The schools are starting to formulate their return. Nichols has got their plan. It’s going to

be potentially a tough time. Everyone just keep doing what you’re doing,” Sullivan said. “Our Dudley numbers are down and in really a good spot. As we say all the time, keep doing what you’re doing. Social distance, protect yourself, protect your family. Check on your neighbors, check on the elderly, check on the people that need it. We all know Dudley is a special place. Let’s just keep it that way.”

Sullivan’s comments prompted input from other selectmen who agreed with his statement and also urged continued caution and awareness to prevent a new wave of outbreaks on the local level. Selectman Jason Johnson said he believes the town can continue to keep it’s COVID numbers low especially with

the capable personnel on local boards, commissions and departments to help lead the community through.

“I’ve seen a number of companies due risk abatement for COVID very well and some of those same methods apply to schools and other public groups and organizations. I think with the right planning, the right people coming together, with the School Committee working with the local Boards of Health a plan can be created and we can start to get back to normal. It’s not without a lot of work to be done,” Johnson said.

The recent announcement of a hybrid return plan for the school district, combining both online and in-person teaching practices, received mixed reviews from the public, but

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Curaleaf donates for suicide prevention



Gus Steeves

Kayla Kimball, Courtney Thacker, Darlene Tully and Eric Tully show off Curaleaf’s big donation check last week.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 47,173 Americans killed themselves in 2017, the most recent data on the agency’s website.

To Brake the Silence, that’s 47,173 too many, and last week Curaleaf agreed, to the tune of donating \$8866.20.

Curaleaf Medical Team lead Courtney Thacker said the funds came from customer donations

based largely on having “a snippet on our donation jar, a little biography of what you do.”

“Everybody was really personally touched by the foundation,” she added, noting one client kicked in \$500 personally.

Brake the Silence is in its seventh year of advocating for better mental health care and reducing the stigma all-too-often thrown at people who attempt to take their own lives. Normally, the group hosts its major

fundraiser in August – a regional motorcycle ride – but that was canceled due to the pandemic this year. But BTS will still be outside the Beagle Club on Bond Road in Charlton this Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. selling clothing and bracelets.

“This is going to help a lot with teaching, educating and supporting families,” said BTS board member Darlene Tully of Charlton, who added that suicide was once “the

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SSB Investment Services rebrands as The Capstone Planning Group

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The Capstone Planning Group Team: Christopher J. Mallon, Program Manager; Jamey A. Mekal, Client Relations Associate; Jason D. Main, SVP/Investment Services; John T. Jawor, VP/Investment Services.

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Bryant University congratulates Class of 2020

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Digital Marketing. Eric Fontaine of Webster earned Cum Laude a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Finance. Benjamin Kane of Dudley earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Information Systems. Natalie Terranova of Webster earned Summa Cum Laude a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Accounting. “Graduates of Bryant’s Class of 2020 have faced challenges and demonstrated resiliency that is unprecedented,”

says Bryant University President Ross Gittel. “These graduates will go down in history for successfully completing their studies in the face of daunting obstacles caused by the global health crisis.” When our most recent alumni left campus for spring break, no one knew that their final Bryant semester would be spent adapting to the challenges of a pandemic and that public health and safety policies would cause their graduation ceremonies to be postponed. “This crisis has revealed the character

and grit of our community of scholars. I am extraordinarily proud of the entire Class of 2020,” says Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. “Together with our dedicated faculty, they have worked hard to complete their Bryant education with distinction.” While a ceremony worthy of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 will take place in May of 2021, we want to take this moment to recognize and celebrate the achievements of these distinguished individuals whose Bryant education has prepared them

to be the innovators, leaders, and design thinkers ready to make a difference. Through their resilience, determination, and innovative spirit, these graduates have shown their peers, professors, and the entire community what it means to Be Bryant Strong. About Bryant University For 157 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. Bryant

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QCC Foundation fundraiser takes a swing at student need

WORCESTER — The Quinsigamond Community College Foundation, a 501(c)(3), is holding a unique golf fundraising event set to begin on September 1 to support QCC students in need. The goal is to raise up to \$50,000 with all proceeds from the fundraiser going toward the college's Food Pantry and Resource Center and the Foundation's Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The "30 Rounds in 30 Days™" golf-inspired fundraiser features 30 individual golf prizes, with a grand prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas, four night accommodations, and an 18-hole round of golf for two at the world famous Cascata Golf Club. Other prizes include golf trips to Florida, Cape Cod and 27 golf courses and clubs across New England.

"By participating in this fundraising event, people are contributing to Central Massachusetts' recovery and economic development," said QCC Foundation President Dr. Linda Maykel. "QCC students and alumni are the engine that drives Central Massachusetts. Like most community colleges, the bulk of QCC graduates stay local. You will find them in every industry sector of the region. When our community needed them at the start of the pandemic, they rose to the challenges before them. It's now our turn to give back to them in their time of need."

Each semester an average of 125 scholarship applications are received; however, this Fall semester the college has already received 264 applications, demonstrating the increased needs of students. During the summer months, the school's food pantry has regularly served more than 250 students, which helped over 800 family members. It is anticipated that those numbers will only increase during the colder months.

"We want to support our students in their time of need, not just for today, but in the weeks and months ahead," Dr. Maykel said. "When we help others, we end up helping ourselves."

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold during this fundraiser, and no tickets will be sold after August 31 at 4:00 p.m. Each day in September a winner will be chosen, with winning tickets based on the last three digits of the Massachusetts mid-day daily lottery number. To learn more, visit QCC.edu/30rounds

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

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Webster police log

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 16-22.

Jason R. Anderson, age 39, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 16 in connection with Probable Cause from Another Agency.

An adult female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 16 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Xiomara E. Causey, age 25, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 17 in connection with a warrant.

Michael E. Patrowicz, age 62, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 19 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Ricardo Jose Otero, age 30, of Webster was arrested on Aug. 20 in connection with a warrant.

Angel Mercado, age 22, of Worcester was arrested on Aug. 20 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal Identification, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

An adult female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Aug. 20 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Jason Roger Dickhaut, age 47, of Dudley was arrested on Aug. 21 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Assault & Battery.

Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library to begin curbside pickup service

DUDLEY — Curbside pickup at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library begins Aug. 31.

Hours for the service will be Monday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 3-7 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Patrons should call the library at 508-949-8021 during pickup hours with their library card handy and let staff know which items they would like to check out. Staff will prepare items, and when patrons arrive in the parking lot and let staff know they are there, items will be brought out to a pickup table.

Library staff are happy to make suggestions for material, or patrons can browse the online catalog at crawford-library.org.

Patrons with holds that are ready for pickup can call when they arrive.

Due to high demand, each patron will be limited to five DVDs and 10 items total each week.

Any fines must be paid with exact change or by check, or can be paid by credit card through an online library account.


We look forward to providing this service to the Dudley community.

Dudley police log

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of Aug. 14-21.

Richard T. Ahlstrand, age 54, of Auburn was arrested on Aug. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.





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Dudley residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

DUDLEY — Two residents from Dudley will choose their own route on October 4th for the annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to walk wherever they choose: around their neighborhood, a local hiking trail, a treadmill, or anywhere else they are comfortable.

Kimberly Aucoin and Steve Wojnar, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer

research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programing which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to conquer cancer.”

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12 years old and younger) and everyone will pay

just a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk

(#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. You can also download The Jimmy Fund Walk App in Charity Miles. The app will allow you to track the miles you walk leading up to, and on Walk day, create a team and walk with your friends, family, and teammates, share your miles and activities via social media to boost fundraising, and see important Walk day news, content, training and fundraising challenges.

About the Jimmy Fund

The Jimmy Fund, established in Boston in 1948, is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s lifesaving mis-

sion to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults. The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children’s Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.

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As a global leader in oncology, Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique and equal balance between cancer research and care, translating the results of discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world, offering more than 1,100 clinical trials.

Oxford resident to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

OXFORD — One resident from Oxford will choose their own route on Oct. 4 for the annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to walk wherever they choose: around their neighborhood, a local hiking trail, a treadmill, or anywhere else they are comfortable.

Sue Depatie, along with thousands of other walk-

ers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The

event has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30-plus-year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programing which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to conquer cancer.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Slopes

7. Attacks

13. One who has left prison

14. Goes against

16. Atomic #37

17. Home of The Beatles

19. Mac alternative

20. A common boundary with

22. Fluid in a plant

23. Genus that includes scads

25. Longer of the forearm bones

26. Gradually disappears

28. AI risk assessor

29. Type of whale

30. Jaws of a voracious animal

31. Patriotic women (abbr.)

33. Ancient Egyptian God

34. Obsessed with one's appearance

36. Erase

38. A type of smartie

40. Nostrils

41. Influential French thinker

43. Popular K-pop singer

44. One point south of due east

45. Payroll company

47. Moved quickly on foot

48. Bar bill

51. An idiot

53. Indicates silence

55. Protein-rich liquids

56. Rhythmic patterns

58. Scatter

59. Belongs to bottom layer

60. Impulsive part of the mind

61. Carousel

64. Type of degree

65. Ornamental molding

67. Locks in again

69. Sounds the same

70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

1. Speak rapidly

2. Trauma center

3. River in W. Africa

4. Ancient Greek district

5. Bulgaria's monetary unit

6. Children's ride

7. Absorbed liquid

8. Markets term

9. Retail term recording sales

10. Automaton

11. Spanish form of "be"

12. Divide

13. Malaysian sailing boat

15. Writers

18. Cool!

21. Popular tourist attraction studio

24. Sets free

26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports

27. Unhappy

30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture

32. Influential French scholar

35. What thespians do

37. Local area network

38. Free from contamination

39. Coastal region of Canada

42. Sun up in New York

43. High schoolers' exam

46. Fathers

47. Call it a career

49. Suitable for growing crops

50. Rose-red variety of spinel

52. Orange-brown in color

54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks

55. Late TNT sportscaster

57. A way to wedge

59. Cold, dry Swiss wind

62. Hockey players need it

63. Something highly prized

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State funding answers become clearer for Dudley

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – After months of uncertainty, it appears the pieces are starting to come together for the town of Dudley in terms of how the state budget and economy will affect the municipality in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a Board of Selectmen meeting on Aug. 3, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda revealed that he was informed by the Department of Revenue that local aid should be level funded. He later explained that he expects Chapter 70 monies to also receive level funding while the State GDP is estimated to contract by 33 percent by October. These three pieces of information are essential to the next few months for the town as Ruda and town finance officials begin work on the supplemental budget to be presented during the fall annual town meeting in October.

“We’ll continue to be a little bit strategic in terms of what and how we fund budgets for the remainder of the fiscal year,” Ruda told selectmen. “There’s no doubt that the Board of

Health and the Town Clerk will need additional assistance to meet the Department of Health requirements at least through the end of October and right into Election Day. That’s going to be something that we consider, how much we’re going to be reimbursed for that. Some of that will be Care Act reimbursable. There are some qualifying items that we can put in for, some of it we’re going to have to be a little creative with. That’s become the norm so I’m confident that we can do that.”

Ruda will propose a priorities list in October consisting of contractual obligations, public safety, security with an emphasis on cyber security, elections, continuing to offer town hall services, stabilization and provide for legacy costs like post-employment benefits, and finally quality of life services like the library. His plan is to avoid any unnecessary expenditures with an eye on preparing for the unsure economic times still ahead.

“My intention would be that we’ll be level servicing most crucial departments, not so much level funding departments. We have contractual obligations that we need to meet,” Ruda said. “(A level funded budget) is what was passed in the spring. We level funded our regional budget request.”

There was some debate after Ruda specifically mentioned the library on his list of priorities. Selectman Paul Joseph made it clear that he was not against the library but felt that other services needed to be pri-

oritized such as the Veterans Services office and wanted to make it clear he was not in favor of allocating more money to that particular service over other departments.

“I don’t want to be misquoted as being anti-library. I’m certainly not,” said Joseph. “I will not vote to give the library any increase from this particular year. I don’t think it’s justified. It’s not even open. Unless there is some financial benefit in us doing that, I would not vote to change their budget. I would level fund them. I’m not anti-library, I just don’t see how you can give one department that doesn’t need it an increase and everyone else gets level funded.”

Ruda clarified that the library has already been funded to a certain level through the budget approved in the spring. His mentioning the library specifically as an example of quality of life services was more to express the intent to bring curb-side pickup to the facility to answer the high demand from members of the public to bring library services back to town.

“We have the ability to perhaps bring back some library assistants that might qualify for reimbursement under the Care Act with no cost to the town and simply turn on the lights and provide curb side service without taking it from any other budgets,” Ruda said.

The town administrator concluded but stating that the next eleven months will be full of questions and unknowns. His goal is to “go easy” and propose funding only priorities in anticipation for a less-than-stable fiscal year.

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Now may be the time to sell gold and silver

An article in the July issue of Forbes was titled “Gold And Silver Are Just Getting Started.” With gold recently rising above \$2,000 per ounce for the first time in history and silver nearing the \$30 per ounce mark, we have been receiving many emails and calls to auction precious metals.

All silver has been selling well, but older pieces typically command the strongest prices. Coins are one example. Silver coins are popular with both collectors and investors. Silver coins may have numismatic value (value to coin collectors) above the silver’s worth. The age, condition, and rarity of the coin can make coin values soar. Dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins from 1964 or earlier were made with 90 percent silver and are worth at least the silver bullion value. Rare ones bring much more. A 1795 three leaves flowing hair silver dollar in fair condition sold for \$4,500. An 1893-S (San Francisco mint) Morgan silver dollar in extra fine condition went for \$6,900.

Along with coins, many people are looking to sell their sterling silver flatware and hollowware services, especially with fewer people holding formal dinners than in the past. The good news is that there are still plenty of buyers for sterling. A Georg Jensen sterling ornamental mustard pot with liner and acorn design spoon sold for \$1,000. A vintage Stieff floral repousse



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(hammered into relief from the reverse side) rose pattern sterling silver coffee pot went for over \$1,000. A Wendt sterling silver Medallion pattern flatware 79-piece service dinner sold for \$13,500. A Tiffany Co. Japanese pattern sterling silver flatware 57-piece service picturing Audubon birds brought \$36,500.

As you might imagine, gold coins are also selling very well. For investors, even modern coins like American Gold Eagle or American Gold Buffalo coins are desirable. A 2019 MarketWatch article wrote “gold and other precious coins are the easiest collectible item to trade, whether you are investing in bullion coins as a hedge against inflated stock and bond prices or if you’re interested in building a special collection of rarities.” If you have older gold coins, they may have numismatic value well above what the gold is worth. For example, an 1827 Capped Bust Gold Quarter Eagle \$2.50 coin sold for \$7,700 and a 1907 St. Gaudens gold coin went for over \$15,000 at auction recently. The condition and rarity of the coins made them sell for much more than just the value of the gold.

Antique gold “estate jewelry” also has been bringing strong results at auction. An Edwardian (Edwardian period was 1901 to 1910) sapphire and diamond ring set in gold and platinum



recently fetched over \$8,400. A Black Opal Engagement 14K Yellow Gold ring described as either Art Nouveau (Art Nouveau period was 1890 to 1910) or Art Deco (1920’s and 30’s) recently sold for \$8,000. An antique openwork (metal work with holes, typically in aesthetic patterns) pearl cuff bracelet 18-karat yellow gold reached \$6,050. Pieces with quality diamonds or gemstones increase value. A recent BusinessWire article titled “Reduced Diamond Supply Lifts Polished Prices” said that diamond prices are also on the rise. In this current market, silver, gold, and diamonds are all shining. Our Oct. 29, multi-estate online auc-

tion will include a large amount of sterling silver and gold. We are now accepting bids for our Warren, R.I. online estate auction. There will be a preview on September 12th in Warren with bidding ending on Sept. 16. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for information on upcoming events.


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Trinity looks forward to Sept. 8 reopening

SOUTHBRIDGE—The history of Catholic Education in Southbridge reveals persistence through tough times for more than 150 years. The current pandemic is yet another opportunity to build the strength of Catholic Education in Southbridge for the years to come. Principal Josie Citta of Trinity Catholic Academy has defined the re-opening plan for the private school in accordance with the guidance put forth from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Worcester. “Across the Diocese, Catholic school leaders have spent the summer months carefully reviewing Mass. Department of Education (DESE) COVID guidance. In safeguarding the wellbeing of students and staff alike this 2020-2021 academic year. The DESE guidance is based upon statewide data as gathered by the Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH), the Governor’s Office, national public health agencies such as Centers for Disease

Control, and the Mass. chapter of American academy of Pediatrics,” said David Perda, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Worcester. A survey was sent to TCA parents by the school to hear what parents’ concerns and preferences were for this fall’s school year. The survey overwhelmingly indicated a preference for in-person learning. Trinity administration dedicates themselves to the effort of a safe return to the classroom on Tuesday, Sept. 8, not the original start date of Aug. 26. “From the start, the health and safety of students and staff has been paramount. Informed by the American Academy of Pediatrics which advocates for an in-person educational setting, our Catholic Schools have worked towards this goal. Health experts and layperson mutually agree on the holistic benefits of in-person education,” said Perda. Principal, Josie Citta, and her staff are fully cognizant that if public health conditions related to COVID-19 take a downward turn, that the need to switch to remote learning once again may be required. Trinity has been proactive, taking the appropriate steps should such a scenario play out. Improvements built on the already effective learning that was in place this past spring can only increase the learning


experience. The additional options for “hybrid” and “remote” learning are situations Trinity is ready for if needed with an adaptive transition built into the plan. TCA Classroom student size has been redefined according to state guidelines. Since TCA was originally built to house high school students, the physical classroom size can effectively include a student/teacher ratio of 14:1 keeping with the six-foot distance guideline. With opening day just a few weeks away, ordering of supplemental PPE, cleaning supplies, chrome books and more is in place for preparedness, along with professional development programs for staff before they can welcome their students on the first day, Sept. 8. Other details worked out in the ‘re-opening plan’ include staggered arrivals & dismissals, temperature check upon arrival and much more. Trinity Catholic Academy’s full Re-opening plan (25 page) is available on their website for more details. While these may be uncertain times we live in, commitment to your children’s education is not. Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 school, promotes academic excellence, athletics, and the arts with respect, compassion, and service among our diverse family, inspired by the communion of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit



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DWC announces September Meet & Greet

DUDLEY — Bring a friend and celebrate the start of our 13th year!

The Dudley Woman’s Club (DWC), formed in 2008 by a handful of women committed to the betterment of our local communities, has grown to nearly 70 members from Dudley and

surrounding towns.

Through its volunteer services, the DWC supports many local charities, provides services to local veterans and local needy children. We continue to honor our veterans and support our town by purchasing and caring for the plantings at the veterans’ squares. The DWC also awards multiple annual college scholarships to local high school students and adult women returning to school. Our annual spring Fashion Show continues to be a successful event as well as other fundraisers during the year! All this and

we have formed lasting friendships and have FUN along the way! Monthly club meetings provide members with social time as well as enrichment programs.

After 12 years in existence, our meeting programs are numerous and have provided insights into many aspects of our members’ lives. This new club year, beginning in September, offers new challenges, unprecedented planning and a month to month approach to our meeting content and formats. Special events depend on COVID restrictions and will be planned “as we

go!” All ladies interested in learning more about the club and its commitment to community, please join current members for our ‘20-21 kickoff socially distanced meeting: A Meet & Greet Social at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, outdoors at Roseland Park Pavillion, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, Conn. Please BYO snacks & beverages for your table. (No food or beverages will otherwise be served!) Roseland Park is a beautiful venue, with many activities available for you to take advantage of prior to our meeting. (For more info on Roseland Park available

activities, please visit their website at www.roselandpark.org.) DWC’s social hour starts at 4 p.m., our meeting starts at 5 p.m. DWC’s September giving project: members are asked to monetarily support Roseland Park’s grounds keeping fund. For more information please email DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com or visit our Web site: <http://DudleyWomansClub.org>. Come join us, bring a friend and celebrate the start of our 13th club year!

CURALEAF

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untalkable thing,” but people have been opening up in recent years.

Tully noted their events usually include a “memory board” on which participants post pictures and comments regarding loved ones they lost.

One person directly affected was

Curaleaf’s Brendan Hughes, who said his brother attempted suicided three years ago. He’s still around, largely because of strong support from the community, he said.

BTS was Oxford Curaleaf’s first local charity, and it drew a huge response. “Everybody knew about it,” he added.

A CDC report published Aug. 14 looked at links between the pandemic’s physical distancing and stay-at-home orders and mental health. It found that “40.9 percent of respondents at least one adverse mental or behavioral health condition” – mostly anxiety and depression. Among them, 10.7 percent “reported having seriously considered suicide in the 30 days before completing the survey,” and that rate peaked in the 18-24 age range at 25.5 percent.

“Community-level intervention and prevention efforts, including health communication strategies, designed to reach these groups could help address various mental health conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic,” the report stated.

Longer-term CDC data shows that the suicide rate nationwide has been rising since 2000. Then, it was 10.4 incidents

per 100,000 people; in 2017, it was 14.0. The latter figure is more than twice as high as the homicide rate, and slightly below the annual death rate from influenza and pneumonia. The suicide rate is far higher among men (22.4) than women (6.1), and is higher in the white community than among other ethnic groups.

For BTS, changing that has been the goal all along. The group is in its second year of funding a scholarship for area high school students. Currently, it’s given to kids at Shepherd Hill and Bay Path, but Eric Tully noted it’s “catching on,” and they’d love to expand to other schools if the funds are available. They also provide brochures to those schools and others on the issues.

“It’s been really nice to see the response,” he said. “... We’re seeing the stigma dropping.”

Beyond that, they’re collaborating with Worcester’s Shine Initiative (www.shineinitiative.org), which has youth suicide prevention efforts in at least 40 regional schools aimed at providing what it calls “youth mental health first aid” and support. It trains people to assess suicide and self-harm

risk, listen nonjudgementally, reassure, and encourage both professional help and self-support.

Kayla Kimball said they teach kids to talk about this issue and recognize “it’s OK to feel.” That’s particularly important because suicides are happening among younger and younger people.

Kimball noted BTS is also running an Educate the Educator project for teacher in-service days that serves a similar purpose of showing them the signs to look for in their students.

“They think it’s fantastic because they know there’s so much of a need,” she said. “Mental health is so poorly funded.”

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BACKPACK

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not be possible without the support of volunteers like Luann Budrow who said she missed donating her time to the meals after COVID-19 slowed things down. She has since returned to help with several meals including the Aug. 23 offering.

“We like people and we’re grateful for what we have. If we can help someone else’s day be a little happier then it’s a good thing. I’ve missed this so much. This really makes my day,” Budrow said. “I missed these meals so much and I’m happy to be a part of it.”

The value of volunteers is not lost of Lauri Joseph who said she is grateful every day they hold the meals to see such a devoted group of people come together and donate their own time to make it happen.

“It’s amazing. It really is, especially now because people are really hurting yet they’ve managed to donate to the cause. I get emotional talking about it,” Joseph said. “The volunteers are phenomenal. Everyone puts a lot into this. It’s just been amazing, and we never know who’s going to come. Someone always does though, sometimes it’s their first time sometimes they’re here regularly, but they all want to help.”

Those wishing to volunteer during the Blessed Backpack Brigade’s meals or who may benefit from the events can stay up to date on upcoming meals through the Blessed Backpack Brigade Facebook page.

RESPONSE

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and other damage like that. It was a really good team effort to get everything up and running as quick as we could. We worked well with our crew from National Grid. They were kind of stretched out especially as the storm moved up the coast,” Chief Wojnar said.

One of the hardest working crews through the storm was the highway department as workers pushed to clean up roadways and clear debris in the days after the hurricane hit. Highway Department Foreman Stanley Golenski said the storm was much stronger than they had anticipated but crews didn’t hesitate to respond to the call to help the town recover.

“All our mission was that day was

to clear the roads and to open what we could and just keep everybody happy. I know there were a lot of power outages because of it. As National Grid cleared the trees out of the wires, we’d clean up the mess accordingly,” Golenski said. It took until the day of the selectmen’s meeting on Aug. 17 for the cleanup effort to be officially completed.

“The guys worked really hard even with a short crew and really hot conditions we had out there. It’s tough, but they did a great job,” Golenski added.

Selectmen commended all the town workers of a job well down and specifically mentioned the highway departments preemptive measures of managing aging and dying trees to help prevent even more damage from storms like Isaias. That’s an effort Golenski said will surely continue.

SELECTMEN

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Selectman John Marsi came to the defense of the school committee as he too believes continued diligence will help keep numbers low while still allowing the district to provide top notch education to its students.


“I watched (the school committee) meeting on Zoom where they made a difficult decision and having been in a position to make difficult votes, I feel for them. You’re not going to make everybody happy, or anybody happy in some cases. I just want to thank them for their volunteer service on a very important board. I know that everybody is going to work to get back to normal. Our data is very favorable. We’re not Worcester. We’re not Boston in many cases. We’ll have to keep a close eye, keep doing a good job so we can get kids back in school as they need it,” Marsi said.

Details on Dudley’s COVID-19 cases are updated regularly on the town website while a full document detailing the Dudley Charlton Regional School District’s reopening plan is available on the district’s Web site.



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EDITORIAL

A hard-fought right

Women acquired the right to vote on Aug. 18, 1920. It’s amazing to think that there are individuals born during that time are still with us today, bringing into light that it wasn’t long ago that women were given the right to take part in the democratic process.

The 19th Amendment stated that citizens could not be denied the right to vote based on sex. Because of loopholes, many African American men and women were not permitted to vote pending literacy tests and the inability to pay poll taxes leaving the group disenfranchised. That same year some states, such as Georgia, had a law requiring people to register to vote six months in advance, which meant that many were turned away from the polls. In states such as California, New York and Illinois, women were permitted to vote before the 19th Amendment was ratified.

In 1915, a group of 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote. During that time, the New York Times printed an article against the women’s cause, stating, “If women vote, they will play havoc for themselves and society and that if granted suffrage they would demand all the rights that implies. It is not possible to think of women as soldiers and sailors, police patrolmen or firemen, heavens think of the chaos!” The National Women’s Party began to picket the White House in 1917, for the entire year despite weather. Some women were arrested and sent to work camps as punishment.

This month, National Women’s Suffrage Month, commemorates the turning point in American history as well as the founding of the League of Women Voters. Women began requesting the right to vote in the 1600’s. Second lady Abigail Adams wrote to her husband in 1776, “Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember, all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or Representation.” Adams would never cast a ballot.

In 1848, the cause picked up, after a women’s rights convention in New York with Elizabeth Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucy Stone spearheading the group of 300 women. Supporting Stanton, was abolitionist Frederick Douglas. After 70 years, with the last 20 packing a powerful punch, public sentiment changed and women were eventually heard and supported.

This year, when at the polls, let us remember the women who were imprisoned, marched in treacherous weather, went on hunger strikes and dedicated their lives so that the women of the future could have a voice.

Congress designated August 26 ‘Women’s Equality Day’ in 1973.

VIEWPOINT

Words that bless during this political season

Masks on the mirror

As we approach our political elections two months from now, we all hear plenty of political ads. Unfortunately, many of these ads are filled with fear, negativity, half-truths and distortions of what the other candidate said, and plenty of outright lies. All this in an attempt to influence and even manipulate the voters. What is worse for me is when the candidates talk about faith values, and then in total contradiction to what they claim to believe they approve or accept such negativity and distortions of truth.

We’ve lost civil and polite discourse in our society especially in our politics but even in our everyday life. We look at the “other,” the one who disagrees with our opinions, and feel we have the right to disparage them and reject them, sometimes even dehumanizing them. This especially happens via social media, where we don’t have to look at someone in the eyes as we say things.

What a contrast when we compare this attitude with St. Paul’s words to the Corinthians when he says, “Let all that you do be done with love.” (1 Cor 16:14) Think how different our actions would be if we attempted to live by this precept. Imagine if all we did, we did in love. Think how different our society would be, and the world around us, if we tried to live out these words every day, in every setting of our lives!

Our Orthodox Christian Faith teaches the most basic principle that “God is love,” and He is the source of all love. When we allow His Spirit to fill us with His presence, and guide us with His teachings, then we slowly become like Christ, people of love. Jesus clearly stated to His followers, “By this the world will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love is the essence of our faith, and yet, all of us need to be reminded again and again how to live out such love in our daily lives. Today, I will focus on only one aspect of living out this love – and that focus will be on what comes out of our mouths as well as on what we post in social media!

Our daily words. Our conversations. Our regular dialogue. Our common speech. Our social media. Are our typical conversations filled with love, or filled with fear and hatred? Are our words something that unite, or divide? Do we speak in positive ways that builds up and encourages others, or in negative ways that tears people down.

One of my favorite passages from the Apostle Paul’s letters is what he writes to the Ephesians. “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)

How often is our daily speech filled with exactly the opposite? How often do our social media posts represent the exact opposite? We participate in gossip that hurts and destroys. We pass on lies and outrageous fear. We naively accept conspiracy theories. We speak unclean words that add to the impurity of the world. We sometimes consciously injure, and so often unconsciously hurt. Too often, our words don’t build up, but tear down!

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As a priest, I find it sad when I hear someone curse or swear in front of me, and then apologize because they said such words in front of a priest. “Sorry Father, I didn’t realize you were here.” For such people, they compartmentalize their language (and often-times their entire lives) so that it is OK to speak (or act) in certain ways in front of their friends, or co-workers, or buddies, but realize it’s not OK to speak or act this way in front of a priest. Why the compartmentalization? And we do similar compartmentalization in our social media. We post things there that we would never say to someone’s face.

We have to remember that God is present everywhere. We need to be conscious of what we say, and how we say it, regardless of whether a priest is around or not. We have to cultivate the sense of God being “everywhere present and filling all things,” as we say in our daily Orthodox prayer to the Holy Spirit.

God is everywhere present and is with us at each moment of the day. Do we realize this and are we conscious of this when we speak, when we act, in all that we do? I’m sure if we physically saw Christ before us, we would we speak, act, and live quite differently. But HE IS PRESENT, we just don’t have the mind and heart to sense His presence!

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”

What a beautiful biblical passage to memorize, and then try to live by each and every day. Try today to memorize this verse, and then each morning, as you get ready to begin your day, strive to live by these words. Think of how you can become God’s instrument in imparting His Grace to whomever you speak with.

Imagine, in every conversation if we could impart grace to our hearers! In every discussion, if our words could edify the listener?

In the Theology of our Church, we look at every Sacrament as a sacred mystery by which the grace of God comes upon us. For example, in Holy Communion we take common bread and wine and ask the Holy Spirit to come down upon it, mystically changing these elements into the Body and Blood of Christ. In this Sacrament the grace of God comes upon us, and it is a means by which we commune with God and become united with Him.

And yet, our Church doesn’t limit its sacraments to seven. We believe many acts can become means of communing with God. Thus, maybe we can even look at our daily conversations and words as sacred moments of each day – moments by which God’s grace may come upon our listeners. In this way, we become instruments of God’s love, building up and blessing everyone we encounter each day!

“Let all that you do, be done in love... Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” May we strive to live by these words throughout this week!



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The COVID-19 situation continues to bring about a variety of questions. I was recently asked about the practice of people who drive cars with objects hanging from their rear-view mirrors. The person saw a vehicle with several facemasks hanging from the mirror. The person wanted to know if it was illegal to do this.

This is another circumstance which cannot be clearly answered yes or no. It does depend on the situation. The law, which can apply in these cases, is found under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 13. It contains the definition for “impeded operation.” It states in part, “No person, when operating a motor vehicle shall permit to be on or in the vehicle or on or about his person anything which may interfere with or impede the proper operation of the vehicle or any equipment by which the vehicle is operated or controlled...” This definition covers many situations. According to this law, items cannot block windows, cover mirrors, or interfere in any way with a driver’s ability to safely operate the vehicle. The presence of items which may be large enough to qualify could be considered as an impediment to the clear view of a driver. The rules could apply to legitimate items, such as handicap placards. It can also pertain to other things such as dash ornaments, large air fresheners, windshield suction paper pads, etc. These situations will always be determined on a case by case basis. A violation of this law carries a civil fine.

We are in a time when masks are required to be worn in most places. If they are directly in front of you, it is easier to remember to take it with you when you leave the car. That is understandable. However, it is important to have a clear and unimpeded field of vision as well as a distraction free driver compartment. This law is in place for the safety of the driver, the passengers, and all others using the roadways. Take the time to remove items which may be a distraction. This small step could make a big difference in preventing an accident.


In addition to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there is a great deal of turmoil taking place in our state and around the country. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. With so much discussion around police reform taking place, there are several documents posted on our Facebook page which can serve as a source of information for people. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, government and all other “essential” personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

Can you afford the years beyond your healthspan?

We’re all interested in the topic of lifespan. What’s the average lifespan of men and women? What factors influence lifespan? What can I expect for my own lifespan? Yet, you may also want to think about your healthspan – that is, how long you will live in generally good health. How should you factor in your potential healthspan when creating your financial strategies?

To begin with, you’ll want to be aware of the gap between lifespan and healthspan. Consider this: The average healthy life expectancy in the U.S. is only 68.5 years, according to World Bank data cited in the 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. This means that, on



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average, Americans can expect to spend about 10 years in poor health, which, unfortunately, is more than in most other developed countries.

Of course, everyone’s situation is unique, and many variables are involved in the lifespan/healthspan comparison: differences in projected longevity between women and men, family health histories, environmental factors, and so on. And there are certainly plenty of people whose healthspans essentially match their lifespans – that is, they enjoy healthy, busy lives right up until the end. Yet, even the possibility that you could face a decade or more of less-than-ideal health in your retirement years should be cause for concern. The health issue, by itself, is already worrisome, but the accompanying threat to financial independence is also on people’s minds. In fact, 72 percent of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to the Four Pillars study.

So, given these concerns, here are a few moves to consider, possibly with the help of a financial professional:

Investigate long-term

care protection. The costs of an extended nursing home stay can be exorbitant, and the services of a home health care aide are far from inexpensive, too. And retirees know it: Their greatest financial worry is paying for health care costs, including the cost of long-term care, again according to the Four Pillars study. Consequently, you may want to explore some type of long-term care protection – and the younger you are when you purchase this protection, the more affordable it tends to be.

Evaluate your investment mix. Even with Medicare and Medicare supplement plans, you will likely face significant out-of-pocket health care

costs during your retirement years. To help pay these bills, you will need sufficient liquidity in your financial accounts. So, you may need to evaluate, and possibly adjust, your investment mix to make sure you’ve got adequate funds in liquid, low-risk vehicles. These types of securities won’t offer much in terms of growth potential, but they do provide more stability of principal. You won’t want to abandon all growth-oriented vehicles, though – even in retirement, you need to stay ahead of inflation.

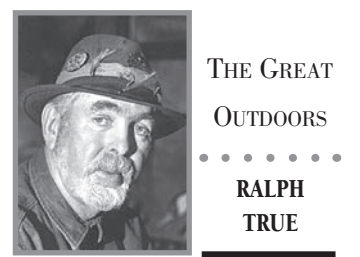
Create a sustainable withdrawal rate. To help address your healthspan funding concerns, you’ll also need to ensure you’re not taking out too much money from your investment portfolio each year, especially during your

first few years of retirement.

If you could see into the future, you’d know exactly where your lifespan intersected with your healthspan. But since this certainty is unattainable, you’ll want to be prepared for whatever comes your way.

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Saltwater fishing heats up



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Saltwater fishing is heating up for numerous species of fish. Yellow fin tuna in the 50 to 60-pound class were reported by anglers fishing out to the canyon. This writer was heading out to do a bit of fluke fishing in Galilee Rhode Island when I spotted a group of three anglers rushing to get there 25-foot boat in the water. The rods on board were positively identified as tuna rods. The two 200 hp outboard motors on the back of their boat, are what is needed to travel to the canyon. Reports of numerous shark species on their last trip to the canyon was also good news for the group of anglers. Fluke fishing remained strong again last week in the waters around Carpenters Beach and the Breachway. Many fish were just shy of the 19-inch size limit, but we man-

aged a few 20-inch fish & a few nice seabass. Catching our own mummies and Silversides also helped this writer & my boat captain Matt to catch our targeted fish. The silversides were a few inches long which were affixed to our hook. Threading the silversides on the hook like you would a nightcrawler worked very well, and stopped the short misses . Anglers were spotted chasing a few small schools of Bonito and False Albacore last week around Point Judith light. Upstate New York anglers fishing Lake Ontario are catching numerous King Salmon on the lake but River fishing is still slow. Lack of water flow in the river, and warm temperatures have played a huge role in this year's late migration of King Salmon. Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle shop in Pulaski New York ,reported the slow fishing in the river which is expected to blow wide open in the next week or two. Local bear hunters are excited about the bear hunting in Maine which is slated to open on Aug. 31. Hunting over baits is allowed during the Black Bear season in

Maine. Numerous local hunters travel to Maine every year to hunt bear, and the reports of numerous large bears hitting the baits prior to the season is good news. If bear hunting in Maine over baits was not allowed, very few bears would be harvested annually causing a bear population explosion. Most Field days at Rod & Gun Clubs this year have been canceled because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club recently canceled their Field Day after reconsidering their options. The first priority is keeping everyone safe until the virus is brought under control! A few local saltwater anglers fished areas around Block Island for stripers this past Friday and were rewarded with a few monster stripers. Unfortunately, they could not be retained and were quickly released. This week's picture shows Jim Lavallee with a 40-pound striper! Some of the stripers were caught using tube & worm and others were caught using live eels. Hopefully, the slot limit placed on stripers this year in Massachusetts & Rhode Island



will not carry over to next year's fishing. One group of striper anglers reported seeing a monster striper floating by their boat. It was still alive, but was surely a recently released fish. Just one of the many released stripers that succumbed to the new slot limit regulations. What a waste. NOAA Fisheries enacted Final interim Rule in Mass. extending Recreational Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock seasons. The bag limits however

have not hanged. The one cod daily limit remains the same, as well as the daily bag limit of haddock. A complete listing on the new ruling can be found on the NOAA Web site. Fishing at the canal this past week was extremely slow according to reports of local anglers. That could change quickly by the time you read this column.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Give your landscape a late summer facelift

Whether it is the hot weather, the age of your landscape or simply the need for change;a late summer makeover can help you increase your landscape's beauty. Put the "wow" back into your garden with a few new plantings, garden art, or other simple improvements. Many established landscapes have a few or many overgrown plants. Sometimes the plants you purchase perform better than expected or oftentimes we try to squeeze too many plants into a garden or too large of plants into small spaces. Remove overcrowded plants that have outgrown the space or lost their ornamental appeal. Replace these and other unsightly plants with those more suited to the growing conditions, your landscape design, and available space. Now is a good time to plan and fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials. The soil is warm and air cool, making it less stressful on new plantings. Phase in removals and replacements over time. This is easier on your budget, back, and will keep your landscape looking robust. And be sure to properly space



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plants to avoid overcrowding in the future. Check plant tags for the plant's mature size and plant accordingly. Fill in the voids between new plantings with annuals and perennials. As your shrubs increase in size, you will need fewer annuals each year. Move perennial flowers and grasses to a new garden as your shrubs reach full size. Perennials are much easier to move than an overgrown shrub. A bit of pruning may be all that is needed to bring back the beauty and reduce the size of overgrown plants. Make a note on your calendar to do a bit of pruning at the right time. Prune spring flowering shrubs right after they bloom. They have already set their flower buds for next spring and pruning now will eliminate the spring floral display. You can prune summer flowering shrubs during their dormant season from fall

through spring. Prune evergreens in colder climates in late winter or early spring once the worst winter weather has passed. Fall pruning where winters are brutal can lead to an increase in winter damage. Replace tired annuals in the garden and containers with fresh plants suited to the upcoming fall season. Don't be afraid to add dried materials to existing planters for added color and texture. Or create new container gardens to set by the front door and welcome guests. These also make great fillers in the garden. Just place the container in a spot where an existing plant has failed. You will benefit from the instant color and extra time you gain to plan for a permanent replacement. Garden art is another option for filling those late summer voids in the garden. Or use it to create a focal point, drawing attention to areas that are looking their best. Adding a few new cushions on your outdoor furniture can further enhance your landscape's appeal. It is an easy way to change things up with minimal investment of time and money. Big or small, a few changes can make a big

difference. Tackle a few of the easier ones or those with the biggest impact first. Once you get started, you will not want to quit. Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening 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 her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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Garden art can fill in late summer voids or create a focal point in the garden.

Isabella St. Francis of Webster graduates from Bryant

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the Class of 2020 who have completed their graduate studies to earn a Bryant University degree, one which has more value now than at any time in Bryant's history. Isabella St Francis of Webster earned a Master of Arts degree in Communication. St Francis joins a powerful network of more than 50,000 accomplished alumni who are inspired to excel and make a difference as leaders in organizations and communities around the world. "Graduates of Bryant's Class of 2020 have faced challenges and demonstrated resiliency that is unprecedented," says Bryant University President Ross Gittel. "These graduates will go down in history for successfully completing their studies in the face of daunting obstacles caused by the global health crisis." When our most recent alumni left campus for spring break, no one

knew that their final Bryant semester would be spent adapting to the challenges of a pandemic and that public health and safety policies would cause their graduation ceremonies to be postponed. "This crisis has revealed the character and grit of our community of scholars. I am extraordinarily proud of the entire Class of 2020," says Provost and Chief Academic Officer Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. "Together with our dedicated faculty, they have worked hard to complete their Bryant education with distinction." While a ceremony worthy of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 will take place in May of 2021, we want to take this moment to recognize and celebrate the achievements of these distinguished individuals whose Bryant education has prepared them to be the innovators, leaders, and design thinkers ready to make a difference. Through their resili-

ence, determination, and innovative spirit, these graduates have shown their peers, professors, and the entire community what it means to Be Bryant Strong. About Bryant University For 157 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. Bryant delivers an innovative and uniquely integrated business and liberal arts education that inspires students to excel. With approximately 3,800 graduate and undergraduate students from 38 states and 49 countries, Bryant is recognized as a leader in international education and regularly receives top rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes, and Barron's. Visit www.Bryant.edu.

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OBITUARIES

Jerzy J. Karłowicz, 68



DUDLEY – Jerzy J. Karłowicz, 68, died Friday, August 21, 2020 in UMASS Memorial Hospital, Worcester after a prolonged illness.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Maria D. (Jaszczerska) Karłowicz; 4 children, Derek D. Karłowicz and his wife Carole, their 2 sons, Alexander and Aidan of Franklin, Marek Karłowicz and his wife Kristina, their 2 sons, Mariusz and Eyan, and daughter, Kelsey of Dudley, Ania Camacho and her husband Jaime and their children, Gabriel and Natalia of Ellington, CT, and Jessica M. Mazzone and her husband Joseph, their 2 daughters, Maria and Julia of Oxford; a brother, Tadeusz Karłowicz of Webster; a sister, Grazyna Futoma and her husband Mirosław of New Haven, CT; nephews and nieces.

He was born in wi tajno, Poland on September 28, 1951, a son of Jan and Irena (Chomicz) Karłowicz. He emigrated to the United States in 1986.

He served 2 years in the Polish Army. While in Poland he was employed in the shipyards. In America he worked for many years in the wire production industry. He retired in 2016.

Mr. Karłowicz was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather who worked tirelessly to give his wife and children a better life in America. He enjoyed nature walks with his wife, crossword puzzles, fishing, gardening and watching soccer games. He was a jack of all trades, able to repair anything around his home. The light of his life and his greatest treasure was his family. He loved to put a smile on everyone's face.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, August 29, from Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, Dudley. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Webster. A calling period will take place Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in gratitude to Brigham and Women's Hospital to support Dr. Raphael Bueno's mesothelioma research. Memorial gifts can be made online at <https://give.brighamandwomens.org/> or checks can be made payable to Brigham and Women's Hospital with «in memory of Jerzy Karłowicz» in the memo line, and sent to: Brigham and Women's Hospital, Development Office, 116 Huntington Ave., 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02116. www.websterfunerals.com

Peter P. Stanley, Jr., 81



OXFORD – Peter P. Stanley, Jr., 81, of Holbrook Road, died Monday, August 17, 2020, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beatrice L. (Daigneault) Stanley of Oxford; three daughters, Veronica M. Elm and her husband Roger of Gerrardstown, WV, Christina Y. Martinez and her husband Jose of Leominster, and Sherry E. Pelletier and her husband Wayne of Southbridge; three brothers-in-law, Henry Daigneault and his wife Ruthann of Texas, Armand Daigneault of Wisconsin, and Eugene Daigneault of Georgia; his sisters-in-law, Theresa Daigneault and Dawn Cadwell of Colorado; seven grandchildren, Christopher Beausoleil, Melissa Beausoleil, Deanna Martinez, Ricky Martinez, Amber Pelletier, Joshua Pelletier, and Sofia Martinez; and a great-grandson, Anthony Beausoleil. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Peter P. and Helen A. (Grigarauskas) Stanley Sr., and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford over 60 years ago. He graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester.

Mr. Stanley was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in Germany during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. He worked as a machine mechanic throughout his life. He was a longtime member of the Oxford Memorial Honor Guard and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4241 in Oxford. He was an avid Harley Davidson motorcycle rider and enjoyed trips with his wife. In his younger years, he was a power weightlifter and won many trophies for his strength.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Burial with military honor followed at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford, with the Oxford Memorial Honor Guard participating. Calling hours a wee Monday, August 24, 2020, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. paradisfuneralhome.com



James Anthony “Captain Jak” Jakubowski, 71,

James Anthony “Captain Jak” Jakubowski, 71, of Hernando, FL passed away peacefully at home on August 15th, 2020. James was born to Anthony and Jean (Klinges) Jakubowski on July 11th, 1949 in Webster, MA. James grew up in Dudley, he made Citrus County his home in 1988 when he relocated from Eliot, Maine. He honorably served our great country as a member of the United States Air Force in Vietnam, and worked as a Firefighter for many years at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. James was a family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He also enjoyed fishing, all things NASCAR and visiting Disney—he and his wife were pass holders and would go to Disney any chance they could get. James was Catholic by faith. James was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Patricia and his

beloved daughter, Lynn. Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Lisa (Ted) Rosenau, his three grandchildren, Maddy, Ellie and Noah; his brothers, John Jakubowski of Charlton, Michael Jakubowski of Kennebunk, Me., his sisters, Ruth Oleksiak of Crystal River, Fla. and Jeannie Jakubowski of Dudley. His father, Anthony Jakubowski of Dudley passed away a day after James. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Normand “Mike” Robert Fournier, 89

LADY LAKE, FL. / DUDLEY, MA- Normand “Mike” Fournier ,89, formerly of Dudley, passed away July 30th, in Lady Lake, Florida.

He leaves 7 children, David Fournier and his wife Donna, Kathleen Poplawski and her husband Thomas, Deborah Martin and her husband Kevin, Wayne Fournier, Donna Austin and her husband Randall, Linda Feige and her husband George, Alan Fournier and his wife Tammy. 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Jacqueline “Jackie”, of 58 years.

Mike was a self employed carpenter by trade. He was on the Dudley fire department for many years and also served as firechief in the 1960's. He was the first president of the Dudley ambulance squad which he founded and was also instrumental in starting the Webster ambulance service.

He was a member of the Dudley PNA and the Dudley Nichols Golf Club.

There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dudley Fire Department, 128 West Main Street, Dudley, Ma. 01571

Elizabeth A. Gaddis, 57



OXFORD – Elizabeth A. (Merolli) Gaddis, 57, of Little John Circle, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Mark C. Gaddis of Oxford; four children, Rocco F. Merolli and his wife Asia of Oxford, Rebecca L. Ide and her husband Mark of Oxford, Amy E. Gaddis of North Carolina, and Margaret M. Gaddis of Oxford; her step mother, Renee Merolli of Douglas; her father- and mother-in-law, Robert and Marguerite Gaddis of Dudley; her brothers-in-law, Peter Gaddis and his wife Lori of Virginia, and Kevin Gaddis of Dudley; her nephew, Sutton Gaddis; and her niece, Leiston Gaddis. She was born in Milford, daughter of the late Francis R. and Madonna A. (Murphy) Merolli, and lived in Bellingham and

Medway before moving to Oxford in 1990. She graduated from Bellingham High School in 1981, received her bachelor's degree from Framingham State University, and her master's degree from Anna Maria College.

Mrs. Gaddis was a high school chemistry teacher at Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley for 22 years. In addition, she taught chemistry at Becker College. She enjoyed going to the beach, traveling, crafts, and participating in family projects. She loved her family more than anything and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

A celebration of Beth's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline is Monday noon for Friday publication.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by S.H. Auto Repair LLC., 120 Schofield Ave, Dudley MA 01571 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A that on September 4, 2020 @ 5 PM at: S.H. Auto Repair, LLC 120 Schofield Ave Dudley, MA 01571 The following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles: Description of vehicles: Vehicle: VIN # KMHDH4AE-5DU656507; 2013 Hyundai Elantra, REG # 1JAA61 Owner: Biadasz Jeffrey T, 9 Elm Street, Apt # 1R, Webster MA 01570 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39 A August 14, 2020 August 21, 2020 August 28, 2020

BAY PATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS Parents, guardians and former students are hereby notified that all special education records within the possession of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District/Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School will be destroyed, pursuant to 603 CMR 23.06, 7 years from the date when the student is no longer eligible for special education, graduates, moves or transfers to another district or completes his/her educational program. These records from the 2012 – 2013 school year will be destroyed

effective September 30, 2020. Eligible students, parents or guardians may receive the student's special education records prior to the destruction date by submitting a written request to: Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Attn: Student Support Services 57 Old Muggett Hill Road Charlton, MA 01507 August 28, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO20P2198GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-305 In the matter of: Raymond Erickson Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Raymond Erickson** is in need of a Guardian requesting that Kimberly Benjamin-Prokop of West Warren, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that a protective order or appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file

with this court. **You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/15/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by said return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Guardian pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Guardian, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.** Date: August 13, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate August 28, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO20P2205EA Estate of: Joseph J Reardon Date Of Death: June 21, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charles Reardon of Uxbridge MA** **Charles Reardon of Uxbridge MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. August 28, 2020



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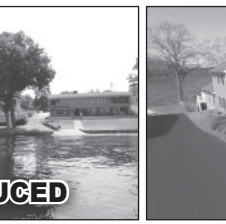
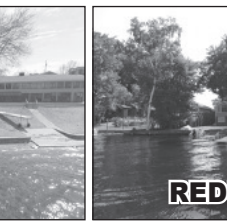
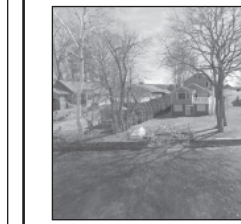
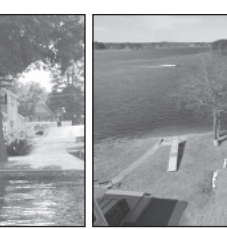
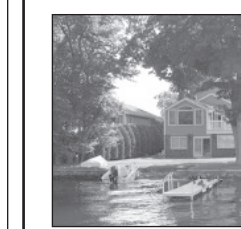


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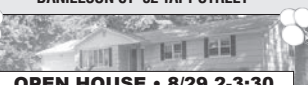
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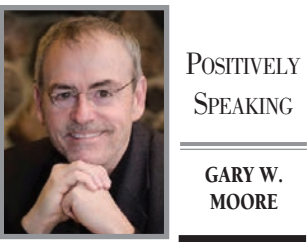
Finding love and service in pickles and an ironing board

We all have hobbies and passions in life. Some like to do woodworking while others may love to garden. Some activities are common and others unique and unusual. There are more hobbies and passions than I can think of and list on this page, but almost everyone has something. I love to cook for friends and family. When we have company, I'm up early and working in the kitchen. My skills are limited. I have no professional training. I just know what I like and share it with others.

I've often wondered about my cooking obsession and I now realize it is just a way that I enjoy serving others. I love to eat, and I seem to have a creative gene that encourages me to try new recipes. It makes me feel good knowing that cooking for others

makes them happy. It's a positive activity that provides a basic human service for people I care about and love.

Through the years I've developed a few recipes that I'm proud of. I grow pickling cucumbers in my garden and make what I call "Lemony Dill Pickles." I've never canned them because they are eaten as fast as I can make them. It's a citrusy twist to traditional dill pickles by replacing half the vinegar with lemon juice. I thinly slice the cucumbers and put them in a bowl. I never measure anything ... but I put in roughly 40 percent distilled or filtered water, 35 percent white vinegar, 25 percent lemon juice, salt to taste (I like salt), dill, garlic, and black pepper cloves. I let it marinate for twenty-four hours and enjoy. I also thinly slice an onion



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and put into the mix. I'm sharing this with you as I don't want my recipe lost.

Please let me know if you try this. Play with the mixtures to suit your taste buds. I'd love to know what you think. I also make a killer Barbeque Sauce and a unique recipe of mashed potatoes I'll share later. I love working to please others through my cooking.

When my grandkids were younger, I bought a Mickey Mouse pancake maker that made pancakes in the shape of Mickey. They became known in our family as

"MouseCakes." The most common question from my Facebook friends was "Are they made out of real mice?"

My grandkids enjoyed them, until they didn't. Now, my "MouseCake Maker" sits in a cabinet hoping for another grandchild or six.

Cooking isn't an unusual hobby, but my next passion is. I love to iron my children and now grandchildren's clothes. I don't iron on schedule but only by request. "Dad, I'm running late to school. Can you iron this for me?" My daughter would often say as she tossed her shirt down the stairs. I'd sometimes try to resist, but the joy I found in doing this was surprising. I have ironed for everyone but there is a special "ironing bond" I have with my daughter, Tara Beth. Before school ... later in life, before dates or even

a job interview, I loved hearing her voice ask me to iron.

One of the things I like about ironing is that it is an anonymous activity. No one ever compliments you on your ironing skills. You've never been asked, "Wow, who ironed your pants? They did a great job!" I like the feeling of doing something for no credit nor attention but something that is appreciated by the recipient. Does that make sense? It does to me.

I've shared this in the past, but the most memorable ironing experience was on her wedding day. By this point in life, she realized the satisfaction I received by providing this service for her. The morning of her wedding she walked down the stairs with her wedding dress draped over her arms. All she said was "Dad ..." and I eagerly

took it from her and quickly turned away so she would not see the emotion I felt bubbling up. I took my time, as it was the most complex garment I had ironed, but also the most meaningful. My emotions flowed and dotted her perfectly white dress as I ironed my tears into the fabric. It was both a sad but immensely joyful moment that I'll never forget.

So, now you know a little bit more about me and I'm guessing I'm the first person you've met who finds ironing joyful.

Until next week ... try my pickles!

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Following a long New England winter, few signs of spring are more welcome than the first sprouts of green popping up in a barren garden. The promise of a season of beautiful blooms, the tiny shoots are the gardeners reward of a past autumn spent preparing and planting. Experts agree fall offers ideal conditions to plant perennials. In fact, autumn is the preferred time to plant spring blooming bulbs. The following is a beginner's guide to preparing, planning and planting bulbs now for a flourish of flowers come spring.

Choosing Choice Bulbs
If you are selecting bulbs in bulk, such as loose bulbs offered at discount garden centers, it's important to follow a few rules of thumb. Typically, big bulbs produce the largest blooms and may yield more flowers, therefore, it may be worth the cost to pay a bit more for good sized, healthy bulbs. However, if you are on a budget and have the time to wait, smaller bulbs will eventually increase in size and bloom each year. When choosing a bulb, look for those that are firm and plump. Hold them in your palm and select bulbs that feel heavy for their size. Avoid bulbs with bruises, spots or signs of mold. And steer clear of soft, mushy

and lightweight bulbs. Sprouting bulbs may indicate a bulb that has been in storage for a long time.

Planning a Flower Garden
A little thought and preparation go a long way in reaping the benefits of a successful spring and summer flower garden. The planning you take time for in the fall will be apparent when the flower garden plantings burst with color and texture next year. Know your flowers before you plan to plant. While most bulbs require an area where there is full sun, other varieties such as the iris and crocus enjoy some shade after blooming. For best results select a location in full sun or sun with morning shade only. Well drained soil is a requisite for flower bulbs. If you have poor soil, raised flower beds may be an effective alternative.

For best results, design your garden with pen and paper first, mapping out the size of the beds and the flowers to scale. Keep in mind color, texture and fragrance are all important factors when deciding on a particular flower garden plan. Plotting a garden plan is an exciting chore, and there are some basic rules that ensure a pleasant mix of color for a showy display. Notice how a clump of daffodils and tulips are much more charming than a tidy row of the springtime flowers. The eye is drawn toward the burst of color

when these flowers are situated in generous groups of plantings. Be sure to take an accurate bulb count of such large splashes of plantings. Your layout plan should also include using flower bulbs as accents in perennial beds, or to fill in rock gardens or as an interesting border to greenery. Be sure to plan for extra bulbs to fill in areas or to add as landscape accents.

For an interesting mix, merge short plants with tall specimens to give variety and depth as well as differing textures. And don't underestimate the power of fragrance. Nothing is more delightful than a pathway of floral scents welcoming visitors to your door! You should also decide if you want to plan out every aspect of planting a semi formal garden, or if you choose instead to toss convention and bulbs to the wind, planting bulbs the natural way, thus creating a natural sprinkling of blooms. Scaling plants to the bed is another important factor when plotting your plan. A simple rule to follow is to keep in mind the tallest plant in an island flower bed should have a mature height that is equal to about half the width of the bed. Place these plants in the center, so they can be viewed from all sides. Also remember to take into account plants that grow and expand quickly.

Color is another major consideration when planting your bulbs. If you want your garden to be a showcase all season, select a variety of bulbs that flower during early, middle and late spring and summer for a continuous burst of color. Just as in the home, in the garden bed cool colors seem to recede and warm colors appear to come forward. To make a small garden area appear larger and more spacious, plant flowers in cool, light colors. As a general rule white goes a long way in a garden bed, but if you use a lot of white flowers in an area, consider adding a dramatic splash of bright red or bright pink or purple for visual contrast. And, remember, if you are growing flowers to cut and bring

the blooms indoors, choose colors that will go with the decor of your home, as well as harmonize with one another in the garden. Gardens, in fact, are often planned around color. The ambiance of your outdoor living space is determined by color and your choices decide whether your garden flowers contrast or complement each other which can result in either a subtle hue of color or a spectacular show of brilliant blooms. The former, which relies on soft pastels to make a statement in the flower garden, is often achieved through monochromatic planning. Choosing flowers of all the same color family may offer a soothing garden setting. Interest is accomplished by providing varying textures and flower heights in monochromatic pastel gardens. For a more showy garden, eye catching bright reds, yellows, purples and whites take center stage in a flower bed. Such contrasting colors can be often be achieved with little effort simply by matching up opposite colors on the standard color wheel.

Planting Prep:
Planting time varies depending on location, but here in the Northeast it ranges from September until as long as the soil can be worked, usually around the end of October. Prepare your bed by making sure soil is properly fertilized. Be sure to dig out the soil to the proper depth. Loosen the soil and if you choose, add a bulb booster to the soil. Bulbs should be planted with pointed side up. Place them firmly, yet gently, into the ground. Cover the bulbs loosely with soil, water lightly and add a layer of mulch. Typically, bulbs should be planted three times as deep as the bulb is wide. In sandy soils, you can plant a little deeper, and in heavy

soils you can dig a slightly shallower hole. Bulbs should be spaced approximately a width twice the diameter of the bulb. Note: Tulips should be planted one inch deeper than indicated if the soil is not too heavy and their location is permanent as deep rooting can prolong the effective life of the tulip bulb.

Forcing bulbs
Forcing bulbs indoors allows the impatient gardener to enjoy springtime blooms during the winter season. Certain bulbs, such as the narcissus and hyacinth lend themselves to forced budding.

To do: Drop a bulb into a glass jar and fill with water and small pebbles until the water level reaches the base of the bulb. Position the jar in a sunny window. Water must remain at the same level, so add moisture as needed. To prevent mold, change the water periodically.

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