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Three vie for selectman’s seats in Leicester

LEICESTER — Herbert Duggan, Jr. is challenging incumbent selectmen Dianna Provencher and Sandra Wilson in this year’s annual town election. Voters will select two of the three candidates at the June 9 election at Town Hall.

Herbert Duggan, Jr.

With extensive experience as a business owner and first responder, Select Board challenger Herbert Duggan, Jr., brings a unique blend of skills to the race.

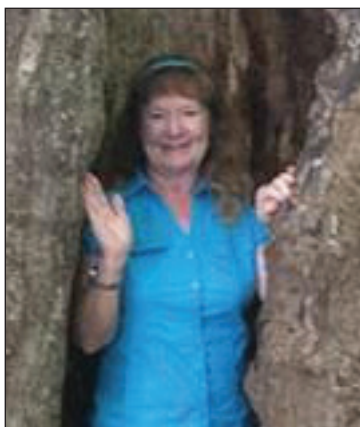
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For Duggan, who has spent 13



Herbert Duggan, Jr.

years as a business owner and 24 years as a first responder, it’s exciting to make a run for a seat on the Board. The town is facing several current and upcoming challenges, and Duggan hopes



Dianna Provencher

to be part of the team that solves them.

“I want to be the voice for those who want to be heard,” said Duggan, who has lived in Cherry Valley for 34 years. “I



Sandra Wilson

feel that there are many financial burdens on the horizon in town, and I want the people of Leicester to be at ease knowing that I will perform at the best of my abilities to make sure any

and all purchases and actions are in the best interest of the town and its residents.”

Duggan cited the ongoing issues with water and sewer rates as one of the most important challenges facing residents. Seven independent, semi-public water and sewer districts presently serve Leicester and Oxford. Under the current system, each district must fund its own improvements and upgrades, which places a large strain on ratepayers as infrastructure ages.

Of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, only Leicester and eight others currently have more than three water or sewer districts.

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HONORING THE FALLEN




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Members of American Legion Post 41 and VFW Post 3439 in N. Brookfield held a small ceremony Monday honoring the memories of local servicemen and women past and present.

Officials work to ensure voter safety

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Officials are taking several steps to maximize safety at town meetings and elections next month.

Following Gov. Charlie Baker’s latest guidance issued on May 18, local officials have been greenlighted to move forward with town meetings and elections. In Leicester, selectmen voted last week to hold the Annual Town Meeting on June 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. The date for the meeting had previously been scheduled, but officials wanted to wait for Baker’s guidance before solidifying a location.

“The seating will be arranged to maintain social distancing, and we encourage attendees to wear face masks,” said Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux. “We will have sanitizer on hand as well. We estimate the gym’s capacity at 170.”

Leicester Town Clerk

Deborah Davis has been working hard to prepare for the Town Meeting and election. Leicester’s election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, from noon-7 p.m. in the Town Hall gym. The Select Board is the only contested race, with Herbert Duggan, Jr., challenging incumbents Dianna Provencher and Sandra Wilson.

For the latest information on Leicester municipal events, visit www.leicesterma.org.

In Spencer, Town Clerk Laura Torti has also been preparing multiple sanitation measures ahead of the election and Town Meeting. Last month, selectmen voted to postpone the election to June 23 and the Town Meeting to June 30. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is encouraging residents to vote by mail using an early ballot application available on the town website and published weekly in the New Leader. Applications are 170.”

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Baker unveils phased reopening plan

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Gov. Charlie Baker unveiled his multi-phased plan for reopening the state last week, announcing several requirements needed for certain businesses to return.

Local business owners were hoping for a quick return to work following the Governor’s May 18 announcement, but several businesses will have to remain closed for now. The Governor’s latest guidelines, dubbed as a “safer at home” policy, only allowed places of worship, construction sites, and manufacturing businesses to immediately reopen on May 18.

But just because certain sectors of the state are reopening, the Baker Administration continues to advise residents to stay at home as much as possible. This is no time to start heading back out in large groups, the Governor warned.

“The goal of this phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm the state’s healthcare system and erase the progress made so far,” Baker said.

Manufacturing facilities,

construction sites, and places of worship reopened last week under strict guidelines. Additionally, hospitals and community health centers can begin to provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care, and treatment for high-risk patients.

Under a staggered approach, additional Phase 1 sectors of the economy were permitted to reopen on May 25. These include the following:

- Lab space
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- Limited personal services, including hair salons, pet grooming, and car washes
- Retail (remote fulfillment and curbside pick-up)
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Each reopening phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving to the next phase. State health officials will be keeping careful watch of the metrics as new sectors reopen.

“If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to

return to an earlier phase,” Baker said. “If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase.”

Success in earlier phases will determine criteria for future phases, state officials said. This will include travel regulations, sizes of permitted gatherings, lodging and accommodations, arts, entertainment, fitness centers, museums, youth sports, and other activities.

Baker also addressed business owners who feel unsafe about reopening and potentially endangering employees and customers.

“Businesses are not required to reopen, and may not do so if they are unable to follow safety protocols,” the Governor said. “The Baker-Polito Administration has developed specific guidance so that each industry reopens as safely as possible. Businesses are expected to implement these protocols in addition to the more general mandatory workplace safety standards.”

In order to reopen, businesses must develop a written COVID-19 control plan outlining how their workplaces will prevent the spread of coronavirus. Required materials are located on www.mass.gov/

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Spencer resident named Salutatorian at Assumption

WORCESTER—Assumption has announced that Lauren Robichaud, of Holden, and Sean O’Rourke, of Spencer, have been named valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2020, respectively. Robichaud will address her classmates and their families while O’Rourke will introduce the speaker, Robert Royal, Ph.D., at Assumption’s 103rd Commencement on Sunday, August 23 at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester.

“At Assumption, the highest honors of valedictorian and salutatorian are not based on grades alone, but are awarded after a careful and deliberative process on the part of a group of students, faculty, and administrators,” said Eloise Knowlton, Ph.D., associate vice president for Academic Affairs and chair of the committee. “The committee’s deliberations begin with a small pool of the highest academic achievers, but we then seek to honor those who have contributed broadly to the life of the College and the class as persons of character, creativity, and caring.”

A Spencer native, O’Rourke was a double accounting and economics major with a minor in finance and fraud examination and forensic accounting. He is a member of the International Economics Honor Society, Omicron Delta Epsilon, as well as the National Philosophy Honor Society, Phi Sigma Tau. He is a Francis Ouimet scholar as well as a Greater Worcester Community Foundation December 3rd scholar.

On campus, O’Rourke served as a D’Amour Center for Teaching Excellence Fellow, in which he provided a student perspective and fostered a dialogue around teaching and learning at Assumption; worked in the College’s Academic Support Center tutoring his peers in accounting, finance, economics, marketing, and management. He was also a member of the Accounting Club. O’Rourke worked as a business tax services intern for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC in Boston, as well as an intern and assistant to the representative at Provo Financial Services, Inc., in Shrewsbury.

The finalists, who were chosen from a select pool of their peers who ranked in the top

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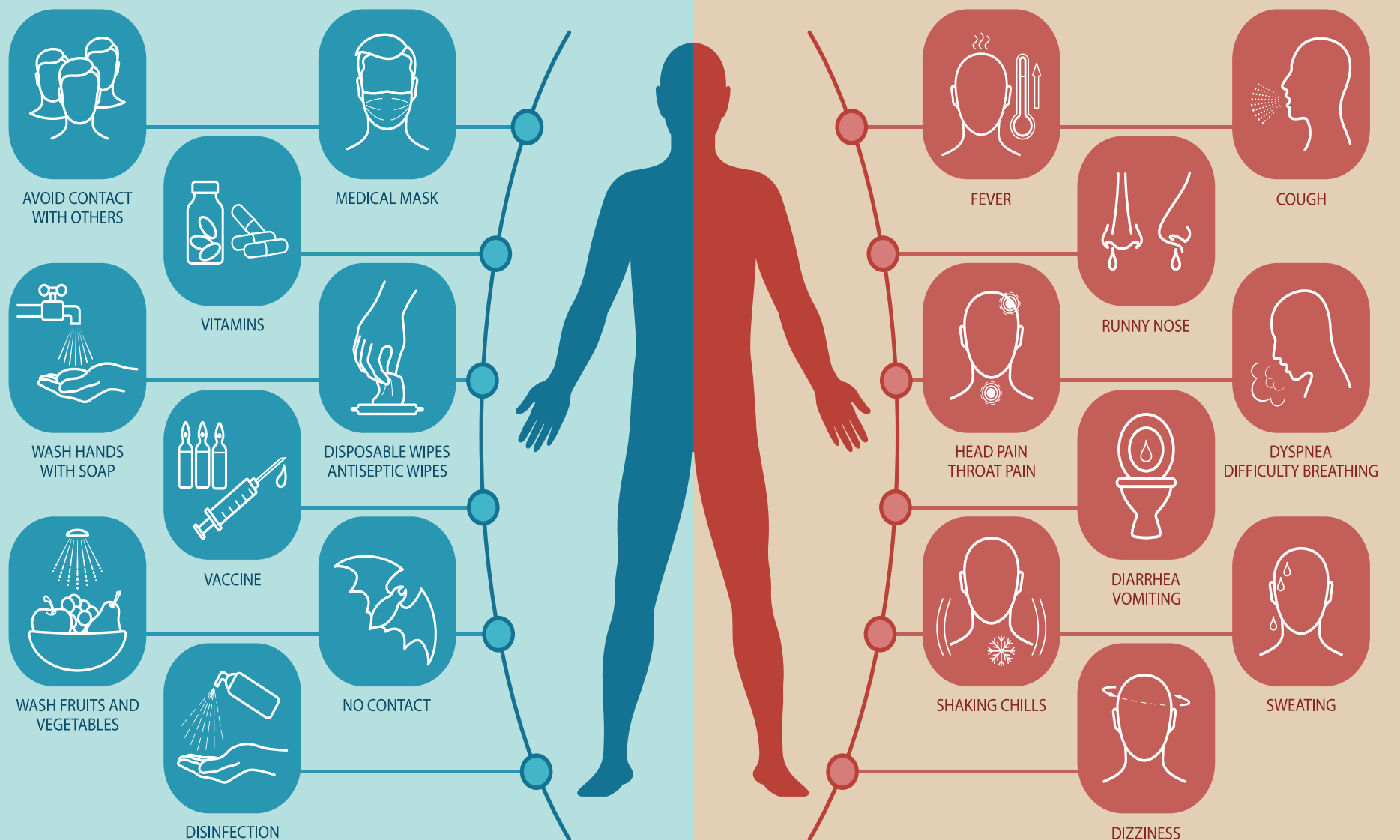
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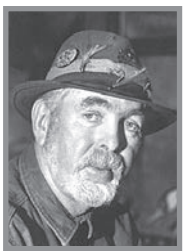
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Another pair of anglers were fishing in Buzzards Bay and caught numerous seabass, large sculpin, fluke, & stripers. This writer made my first trip to the saltwater with my granddaughter Andrea and her son Logan. I had reports of some school stripers in the Providence River, as well as some schools of porgies, and decided to give it a try. When we arrived at the boat ramp at Hanes Park, I quickly realized that the reports of fish in the area were unsubstantiated. There was not a single car or boat trailer in the entire parking lot. "This does not look good" were the first words out of my mouth.

We were not looking for large strip-

ers, just a little action with school stripers for my great grandson and granddaughter Andrea. We quickly launched the boat, packed in our gear and I slowly maneuvered the boat past the marina. As we entered the open water, the wind was light and the sun was partially hidden in the clouds. On our way out, we had to pass by one of my favorite fishing spots for tautog, but because there was no crabs available at a local bait shop we were forced to go fishing without them. It was high tide and it was a perfect time to fish for tautog, as the tide was about to start going out.

All we had to fish with was plastics and hardware. Attaching a small rapala lure to the first rod, I handed it to Andrea to start fishing as I slowed the motor to trolling speed across the open water. Before I even had the next rod ready for fishing Andrea reacted to a sudden bump on her rod. "Wow, I had a good hit Pop!" Right then and there, I felt we were going to catch a lot of fish! That was it for the next few hours.

We tried going deep and everywhere in between. No fish. That is stripers fishing! Very little signs of fish on the fish-finder, and we never saw a single fish breaking the surface water as we trolled for hours. It was still a great day on the water with some of my family, and the little guy (five year old Logan) stayed busy watching the water and eating, and helping me steer the boat as the second picture shows. After returning to the boat ramp Andrea and Logan went looking for seashells on the beach area as I prepared the boat for the



journey home. Logan was fast asleep in his car seat not long after we headed home. That darn Covid-19 is sure going to change all of this for many families in the coming months and years.

Trout anglers are still enjoying some great fishing for Brown trout at Ashland and Hopkington Reservoir! A few large trout were caught on shiners as well as the old reliable power bait. Another trout angler told me about deep trolling for trout at Wallum Lake in Douglas, down 45 feet of water! Numerous rainbow trout were caught on his second trip to the lake. He reported that only a couple of other boats were observed fishing, which is more than likely because of the virus.

This week's picture shows Samantha



Johnson with her first Wild Turkey she harvested this spring. Last week's picture was of poor quality, and hopefully, this week's picture of her is a lot better. Nice bird!

This is the time of year that all residents need to be extremity careful when enjoying the outdoors. Ticks, wasps, yellow jacket bees and mosquitoes can cause serious problems for adults and children. Be sure to use the proper sprays and check your family daily, especially for ticks.

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you want to halt a headache or boost your brain power, chances are the solution is as easy as plucking a plant from your backyard garden (or window-sill).

The following roster of remedies highlights some familiar plants and their medicinal uses.

Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants.

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Headache

Clematis: This flower has been known to work wonders on migraine headaches. Simply chew the petals or steep them into a tea.

Feverfew: Use the leaves and flowers of this medicinal herb for teas; chew leaves to ease headache pain (including migraines). Its also been shown to provide relief for arthritis, and skin conditions.

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Insomnia

Lemon Balm promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous head-

aches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy.

Chamomile: A common garden herb, Chamomile is a muscle relaxer that has mild sedating properties. Chamomile tea has long been used to relieve stress and promote sleep. It is also used to treat anxiety in sufferers young and old.

*Please keep in mind those who have allergies to ragweed, chrysanthemums or asters, should not use Chamomile.

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Anxiety

Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

Lemon Balm: Lemon Balm made into a tea is a relaxing tea that reduces restlessness, anxiety and irritability. And it's also used to treat anxiety that causes digestive problems.

Skullcap: Is an anti anxiety herb with few side effects, Skullcap helps calm the "wor-

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

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Boost your landscape’s curb appeal in one weekend



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Create a front garden that is sure to boost your mood and welcome visitors all year round. All you need is one weekend and a bit of paint, flowers, décor and edging material to boost your landscape’s curb appeal.

Add a splash of color by painting your front door. Look for colors that complement your home’s siding and the surrounding landscape. Then add a seasonal wreath or other door decoration. A wreath of seed packets in the spring, succulents or silk flowers in summer, dried materials in fall and greens in winter add seasonal interest to your home. Visitors will look forward to the change of seasons marked by your door’s décor.

Add a few containers at the front entrance. Select a color and size

that complements your home’s size and architecture style. Reduce maintenance with self-watering containers that extend the time between watering. Further your enjoyment with solar-illuminated planters powered by the sun to add a magical glow to the landscape as the sun sets.

Define planting beds and create a finished look with edging. Use a sharp shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around small garden beds or employ the help of an edging machine for larger areas. Fill the trench with mulch to create a mowing edge and keep weeds out.

Or boost the aesthetic appeal and further define the space with edging materials like the Stomp Edge. This easy-to-install edging material is made from recycled rubber and only requires a few hand tools and minimal time to install.

Keep unruly plants out of the lawn or off walkways while defining the garden space

with decorative garden edging. You can keep it simple with Gardener’s Supply Company’s Stratford Edge Irons that mimic the edging found in Shakespeare’s garden in Stratford England. Or add an artistic flare with a more decorative edging like the Nocturne Border Edging.

Weed garden beds to improve the overall appearance and health of garden plants. Weeds not only compete with your desirable plants for water and nutrients, but many are hosts for insect pests and diseases that can harm your desirable plants.

Once weeded, spread a one- to three-inch layer of organic mulch like shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface. The finer the material, the thinner the layer of mulch needed. Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down. Select a mulch that is aesthetically pleasing and won’t

overwhelm the beauty of the plants.

Keep mulch off tree trunks, shrubs, stems and crowns of perennial and annual plants. Covering stems and plant crowns can lead to root rot and other problems that can negatively impact the plants’ health and longevity.

Freshen existing wood mulch by lightly tilling or raking, so the darker mulch below the surface moves to the top. Avoid over mulching. It is a waste of money and can be harmful to your plants.

Make it a fun weekend by mixing in some tasty treats or a barbecue once the work is done. As you enjoy the benefits of your weekend’s efforts, you’ll be anxious to start tackling those bigger landscape tasks.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* DVD series and the *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV &



Courtesy

Define garden spaces with decorative garden edging while keeping unruly plants out of the lawn and off walkways.

radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardeners Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

TRAINOR

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rier” who has racing thoughts and constant fret. This herb is useful for all types of anxiety but has also been hailed as an aid for stress caused by hormonal imbalances in women.

Digestion
Dill: The dill plant, long used as a natural cure for baby colic, is an herb that’s known for its ability to aid digestion. Brewing as a tea or simply chewing on several seeds after eating can help natural digestion and prevent tummy troubles. For tea, crush dill seed and add a tablespoon to a cup of boiling water. Strain to pour a clear tea.

Lemon verbena: An herbal tea aids digestion and helps calm intestinal cramps and gas pains.

Peppermint: For a tummy soothing tea, pour boiling water over freshly picked peppermint leaves and add a teaspoon of honey for flavor.

Lemon Balm: A tea made from Lemon Balm relieves abdominal pains and cramps.

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Detoxing Agent
Cilantro: Eaten fresh (as in a salad or steamed), the tasty herb binds to toxic metals that accumulate in the organs, aiding the body in disposing of them.

Pansies: The flowers with the “faces” have been touted as a valuable detoxifying. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink.

Garlic: Fresh garlic contains compounds that help flush heavy metals out of the body.

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Anti Inflammatory
Marigolds: Marigolds have anti inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions. Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne. Simply make a poultice from the flowers and apply to the area to be treated.

Pansies: Pansies act as an anti inflammatory. The flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea.

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Brain Boosters
Lemon Balm: Taken as a tea, Lemon Balm is hailed as an herb that sharpens the mind and improves mental performance and memory.

Rosemary: The tasty spice herb has long been used as a

remedy for age related memory loss.

Sage: Two university studies showed that those given Sage performed better in a word recall test. Experiments also revealed Sage can boost the same brain chemicals that decrease with Alzheimer’s Disease.

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Skin Care
Dandelion: Although you won’t want to plant dandelions, a plentiful supply of the weed is likely available. The yellow flowers, when made into an infusion can aid in reducing both large pores and age spots. Steep fresh blossoms in boiling water, allow to cool and apply to skin. The sticky liquid in the stems is used to shrink warts.

Pansy: The pansy is beneficial in treating eczema. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin.

Sage: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of fever blisters.

Lemon Balm: Lemon Balm can speed up the healing of cold sores. Simply make a Lemon Balm tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

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Antioxidant
Oregano: Packed with antioxidants, the herb is also very easy to grow. FYI: In a USDA study, oregano demonstrated 42 times more antioxidant activity than apples, 30 times more than potatoes, 12 times more than oranges and four times more than blueberries! Just one tablespoon of fresh oregano was found to contain the same antioxidant activity as a medium-sized apple.

Tomatoes: It’s been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant, but tomato is also one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber. Tomatoes are also

excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato’s high concentration of lycopene. The recommended dosage is whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose.

Rosemary: Laboratory studies reveal the popular spice herb Rosemary has antioxidant properties that neutralize free radicals

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

PERSON of the WEEK

This week’s honors go to Inga Schowengerdt and Sonja Jasinski Schowengerdt of North Brookfield.

They run NoBro Farm in North Brookfield but, more importantly during the pandemic, they have opened a free pantry in front of the farm for people to pick up free groceries. People donate and people pick up for free. Absolute pay it forward effort with nothing expected in return!!

— Submitted by Todd Cwin

If you would like to nominate an upcoming Person of the Week, please email your suggestion and the reason you’re nominating him or her, or a group of people to June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news. Thank you.

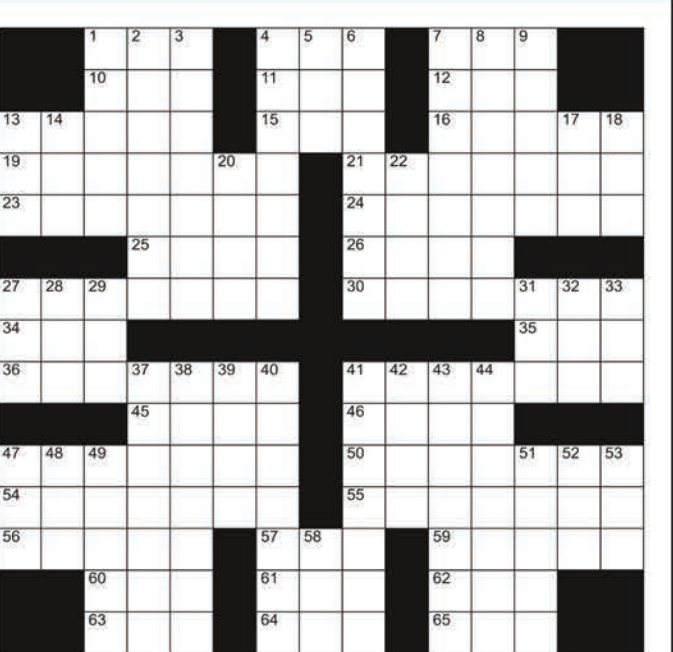
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CLUES ACROSS

1. It’s now called Experian

4. You can draw it

7. Very fast aircraft

10. Go quickly

11. Fifth note of a major scale

12. Biochemical abbreviation

13. Make somebody laugh

15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

16. City in NE Morocco

19. Colorless gas

21. NE football player

23. A snake is one

24. Small spot

25. Inform

26. Republic of Ireland

27. Large statues

30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms

35. Namibia’s former name

36. Large insects

41. Thirsty

45. A well-defined track or path

46. One who utilizes

47. Plant-eating mammals

50. Not in tip-top shape

54. Alternate names

55. A part of a broadcast serial

56. City in central Italy

57. LOTR actor McKellen

59. Trees provide it

60. Men’s fashion accessory

61. Type of screen

62. Snake-like fish

63. Possesses

64. When you aim to get there

65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily

2. Italian rice dish

3. Some are cocktail

4. A citizen of Israel

5. Read-only memory

6. Passed by

7. Northern diving ducks

8. References

9. Iranian language

13. Swiss river

14. Woman (French)

17. Gov’t department (abbr.)

18. Consumed

20. Ailments

22. Balkan Jewish appetizer

27. Reciprocal of a sine

28. Skywalker mentor _-Wan

29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar

32. Female sheep

33. Cool!

37. Borders the Adriatic Sea

38. Flowers

39. It’s sometimes upped

40. Immobile

41. Female body parts

42. Common request

43. Made a second thrust

44. Fell into deep sleep

47. Subway resident

48. Brew

49. The event of being born

51. Aspirations

52. Doctor of Education

53. Punk musician _ Dee Ramone

58. A subdivision of a play

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Remaining optimistic in a negative media world



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING

GARY W.
MOORE

I have written on this subject before, but as this current election cycle is beginning to heat up, I hope to pre-empt the anger and vitriol with what I think is basic common sense.

If you believe the 24-hour news channels, the sky is falling. Chicken Little, in the form of talking heads, would have us believe that the end is near. As I mentioned in a column a few months ago, it's good business for the TV and AM radio talkers to have us frightened of the impending doom. Whether it's the danger of a pandemic or the upcoming election, their fear-mongering causes us to keep coming back for the next news alert, so we can learn how the end will be delivered and by whom. Don't allow them to pull you in.

Politics are a nasty business.

Plato warned us, "Never give power to those who seek it." Our democratic form of government seems to only reward power to those who seek it with a vengeance ... and lots of cash.

George Washington was the perfect leader. He did not seek power and in fact, gave it up twice. After he led us to victory against the British in our war for independence, there were those who wished to make him king, yet General Washington refused and retreated to the solitude of Mount Vernon, his estate on the Potomac. Several years later, he was drafted to become our first President. He resisted but did not refuse his call to duty and served two terms. Again, the people wished to make him our permanent ruler. In his humble wisdom, once again, the "Father of Our Country" gave up power and returned to life at Mount Vernon. I believe George Washington to be the greatest American President and one of the world's greatest leaders.

The mission of my column is to help my readers to be

positive, uplifted, encouraged and optimistic in a world that is increasingly pessimistic and negative. It really doesn't matter which way you lean. Sean Hannity and Rachel Maddow, for example, could not be more different in rhetoric and beliefs, but are opposite sides of the same coin. As I have said here several times before, they, and others like them, are a major part of the problem in our country. If you think you are turning on the evening television to get the news, forget it.

There is a big difference between opinion and hard news. Hard news, and there's not much of it on television or talk radio, is found more frequently in your local newspaper ... this newspaper, in fact ... and a few trusted national sources. What we are tuning into at night on television is opinion and commentary. It is purely a left or right leaning person telling you what is going on in the world based on their personal bias and agenda. Both sides are guilty. What is masquerading on nighttime television as news is nothing

more than propaganda mixed with entertainment.

Where is our George?

I don't believe we'll find a George Washington today because we are currently too angry and divided to listen to reason. Washington would appeal to very few voters in this environment. If we believe our side is good, the other side must be evil. If you aren't with us, you must be against us. If I am right, you must be wrong. This kind of thinking has me asking ... "Where do we go from here?"

Turn off the noise and get back to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!"

Let's all pull together this election season, regardless of where you lean and not allow the anger and vitriol to pull us under. Half of my friends lean left, and I love them. The other half lean right, and I love them too. I'm going to encourage you to love your friends and neighbors regardless of political leanings. Do not get into ideological arguments on social media, but if you do, please don't unfriend your

friend! Just ignore them until the dust clears. Remember, they are a friend for a reason ... keep them as a friend after the election.

Don't let this election cycle define you as a person.

Trust me ... regardless of who wins in November, the sun will rise the next morning. These United States of America will remain a beacon of democracy in a world looking to us for leadership. Rejoice in the fact we live in a country that allows "We the People," the common citizen, to choose. I love my life in the greatest nation in the history of mankind. Please rejoice with me in the realization that no matter who wins or loses, the USA will continue to thrive.

May God continue to bless The United States of America

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also available in kiosks outside Town Hall (kiosks are located near the payment drop boxes).

Spencer selectmen were scheduled to vote on election hours during their meeting this week. Officials expect to have in-person voting for all four precincts done in the Great Hall on the main level of Town Hall. There will be a streamlined single point of entry and single exit, both handicapped accessible.

"We are going to have all voters who do not vote by mail enter via the upper parking lot, where they will remain in line in their vehicles if they are not on foot," Torti said. "We will have door monitors and traffic monitors who will allow limited numbers of voters into the building, where there will be hand washing stations, masks for those who are not wearing them, hand sanitizer, and marks on the floors to ensure social distancing

where possible."

Additionally, plexiglass protective shields were purchased for voting check-in and check-out stations. Officials will provide one-use pens for the ballots, and voting booths will be sanitized between voter usages.

Officials in all area towns thank voters in advance for their patience. This year's elections and town meetings will be unprecedented in many ways, and officials ask for residents' cooperation in helping to keep voting spaces safe.

"I have been fortunate to be able to work with our Health Agent, Lisa Daoust, Fire Chief Robert Parsons, and Police Chief David Darrin," Torti added. "With the guidance of these three experts in health and safety, I feel fairly confident in our plans."

Residents are asked to be patient on election day and comply with all regulations meant to protect themselves and others. With no blueprint to handle this

situation, officials have tried to be as comprehensive as possible in enhancing safety amid uncertain times.

"My personal feeling is that there is a certain degree of responsibility that all voters must take for themselves, and that under these uncertain and unusual times we must make every effort to not only meet the requirements of the election laws, but also make every effort to protect the voters and the election workers by providing sensible voting alternatives as allowed by law," Torti added. "I believe that with six weeks of early voting by mail and reduced polling hours, we will meet these goals."

Questions regarding Spencer's Town Meeting and election may be directed to the Town Clerk's office at 508-885-7500 (ext. 150).

For questions regarding meetings in other communities, please visit the town website for the most updated information.

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reopening.

Notably absent in the Governor's reopening plan was a specific timetable for when restaurants can begin to return to in-person dining. Restaurants were not included in the first phase of Baker's reopening plan, and officials predict it will be at least three weeks until they can consider returning to in-person dining service.

Local restaurant owners continue to thank patrons for their support throughout the crisis. Owners have relied on deliveries and takeout to stay afloat over the last two months.

"We've really been picking up on deliveries, and we've gotten great support from people," said Matt Bluyus, the owner of Uncle Sam's Pizza in East Brookfield.

Local officials ask residents to continue supporting area businesses while maintaining social distance and wearing masks. Patrons are urged to not become complacent once the summer

arrives and more businesses reopen.

Meanwhile, additional guidance in the Governor's updated plan is available below:

People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions should continue to stay home, except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store

All residents are advised to leave home only for health-care, worship, permitted work, shopping, and outdoor activities

Don't participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports

All residents are required to cover their faces when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public

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percentile of their class, were interviewed by a committee comprised of faculty, administrators and students. In addition to Knowlton, the committee included Mary Cote, Class of 2020 president; Dan DiTullio, assistant to the President, and co-chair of the Commencement Committee; Timothy Kelly, Class of 2020 vice president; Carl Keyes, Ph.D., associate professor of history; Nancy O'Sullivan, d'Alzon Library and co-chair of the Commencement Committee; and Francis Prior, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology

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QCC students named to 2020 Phi Theta Kappa All-Massachusetts Academic Team

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College Phi Theta Kappa students Krystle Bedrick and Tamsalett Molla were recently inducted to the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Massachusetts Academic Team. The QCC students were honored for their outstanding academic achievement and exemplary student service, by the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC), through a virtual "PTK Community College Excellence Week."

"These students are wonderful ambassadors of QCC. Regardless of the obstacles in their path, they have pushed forward and persevered. I am sure they will achieve great things in their futures," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

The highest academic achievers in the state's 15-member community college system were spotlighted each day during the week of April 27 on the MACC's social media pages, in lieu of the in-person

traditional celebratory celebration at the Massachusetts State House due to the pandemic.

"Every year, we look forward to this opportunity to highlight the community colleges' commitment to access, opportunity, and excellence. Despite the virtual nature of this year's recognition, the outstanding achievements of our students cannot be understated. We are proud of all they have accomplished, and celebrate the continued pursuit of their academic and career aspirations," said Tom Sannicandro, Director of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC).

Ms. Bedrick will be graduating from QCC this month and plans to attend Smith College this fall. She held the position of Vice President of Leadership for the Alpha Zeta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and said it was one of the most enriching experiences of her life.

"I have been able to participate in rigorous academic research, leadership and team building, but most importantly community service. Phi Theta Kappa has been the catalyst for my advocacy and activism. I work diligently to help bring transportation equity to my community and endeavor to bring awareness to systemic oppression and poverty," she said. "As an Early Childhood Education major, my future students and their families will benefit from the tenacity and perseverance that was refined from my PTK membership."

Ms. Molla is also a sophomore and will be graduating in May from QCC's Liberal Arts Biology program. She will be attending UMass Amherst this fall where she plans to get her bachelor's degree in biology before going on to medical school.

"I want to become a nephrologist (kidney specialist) in the future. It gives me

great satisfaction when I help anyone whether they are my family members or not. To reach my goals, I know that I have to go through many processes, but I am ready to face whatever it takes to become a nephrologist," she said.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges, and has recognized and encouraged scholarship among community college students for more than 100 years while promoting the academic integrity of the associate degree program. Students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa. QCC has been a part of the PTK Honor Society for 40 years with more than 2,000 students inducted.

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

Leicester resident featured in virtual art exhibit

WORCESTER – Worcester State University's Visual and Performing Arts Department has announced that Leicester resident Judy Roy is among eight VPA seniors whose work is being featured in the Spring 2020 Student Thesis Art Exhibit. The exhibition, which is typically offered in VPA's Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery at Worcester State University, has been made virtual this year.

As part of her project, Roy created a two-dimensional stained glass replica of Worcester State University's Shaughnessy Administration Building, a center that was built in 1932 as the college moved to its present location.

"It is the only building still

existing on campus from that era," Roy said. "The 20-by-30-inch plaque was formed by cutting 237 separate pieces of glass, which were then soldered together to make the finished stained glass plaque."

The virtual Spring 2020 Student Thesis Art Exhibit featuring Roy's piece and the artwork of seven additional students can be viewed on the Mary Cosgrove Dolphin web site: www.worcester.edu/Mary-Cosgrove-Dolphin-Gallery/. The exhibit also features original music composition by Worcester State University music students.

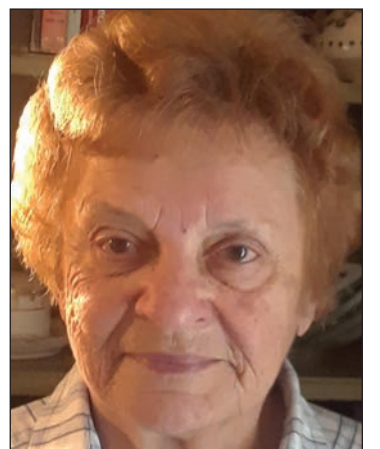
"The VPA Department and the Gallery are so proud to present our seniors' work and make

our exhibit accessible to people during this unprecedented time," said VPA Art Professor and Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery Director Catherine Wilcox-Titus. "We send heartfelt congratulations to Judy and all of the seniors."

The University has also announced that Roy has been named the recipient of the Malcolm Gordon Academic Achievement Award for having the highest grade-point average of all 2020 graduating music-theater-art majors.

About The Worcester State Visual and Performing Arts Department The Worcester State Visual and Performing Arts Department offers an interdisciplinary, student-centered,

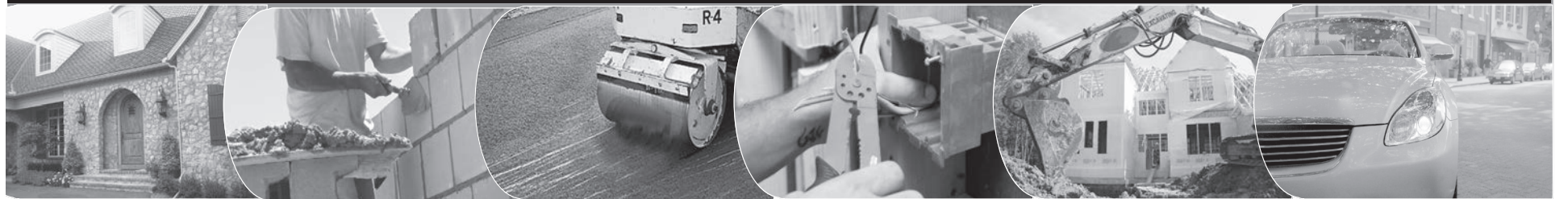
artistic education that prepares students for professional lives in the arts. Its educational spaces encompass the Fuller Theater, practice rooms for music, and art studios at the University's Sagamore Studios. VPA students gain in-depth knowledge of their preferred art form – art, music, or theatre – plus an understanding of what the arts have in common, and how they are performed and exhibited in the real world. Learn more at www.worcester.edu/VPA or connect with VPA on social media: Facebook/VPAatWorcesterState, Twitter and Instagram @WSUVPA. Follow our blog, The Artful Lancer, at WSUVPA.wordpress.com or subscribe to our



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EDITORIAL

A most solemn holiday

As many events over the past few months have been cancelled in an attempt to flatten the Coronavirus curve, Memorial Day celebrations were not exempt. Typical ceremonies were altered as a way to honor those lost serving our country while still maintaining safety.

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, which ended in 1865, took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States; the estimate is roughly 620,000, with the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday, as we all know, is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After the First World War, America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI, 116,516 Americans died at war, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

We hope that our readers, and all Americans, took a moment at some point over the long weekend, even in the midst of our current circumstances, to pause and remember the reason for this most solemn of holidays.

LETTERS

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corona virus is today’s Biblical pestilence, part 2

To the Editor:

This is what the Sovereign Lord says, take off the turban, remove the crown. The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be brought low.

People, we need to humble our self and repent and pray that God’s crown will remain with you, us and He will remove this pestilent virus from us. [Ezekiel 21: 26]

What this next scripture is teaching us today is that history is repeating itself and as the people of yesteryear we have the ability through Jesus to prevent this famine and destruction to happen to us today. How do you ask! By following and obeying God’s standards [established rules, commands] Values [proper living, blameless, beyond reproach] principles [conducting our self with the highest character] [Acts 11: 28]

How much simpler can God, Jesus message be, God is warning us “the wages [consequences] of sin is death. We are all free to choose the destiny of our life. Life without Jesus leads to death, life with Jesus is eternal life, it begins here on earth and continues forever with God, Jesus in heaven. What choice have you made!” [Romans 6: 23]

The crown, corona represents God the King and creator of this world, universe. When God’s crown is present and accepted and the people submit to God, Jesus there is abundant life, and, when we reject, defile God, Jesus God removes His crown and there

is destruction as we are witnessing today. Life and death is in our choice [1 Corinthians 9: 25]

The book of James is confirming to us the importance, the meaning of corona [crown] the crown of life comes from God, Jesus, the crown represents victory, life or destruction, death [1 Corinthians 9: 25] God’s crown not only represents life, it also represents glory and honor here on earth and the reward is eternal life and this crown can only be obtained through Jesus by living faithfully submitting to God, Jesus at all time. The choice is yours. [James 1: 12]

Now we are in Revelation, the last book of the Bible, God’s final instructions to us.

The crown [corona] represents life and death, revival or destruction God’s present pestilence warning [judgment] on us today must not be received as punishment, we need to accept the corona as discipline, God is desiring for us to repent and be saved from God’s coming wrath. God is making an appeal an awakening to our senses, conscious to repent and come back to God, Jesus.

I end by encouraging you to meditate on salvation. Salvation is not a gift for you to achieve, it is a gift for you to receive, and, if you want to be blessed live by God’s moral and dietary law. [Revelation 6: 2-8]

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

A hero lost

To the Editor:

I am sadly writing about the passing of Pauline Casavant. Pauline was an amazing woman who I had the pleasure of knowing for some 50 years.

I first met Pauline as a young member of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Committee. Pauline was the District’s bookkeeper, but in this pre-business manager era, she was much more than that. Pauline did many things that a school business manager would perform today. A true test of her ability and character came about ten years later when the District and the town faced a most unusual dilemma. The District was having difficulty preparing a budget for the new school year.

Pauline ultimately called me, as I was then the chairman of the Regional School Committee, and asked what she should do given that the deadline for budget submission was fast approaching. During our discussion Pauline agreed to build the budget with a little direction given by me. This tested her ability and charac-

ter, both of which were passed with flying colors. It must be noted that it took courage to call the committee chairman given that it meant jumping over the chain of command. The alternative could have led to the District not having a budget ready for the upcoming town meetings forcing a true crisis.

It is no surprise that Pauline was also an active and most valued parishioner of the Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish. Pauline volunteered for many assignments, but none was more important than her serving at every funeral mass practically since her retirement. She literally assisted Father Jim and later Father Bill with hundreds if not thousands of funerals.

Although it is sad that I and many others cannot attend her funeral at this time, it is comforting to know that this heroic woman of Spencer is with our Lord Jesus Christ in His heavenly kingdom.

RALPH E. HICKS, ED. D.
SPENCER

Your support is appreciated

To the Editor:

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we wish to thank all of you for your kind generosity in support of the first responders of the Spencer Rescue & Emergency Squad. The overwhelming support that we have received during this pandemic has truly touched us in a way that is beyond words.

All of us here at Spencer Rescue & Emergency Squad are proud to serve this community. Rest assured that we will get through this pandemic as a community united as one.

With wishes of health and comfort,

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The economy

To the Editor:

I have been thinking a lot about the economy lately. The economic effects of COVID-19 have been very uneven. Nearly half of all families earning under \$40,000 per year have had their income impacted while only 10% of families earning over \$100,000 per year have seen a negative impact. The unemployment rates in the circulation area of this newspaper are currently around 25 percent, or levels last seen during the Great Depression. As Donald Trump has done with all of his business ventures, he held the pedal to the metal until it drove off a cliff.

The S&P500 at the beginning of this crisis lost 32% of its value. Somewhat surprisingly, though, it has gained 28 percent since it hit the bottom on March 16. We are now only 13 percent lower than peak. The numbers work out (3,380 peak, 2,304 null, 2,955 current) – percentages multiply not add. How could this be?

As we look at re-opening into a “new normal,” what does that look like? For low wage workers it certainly doesn’t look very good. Temperature checks to get into restaurants, 25 percent capacity limits making profitability impossible, more online shopping than ever, perhaps permanent cultural shifts. I now know that I can cut my kids’ hair pretty easily and my friend will cut

mine – does risking virus exposure in a public place to wait to be served and pay money for it still make sense? It is a lot cheaper to get takeout and buy liquor at the local liquor store; do I really want to deal with whatever will be required to go to a restaurant only to expose myself and my family to risk? I don’t like going to Walmart to stand in line outside wearing a mask not knowing how long it will take to get in when I can just order it on Amazon, never-mind the viral risk at Walmart. My family normally goes to theme parks in the summer, beach trips, and all sorts of summer activities which won’t be happening this year.

It seems to me that the horse is out of the barn. I don’t see my family “going back to normal.” This represents what was most dangerous about an uncontrolled virus outbreak and why swift and decisive action (which we didn’t have) was so important. Before anyone applauds Trump for his racist swipe at Chinese citizens in January, forcing them to fly to Canada and drive in (he only banned flights) it should be noted that genetic sequencing of the COVID virus on the east coast of the US has been proven to have come from Europe because it has a mutation with an epicenter in Italy and that mutation

Know risk tolerance at different stages of life



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an investor, you’ll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that’s been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life. Let’s look at some different life stages and how you might deal with risk at each of them: When you’re first starting out ... If you’re early in your career, with perhaps four or even five decades to go until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you’ll be taking on a higher level of risk, as risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Consequently, your risk tolerance may be relatively high. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly. When you’re in the middle stages ... At this time of your life, you’re well along in your career, and you’re probably working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and possibly for your children’s college education. So, you still need to be investing for growth, which means you’ll likely need to maintain a relatively high risk tolerance. Nonetheless, it’s a good idea to have some balance in your portfolio, so you’ll want to consider a mix of investments that align with each of your goals. When you’re a few years from retirement ... Now, you might have already achieved some key goals – perhaps your kids have finished college and you’ve paid off your mortgage. This may mean you have more money available to put away for retirement, but you’ll still have to think carefully about how much risk you’re willing to take. Since you’re going to retire soon, you might consider rebalancing your portfolio to include some more conservative investments, whose value is less susceptible to financial market fluctuations. The reason? In just a few years, when you’re retired, you will need to start taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio – essentially, you’ll be selling investments, so, as much as possible, you’ll want to avoid selling them when their price is down. Nonetheless, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn’t fully protect against a loss. However, you can further reduce the future risk of being overly dependent on selling variable investments by devoting a certain percentage of your portfolio to cash and cash equivalents and designating this portion to be used for your daily expenses during the years immediately preceding, and possibly spilling into, your retirement. When you’re retired ... Once you’re retired, you might think you should take no risks at all. But you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. Establishing a withdrawal rate – the amount you take out each year from your investments – that’s appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there’s an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to lower your withdrawal rate temporarily. As you can see, your tolerance for risk, and your methods of dealing with it, can change over time. By being aware of this progression, you can make better-informed investment decisions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McConnell and Trump strike out

To the Editor:

Senate Majority Leader Republican Mitch McConnell said this about states whose tax revenue and public service budgets might, like businesses, be devastated due to Covid19

“I would certainly be in favor of allowing states to ‘use’ the bankruptcy route. And there’s no good reason for (bankruptcy) not to be available. My guess is (state’s) first choice would be for the federal government to borrow money from future generations to send it down to them now so they don’t have to do that. That’s NOT (my emphasis) something I’m going the be in favor of.”

Comment:

What the Majority Leader of the “United” States says is that he is against the federal government using our taxpayer money to assist states (like ours) whose budgets lie seriously damaged by the Covid19 epidemic now and at least in the near future.

McConnell went on to say “We’re not interested in solving ‘their’ pension problems (that is for the police, fire, health, teachers, road, water, waste disposal workers etc.). We’re not interested in rescuing them from the bad decisions (or) going to let them take advantage of this pandemic to solve a lot of problems that they created themselves with a lot of decisions in the past.”

Comment:

Most states (including Massachusetts)

manage their budgets well. They do so much better than, for example, than the national government. Many states (including ours) have even built up reserve funds to cope with difficult times. However, Covid-19, is more than a one state difficulty; it continues as a national catastrophe, unlike any in 100 years – thanks in large part, to the Trump Administration’s massive, deadly, incompetence.

Then McConnell’s office sent out a press release titled “On Stopping Blue State Bail Outs.” President Trump, lying again, said “...in all fairness... some states have not done well for many years, long before the virus came....it is interesting that the states that are having trouble happen to be blue.”

Comment:

Clearly, they don’t see our historical “Don’t tread on me” (meaning any of us) “United” States.

Rather they seem to view America as “Red” states to help when needed and “Blue” states to punish when possible.

In fact, McConnell stands out as both a “hypocrite” – someone who creates a false impression of goodness while he intends to do bad and a “moocher” someone who lives off others without giving anything in return.

Consider McConnell (and Trump) a hypocrite because while he says he wants to help our Covid badly damaged states and towns, he actually wants to bankrupt them. In contrast,

he approved the passage of trillions of dollars to “bail out” privately owned corporations, even terribly managed ones like Boeing.

Also McConnell, who represents Kentucky, stands not only as a hypocrite, but as “moocher.”

Year after year Kentucky sits at the top of states (second in 2019) when it comes to receiving funding from the federal government compared to what it puts in. For 2019, Kentucky’s tax contribution to the national government totaled \$33 Billion while it received \$77 billion. This “take” works out to over \$10,000 per resident. Kentucky would be a lot poorer and possibly “bankrupt” without the national government.

Where do these extra billions come from? An important part of national government assistance always comes from the top four tax “giver” Blue states Connecticut, Massachusetts (\$9 billion), New Jersey, and New York – you know, the ones Mitch the Moocher (and Trump) wants to bankrupt.

Finally, Politico and others recently reported that the Trump Administration tried to put a “hard stop” on the 40,000 National Guard members helping states cope with the Covid19 epidemic – even though many states had asked that the Guard’s service be extended. The Trumpsters planned that this “hard stop” would come one day before our Guardsmen would become eligible for key govern-

ment benefits.

To quote a Trump administration official: “ We would greatly benefit from unified messaging regarding the conclusion of (National Guard) services prior to hitting the 90 day mark and the retirement benefits associated with it.”

Retired Brig. Gen. J. Roy Robinson president of the National Guard Association said: “They’re screwing the National Guard members out of the status they should have.”

Comment:

Three strikes of/on McConnell and Trump

First attempt, bankrupting the Post Office

Second attempt, bankrupting the “Blue” states and towns

Third attempt, withdrawing the National Guard so as not to pay our soldiers benefits they have earned as “real” warriors next to the public and other servants fighting Covid-19 - while McConnell rests and Trump tweets and golfs.

Question: Never mind our Founding Fathers, would former Majority Leaders Robert Dole or Harry Reid or recent Republican of Democratic Presidents even thought of any of these, much less attempted all three?

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

Pot calls kettle black

To the Editor:

Do all opinions of others need to be treated respectfully? What about the opinion that the earth is flat? That the moon landing was faked? That 5G is killing kids? That Donald Trump was a good business man? Better yet – given how Donald Trump treats anybody he views as anything less than an unconditional ally... How can a registered Republican and Trump supporter possibly ask others to treat the opinions of others with respect; isn’t that the pot calling the kettle black?

I forgot to mention in my letter dated May 15 that the way the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) treats the Uyghurs is a human rights violation (not dissimilar to putting children in cages on our Southwest border) and there is no excuse for how they’ve treated Tibet (kind of like how we annexed Hawaii). My letter dated May 1 referenced the CCP’s handling of the COVID-19 crisis (among many other nations) and how poorly the US has handled it.

The assumption that all things the CCP does is unequivocally bad (Commie=bad, blame China) has the intellectual depth of Homer Simpson. When I used the term “flippant” in regards to a comment about China I thought it wasn’t serious but apparently, I was wrong and for that I apologize – it was just ridiculous. A registered Republican calling the CCP “soulless” is laughable – the GOP has a soul!? Mitch McConnell? Donald Trump? To use another TV reference I think McConnell is much like Stewie Griffin and Trump is like Peter Griffin from “Family Guy.” Neither has a soul but for very different reasons.

So much to unpack here

It was the “novel Coronavirus,”

then SARS-COV2 is the name of the virus and COVID-19 is the name of the disease it causes. Donald Trump, Mike Pompeo, and other Republicans desperately tried to push the “Wuhan virus” name as part of their “blame China” strategy. We don’t name viruses or diseases after locations any longer because it frames them in racial or geopolitical terms and allows racist tropes to prosper. Scientists name viruses, not politicians. Scientists name viruses, not Fox News, Breitbart, Info Wars, One America News, Rush Limbaugh, or any other sewers I’m unaware of.

Modern China is communist in name only; it does not fit any definition of communism. It is a single party undemocratic authoritarian system that practices “state capitalism” and politically is concerned with the CCP’s grip on power and they view prosperity as guaranteeing that grip. Concerning single party rule, does the GOP actually intend on sharing power? Based on their assault on voting rights and convenience I think not. The CCP did control COVID-19 better than us while conservatives here in 2010 argued Obamacare was going to kill Nana but in 2020 argue COVID is mostly killing old people, so no big deal.

Darwinism – it isn’t about admiring or not, it is scientific fact. Ironically effective public health measures slow down Darwinism by using healthcare to intervene and I am advocating for effective public health policy. Darwin did not create me or you, Darwin described how we were created and to date he has not been disproven. Next, I was specifically accused of vilifying and bashing all things American – not true, I only bash and vilify things nobody seems to be able to defend. Mr. Belton said he has no problem with

anyone pointing out “so called” flaws of America. “So called” is a neat way of saying “I don’t believe there are any”. How can an attack not be “one sided”? I only have one viewpoint! Should my essay include, “Sean Hannity would argue such and so...” and “the official position of Fox News or One America News is...” Should I make sure to point out 1 good thing about America for every bad thing I point out to balance it? Should I point out 10 bad things China has done before pointing out they handled COVID-19 better than us with 5 percent of the infections, 5 percent of the deaths, and currently about zero percent of the infection rate we have?

Approximately 46 percent of America voted for a narcissistic megalomaniac in part because he “told it like it is.” He mocked and disparaged his political foes (real or imagined). I don’t write to convince any of his true sycophants. I write for the others that despite all that is publicly known and has been published, admire “telling it like it is.”

We are now entering the political phase of the COVID-19 response. We didn’t eradicate the disease, we slowed it, and all 50 states are re-opening to some degree. 24 states never saw an improvement in their infection rates – things were worse the day they re-opened than on the day they closed and the infections continue to rise. States such as ours that got ahead of the disease threaten all the progress we made because we don’t have sufficient testing, contact tracing, and either mandatory isolation. We are tied to the hip and don’t have border controls with the states run like Brazil that have it continuing to spread out of control and the bodies pile up. We

are out of time and not having enough cotton swabs doesn’t change that.

Gov. Baker’s four-phase plan with 3 weeks minimum per phase is about the best we can hope for. The fact that houses of worship got included in phase 1 is ridiculous. We have competing (and overlapping) goals here: Controlling the virus, providing essential services, economic prosperity, and politics. Houses of worship satisfy political goals while throwing everything else to the wind. Houses of worship are not essential in any way, are useless to the economy, and are cauldrons of contagion.

The politics around small businesses closure is too much to bear. Childcare and education on the other hand don’t have the same political push. Parents of small children are now faced with the brief childcare crisis of March – they are expected to go to work but no childcare until July 1. Some will work from home, some will park the kids with an elderly relative, and some will drop out of the workforce. As is usually the case in the U.S., childcare is the parents’ problem and not a public good. Schools are closed at the drop of a hat but we risk armed rebellion if we don’t re-open hair salons.

We now have 1,622,990 COVID-19 cases and by the time this is published we will have 100,000 deaths. We are being desensitized. The death toll is currently at 34 times 9/11. Trump predicted 60,000 deaths by August and most recently predicted 100,000 total and this is nowhere near over. We will be desensitized, it will slow somewhat this summer, and we are going to have one hell of a winter.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

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p.m.: mv stop (Valley Street); 4:29 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:44 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; between 7:06-8:42 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 8:42 p.m.: citizen complaint (Mechanic Street), re: officers training/shooting; 8:48 p.m.: medical/overdose (Borkum Road); 9:06 p.m.: medical/general (Lewalson Lane).

FRIDAY, MAY 15

12:00 a.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 12:07-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:30 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Street), services rendered; 8:01 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:18 a.m.: medical/general (Pope Street); 9:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:50 a.m.: illegal dumping (Bixby Road), info taken; 12:16 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 12:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), ex returning property; 1:07 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), info taken; 1:38 p.m.: DPW call (Wire Village Road), low-hanging wire; 2:14 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 4:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), misdial; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:17 p.m.: DPW call (Dale Street), glass in road; 6:05 p.m.: elderly matter (Woodside Road), report of theft; 6:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Clark Road), info taken; 6:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), issues w/landlord; 7:14 p.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), homeless person/under bleachers; 7:19 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 7:23 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (School Street), accidental; 7:26 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), issue w/motor-

cyclists; 7:28 p.m.: RV complaint (Ash Street), ATVs along gas lines; 8:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), mv in fire lane; 8:10 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), Erin M. Shannon, 21, 649 Podunk Road, East Brookfield, possession Class C drug; possession w/intent to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug laws, arrest; James M. Ward, Junior, 23, 134 Quabog Street, Brookfield, possession Class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug

laws, arrest; 8:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lance), barking dog; 8:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), welfare check; 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 8:37 p.m.: juvenile matter (Vista Lane), custody issues; 8:38 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), branch on wires/fire; 8:44 p.m.: DPW call (Temple Street), tree/wires down; 8:53 p.m.: DPW call (Treadwell Drive), tree/wires down; 8:59 p.m.: DPW call (Lambs

Grove), tree down/low wires; 9:00 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), tree down; 10:31 p.m.: fire alarm (Summit Street), services rendered; 10:35 p.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), tree on road/mv; 11:56 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: power outage.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

12:19-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street);

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SELECTMAN

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"I am aware that there will soon be a study underway regarding the issue. I would interact as much as possible in hopes that my business experience will be beneficial to a possible solution," Duggan said.

Having served as a police officer since 2007 – in addition to his 13 years as a call firefighter in town – Duggan is well-versed in finding solutions to problems and helping those in need. He currently serves the Brookfield Police Department as a part-time officer. He also owns and operates Duggan Vehicle Equipment in Cherry Valley, which specializes in emergency vehicle upfitting services.

In terms of long-range opportunities, Duggan has several ideas for improving Leicester and strongly positioning the community for the decade ahead.

"I have always felt our town has lacked commercial businesses and the tax revenue generated by them," said Duggan, who attended Leicester Public Schools K-12 and graduated in 2000. "I by no means want to turn Leicester into a bustling metropolis and cause it to lose its small-town feel, but there are particular areas in town where businesses could settle and it would not affect that. I would also like to work with already established businesses to make sure we are doing our part with them as well."

Duggan also prioritizes working with the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss options for upgrading and maintaining parks, playground areas, basketball courts, and other recreational venues.

As a first responder, working closely with those who protect and serve is another major priority for Duggan. If elected, he would discuss finding ways to ensure strong staffing across multiple departments.

"I would like to work with the police, fire/EMS, and highway departments to make sure they build up staffing to adequate levels that maintain a safe and efficient work force," Duggan said.

Having spent his entire public school career in Leicester, Duggan also understands the challenges facing the district and the collaboration needed to solve them.

"I feel it's important to build and maintain a great working relationship with the School Committee and School Department, and help them make sure they have what they need to provide our youth the best possible education and environment, all while not placing an enormous financial burden on the residents," Duggan said.

The selectmen's race is the only contested race at this year's election, which will take place in the Town Hall gym.

Dianna Provencher
Having served on the Select Board for

15 years, Dianna Provencher is seeking a sixth term at next month's election.

Provencher is proud of the accomplishments she has seen from residents and officials during her tenure. She enjoys working with her colleagues and town departments to find solutions and overcome challenges.

"I cannot take credit for any of the town's accomplishments. I give all the credit to the town residents who come out and vote on their warrant each time," Provencher told the New Leader. "As an elected Select Board member, my job is to just help with the process and follow through."

Provencher has been a member of the Board during the following major town projects: construction of a new police station, the library expansion and addition project, construction of a new fire station, and the acquisition of new highway equipment.

Looking ahead, Provencher knows there is much work to be done. The ongoing water issues in town will require creative, collaborative solutions. The town has already worked extensively with State Representative David LeBoeuf and others to help establish the best path forward.

"This is going to be a long process, and there will be many more meetings in the future that will need to be held," said Provencher, who also serves as the finance business manager for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Provencher also highlighted economic development as a major priority moving forward. Officials are hoping to reap the rewards of several recent measures taken to enhance development.

"We need to bring businesses into this town for tax revenue in order for our town to survive," Provencher said. "We did hire an economic development person to assist us in this area. The town is continuing to work on friendly and easy permitting processes to make it even more streamlined and user friendly."

The town is also enhancing its online presence to assist with development. Easily accessible links on the website will direct prospective business owners to information on zoning bylaws, Planning Board processes, and other relevant information.

For Provencher and her colleagues, it is always important to find the balance between focusing on current issues and planning for the future. As is the case for cities and towns nationwide, future plans changed dramatically two months ago with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Most important is financial stability for the future of Leicester," Provencher said. "Due to the coronavirus and the state shutdown, the town will be hard hit in the financial area. There is going to be some hard times everywhere, just like it was in 2008-2010. We want

to make sure that our businesses in town get the help they need to reopen

and make it as painless as possible."

Set to retire next month from her position with the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, Provencher is looking forward to dedicating even more time to her town. Even though participation in local government has decreased statewide, service continues to be Provencher's passion.

"I have been on the Board for 15 years, winning the seat in a special election in July 2005 and enjoying every minute of it," Provencher said.

Leicester's election will take place on June 9.

Sandra Wilson

Select Board Chair Sandra Wilson has helped lead several projects and events during her nine years on the Board. She is asking for continued support from residents at next month's election.

From municipal projects to community efforts, Wilson has been heavily involved over the last decade. Among several other projects, she organized and ran the 300th Founders' Day events in 2013; served as the chairperson of the Fire and EMS Headquarters Building Committee; and spearheaded the purchase of software to increase the accessibility and informativeness of the town website.

"Over my tenure, I am very proud that I have been able to make my decisions based on what is best for the whole town while also keeping the safety and benefit to the town employees in mind," Wilson said. "Working with the other Select Board members, I have worked to rebuild the police and highway departments to their current staffing levels, which were reduced following the economic downturn in 2008."

Wilson also worked with the Town Administrator to develop a template for host community agreements that meets Cannabis Control Commission guidelines. Moreover, she and her colleagues secured funding to hire an economic development specialist and grant writer. The funds for this position were acquired from money provided by host community agreements.

Most recently, Wilson was part of a group dedicated to restoring the Swan Tavern and converting it into a town museum. The project is important to residents and officials seeking to preserve town history and make it accessible for residents.

"We were lucky to have had the building to use as a temporary library, saving tens of thousands of dollars we would have had to pay if we had to rent other space," Wilson added. "I made a commitment when the town bought the property as part of the fire station building project that, if possible, the town would not sell the building but would preserve it. That is coming to fruition, and has not cost the town any money."

Looking ahead, Wilson and her colleagues are focused on addressing unforeseen budgetary challenges created

by the coronavirus crisis. Departmental staffing and state aid will be major points of discussion moving forward.

"Prior to COVID-19, we had a budget that supported departments to be staffed sufficiently, to maintain services, and improve our ability to start purchasing the capital improvement requests," Wilson said. "With the current uncertainty of what state aid will be and the reduction of town revenues due to COVID-19 – and the fact that Leicester is still dependent on state aid for 38 percent of the budget (down from over 45 percent just a few years ago) – my knowledge of the department line items, budgets, and the different revenue streams could help minimize the impact this economic downturn has on each department."

If re-elected, Wilson would collaborate with the Town Administrator and department heads to ensure that department priorities are met. She would also maintain a vision for projects a few years down the line.

"Long term, we will need to rebuild," Wilson told the New Leader. "As the economy reopens, I would keep working to bring natural gas and other utilities to more portions of the town – and continue working with the Planning Board to review and update zoning bylaws to remove inhibitors to new growth in the town."

Wilson believes two of the most significant challenges facing Leicester are the lack of new revenue sources and the town's dependence on state aid.

"Current town revenues cannot keep up with the cost of running the town," Wilson said. "I plan to continue to address this issue working with the new economic development/grant writer, the Town Administrator, the different boards and committees, as well as the department heads."

Wilson is also focused on the ongoing issues with the Cherry Valley Rochdale Water District and Cherry Valley Sewer District. Selectmen have worked with several officials over the last year to find solutions.

"I am hoping that the study that has gone out to bid will address these issues with solid recommendations – which I would fully support – that will benefit all the districts," Wilson said.

Wilson also addressed challenges surrounding the proposed new school project in town.

"There is a need for a new school, but the town's ability to afford the building and concerns regarding the current proposed location is a challenge," Wilson said. "I have pushed to have an outside review of the proposed site in regard to stormwater management and site preparation requirements. We are in the process of hiring an independent architect firm to do the review, which should clarify any issues."

Leicester's election will take place on June 9.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request from Stephen J. Comtois II to build a new home located at 41 Rice Corner Road. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. This property is located in the Rural Residential District.

Michael P. Seery-Town Clerk
May 29, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO20P1260EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:

George J. Rusiecki, Jr.
Date of Death: 02/24/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Barbara Toupin of Oakham MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such

other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that: **Barbara Toupin of Oakham MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/09/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 12, 2020
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May 29, 2020

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Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P0731
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G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on **April 28 2020** that the Petitioner **Courtney M Wolfgang of Upton MA** intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond **Courtney M Wolfgang of Upton MA**. 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.
May 29, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, June 9 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request from Amanda Normandin to keep livestock or poultry at her home located at 35 River Street in Brookfield. This requires a special permit as per Section 5) Accessory uses, B) Residential Districts, (4) Livestock or poultry...subject to approval of a special permit by the Board of Appeals such use shall be allowed in the Village, Business A, Business B Districts, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. This property is located in the Village District.

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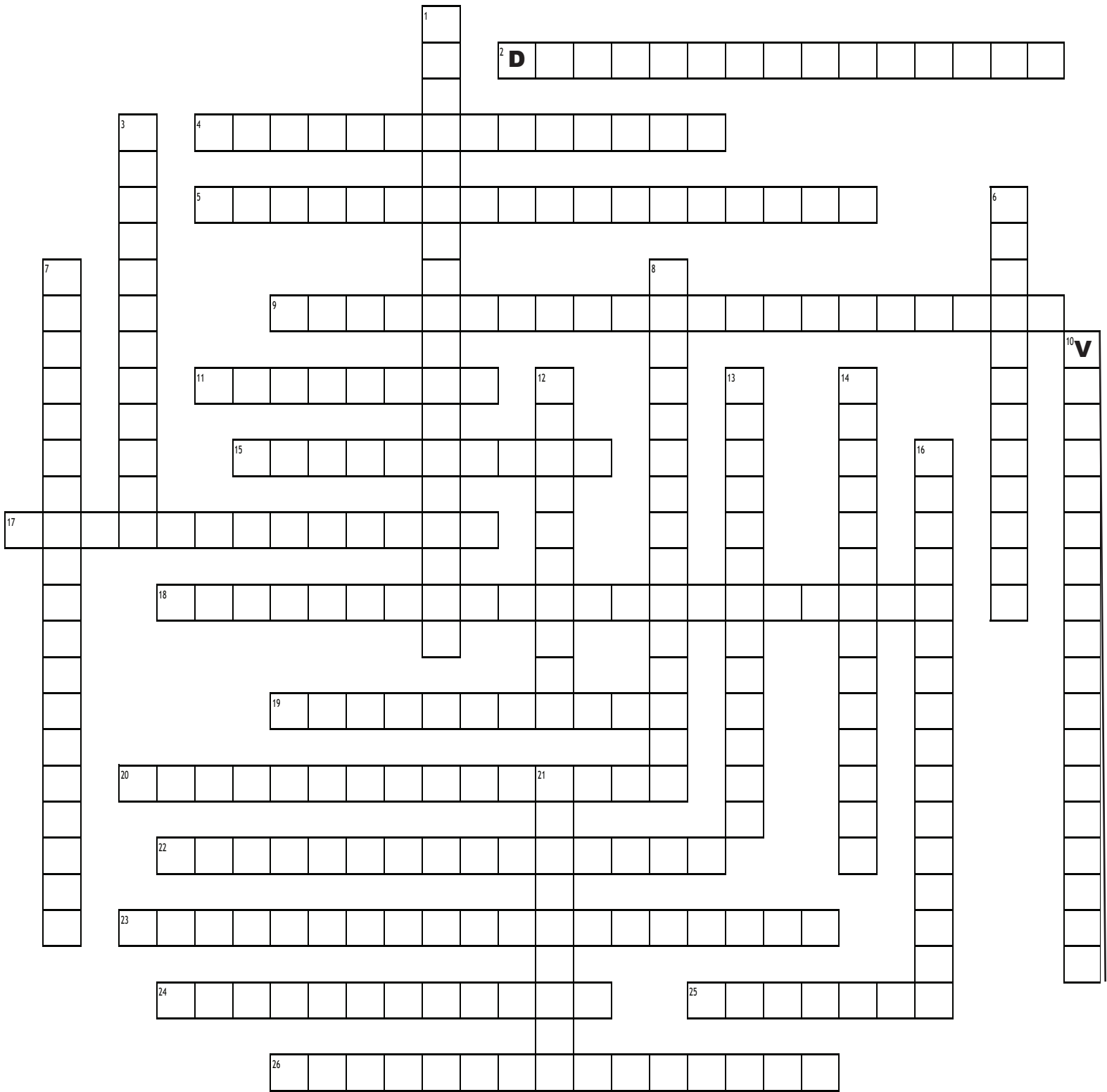
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OBITUARIES

Allen E. Wright, 73

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BROOKFIELD - Allen E. “Rocky” Wright, 73, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020, in the comfort of his home with a long-time friend and caregiver, Cheryl Hague by his side, after a long battle with cancer.

Rocky is survived by his wife, Joyce; four sons, Allen Bunnell, Robert Bunnell, Marc Bunnell and Steven Wright; his brother, Richard Wright; step-children, Christine Chausse, Lorraine Chausse and Marc Chausse, Sr.; grand-children, Paige Marsh (Little Rock) who spent many days helping Rocky fight his battle with cancer, along with her father, Warren Marsh, who helped with his rides to and from visits to Dana Farber Hospital, Gary Bunnell, his right arm from Bellingham, Mark Chausse, Jr., Tony Chausse, and James and Mark; great-grandchildren, Mason, son of Ryan and Paige, Makailyn, son of Mark Chausse, Jr. of Webster, Aryhanna, James Jr., Brandon, Marc, children of James Bunnell of California, Kyle, Kimberly, Damien, Violet Jayden, children of Gary Bunnell, Christine, Khiana, and Patrick, children of Allen



Bunnell, and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his extensive family in Hopkinton. A very close friend, Keith Hevy, who spent every day with Rocky giving him the support he so needed, and Cathy Bunnell of Medfield whom he was close to. He was predeceased by his daughters, Kim Brunell, and Donna Kiellon, who were the loves of his life, and left too soon, as well as his younger brother, George.

He was born in Framingham, son of the late George and Pearl (Lowther) Wright, and spent most of his life in Hopkinton. Rocky was known for his sense of humor and laughter among friends. He had a passion for horses, motorcycles, operating heavy equipment, and owning as well as driving his tractor trailer.

Rocky was a member of the Brookfield Rod and Gun Club, Spencer Fish and Game, Chooch's, and the West Warren Fraternal Order of Eagles Club.

A gathering in Rocky's memory will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to Dana Farber Hospital at dana-farber.jimmyfund.org or 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

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

Debra M. Haire, 68

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DUDLEY – Debra M. (Greene) Haire, 68, died Sunday, May 17, 2020 at home with her family at her side. Her husband of over 20 years, Harold Haire, died in 2004. Her first husband, Donald F. Decker, died on May 11.

She leaves 3 children, Timothy D. Decker and his wife Kathy of Worcester, Dorothy A. Lavallee and her husband Steven of Webster, and Ronald D. Decker and his wife Joyce with whom she lived and who took care of her for the last 15 years; 9 grandchildren, Joshua Decker and his wife Ashley, Tia Decker, Nicole Lambert, Thaddeus Decker and his wife Samantha, Zachary Decker, Steven Lavallee, Victoria Lavallee, Timothy Gustafson and Brittany Decker; 2 great-grandsons, Stacey and Cameron Decker (she was looking forward to the birth of a 3rd great-grandchild in June); a brother, James Greene and his wife Lucille of Sturbridge; a sister, Linda Decker and her husband Paul of Dudley; a sister-in-law, Donna Greene of Worcester; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Jon Greene in 2016 and by her beloved doberman Scarlet, by her lab Jewel and by her pug Jazz Marie.

She was born on September 18, 1951 in Worcester and raised in Leicester, the youngest child of Delbert and Marjorie



(Strout) Greene. She attended Leicester High School and was a proud member of the drum corps.

Mrs. Haire was a telephone operator at Nichols College and later a bartender at both Waterfront Mary's and the Webster Fish and Game. She worked for 25 years as a subrogation representative at Commerce Group Insurance, retiring in 2012.

“Nana” doted on her grandchildren and others who called her “Nana.” She loved living on Hayden Pond, the scene of many family gatherings and lake activities for the family. She was also a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Celtics but she especially liked watching the New England Patriots with her son Ron. She liked playing Trivial Pursuit and on-line games, tending her rose bushes and having her daily Dunkin’ Donuts “large iced mocha regular.” Her grandchildren and great-grandsons were the light of her life.

Debra's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the VNA Hospice and in particular to her nurse and friend Paulette for the wonderful care she received since last December.

Her funeral will be held at a later date to be announced. Donations in her memory may be made to Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden Street, Worcester, MA 01606. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 E. Main Street, Webster.

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Frances M. Dalton, 63

SPENCER- Frances M. (McCaffrey) Dalton, 63, of Spencer, died Saturday, May 23 at her home. She leaves her husband of 31 years, Charles F. Dalton, III, her sons Timothy Wilmes of Worcester, and Christopher Wilmes of Colo., step children Charles F. Dalton, IV of Plainfield, CT and Julia Dalton of West Palm Beach, FL., a brother John McCaffrey of Leicester and her sister Ellen Whiting of Sturbridge.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Francis and Nancy (McDonald)



McCaffrey and later graduated from Leicester High School. She later served her country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. She was a claims adjuster for Amica Insurance in Worcester before retiring.

A graveside service for Fran was held on Thursday, May 28 at 1 p.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Rte. 31, Spencer with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Spencer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA. 01562.



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

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Claudia E. Thomasian, 82

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Claudia E. (Gardner Beaudoin) Thomasian, 82, daughter of Guy and Olive (Pipping) Gardner, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 17, 2020 in St. Mary Healthcare Center in Worcester, MA.

Claudia grew up in West Millbury, graduating from Millbury Memorial High School in 1956. She and her first husband, Ron Beaudoin, settled in North Brookfield – first living on Lake Lashaway before moving closer uptown. Claudia loved being around people. She enjoyed knitting and needlepoint and looked forward to her ceramics classes until Alzheimer's disease took the best of her. She and her second husband, Harvey Thomasian, loved being with family and friends here in North Brookfield and enjoyed playing golf, going to Spring Training games, Disney's Epcot and cooking holiday meals with friends while in Florida during the winters.

In the mid-1960's to late 1980's, Claudia owned her own business – North Brookfield Answering Service – serving 24/7 as the private dispatcher for the towns of North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, New Braintree and Warren. Serving the police, fire, ambulance and highway departments – as well as over 30 private customers – rarely did Claudia catch a break. To most people in North Brookfield, she was known as “the voice”. Many townspeople also knew where she lived and some would come to the house for emergency help if they



couldn't call. She also spent countless hours at Christmastime collecting and organizing all the donations from the North Brookfield Police Association's Toy Drive, somehow finding time to individually wrap each gift so they could be delivered to families on Christmas eve. Claudia had found her purpose – helping people and serving her town. The lights (and coffee) in her combination home/office were always on and the door was always open. Sometimes she'd come out of her office and find her friends sitting at the kitchen table – they just knew to come in if she couldn't answer the knock. She was happiest when her house was full.

Claudia leaves her 3 children, Raymond Beaudoin of North Brookfield (wife, Nancy), Randy Beaudoin of Rutland (wife Jennifer), and Cheryl Klem of Spencer; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She also leaves two brothers, Martin H. Gardner of Rockledge, FL and Warren D. Gardner (wife Susan) of Millbury, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her first husband, Ronald L. Beaudoin who died October 21, 1990 and by her second husband, Harvey Thomasian who passed away on May 1, 2020. She is also predeceased by her brother Hilton (Sonny) Gardner and her sister, Nathalie (Kitty) Santor.

Services and burial will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary Healthcare Center (online or addressed to 39 Queen Street, Worcester, MA 01610). Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert Street North Brookfield.

Doris I. Darling, 84

LEICESTER- Doris I. (Donnelly) Darling, 84, of Leicester died on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the Christopher House in Worcester.

She leaves her sons; Richard H. Morrill and his wife Lucie of Oakham, Robert K. Morrill and his wife Tonya of Spencer and David A. Morrill and his wife Lucinda of Tampa, FL; her grandchildren, Melissa Michaelides and her husband Michael, Jeremy Morrill, Jacqueline Morrill and her fiancée Kris Quercia, and Paige Legacy and her husband Brian; one great-grandson, Theodore R. Michaelides; brother Richard Donnelly of Worcester; sisters, Carol Zukowski of Auburn, Linda Wojanic of Oxford, and Kathleen Hassett of FL. Doris was predeceased by her husband, Wyman J. Darling, Jr. in 2012 and her daughter Donna L. Morrill in 1969, her brother Hugh Donnelly and her sister Joanie Hall. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Hugh and Doris



(Lovely) Donnelly.

Doris was a Nurse at City Hospital in Worcester before retiring in 1997.

Doris was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an avid reader of romance and mystery novels. She enjoyed square dancing, gardening, taking long walks, swimming and body surfing in the ocean, playing card games, and she loved sweets.

The family would like to thank the staff at Summit Health Care Day Program and Christopher House for the kindness and care they provided to Doris.

A private Graveside Service will be held at Worcester County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/donation or 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Priscilla J. Courtemanche, 90

EAST BROOKFIELD/ HAMPDEN- Priscilla J. (Gaucher) Courtemanche, 90, died on Friday, May 15, 2020 at Vero Health & Rehab Center in Hampden.

She leaves her daughter, Janice Peterson and her husband Arthur of North Brookfield; two sons, Barry Courtemanche and his wife Elaine of West Brookfield, Steven Courtemanche and his wife Paula of Worcester, 9 grandchildren, as well as many great and great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Paul H. Courtemanche in 2001, her son John in 2014 and one sister, Blanche Bouley. She was born in Spencer, daughter of the late Leo H. and Blanche (Bouthillier) Gaucher. She lived in East Brookfield most of her life, prior to moving to North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and then Hampden.



Priscilla worked as a retail Sales Clerk at the former Fair Department Store in Spencer for 15 years before retiring. She enjoyed being with her associates, and interacting with the customers at the store.

She loved her large family of children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren. She was a long-time member of St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield, and credited her long life to her faith.

A Graveside Service for Priscilla will be held at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery in East Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the

MA COVID-19 Relief Fund, c/o Foundation for Business Equity, Box 304, 265 Franklin Street, Boston MA 02110.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Patricia M. “Sullivan” Brown, 82

LEICESTER- Patricia M. “Sullivan” Brown age of 82 passed away Thursday morning May 14th., 2020 at the Life Care Center of Auburn due to complications with Covid-19. Pat leaves a devoted daughter Karen E. “Brown” Hills of Leicester and a loving son Steven A. Brown of Mansfield. Pat lived with her daughter and son in law Thomas A. Hills Jr., loving granddaughter Eleanor M. Hills and special blessing great-granddaughter Kelsy Marie Hills-Witkowski.

Pat was born on March 16, 1938 at Mass Memorial in Boston MA. She was the daughter of Edward G. and Lillian “Caswell” Sullivan and sibling of seven. Pat was a graduate from Mount Auburn High School of Belmont MA and a long time book keeper for Hewlett Packard in Waltham. Pat was married, raised her 2



children in Natick Mass and retired as a bookkeeper of former Windy-Lo Nursery in So. Natick.

Patricia was one of seven fantastic Sullivan children. Edward, Gloria, Jack, James, Thomas, Patricia and Lillian were a loving family with many years of special gatherings. Tom and Pat were the glue to keep the 25 nieces and nephews together to keep the family tree blossoming! My mother loved family, friends and will forever be a special symbol in our lives. Anyone who was ever in her presence was warmly included and for that we were truly blessed!

A private memorial mass will be held at St. Joseph/St. Pius X Church, in Leicester followed by Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Natick MA.

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

Madison “Maddy” L. Wetnicka 21

STURBRIDGE- Madison “Maddy” L. Wetnicka 21, of Willard Road, passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 14, after incurring injuries from an automobile accident in Connecticut that ultimately took her from us.

Maddy leaves her father, Brent Wetnicka and his partner, Jerod Giuggio with whom she lived, her mother Rebecca (Norrman) Wetnicka and her partner Marc Boiteau of Southbridge, a sister, Cassidy Wetnicka of Fiskdale, two brothers, Gavin Wetnicka of Southbridge and Garrett Wetnicka of Southbridge, maternal grandfather, Walter Norrman of Monson, maternal great grandmother, Jeanne (Woods) Baxter of Stafford Springs, CT, paternal grandfather, Jeffrey Wetnicka of Warren, paternal grandmother, Laurel (Wadsworth) Bercume and her husband, John of Spencer, paternal great grandmother, Mary (Stirling) Wetnicka of West Brookfield, her nephew, Peyton Wetnicka-Collazo, niece, Piper Collazo, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and her

best friends, Violet, Zoey, Kate & Bella. She was predeceased by her maternal grandmother, Donna (Baxter) Huff and her husband, James Huff.

Maddy graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School class of 2017.

She worked at the Hair Gallery and Cinemagic in Sturbridge.

Maddy enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her “babies” Peyton and Piper. She enjoyed fashion, painting, animals, doing her makeup and hair and her cat “Bean”.

The family has decided that a Celebration of Life for Maddy will be scheduled for a date in the future, so that her family and friends may honor her young life, memory and kind spirit.

A live broadcast of Maddy’s service was held on Friday, May 2.

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home is directing arrangements.

An Online guestbook is available at <http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com>

SUTTON- Nancy S. (Brooks) Haggerty, formerly of Northbridge, passed away peacefully at home after a long struggle



with COPD and heart disease. She was 72. Born, raised, and educated in Northbridge she was the tenth of twelve children born to Joseph H. and Rose Eva (Lucier) Brooks and lived in Sutton over 45 years.

She was the devoted wife of Richard R. Haggerty for 53 years. She is also survived by her daughter Kelly J. Royce and her companion Michael Raad; her 2 children Aidan and Connor Royce; her son Kevin R. and his wife Lynn and their children Samantha and Joshua Haggerty; 7 siblings Joseph Brooks and his wife Joan of Douglas, Margaret Rozak and her husband Stanley of Franklin, James Brooks and his wife Pam of Northbridge, Judith Rocheleau and her husband James of Northbridge, Richard Brooks and his wife

Paulette of Northbridge, Mary Adams and her husband Richard of Spencer, and David Brooks and his wife Rita of Northbridge; many nieces, nephews, cousins, her sister-in-law Joan Jeffers of Northbridge, and her-lifelong friend Shirley Dubois of Millbury. She was sis-

ter of the late Anne Leger, Arlene Rice, Wayne Brooks, and Edward Brooks.

Nancy worked at UPS before going into retail, working at several stores including the Mart and Stuart’s in Grafton. She ended her career as Assistant Manager at Stuart’s. She then worked as a Nanny several years before her own grandchildren were born.

Over the years she had many interests including knitting, baking, ceramics, cross-stitch and solving crossword puzzles. She enjoyed 1940’s movies, old game shows, family get together’s and genealogy. She found many new cousins during her family searches. What gave her the most joy however, was spoiling her grandchildren. She was a kind and generous person, who was all about family.

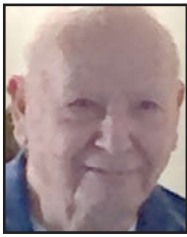
Her family would like to thank the VNA hospice team for their kindness and compassion.

Because of the coronavirus, Nancy’s funeral will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VNA Care Network, 120 Thomas St. Worcester Mass., 01608. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Nancy S. (Brooks) Haggerty, 72

William James Clapham, 92

WORCESTER- William James Clapham, 92, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on May 16 in Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center, Northbridge.



He leaves his wife of 71 years Marilyn P. (Parker) Clapham, his sons William H. Clapham and his wife Thaisa of Windemere, FL., James Clapham of Gardner, his daughters Nancy Millette and her husband

Raymond of Northampton, Priscilla Berthiaume and her husband Jeff of Spencer, Debra Smith and her husband Cliff of Spencer and Sally Boutin and her husband Gary of Naples, FL., 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill owned and operated Clapham’s Transmission Service in Fitchburg from 1952-2018. He was a member of the Leicester Lions Club.

He was born in West Hartford, CT., the son of James and Helen (Kellan) Clapham, graduated from Leicester

High School and later served his country with the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Bill was a former resident of Leicester, Fitchburg, Haines City, Fl. and most recently The Willows in Worcester.



The family would like to thank the staff at Beaumont Nursing and Salmon Hospice for the care and compassion shown to Dad and his family through a very difficult time.

Due to current health restrictions, funeral services will be done privately. A video of the services will be on our website after 1 pm. Tuesday. Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Salmon Hospice, 37 Birch St., Milford, Ma 01757.

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Jefferey C. Goodrow, Jr., 52

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Jefferey C. Goodrow, Jr., 52, died peacefully at his home on Monday, May 18 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s Disease.



He leaves his wife of 24 years, Maureen L. (White) Goodrow, his sons Jacob M. and Jarod J. Goodrow, his brother John F. Goodrow all of No. Brookfield, and his nephew Jackson J. Goodrow of Newbury.

Jeff was a longtime pharmacist and most recently worked for Rite Aide Pharmacies. He previously worked at UMASS Memorial Hospital in Worcester and CVS in Spencer.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of

Jefferey C. and Jane I. (Marderosian) Goodrow, Sr. and graduated from David Prouty High in Spencer, 1985, Assumption College in Worcester in 1989 and Mass. College of Pharmacy in Boston, Class of 1992.

Jeff was an avid golfer and a member of Quail Hollow in Oakham.

Due to the current health crisis, burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton will be private. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date when it is deemed safe. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to a charity of choice or a local food bank. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements.

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Sylvia Jane, 77

BROOKFIELD- Sylvia (Wambach) Jane, 77, passed unexpectedly on January 29th. She leaves a sister Leona, daughter Rhonda, son Kenneth and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-children and great grandchildren. She was very active in her church,

Abby House.

Sylvia was very proud of her 5 five star, Sunburst Restaurant of 36 years. She had many friends, always helping someone. She will always be in our hearts.

lation, arrest; 10:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), gunshots heard; 11:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 11:27 p.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), text hang-up.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), someone outside residence; 12:30 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 12:55-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:40 a.m.: suspicious mv (Browning Pond Road), investigated; 10:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Irvin Street), dog waste not picked up; 10:24 a.m.: 911 call (Wm. Casey Road), open line; 12:51 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), workplace coronavirus concerns; 12:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), f/suspicious activity; 2:35 p.m.: RV complaint (McCormick Road), dirt bike on trail; 2:45 p.m.: residential alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 3:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:41 p.m.: building checked/graffiti found; 6:42 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), domestic dispute; 7:32 p.m.: medical/general (Old farm Road); 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:03 p.m.: medical/overdose (Maple Street); 9:32 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:42 p.m.: lost/found (Valley Street), items under bleachers; 11:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, MAY 18

12:56-1:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:30 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:23 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), skunk caught; 8:38 a.m.: harassing calls (West Main Street), constant texts by ex; 8:39 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:22 a.m.: hazardous material (Main Street), middle of road; 9:24 a.m.: suspicious persons (Sampston Street), attempted mv break-in; 9:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. speak to Boy Scouts; 9:55 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 10:43 a.m.: fire alarm (Man Street), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:04 p.m.: accident (Paxton Road), report taken; 1:05 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), req. ACO; 1:19 p.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), trapped feral cat; 2:09 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 2:58 p.m.: animal com-


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1:25-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:36 a.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 7:09 a.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), loose dog; 9:32 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 9:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), barking dog; 9:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 9:47 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 10:14 a.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 10:21 a.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), assisted; 10:24 a.m.: officer wanted (Marble Road), shed door open; 11:43 a.m.: fraud (Howe Village), imitating police officer; 11:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Avenue), loose dog; 12:08 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), loose ground wire/utility pole; 1:57 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), backpack found; 2:02 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 2:09 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), d/way blocked; 2:22 p.m.: residential alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 2:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 3:48 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 4:30 p.m.: 911 call (May Street), accidental; sometime between 4:30-4:46 p.m.: (Mechanic Street), Paul R. Casavant, 60, 104 Mechanic Street, Spencer, open and gross lewdness, wanton and lascivious lewd conduct, arrest; 5:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), spoken to; 6:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Westland Drive), dead cat/Thompson Pond; 6:05 p.m.: RV complaint (Paxton Road), mcs/ATVs speeding; 7:11 p.m.: suspicious persons (Church Street), Tiffany M. Lacroix, 31, 25 Queen Street, Worcester, possession Class A drug, possession Class B drug, arrest; Joshua M. Roy, 38, 25 Queen Street, Worcester, possession Class A drug, arrest; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), spoken to; 7:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Whittemore Drive), mv drove on lawn; 8:15 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:32 p.m.: animal complaint (South Street), loose dog; 8:56 p.m.: building check, secure; 9:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), tailgating; 9:47 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:48 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 9:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), David Delgado-Rivera, 40, 13 Condon Drive, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes vio-

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is not seen in Asia. Families like mine settling into this “new normal” seems to threaten the very concept of an economic recovery for low wage workers.

I am a knowledge worker who has settled into working from home. I have no had daycare costs in months. Financially I am doing better than ever since there is nowhere to go to spend money. Why is the stock market seemingly recovered while we face the prospect that perhaps 20 percent of our workforce at the bottom will permanently have difficulty finding work? The bottom 20 percent of workers barely contribute to GDP, they provide personal services that the top 80 percent could do on their own and currently are doing on our own. We can serve our own food, watch our own children, etc. Our GDP may not be all that

damaged because we are a knowledge economy and our knowledge workers are still working from home. What is scary, though, is if we decide we really don't need the services provided by the bottom 20 percent, what will come of them? There doesn't seem to be the political will to put them on the dole, so what next?

Next, I worry about what will be the fallout of all of this remote work. Major companies have said as many as half of their current remote workforce will stay remote. Facebook has said new remote workers have until Jan. 1 to update their place of residence with HR so that their salary can be adjusted. If a Silicon Valley employee moves to Iowa during this their salary will be reduced accordingly. What will this do to commercial real estate in Silicon Valley if major companies can shrink their footprint by 50 percent? Who will rent the 50 percent of expensive office

space that is about to be vacated? This will collapse commercial real estate. What will happen to residential real estate in expensive markets if there is no reason to live in dense cities without open space and high in risk of catching a virus? What would be the possible reason to live in Boston, San Francisco, or New York?

Collapsing commercial real estate and even residential real estate in cities will cause cities themselves to collapse. As much as we might not care, what about the mortgages? Will it lead to banks collapsing? Will it lead to real estate prices spiking in small towns as millions of city dwellers flee? What will be the collateral damage?

Major companies are now talking about adjusting salaries of remote workers to reflect their cost of living, meaning those that remain in New York City will get high wages, but those who move to North Brookfield will get

their salary cut. When will companies question why pay NYC prices at all because if it just a bozo on the phone they can get a cheaper bozo in North Brookfield. Better yet, why not hire a bozo on the phone in North Dakota or Arkansas because Central Mass is actually somewhat expensive. Taking this to its logical conclusion, if most workers are just a bozo on the phone and we all work from home, why not hire a bozo in India at one fifth the price?

The economic impact of COVID-19 is not and never was the impact of closing nail salons for a few months while we figure this out. The economic fallout is that if we didn't control this quickly and decisively, nail salons would not be a viable business and look as quaint as a cobbler or blacksmith shop of the 1700's which are all long gone.

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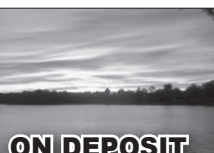
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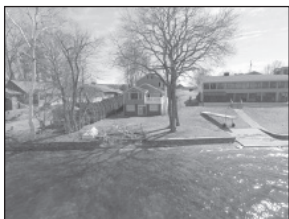


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Quinsigamond Community College Offers free courses for businesses

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education recognizes the tumultuous workplace environment businesses now find themselves in, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. QCC has taken the unusual approach of offering free online learning opportunities and resources, designed to address the needs of companies and their workforce in this new and evolving landscape.

"This is a time in our history where we must all come together for the common good. Our economy and our livelihood depends on the success and viability of our companies and it is imperative that we assist them in this time of major economic disruption," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "COVID-19 has dealt a lethal blow to many businesses and those businesses that don't have the skills needed in the current and post pandemic world will likely not survive."

As businesses begin to adapt to new ways of delivering goods and services, they must reinvent themselves and learn to adapt digital working practices into their current workplace practices. QCC is offering companies the tools to help make the transition.

"Supervisors and employees in every industry sector faced a steep learning curve as they worked together to move business services on-line over the past few weeks. Now, the 'normal' has shifted and it is time to focus on maximizing the quality and efficiency of these services," said QCC's Associate Vice President for Strategic Academic and Workforce Initiative, Kathy Rentsch.

The College is now offering 20 free courses to business owners and members of their workforce to serve as a valuable resource for industries in the region. All courses are offered online for a limited time and are self-paced.

"Courses that are offered are designed to appeal to all levels within an organization and range in focus from strategic planning courses, such as Managing the Virtual Workplace, to specific targeted skills courses, such as Microsoft Office 365 and Excel," Kathleen Manning, Dean of Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

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While no one knows what the future will bring, those companies that pivot and adjust to the changing times will be in a much better position than those that maintain the status quo.

"The current COVID-19 crisis has challenged both employers and employees to very quickly adapt to where and how they work. QCC plays a vital role in providing education that reflects the just-in-time needs of both groups," Ms. Manning said. "It is important that QCC serves as a resource to address any skill gaps this adaption created."

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Golfers make the most of COVID restrictions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Golf courses statewide are making the most of a carefully sanctioned reopening, but owners can't wait for the resumption of regular services.

Gov. Charlie Baker allowed golf courses to reopen on May 7, with several regulations and restrictions in place to ensure social distancing. These include tee time policies of 15 minutes between groups, no carts except for those with disabilities, no caddies, and a maximum of four players per group. All staff members must wear facial coverings, and courses must designate security personnel to ensure compliance.

Moreover, such facilities as clubhouses, restaurants, driving ranges, pro shops, and locker rooms must remain closed. Players do not have access to bathrooms, and no food or drinks can be served on site.

Despite the tight regulations, local owners and golfers are trying to focus on the positives of being able to resume their passion.

"People are enjoying the fresh air. They have been stuck in their houses and need something to look forward to," said Danielle Dollak, the manager of Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford. "Hopefully, these guidelines will be loosened soon."

For owners, the most detrimental regulations involve the golf carts and the closure of clubhouses and restaurants. A major source of revenue for facilities is the functions that take place before and after golf games.

"We are under very strict guide-

lines — no restrooms, no food, no functions. We've lost most of our functions through July," said Cheryl Orrico, the general manager of Leicester Country Club. "We need to be able to get people back in the carts and clubhouse."

Added Dollak, "The no-cart policy is a big struggle for us. That is a huge aspect of our business."

As of press time, owners were eagerly awaiting guidance from Gov. Baker on his planned phases of reopening the state. The Governor's latest stay-at-home order expired on May 18, and golf course owners and players alike are hoping restrictions can be loosened as the critical summer season nears.

In the meantime, the golf community will continue adjusting to a new normal. Even after state regulations are relaxed, owners and patrons are prepared for a heightened commitment to sanitation and social distancing. The use of facial coverings at courses might be advised by state officials throughout the summer and fall.

"We are abiding by all policies and hoping for the best," Dollak said. "We are glad to be moving in the right direction, and we hope for more guidelines to be released on the 18th. Our customers need access to restrooms, water, and food."

Additional information on the Governor's latest COVID-19 mandates can be found at www.mass.gov.



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plaint (Mechanic Street) concerned about neighbor's dog; between 2:48-4:00 p.m.: incident details not included on police log; Jamie A. Leland, 35, 34 Grove Street, Spencer, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, intimidating witness/juror/ police, arrest; 5:53 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 6:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), rec. disturbing messages; 6:39 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Jolicoeur Avenue), accidental; 8:10 p.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 8:18 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:46 p.m.: vandalism (Main Street), car keyed; 8:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (East Charlton Road), investigated; 9:05 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 9:16 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), someone banging on door; 10:36 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 10:38 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), m/f disagreement.
TUESDAY, MAY 19

12:38 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cherry Street), no contact; 12:53-2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:28 a.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), unwanted party; 3:55 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 7:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), spoken to; 7:59 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:07 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 9:12 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:29 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 10:09 a.m.: larceny/theft (Salem Street), mountain bike stolen; 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: trespass issue; 10:39 a.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), dead fox in road; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:50 a.m. officer wanted (Lincoln Street), locked out/residence; 10:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:11 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:39 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 12:02 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:21 p.m.: restraining order

service (Mechanic Street); 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Man Street); 1:49 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:06 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), stop sign down; 2:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), escort/ retrieve belongings; 2:25 p.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 3:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Wire Village Road), loose dog; 3:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), spoken to; 3:22 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), info taken; 3:47 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:56 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), Kenneth J. Chiapulis, Junior, 49, 19 Cherry Street, Spencer, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, arrest; 4:43 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 4:52 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 6:46 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), locked in cemetery; 6:51 p.m.: illegal dumping (North Brookfield Road), appliances; 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 8:30 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), no emergency; 8:51-9:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:09

p.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), info taken; 11:36 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 11:54-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

LECISTER POLICE LOGS

THURSDAY, MAY 14
5:50 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:58 p.m.: alarm/hold up (Huntoon Memorial Highway), false alarm; 1:18 p.m.: investigation (Grove Street), services rendered; 3:25 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), services rendered; 6:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), investigated.
FRIDAY, MAY 15
10:18 a.m.: radar assignment (Pleasant Street), no action required.
SATURDAY, MAY 16
3:50 a.m.: suspicious activity (Hyland Avenue), services rendered; 12:59 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Pleasant Street), peace restored; 5:01 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:22 p.m.: family problem (Main Street), spoken to; 9:20 p.m.: assist other PD
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(South Main Street), services rendered; 10:17 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:36 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:59 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 5:15 p.m.: suspicious activity (Waite Street), report taken; 8:29 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), peace restored; 9:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 9:26 p.m.: malicious mischief (Ferncroft Road), unable to locate; 11:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, MAY 18

11:34 a.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: investigation (Dale Street), report taken; 2:43 p.m.: welfare check (Mayflower Road), services rendered; 3:59 p.m.: keep the peace (Rawson Street), services rendered; 5:28 p.m.: suspicious person (Parker Street), services rendered; 5:29 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:57 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:21 a.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), advised civil action;

12:03 p.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street); 3:43 p.m.: investigation (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 4:23 p.m.: investigation (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: assist other PD (out of town, Charlton), no action required; 7:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 10:49 p.m.: family problem (Mayflower Road), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

11:49 a.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street), no service; 12:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Leela Lane), gone on arrival; 1:00

p.m.: neighbor dispute (Angell Terrace), investigated; 1:42 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 2:04 p.m.: hanging wires (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:30 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), no service; 3:57 p.m.: vandalism (Stafford Street), investigated; 5:15 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, trespassing, threatening to commit a crime, shoplifting by asportation, investigated; 10:37 p.m.: suspicious person (Denny

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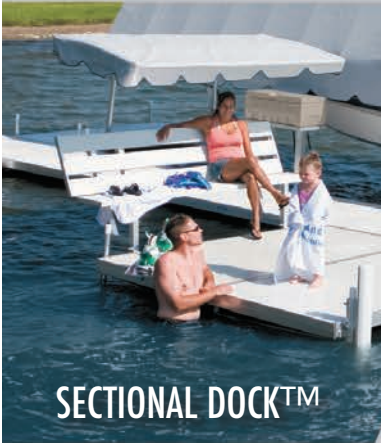
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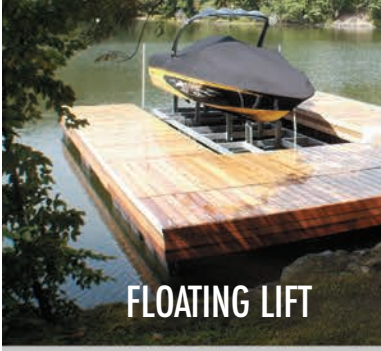
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