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Charlton Sewing Center turns mask efforts to schools

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, much praise has been directed toward the staff and volunteers of the Charlton Sewing Center. Since March, the center has led the charge to creating more than 20,000 masks for different entities throughout the region and their latest endeavor has their sights set on schools.

With the plan of action still to be determined for many school districts, preparations are being made in case students and staff are brought back into the buildings with school reconvenes this fall. The Charlton Sewing Center has received requests from numerous districts for cloth masks to accommodate staff throughout the buildings and, as they have done since day one, the center obliged. According to Cathy Racine, owner of the Charlton Sewing Center, the Dudley Charlton Regional School District alone has commissioned 1,200 masks to date with plans to provide at least one to every staff member including both Bay Path Regional Vocational High School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Tantasqua has also ordered 380 masks while

Sutton, Grafton and Old Sturbridge Academy have also benefitted from the center's efforts.

Racine said the efforts of everyone involved have been inspiring and they all hear and appreciate the gratitude of businesses and communities for the masks. Racine said the experience has been a powerful one for all allowing many in the sewing community to embrace their passion in a way they probably never expected.

"The response has been overwhelming. There's been lots of tears, lots of laughing, lots of virtual hugs and elbow bumps. I think this is a time where what we really love to do, we almost can't do like get together in quilt guilds and sewing guilds. This is the closest we can get to getting together as a sewing community and doing something," Racine said.

It's also a way for local sewing aficionados to make a difference at a time where many are seeking a way to help those around them. While there has been some controversial debate on the national stage about the ethics or effectiveness of requiring masks during the pandemic, Racine said the records show these masks do help and for those who make them it's a small way they can try



Photo Courtesy

A small handful of the hundreds of masks being made for regional schools by the Charlton Sewing Center and its volunteers. These masks were set to be delivered to Sutton.

to continue during these strange and unique times.

"This has given so many people something they feel they can do and, no matter what, the science is out there. Masks have made a difference. There are enough very reliable, important, well documented people saying some kind of face covering would be making a difference. The sewing community has grown, and they have something they can do that they have heard said over and over will help," said Racine. "The sewing community is taking this

request very seriously. This isn't made up. This is straight from the schools who are going to maybe or maybe not have kids coming through those doors."

Even when their orders from the schools are fulfilled, the Charlton Sewing Center is not slowing down. Their next project will be to provide 1,000 for a reservation in the Zuni nation in New Mexico. They also plan to contribute to calls for thousands of masks from the Family Health Center in Worcester.

DCRSD reopening plan to be finalized

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – As the summer of 2020 draws to a close one biggest question on everyone's mind is whether or not students will be returning to schools in person or if their education will include some form of online learning component to conform to safety measures during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

While parents of Dudley and Charlton students weren't given many solid answers

during a meeting on June 22, they were assured that a plan will be in place well before the school year is set to begin at the end of August. The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee featured updates from different subgroups within the district's reopening committee including plans related to social and emotional wellbeing, pathways for instruction, and resources and operations. Superintendent However, Steven Lamarche made a blunt and honest statement to parents that he could not answer

specific questions about the plan as the specifics were still being ironed out and he wanted to avoid rumors and misconceptions in the public forum. That doesn't mean citizens and parents won't get their chance to speak on the matter as a meeting in the upcoming week will focus primarily on the draft plan for the upcoming year.

year.
"We know that everyone is desperate to know our plan and to make family decisions. We are getting there. We continue to work on the details and

will have a formal presentation to the school committee on Wednesday, Aug. 5. We'll have opportunities for feedback and continued discussions from here. Know that we all agree that we want our school open and a return to school for all of our students. That is easily said, but it's not easily done. With the mountains of guidance and expectations from the state and the expectations of our family it is an incredible endeavor," Superintendent

Lamarche said. He further stated that he understands the way students are educated will change and that the district won't meet the expectations of every family, but they are trying to formulate the best plan possible to make sure the students are learning effectively while keeping health and safety in mind.

"We accept that this will continue to be our reality, but I want to promise you that we have incredible educators and leaders in the district who will craft a plan that puts health

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Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis, right, is re-appointed to the Massport Board of Directors by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Evangelidis re-appointed to Massport board

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Gov. Charlie Baker announced last week the re-appointment of Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis to the seven-member Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) Board of Directors.

Initially appointed to the Massport board in 2015, Sheriff Evangelidis was re-appointed

to serve a new seven-year term. Evangelidis currently serves as the chairman of the Massport board, and state officials have been thrilled by his leadership.

"Sheriff Evangelidis has a strong record as a leader in the public safety field, and has been a strong addition to the Massport board as a member and its chair," Baker said. "I

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DUDLEY — In careful preparation for its return to campus operations this fall, Nichols College has committed to providing free regular COVID-19 testing for students, faculty, and staff.

The testing is part of a comprehensive plan designed to help ensure the safety of the college community. Other initiatives include the incorporation of personal protection equipment, such as plexiglass shields and other modifications to classrooms and commons areas to promote social distancing, mask distribution, intensified cleaning protocols, and the responsibility for proper safety and hygiene expected of each community member.

Nichols has teamed up with the Broad Institute, a partnership of MIT and Harvard University, to supply test kits and process results. The tests will a self-administered nasal swab conducted in a designated campus testing center under the supervision of Nichols' health personnel. Resident students, student-athletes, and higher-risk individuals will be tested twice a week; commuter students, faculty, staff, and contracted employees will be tested once a week. Test results are expected within 24-48 hours. Protocols for self-isolation and contact tracing have been put in place.

Nichols is incurring the cost of \$25-\$30 per test for the estimated 350 tests per day.

"The continued health and safety of our college community is our primary concern," said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. "Our plan, including a regular testing regime in combination with a range of universal safety practices, and protocols for any positive test results, is the most effective way to protect our community and afford students the educational experience they value and expect."

Since more than 80 percent of Nichols students hail from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut, the college also continues to monitor regional data on positive COVID-19 cases to inform ongoing plans to return to campus on Aug. 26.

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School officials affirm commitment to AP program

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - School officials in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District are clarifying recent discussions concerning the status of advanced placement courses at Shepherd Hill Regional High School after an earlier meeting revealed parent and student concerns that AP prep work had yet to be assigned for the upcoming school year.

During a School Committee meeting in July, member Stephanie Reed revealed communication she received from parents and students that expressed concerns that AP courses may not take place in the fall. That meeting say Superintendent Steven Lamarche and Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin both assure residents that AP courses were not being cut but that summer work was put on a temporary hold as a "pause" in case certain classes did not take place due to any combination of factors including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on schools.

In the weeks since the district

graduate Ryan Moore, an Oxford native who attended the school through the school choice program. After hearing what he believed was the potential for AP courses to be cut Moore sent a letter to the district supporting the AP program which was read during a meeting on July 22.

"I believe that our AP program is one of the most integral parts to our school district's success and must always be preserved under any set of circumstances," Moore wrote in his letter.

He also stated his feelings that the AP courses were big resume boosters and helped prepare students and offer them an academic challenge to prepare them for higher education.

"I am just one of many examples that I believe demonstrates how this program is vital not only for the future success of our students, but also for the financial health of our district," he added.

Responding to Moore and others who remain concerned about the fate of AP courses for the upcoming school year, Superintendent Lamarche doubled down on statements made earlier in the month that AP courses aren't going

"We have not and would not contemplate cutting the AP program as a program. We wouldn't. The AP program is invaluable and provides an incredible academic opportunity for our students. Adjustments from year to year may be made due to enrollment in a course or if we are unable to assign a licensed credentialed AP teacher to a course. Everything is up in the air this year. This has been an absolutely crazy year. I think one little pieced was run with, but we would never contemplate cutting the AP program, ever," Lamarche

Principal Chaplin also stood by his statements from earlier in July indicating that any talk of completely doing away with the AP program is pure speculation and misinterpretation.

"I don't know where the sound bite got off that we were cutting. All we did was pause to get some clarity. Last week I informed all the department heads to go ahead and provide the summer work

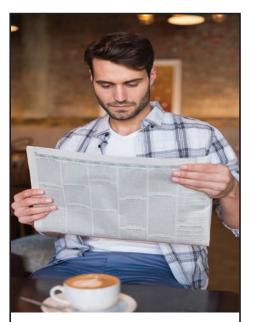
to all the students," Chaplin said. Shepherd Hill's AP programs benefit close to 300 students a year according to Chaplin with as many as 500 exams taken every spring as many students enroll in multiple courses.



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Charlton resident named to Westfield State Dean's List

CHARLTON — Marc D. Widing, Jr., of Charlton, has been named to the Westfield State University Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. Inclusion on the Dean's List requires that a student maintain a GPA of 3.3 or above.

Marc is double majoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish and is a 2017 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley.





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Evangelidis served as an assis-

tant state prosecutor in Miami-

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an assistant district attorney in

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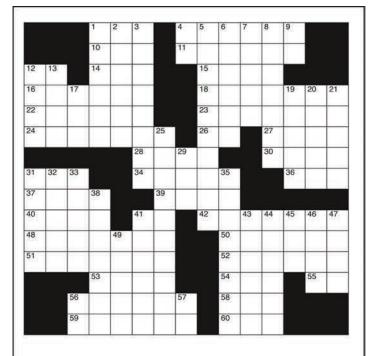
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Kaylie Gonya of Uxbridge completes first year at Lasell University

NEWTON — Kaylie Gonya of Uxbridge completed their first year at Lasell University in Newton.

Gonya joined the Lasell community for the 2019-2020 academic year. The University looks forward to their continued

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- 13. Unusual
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- 19. A native or inhabitant of Asia
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- 21. Related on the mother's side

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- 31. Arm bones
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- 45. Body part
- 46. At the peak 47. High-pitched cries of a cat
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- 55. Note at the end of a letter
- 56. In a way, contradicted
- 59. Bears important traffic
- 60. Brooklyn hoopster

gral to teaching, learning and reentry in our schools," said Lamarche. Superintendent described the process as a "reinvention" of the start of school and indicated that

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health officials from both Dudley and Charlton have been included in the ongoing discussions. He also noted that a specific format has not ben finalized for a fully online approach, a complete return to buildings or a hybrid option are still on

"We have much work to do and this timeline feels aggressive. Unfortunately, this will not answer all of the questions," Lamarche concluded. "It's a rolling process right now. We anticipate guidance in the areas of transportation, HVAC, guidance on conducting music classes, physical education classes or any athletics, and we are confident that further guidance on reopening in general will come forward in the next several weeks. We appreciate everyone's patience and all we ask is for your understanding that we are doing everything to plan for the care and safety of staff and students."

Parents and citizens are invited to take part in the Zoom meeting on Aug. 5 with details on entering the meeting to be included on the **Dudley Charlton Regional** School District website. Prior to the meeting teachers, staff and families are expected to receive copies of the preliminary plan for review. The district's final plan is expected to be sent to staff and families in the week after the meeting.

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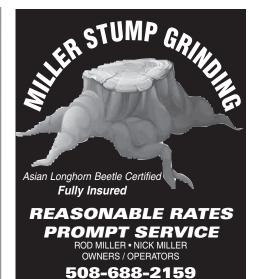
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The darker the night, the brighter the stars

When we look up into the night sky, many of us are overcome with awe and wonder. It really does put into perspective just how small we are, as cliché as that sounds. Looking up, we have to wonder why all of humanity can't simply realize that what we are experiencing in life can happen just as well without violence and greed taking place all over the world, but alas here we are. A download of the app 'Star Chart' led us down a rabbit hole into astrology, with the focus being on the currently visible comet, Neowise. As a point of fact, Neowise was named after NASA's Near Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer.

First, a comet for those that don't know exactly what it is, is described often as a 'dirty snowball'. There are billions of them in our solar system, however it's a rare occurrence when one passes by the Earth, close enough to see it. A comet is an icy, small solar system body that warms when passing the sun. When this happens, it begins to release gases. This produces a visible atmosphere and sometimes includes a Neowise, became closest to the Earth on July 22, just 64 million miles away. According to NASA, once it's gone, the comet will not be visible to the

Earth for another 6,800 years. The comet was discovered by astronomers in March, when it was noticed 160 million miles from Earth. The comet is a three-mile-wide chunk of ice and dust, apparently on a 6,000-year loop around the solar system. Many astronomers are relaying that it is the most impressive looking comet since Hale-Bopp, that appeared in 1997. That comet, is on a 2,500 year loop.

It was expected that Neowise would be visible until earlier this week; however, it may linger. When looking up to try to see the comet, look for the tail that has been described as 12 moons side by side. It is most visible at 10 p.m. according to the experts and binoculars will help for certain. The comet is located northwest, below the bottom left corner

of the Big Dipper. Perhaps the best discovery is to retrieve the benefits of stargazing. Since the beginning of time, mankind has gazed up at the stars. Before science revealed what exactly was going on, yet still unknowing, the night sky offered those who looked upon it a sense of calm, and a chance to de-stress. In our current climate, stargazing could be just one more way to reduce anxiety. To note, the telescope was invented in 1608. It has been proven, that soaking up the night sky, and staring at thousands of stars can help clear the mind.

Our ancestors once thought the moon was a God. Early art proves that man was just as intrigued by outer space as we are today. As we all know, mythology was born from space with the most famous gods being Chandra, Artemis, Thoth and Apollo. Thoth has been attributed to the invention of the 365day calendar and was known as a 'wise counselor who solved disputes.' Hindus said that an eclipse was the result of Rahuthe snake, who swallowed the orbs, causing them to go dark. A full moon was used to explain those who acted out in insanity.

Astrology is always fun if you believe in it. This pseudoscience goes back to the second millennium BCE, and was used to predict information based on the movement of what was going on in the solar system.

The most famous astronomer, Galileo Galilei (born in 1564), once said, "It vexes me when they would constrain science by the authority of the Scriptures, and yet do not consider themselves bound to answer reason and experiment.

Another one to remember, courtesy of author Richelle E. Goodrich, is 'Sometimes while gazing at the night's sky, I imagine stars looking down making wishes on the brightest of us.'



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A Mixed Bag of Tips

Sometimes I end up with "stray hints" you find in the best restaurants? Simply that have nowhere to go. There wasn't add a pinch of powdered sugar or cornspace enough for them in a column; per-

haps they don't fit into a topic; or maybe they are old hints I think bear repeating. Every once in a while enough have accumulated to make up a column. With this in mind the following "mixed bag" of tips are offered. Read on for common sense

ideas that really do help reduce some of the little everyday hassles in life!

Whipping up a rich dessert and you're out of heavy cream? Save yourself a trip to the store. Light cream will whip up perfectly with the addition of an egg white or two.

Here's a refreshing tea you can flavor with fresh garden mint!

Lime Mint Iced Tea:

To do: Mix four (regular Lipton type) tea bags, one quarter cup sugar and about a cup and a half of fresh mint leaves in a quart of boiling water. Allow to steep for 15 minutes. Strain out tea bags and leaves. Chill and add a quarter cup of lime juice. Serves 4.

Dust Bunnies run for their lives when you make your own dusting oil that rivals commercial brands. Just mix three parts light mineral oil with one part corn oil. Then add a drop of lemon or clove oil for a pleasant scent. Put this on your dust mop or dust rag and store in a plastic bag. When the mop or rag becomes dirty, simply wash in warm water and reapply.

Did you ever notice the underside of a doormat always collects dirt? To make clean-up easier, fold a few newspapers to form a pad and place it under the mat to catch the dirt.

DIY tip: One of the secrets to getting a strong glue joint is to spread the glue evenly before joining surfaces. Application sticks don't always do the trick, but if you peel away the foam on the outside of disposable paint brush you'll find inside the perfect plastic glue spreader. And best of all, it's washable and reusable!

Here's another workshop tip: Trying to remove nails from a sheetrock wall can cause damage to the wall surface. To prevent it, just slip a wide putty knife behind the hammer before you start pulling!

Want to duplicate the fluffy omelets

starch to the egg mix before cooking.

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KAREN TRAINOR

To grate mozzarella and other soft cheeses without making a melted mess, just pop the cheese in the freezer for 20 minutes before grating to firm it up.

If your cookie recipe

calls for raisins, you can

plump them up (and boost the flavor) by rinsing them in a colander. Then hold them over boiling water for about five minutes.

You have a recipe for cake flour, but you only have all purpose flour on hand? Take your all purpose flour and sift it f about five times - now you have cake flour!

Here's a believe it or not cocktail tip: If your alcoholic drink is too strong and there's no room in the glass for any more mixer, you can float one or two thin slices of cucumber on the surface. The cucumber will help to absorb some of the harsh taste. Floating long slivers of cucumber in a punch bowl will mellow punch in the same way.

To keep the crazy glue top from gluing itself forever shut, put a liberal coating of petroleum jelly on the threads of the screw cap.

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Do vou have a helpful hint or handy tip Turn To TRAINOR page A8

How can you help lower your longevity risk?



FINANCIAL Focus IEFF BURDICK

The investment world contains different types of risk. Your stocks or stockbased mutual funds could lose value during periods of market volatility. The price of your bonds or bond funds could also decline, if new bonds are issued at higher interest rates. But have you ever thought about longevity risk?

Insurance companies and pension funds view longevity risk as the risk they incur when their assumptions about life expectancies and mortality rates are incorrect, leading to higher payout levels. But for you, as an individual investor, longevity risk is less technical and more emotional: it's the risk of outliving your money.

To assess your own longevity risk, you'll first want to make an educated guess about your life span, based on your health and family history. Plus, you've got some statistics to consider: Women who turned 65 in April of this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration.

Once you have a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, you'll want to take steps to reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater your level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during your working years, keep contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Then, as you near retirement, you will need to do some planning. Specifically, you will need to compare your essential living expenses - mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. - with the amount of income you'll get from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. You do have some ilexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, you can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67.

You might also consider other investments that can provide you with a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you choose the income-producing investments that are appropriate for your needs and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio.

After you've determined that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily - because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many, such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And during vour retirement vears, vou'll always need to be aware of health care costs. If you have to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, you might increase the risk of outliving your money.

To avoid this scenario, you may want to establish a separate fund, possibly containing at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there for you when you need it.

With careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, you'll be doing what you can to reduce your own longevity risk. And that may lead to a more enjoyable retirement.

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Learning to say goodbye

Arlene and I built our dream home twenty-six years ago. We put every bit of emotion and money into our dream. We even gave it a name, FoxMoore Farm. We finished raising our kids

and enjoyed twenty-five Thanksgiving's Christmas's in this home that is way too big and sits on forty acres. Our youthful enthusiasm took over. Back in my entrepreneur/CEO days, I definitely lived by the saying, "Go

big or go home!" Yeah ... we over did it. It's been for sale for over five years and we were surprised to get an offer vesterday. Our home has been sold and we have fifty-five days to figure out what to do. Selling a home this large wasn't easy, and quite frankly, the investment was a financial disaster, but we enjoyed every minute of the time we lived here.

It's an odd and unsettling feeling. This is the longest I've ever lived in one place. Our kids are now adults. They are grown and gone. I'm fighting a life-threatening illness. The vastness of the acreage has become a burden, so this is the best news we could have received ... yet there is also a sadness hovering over us. The home we dreamt of, designed, and built will be home to someone new. I realize that a building is only a home when filled with the love and joy of a family. Our family has

moved on, so it's time we do the same. Like I said, our kids are grown, and my grandkids are in California. There was no reason for Arlene and me to hold on to this building with all the expense and work that accompanies it. Common sense is clear. It's time to move on, but the emotion blurs the vision. Our home will soon belong to others we don't know. Strangers will walk the halls and enjoy the rooms we built. There is a sadness I am unable to shake. Time stands still for none of us. Life changes and we must adjust with optimism.

Moving on is part of life. We are say-

ing farewell to this beautiful place. I'm optimistic about our future and know it's in our best interest to downsize ... but saying goodbye is never easy.

Optimism will carry us through this transition.

So, we are off on a journey. Positively The next phase of our lives is SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

before us and I'm positively anticipating happiness and joy. To look forward to anything else is a waste of time. Instead, we choose to look

at it as a new adventure ... an opportunity for exciting change and exploring new ways to live and how to reinvent our lives. The anticipation is a fun-filled life with less pressure.

Sure, as I said, the sadness of leaving a place where our kids were raised and our grandchildren love to visit is hard ... it's natural. We can dwell on that and be sad or we can focus on the stimulating opportunity ahead and find happiness and joy. Like almost everything in life, it is a choice. We choose the optimism of opportunity.

When change comes into your life, and it will, how will you choose to respond? Will you resist? Will you be angry or sad? Will you let the change negatively dominate your life, or will you choose the optimism of the opportunity and look at it as an exciting new journey? An optimistic life is a life filled with hope and happiness. The optimist always believes the best is yet to come. With that belief, the optimistic mind goes to work to make it so.

We are enthusiastically embarking on our journey! It's a choice we make, and we will always choose optimism.

Will you join us?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

On the doorstep of deer season



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE**

Aug. 1 is the start of the antlerless deer permit lottery in Massachusetts for 2020! You must have applied for the zone of your choice prior to July 16, to be eligible to participate in the drawing. The sale of surplus antlerless deer permits in numerous zones, will be held at a date to be announced. The deer herd in Mass. is huge and continues to grow despite hunter's efforts to harvest them in many zones. Every year, the annual harvest of deer grows , with archers surpassing the shotgun harvest last year. Unfortunately, there are no legislators willing to step up to support the crossbow bill, which is long overdue. Many states now allow any hunter to use a crossbow for hunting.

Fishing last week outside of the West wall at Galilee RI. Provided a lot of action on seabass and fluke but there were many shorts of both species. We did manage to catch some keeper fluke and seabass because we took the time to catch some fresh bait prior to launching the boat. I purchased a 12-foot sein (Net) many years ago

from Cabela's, and it has held up very good over the years. The net had allowed this writer to catch Mummies, sandeels and silversides for live bait. Unfortunately, bait shops cannot sell the above-mentioned baits, even though they have a license to sell shiners.

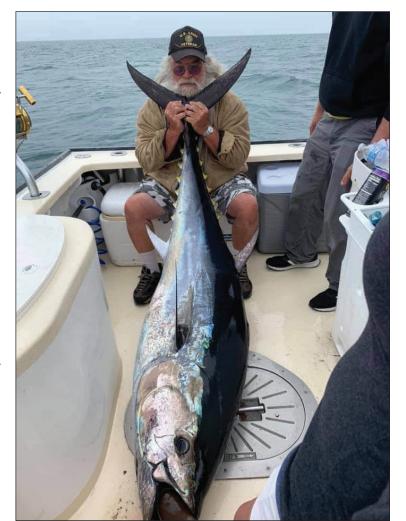
The live bait is placed in my live well on the boat, which keeps the bait lively and fresh. Placing a mummy on the hook of a fluke rig with a spinner can prove to be deadly when trying to catch bottom fish like fluke and seabass! This past week, I tried jigging with a six-ounce jig with a single hook. The hook normally has some red or green bucktail attached to it, but was not attached to this particular jig. Placing a piece of squid and a live mummy on the hook, and dropping it to the bottom was the right combination last week for catching fish.

Keeping you fresh bait in a cooler away from the hot sun needs to be practiced on any fishing trip. Too often, I have watched anglers cut up bait and leave it in the hot sun. You would not do it to your steak, so why would you do it to the bait that you are fishing with. Another mistake many anglers do while fishing is to fish with the same piece of bait for an hour or two. Bait gets washed out, and although it may look good to you, it does not look good to the fish, and has very little scent. Fishing more than five minutes without a bite should have the angler reeling in to change the bait.

This week's picture shows a 450-pound bluefin tuna taken aboard the charter boat Fireescape Charters out of Plymouth last week. The fish is normally sold to the Japanese for good money, but tuna prices are down, so the Captain cut it up for his customers. The Charter boats normally sell the fish, and give the clients a free fishing trip.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold a double event this Sunday, Aug. 2 at their club grounds off of West Street. A 3-D archery shoot will start at 7 a.m. It is a fun shoot and the public is invited to attend. A small fee will be charged for participation in the archery shoot. Come and enjoy the great outdoors. The club owns more than 100 acres of open space that will be open for the one-day event. The archery shoot will have a state-of-theart course set up using life size targets of deer, moose, elk, rabbits, turkeys, etc.! The archery course is rated as one of the best in the state.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will also hold an old fashion Chicken BBQ this Sunday, Aug. 2, with serving scheduled to start at 2 p.m. at the club grounds off of West Street. The chickens will be barbecued over hot coals and seasoned & cooked to perfection by members of the club. Tickets are



\$10 each. There is a limited amount of tickets available at the club, the day of the event. Social distancing and wearing of masks are recommended. The Pavilion has been washed and sanitized for the event. Come and enjoy the day with friends and family. BYOB!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Maxfield Parrish prints

Antique oil paintings by listed artists can sell for thousands or even millions of dollars. A 2011 Ezine article said a listed artist "means that an artist has attained a certain level of recognition in the art world." Auction results for listed artists can be found in "Davenport's Art Reference and Price Guide' and in art databases on the web. On the other hand, prints by listed artists can be produced by the thousands and don't bring as much as paintings. Some can still sell for hundreds or thousands though.

Maxfield Parrish is an artist whose prints appeal to Frederick Maxfield Parrish on July 25, 1870 in Philadelphia, Pa. Britannica's "American illustrator and painter who was perhaps the most popular commercial artist in the United States in the first half of the 20th century." After attending Haverford College, Parrish studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Drexel Institute

The National Museum of American Illustration in Newport, RI's website notes that Maxfield Parrish used a

shade of blue similar to the color of Lapis lazuli in many of his works. They state, "his signature use of this color was so powerful that a certain cobalt blue became known as 'Parrish Blue." They consider Parrish "the most successful and bestknown American illustrator of the early part of the twentieth century." Parrish's art was incorporated into maga-ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES zine ads, calendars, and posters, along with lithographed & ESTATES prints that were produced to be framed and displayed. In WAYNE TUISKULA 1925, 25 percent of American

Parrish print on their walls. many current collectors. He was born According to the National Museum of American Illustration, Victor Vasarely, Andy Warhol and Norman Rockwell biography describes him as an were influenced by Parrish. Rockwell even said that Parrish was his idol.

households had a Maxfield

With so many Parrish prints printed throughout his career, collectors can find some that are quite affordable. A Maxfield Parrish "Daybreak" print sold for \$60 at a Pennsylvania auction house in June. His "Circes Palace" print was sold at a New Hampshire auction for

Some Parrish prints are harder to find though and can bring much higher

prices. An 1896 poster depicting three golfers for Harper's Weekly magazine sold for \$1,600 in 2016. A 1934 Mazda Edison 1934 calendar with a Maxfield Parrish "Moonlight" print and a 1922 calendar with an "Egypt" print each brought \$1,600 in 2013. A Ferry's Seed advertising print with Parrish's depiction of "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" went for \$2,000 in 2013. Larger advertising pieces can bring significantly more. A GE Edison Mazda store display sold for \$5,000 earlier this year. A rare Fisk Tires poster faired even better, selling for \$5,500 in 2012.

When Parrish's original paintings turn up at auction, prices can go through the roof. His "Autumn Woods" panel on wood went for \$300,000 in 2016. "The Knave" oil on board sold for \$600,000 in 2017. An oil on canvas of "Jason and His Teacher" brought \$850,000 in 2015. After selling that "Parrish blue" painting, the consignor could have painted the town red.

We will be auctioning the largest collection of Maxfield Parrish prints that we have ever handled in our upcoming Warren, RI online estate auction. We are also planning other sales during the summer and fall. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for



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Healthy plants, but no tomatoes?



GARDEN Moments **MELINDA MYERS**

No fruit on your tomato plants is likely due to the weather. Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions, but temperature extremes can prevent otherwise healthy plants from setting fruit.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees, blossom drop, and poor fruit development can occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can also hinder fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees reduce the amount and viability of pollen the plant produces.

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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.

The simplest solution is to wait for the temperatures and humidity levels to return to those tomatoes need for pollination and fruit formation to occur. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit.

When hot weather arrives, make sure the plants receive ample moisture. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter to keep roots cool and moist. Consider providing a bit of cool afternoon shade during hot spells.

Some gardeners enlist the help of blossom set hormone spray when conditions are not favorable for pollination and fruit formation. These hormones won't increase productivity but may help plants set fruit when temperatures are not ideal. These products are most effective when temperatures drop below 60 degrees Fahrenheit. They are less effective at initiating fruit set when temperatures rise over 80 degrees.

Don't let cooler summer temperatures greatly reduce your tomato harvest. Consider pinching off the growing tips of indeterminate tomatoes a month before the first killing frost. This redirects the plant's energy into ripening

the existing fruit instead of producing more flowers and tomatoes that won't have time to mature.

When frost is in the forecast, harvest green tomatoes to finish ripening indoors.

Pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. Harvest tomatoes when the blossom end turns a greenish white or starts to color up. Store the tomatoes in a cool 60- to 65-degree location to extend their

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OBITUARIES

Leo A. Beaulieu, 85

SOUTHBRIDGE- Leo A. Beaulieu, 85, passed away on Saturday, July 18th, in his home after a long illness.



He leaves his wife of 60 years, Constance M. (Dufault) Beaulieu; his six children, Brenda Alano and her husband Michael of Charlton, Brian Beaulieu and his partner Yolanda London of New Haven, CT, Kevin

Beaulieu and his partner Christine Kelley of Webster, David Beaulieu and his wife Anne-Marie of Cerritos, CA, Gary Beaulieu of Branford, CT and Scott Beaulieu of Southbridge; his sister, Lorraine Kispert of North Scituate, RI; his sister-in-law, Rita Beaulieu of Vermont; 11 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His daughter, Deborah Tremblay, passed away in February of 2016. Leo was born in Southbridge on August 14, 1934, the son of Alfred and Bridget (Cody) Beaulieu. Leo was the youngest of five and was predeceased by his two sisters, Rita Radziewitz and Doris Rusiecki and his brother, Dona Beaulieu. Leo was a US Army Veteran and served in Greenland as a Senior

Leo worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 27 years, retiring many years ago. He previously worked for Southbridge Roofing Co. Leo was a voracious reader of all subjects, including American history. One of his greatest joys was his love of dogs and he enjoyed his own as well as those of his family. He was a jack-of-all trades and could make or fix almost anything. In his younger days he loved gardening, walking, hiking, going to amusement parks with his family and vacations to the ocean or to the mountains of New Hampshire. Leo had a mischievous side and had funny nicknames for everyone and made a game of guessing his birthday and Christmas gifts before he opened them.

A funeral Mass for Leo was held on Thursday, July 23rd, at 11:00am in the Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

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

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Join Us for a Celebration of Life for Elaine E. (Ruddy) Hibbard

who passed away on Friday, July 17 at her home with her family by her side. Because of the pandemic situation, there were no calling hours.

A Celebration of Life will be held on the grounds of her beloved Purple Onion at 105 North Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585 on Saturday, August 1st from 10 am-2pm. Informal attire, please. Wear Elaine's favorite color red, or purple to honor her afflictions with epilepsy and dementia. Family and friends are all welcome to join us in celebrating Elaine's life, and to honor this beautiful woman.

~ George, Emily, & Patrick ~



Welcome to our 2nd Annual Summer Scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle! Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER page in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 21st issue.

Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by August 14.

Good luck! Phone Email (optional) __ Newspaper you saw this in, circle one: Spencer New Leader, Auburn News, Southbridge News, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Webster

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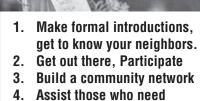


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Take-out tips when dining at home

Although takeout has long been a convenience enjoyed by people around the world, in recent months takeout became a key way for many restaurants to stay afloat when the novel coronavirus COVID-19 forced many to close their facilities to customers.

Restaurants have been allowed to remain open, though they have been forced to change their business models. In a matter of weeks, establishments that were not accustomed to offering takeout quickly reimagined their operations to offer curbside pickup or deliverv options. In turn, many communities promoted movements to help keep restaurants afloat, with some encouraging residents to participate in Takeout Thursdays to patronize struggling bars, restaurants and delis.

Takeout has always provided a respite from cooking meals at home, but it seems especially welcomed during the COVID-19 outbreak. Now more than

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storage life. And don't let those green tomatoes go to waste. Fry them or use them in salsa and relish. You'll find lots of delicious green tomato recipes online or from

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ever, individuals and families could use a break from cooking three meals per day. When opting for takeout, consider these tasty tips.

 Support small businesses. Independent restaurants could have a tougher time bouncing back from reduced sales and income than large restaurant chains. When seeking out food- and beverage-related businesses, lean heavily on mom-and-pop restaurants, many of which are pillars in their communities. These are the businesses whose owners may have children in your local schools or those who sponsor local sports leagues.

· Investigate food safety. Inquire about the safety measures restaurants are taking to ensure food safety. Most restaurants and delivery services are enacting even more safety measures than are required by law. Keep in mind, however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said, "There is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food." Simple handwashing after touching food packaging and your food or face may be sufficient.

· Learn new protocol. Ask the business what their requirements are for ordering food. Some restaurants will bring the order directly to your car through curbside pickup. Others may enable you to enter the establishment if you are wearing a mask. Delivery only might be the policy at another establishment. Follow all rules, as they have been implemented to keep you and the business employees safe.

· Pay by credit card. When placing an order for takeout or curbside pickup, pay by credit card online or over the phone if that is an option. This limits how much you and restaurant employees have to handle cards or cash.

· Avoid direct handoffs. Ask the counter server or delivery person to put down your order and step away before you grab it. This is an extra step to combat the spread of the virus.

Even as stay-at-home restrictions are being relaxed, takeout figures to remain popular. Certain tips can keep everyone well fed and safe and help bars and restaurants stay afloat.







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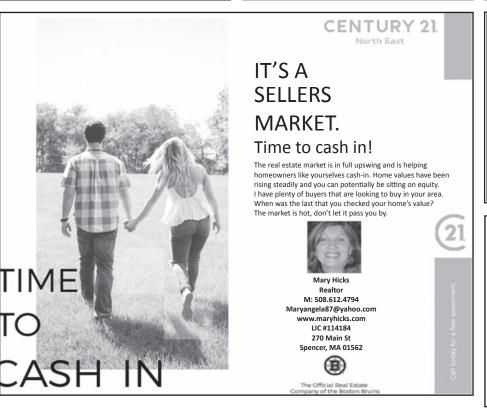
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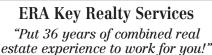




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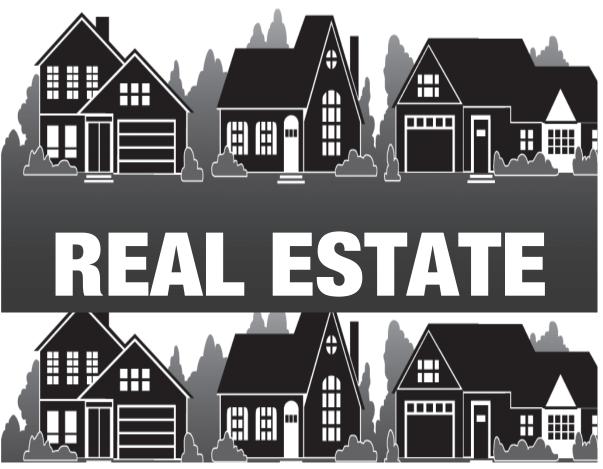


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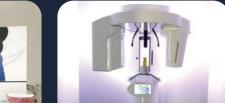
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