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Wetlands bylaw draws concerns about overreach

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – After working on it for months, the Conservation Commission voted unanimously (with two absent members) to send its proposed wetlands bylaw to public hearing later this month, on the way to having Town Meeting vote on it in June.

The proposal has drawn numerous questions and concerns from citizens, many of them focusing on how it will affect their ability to use their property. The most recent meeting, held online on May 4, attracted 140 people

ConCom consultant Brandon Faneuf, a biologist with Ecosystem Solutions who helped the board draft the proposal, summarized the process by saying it aims to take the state's Wetlands Protection Act and tweak it to better suit local needs. The overall goal is to "avoid, minimize and mitigate imapets that could affect wetlands" and thereby negatively affect other

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Facebook post sparks debate over election filing process

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – A Facebook post from a Dudley citizen sparked heavy debate in the first week of May, calling into question the town's handling of the nomination process for the upcoming town election in June.

Dudley resident Ania Chojnacki-Durgin took to the social media platform to reveal that despite initially making her intentions known to run for public office, she decided not to collect the require number of signatures in order to conform to the stay at home orders from Gov. Charlie Baker's office in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a lengthy post on the Webster, Dudley, Oxford, Thompson Area Forum page dated Tuesday, May 5, Chojnacki-Durgin said she had planned to run for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health. She and her husband were informed that despite Gov. Baker's stay at home order, signature papers were still due by April 27 to be added to the ballot for the June 15 town election. Towns must complete their elections before the end of June. Traditionally, signatures have been gathered by going door to door and interacting with signers. Chojnacki-Durgin said in an interview that as an essential worker she made the decision not to pursue signatures through face to face interaction to respect social distancing guidelines which also meant she wouldn't

be on the ballot.

"I had to make the decision of whether or not to go forward and get signatures and potentially expose people to a virus that I knew I had been exposed to. For me, I made the decision to continue working, continue doing what I love and knowingly put myself in a situation that would expose myself or others. I wasn't going to put anyone in that position," Chojnacki-Durgin said. "I feel that the town

of Dudley put a lot of candidates in a very difficult moral situation. Do you go against the advisory, or do you not? I personally chose not to. I didn't think it was fair for me to expose people."

As of Sunday, May 10, the post had drawn nearly 170 comments ranging from votes of support for Chojnacki-Durgin to others noting how candidates for both state and local elections have managed to secure signatures without having to go door to door. In both an interview and on the Facebook post, Chojnacki-Durgin said she tried to determine if other nominees had obtained the proper signatures, and was not provided with that information by the town hall.

"I feel that currently, there is a little bit of a double standard. They told me it's business as usual and I didn't get enough signatures. I understand that and I respect that. However, when I presented a public record request to see the signatures gathered by other people who will be on the ballot, I was told I couldn't have it," Chojnacki-Durgin said.

In her Facebook post, she also noted that nominees had to go to the town hall to pick up their nomination papers even after the stay at home order was issued.

Joining the debate on the forum was Dudley Selectman Paul Joseph, who posted a series of comments where he defended Chojnacki-Durgin had the her signatures as other nominees who were able and that nomination paperwork was made available on the town website. Nominees have been returning their paperwork to the Dudley Police lobby. He also confirmed that the Town Clerk's office is still accepting phone calls and have been hard at work responding to requests from the public.

In an interview, Joseph

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CELEBRATION OF SURVIVOR

The staff at Webster Manor were thrilled last weekend to celebrate the recovery of "Joe," their newest COVID-19 sur-

United Way announces merger with Webster and Dudley

WEBSTER — The United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton announces its merger with the United Way of Webster and Dudley. In a joint decision between the local chapters' Board of Directors, the new local chapter will continue to provide services for all five towns from one location, with efforts focused on growing potential opportunities to connect communities with access to support services.

The merger formally went into effect on April 16, and will allow

the sharing of local resources to create a stronger network of partners and agencies. The newly-formed United Way of South Central Massachusetts (UWSCM) will operate out of office space at 176 Main St., Southbridge, led by Executive Director Mary O'Coin and a team of 32 Board members comprised from both entities.

"We are eager to help our communities by continuing to create a positive quality of life for families surrounding the organization," said O'Coin. "We have endless growth potential which we will be working toward through fundraising and volunteer work." During the 2018–2019 campaign year, the two chapters raised a combined \$582,000 and distributed 42 different grants supporting community programs at 22 local agencies. The 2019–2020 campaign has raised a total \$443,000 so far; UWSCM will continue fundraising efforts over the next few months.

Newly elected Board President

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Blessed Backpack Brigade launches boxed meals program

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

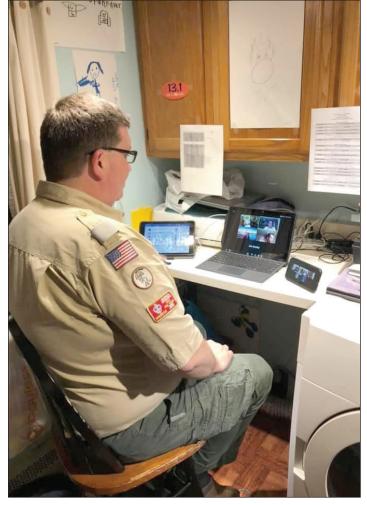
who posted a series of comments where he defended the town. He stated that Chojnacki-Durgin had the same opportunity to get her signatures as other nominees who were able to meet the requirement and that nomination paperwork was made available on the town website. Nominees have been well as the same of the state of the stay at home orders and quarantine practices in effect, if you look around, you will still notice many are working to make a change in their communities.

One group that has continued their efforts through the pandemic is the Blessed Backpack Brigade, an organization that works to provide resources and food for local homeless individuals and others in need in the Dudley and Webster area.

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A selection of food included in the Blessed Backpack Brigade's boxed meals passed out on May 3. The group served 85 locals who are homeless or in need.



Local Scouts take part in Camp Quarantine virtual event

STURBRIDGE — What did you do last weekend? Members of Sturbridge Troop 163, Pack 161 and Troop 161 part of Heart of New England Council, Boy Scouts of America participated in Camp Quarantine 2020, a twoday virtual event that included camping, cooking, training, advancement and so much more!

The Boy Scouts of America, and their programs, are outdoor based programs. It relies on interaction between scouts to teach skills like knots, fire building, lashing etc. Scouts lead hikes, go on trips as a group, work with their patrol, den, crew or ship, relying on each other for help, guidance, and support. In times like these, it becomes challenging to do this and still feel like you are part of the group or a larger organization. Adaptations to the program, virtual troop meetings, email communications, these are all things

that have increased over the last two months to keep the program running as smoothly as possible in these challenging times. So how do you incorporate more of the outdoors, and peer to peer interaction when social distancing and stay at home orders are in place? You "Do Your Best" to "Be Prepared" it's all about flexibility in the program. Heart of New England Council and Western Massachusetts Council, Boy Scouts of America collaborated on Camp Quarantine 2020, a two-day event similar to a camporee but instead of camping in one location participants camped at home.

Starting Friday Scouts could set up tents or hammocks in their backyards, in their living rooms. Some set up forts or slept in their tree houses. Opening ceremonies began with introductions of the staff and what was to come. There was a campfire, of course there was a campfire.

Scouts submitted skits, songs, stories, jokes and more! Scouts shared pictures of themselves sitting in front of their own campfires toasting smores or making banana cones. Taps was played, and Scouts went to sleep, eagerly awaiting what Saturday had in store.

Saturday morning started with reveille a flag ceremony and summary of the day's events. From there Scouts could participate in a plethora of activities. The Cub Scouts could take a color or alphabet or listening hike, participate in an egg drop or do Cub Scout yoga, learn about water safety, how to cook, play with their food, or some cool yo-yo tricks. Scouts BSA could learn how to build a wilderness shelter, how to cook in, and care for, their dutch oven, and what programs the four high adventure bases offered. They

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I am presently teaching painting to the Elderly in facilities both locally and in the Worcester Area .

I have also been a small business owner of a women's shop in Dudley which I recently closed this past year where I owned and ran it for past 10 years. I have met so many wonderful neighbors in the area as well as far away where many became dear friends which was a great experience for me!!

I have been in Real Estate for 17 years. I started my career in ERA Key Realty in Oxford for 10 years and from there went to Hope Real Estate in Webster where I have become licensed in both MA and CT.

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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 1-8.

Jaycob Keevan, age 21, of Dudley was arrested on May 3 in connection with a

Christy L. Lottridge, age 50, of Dudley was arrested on May 4 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

John M. Baker, age 46, of Webster was arrested on May 5 in connection with multiple out of agency warrants.

Gary R. Aubin, age 43, of Dudley was arrested on May 7 in connection with an out of agency warrant.



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How to exercise during the pandemic

Life changed overnight for millions of people across the globe in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, which shuttered businesses and forced many people to follow stay-at-home measures issued by their local governments. These measures not only affected the overall health of those infected with the virus, but also those who experienced no symptoms and even tested negative for COVID-19.

In recognition of the mental toll that social distancing and stay-athome measures can take, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised people to exercise regularly. But opportunities to exercise seemingly dried up when stayat-home guidelines were issued and gyms were shuttered. People without exercise equipment with free exercise videos at home suddenly found themselves wondering how they could stay fit and keep their bodies in the best possible condition to fight a virus that has claimed thousands of lives. Thankfully, there are ways to stay fit and keep immune systems strong without violating stay-at-home measures.

 Access online exercise programs. Many gyms that were forced to close to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus began offering exercise tutorials and classes via social media or websites such as YouTube. These videos can be invaluable resources, teaching people how to stay fit at home even if they don't have weights or other equipment on hand. In addition to gym-sponsored exercise tutorials, the internet is loaded

and advice that can help people without access to a gym get fit or maintain their fitness routines.

· Go back to the basics. Many people no doubt recall gym class from their school days. Such classes teach youngsters the basics of physical fitness without employing dumbbells or advanced exercise machines. Those same basic exercises that work for youngsters, including push-ups, sit-ups and lunges, can be effective for adults as well. If it's been awhile since you've done your most recent push-up, access an online tutorial so you can be certain your form is correct.

· Do some vard work. It might not feel as high-intensity as a spinning class or a Pilates session. but yard work can be a great workout. Dust off



the push mower the next time the grass needs to be cut, and get to work on pulling weeds in garden beds. The added benefit to yard work is it provides a great opportunity to get some fresh air without violating social distancing guidelines.

• Go for a jog. Perhaps the simplest way to exercise during the pandemic is to go for a daily jog. According to the Mayo Clinic, aerobic exercise repeatedly moves large muscles in the arms, legs and hips while engaging the immune system and helping it to ward off minor viral illnesses. That makes an early morning jog an especially

valuable, not to mention easily accessible, way to exercise during the pandemic.

Exercise can help people maintain their immune systems in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and there are many simple ways to fit in a little physical activity even while social distancing.

How to avoid spreading illnesses at home

companionship Family Spending time invaluable. together with loved ones is an important component of daily life. However, when an illness affects one person of the household, that highly coveted closeness can put others at risk.

Infectious diseases are equal hitchhikers. opportunity Should a person be waylaid by influenza, strep throat, mononucleosis, or COVID-19, casual contact may be all it takes to pass the illness to someone else. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that COVID-19 is primarily spread from person-to-person among

people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet). Respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby or possibly be inhaled through the lungs. Other viruses and bacteria spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching one's own mouth, nose or possibly the eyes.

Keeping household members safe when one person is ill can be challenging, but it is possible. These steps can help keep everyone in a household safe, particularly from virulent diseases.

· Wash your hands. This is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. As frequently as possible, wash your hands, but especially after touching frequently used items or before and after preparing and eating food.

· Disinfect surfaces. Target areas that are frequently touched by all members of the household. Such surfaces include doorknobs, stairway railings, bathroom and kitchen faucets, the refrigerator door, light switches, and cabinet knobs. Make sure to keep the disinfectant visibly wet on the surface for the "dwell time" recommended on the label instructions to fully kill the germs.

Consider color coding. Use microfiber cloths, which don't harbor germs like porous sponges do, with different colors for cleaning each room of the house to prevent the spread of germs from one area to another.

· Keep your distance. Sick individuals should stay away from others as much as possible. Now might be the time to use a guest bedroom for spouses who normally share a bed. Designate a separate bathroom for healthy individuals. Do not touch hands. hug or kiss others while you are ill. Kaiser Foundation Health

Plans also suggests hygiene techniques like coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve to trap the virus.

• Use personal bath towels. Do not share towels and linens with others while sick. Now is the time for a personal bath towel or bathrobe for showering and drying hands, offers Meridian Health.

It can be difficult to avoid spreading disease when one member of a household is sick. But with proper hygiene and diligence, illnesses can be contained.

Explaining clinical trials

Over the last several decades, survival rates for many types of cancers have improved dramatically. Much of that improvement can be traced to the tireless efforts of cancer researchers and the organizations and donors who fund their research.

According to the National Institutes of Health, there are two types of clinical research: observational studies and clinical trials. Observational studies observe people in normal settings, and during these studies, researchers gather information, group volunteers according to broad characteristics and compare changes over time. Observational studies sometimes help researchers discover new opportunities for clinical trials, which are research studies that aim to evaluate medical. surgical or behavioral interventions. Clinical studies are often how researchers learn if new drugs and treatments are safe and effective.

Clinical trials are somewhat routine. though they tend to capture the attention of the general public during public health crises. For example, much attention was paid to clinical trials during the recent COVID-19 outbreak as researchers hurried to develop a vaccine for the novel coronavirus.

Cancer researchers utilize clinical trials to advance treatments and as part of ongoing efforts to find a cure for all types of cancer In the United States these trials must go through various phases as outlined by the Federal Drug Administration. During these phases, treatments are tested and researchers try to find appropriate dosages while also documenting any potential side effects. A clinical trial must go through three phases before a drug can be approved for use.

• Phase I: A phase I clinical trial tests an experimental treatment on a small group of people, typically healthy people between the ages of 20 and 80. Phase I aims to judge the safety of a treatment and find any side effects while also determining dosage.

· Phase II: More people are typically needed for a phase II clinical trial, which may require as many as 300 participants. The NIH notes that a goal of phase II trials is to obtain data regarding the effectiveness of the drug on people who have certain diseases or conditions. Safety, particularly in regard to short-term side effects, also is studied during a phase II trial, which can last for several years.

 Phase III: Different populations and different dosages are studied during phase III trials, which may require the participation of several hundred, if not thousands of people Positive results during a phase III trial typically result in FDA approval.

Once a drug is approved by the FDA, a phase IV trial is conducted to study the effectiveness and safety among large, diverse populations. The NIH notes that the side effects of a drug may not become clear until more people are

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studied over very long periods of time, which is why drugs are often studied even after they're approved by the FDA.

Information about participating n clinical trials in the United States can be found at www.nih.gov, while Canadians interested in learning more about cancer trials can visit www.canadiancancertrials.ca.



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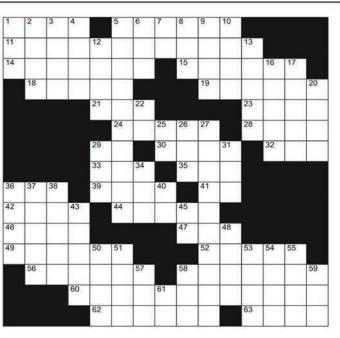
WEBSTER — The All Saints Academy faculty and staff have worked jointly with families to develop a new normal of social distancing and remote learning while continually focusing on the emotional well-being of students from the very onset of this pandemic.

Every day, these teachers connect to their students and see them online for lessons. The physical distance between them is not just felt on the children's side, but on the side of these professionals as well. While they do their utmost to support their students, they have turned to each other for their own personal support. But that changed this past week during Teacher Appreciation Week. The school's parent organization, Friends of All Saints Academy (FASA) focused on bringing joy to the staff with daily motivational posters and special treats. The culmination of the week was a surprise parade organized by FASA to include the entire school community. It was heart-warming to see the smiling students and parents waving and holding their decorated signs of thanks and We miss you.

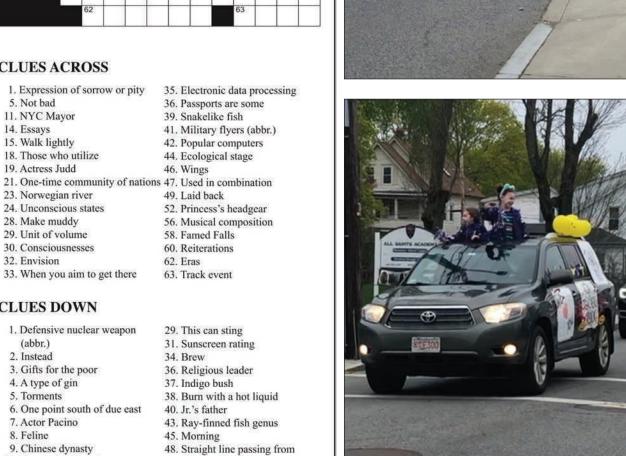
And, as if that could be topped, they managed to include the community in a steady stream of police cars and fire engines with lights ablaze and sirens wailing. The faculty and staff, who were invited to sit in their cars in the St. Louis Church parking lot and wait for a surprise, had no idea the plans FASA had made, or the lengths at which the parents strove to let them know how much they were missed and supported. When the parade began, the teachers were overcome with joy and

excitement and waved energetically as they saw every family drive by in procession. The emotion of seeing their students brought these educators to tears. It was absolutely extraordinary!

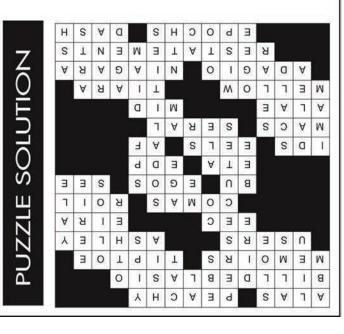




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What can investors learn from cyclists?

May is National Bike Month. Of course, millions of Americans enjoy biking, so there's reason to celebrate. But even if you're

ebrate. But even if you're not much of a rider, you can apply some of the guidelines and lessons of bicycling to other areas of your life

Consider taking some of these ideas for a spin:

- such as investing.

Tune up your portfolio. When bicyclists tune up their bikes, they adjust their brakes, clean and lubricate the chain, tighten nuts and bolts, and check the tire pressure, among other tasks.

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Such a tuneup keeps their
bikes running
smoothly and
reduces the
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breakdowns.
And by "tuning up" your
investment
portfolio, you

can help it stay in line with your goals and risk tolerance, while also preparing it for a "breakdown" in the financial markets, in the form of sharp downturns. To tune up your portfolio, look for ways to increase diversification, which can help reduce the effects of volatility, and watch for investments that may have chronically under-performed or are no longer suitable for your risk tolerance. You might be better off selling these and using the proceeds to invest in new opportunities.

Know when to shift gears. Bicyclists move into higher or lower gears in response to changing road conditions and elevations. As an investor, you, too, may need to "shift gears" or adjust your investment strategy when your personal financial environment changes. So, for example, in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may want to move some but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones. That way, you can lock in some of the gains you may have achieved while lowering your portfolio's overall risk level. This is important, because once you reach retirement and you need to start withdrawing from your retirement accounts - which essentially means liquidating some of your investments – you don't want to worry too much about having to sell when prices are down. However, keep in mind that, even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your holdings to help yourself stay ahead of inflation.

Protect yourself. Smart bicyclists always wear their helmets – they know that an unexpected bump in the road could cause a dangerous spill. And on the journey toward financial security for yourself and your family,

you can also expect that some hard knocks could come your way - which is why you need the proper protection. To safeguard your family in case anything should happen to you, you must have the appropriate amount of life insurance. And to help ensure your financial independence - and avoid becoming a potential burden to your grown children – you may want to consider some type of long-term care coverage, which can help cover many of the costs of a lengthy nursing home stay. You could choose a long-term care insurance policy or a "hybrid" policy, which combines longterm care protection with the death benefit of traditional life insurance.

A financial advisor can

recommend the option that's most suitable for your needs.

You may want to observe National Bike Month by taking a few rides yourself. But in any case, making these cycling-inspired moves can help you keep rolling along toward your financial goals.

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Devotions to the Virgin Mary continue at St. Joseph

churches are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary still occur every weeknight during the month of May at St. Joseph Basilica. The devotions are a longstanding tradition honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of Heaven and Earth." It is also a tradition that the president of the Children of Mary Sodality at St. Joseph School has the honor of crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother, and fortunately that tradition continued despite the current health

The Children of Mary Sodality dates back to the earliest foundational years of St. Joseph Parish. As an organization of young girls, it was and still is an integral part of the St. Joseph School community. Children of Mary Sodality members strive to honor Mary, the Mother of God, not only during May devotions, but in their daily lives by imitating

WEBSTER — Although nurches are closed due to the OVID-19 pandemic, devotions the Blessed Virgin Mary ill occur every weeknight aring the month of May at a. Joseph Basilica. The devotors are a longstanding tradition honoring the Virgin her many virtues. The sodality is advised by Sr. Mary Ann Papiez and membership is open to girls in Grades 3-8 who attend St. Joseph School or St. Joseph Religious Education classes. New members are accepted into the Sodality on the first Sunday of Advent

during a parish family Mass. On Monday, May 4, following the blessing of a floral crown by Pastor, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, eighth grade student Wiktoria Potem, had the privilege of crowning the Virgin Mary. It was a beautiful moment that reflected the mystery it evokes: The Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary - The Coronation of Mary. Although the pews in the Basilica were empty, parishioners and students had the opportunity to view the crowning. All Masses and devotions are currently Live Streamed to the public on the school's Facebook page @stjosephweb-

In addition to the May

Crowning ceremony, members of the Sodality actively participate in various parish activities including processions for important feast days and the Fatima processions on the 13th of the month from May to October. During the processions, they have the privilege of carrying the statue of Our Lady. The girls also participate in First Friday adoration where they recite the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. During Midnight Mass at Christmas, the sodality president has the privilege of carrying the statue of the Infant Jesus and placing Him in the manger.

To learn more about the Children of Mary Sodality, May Devotions at St. Joseph Basilica, or how your son or daughter can become part of a vibrant school community, please call 508-943-0378, email principal@sjs-webster.com, or visit the St. Joseph School Web site: www.sjs-webster.com.



Courtes

St. Joseph School 8th Grade student and President of the Children of Mary Sodality, Wiktoria Potem, places a floral crown on the statue of the Virgin Mary.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 3-9.

Christy L. Lottridge, age 50, of Dudley was arrested on May 4 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

David Joseph Dittmar, age 31, of Webster was arrested on May 5 in connection with a warrant.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 5 for Assault on a Family or Household Member and Wanton or Reckless Behavior Causing Risk to a Child.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 6 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Brian Adam Lollar, age 31, of Webster was arrested on May 6 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Robert Anderson, age 39, of Webster was arrested on May 6 for Assault & Battery on a Disabled Person and/or a Person over the age of 60, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Assault & Battery.

Edwain A. Urrego Echeverri, age 34, of Webster was arrested on May 6 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Possession of a Class E Drug, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Wilredo Rivera, Jr., age 32, of Webster was arrested on May 7 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Resisting Arrest.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on May 8 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Wanton or Reckless Behavior Causing Risk to a Child.

A 27-year-old male from Webster was taken into protective custody for intoxication on May 9.

Kate Drabato, age 23, of Webster was arrested on May 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol.





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If there was ever a time for radical optimism, it is now

Be optimistic. Get excited. Great things are on the brink of occurring. Positive shifts in paradigms are happening. Be open and embrace the future. From the ashes of a pandemic, incredible and positive change can occur. Be open!

Our nation has always responded positively and with overwhelming optimism to any challenge. When looking back at the history of World War II, you see how lives changed overnight and factories building cars one day were turning out tanks and airplanes the next. From the tragedy of Pearl Harbor emerged the greatest and most powerful nation in history. Democracy spread like wildfire and the world has never been the same. I believe that something positive and similar will happen because of this pandemic.

Look at General Motors. One day, they were turning out cars, and 40 days later they are turning out respirators. Look at the multitudes of company's and everyday people sewing masks. Americans are always up to

the challenge. Americans have a history of radical optimism that inspires nations and people around the globe.

I keep hearing people ask, "Will things ever get back to normal?" And my response is "maybe there's a new and improved normal coming. Many have commented that they like having their groceries delivered. I embrace the idea that other than emergencies, I can visit my Doctor on my phone or laptop



Positively SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE and not have to go into the office. I think we have all become more deliberate at keeping in touch with relatives and loved ones that live in distant places via Facetime, Zoom and other group meeting programs. Yes, some are

commenting that we are becoming germophobic, but shouldn't we all wash our hands more and practice social distancing when we have a cold or flu? Being aware of the various ways to protect ourselves and others is a healthy

My friend Judith Salitore wrote to me and said, "Radical optimism is having a dedication ... a commitment to always trying to find the good in every situation and not remaining on the side of defeat, hate or negativism in your life or experience." She also sent this quote from the Athenian historian, Thucydides. "The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them. Glory and danger alike, and notwithstanding. Go out to

My point is simple. If there was ever a time for bravery, vision, and radical optimism, it is now. Many people look only at the negatives that come from change. Sure, I can sit and point at a few obvious negatives but what good comes of complaining? Let us instead focus on the positive and embrace the good that comes from hard or difficult times.

I believe this pandemic has uncovered many weaknesses and cracks in our nation's foundation. Now exposed, we can positively fix them.

I believe turning over the manufacturing of our pharmaceuticals to China was a national security risk that has

been exposed. We should expect and demand it return within our nation and control, and I believe it will. We cannot allow our basic health and wellbeing be held hostage by a foreign government.

We've learned that some of our hightech firms are sharing information in China that puts us all at risk. This is something we the people must demand comes to an end. In the name of business, we cannot allow our companies to sell the safety of our people off for financial gain.

I believe the World Health Organization has been exposed to be either inept or corrupt.

Make no mistake. We need a global health organization of some kind but not one that is politicized and run with extreme bias and mismanagement.

Acknowledging these weaknesses, and others, is a positive, if we recognize them and act to make the positive and necessary changes. We are up to the challenge.

I'm confident in the human spirit and our ability to overcome the greatest obstacles. We will survive this pandemic, then thrive.

Be optimistic about our future. Why expect gloom and doom? Sure, we have a rough road ahead, but that road leads us to a bright future and greater times.

I'm a radical optimist. Will you join

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CAMP

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could participate in merit badge classes, learn how to pack for backpacking trek, talk to Order of the Arrow members and learn more about the program. There were training and informational sessions for Adults along with sessions geared towards Venturers and Sea Scouts. All Scouts and Scouters had the opportunity to participate in virtual escape rooms, a scavenger hunt, trivia, a cooking competition, and so much more. There was also a virtual 10k, find 10 items beginning with the letter K. So many activities to participate in, it could have taken 2-3 weekends to get through it all.

Scouts said grace before meals, there was a closing flag ceremony, a Scouts Own service and a fireworks show to close out the event. Using #CampQuarantine2020 Scouts posted pictures of themselves participating in the events, activities and trainings.

"I have been smiling nonstop today, to

see all the posts and all the Scouts having so much fun, it's a definite bright spot," commented Chrissy Chamberland a member of the Camp Quarantine 2020 program committee.

Camp Quarantine 2020 started small, with the goal of being something fun something to distract the Scouts from what was going on around them and to remind them the program is alive and well. To get them outside, in their own back yards, playing games, working on skills and advancement and having a fantabulous time doing it. What it grew into was something more than any of the program team could have imagined.

Kevin Fuller, Camp Quarantine 2020 Program Chair, said "Meeting new people, working with old friends, Scouting really does bring people together even when they're miles apart during trying

He went on to add "What was pulled together in only a matter of two and a half weeks shows the devotion people have to the Scouting movement."

In the end, Camp Quarantine 2020 had more than 1,400 families registered with participants from 45 of 50 states and 13 countries. Between the three livestream shows there were over 10,000 views and over 1000 posts using #campquarantine2020.

Just before streaming the closing show, Andy Collins, one of the Camp Quarantine 2020 tech gurus, commented "It's been great to see so many families from across the country, and world, join together for our little virtual camporee."

This little virtual camporee turned out to be a big success. There are no plans for an encore event, program planners are hoping this is a once in a lifetime event, however, now that they have seen it can be done who knows what the future may bring.

For more information on how to join one of the Sturbridge units, contact Chrissy ChrissyCSM163@gmail.

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Cyreah Age 15

Hi! My name is Cyreah and you can call me CJ!

Cyreah, also known as CJ, is a handsome and healthy fourteen year old boy with beautiful big brown eyes and a warming smile. He is of African American descent. He loves sports and excels at both basketball and football. He is an avid Patriots fan as well as Celtics fan. CJ's all- time favorite Celtics player is Kyrie Irving!

Appearance is important to CJ and he likes to dress up and look

sharp. Outgoing and energetic, CJ has a fun sense of humor and enjoys playing jokes on his peers. He is known as a leader in school and is academically in target. He is social and respectful to his friends, his teachers and foster family. CJ is very bright and does well academically. Although not sure what he wants to be when he is older CJ does want to attend college after high school.

Legally freed for adoption, CJ will need a family who will not spare encouragement and praise. He would do well in most any family constellation that could provide him with loving support and with structure. He would do best as an only child or the youngest child in a home with much older children. CJ has an older and younger sister with whom he will need to maintain contact.

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BRIGADE

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On Sunday, May 3, the organization took their efforts to a new level by teaming with the TMD Small Business Group, the B.Kind Café, Table Talk Pies, Inc. and the It Starts at Home organization to pass out 85 boxed meals to clients over the course of the day.

This effort was the first of several expected rounds of distribution of these meals which also included necessities such a toiletries and cloth masks to help clients conform to the social distancing practices of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Lauri Joseph, one of the founders of the Blessed Backpack Brigade, said while this is the first distribution of the pre-boxed kits it wasn't the first effort the group has made to help provide for the community in the wake of the pandemic.

'Recently, Nichols College in partnership with their food service provider Sodexo joined us in helping to distribute several hundred pounds of cereal, bread, milk, yogurt, cheese, cold cuts, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, cantaloupes, melons, pineapples, and apples. The Backpack Brigade also provided hand sanitizer, soap, toothbrushes, soups, and baggies full of snacks." Joseph said. "The Webster Police Department posted the event on their Facebook page, and Tri-Valley Elder Services contacted some of their clients who were down to almost nothing. DCF got food to help out some of their clients too, and the homeless, elderly and veterans were delighted to have this made available to them.'

The Blessed Backpack Brigade is hoping to continue their pre-boxed meal distribution at least through the pandemic and maybe extend the program into the fall. Joseph said the organization wants to do whatever they can to help during these unsure times.

"The members of the Blessed Backpack Brigade would like to continue to help those in need for as long as possible," said Joseph. "Our goal is to raise enough to do this twice a month for at least May and June, and possibly

To accomplish this goal the group is in need of community support. The Blessed Backpack Brigade has set up a "donate" option on their Facebook page and are accepting physical items such as food, hand sanitizer, face masks, disinfectant spray, gloves, tollet paper and others goods in the Dudley Police Station lobby. Those interested in donating can also call 508-943-1910 and are encouraged to leave a message concerning their donation.

MERGER

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Bill Keefe of Webster stated, "It is a historical time that this merger is taking place. With the coronavirus pandemic and the need to stay home with only essential employees working, it is even more important that the organizations and programs supported by United Way remain available to those in need. By combining these two local chapters,

we hope to continue pursuing vibrant campaigns, encouraging more local giving from residents and businesses in the future, so we can continue to help those who need it the most."

United Way of South Central Mass. functions as part of United Way Worldwide. United Way Worldwide is engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories around the world. United Way works with companies, governments, non-profits and other establishments to address complex challenges to help build stronger communities. The organization is focused on creatcommunity-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: education, financial stability and health

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EDITORIAL

The making of Mother's Day

Another Mother's Day has come and gone, and this year's was certainly different as far as celebrations go. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, traditional Mother's Day luncheons or brunches did not take place. Mothers living in long term care facilities replaced in person visits with zoom or telephone calls. From what we can see, most everyone has made the best of the situation.

We would like to recognize the fact that today, "mother" is increasingly becoming a word that could also apply to a father, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other family members who, for one reason or another, step in to that role as single parents or careivers. To those people, we wish you a happy Mother's Day as well. With that being said, motherhood should be celebrated. Our children bring out the best in us and sometimes the worst, however at the end of the day the bond between most mothers and children is one that is stronger than anything we can describe.

Interesting is the fact that the creator of the holiday, Anna Jarvis, in 1908 fought to remove the day from the calendar after it became overly commercialized. Mother's Day was officially placed on the calendar in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson. Mothers were to wear white carnations given to them by their children and presented with other gifts.

The ancient Greeks, along with the Romans, held festivals to honor compassionate quality care. That is mother goddesses Cybele and Rhea. In more recent history the Christians called it 'Mothering Sunday.' Across the Atlantic Ocean, the holiday fell on the fourth Sunday during Lent and every mother was expected to return home to their 'mother church' to attend a Mother's Day service.

Ann Jarvis (the mother of Anna Jarvis), along with Julia Ward Howe, held special classes in West Virginia during the early 19th century to teach women how to care for their youngsters. In the year 1868, Jarvis put together a 'Mothers Friendship Day' where mothers would socialize with former Union and Confederate soldiers in helps to create reunifica-

Howe penned a 'Mother's Day' Proclamation in 1870 in which she asked mothers across the country to help promote world peace. Three years later, Howe was pushing to have a 'Mother's Peace Day celebrated on June 2 annually. In Michigan, Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering worked together to organize the holiday into the 20th century.

In 1905, Anna Jarvis lost her mother Ann. The grieving daughter looked to honor the sacrifices her mother made for her by celebrating Mother's Day and hoped other children would do the same.

The first big celebration took place in 1908 in West Virginia, where a business owner named John Wanamaker held an event at a church to honor motherhood. That same day in Philadelphia thousands attended a sister store of Wanamakers to celebrate as well.

In 1970, Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used the holiday to bring awareness to underprivileged women and children. In Thailand, Mother's Day is celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen. In Ethiopia each fall, a big feast along with music is held over the course of a few days to celebrate motherhood. A fun fact, is that more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

Week's newspaper is Friday at noon. SEND ALL ITEMS to Editor Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for supporting food drive

To the Editor:

On behalf of Dudley Middle School and the Webster-Dudley Food Share, I would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone that supported our Kindness Isn't CANcelled food drive on May 1 and May 2. Your generosity helped us to fill one van, two pickup trucks, and three SUV's with much needed items for local residents.

Your caring and kindness helped our school to make a beautiful difference

in our corner of the world. Our students are truly benefitting from such exemplary role models who continually work to support and care for others particularly during this most challenging period of time. Together, we are better!

Respectfully,

Chris Starczewski PRINCIPAL DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

A thank you to our Harrington community

To the Editor:

Despite the constant flow of news and information about the novel coronavirus and the worldwide pandemic it has spawned, it can still be challenging to describe the enormity and complexity of the situation before us. It requires that we all make personal decisions sometimes at great sacrifice – to limit risk to the most vulnerable among us and avoid the collapse of our healthcare

In a career that spans over 40 years in healthcare, I have never experienced a time like this. Despite the fact that we are required to be physically distant from one another, I have never felt such a powerful spirit of unity and connectedness within our community

As a community healthcare system, we have always had a special responsibility to our local residents. Because the healthcare environment is so challenging and ever-changing, we have had to make difficult decisions about where to focus our resources, sometimes reducing or closing services that we can no longer provide in a financially sustainable way. But we have always done so with an eye towards assuring our long-term ability to serve as a local and reliable critical healthcare provider.

It was this dedication that drove our strategic decision to be acquired by the UMass Memorial Health Care System; assuring that we could maintain our position as a health care partner and safety net for our community. Little did we know that a completely different challenge would be before us in a matter of weeks.

The Harrington HealthCare team has always based our decisions, both large and small, on how we can continue to make our community healthier and safer. Today, we are seeing that commitment return to us in spades. Our departments work seamlessly to ensure why we have received our 14th "Grade A" in LeapFrog Group's spring 2020 Hospital Report.

I couldn't be more proud of the way every single member of our team – from front line clinicians to support staff has pulled together to plan for and face the coronavirus in our community. Everyone has contributed to assure that Harrington HealthCare facilities will

continue to be safe accessible resources. Across all floors and units of our hospital campuses, in offices and satellite locations, we have been a resource for safe testing and have created protocols to limit the spread of infection while caring for our community. This is the power of local healthcare.

We are heartened by the outpouring of support we have received from our community. We have long known that all of our employees are "Harrington Heroes;" and we are so glad to know that you see it too. Not only do we greatly appreciate donations of food supplies, homemade masks, and other personal protective equipment (thank you!), we are also so encouraged and motivated that in a time of global challenge you are thinking of us. This knowledge is particularly meaningful as we celebrate our staff in observance of Hospital Week this week. We also had the opportunity to honor our Nurses during National Nurses Week the previous week. A special thank you to MAPFRE Insurance Group who went above and beyond to make our nurses and staff feel extra special by delivering dedicated treats, signs and snacks. It is truly remarkable to see the outpouring of support from our community.

We urge the public not to delay seeking care out of fear that they may contract the COVID-19 virus at a healthcare facility. Extensive infection control measures have always been in place at HHS and additional measures aimed specifically at preventing the spread of COVID-19 have also been in place since early March.

Our goal right now is to assure everyone that they can safely access care for all emergency, urgent and chronic care needs, and to remind them that they should also continue to receive routine care through in-office visits and Telehealth appointments where possi-

We at Harrington are doing our part to help you, and we thank you for doing your part to help us. We will get through these trying times. When we do, we will never forget that it was by working together; healthcare and community, that we beat this pandemic.

By Ed Moore PRESIDENT AND CEO HARRINGTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

life-changing

encounter with Christ

by saying, "If anyone

is in Christ, he is a new

creation. The old has

passed away; behold,

the new has come." (2

Breaking down the governor's mask order

situation contin-

ues to evolve. Last

week, Gov. Baker

announced an order

requiring the wear-

ing of face coverings.

Several questions have been brought

to me about how and

when they are to be

worn. I wanted to

take a moment to

bring it to the read-



CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE**

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er's attention. Much of the information on this topic can be found on the Mass.gov and Town of Dudley websites. Effective Wednesday, May 6, the order requiring face masks or cloth face coverings in public places, where social distancing is not possible, took effect. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. Exceptions include children under the age of two and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. Everyone is required to wear a face covering when inside grocery stores, pharmacies, and

other retail establishments. It also covers public ride shares, taxis, transportation services, and other forms of public transportation. To comply with the law, a "face cover-

ing" must cover your nose and mouth. This can include the standard disposable masks, dust masks, scarves, bandanas, etc. According to Mass.gov and the CDC, face coverings should have the following: They must fit snugly, but comfortably, against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape. If everything meets these requirements, any suitable material or clothing items can be used to accomplish the task. The state still recommends social distancing and all other previous requirements remain in effect. This regulation is in effect until further notice and enforcement provisions can include civil fines or other charges, depending on the circumstances. We hope to avoid issuing any fines or pursuing criminal charges and encourage everyone to voluntarily comply with this order. If there are questions or concerns, regarding face coverings, or anything additional on the COVID-19 topic, information can be found at the Town of Dudley Web site, https://dudleyma.gov/, or by contact-It can also be found on the Town of Dudley Facebook page and/or the Board of Health page. For information from the Commonwealth refer to https:// www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-inpublic or from the CDC, check: https:// www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html.

Thanks again go out to the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley. Thanks also go out to the many Fire and Emergency Services members, public works and government employees, hospital workers, grocery and retail workers, and all other "essential" personnel for their continued hard work and service thorough this situation. We will get through this and hopefully we will be back in full swing soon, with as limited negative impact as possible.

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

Do you want to be made well?

One day, Jesus saw a paralyzed man, a man who had been suffering for 38 years, and He asks, "Do you want to be made well?"

Imagine, a man suffering for 38 year and Jesus asks what seems like a ridiculous question, "Do you want to

be made well?" After 38 years of suffering, why would Jesus ask, "Do you want to be made well?" It sounds quite strange, and yet, did the man truly want to be healed? In other words, did the man truly want change in his life after so many years? After living a particular way for 38 years, did he even believe that change could happen? And if so, was he ready to go along with

all that it meant to be healed? When Christ healed someone physically, he never left it simply as a physical healing. To one paralyzed man, Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven." To another, he said, "Go and sin no more." And he told some who were healed, "Go and tell others what God has done for you." Jesus expected something from the people he healed. He wanted them to enter into a new life, a new relationship with Him, a new way of living.

Thus, understanding the expectations, maybe it isn't so strange for Jesus to ask, "Do you want to be made well?" Think about it. How many of us have certain habits and ways that we have gotten so used to, that we really aren't willing to change. We won't allow Christ or anyone else to disturb

Whenever we turn to God for help, whenever we seek after any type of healing from Him, we need to remember that Jesus is the Great Physician of our bodies and souls and minds. He is interested not simply in our physical healing, but in a complete and holistic

healing that leads to a new life, a life that will **BEYOND** lead into an eternal relationship with Him. THE PEWS St. Paul described

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

> Cor 5:17) When we turn to Jesus Christ, He wants to form us into a new creation, something drastically new and refreshing. He doesn't allow us to stay as we are, but wants change, transformation, transfiguration - He desires a new life for us!

> Therefore, the big question is "Do you want to be healed?" Do we want to be healed in this manner? Are we interested and willing to go in a new direction in our lives, in a way that follows the path of Jesus Christ? Do we sincerely want to be citizens of His heavenly kingdom, living under His reign here and now? Or do we want to hold on to our old self, no matter how broken and paralyzed and unhealthy it may be?

> Sometimes when I share with people the ways of Jesus Christ - loving our enemies, forgiving one another, showing mercy and kindness to all people, living a life of unconditional and divine love – they will respond, "Well, I'm not willing to do that. I'm not willing to forgive the person who hurt me. I'm not interested in loving the person who is so different from me. Or simply, I don't want to change certain habits that I'm used to." Maybe one's pride or stubbornness or comfortableness with what they're familiar with won't allow them to become a "new creation."

Do we want to be made well?

man paralyzed for 38 years if he want-

In the Gospel, after Jesus asked the Turn To **BEYOND** page **A17**



Get maximum yield from minimal garden space

Growing on a deck or balcony is a great way to bring the garden to your backdoor. You can attract butterflies hummingbirds into easy view and grow edibles within close reach when cooking. For some, it may be the only available space to garden.

Make the most of every square foot by growing vertically. You'll not only save space but also create privacy, make harvesting vegetables easier and create a garden that's at eye level as you enjoy your outdoor space.

Train pole beans, like the Seychelles, up a decorative trellis, teepee of bamboo stakes or other creative support. You'll be able to harvest these delicious five- to six-inch stringless beans without bending.

Pick and enjoy a healthy treat of Snak Hero edible podded peas right on the deck. If any of these tasty peas make it into the house, you can add them to a relish tray, stir fry or freeze a few to

Plant a few Green Light Cucumbers and enjoy

GARDEN MOMENTS

> **MELINDA MYERS**

the abundant harvest of forty 3- to 4-inch fruits. Put away the peeler, slice and enjoy these smooth seedless cucumbers.

Be sure to include a few tomatoes. Apple Yellow's fruit are shaped like a small apple, colorful and ornamental. You'll have plenty to enjoy as each plant can produce up to 1,000 tomatoes. These lemon-yellow bright tomatoes have a sweet citrusy flavor and firm exterior, making them perfect for stuffing.

Grow some flowers for added color and don't forget the herbs. You'll enjoy the evening fragrance of Perfume Deep purple nicotiana, the bold leaves and bright orange flowers of South Pacific Orange canna and the vibrant red flowers of Holi Scarlet zinnia. Mix in a few of your favor-

ite herbs to add texture and color to the garden and flavor to your

These All America Selections (AAS) winning varieties (all-americaselections. org) are tested nationally for their flavor, beauty, and perfor-

mance in home gardens. This non-profit trialing organization names only new, non-GMO varieties as winners.

Gardening on decks and balconies offer many advantages, but also a few challenges. Winds can be brutal, toppling over or launching tall, leafy plants into flight. Use a heavier pot to help anchor plants or tether the container to a post or railing mounted on the deck or balcony.

Drainage is critical to container gardening success but can be a problem when you inadvertently shower your neighbor below when watering your plants. Consider using a self-watering container and be careful not to overfill the water res-

Another solution is to place containers on a saucer to capture excess water instead of allowing it to seep to the deck or balcony below. Elevate the pot in the saucer with a commercial or homemade device. You'll be able to monitor the water level to avoid overflows and keep the pot above the water to prevent root

With proper plant selection and adjustments in your gardening style, get ready to enjoy a season full of tasty vegetables and gorgeous flow-

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers Web site is www.melindamyers.com.



Grow pole beans, like the Seychelles, up a trellis to get the most out of your available space and make harvesting easier.

Garden Folkore: Old Wive's Tales or Trusted Truisms?

Farmers have long relied on legendary advice to guide them through a successful harvest season. Steeped in tradition and oftentimes superstition, many of these "rules" of farming continue to serve the modern gardener well. From upping the odds of successful planting to ensuring a bountiful harvest, this week's column examines the validity of some common garden folk-

Old Wives Tale: Planting rusty nails in the garden can be beneficial.

TRUE: But not for the reason you might think. While people assume rusty nails will replace lack of iron in soil, the jury is still out on that. As experts continue to debate the subject, a Wayne State University finding reveals rusty nails had the ability to help "clean up" soil contaminates in city gardens. According to a published report from Environmental Pollution, Geologist Jeffrey L. Howard discovered soils in demolition areas of manufacturing that that were contaminated by lead and other heavy metals (from industry waste, paints, gasoline, etc.), benefited from the rusty nails (and cement) left behind. When the nails and cement broke down, the resulting iron oxide from the nails (and calcium carbonate from the cement) bound to the lead, preventing it from leaving the soil.

Old Wives Tale: It is good luck to find a black snake in

the garden. TRUE: Black snakes can serve as valuable predators of an array of garden pests which can result in a successful harvest.

Old Wives Tale: A fire

brings a lucky harvest. FALSE: Old beliefs from Germanic, Slav and Celtic tribes include celebrating the summer solstice with huge bonfires, which were thought to boost the energy of the sun therefore boosting productivity of plants.

Today, the tradition of harvest bonfires continue, but are typically symbolic to show gratitude for a bountiful harvest season.

Old Wives Tale: When a farmer plows up a turtle shell it indicates a bountiful harvest season.

TRUE: With box turtles depending on animal matter for 60% of its diet, the reptiles feast on such garden pests as slugs, grubs, snails, flies and more, thereby aiding in the success of crops.

Old Wives Tale: Planting a lone mum in the vegetable garden helps veggies grow

TRUE: In the sense that the chrysanthemum acts as an irrigation indicator. Because the flower wilts before other plants when water is needed, it'll act as a red flag to tell you to irrigate. Cucumbers can also act as flags because they are the first to droop during a dry spell.

Old Wives Tale: Squash and Melons should never be plant-



THE HINT

TAKE

KAREN TRAINOR

ed near flowering plants. TRUE: Because squash and

melons rely on bees be pollinated, planting them near other floewring plants can result in competition for pollinators.

Old Wives Tale: Four O'Clocks (flowers) Japanese Beetles.

TRUE: While Four O'Clocks bear beautiful blooms, they can be deadly to Japanese Beetles. The foliage is poisonous to the garden pests, therefore planting the flowers around the perimeter of plants that are at risk for the pests acts as a deterrent.

Note: Four O'Clocks are also poisonous to children and pets so be very careful where you plant them.

Old Wives Tale: Adding Epsom salts to the soil is good for a garden.

FALSE: While some gardeners swear an elixir of Epsom salts help their plants flourish, experts report most garden soils are not low in magnesium, so the salts are an unnecessary pollutant.

Old Wives Tale: Pepper plants should always be planted near rocks.

TRUE: Pepper plants thrive on heat, so it can be beneficial to place large rocks next to your green pepper plants to attract the sunlight.

Old Wives Tale: Toss cooking water into the garden for lush plants.

TRUE: Cooks from days of yore never wasted anything and the water that vegetables and pasta was cooked in was no exception. It makes sense that the vitamins and minerals in the water would be beneficial to growing plants.

Garden Farm Superstitions

Farm and garden superstitions of days gone by often carried over into everyday life. Even the day one spies the first spring flower is an omen, as the following rhyme attests: Monday means good for-

Tuesday means greatest

attempts will be successful, Wednesday means mar-

Thursday means warning of small profits,

Friday means wealth, Saturday means misfortune, Sunday means excellent

luck for weeks.' More garden lore:

*Finding one pea in a pod is considered lucky.

*If one discovers two shoots from a single cabbage root,

good luck will be bestowed. *Looking for a little luck? Place sprigs of basil in the

four corners of your house at the beginning of the planting season. * Basil is a lucky herb. It is

said to bring love and wealth

to those who have Basil in the garden.

*Cursing while you plant parsley evidently ensures flourishing plants!

*It was claimed lettuce can reduce labor pains

*Both onions and chili pepper were hung up over doorways to ward off evil.

*A row of tomatoes ripening on the windowsill is said to have the power to ward off

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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





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BYLAW

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interests in town, he said. Among those other interests are public and private water quality; erosion, stormwater and flood control; agriculture; aesthetics and protecting habitat and private property, he said.

"One size fits all does not necessarily fit the public interest," Faneuf observed, so this bylaw includes a "rubric" that tailors it to various property sizes and locations in town. The text and rubric chart are available on the town's Web site.

To Chairman Joey Wigglesworth, one of the goals was to create a law that eliminates as much of the subjectivity as possible. He noted various ConCom members over the years have voted in various ways depending on their reading of existing bylaws and the WPA, but he hoped this would make it more "black and white." Among other things, the 20-page bylaw includes six pages of definitions, including some terms that are not clearly defined in state law.

Faneuf noted 212 of Massachusetts' 351 communities have adopted such local bylaws and he's aware of about 17 now considering them.

In Webster, one of the biggest issues is Webster Lake, "the crown jewel of the town" in his words, so that's the focus of a lot of the bylaw. While there are about 35 vacant lakeshore lots, many others are seeing small summer cottages being torn down for larger year-round houses, Wigglesworth said. Additionally, the lake's watershed is home to various commercial projects – parking lots, solar fields, industrial facilities, etc – that also have an impact, whether directly or otherwise. Combined, those projects are raising concerns about how to more effectively protect the lake from various kinds of pollution.

One aspect that's uncommon among the state's major lakes (termed "Great Ponds" if more than 10 acres in their natural state) is that Webster Lake is largely fed by groundwater from springs and small brooks, while other similar-sized ponds usually have rivers flowing through them. That means the water sits in the lake far longer than in most lakes, so contaminants tend to accumulate, Faneuf said.

The bylaw "tries to manage land use that supports water quality in the lake," he said, noting "When water quality is high, property values actually rise."

Part of protecting that is by promoting natu-

ral vegetation, especially right next to the lake. Wigglesworth said "the first 25 feet is the most critical." The bylaw sets a minimum of five feet of vegetation right next to the shoreline and at least 20 feet between shore and any building, increasing both as lot size rises. But it also allows the commission to consider waivers and variances for unusual situations.

"We should have been more proactive than reactive ... and this is a way for us to be proactive," he said. He added many parts of it are "not too much out of the box," compared to what the board already considers and "is asking people to adhere to already."

Former Webster Lake Association President Richard Cazeault urged the board to approach this with "common sense," saying it should have turned to the WLA for input rather than a consultant. He argued "you need a lot of money to get things done," limiting projects to the town and the wealthy, "but the ones you leave out are the common people."

"It's all about the people who live on the lake," he said. "They are your first line of defense."

A couple people expressed concern that the bylaw is "bureaucratic overreach" and "a taking" of their property rights. One also asked what this bylaw does that existing law does not.

Wigglesworth said the board has "seen an increase in activity that is not necessarily compliant" with existing law and wants to be able to address problems not covered by it (such as pollution upstream of now-protected areas), but also noted the board is willing to work with owners. The goal, he said, is not to "prohibit, but condition development so we don't lose our beautiful resources." People can work on their land, and the bylaw will give the board "guidance so we can assist you," he said.

"We have ways of working around things that suit both parties," he said. He noted the board plans to do some public education on the bylaw, wetlands and related issues, including starting to have "office hours" at Town Hall when it reopens.

A couple of residents wondered how this project was being funded. Agent Mary Overholt said Faneuf's payment came from the settlement money the town got from winning a ConCom court case some time ago. While she's paid by tax money, she said she's worked on it "not more than 20 hours."

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

ELECTION

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said he is confident that town has handled everything properly.

"I've talked with the Town Administrator and the Town Clerk and they are both absolutely certain that they have followed all state laws, all election regulations and all orders, advisories and mandates that the governor has issued during this pandemic," Joseph said. "Candidates have returned their papers with the signatures. It has been done. It can be done."

In the same interview Joseph said that he feels, to some extent, that Chojnacki-Durgin and her husband, who participated on the thread, were seeking attention.

"They try to paint themselves as victims and they're not victims," Joseph said. "I'd like to see us come to an understanding that the town has followed all the rules and everyone was given the same opportunity to pick up and return the signed papers. Other candidates found creative ways to do it and even others in that thread said there were so many ways it could have been done. To don the mantle that you couldn't get it done because you didn't want to put people in jeopardy is very narrowminded. There were ways to get the appropriate signatures.

In the days since the original post, the debate had slowed but remained a prominent post on the forum. Ania Chojnacki-Durgin concluded that her intention was not to attack or offend, but rather to inform the public and those who planned to vote for her that she will not be on the bal-

lot and why.

"I'm not going to be on the ballot and I'm at peace with that. I feel at the end of the day I can rest easy knowing that I made the best decision for myself and my family members, friends and the wellbeing of the people of Dudley," Chojnacki-Durgin. "I didn't mean to ruffle so many feathers. My intention was to explain to the public why you won't see my name on the ballot even though I made my intentions known that I would be running."

Chojnacki-Durgin added that she didn't appreciate how she was treated by a town official on the forum but that she still plans to be involved with the town and push for change where she feels it's appropriate. She is not ruling out running as a write-in candidate, however she wouldn't commit to such a campaign.

Selectman Joseph said that he encourages people like Chojnacki-Durgin, who he said is an "intelligent person," to step up to the plate and be a part of the conversation. When it comes to the current election though he believes the nomination process was handled correctly.

"I don't think anyone has been treated unfairly, or that the process for being on the ballot in the next town election is or was unfair to anyone who wanted to run for office," said Joseph "We all have our opinions, but the facts are always the facts. I hope and trust that they will not lose interest in participating in town government, but I do think there are better ways to discuss these things other than a Facebook thread. That thread is not town government.'

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20P1022EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

William H Burke

Date of Death: 02/01/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Brianna Burke of Woodbridge, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Brianna Burke** of **Woodbridge**, **VA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) 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: April 13, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

May 15, 2020

TOWN OF WEBSTER
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Water/Sewer Commission will

hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at Webster Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA, in order to discuss and set the 2021 water and sewer rates.

Anyone wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated Water/Sewer Commission

May 15, 2020

Webster Legal Posting January 13, 2020 Special Town Meeting Bylaw Articles

Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 from the January 13, 2020 Special Town Meeting received positive votes at the January 13, 2020 Special Town Meeting and an approvals from the Attorney General's Office with comments on article 12.

Article 6 – Rezones a section of Worcester Road.

Article 7 – Is a Marijuana Establishments

Zoning Bylaw. Article 8- Updates Chapter §650-20B by adding new subsections to permit

Marijuana Research Facility. Article 9- Adds a new Article XIII §650-93 Recreational Marijuana retail Sales, purpose, definitions, and special requirements.

Article 10 – Amends the zoning Chapter 650 Attachment 1, Table of use Regulations.

Article 11 – Amends General Bylaw, Regulatory Bylaws Chapter 445 Marijuana Retailers License requirements.

Article 12 – Adds Chapter 573 regarding Temporary Repairs of Private Wavs.

A complete copy of the articles is available in the Town Clerk' Office.
May 15, 2020

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May 22, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 20E0033PP

Worcester, ss. Probate Court

To Sengsouvanny Bounphasaysonh and Joseph Bounphasaysonh both of Southbridge in the County of Worcester and to all persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by US Bank Trust N.A. As Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust State of Okahoma City in the County Of Oklahoma

representing that they hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Southbridge in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: Exhibit A

The land in Southbridge, Worcester County Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon and all privileges and ap-

purtenances thereto belonging situated on the northwesterly side of Fiske Street and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a masonry spike in the ground on the northwesterly sideline of Fiske Street, said spike marking the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Patrick Henry Moriarty:

THENCE S. 50° 17' W. along the northwesterly sideline of Fiske Street, 79.17 feet to an iron pipe in the ground;

THENCE N. 43° 59' W. along land now or formerly of Rene Mendes et ux, 67.27 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE N. 14° 44' E. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 26.35 feet to an iron pipe in the ground;

THENCE N. 49° 36' W. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 27.60 feet to an iron pipe in the ground;

THENCE N. 41° 47' E. along other land of said Mendes, now or formerly, 51.17 feet to an iron pipe in the ground at said Moriarty land;

THENCE N. 48° 00' E. along said land of said Moriarty, 118.4 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Khambao Savankham and Lek Sengmany dated Juky 19, 1990 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on July 24, 1990 in Book 12907. Page 268.

setting forth that they desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$210,00.000 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of June 2020, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of May 2020.

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate May 15, 2019

Modification to Site Assignment

Massachusetts Department
of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air and Waste
Central Regional Office
8 New Bond Street
Worcester, MA 01606
508-792-7650
Town of Webster

Public Notice

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 150A and 150A 1/2 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310 CMR 16.00 "Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities" an application has been filed with the Webster Board of Health for a modification to an existing site assignment of a parcel of land for a solid waste transfer station, located at 56-64 Worcester Road, Webster, MA 01570.

The additional area under consideration for site assignment is 0.39 acres and will be used as a part of a handling facility that will accept regulated medical waste as defined at 105 CMR 480.010 at a maximum of 49 tons/day. The proponent is United Medical Waste Management, Inc., 20 Oakhurst Road, Sutton, MA 01590.

Copies of the Site Assignment Application may be reviewed at the Webster Health Department Office, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 (Monday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.), Webster Public Library, 2 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), or by appointment at the Department of Environmental Protection, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606 (508-792-7650). Copies of the application may be purchased by contacting Loureiro Engineering Associates, 800 Hingham Street, Rockland, MA 02370 (781-878-1272)

The Department of Environmental Protection shall receive comments on the suitability of the proposed site modification for 21 days from the date of the Department's receipt of proof that the public notice requirement has been completed. All comments regarding the suitability of site assignment of this modified site should reference the DEP REPORT # 316-002-A, and be mailed to: James A. McQuade, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air and Waste, Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606

The applicant may modify the application for initial 40 days of the review period where such modifications are deemed not to be major modifications. The Department shall issue a Department Report on Suitability within 60 days of the date of the Department's receipt of proof the public notification requirements have been completed. May 15, 2020

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OBITUARIES

Clemence F. Ciolek, 99

WEBSTER - Clemence F. (Plasse) Ciolek, 99, passed away peacefully on Friday May 1, 2020 at the Lanessa Extended Care of Webster.

Clemence was born in Webster, MA on November 17, 1920 daughter of Exaure and Aldea (Parenteau) Plasse. Clemence was a devout member of the Sacred Heart Church and the Ladies of St. Anne's.

Being predeceased by her husband, the late George A. Ciolek, Clemence leaves behind her son Denis Ciolek of Dudley as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Private graveside service will be held in St. Joseph's Garden of Peace.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Clemence.

Beverly A. Romasco, 75

Romasco, Sr.



DUDLEY- Beverly Romasco, 75, passed away peacefully, May 2, 2020 at St. Mary's Healthcare in Worcester.

She leaves behind son, Joseph V. Fallavollita

his wife Patricia

Majewski of Webster, a daughter, Cathy M. wife of Jack A. Champagne of Dudley, 2 grand-daughters; Ashley Racicot of Webster and Amanda Racicot of Littleton, 2 step grandsons; John A. and Dean Champagne both of Auburn, brother and sisters;

Jacqueline wife of Donald Schmigel of Easton, Maryland, John J. Romasco , Jr. and his wife Paula of Providence, Frances Romasco of Providence and Theresa 'Terry' Tedesco and her husband Richard of Shrewsbury and many nieces and nephews.

Beverly was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey V. Fallavollita in 1988, and her husband, Leonard W. Rectenwald in

She was born in Whitinsville

February 5, 1945, daughter of the late John J. and Eleanor (Frabotta)

Beverly graduated from Northbridge High School and the Long Island School of Nursing in Boston and was an L.P.N. in several nursing homes in Webster and Worcester. For the past several years, Beverly was proud to be a Presentation Associate Minister, following her love for the Sisters who taught her in Elementary school.

There are no calling hours. Graveside Services will be Private in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton, due to the restrictions in place

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Jeffrey V. Fallavollita Scholarship Fund at Oxford High School, 100 Carbuncle Dr., Oxford, MA. 01540.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory of Beverly, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Daniel A. Dudley, 70



NORTH OXFORD-Daniel A. Dudley, 70, died Friday, May 8 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester from complications due to Covid-19.

He was predeceased by his wife Madeleine

C. (Mahaney) Dudley in 2017, who was the love of his life.

He leaves his daughters; Miranda L. Peloquin and her husband Mathieu of Charlton and Rebecca "Becki" Dudley of No.Oxford, his son; Sean Paul and his wife Norma of Burbank, Calif., a sister Dorothy Dudley of Leicester, two brothers David Dudley and his wife Beth of East Booth Bay Maine and Dean Dudley and his wife Rhonda of Oxford, two grandchildren; Raegan and Jameson Peloquin., several cousins, nieces and nephews; and close

Dan was a longtime group leader of heavy equipment operations at Norton Co. in Worcester prior to his retire-

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Stephen and Doris (Walden) Dudley. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war. As a combat veteran he earned four bronze

stars, expert rifle, and other commendations.

Dan loved and cared for his family very much. He loved the outdoors, boating, golfing, four wheeling and

At his request, no funeral services are planned at this time. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Project New Hope, 70 James St. #157 Worcester MA 01603 or Veterans Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA 01605. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Frank H. Stewart Jr., 90

SPENCER- Frank H. Stewart Jr. age 90 passed away Wednesday evening, April 29, 2020. He was the husband of the late Marylyn (Joerger) Stewart who died in 1993. He leaves his son Frank H. Stewart III and his wife Cynthia Callahan-Stewart of Spencer. Frank also leaves numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends. He also had a son that predeceased him, Richard Stewart of Sandusky, Ohio.

He was born in St. Petersburg, Florida son of the late Frank H. Stewart Sr. and Helen McKenna. Frank was a machinist and was employed by Schwab Machine in Ohio. He loved mathematics and collecting antique

There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a

Rev. George W. Eichler

DUDLEY - Rev. George W. Eichler was born July 2, 1928 in Lamar, CO and went to be with his Lord on May 4, 2020 in Worcester, MA. After serving his country in the US Army, George graduated from Baylor



University and then attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary where he met Donna Stevenson. They married in 1960 and began their life of ministry by accepting their first pastorate at Calvary Baptist

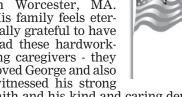
Church in Idaho Falls, ID. In 1966 George and Donna were the founding pastors of Upper Valley Baptist Chapel in St. Anthony, ID. Continuing his education, George receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. In 1989, George and Donna moved to Renville, MN where he pastored the Renville Alliance Church in Renville,

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. He is survived by his children: Rev. David (Cindy) Eichler of New Palestine, IN, Elizabeth (Don) Weinhardt of Dudley, MA, and Steve Eichler of Omaha, NE; five grandchildren: Tyler and Daniel Weinhardt, Sheena (Rev. Zack) Searcy, Rev. Shawna (Rev. Phil) Banning, Alexander Eichler; and five great-grandchildren: Ethan, Grace and Taylor Searcy, Zane,

Jude, Brinlee and Norah Banning; and a brother, Ken (Gloria) Eichler of Huntington Beach, CA, and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

For the past three years he had been under the wonderful, loving care of

the staff at Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Worcester, MA. His family feels eternally grateful to have had these hardworking caregivers - they loved George and also witnessed his strong



faith and his kind and caring demeanor, even though his mind and body were failing.

George's legacy of faith continues to live in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Only heaven will reveal the lives he touched in his 91 years, as a pastor, Sunday School teacher, Christian School administrator, and friend.

Burial will be at the Bakersfield National Cemetery at a later date. Because of his life-long commitment to missions and spreading the gospel of Jesus around the world, memorial donations may be sent to: Realife Church / Kingdom Builders Fund, 971 W US Hwy 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Ann Martin, 55



DANIELSON, CT-Ann Martin, 55, of Danielson and former resident of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Webster, MA. died on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 related to complications of lung cancer.

Ann was born in Webster on October 8, 1964, the only daughter of the late Raymond W. and Claire (Plasse) Martin. She attended Thompson PublicSchools and Bartlett High School as well.

She leaves behind her brother and sister-in-law Raymond L. and Tracey Martin of Webster, their daughter Brianna of Pittsburg, PA. and surrogate great-nephew, Dylan Paddleford, USMC. She also leaves behind brothers; Rene Bachand of Michigan, Denis Bachand of N.H., and Alan Bachand of VT., nieces and nephews and her former caregiver, Patricia (Manning) Faford of Danielson,CT.

Ann was predeceased by her beloved son, Eric Martin (1984-1995).

Before her illness, she worked in various labor jobs. She enjoyed outdoor hobbies such as fishing, working in the yard, "Retreats" to Maine and Florida and quiet times with special friends who became family.

Per Ann's request, there will be no services.

"Remember me with smiles and laughter for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all"- Laura Ingles Wilder

Please omit flowers and think of making contribution to a favorite charity in Memory of Ann.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line condolence or to Share a Memory of Ann, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Cheryl A. Malesky, 72



OXFORD - Cheryl A. Malesky, 72, of Spruce Street, died Saturday, May 2, 2020, in her home after a 12-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She is survived by her husband of 51 years,

Paul J. Malesky of Oxford; her daughter, Ami L. Malesky of Oxford; two brothers, Daniel B. Lemieux of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Joseph P. Lemieux Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Brooklyn, CT; many nephews, nieces, and cousins; and her beloved dog, Sadie. She was born in Webster, daughter of the late Joseph P. and Doria (Labonte) Lemieux, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1974. She graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1965, attended Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and attended Worcester State College to become a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Mrs. Malesky worked as a registered nurse at Oakwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Webster for 33 years. Later she worked at Accord Adult Day Health Center in Webster for five years before retiring in 2012. She was an active member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford for many years. At the church, she was a CCD teacher, chairwoman of the Harvest Fair, and served on the Religious Education Board, Liturgy Committee, and Pastoral Council for many years. She also operated the St. Roch Sunday Morning Coffee Shop for decades after Sunday Masses.

When her daughter was young, Mrs. Malesky coached Lassie League and was a Girl Scout leader for Ami and her friends. She enjoyed shopping, crossword puzzles, and will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private funeral Mass will be held at St Roch's Church followed by burial at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. The funeral Mass will be live streamed from the church at 10 a.m. on Friday on the funeral home website directly below her obituary. The funeral Mass will remain as a recording to watch at a later time as well.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Diane M. Craig, 73



WEBSTER- Diane M. (Decelles) Craig, passed May 4, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in worcester.

She leaves behind 3 children; Eric T. Craig of Killingly, CT., Lisa A. wife of

Jonathan Simonis of Webster and Colleen M. Baldwin of Braintree, and 4 grandchildren, an aunt and several cousins. Diane was born in Webster, October

20, 1946 daughter of the late Noe P. and Irene N. (Kruzewski) Decelles.

She worked as a Registered Nurse for many years after graduating from Brockton Nursing School.

Diane enjoyed reading and animals. There are no calling hours.

Due to the health restrictions in place, Private burial will be at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial con-

tributions may be made to: Webster Animal Control, 350 Main St., Webster, The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL

HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. is assisting the family with arrange-

To leave an on-line condolence, or to Share a Memory of Diane, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Frank J. Sabaj, 87

WEBSTER - Frank J. Sabaj, 87, died Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Shirley A. (LaFountain) Sabaj; 6 daughters, Cathy M. Klebes and her husband Walter, Ann Pelletier and her husband Greg, Ellen R. Jeffers and her husband Michael, and Marilyn Caramiello and her husband Michael, all of Dudley, Teresa Olson of Ware, and Sharon Beatty and her husband Leonard of Douglas; a son, Frank J. Sabaj, Jr. and his wife Hayat Benyahia of Grafton; 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Szymczak and her husband Edward of Webster; and many nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 5 sisters, and by his son-in-law Timothy

His funeral will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in his name may be made to VNA Care, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, MA 01608. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

Dolores Simmons-Outerbridge, 81

WORCESTER - Dolores Simmons-Outerbridge, 81, passed away on Saturday April 28, 2020 at St. Mary's Health Care.

Preceded in death by beloved husband Rogers Outerbridge, parents Lenora James and Robert Redd, and sister Juanita Allen; She leaves behind her sister Margaret (Anne) Shaneheit (brother-in-law Robert), brother Curtis Langford; Children: Tamara Harrison and Scott Simmons; grandchildren Preston Harrison, Aaron Harrison, Britnie Simmons and Brandon Simmons; Aunt Mary Harris (NY) and many beloved great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Dolores enjoyed the many close friendships she made in life where she called them family (The Lai family, the Mills Family especially her caregiver and confidant Alicia/Lisa); She enjoyed gardening, cooking and being creative through decorating. Dolores showed compassion to strangers and showed her love for animals and her family; She shared her knowledge of her life and career. Dolores had a great sense of humor and always kept God close; She has weathered many storms and through that she taught strength, compassion, love, and kindness.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Dolores.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news

UBITUARIES

Jenny C. Duquette, 87



N O R T HGROSVENORDALE-Jenny C. (Perrotta) Duquette, 87, of Main St., died Saturday morning, May 9, 2020, at Davis Place. Beloved wife of the late Jean Duquette. Born in Barrington,

RI, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Lucia (Aquilla) Perrotta. Jenny attended St. Joseph School in N. Grosvenordale until the 11th grade. She received her GED in 1978 and graduated from Leo's Beauty Institute.

Mrs. Duquette worked for Belding Heminway, Nancy's House of Beauty, Sanitary Dash, Arrow/AO for 25 years, and Control Concept as an inspector until the age of 81.

Mrs. Duquette was a women's top bowler champion in 1980 winning a prize of \$1000. Jenny was also an avid traveler and self-taught piano and keyboard player, and seamstress.

Jenny is survived by her children, Ronald Durand and his wife Donna of N. Grosvenordale, Raymond Durand and his wife Susan of Thompson, David Durand and his wife Lisa of N. Grosvenordale, and Paula Ramos and her husband David of Putnam; her sisters Violet Perrotta Duff of Webster, MA and Florence Perrotta Martel of Charlton, MA; her grandchildren, Megan Berube, Sophia Ramos, Amanda Durand, Laura Durand, Raymond Durand, Jr., Anthony Durand, and Dominick Ramos; and many great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter Pauline Durand and her siblings, John "Giovanni" Perrotta, Louis "Luigi" Perrotta, Lillian "Ursola" Perrotta, Lena Perrotta, Helen "Ellen" Perrotta. Anthony Perrotta, Rose Perrotta, Evelyn Perrotta, and Louise Perrotta.

Due to the currant Corona-19 pandemic funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Memorial donations in Jenny's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Kathleen A. Gosselin, 59



NORTHBRIDGE Kathleen (Holohan) Gosselin, 59, of Northbridge passed away on Wed. May 6, 2020 at her home with her family by her side. She was the wife of Eugene M. Gosselin.

Mrs. Gosselin had been a bartender at the Gray Barn in Whitinsville. She had previously worked at the former Lake Ripple Restaurant in Grafton.

Kathleen was born Feb. 3, 1961 in Worcester, the daughter of Ronald and Janis (Brunelle) Morin of Northbridge was longtime resident of

She enjoyed arts and crafts, country music shows and especially time spent with her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband Gene of 21 years, she is

survived by her children, Casey M. Nieminen and Eugene M. Gosselin both of Grafton, Michael Gosselin of NC, Carrie Peckham of Oxford; her sister, Colleen Holohan of Northbridge; 4 grandchildren, Connor and Ella Nieminen and Lilly and Makyla Pechham and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a brother Randall F. "Randy" Morin.

Family and friends will be invited to a graveside service at a later date in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Northbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice and Pallative Care, 100 Trade Center, 6500, Woburn, MA 01801 or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Care Center, Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, 14 Prospect St. Milford,

Arrangements by Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Marjorie E. (Clapp) Bell, 76

BROOKLYN, CT-Marjorie E. (Clapp) Bell age 76 passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at her home with her loving family at her side. She leaves her husband of fifty one years, Bruce D. Bell. She also leaves sons, Kevin D. Bell and his wife Tonya of North Hampton, MA and Eric E. Bell of Brighton, MA. She also leaves Lola her beloved cat. Marjorie leaves a sister Eleanor and a sister who predeceased her, Sharon Clapp of North Hampton, MA.

She was born in Melrose, MA daughter of the late Allan Clapp and Jessie (Machaick) Clapp living in Brooklyn for the past thirteen years prior to that living in Littleton, MA. Marjorie was a homemaker and worked in health care as a CNA. Some of her joys were crocheting, bread making and cook-She always had a spare loaf of her homemade bread for friends and

There are no calling hours. Services will be announced at a later date and will be held at the Line Baptist Church, 179 Killingly Rd., Foster, Rhode Island 02825. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern CT., 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-

Paul F. Thibodeau, 58



CHARLTON –Paul F. Thibodeau, 58, of J. Davis Road died peacefully in his home on Sunday, May 3, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Ellen R. (Wall) Thibodeau of Charlton; his two

brothers, Edgar "Jay" Thibodeau of Belmar, NJ, and Michael G. Thibodeau and his wife Barbara of Pittsgrove, NJ; and his sister, Louise A. Salatino and her husband Michael of Wilton, CT. Paul is also survived by his sister-inlaw Ginny Innella and her husband Al of Levittown, NY, brother-in-law Larry Wall and his wife Julie of Houston, TX, loving aunts, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. His beloved dog Jake and cat Killer III were his daily companions. He was predeceased by his parents, Edgar "Ed" J. Thibodeau and Mary Louise (Graf) Thibodeau; his nephew Michael G. Thibodeau, Jr.; his paternal grandmother, Olive "Big Nana" Dumontier; and beloved aunt, uncles, and grandparents.

Paul was born on September 21, 1961 in Perth Amboy, NJ, and graduated from Marlboro High School in 1980. He was an accomplished member of the varsity wrestling team from 9th through 12th grades. Paul enlisted in the United States Air Force and was proud and honored to have served from 1984 to 1989. His many achievements included receipt of the Air Force Achievement Medal for meritorious service during his tour at the Royal Air Force Chicksands in England in 1986 and his promotion to sergeant in 1987. He returned to NJ in July 1989 before moving to Massachusetts in 1990. From 1989 to 2004, Paul worked as an environmental technician and manager for Handex of New England, previously for Handex of New Jersey. Since 2004, Paul worked periodically as a technician-consultant. For a handful of years, he made and sold gourmet chocolates. The family would eagerly await his dessert tray at holiday gath-

erings.

Most years of his life, Paul spent time at a family camp on Lake Umbagog in Maine where he enjoyed fishing, boating through coves, walks in the woods, wildlife. watching and quality time with



Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton and burial will be on a later date at St. Anne's Cemetery in Berlin, NH. A drive-by calling hour will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, from 10:15-11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton, under the portico entrance, with those wishing to attend staying in their vehicles. The funeral Mass on Friday at 11 a.m. will be livestreamed with his obituary on the funeral home website. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr,



OXFORD - On Saturday, May 2, 2020 Heaven gained a special angel as Joseph Andrew McDonald Sr, born March 9, 1932, passed away peaceful in his sleep at Webster Manor where he was loving-

ly nicknamed The Mayor of the Manor due to his infectious charm and outgoing personality. No matter his situation it was always his mission to bring a smile to your face.

Andy was blessed to have the love of a large family, leaving behind his wife of 64 years, Doris Beatrice (Beaudette) McDonald, one living brother Cleo McDonald, 5 children including his daughter Susan McDonald Vincent, daughter Andrea Cutting with her husband Michael Cutting, son Mark McDonald with his wife Michelle McDonald, daughter Sandy Hansen with her husband Tom Hansen and his son Joseph Andrew McDonald Jr with his wife Leah McDonald. He also left 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. As a devout Catholic he was looking forward to being reunited with his parents and 7 siblings that passed before him. He was a devoted

member of St Roch's church where he lead rosary classes, bible study and prayed over anyone in need. In his earlier years he was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and served in the Philippines. Upon



leaving the military he worked at Webster Spring/General Spring where he retired from while also serving as a reserve Oxford police officer for many years. But of all the titles he held over his years, Dad was the one liked best. To know him was to love him. He had a hug, a joke or a prayer for everyone he met and along with his wife they raised a very strong, tight knit family that stretched far beyond DNA. However, God waited long enough for his loyal patron and needed him by his side, so until we meet again he will be deeply

Unfortunately, Due to issues with covid 19 church services will be scheduled at a later date.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Joseph.

Linda Lundgren, 68



CHARLTON,/ DUNNELLON, FL- Linda (Morin) Lundgren, 68, passed away peacefully on Friday May 8, 2020 while at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

Linda is survived by her daughter Jennifer Toledo of Charlton; her brother Daniel Morin of Millbury; her grandson Michael Toledo of Charlton; her great-grandson Arthur Toledo of Charlton; her best friend Charles Andrews of Shrewsbury; her longtime caretaker Nancy Heatherington of Florida; she also leaves many relatives and dear

Linda was born in Worcester, MA on October 25, 1951, daughter of Arthur R. and Joanne H. (St.Laurent) Morin; she graduated from St. Peter's Catholic High School and received her associate's degree from WPI. Linda was a

manager in the automotive industry for many years; she was also a master seamstress who always astonished us with her amazing creations. Linda was a loving mother and grandmother who greatly enjoyed spending time with her beautiful family; she was also a fond lover of animals. Linda will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden Street Worcester, MA 01606 in honor of Linda.

A private gathering will be held at a later date to celebrate Linda's Life.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Linda.

Richard A. Ross, 80



FITCHBURG Richard A. Ross, 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday April 30, 2020 at the Highlands Fitchburg.

Richard is survived by his wife Diane (Belanger) Ross;

three sons: Mark, Alan, and Scott Ross; three daughters: Laura DiTomasso, Tonia Zwicker, and Sue Richard; two brothers: Ronald Ross of New York and Gary Ross of Utah; five grandsons and six granddaughters; he also leaves several nieces and nephews. Richard was predeceased by his former wife of 29 years Jeanne Cote.

Richard was born in the village of Chatham, New York on September 12, 1939, son of the late Robert A. and Pauline (Welch) Ross. Richard served honorably as a sergeant first class in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a bus

driver for many years prior to his retirement. Richard enjoyed his Boston Sports Teams, oldies music, and playing cards; he especially enjoyed his Saturday night cribbage games with his family and



friends. Richard was the Bingo Caller for St. Joseph's Parish for many years; he left us with treasured memories and laughter. We will miss him.

A private graveside service will be held in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Fitchburg, MA.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School

Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may

offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Richard.

Santina Stafford, 100



Santina (Forchielli) Stafford, 100, formerly of Oxford, died Tuesday, May 5, 2020, after an illness. San is survived by her daughter, Susan Stafford and her son in-law, James Demetry, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Donald Stafford, and her daughter, Bette Stafford.

San was employed at the former Cherry and Web Store in Auburn. While living in Oxford, she was active in the Women's Club, Oxford Garden Club and was an avid gardener. She raised her favorite peonies, and each spring shared bouquets of them with friends. She was a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration through which she learned a variety of decorative painting skills. San enjoyed travel with her family, especially to Europe and the western U.S. She enjoyed music concerts of all kinds and was happiest when she was singing one of her favorite old songs.

San's family would like to thank everyone on the Keepsake Unit at Eisenburg Assisted Living for their excellent care, friendship, and love during San's later years, and to Mary Stevens of Jewish Healthcare who held San's hand as she passed.

Celebration of San's life and burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Eisenburg Employee Fund, 631 Salisbury St., Worcester 01609, or to First Unitarian Church, 90 Main St., Worcester 01609. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Ruth J. Cooper, 92

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NORTH HAMPTON/ WORCESTER-Ruth J. (Itschner) Cooper age 92 passed away on May 10, 2020. She is the wife of John C. Cooper of Hadley. She also leaves a daughter Rachael Graham of North Hampton and two grandchildren. Ruth was predeceased by a daughter Judith Ann Cooper of Ipswich.

She was born in Providence, RI daughter of the late Fred Itschner and Bertha (Henries) Itschner and lived in

Worcester for twenty five years, most recent in Hadley and North Hampton. She also spent some time in San Francisco. Ruth was a adjunct professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. There are no calling hours. Services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE**

A few days this past week sure felt as though winter was returning. Hopefully, this coming week's weather will be a lot better. Even with the cold wet and snowy & windy weather, many ground nesting birds successfully hatched their young. A couple pairs of Canadian geese managed to have their young at a local Rod & Gun club. One pair had five goslings and the other pair had four. Every day that goes by gives the young birds a better chance for survival. Snakes and turtles are there largest threat in the water, and fox, coyote, Fisher cat, hawks, and owls, and bobcats are predators that often take their toll on newly hatched goslings.

A picture of a great horned owl was observed by Don Danforth recently in his back yard, and this week's photo of the bird was captured by him a few weeks ago. This writer has a pair of Red Tail hawks flying over my property daily, and are fun to watch as they do different maneuvers in the sky directly overhead. One bird would fly extremely high and then cup his wings dropping real fast to its mate below. They sure are taking care of the squirrel population in my area. No problems at my bird feeders this year!

It will not be long before extremely large snapping turtles start to leave their watery environment to lay their eggs along many river banks, and local residents back yards. They can cause serious harm to anyone that comes to close, especially young children.

Watching for waterfowl season



Someone losing a finger or two happens every year by these turtles, especially this year with a lot of people enjoying walks along trails and river

A lot of people need to be reminded to leave all wildlife alone, if they encounter them on their daily walks. Young deer are often encountered by trail walkers at this time of year. They may seem alone, but the mother of the young deer is often not far off.

Some real impressive tautog were caught by local anglers like the one in last week's column of William Toner in Long Island Sound with his 10 pound tog. Sorry I forgot to identify the angler last week. I must be getting old. Nice fish!

Wild turkey hunting is coming to an end on May 23, this year in Massachusetts. It was not the best of weather for turkey hunter's but many large toms were harvested. Numerous turkey hunters had already harvested there two bird's by last week, and reported encountering a lot of young birds. It was a crazy season this year, with birds scattered all over the place, but if you could walk, finding a big tom to harvest was not hard.

The Massachusetts Waterfowl 2020-2021 regulations are out and can be found on the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Web site. Many waterfowl hunters were surprised by the new regulation allowing veterans a special two-day hunt on waterfowl. The new special veterans' waterfowl hunting days are Oct. 3 & Jan. 30, which are prior to the regular opening days for the season dates. I thought it was great. The early Canada goose season in Massachusetts starts on Sept. 8 this year.

This week's picture of Yair Tufeld with his six pound, 10 ounce brown trout from Ashland Reservoir was a real nice fish. Anglers continue to catch some real nice rainbow trout from numerous bodiess of water in the valley.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!





Sharing some "sunshine" with home bound seniors

REGION — Tri-Valley, Inc., in partnership with Marsh & McLennan Insurance Agency and Stonehenge Gardens in Charlton, distributed 800 healthy plants to seniors receiving Meals on Wheels deliveries on Friday, May 8. Meant to lift spirits, and just in time for Mother's Day, the project was conducted as part of Tri-Valley's SOS (Supporting our Society) volunteer initiative. The goal of this program is to assist people living in our communities to continue to live safely and comfortably.

Volunteers and employees tive masks. delivered the plants which included tomato, lettuce, eggplant, pepper, basil and parsley along with meals to seniors in the Agency's 25-town service area. An uplifting poem and plant instructions were included in the delivery.

'At this time of year, and especially this year, it is important to share some happiness with the seniors in our community. The plants represent life, nourishment and hope and will bring a little bit of sunshine to those who need it the most," said Lisa Prince, Executive Director of Tri-Valley.

Tri-Valley is grateful to the Marsh & McLennan Insurance Agency for funding the project; to Stonehenge Gardens for their beautiful plant selection and cooperation; to Christie Higginbottom, local Garden Consultant and Research Historian who provided the plant care instructions which were included as an insert; and to our incredible employees and volunteers who continue to deliver meals with smiling faces underneath their protec-

As an 'essential' service, Tri-Valley continues to provide services to seniors and younger disabled individuals. We are delivering Meals on Wheels, providing Care Management, In-home Services, Protective Services, and our Information & Resource team is fielding calls during this pandemic. If you need assistance, please give us a call at 508-949-6640; if you would like to make a donation, please mail to Tri-Valley, Inc., 10 Mill St., Dudley, MA 01571 or donate online atwww. trivalleyinc.org.



Tri-Valley, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency providing in-home and community-based services in 25 towns located in south central Massachusetts. The Agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder

government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging.

Governor's order requires face coverings

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION - Masks have been the source of much discord in recent months, with constant arguments flaring up over when they should be worn

and their overall effectiveness. But no matter where you stand on the issue of face coverings, you'll have to wear one in public to be in compliance with Gov. Charlie Baker's latest order.

Last week, the Baker-Polito

Memorial Day parade canceled

DUDLEY — Please be advised that due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions put in place by the Governor Massachusetts, Charlie Baker, as well as upon the recommendation of President Donald Trump, we will not be able to honor our fallen soldiers this year with a Memorial Day Parade so that everyone can stay socially distanced during this time.

We would like to ask everyone to spend Memorial Day in grateful reflection for the many brave warriors who have lost their lives in their endeavor to keep our Country free and our citizens safe. Memorial Day is still a special time to show respect and honor

to these heroes who have passed, however, there will be no public events or gatherings for this Memorial Day, Monday,

As far as the veterans are concerned, we will honor our fallen comrades by placing wreaths, flowers and flags at all Heroes Squares and Monuments within the Towns of Dudley and Webster. The various veteran organizations are planning to bestow flags at all veterans' burial plots when the Commonwealth is open for business once again. At that time, it is our hope that every veteran will receive an American Flag placed at their military burial marker just as is done every year.

Once Commonwealth Massachusetts declares the crisis to be past and the State reopens, the Veterans Council of Webster/Dudley along with the other military organizations who represent the towns of Webster and Dudley, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 654, the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 53, the Polish American Veterans Club and the American Legion Post 184, will arrange special military burial honors for all those veterans who were interred during this shutdown period.

Please keep all veterans in mind during this day of remembrance. Stav safe.

Administration issued an order requiring the use of masks or face coverings in public places where residents cannot properly socially distance from others. The order took effect on May 6, and will remain in place until further notice.

The order supersedes all previously issued guidance relative to mask use. Violators can be subject to a fine.

"The Baker-Polito Administration has ordered all residents over the age of two to use a face covering or mask in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are not possible," read a statement released by the Governor's office.

The order applies to all workers and customers of essential businesses and other organizations that are currently open to the public, including grocery stores, pharmacies, and retail stores. Residents are also required to wear a mask or face covering at all times when using any means of public mass transit.

As of press time, Massachusetts ranked third in the nation for most total COVID-19 deaths. The only states with more recorded coronavirus deaths were New York and New Jersey. With the increased use of face coverings, the Governor and his team are hoping to slow the spread.

"A face covering may include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including a mask, scarf, or bandana. Healthcare masks should not be used and should be preserved for healthcare workers and first responders," read the Governor's statement. "Cloth

masks should not be worn by young children under the age of two, persons with difficulty breathing, or those who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance."

Instructions on how to make a cloth mask are available on the Centers for Disease Control website, www.cdc. gov. Meanwhile, local communities have posted information about the Governor's order on their websites.

"It is critical to emphasize that masks do not replace social distancing, staying at home except for essential travel, and frequent hand washing. All remain vitally important to slow the spread of the virus," read a statement from Spencer officials posted to the town Web site.

Governor Baker also announced expanded community health center COVID-19 testing capacity at centers throughout the Commonwealth. In continued partnership with Quest Diagnostics and the Mass. League of Community Health Centers, the state now has 18 community health centers. The new facilities that will begin expanded testing include:

Lynn Community Health Center Holyoke Health Center

North Shore Community Health Center

South Boston Community Health

Community Health Center of Franklin County

Pan-Mass Challenge goes virtual

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION – For the first time in four decades, Pan-Mass Challenge riders won't be hitting the streets this summer. But even though the annual bike-a-thon has been canceled in favor of a virtual celebration, its vital fundraising mission will roll on.

officials announced last week that the August ride has been canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Kicking off each year in Sturbridge, the event has been held in all kinds of weather over the past 40 years. Riders are always willing to brave the elements for their cause, but PMC officials are committed to protecting all participants and their families.

Determined to still have a celebratory event this year while continuing fundraising for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PMC leaders came up with an idea for a virtual celebration. Titled PMC 2020 Reimagined, the multi-day event will include several online activities for riders who have worked hard to raise funds.

"Coming together the first weekend of every August is a beloved tradition for thousands of PMC participants. While we're unable to move forward with our ride safely in the same way we have over the past 40 years, we cannot and will not let our community or Dana-Farber down," said Billy Starr, the PMC's founder and executive director. "Our mission to support Dana-Farber in the fight against cancer is more important than ever. And in reimagining what our event can be, we hope to inspire even more participation from those joining us at home.'

The PMC raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the country. As Dana-Farber's largest single contributor - accounting for 57 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue - the PMC and its riders remain committed to raising critical funds for lifesaving can-cer research, treatment, and patient care.

For longtime PMC riders, the process of securing donations was more challenging in 2020 than any previous year, with unemployment figures skyrocketing due to the coronavirus. With their reimagined celebration, PMC leaders want to recognize all participants for their tireless work in securing donations.

2020 The PMC Reimagined will include many of the activities that riders, volunteers, donors, and spectators partake in during a traditional PMC weekend complete with virtual adaptations that make it easy for remote partici-

Just a few of the activities slated for this year's program include:

PMC 2020 Reimagined opening ceremonies, broadcasting live on

WBZ-TV (Friday, July 31) An official "starting line" to symbolize the commencement of the 2020 PMC (Aug. 1)

The PMC Pedal Partner tent, in partnership with Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic Entertainment

celebration at Massachusetts Maritime Academy's quad A global Living Proof

toast to honor those who are currently undergoing, or have undergone, cancer treatment

Dana-Farber officials commend PMC leaders for their commitment to fundraising, even when the ride is canceled and donations are difficult to come by.

"We are incredibly grateful for the PMC's unwavering dedication to Dana-Farber. Their creative thinking in rallying their community around an event that provides essential funding for our institution and patients is a shining example of agility and commitment," said Laurie Glimcher, the president of Dana-Farber. Cancer doesn't stop. even during these difficult days. PMC dollars are critical to support the world-class cancer care and additional resources we provide our patients and their families."

The PMC's annual ride,

which offers participants 12 routes spanning 25 to 192 miles, has become a tradition for several local families. Not only do they enjoy their training routine, but also the process of collecting donations from friends and family. Even though many donors have lost their jobs, they still made it a priority to give back to Dana-Farber.

"The Reimagined PMC will bring together thousands of riders, volunteers, donors, and supporters from their hometowns around the globe to celebrate the spirit of PMC weekend while making an unparalleled impact on the fight against cancer," read a statement released by PMC leaders.

PMC 2020 The Reimagined program will also include pre-taped content to augment its real-time offerings.

For local PMC riders, the news of the cancellation was disappointing but expected. Members of Team De-Feet Cancer, which was established several years ago in West Brookfield by the late Steve Morris, continue to raise money in his honor.

"We are saddened, but resilient. We will miss seeing our PMC friends and family in August, but we know that now, more than ever, cancer patients need our help. Dana-Farber needs our help," said Team De-Feet Cancer member Jessica Piwowarski. "We continue to raise money, and we continue to train and ride solo. We do have hopes of small team rides over the summer if restrictions ease. We look forward to the ways PMC will help us stay connected."

In 2019, the PMC donated \$63 million to Dana-Farber, the largest financial gift ever received by the institute. For more information about the event, visit www.pmc.

and treatment. The institute's mission is to promote scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy.

Bay State Savings Bank appoints Seth A. Pitts Senior VP & Chief Financial Officer



Seth Pitts

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Seth A. Pitts has been appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at the Bank's 28 Franklin St. location in Worcester. In this role, Mr. Pitts will manage Bay State Savings Bank's financial reports, planning, and records.

Mr. Pitts joins Bay State Savings Bank with over ten years of experience in banking, finance, and federal regulation. Previously, he served as Financial Institution Risk Examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Division of Risk Management Supervision and Area Lending Specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development.

'Seth brings strong expertise in bank regulatory requirements, liquidity and balance sheet management to Bay State," said Bay State Savings Bank President and CEO Peter Alden. "His work ethic

along with a sense of urgency fits with our philosophy and corporate values. Mr. Pitts holds a Master's degree in Finance from the University of Massachusetts Boston. He is also a Certified Fraud Examiner by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Additionally, he serves as a member (former Chair) of the Trust Funds Commission for the City of Worcester.

Mr. Pitts currently resides in Worcester.

Bay State Savings Bank of Worcester has been a mutually owned community savings bank since it was founded in 1895. In addition to its main office, Bay State Savings Bank has branches in Auburn, Holden, and Worcester. For additional information, visit www.baystatesavingsbank.com.

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

WORCESTER Quinsigamond Community College Phi Theta Kappa students Krystle Bedrick and Temsalet 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 Colleges Community (MACC), through a virtual "PTK Community College Excellence

"These students are wonderful ambassadors Dana-Farber of QCC. Regardless of the Cancer Institute is one of obstacles in their path, the world's leading centhev have pushed forward ters for cancer research and persevered. I am sure they will achieve great things in their futures," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

Week.'

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 pandem-

"Every year, we look forward to this opportunity to highlight the community colleges' commitment to access, opportunity, and excel-

lence. 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 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 orjmartin@qcc. mass.edu

Quinsigamond Community College to hold virtual commencement

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will hold its first ever-virtual commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 on Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. The ceremony, which was to originally have taken place at the DCU Center in Worcester, will now be streamed live online. Graduates and their families will be able to experience the ceremony in the comfort and safety of their homes.

'While the effects of the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 pandemic have made it necessary for us to change the way will be celebrating Commencement this year, this will in no way diminish the amazing accomplishments of the Class of 2020," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "Our graduates have worked through incredible challenges, particularly these last few months as they have adjusted to remote modes of learning. Yet through it all we have seen the best that QCC has to offer and I am deeply moved and inspired by our students, who have risen to these unprecedented challenges.

The choice to move to a virtual ceremony was one the Administration did not take lightly, according to President Pedraja. However, due to Governor Baker's orders that limit gatherings to 10 people or less and the DCU Center being used as a field hospital for patient overflow, the College Administration felt this was in the best interest of its students, faculty and staff.

"When the current pandemic subsides, we also plan to have a physical ceremony at a later date, as yet to be determined. I, along with the QCC Board of Trustees, look forward at that time to having the opportunity to congratulate each graduate in-person and welcome them into the QCC alumni family," President Pedraja said. "Our QCC family has made an indelible impression on our local communities and many of the first-responders, nurses, respiratory therapists, police officers, firefighters are QCC graduates or soon to be graduates, who each and every day set out to make our world a better place.'

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

Dudley resident receives national recognition at Worcester State

WORCESTER — Catherine Wielock of Dudley, a Health major at Worcester State

University, received a natural award this April.

Wielock was nominated for national recognition in health education by her educators at Worcester State. She will graduate this May with High Honors, and hopes to seek a career in health education.





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ed to be made well, He did perform a miracle and healed him. Yet, our Lord also said to the man, "See you have been made well. Sin no more, lest something worse come upon you."

After 38 years, the man was healed. He could begin a new life. He didn't need to be carried around wherever he wanted to go. He didn't need to beg to survive. He wouldn't be as reliant on friends and others. Yet Jesus warns him, "You have a new life, but what are you going to do with this new life, with this gift of life that I have given you? Be careful not to live your new life in a way that will lead to eternal paralysis, that will lead to death itself."

We see that there is something worse that being physically paralyzed, and there may be something worse than all the brokenness or debilitating habits that we have in our lives. It's good to want to be healed, but are we open to complete healing, to life-changing and transformative healing?

Jesus promised his followers, "I came to give you life and to give it to you abundantly," but the abundant life in Christ is not a self-centered life where we solely think about our own pleasures and comfort. The Apostle Paul's description of becoming a new creation implies that our old ways pass away, and we live a new life in Christ. St. Paul goes on to say that our new life in Christ is a life where we are reconciled with Him, we are at peace with God, and that we have become ambassadors of Christ, reconciling the world and uniting the world back to God.

To serve as an ambassador of a country, one has to take care to represent that country's interests and all it stands for. In similar manner, if we are ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we represent Him in the way we live, in the way we act, in the words we share, in the goals and directions of our lives. St. Paul even goes on to say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Our life is not our own, but it is Christ's!

As followers of Jesus Christ who seek His healing in our own lives, we need to understand that with His amazing grace that heals and renews. we become a new creation, we open up our lives to experience the abundant life He promises, we become His ambassador in the world around us, and in this joyous and meaningful life, we realize that our life is not our own. We can no longer live our lives in whatever egocentric way or careless and carefree way we want. He has called us to Him and this divine calling leads us into a new life of sacrificial love, of unbounded mercy and grace. We become His instrument, His presence in the world

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So, we come back to the story and the man paralyzed for 38 years. Now we can better understand why Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be made well?" It's not simply about some physical healing or miracle of the body. It's much more about the radical change and transformation of the entire person. "Do you want to be made well?... See you have been made well. Sin no more." May we all become a new creation and live our new and abundant lives in Jesus Christ, according to His ways, His grace, His mercy, and His sacrificial love.

U.S. Attorney investigating reports of abuse by landlords

REGION – U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling's office continues to investigate reports of housing-related sexual harassment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

'As the country adopts drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, many Americans have lost their jobs, and many more have seen their wages curtailed," read a statement released by Lelling's office. "These losses have forced some to seek abatements or suspensions of their rent. According to a recent memo from the Attorney General, there have been reports of landlords who have responded to requests to defer rent payments with demands for sexual favors and other acts of unwelcome sexual conduct.'

Lelling has pledged to vigorously prosecute those who seek to use the COVID-19 crisis to break laws.

"Sexual harassment in housing is illegal and despicable," Lelling said. "No person should have to tolerate this behavior in order to keep a roof over his or her head.'

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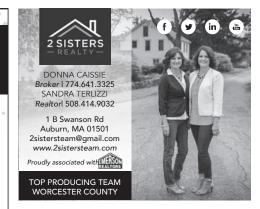


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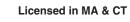
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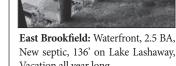
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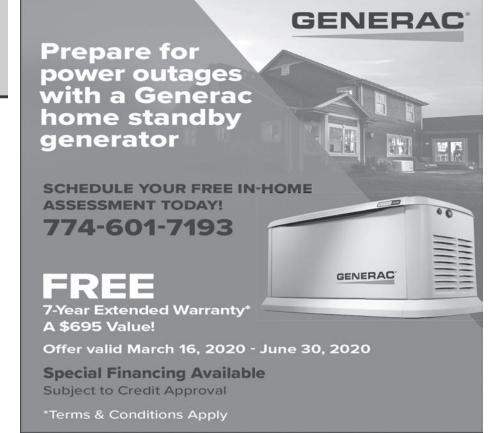
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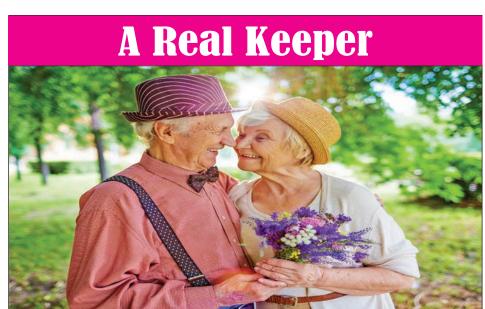


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