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Graduations finalized for city high schools

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Graduation ceremonies have been finalized for Westfield Technical Academy on July 30 at 6 p.m. and Westfield High School on July 31 at 6 p.m.; both on the grounds of Westfield High School.

School Committee graduation committee member Ramon Diaz, Jr. gave an update on the plans at the June 16 Special School Committee meeting.

Diaz said the committee, composed of senior class officers, class advisers, principals, vice principals, and the superintendent, began looking at the possibilities in May.

"We listened mostly to the students. We talked about what we could do. Their feeling is they've been through school for thirteen years with classmates, and wanted any opportunity to graduate together," Diaz said, adding that by pushing off the date until the end of July they will now be able to graduate together wearing masks at three feet apart.

The stage will be with its back facing Montgomery Road, next to the digital sign as the power source. Families will be able to park and stay in their cars, facing the students. The ceremony will be broadcast on YouTube, so families can see it live and watch and listen to it in their cars on devices. "This gives students the ability to be together, to cheer each other on," Diaz said, adding that they couldn't hold a regular ceremony safely.

Diaz said that Westfield Technical Academy Principal Joseph Langone and Westfield High School Principal Charles Jendryk are drafting details on what will and won't be allowed at the

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Road improvements on Congamond Road in Southwick are part of a transportation bill approved July 16 in the Senate. (THE WESTFIELD NEWS PHOTO)

Velis secures \$7.5M for district roads

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Editor

BOSTON — Funding for Westfield, Southwick and surrounding communities was included in a \$17 billion borrowing bill approved July 16 by the Senate for transportation and infrastructure improvements.

State Sen. John C. Velis, D-Westfield, helped secure \$7.5 million for transportation projects in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, which is comprised of Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Holyoke, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland, Westfield and part of Chicopee.

"At the end of the day, what matters most to me is being able to bring my work on Beacon Hill back home," said Velis. "Advocating for our improvements to our roadways and transportation infrastructure will always be a major priority of mine, and I am proud that I was able to secure \$7.5 million in the Senate Bond Bill for transportation projects across our cities and towns. I am thankful to all the local officials who worked with my office on this bill, and hope that the Governor now taps these projects to be included in his capital plan."

The bill passed 36-4, with the Senate's four-man Republican caucus voting in opposition. Explaining why he would

not support the bill, Minority Leader Bruce Tarr cited the inclusion of a business-opposed provision to allow municipalities to increase local taxes and use the funding for transportation projects, reports Sam Doran of State House News Service. An amendment by Democrat Sen. Diana DiZoglio which would have struck that section was defeated 8-31. Sen. Susan Moran, who joined the Senate after a May special election, gave her inaugural speech on a successful amendment to add \$350 million in funding toward replacement of the Bourne and Sagamore bridges. Also Thursday, the Senate and House worked in concert to send to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk bills addressing mosquito control and take-out cocktails during the COVID-19 era.

Velis secured the following local funds:

- \$2.5M for Northampton St./RT.5 in Holyoke
- \$870,000 for Greenway bikeway in Southampton
- \$600,000 for Congamond Road in Southwick
- \$1M for roadway improvements in Westfield
- \$2.53M to be shared equally in Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Montgomery and Russell for road improvements.

Westfield's plans for the fall semester are taking shape

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski updated the School Committee June 16 about plans being developed by the district's leadership team and "Back to School" committees for the start of school in the fall. Czaporowski said a draft plan is due to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on July 31, and a final plan on Aug. 10.

Czaporowski said the Board of Health Director Joseph Rouse is not supporting or recommending a full open return to school. He said the committees have taken that to heart. "We as a team are looking at a phased-in approach to next year, similar to how the state is doing a phased-in approach," he said.

Czaporowski said they are talking about having four phases.

Phase one will entail remote learning for most students, and bringing in students with high needs first, including students in special education and English language learners. Also returning for Phase one will be Career Technical education students at Westfield Technical Academy, where Czaporowski said there is adequate space in the shops. He said it is critical for the freshmen to be in the building for exploratory, when they choose which career technical path they will follow.

Phase two will be a "hybrid model, full force," Czaporowski said. "We cannot have all of the students back with adequate social distancing," He said students returning to school can be six feet apart and not wear a mask, or three feet apart and wear a mask. "We still can't fit everybody at three feet apart. We're going to see some differences in different schools, according to their size."

Czaporowski said currently they are thinking of having an A and B Week, or possibly two weeks on and two weeks off, which was suggested by a parent. He said the updated model will be going out to parents and staff the week of July 20. He also said they will work to ensure that all students in one family will be on the same alternating week or weeks.

Susan Dargie, director of curriculum and instruction is currently holding focus groups for teachers on technology and on remote teaching and learning. There are also plans to survey teachers on what type of professional development they need for remote learning. Czaporowski said a focus group with parents is also being planned.

"I am concerned about us coming full in. We know dealing with our union, how much of our staff is over 55 years old. I am very concerned about bringing everybody in to learn," said School Committee member Heather Sullivan at the meeting.

"That was the same concern Joe Rouse gave us. One of the things spreading the virus is large groups of people. That's why we'll be bringing in high needs first," Czaporowski said, adding that Phase four, which will bring everybody back in, will occur after there is a vaccine for the novel coronavirus.

The superintendent said that even when the students return part-time on the hybrid model, parents will still have the option to be remote full-time. He said rather than having students sign up online at another school, Westfield is going to offer a quality remote program.

Czaporowski said the staggered return will affect school lunches as well, and the district is waiting for guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Cindy Sullivan asked who will be making the final decision on the plan.

Czaporowski said the School Committee will vote on approving three options when they submit the plan to DESE. "Our top priority is the safety of our staff and students. I think we have to be pretty confident before we bring everybody back," he said.

Sullivan said she would like to see teachers come back to the classrooms as much as possible during the hybrid phases, and do some or most of their remote learning from their class

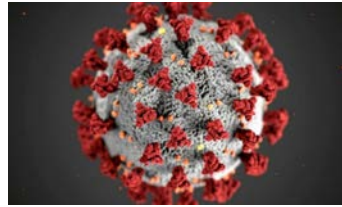


Westfield sees drop in new COVID cases

By PETER CURRIER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — After multiple weeks of increased numbers of new COVID-19 cases in Westfield, the number of new weekly cases fell to just four this week as the rest of the country continues to set records for high daily new cases.

Westfield's total number of COVID-19 infections now stands at 475. The previous three weeks had seen a slight bump in the number of new infections going from six, 10, and 13 new cases in that order. Westfield Health Director Joseph Rouse said Friday afternoon that there were eight active cases in the city.



Despite the low number of new infections, Westfield recorded one more death due to COVID-19 on July 15, bringing the total number of deaths to 55 people in the city.

In Southwick there were just two new cases, bringing the total to 63 in the town. Four people are currently quarantining due to contact with the two new cases.

Although new cases were

recorded, there is just one confirmed active COVID case in Southwick, a 77-year-old woman who has been critically ill in the hospital for several weeks. Public Health Nurse Kate Johnson said during Thursday evening's remote Board of Health meeting that it is likely that the woman contracted COVID from someone who came to her home.

With just 63 total cases in the town, Board of Health members said they were happy with the town's response, but warned people not to let their guard down.

"Despite Southwick's good record so far, we have to remain vigilant," said Board of Health Chair Dr. Jerry Azia.

Johnson pointed out that by her observations, just about everyone in Southwick has been complying with the mask mandate and has been following social distancing guidelines.

Massachusetts as a whole has remained as one of the only states without an increasing infection rate. This is despite starting the pandemic as one of the hardest hit states and average more than 3,000 cases per day.

On July 16, the U.S. recorded more than 75,000 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, the largest known single-day jump by any country since the pandemic began.

Board of Health discusses mosquito control

EEE and West Nile detected in Mass.

By PETER CURRIER
Staff Writer

SOUTHWICK- The Southwick Board of Health discussed possible plans to combat mosquito-borne diseases Thursday evening during its remote meeting as EEE and West Nile are detected in parts of the state.

Health Director Tammy Spencer said during the meeting that she would like for the Town of Southwick to join the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD) which she said would help the town monitor the presence of arbovirus' such as eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus.

There have been five positive tests of mosquitoes with West Nile and EEE in the

state so far this year. There have not been any reported human or animal cases of either disease so far. None of the positives tests were from samples of Western Massachusetts mosquitoes.

To join the PVMCD would cost the town \$5,000 per year. Spencer said that it would give the town access to better testing, trapping, and monitoring technologies to help

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Eastern States Exposition introduces Big E Summer Weekends at Storowton Village

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition introduces Big E Summer Weekends at Storowton Village, a place to dine, shop, sip and satisfy your sweet tooth on the grounds of The Big E. The Big E Bakery, Storowton Tavern, Sam Adams Brew Garden and Storowton Village Museum & Gift Shop have come together to create a safe, social distancing environment that will allow people to enjoy an afternoon or evening out and support local businesses. It all begins Friday, July 17. Learn all about this summer's events by visiting www.thebige.com/summerweekends.

Eugene J. Cassidy, president and CEO of ESE, said, "The Exposition is pleased to showcase some of our iconic products and serve as an incubator for our local partners to get back into business after a long hiatus from being able to conduct their operations. We invite the support of our community and our community at large to help us bring life back to the grounds and continue to serve as an economic driver for the region."

The Big E Bakery Drive-Up Window

EJ Dean and his family, from Salisbury Beach, Mass., have operated The Big E Bakery since 2018. They have become residents of Agawam, Mass., and with each year they try to feature something new. They utilize local companies, purchasing products, supplies and ingredients from area businesses.



The successful Taste of The Big E food preview event in June proved the demand for The Big E's iconic Cream Puffs and Eclairs. The Big E Bakery will be open weekends so fans can purchase Big E Cream Puffs and Eclairs all summer long, a first for the Bakery that opened in 2002! Drive up to the New England Center to order singles, 3-packs and 6-packs for a special occasion, surprise dessert or a tasty treat after work. The bakery will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 6pm. For more information and online ordering details, visit www.thebige.com/thebige-bakery.

Sam Adams Brew Garden

The fourth generation operating Eddie

Shore Enterprises brings us the Brew Garden. Their affiliation with Eastern States dates back to the golden years of hockey in the Coliseum. They have operated concessions on the grounds, including the Brew Garden, for more than 60 years.

The Sam Adams Brew Garden, a popular favorite at The Big E, will be open for outdoor dining this summer. Relax and enjoy your favorite Sam Adams brews paired with a menu of appetizers, burgers, pizzas, salads and more. The Brew Garden is located on the Avenue of States behind the Storowton Village Gift Shop. Summer hours are Fridays from 4 to 9pm, Saturdays from 11am to 9pm and Sundays from 11am to 6pm. For full menus and more, visit www.thebige.com/samadamsbrewgarden.

Storowton Tavern

The Calvanese family, of East Longmeadow, has operated Storowton Tavern since 2003. Serving the finest, locally sourced foods, the restaurant and banquet house have been the site of generations of family occasions.

In the mood for hearty New England fare? Stop by Storowton Tavern, just steps away from the Village Green, for indoor and outdoor dining options. Tavern lunch and dinner hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 11am to 8:30pm; Friday and Saturday from 11am to 9:30pm; with Sunday BBQ Brunch from

11am to 2pm and dinner service from 4pm to 8pm. For full menus, cocktail hour information, and patio music lineup, visit www.storowton.com.

Storowton Village Museum & Gift Shop

Storowton Village Museum will be open for timed-ticket historic house tours on Tuesdays to Thursdays and family activity blocks on Fridays and Saturdays this summer, through August 29. The museum will also offer ticketed ghost tours on Fridays in August. Guests can visit the newly remodeled Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House, filled with handpicked items for home, garden, fashion, kids, and more. There are sections for New England-made maple products, hand-forged blacksmith items, gifts like "The Big E Book", the Eastern States Exposition Centennial history book, and official Big E tartan products that include clutches, coin purses, tissue holders and keychain wristlets. The Gift Shop is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. Friday hours are extended to 7pm, with extra shopping hours to be added in August. Learn more at www.storowtonvillage.com.

For more information on Eastern States Exposition and its events and activities, visit www.TheBigE.com, join our mailing list and connect with us on social media.

POLICE LOGS

Major crime and incident report

Saturday, July 11, 2020

WESTFIELD

1:55 a.m.: fire, Morris Street, multiple callers report an electrical transformer is on fire and may be igniting trees, dual response dispatched, the responding officer reports the power has been interrupted to the strand which was causing a fire and there is no threat to public safety, a G&E representative was notified and a crew was dispatched;

8:32 a.m.: animal complaint, Country Club Drive, a caller reports a sickly-looking fox is on his property, the responding animal control officer reports the fox was transported to a wildlife veterinarian in Lee and surrendered;

10:52 a.m.: accident, Pleasant Street at West Silver Street, a caller reports a two-car crash with airbag deployment, dual response dispatched, the responding officer reports one person was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital and both vehicles were towed to the police impound yard;

11:10 a.m.: vandalism, Southampton Road, a caller reports his vehicle was keyed by a known person, the responding officer reports an incident report was filed;

12:14 p.m.: suspicious person, a caller reports a male party is sitting inside an ATM vestibule as customers use the ATM, the responding officer reports the man said he was taking advantage of the air conditioning while waiting for a ride, the officer advised the man to wait on the sidewalk;

3:22 p.m.: animal complaint, Paper Mill Road, a caller reports a bear cub is in a tree with the mother bear nearby, the caller stated that the adult bear seems to be getting angry because people are coming close, an animal control officer was notified;

3:28 p.m.: recreational vehicle complaint, Sgt. T.M. Dion Way, a caller reports about 20 ATVs are operating in the area of the Pond Brook, the responding officer reports the operators were advised that they were trespassing and they left the area;

8:55 p.m.: disturbance, Mechanic Street, a caller reports a loud college-aged party, the responding officer reports no music was heard upon arrival and about 15-20 persons were present, the tenant said that he was cleaning up after a party which ended about an hour earlier, the officer reports the renter was advised of the complaint and of the possible consequences of a similar call;

9:18 p.m.: fireworks, North Road, a caller reports debris from fireworks is falling on his house, the responding officer reports he monitored the area for 5-10 minutes and observed no fireworks;

10:50 p.m.: noise complaint, Klondike Avenue, a caller

reports a neighbor has been playing loud music for 20 minutes, the responding officer reports the music was barely audible upon arrival but the resident agreed to lower the volume when advised of the complaint.

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2:52 p.m.: officer wanted, Congamond Road, a resident reports a mail delivery driver backed into his Black Lives Matter sign and left, an officer discovered the reporting party did not see the vehicle that hit the sign but there were tire marks on the lawn, police referred the resident to the postal service;

3:16 p.m.: officer wanted on Pine Knoll Road for a possible unemployment scam, the responding officer noted this letter was different than others that have been received and advised the recipient to monitor all accounts;

3:54 p.m.: disturbance, Point Grove Road, a caller reports a person cut wires to headlights and tail lights;

4:22 p.m.: assist other agency, White Street, police alerted the Department of Public Works to a sewer pump concern;

7:19 p.m.: general services, Feeding Hills Road, police secured two packages delivered to Southwick Regional School after hours;

7:55 p.m.: animal complaint, Babb Road, a loose German shepard was returned to its owner.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

WESTFIELD

12:13 a.m.: parking complaint, Orange Street at Kellogg Street, a patrol officer reports a vehicle was seen to be parked completely blocking the sidewalk, a citation was issued;

12:35 a.m.: well being check, a patrol officer reports a person was seen sleeping in a parked vehicle, the officer reports the man said he was taking nap during a break at his job, the officer noted that the vehicle's registration had been revoked for lack of insurance and the man said that he would get a ride home when his shift ended and leave the car in the parking lot until he contact his insurance company;

1:15 a.m.: suspicious person, Southwick Road, a patrol officer reports he saw a male party running through back yards and stopped him due to recent breaks in the area, the officer reports the person was found to be 14-years-old and his father was notified, father and son were advised of the possible repercussions of the boy's actions;

1:35 a.m.: suspicious persons, Southwick Road, a patrol officer reports he encountered two male parties sitting at a Southwick Read strip mall with luggage, the officer reports the

two men said that they were waiting to go to the airport to return to Puerto Rico because they had been laid off at their seasonal tobacco field jobs and thus were no longer eligible for farm housing, the men were provided courtesy transports to a motel

5:49 a.m.: motor vehicle violation, Elm Street, a patrol officer reports a/ traffic stop revealed that a vehicle's registration was expired, a citation was issued and the vehicle was towed to the police impound yard;

9:51 a.m.: assist resident, Woodland Avenue, a caller requests an officer to stand by as she collects property, the responding officer reports the woman gathered her belongings without incident;

12:01 p.m.: assist resident, Mechanic Street, a woman came to the station to request that an officer stand by as she collects property from a residence she is barred from by a protective order, the responding officer reports the woman gathered her belongings without incident;

2:10 p.m.: fire, General Shepard Apartments, Thomas Street, an activated medical pendant indicates a kitchen fire, the responding firefighters report heavy smoke was ventilated and one person was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital;

8:18 p.m.: fireworks, Gold Street, multiple callers reports a resident is discharging large fireworks, the responding officer reports no fireworks were seen or heard.

SOUTHWICK

11:58 a.m.: traffic concern, Matthews Road, a resident reports she was chasing a young boy on a bike who appeared to be lost and would not stop, the child was heading north on the bike trail, the responding officer found the child, who met up with his father who was also on the trail;

2:20 p.m.: fire, Jeffrey circle, a resident reports a neighbor burning items in a barrel;

6:20 p.m.: fire, College Highway, a caller reports possible smoke coming from the roof of a building, Southwick Fire Department reports a homeowner grilling and no issues;

6:41 p.m.: gathering violation, Point Grove Road, a caller reports there is no social distancing at a restaurant, police report no violation;

9:51 p.m.: animal complaint, Harvest Lane, a resident was bitten by his dog;

10:27 p.m.: recreational vehicle violation, Feeding Hills Road, a caller reports dirtbikes on the street, police were unable to locate the vehicles.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SAT., JULY 18, 2020 IS THE 200TH DAY OF THE YEAR. 166 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY

1555 – The College of Arms is re-incorporated by Royal charter signed by Queen Mary I of England and King Philip II of Spain.

1806 – A gunpowder magazine explosion in Birgu, Malta, kills around 200 people.

1812 – The Treaties of Orebro end both the Anglo-Russian and Anglo-Swedish Wars.

1841 – Coronation of Emperor Pedro II of Brazil.

1857 – Louis Faidherbe, French governor of Senegal, arrives to relieve French forces at Kayes, effectively ending El Hajj Umar Tall's war against the French.

1862 – First ascent of Dent Blanche, one of the highest summits in the Alps.

1863 – American Civil War: Second Battle of Fort Wagner: One of the first formal African American military units, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, supported by several white regiments, attempts an unsuccessful assault on Confederate-held Battery Wagner.

1870 – The First Vatican Council decrees the dogma of papal infallibility.

1872 – The Ballot Act 1872 in the United Kingdom introduced the requirement that parliamentary and lo-

cal government elections be held by secret ballot.

1914 – The U.S. Congress forms the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps, giving official status to aircraft within the U.S. Army for the first time.

1925 – Adolf Hitler publishes Mein Kampf.

1936 – On the Spanish mainland, a faction of the army supported by fascists, rises up against the Second Spanish Republic in a coup d'état[12] starting the 3-year-long Civil War, resulting in the longest dictatorship in modern European history.

1942 – World War II: During the Beisfjord massacre in Norway, 15 Norwegian paramilitary guards help members of the SS to kill 288 political prisoners from Yugoslavia.

1942 – The Germans test fly the Messerschmitt Me 262 using its jet engines for the first time.

1944 – World War II: Hideki Tōjō resigns as Prime Minister of Japan because of numerous setbacks in the war effort.

1966 – Human spaceflight: Gemini 10 is launched from Cape Kennedy on a 70-hour mission that includes docking with an orbiting Agena target vehicle.

1966 – A racially charged incident in a bar sparks the six-day Hough riots in Cleveland, Ohio; 1,700 Ohio National

Guard troops intervene to restore order.

1968 – Intel is founded in Mountain View, California.

1976 – Nadia Comăneci becomes the first person in Olympic Games history to score a perfect 10 in gymnastics at the 1976 Summer Olympics.

1982 – Two hundred sixty-eight Guatemalan campesinos ("peasants" or "country people") are slain in the Plan de Sánchez massacre.

1984 – McDonald's massacre in San Ysidro, California: In a fast-food restaurant, James Oliver Huberty opens fire, killing 21 people and injuring 19 others before being shot dead by police.

1992 – A picture of Les Horribles Cernettes was taken, which became the first ever photo posted to the World Wide Web.

1994 – The bombing of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (Argentine Jewish Community Center) in Buenos Aires kills 85 people (mostly Jewish) and injures 300.

1994 – Rwandan genocide: The Rwandan Patriotic Front takes control of Gisenyi and north western Rwanda, forcing the interim government into Zaire and ending the genocide.

1995 – On the Caribbean island of Montserrat, the Soufrière Hills vol-

cano erupts. Over the course of several years, it devastates the island, destroying the capital, forcing most of the population to flee.

1996 – Storms provoke severe flooding on the Saguenay River, beginning one of Quebec's costliest natural disasters ever.

1996 – Battle of Mullaivivu: The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam capture the Sri Lanka Army's base, killing over 1200 soldiers.

2012 – At least seven people are killed and 32 others are injured after a bomb explodes on an Israeli tour bus at Burgas Airport, Bulgaria.

2013 – The Government of Detroit, with up to \$20 billion in debt, files for the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

2019 – A man sets fire to an anime studio in Fushimi-ku, Kyoto, Japan, killing at 35 people and injuring dozens of others.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1966 – Dan O'Brien, American decathlete and coach

1967 – Vin Diesel, American actor,

director, producer, and screenwriter[23]

1969 – Elizabeth Gilbert, American author

1971 – Penny Hardaway, American basketball player and coach

1975 – Torii Hunter, American baseball player

1975 – Daron Malakian, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer

1978 – Crystal Mangum, American murderer responsible for making false rape allegations in the Duke lacrosse case

1978 – Ben Sheets, American baseball player and coach

1979 – Deion Branch, American football player

1979 – Joey Mercury, American wrestler and producer

1980 – Kristen Bell, American actress

1982 – Ryan Cabrera, American singer-songwriter and guitarist

1983 – Aaron Gillespie, American singer-songwriter and drummer

1985 – Chace Crawford, American actor

1997 – Noah Lyles, American sprinter

Board of Health

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prevent the spread of these diseases. She also said that the membership would give the town a discount if any aerial spraying or larviciding takes place in Southwick.

Members of the Board of Health said they were not sure that it would be worth the annual cost.

"We're not going to be able to put mosquito nets up all around Southwick," said Board of Health Chair Dr. Jerry Azia, "Even if we kill every mosquito today, tomorrow we will have them all back."

Spencer said that she expects the EEE levels this season to be high with a possible peak taking place in late August or early September. She said that the PVMCD would also allow the town to know better when to tell residents to remain inside to avoid arboviruses'.

Selectman Douglas Moglin said that a similar proposal was put before the Select Board in recent years before Spencer was the health director. That proposal was turned down in 2017.

Rather than pay the \$5,000 annually, the Board of Health voted unanimously

to allow Spencer to purchase a product called "Mosquito Dunks" in a large quantity for a relatively low price.

Mosquito Dunks are small tablets that can be added to standing water to kill mosquito larvae before they are old enough to reproduce. The tablets typi-

cally contain BTI, a bacteria that reportedly only targets mosquito larvae and is safe for other animals or organisms that may interact with the water.

The Board of Health authorized Spencer to purchase 100 tablets, which she said would cost about \$100.

Southwick Transfer Sticker purchase hours extended

SOUTHWICK - The Treasurer/Collector/Clerk's Office at Southwick Town Hall will remain open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 for residents to purchase FY2021 transfer station stickers.

The FY2020 stickers were extended until Aug. 1 and will no longer be valid as of Aug. 2.

Hours on July 21 are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Town Hall is located at 454 College Highway.

Inspection services business open

WESTFIELD — Are you selling your home and need your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors updated and/or inspected? Do you want to be sure your family and home are protected? We can help. If selling your home, an inspection is required. During the Covid-19 crisis we will guarantee your closing will go through without any problems. We will inspect all devices and replace any that are outdated with new ones. We will then provide a certificate that the home is up to code and will pass inspection. This certificate is given to your attorney and your closing goes through without any issues. Once your local fire department start their inspections again, the new homeowner contacts them to come to the house and officially certify that all is good.

Please call if you need our services or have any questions. Call Curt at 413-530-4207 or Nick at 413-454-7940. We are insured and we take extreme precaution by wearing masks and sanitizing.

Golf tournament to benefit Westfield Homeless Cat Project

WESTFIELD - Join the Westfield Homeless Cat Project for a fun filled day on the links at WHCP's Golf Tournament Sunday, Aug. 2.

The tournament will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Registration fee is \$100 per player, which includes golf, cart, lunch, din-

ner and prizes! Not a golfer? You can donate a raffle prize, sponsor a hole for a \$50.00 donation or join us for a wonderful dinner for only \$25.00.

Try your luck with one of our many raffle prizes! Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Anna

Laporte at either 413-454-7275 or 413-568-5143 or you can email her at LAPORTE.R@comcast.net.

Registration should be made payable to WHCP and mailed to 36 Elisabeth Ave., Westfield MA. 01085. Registration and sponsorship deadline is July 30, and all proceeds benefit WHCP.

Send your briefs to The Westfield News

WESTFIELD — Now, more than ever, our readers want to know about your business. As we slowly bring back local businesses, it is important to share what you offer, when and how people can make purchases or utilize your services and just know that you are open.

Are you hosting online events or offer remote services? We want to know!

Send your briefs and photos to pressreleases@thewestfieldnews.com

~ PUBLIC NOTICE ~

On Thursday, July 23, 2020, SOLitude Lake Management of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts will be conducting an aquatic plant management program at Pequot Pond, Westfield/Southampton, Massachusetts.

Pequot Pond will be closed to recreational activities on Thursday, July 23, 2020

The use of the lake will be restricted as follows:

- **Swimming, Boating and Fishing** – Restricted for 1 day or until July 24, 2020.
- **Irrigation** – Restricted for 5 days or until July 28, 2020.
- **Domestic Use** – Restricted 3 days or until July 26, 2020.
- **Livestock Watering** – Restricted 2 days or until July 25, 2020.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact SOLitude Lake Management at (508) 885-0101.

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- The Cattywampus Kid
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* Offer expires 7/30/2020. Financing offer based on approved credit. Green Sky Plan #2531. Subject to credit approval. Applies to a new installation of doors, windows, baths, roofing, and siding. May not be combined with any other offers. Interest is deferred until 2022. Total Discount not to exceed 10% of the total job. Offer must be activated by a Yankee Home design consultant, during the first visit only. Some restrictions apply.

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COMMENT

Richie Neal endorsed by SEIU State Council and Locals

SPRINGFIELD – The Massachusetts State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has endorsed Congressman Richie Neal for re-election, citing his leadership in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and his ongoing work on behalf of working families everywhere.

“Healthcare workers have been on the frontlines during this pandemic in every setting. As a home care worker, our fight has been in homes across the Commonwealth as we care for seniors and people with disabilities,” said Minerva Lebron, a Springfield Personal Care Attendant and member of 1199 SEIU. “Our work has been invisible but our need for personal protective equipment like surgical masks and gloves has been just as critical. We needed help on the ground right away to get access to PPE, and Richie Neal was the healthcare champion who stepped up to protect us and those we care for. His leadership during this pandemic ensured that healthcare workers were put ahead of politics.”

“As Richie Neal was creating emergency relief legislation in the wake of COVID-19, he was also making sure that our economy was supported with stability measures like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), grants for child care and development, and Election Assistance Grants,” said Kwesi Ablordepey, a Springfield worker at the Holyoke Soldiers Home and member of SEIU 888. “Because of this comprehensive approach, Richie Neal successfully secured broad facets of our society as the economy, Holyoke crashed. He addressed the immediate, while taking the long view on saving our future.”

“The CARES Act did more than just help healthcare workers, and Richie Neal was the one who made it happen,” said Cheryl McCarthy, a Southwick Family Child Care Provider and member of SEIU 509. “The CARES Act is what kept families like mine afloat when everything was so uncertain. Because of the extended unemployment benefits and the additional immediate cash payments, working families can move ahead while most of the economy is shut down.”

In Congress, Richie has led the effort to pass a series of stimulus efforts to directly help residents, businesses, and state and local governments with practical, on-the-ground solutions for COVID-19 relief. He has negotiated each facet of these bills with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, securing the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act, in part, provides for an additional \$5 million for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including over \$4.75 million in funds for communities within the district.

The House-passed Heroes Act would continue critical, emergency federal unemployment benefits through January 31, 2021, to ensure that basic economic support is available until workers are able to return to their jobs safely. The measure is just one in a series of efforts led by Congressman Neal and House leadership to protect the health and well-being of Americans during a time of unprecedented economic crisis.

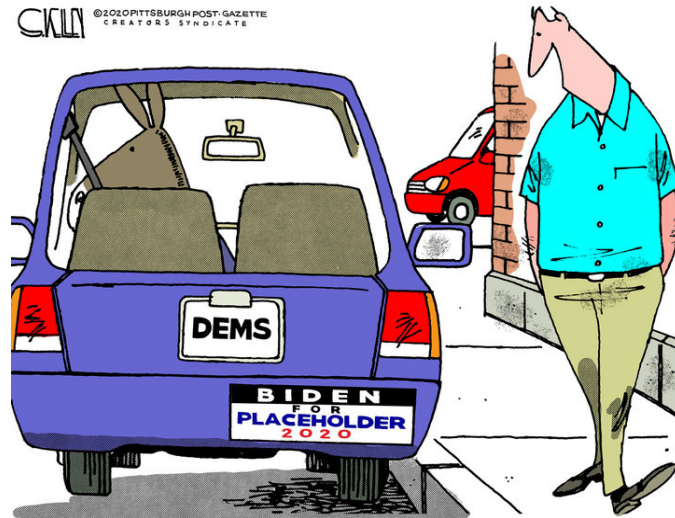
The SEIU Massachusetts State Council includes the local unions SEIU 509, 1199 SEIU, SEIU 888, SEIU 32BJ, SEIU 3 FO, and the SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) and collectively represents more than 106,500 healthcare workers, public service workers, human service workers, educators, and property services workers.

Congressman Richie Neal serves as the people’s representative in the United States Congress from the First Congressional District of Massachusetts, representing 87 cities and towns in the western and central part of the state. As Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Neal has jurisdiction over all tax and trade issues, Social Security, and Medicare.

Additionally, Congressman Neal is the Dean of the New England Congressional Delegation, where he brings the regional issues and perspectives of New England’s six states to the forefront of the Congressional agenda.

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Baker undecided on evictions, clear on need for masks

By CHRIS LISINSKI
State House News Service

BOSTON - Gov. Charlie Baker acknowledged Thursday he needs to make a decision "soon" on whether to extend a temporary ban on evictions and foreclosures, but did not indicate which way he's leaning, as he announced another \$20 million in funding for homelessness prevention and other community aid.

During a midday press conference, Baker also reiterated his opposition to a bill that would limit local law enforcement interaction with federal immigration officials, voiced concerns about declining access to Centers for Disease Control data, and said his order requiring face coverings in public would remain in effect until the end of the state of emergency.

Baker said Thursday that Massachusetts has made "considerable progress" in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that the seven-day positive test rate of about 1.7 percent is about one-twentieth what it was in mid-April.

Cases continue to surge in many states across the country, though, and Baker again stressed the importance of Massachusetts residents remaining committed to precautions that limit the virus's spread.

The governor did not answer directly when asked if he supports newly filed legislation that would enshrine in statute several requirements he established by executive order, such as a mandate to wear face coverings in public. He instead spoke generally about the importance of masks and other facial coverings.

"That order is going to remain in place until we don't have an emergency," Baker said. "If people want to engage in a discussion about masks as they relate to COVID, my view is: masks are a fundamental part of how we contain and fight the virus, and we believe the proposal we put in place, which gives locals the ability to also enforce this order with a variety of means and mechanisms available to them, has worked enormously effectively." After the White House shifted federal guidelines on data reporting, public information on the availability of hospital beds began disappearing from the Centers for Disease Control website.

Baker said he is concerned both about a "sudden increase in the number of elements" federal officials want states to report and what looks to be movement away from the CDC, which he described as a "source of truth" amid the pandemic.

"Many of us believe that that is, in fact, where that data should be gathered -- we should be chasing data based on protocols and rules and definitions that have been part of the way the CDC has done this forever," Baker said.

The change, he said, "sets us up for a situation where it's going to be very hard to understand what truth actually is."

Housing supports have become a growing focus in recent weeks amid widespread economic strain and record levels of unemployment, as well as the forthcoming expiration of a law designed at keeping people safely housed during the crisis.

A law Baker signed in April imposing a moratorium on most non-emergency housing removals is set to expire on Aug. 18, after which tens of thousands of residents could suddenly face eviction or foreclosure proceedings. Baker has authority under the law to extend it in 90-day increments, and as of his

Thursday appearance, he has not yet taken a public position on whether he will do so.

"We've been having regular conversations with our colleagues in local government, with folks in the housing community, with folks in the advocacy community and folks in the Legislature about this," Baker said. "We recognize and understand that we're going to need to make a decision on that soon."

Rep. Kevin Honan, who co-chairs the Housing Committee, joined with Rep. Mike Connolly and Sen. Patricia Jehlen to file legislation that

would automatically extend the moratorium until one year after the state of emergency ends, pause rent increases, and make funding available to small landlords affected by the policies.

Their bill (HD 5166), which has nearly 90 co-sponsors in the two branches, was reported from the Rules Committee to the Housing Committee on Thursday.

The administration will make the latest \$20 million batch of CARES Act funding that Baker announced Thursday available to 181 municipalities through the Community Development Block Grant program, aiming the relief at municipalities with fewer than 50,000 residents to help with homelessness prevention, food pantries and job training.

Last month, Baker unveiled a separate \$20 million fund to supplement the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program, and a spending bill that's close to reaching Baker's desk includes another \$20 million for residential assistance.

With 15 days remaining before the Legislature plans to end formal sessions for the year, lawmakers have been rushing to tie up loose ends and wrap up key priorities for the two-year session that have been left until the last minute.

Baker and Polito made another pitch at Thursday's press conference for the zoning reform legislation they have been unsuccessfully pushing for years. The proposal, which would lower the local voting threshold for zoning changes from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority in an attempt to spur more housing development, features as a piece of a \$275 million jobs and COVID recovery bill the administration rolled out last month.

"With COVID-19, the impact of stable housing has never been clearer," Polito said Thursday.

Legislative leaders have not indicated if they have plans to tackle the bill, and their bandwidth is already crowded with a range of other proposals.

One issue that advanced this week -- but has an uncertain path to a vote in either branch -- is the so-called Safe Communities Act, which would bar police and court offices from inquiring about someone's immigration status and limit their collaboration with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

The bill received a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, where it faltered last session amid heated public debate.

Baker has previously threatened to veto the bill if it reaches his desk. Asked Thursday if his view has changed, he replied simply, "No."



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Gloria G. Barnes

WESTFIELD – We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Gloria G. (Gould) Barnes, 89, (1931 – 2020) on July 14, 2020. Born in Brooklyn, NY on February 6, 1931 to the late Donald W. and Maxine (Hardy) Gould, she graduated at the top of her class from Agawam High School in 1949. For 18 years, Gloria was employed as the Office Manager at Colton Insurance Agency in Westfield before retiring in 1996. As a faithful communicant of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, she belonged to the Women's Fellowship and the choir. She was also a former member of the Springfield Symphony Chorus, Westfield Women's Club, area theater groups, the Tuesday Morning Music Club and the 49's (the gathering of her classmates from High School). Gloria's smile always brightened the room and she was adored and loved by all who knew her.

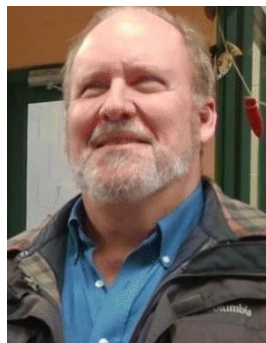


Besides her parents, Gloria was predeceased by her husband Falcon "Tex" E. Barnes who passed away August, 2003; her grandson Joey Edwards and her siblings Donald H. Gould and Carole A. Keller. To cherish her memory, she leaves her children Wayne M Soffan of West Springfield, Liz Wellspeak (Ray) of Westfield, Mindi Doller (Rick) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Gale Smith (Craig) of Pompano Beach, FL; her grandchildren Trisha Soffan, Fred Gamache, Nicole St. Hilaire, and Amber Hopper; her great grandchildren Madison, Shelby, Julien and Isaiah Gamache and Ella St. Hilaire; her siblings Philip A. Gould and Marcia M. Macey; her sister-in-law Gail Gould, as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private and burial will take place at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gloria's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association – MA/NH Chapter, 309 Waverly Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452. For more information or to leave a condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com

Mark E. Remaly

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Mark E. Remaly, 70, entered into eternal rest July 11, 2020 at Bear Mountain Health Care in West Springfield, MA. He was born April 10, 1950 in Northampton, MA to parents Arnold and Maxine Remaly. He leaves his wife, Alice Flyte of Westfield, MA; two brothers, Leonard S. Remaly and his wife Micheline of Wilbraham, MA, and Peter C. Remaly and his wife Joan in CT, and nieces and nephews.



After attending Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA, Mark graduated from Boston College. He worked in building maintenance positions at several Boston locations. He retired from the Facilities Maintenance Operations Center at Harvard University.

Mark and Alice were familiar faces at area craft fairs. Mark would cane chairs (a craft he learned at Perkins School), while Alice wove baskets. The couple opened their shop, The Seat Weaver on Elm Street in Westfield, offering chair caning and repair, craft classes, and a gallery for local artisans to sell their wares. Mark's good humor and infectious laugh always put everyone at ease. He enjoyed exercising at the YMCA, bicycling, and attending car shows with friends.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Mark's name may be made to the Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library, 175 N. Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472. Ahearn Funeral Home (413)587-0044.

Free drive-in movie Saturday night

WESTFIELD – The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, in conjunction with Gaslight Entertainment, Westfield on Weekends and the City of Westfield, will host a free family drive-in movie this Saturday.

The event will take place July 18 in the field behind Westfield Middle School. "Wonder Park" will be shown at dusk, with entrance to the field starting at 7:30 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are required. Email cosella@bgc-westfield.org or call (413)562-2301 to reserve your spot.

There will be a restroom available for families and Sullivan said there will be snacks for a nominal fee. Club staff will be going around selling hot dogs, bottled water and popcorn.

Cars will enter from South Broad Street and park behind the Club in the Westfield Middle School fields.

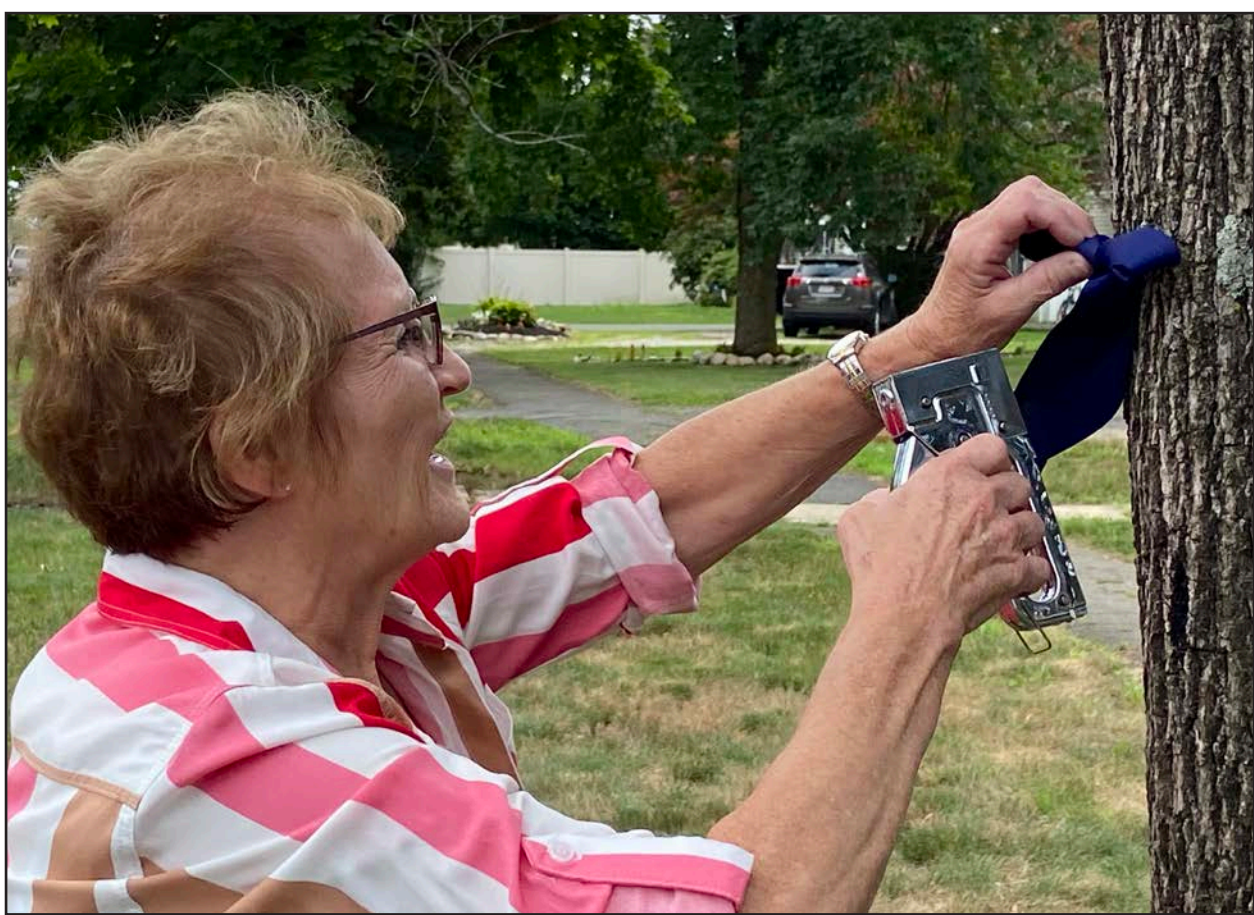
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Police support

Donna Costa of Westfield staples a blue ribbon to a tree along Western Avenue to show support for local police. Costa also posted two signs -- one at Park Square Green and one at City Hall - thanking Westfield Police. (HOPE E. TREMBLAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

Graduations

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graduation. "We are working with Westfield Police, Fire, and the Health Department to ensure that we hold the ceremony with safety procedures and protocols in mind. We also have specific guidelines from the state that we need to adhere to such as all students will be required to wear masks and adhere to social distance guidelines," Jendrysik said, adding that the procedures were going out to families on July 17.

"We're still working out some details but want to have this ceremony. The students of both WTA and WHS deserve to be celebrated," Jendrysik added.

Langone gave further details in a letter that he sent out to parents. "Due to revised distancing guidelines for students, we are thrilled to announce we will now be able to seat the class in person on the field in front of the digital marquee! However, in order to ensure the highest safety standards for everyone, all guests will be required to remain in their automobiles for the duration of the ceremony," he explained.

Langone said there will be a strict limit of one automobile per graduate. He said

they will begin parking cars, which should enter the property at the back of the parking lot adjacent to the athletic fields, at 5:30 p.m. Cars will be directed to park by members of the Westfield Police and by Westfield Public Schools Staff. "Again, please remember all guests are required to remain in their automobiles for the duration of the ceremony," he said.

In his letter, Langone also gave instructions on how to access the ceremony via YouTube or Facebook or listen on FM radio from the automobiles. He said for those who would like to watch from the comfort of their homes, the ceremony will also be aired on Channel 15.

WTA graduates were also given instructions to report to Westfield High School on July 28 at 9 a.m. for a brief rehearsal. "At that time, I will provide you with specific instructions regarding your participation in the ceremony. I will also distribute tee-shirts, yearbooks, and graduation awards. Please be sure to wear a mask or facial covering from the time you arrive until your departure. Please remember to adhere to the social distancing guidelines for the duration of the

rehearsal," Langone said.

"I want thank all of you—graduates and parents, guardians, and family members—for your

understanding and cooperation. We look forward to your being with us for this momentous occasion," Langone said.

Superintendent Stefan Czapowski said rain dates for the ceremonies have been set for Aug. 20 and 21. He said the plans have been reviewed and given clearance by the Board of Health.

"It was that or nothing. We listened to what the students wanted. Some (families) don't like that. We're doing the best that we can in the times that we have. I call it a success to get all the students there outside their vehicles," Diaz said.

Diaz also said that a ceremony for military students, some of whom have already reported, was held in June at the Westfield Technical Academy. He said State Sen. John C. Velis and Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. attended. "There was good representation, and it was a nice ceremony," he said, adding that the enlisted seniors weren't going to be there for the July graduation.

School Plans

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rooms. "I do know cities and towns are opening, and opening city halls, I really hope that could be part of what happens, that teachers are able to come into the buildings. I feel they could do that very safely. I think that's a huge piece of this," she said, adding that she wasn't sure if the technology would support that.

"I one hundred percent agree with you. If you're in your classroom, you're back in your mode. If they're going to teach, I one hundred percent agree that they can go in their classrooms," agreed Heather Sullivan.

Czapowski said that he met with Information Technology Manager Lenore Bernashe on June 16. "That's something that we're going to have to test out. We're certainly going to kick remote learning up a notch, and it's going to be graded," he said.

Cindy Sullivan said she would like to see mandatory attendance of students at required zoom meetings, and more accountability for the kids and for the staff. "I know it's not easy. I don't want anyone to get sick, I don't want to shut down an entire district because somebody gets sick. There are ways to make things happen in a completely different way than in the spring," she said, with Heather Sullivan adding that the district now has time to plan.

"Last time we didn't. We're hearing that people want it to be better," Czapowski said, including increasing the time that students spend on remote learning during the day. "Our first guidance from the state was three hours per day; (which was) not included this time," he added.

School Committee Vice-Chair Tim O'Connor said the School Committee's first reaction when they talked about getting back to school was getting the kids back in school. "There is concern for teachers, staff, and custodians. It is a complicated problem that we have to face. At the top of (School Committee responsibilities); we have to create a safe environment for everyone concerned. My thought is to take it slow, be smart, be safe. We can learn from other communities with larger facilities that can return some of their challenges. For our district, be smart, be safe, be slow," he said.

O'Connor added that he had attended a service over the weekend, and it was the first time he had to wear a mask for over an hour. "I struggled," he said.

Cindy Sullivan asked if anyone on the School Committee who works with children on a regular basis in a building in Westfield could comment on how the kids are doing with the guidelines in place.

"I've got to admit, it's been going extremely well," said Bo Sullivan, who is the chief advancement officer at the Boys & Girls Club. He said the Club has been averaging 120 kids coming weekly from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., down from the 300 they had been hoping to increase to this summer.

"There is lunch involved, learning involved, as much as we can do of outdoor activity. The kids have been great. Most don't need to be reminded to put their mask on. They are

either fully on or hanging off their ear when six feet apart. They have done really well with it. For lunch, we are walking half the kids at a time to the cafeteria in the Westfield Middle School at six feet apart, 60 kids."

"We were asking to be licensed for 300 back in January. After March happened, we were limited to 200. We had to pull back. We're the biggest one in Western Mass right now," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also said the Club is licensed by the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care up to 13 years old. He said before, the older kids could participate as regular club members, but this summer, they were left out. He said they don't know yet about the program at the end of summer.

Czapowski repeated that the final plan will be submitted on August 10, and will be posted on the website at schoolsof-westfield.org. He said parents will get it on August 10 or 11. "We hope the turnaround from the state will be quick. I realize we start school August 31," he said.

"Thank you for all the work you're doing on this. Crazy, unprecedented times. You guys are swamped, and we appreciate the work you're doing," said Ramon Diaz, Jr.

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Air Compressor's Jordan Hellers tags the ball early in the game.

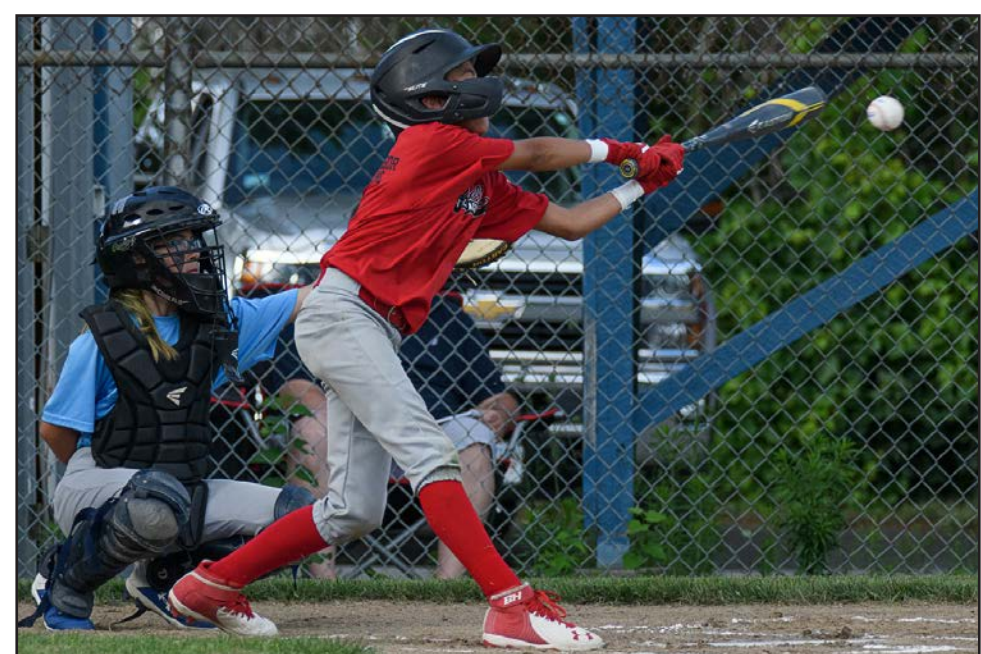


Commercial Distributing pitcher Nolan Wondolowski (7) fires one in during Wednesday's contest.



Brandon Mielke (12) delivers a pitch.

Air Compressor vs. Commercial Dist. Little League Game



Anthony Sanchez (2) reaches for a ball too far with Commercial's Audrey Amaral (1) catching.



John Sardinha (13) almost gets the single but Noah Amaral (9) stretches to make the out.



Jameson Cotto (8) is the face of determination while at the plate.



Air Compressor's Jadel Adorno lays down a bunt that gets him a double and eventually the game's only run in a Westfield Little League Baseball game Wednesday night at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field on Cross Street.



Logan Csekovsky (4) has his eye on the ball.

2020 GREATER WESTFIELD BABE RUTH BASEBALL SCHEDULE

SAT., JULY 18

Advance Manufacturing vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 10 a.m.

Westfield Bank vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 1 p.m.

Berkshire Insurance vs. Batter's Box, Jachym Field, 4 p.m.

SUN., JULY 19

Berkshire Insurance vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 10 a.m.

MON., JULY 20

ITI vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 5:15 p.m.

Advance Manufacturing Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 8 p.m.

TUES., JULY 21

Westfield Bank vs. Batter's Box, Jachym Field, 6 p.m.

WED., JULY 22

Cortina Tile vs. ITI, Jachym Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., JULY 23

Advance Manufacturing vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

FRI., JULY 24

Batter's Box vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

SAT., JULY 25

ITI vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.

Berkshire Insurance vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., JULY 26

Advance Manufacturing vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 10 a.m.

MON., JULY 27

Westfield Bank vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 5:15 p.m.

Berkshire Insurance vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 8 p.m.

TUES., JULY 28

ITI vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

WED., JULY 29

Batter's Box vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., JULY 30

Cortina Tile vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 1

Batter's Box vs. ITI, Bullens Field, Bullens Field, 1 p.m.

Cortina Tile vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.

Westfield Bank vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., AUG. 2

Berkshire Insurance vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 12:30 p.m.

ITI vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 3:30 p.m.

Batter's Box vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 6:30 p.m.

TUES., AUG. 4

Westfield Bank vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

WED., AUG. 5

Cortina Tile vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., AUG. 6

Advance Manufacturing vs. ITI, Jachym Field, 6 p.m.

FRI., AUG. 7

ITI vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 8

Cortina Tile vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.

Batter's Box vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., AUG. 9

Advance Manufacturing vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 12:30 p.m.

Berkshire Insurance vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 3:30 p.m.

Westfield Bank vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 6:30 p.m.

Shell's Tekoa • Tuesday Golf League • Results from July 7, 2020

1st Place Low Gross:

Harry Pease, Ed West, Terry Prefontaine and Dave Liberty

2nd Place Low Gross:

Eric Wilder, Rich Chistolini, John Kidrick and Erroll Nichols

3rd Place Low Gross:

Bob Callahan, Mike Ripa, Bill Wallinovich and Al Szenda

1st Place Low Net:

Ray West, Bob Czarnacki, Harry, and Mark Thompson

2nd Place Low Net:

Gene Theroux, Pat McGinn, Bob Dudas and Skip Couture

3rd Place Low Net:

Dave Galczynski, Fred Rogers, Jim Johnson, and Jim Besaw

Closest to the pin – two winners per hole:

11th Hole: Gene Theroux and Angelo Masciadrelli

16th Hole: Bob Callahan and Bill Lawry

18th Hole: Bob Callahan and Dave Liberty

Tekoa Monday Night Golf League

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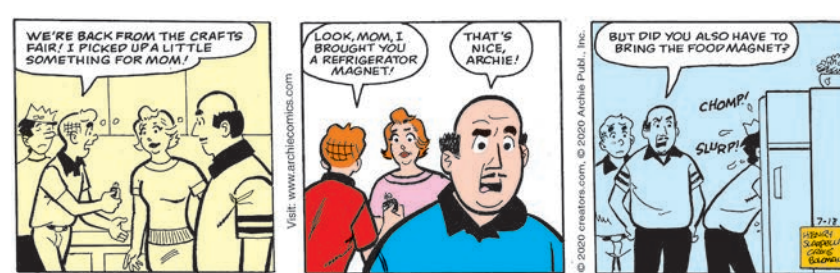
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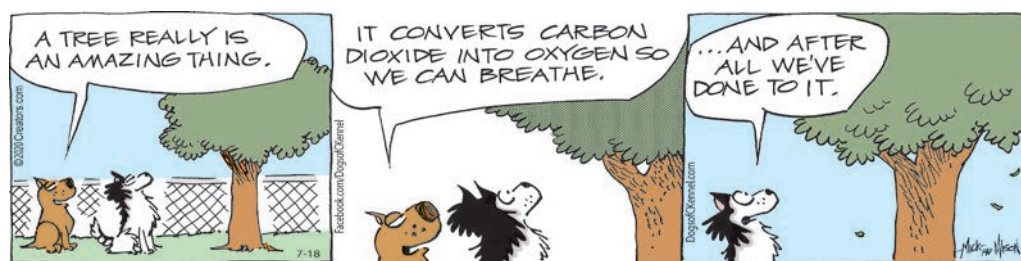
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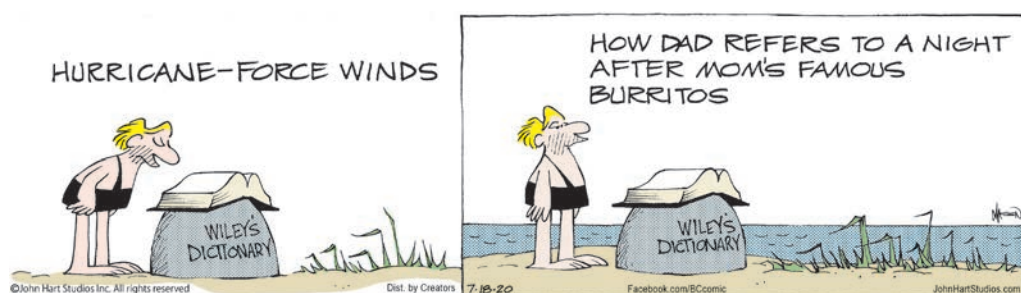
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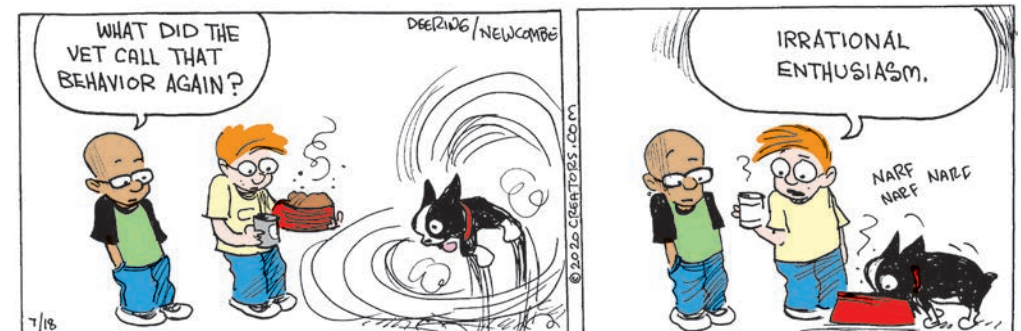
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ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS YOUR HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 18, 2020:
 Courageous and committed, you are sensitive to this quarantine year, and you save this year for many. So thank you for making next year a triumph, too. You are an inventor. If single, they stand in line to date you, but you are very picky. If attached, you are still googly-eyed, and you are cute to watch, the two of you. LEO loves that you are their spouse and you love that.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ ★★ Today, your residence and family life are highlighted. This is a wonderful time to facilitate better communication between both relatives and extended family members. Home improvements and real estate transactions also might be a focus. Tonight: Love connections are happily nurtured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ ★ Relationships with siblings and neighbors can be demanding. Be patient. Undercurrents and extenuating circumstances are afoot. Facts come to light. You will be glad that you were understanding and tolerant. Tonight: Let others run the show. You do the kicking back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ ★★ Conversations about monetary matters are enlightening. You learn more about financial management. Do not repeat financial patterns and habits that led to previous disappointments. Tonight: A child or loved one could be overly serious. Have an open, honest talk together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ ★★ Frustrations will melt away. This is a cycle of higher energy leading to much accomplishment. Personal opportunities abound. Enjoy life and put plans in motion for future dreams. Tonight: Direct any impatience into constructive venues, and the world will be at your feet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ ★★ Memories of a past love must be kept in perspective. Your interest in helping the disadvantaged or addressing ecological concerns grows. Quietly, you will act and do much good in the world. Tonight: Be receptive to others and accept their compliments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ ★★ Community involvement will be rewarding today. A mission to make the world a better place appeals to you. You enjoy a renewed appreciation for cherished friendships, too. Competitors provide inspiration. Tonight: Take time to relax and regroup if you start to feel pressured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ ★★ Innovate and be creative today. It is a perfect time to begin writing a book, assembling artistic creations or selecting educational goals. Listen carefully to others. Valuable information is offered during social situations and at meetings. Tonight: Go for close and intimate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ ★★ Your aspirations are moving to a higher plane. Prepare for journeys of the mind and body. Some of you will explore other countries or be drawn to learn more about another belief system. Tonight: All that is foreign and remote paves the route to good fortune.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ ★★ It will be a wild but interesting day. Decide what you really want and pursue it. There are endings and beginnings in process. You are open to learning. Welcome variety in your daily routine. Tonight: You make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ ★★ Talented and powerful people are drawing closer to you. The promise of partnerships that are sources of growth and opportunity is very real. Allow others to express individuality while discussing plans. Tonight: You can learn a great deal by being a good listener.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ ★★ A sense of discovery and novelty is pervasive throughout today, promising tremendous strength and vitality. Your sense of adventure deepens. You will yearn to wander and explore. Tonight: You create a positive tipping point because of your ability to integrate unusual ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ ★ Don't change your commitment status today. Be friendly and tolerant of the foibles of a loved one. A change of heart may be followed by regrets. Smile if someone displays eclectic preferences in art and music that you can't appreciate. Tonight: Play.

BORN TODAY
 Leader Nelson Mandela (1918), writer Hunter S. Thompson (1937), magnate Richard Branson (1950)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Making bricks without straw

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 8 7 4
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ K Q J 2
 ♣ A 3

WEST
 ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ J 6 4

EAST
 ♠ J 10 5 2
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ K 9 7 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ A Q J 7 3
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ Q 10 8

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

West led a diamond, taken in dummy, and declarer returned the ten of hearts, losing to the king. West could think of no particular reason to shift to a club (which would have stopped the slam) and led another diamond, no doubt hoping East could ruff.

South won with the ace, played three more rounds of trump, discarding a club from dummy, and then led a diamond to the queen, producing this position:

North ♠ K 8 7 4
 ♦ K
 ♣ A

West ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ J 6 4

South ♠ A 6
 ♥ 7
 ♦ Q 10 8

East ♠ J 10 5 2
 ♥ K 9

When declarer now played the king of diamonds, East was a goner. He could not spare a club — which would make South's queen a trick after dummy's ace was cashed — nor could he part with a spade, which would allow declarer to cash the A-K of spades and ruff a spade to establish dummy's last spade. In practice, East discarded a club, whereupon South cashed the ace of clubs to bring home 12 difficult but well-earned tricks.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

1 United nations
 5 Farmland unit
 9 Tiara jewel
 12 Wheels of fortune?
 13 Statutes
 14 "— been had!"
 15 Mosque VIP
 16 Envelope part
 17 Edge
 18 Criminal, to cops
 19 Pres. after LBJ
 20 Fashion magazine
 21 New Guinea port
 23 Driver's lic. issuer
 25 Be there
 28 Sailor's assent
 32 Scarlet's Butler
 33 Gopher Els
 34 Wild scuffles

DOWN

1 Radar dot
 2 Gimlet
 3 Actor
 4 All
 5 "Batman" butler
 6 Tranquil country
 7 Kigali's
 8 Sixth sense
 9 Lass
 10 Wicked video, e.g.
 11 Viral
 20 All
 22 Poker payments
 24 Mike of "Shrek"
 25 Branch
 26 Fill in — blank
 27 Aviv preceder
 29 Raggedy doll
 30 Feminine side
 31 Shoe width
 35 Inferior
 36 Like heavenly gates
 39 Pleasures
 40 Taxi alternative
 41 "My — are sealed"
 43 Move, in Realtor lingo
 45 Cruising
 46 Balkan native
 47 Abhor
 49 Frequently

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-18

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CRYPTOQUIP

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 F R O J F B X T .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SPECIAL CLOAK WERE WORN DURING THE MORNING MEAL, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE A BREAKFAST WRAP.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals C

Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE



Missing Father After Father-in-Law's Passing

Dear Annie: Unfortunately, after years of declining health, my wife's father passed away this year. The reason that I'm writing is that, since my father-in-law's death, my wife wants me to not even bring up my dad, who is still alive. It's very extreme. She doesn't even want to see our daughters making arts and crafts to give to my dad.

My father is in a nursing home, and I haven't seen him in months. I miss him very much. But since my wife's dad died, I'm more or less not allowed to discuss my dad. She even makes me leave the room if he calls.

Is this normal, healthy behavior, and how should I handle this situation moving forward? Because whatever I say or do is, apparently, insensitive to her feelings. -- At a Loss

Dear At a Loss: Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your father-in-law.

Grief can make it impossible to think clearly, but that doesn't make it acceptable to mistreat our partners. Your wife could benefit from seeing a therapist who specializes in grief. I'd also recommend attending therapy together, even if just for one or two sessions. You might also look into grief support groups in your area; if your wife isn't ready for that yet, you can go on your own.

Keep trying to be as patient as possible, but let her know that you will keep in contact with your father. It's not just the right thing to do for you and him but also what's best for your marriage in the long-term. If you miss spending this precious time with your dad now, you might always resent your wife for it.

Dear Annie: Your suggestions for "Striking Out," who has been going on interviews but having no luck, were great! Can I also suggest any job applicant do

the following before the interview:

1. Check your own online identity: Facebook, Twitter, etc. Many still believe there's truth in "You're known by the company you keep." So make sure that your profile blocks the ability of anyone to see who your friends are. (Sometimes our friends may not post the best things.)

2. Research the company: Examine their online personality and history. Who are their target customers? Who are the heads of the organization? See if you can find them on LinkedIn to see how they got to where they are.

3. Ask the person interviewing you: "What things do you wish YOU knew when you started working here that could have helped your success?" -- Ramona
Dear Ramona: These are great tips. Glassdoor.com is another useful resource for job hunters. Look not just at a company's overall rating but the individual reviews themselves: If all the reviews are either one-star or five-star, take a closer look and try to determine whether those five-star reviews are genuine. And go into the interview with your eyes wide open.

Dear Annie: You should always research the company you are interviewing with. Showing respect, interest and curiosity compliments the company for which you are interviewing. If you are interviewing for a company that makes cement, ask them about the process. If they clean windows, ask them what is their biggest job. If they clean linens, inquire about the cleaning machinery. Have follow-ups ready. It shows an appreciation for the core business. -- Timothy C.

Dear Timothy: Astute advice: Everyone likes to be asked about themselves (or their work, in this case). I might add that this also applies to first dates!

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Pet rescuers

Dear Heloise: I'd like you to know about puppy mill rescue organizations. They pick up and rescue hundreds of dogs and puppies from puppy mills all over the country -- dogs that are deemed no longer usable for breeding or are old or sick. They also rescue puppies that are still unsold after a few months and would otherwise be killed.

Many of these mills regularly call on dog rescues to come and get these animals before they're put down. The rescuers give these dogs and pups any treatments they need to come back to health, help them overcome their fears until they are truly adoptable and give them a new life. Many dog rescues have helped thousands of dogs and pups who would otherwise have died at the hands of puppy mills.

I know you are a friend to all critters. Please let your readers know about dog rescues. -- Emily M., via email (Keebler and Coco Rose too!)

Emily, so many dogs just need a second chance! Readers, always consider rescue groups when looking for a furry and funny friend. And if you're not able to adopt, consider a donation of dollars or supplies. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Readers: Meet Noodle and Pox, baby hens. Noodle is a black star, and Pox is an Olive Egger. Elizabeth H. in Pittsburgh added them to her family during the quarantine. Noodle is more demure, but Pox is a wild woman, Liz says!

To see Noodle and Pox (Chicken Noodle and Chicken Pox -- haha!) visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry, fluffy, feathery and funny friend you'd like to share? Email a picture and

description to: Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

COLORFUL FUN

Dear Readers: Are the kids bored and looking for a project? Here's a fun, colorful and easy way to recycle old wax crayons. You'll need a dedicated muffin tin or silicone mold, your old and broken crayons and a knife.

Remove the paper from the crayons. Carefully cut into small pieces (supervise children or cut them yourself).

The oven should be preheated to 250 F. Kiddos can then do this part: Fill each muffin cup with the crayon pieces. Do all one color, layers of colors or a wild mix of all colors!

Bake for about 15 minutes -- don't leave the oven area; there's a slim chance the crayons could smoke a bit ... watch closely. Allow the crayons to cool and firm up. They will be ready for drawing! -- Heloise

TIP TIP

Dear Heloise: When the service at a restaurant is lacking, it is unacceptable and understandably frustrating. Sometimes, for workers in the service industry, things happen that are out of their control.

Take your concerns to a member of management. But one thing you should not do is leave a tip of, say, a dollar, or just a few coins. That is more hurtful than no tip at all. -- April in Texas

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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