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Health director answers Chamber's questions in networking meeting

By AMY PORTER Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – The Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce hosted a virtual networking meeting for members with Public Health Director Joseph Rouse Aug. 17, who answered questions on state guidelines that impact businesses during the pandemic.

Rouse said he anticipates that there will be a viable treatment or vaccine by the end of the calendar year or beginning of the new year.

"If we don't have something out there that will lessen the likelihood of contracting the virus, I'd be very surprised. That's what it's all pointing to right now," he said, recommending everyone to stay the course. "Everyone is getting antsy. Give it a little more time, we're not quite ready."

"The event industry that you know I'm part of, which I keep tabs on worldwide; it wasn't long before we knew we were going to lose this year. Now, we're looking at probably losing next year, too," said music producer Jay Pagluica. He said in his industry, they have to plan four to six months ahead, and there has to be enough of a comfort level for people to buy tickets to an event.

Pagluica said he is hoping to hold drive-in concerts in the spring, and asked if there is a comfort level around drive-ins.

Rouse said that the state has added a category specifically for drive-ins, including movies, live concerts and events in their sector specific protocols. He said there are not a lot of regulations that come into play for such events; including no stated limit to the number of participants. The guidelines do limit people staying in their cars except for lavatory or concessions, which Rouse said he doesn't recommend.

Chamber Executive Director Kate Phelon said she has a smaller window for planning Chamber events, such as the golf tournament scheduled for Aug. 31 at East Mountain Country Club, their first signature event since the shutdown



Businesses on Elm Street and beyond are participating in the #LOOKONTHEBRIGHTSIDE scavenger hunt Aug. 24-Sept. 4. (THE WESTFIELD NEWS PHOTO)

Scavenger hunt aims to #lookonthebrightside

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY

Editor

WESTFIELD — Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. and his staff are helping residents and business owners "Look on the Brightside" with a city business scavenger hunt.

Spearheaded by Holly Lurgio, Gerri Riga and Michelle Moriarty, the #LOOKONTHEBRIGHTSIDE scavenger hunt is aimed at bringing customers to businesses while providing some entertainment for families.

"We know these last few months have not been easy, but we are hopeful that the sunshine and pleasant weather is helping you stay positive, 'looking on the bright side' and able to continue to serve your loyal customers," Lurgio told businesses when asking them to participate.

The event is slated for Aug. 24-Sept. 4 and at press time there were 28 participants.

Lurgio said when the annual Mayor's Easter Egg hunt was cancelled due to COVID-19, she and Moriarty began planning a scavenger hunt for the spring.

"Then the numbers went up and everything really shut down," said Lurgio. "When businesses started opening, they were struggling — and still are – so we thought this would be a fun way to increase foot traffic, mostly to downtown," she said.

The event is geared toward families with young children, but anyone can participate.

Conservation Commission approves wetland building projects

By AMY PORTER Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Despite COVID challenges, the Conservation Commission has held regular virtual meetings to review notices of intent and requests for determination of building projects falling under the Wetlands Protection Act. On Aug. 17, several such projects were approved by the Commission.

Andrew Liptak received approval to build a single-family home at 0 City View Road utilizing an existing gravel driveway within the 200 foot riverfront area to the Little River.

Ryan Nelson of R. Levesque Assoc., who was joined by Liptak, said the property across the street from the Little River is currently an agricultural field. He said there is a single entrance crossing through the riverfront area to get to the upland site for the house.

Nelson said all of the wetland boundaries to the river and a perennial stream were previously determined in a request before the commission. He said the driveway will impact the riverfront area as little as possible, and they will be incorporating a grass swale with stone dams to manage the stormwater.

An identified neighbor on Alexander Place called into the meeting to say her property abuts 0 City View. She said her only concern was if there would be an additional build beyond the house and garage in the plans. Liptak said he had no plans to build in the rear of the property.

Conservation Coordinator Meredith Borenstein said she thought it was a good site for a single family home. She said her only concern was slope washing out during construction of the driveway, and suggested use of an erosion control blanket, which Nelson called a "viable and reasonable request."

The Commission also proposed that the strip of land separating the east side of the driveway from the buffer zone not be mowed. Liptak said the riverfront area, currently a mown field, will also revert to an open field. The notice of intent was approved with conditions, which included a pre-construction meeting with Borenstein.

A request for determination for a patio installation on 60 Lewis Road within the buffer zone to Buck Pond was also approved.

Sergiy Suprunchuk said he wanted to put down concrete behind his deck for a table and grill. Currently, he said the highly trafficked area is open dirt. He said he did not plan to excavate the dirt, but to pour a thin two-inch layer of concrete on top of it, or use pre-made pavers, whichever would be preferred by the commission. The area is fenced in, with a slope beyond it leading to Buck Pond.

The plan was approved for pavers, as recommended by the

Phelon said it's her understanding that the tournament is a go, but sometimes the answers aren't clear. She said without these events, 30% of her revenue is gone.

Rouse said he understands that the recent reduction from 100 to 50 people in outdoor gatherings has caused confusion. "There's a reason for that. We understand it's confusing; it's confusing to us," he said, adding if anyone is on the fence or has questions, they should always feel free to call the Board of Health.

Rouse said guidance for compliance is often given on a case by case basis, and all businesses have to self-certify for compliance by going through the checklists.

"You have to go back and read the orders themselves. Rule from day one is we're not running around patrolling this, looking for trouble. You self-certify, you put that in and say you're doing this in compliance with the orders. We only respond to complaints, and there's

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"#LOOKONTHEBRIGHTSIDE has been created to get families with school-age children (pre-school through 8th graders) out into town and remind them of the wonderful retailers, restaurants and resources Westfield has to offer," stated Lurgio.

Participating businesses will be given a drawing of a sun with an assigned number on it. During the weeks of Aug. 24 – Sept. 4, businesses will hang their sun in a visible spot in a window.

"Each sun will be assigned a number and families will have a tracking sheet where they mark the number on the sun," Lurgio said. "They can then return the sheets to me either by mail or email and be entered in a raffle drawing for gift cards to many of the businesses."

Organizers did not ask any business for a gift card, just their participation, but they received much more than expected.

"We had people in City Hall offer to give gift cards and when we went to businesses asking them to participate, many of them said they wanted to give," Lurgio said. "It warmed our hearts that we are doing something to try to help them and they wanted to contribute."

The Westfield Kiwanis also contributed by allowing the funds they normally donate for the egg hunt to be used to purchase prizes.

Suns and tracking sheets will be handed out this week. Tracking sheets will be available starting Friday at the Westfield Athenaeum, PlayNow Toys and Games, Munchy's Ice Cream and will be sent home with campers at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield.

Commission, with a two-foot buffer inside the fence for plantings to catch water.

Final approval was also given to Philip and Katia Ball for installation of a dock on Horse Pond, which had been continued from the previous meeting on July 28 to hear from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding Chapter 91 approval of the dock.

In the previous meeting, Ball said he is in a wheelchair, and wanted to build a ramp with concrete supports to a dock on the pond.

Borenstein said she had done a site visit, and that it was a good location, and no trees or shrubs would be removed. She said there is a beach on the pond, and neighbors on both sides had docks.

At Monday's meeting, Borenstein said she had communicated with a representative of the Department of Envorinmental Protectio, who said their approval did not inhibit the commission from issuing a permit. She said any time there's a dock, the DEP has to issue a separate permit.

The Commission approved the request with the conditions that the work start date be communicated to Borenstein, and that five native shrubs be planted by the pond and installed by the fall of the year that the dock is constructed.

Westfield Mayor plans office hours at Farmers' Market

By LORI SZEPELAK Correspondent

WESTFIELD — Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. has set his sights on setting up a table on Aug. 20 during the Westfield Farmers' Market to meet with constituents who have feedback or a question to ask.

"I've always enjoyed the casual atmosphere at the farmers' market," said Humason, adding his office hours this Thursday will be from 12-3 p.m.

Humason noted that with key locations including the Westfield Senior Center and Westfield City Hall remaining closed at this time due to the coronavirus pandemic, he has had limited locations to offer office hours.

"I like getting out of the office and I find people are more comfortable when we are chatting at a local restaurant or walking along a street," said Humason. "With places like City Hall remaining closed for now and no sign of reopening soon, I have to find places like this for casual gatherings and to offer opportunities for people to approach me informally."

Humason said he is hopeful that people will want to stop by and share any concerns or questions they have.

"This is something I like to do and the mayor should be as visible as possible," said Humason. "This year hasn't been like that because of COVID-19 so I am looking for opportunities like the farmers' market to get out and talk to people."

Humason noted that if city residents are unable to attend the farmers' market, he is also accessible by calling his office, (413) 572-6201, or sending an email to mayor@ cityofwestfield.org. He added that if someone sends him an email he would prefer that individual also include a telephone number so he can reach out quickly. Additionally, he has a Facebook page where comments can be left on the "messenger" link.

"There is always a place for formal meetings like parades and special ceremonies, but it is important to have informal



The Westfield Farmer's Market is open Thursdays from 12-5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement. Masks are required. Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. has scheduled office houra druing the Aug. 20 market. (HOPE E. TREMBLAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS) times to be accessible to the people and due to COVID-19 this year those opportunities haven't been possible," he said.

The Westfield Farmers' Market is conducted from 12-5 p.m. on the front lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement on Court Street.

"We are definitely pleased and surprised by our customer turnout since we opened," said Debbie Randzio, market manager. "The community has been very supportive, thanking us for being there."

Randzio noted that more than 450 people have attended the market each week since it opened this season

WSU hosts virtual information session for master's programs in counseling and applied behavior analysis

Flexible, affordable programs designed for the working adult

WESTFIELD - A virtual information session for Westfield State University's master's degrees in counseling and applied behavior analysis will be held Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Individuals interested in careers as behavior analysts, clinicians, family and marriage counselors, and guidance or adjustment counselors should consider attending to learn how a graduate degree could help them attain one of these positions.

The Department of Psychology offers a 60-credit graduate program designed to serve the student who plans to enter the applied fields of counseling or psychology after receiving the Master of Arts degree. The program offers four specialized tracks: school guidance counseling, school adjustment counseling, forensic mental health counseling and mental health counseling.

Westfield State also offers a 48-credit M.A. in applied behavior analysis program to individuals who work, or aspire to work, in a number of different settings, such as schools, including regular and special education classrooms, business and industry, healthcare, and other community-based settings.

"Westfield State's graduate training in counseling meets all requirements for entry licensure in school counseling and all premasters content and field experience requirements for mental health counselors," said Robert Hayes, Ph.D., chair of graduate pro-

grams in psychology. "We particularly value small classes for technique-related courses, where graduate candidates receive outstanding individual attention, as well as group supervision during the development of their counseling skills. Counseling is both a science and an art, and our graduate training program attends to both."

Information session attendees will have an opportunity to speak with faculty and members of the outreach team about the program and its application process. The \$50 application fee will be waived for all attendees. To RSVP, visit www.GoBackNow.com. For more information, call 413-572-8020 or email wsucgce@westfield.ma.edu.

Founded in 1839 by Horace Mann, Westfield State University is an education leader committed to providing every generation of students with a learning experience built on its founding principle as the first public, co-educational college in America to offer an education without barrier to race, gender, or economic status. This spirit of innovative thinking and social responsibility is forged in a curriculum of liberal arts and professional studies that creates a vital community of engaged learners who become confident, capable individuals prepared for leadership and service to society. For more information on Westfield State University, visit www.westfield.ma.edu, www.twitter.com/westfieldstate, or https:// www.facebook.com/WestfieldStateUniversity.

bankESB promotes Westfield's Nathaniel Munson to assistant vice president

EASTHAMPTON - bankESB has promoted Nathaniel Munson of Westfield to assistant vice president-portfolio manager.

Munson joined bankESB in 2018 as portfolio manager, and prior to that was with Westfield Bank for six years, most recently as senior credit analyst.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western New England University and is an active member of the Mountain View Baptist Church in Holyoke, currently serving as a trustee, Sunday school director, and youth leader. He and his family live in Westfield.

About bankESB

Founded in 1869 as Easthampton Savings Bank, bankESB is headquartered in Easthampton, Massachusetts, and operates 11 branches throughout western Massachusetts. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankESB and the Easthampton Savings Bank Charitable Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Hampden and Hampshire counties. In 2019, the bank and foundation donated more than \$337,000 to nearly 250 organizations. Over the last five years, the program has donated more than \$1.7 million. For more information, visit bank-ESB.com.

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NATHANIEL MUNSON

Rail Trail group recipient of **Big Y bag funds**

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail has been selected to be a part of the Big Y Community Bag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment.

For the month of August, each time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Big Y located at East. Main Street or East.Silver Street in Westfield, \$1 will be donated to the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for the cause.

The more people who learn about the program and purchase the Community Bag during the month of August, the more money raised.

To learn more about this program, please visit bigy.bags4mycause.com.

POLICE LOGS

Major crime and incident report Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020 WESTFIELD

9:39 a.m.: accident, North Elm Street, multiple callers report a two-car crash, the responding officer reports one operator was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital and one vehicle was towed to the police impound yard;

1:21 p.m.: animal complaint, Frederick Street, an animal control officer reports she took custody of a baby squirrel and transported it to the municipal animal shelter;

3:13 p.m.: larceny, Springfield Road, an employee of a Springfield Road department store reports she has detained two shoplifters and one refuses to identify himself, the responding officer reports the caller said that the two men had failed to scan merchandise valued at \$37 at a self-scan terminal, the officer reports the store management declined to pursue criminal charges and both men were served with 'No trespassing' orders;

5:19 p.m.: officer wanted, Russell Road, a caller from a Russell Road convenience store reports a customer who entered without a mask made threats when he was asked to were a mask or leave, the caller asked that the man be served with a 'No trespassing' order, the responding officer reports the order was served in hand;

6:31 p.m.: accident, Orange Street at Maple Street, multiple callers report that a pedestrian was injured when struck by a vehicle which left the scene, the pedestrian was transported to Baystate Medical Center, an officer located the suspect vehicle and criminal complaints were filed;

7:48 p.m.: trespassing, Westfield Middle School, 30 West Silver St., a caller reports 4-5 children are on the roof of the school, the responding officer reports the children came down from the roof and were advised of the pertinent regulations, their parents were contacted and advised of their actions.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020

Samuel E. Luna-Sachez, 29, of 28 William Sands Jr. Road, Springfield, was released upon payment of \$1,000 cash bail with pre-trial conditions pending an Oct. 2 hearing after he was arraigned on arrested charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, leaving the scene of personal injury, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and reckless operation of a motor vehicle brought by Westfield police.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

WED., AUG. 19, 2020 IS THE 232ND DAY OF THE YEAR. 134 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR

ON THIS DAY

295 BC - The first temple to Venus, the Roman goddess of love, beauty and fertility, is dedicated by Quintus Fabius Maximus Gurges during the Third Samnite War. 43 BC – Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus.

later known as Augustus, compels the Roman Senate to elect him Consul. 947 - Abu Yazid, a Kharijite rebel leader, is

defeated and killed in the Hodna Mountains in modern-day Algeria by Fatimid forces.

1153 - Baldwin III of Jerusalem takes control of the Kingdom of Jerusalem from his mother Melisende, and also captures Ascalon.

1458 - Pope Pius II becomes the 211th Pope.

1504 – In Ireland, the Hiberno-Norman de Burghs (Burkes) and Anglo-Norman Fitzgeralds fight in the Battle of Knockdoe. 1561 - Mary, Queen of Scots, who was 18 years old, returns to Scotland after spending 13 years in France.

1612 - The "Samlesbury witches", three women from the Lancashire village of Samlesbury, England, are put on trial, accused of practicing witchcraft, one of the most famous witch trials in British history.

1666 - Second Anglo-Dutch War: Rear Admiral Robert Holmes leads a raid on the Dutch island of Terschelling, destroying 150 merchant ships, an act later known as "Holmes's Bonfire"

1692 - Salem witch trials: In Salem, Province of Massachusetts Bay, five people, one woman and four men, including a clergyman, are executed after being convicted of witchcraft.

1745 – Prince Charles Edward Stuart raises his standard in Glenfinnan: The start of the Second Jacobite Rebellion, known as "the 45"

1745 – Ottoman–Persian War: In the Battle of Kars, the Ottoman army is routed by Persian forces led by Nader Shah.

1759 – Battle of Lagos Naval battle during the Seven Years' War between Great Britain and France.

1772 – Gustav III of Sweden stages a coup d'état, in which he assumes power and enacts a new constitution that divides power between the Riksdag and the King.

1782 – American Revolutionary War: Battle of Blue Licks: The last major engagement of the war, almost ten months after the surrender of the British commander Charles Cornwallis following the Siege of Yorktown. 1812 – War of 1812: American frigate USS Constitution defeats the British frigate HMS Guerriere off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada earning the nickname "Old Ironsides". **1813** – Gervasio Antonio de Posadas joins Argentina's Second Triumvirate.

1839 – The French government announces that Louis Daguerre's photographic process is a gift "free to the world".

1848 – California Gold Rush: The New York Herald breaks the news to the East Coast of the United States of the gold rush in California (although the rush started in January). 1854 – The First Sioux War begins when United States Army soldiers kill Lakota chief Conquering Bear and in return are massacred.

1861 - First ascent of Weisshorn, fifth highest summit in the Alps.

1862 - American Indian Wars: During an uprising in Minnesota, Lakota warriors decide not to attack heavily defended Fort Ridgely and instead turn to the settlement of New Ulm, killing white settlers along the wav

1909 - The first automobile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

1920 - The Tambov Rebellion breaks out, in response to the Bolshevik policy of Prodrazvyorstka.

1927 - Patriarch Sergius of Moscow proclaims the declaration of loyalty of the Russian Orthodox Church to the Soviet Union. **1934** – The first All-American Soap Box Derby is held in Dayton, Ohio.

1934 – The German referendum of 1934 approves Hitler's appointment as head of state with the title of Führer.

1936 – The Great Purge of the Soviet Union

begins when the first of the Moscow Trials is convened.

1940 - First flight of the B-25 Mitchell medium bomber

1942 - World War II: Operation Jubilee: The 2nd Canadian Infantry Division leads an amphibious assault by allied forces on Dieppe, France and fails, many Canadians are killed or captured. The operation was intended to develop and try new amphibious landing tactics for the coming full invasion in Normandy.

1944 - World War II: Liberation of Paris: Paris, France rises against German occupation with the help of Allied troops.

1945 – August Revolution: Viet Minh led by Ho Chi Minh take power in Hanoi, Vietnam. 1953 – Cold War: The CIA and MI6 help to overthrow the government of Mohammad Mosaddegh in Iran and reinstate the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

1955 - In the Northeast United States, severe flooding caused by Hurricane Diane, claims 200 lives.

1960 - Cold War: In Moscow, Russia, Soviet Union, downed American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers is sentenced to ten years imprisonment by the Soviet Union for espionage.

1960 – Sputnik program: Korabl-Sputnik 2: The Soviet Union launches the satellite with the dogs Belka and Strelka, 40 mice, two rats and a variety of plants.

1964 - Syncom 3, the first geostationary communication satellite, was launched.

1965 – Japanese prime minister Eisaku Sato becomes the first post-World War II sitting prime minister to visit Okinawa Prefecture.

1978 - In Iran, Cinema Rex fire caused more than 400 deaths.

1980 - Saudia Flight 163, a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar burns after making an emergency landing at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing 301 people.

1981 – Gulf of Sidra Incident: United States fighters intercept and shoot down two Libyan Sukhoi Su-22 fighter jets over the Gulf of Sidra.

1987 - Hungerford massacre: In the United Kingdom, Michael Ryan kills sixteen people with a semi-automatic rifle and then commits suicide.

1989 - Polish president Wojciech Jaruzelski nominates Solidarity activist Tadeusz Mazowiecki to be the first non-communist prime minister in 42 years.

1989 - Several hundred East Germans cross the frontier between Hungary and Austria during the Pan-European Picnic, part of the events that began the process of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

1991 - Dissolution of the Soviet Union, August Coup: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is placed under house arrest while on holiday in the town of Foros, Ukraine. 1991 - Crown Heights riot begins.

1999 - In Belgrade, Yugoslavia, tens of thousands of Serbians rally to demand the resignation of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milošević.

2002 – Khankala Mi-26 crash: A Russian Mil Mi-26 helicopter carrying troops is hit by a Chechen missile outside Grozny, killing 118 soldiers.

2003 - A car-bomb attack on United Nations headquarters in Iraq kills the agency's top envoy Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 other employees.

2003 - A suicide attack on a bus in Jerusalem, Israel, planned by Hamas, kills 23 Israelis, seven of them children, in the Shmuel HaNavi bus bombing.

2005 - The first-ever joint military exercise between Russia and China, called Peace Mission 2005 begins.

2009 - A series of bombings in Baghdad, Iraq, kills 101 and injures 565 others.

2010 – Operation Iraqi Freedom ends, with the last of the United States brigade combat teams crossing the border to Kuwait.

2013 - The Dhamara Ghat train accident kills at least 37 people in the Indian state of Bihar.

2017 - Tens of thousands of farmed nonnative Atlantic salmon are accidentally released into the wild in Washington waters in the 2017 Cypress Island Atlantic salmon pen break.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1940 - Jill St. John, American model and actress

1944 - Jack Canfield, American author 1946 - Charles Bolden, American general and astronaut

1946 - Bill Clinton, American lawyer and politician, 42nd President of the United States

1952 – Jonathan Frakes, American actor and director

1955 - Ned Yost, American baseball player and manager

1956 – Adam Arkin, American actor, director, and producer

1957 - Gary Chapman, American contemporary Christian music singer-songwriter and guitarist

1957 – Martin Donovan, American actor and director

1959 - Ricky Pierce, American basketball player

1960 - Morten Andersen, Danish-American football player

1963 – John Stamos, American actor

1966 – Lee Ann Womack, American singer-songwriter

1969 – Matthew Perry, American actor, producer, and screenwriter

1975 - Chynna Clugston, American illustrator

1978 - Chris Capuano, American baseball player

1979 - Dave Douglas, American singersongwriter and drummer

1980 - Michael Todd, American bass player

1981 – Percy Watson, American football player and wrestler

1982 – J. J. Hardy, American baseball plaver

1982 - Stipe Miocic, American professional mixed martial artist

Volunteers invited to get dirty for cleaner rivers

GREENFIELD - Registration is now open for the Connecticut River Conservancy's (CRC), Source to Sea Cleanup. This annual event, now in its 24th year, has grown into one of the largest river cleanups in the country. CRC invites volunteers to safely continue the tradition of getting dirty for cleaner rivers in September. For more information, event safety guidelines, or to register for the Cleanup visit www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

"The Source to Sea Cleanup strengthens community while cleaning up our rivers and streams. It's an opportunity for you to make a difference," says CRC Executive Director Andrew Fisk. "When people help clean their rivers, they make lasting connections with each other and with their rivers." The annual Source to Sea Cleanup is a river cleanup coordinated by CRC in all four states of the 410mile Connecticut River basin (NH, VT, MA, CT).

This year's Cleanup continues throughout September, rather than the typical 2-day event, for better social distancing of volunteers. "We're excited to work with volunteers to tackle trash, even during the pandemic. We've redesigned the event to keep everyone as safe as possible while still making a difference for cleaner rivers," says Stacey Lennard, CRC Cleanup Coordinator. Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. Volunteers remove trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more. In 2019, more than 3,600 volunteers hauled nearly 67 tons of trash from riverbanks and waterways across our four river states. Volunteers remove everything from recyclable bottles and cans, fishing equipment and food waste to tires, televisions, and refrigerators. To date, volunteers have removed more than 1,167 tons of trash from our rivers.

"There are lots of ways to get involved," continues Lennard. "Volunteers can report a trash site in need of cleaning, organize and register your own local cleanup group, or be a #RiverWitness on social media. Join us to celebrate our collective efforts - together yet apart - at a virtual Source to Sea Shindig on September 30 to wrap up the Cleanup."

New this year, CRC added #RiverWitness to help people connect with each other online through their shared concern for and appreciation of our rivers. Take a photo or video when you are at the river, participating in the Source to Sea Cleanup or enjoying time outside. Or make art inspired by river beauty or river pollution. Share on social media, include #RiverWitness and tag Connecticut River Conservancy. If you're not on social media, share images on CRC's website: www.ctriver. org/riverwitness. Your images will be added to an online mosaic photo display and video.

Select images will be used to call on decisionmakers to enact trash solutions to keep trash out of our rivers.

If your group wants to get involved but needs a cleanup site, if you have questions, or if you know of a trash site in need of cleaning, contact CRC's Cleanup Coordinator Stacey Lennard at cleanup@ctriver.org. Learn more about the event at www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

Since 1952, Connecticut River Conservancy has been the voice for the Connecticut River watershed, from source to sea. They collaborate with partners across four states to protect and advocate for your rivers and educate and engage communities. They bring people together to prevent pollution, improve habitat, and promote enjoyment of your rivers and streams. Healthy rivers support healthy economies. To learn more about CRC, or to make a contribution to help protect your rivers, visit www.ctriver.org.

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plenty of those, believe me," Rouse said.

Rouse said unless the Board of Health gets a complaint, they're not going to show up at a business. "Unless you're flagrantly, knowingly (not following guidelines). Other than that, do the best you can. The first time, if there's a violation, please extend your hand so I can slap it. The second one is a verbal warning. The third one probably would be a fine, but we haven't even gotten close to that in Westfield," he said.

"The state police aren't going to be beating down your door unless somebody calls them, and it would have to be so egregious, or they would call us," Rouse said.

Phelon said on a recent call with chambers of commerce and state officials, they were told the first step is education, the second a written warning, and the third is a violation of \$300. "They reemphasized the fact that they don't really want to fine people. It's more education, helping them comply," Phelon said.

Sally English of the Forum House asked how her organization can plan for the winter, and a possible spike in cases.

"You're right, it's not going anywhere. We can only take baby steps with this. We can't predict what we're going to be looking at even a month from now. In the season that we're in, outdoor events have been the biggest contributor to clusters spiking," Rouse said.

"Do everything right, right now We're looking at a projected spike in October. Those models are based on us not being as diligent now as we are going forward," he said, adding the same applies to schools. "Do something today that your future self will thank you for. Right now is the critical phase, and right now we're very good (in Westfield). Let's not all be chomping at the bit so much." Rouse said he hears all the time how much people are

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tant message. My focus has always been on sanitizing, wearing masks, and social distancing," English said. "I've really seen a negative

impact of quarantine and isolation on people. A lot of the people I work with don' t have access to technology. Any thoughts on what we can do as a city to try to support our citizens going through this," English asked.

Rouse said it was a good point. "We are concerned about the socialization aspect of isolation. People need to take advantage of the phase 3 status that we have. We are allowed to assemble indoors, 25 or less.. Maybe you can have some kind of event where people can get together. We may get to a point in the fall where we have to scale back," he said.

"It is still possible right now. Keep it small, maybe do multiple things, more frequent, smaller events outside. These will quickly get rolled back if we start spiking again. So long as we stay in that average of about one new case a day, and 8 active cases in isolation and quarantine," Rouse added.

"The Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce was so pleased to offer a virtual workshop this morning with Joe Rouse, City of Westfield Public Health Director," said Phelon, after the meeting. "This workshop was available to both members and non-members and it was so informative having our local top health official answer our members' questions.

"This pandemic needs to be taken seriously and Joe eased our minds and shared that Westfield is heading in the right direction with active cases, yet reinforced how important it is to keep doing what we are all doing by wearing masks and social distancing. The Chamber will be looking at holding more virtual workshops in the future that will benefit the members," Phelon added.

Hours —

and she is seeing more SNAP customers who are using the \$5 match program.

"Now that we have a controlled entrance and exit, we can get a fairly accurate count of how many customers visit us," said Randzio. "Prior to COVID, the market was wide open and customers could wander in and out of the market from anywhere on the entire property, so we took an approximation by walking through the market and counting the customers once each hour."

Randzio noted at press time, there were several vendors already planning on being at the farmers' market this week, including the Meadowburn Farm of Blandford, that offers bouquets of cut flowers, herbs, small batches of essential oils, and a variety of lavender products including soaps, body powder, sachets, reed diffusers, body butter, sprays, scrubs, roll-on, perfume, face wipes and stress balls.

Vendors also at this week's market include Peacock's Nest Studio of Easthampton, offering glasses and hearing aid friendly adjustable face masks as well as lab-tested hand sanitizers; Pignatare's Farm of Westfield, selling produce, eggs, honey, honey sticks, breads, flowers, fruit, vegetables and vegetable plants, jams, jellies and popcorn; Pitchfork Farm of Westfield, selling chicken, duck, and goose eggs, honey, bird feathers, pork and goat meat,

NO-KILL RESCUES Donations sought for Westfield Homeless Cat Project

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Homeless Cat Project is seeking food, supply and monetary donations during these uncertain times. With the cancellation of fundraisers and public apprehension over Covid 19, we have grave concerns as to the financial effect this may have on small no-kill rescues such as ours. Cat food donations - especially Fancy Feast and Friskies - as well as cat and shelter supplies such as litter, towels/blankets, household cleaners and paper products and monetary donations would be most appreciated!

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as well as bison meat and bones, elk meat, organs and bones, and pasture raised broiler chickens, and Relax, Rinse, Repeat of Westfield will be selling sugar scrubs, hand sanitizers, bug spray and lip balm, all made with essential oils and natural products.

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Additional vendors set to sell at the market this week include Jeff Bellefleur of Feeding Hills, offering chainsaw carvings; Bev's Patchwork of Westfield, selling wool mittens made out of wool sweaters, purses made from old sweaters, hobby horses, aprons, appliquéd towels and seasonal wreaths; Sandy Hill Apiary of Westfield will be selling raw wildflower honey, creamed raw honey, infused raw honey, beeswax lip balms, hand creams, paw balms for pets, and reusable beeswax food wraps as an earth friendly alternative to plastic wrap, and West Parish Orchard of Westfield will be offering peaches, apples, apple butter, homemade apple/harvest-themed potholders, homemade wine bottle bags and beeswax candles.

A representative from Commonwealth Care Alliance, based in Springfield, will also be on hand to discuss free health care options for seniors with Medicare.

For the latest details on the market, visit the Westfield Farmers' Market Facebook page or its website, westfieldfarmersmarket.org.

Notice regarding destruction of STGRSD student records

SOUTHWICK - In accordance with the provisions of regulation, state 603CMR23.06, all Southwick Regional School temporary student records for graduation year 2011, 2012 and 2013 shall be destroyed on September 15, 2020. It is your right to obtain these records before they are destroyed. To obtain records please contact Kimberley Gepfert at the Southwick Regional School at 413-569-6171 or kgepfert@ stgrsd.org.



Westfield Director of Public Health Joseph A. Rouse. (THE WESTFIELD NEWS PHOTO)

sick of it, and can't take it anymore. "We can't will it to be done," he said, adding that now is the time to get ready for the next possible surge. "The city has done that. I was able to secure 7,000 masks from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. When we get to the event of the vaccine, we will have PPE available to give mass immunization clinics."

Rouse also said if anyone needs something right now, they should consult with him. He said he is now co-directing the Westfield Emergency Management Agency with communications manager Nina Barszcz.

English also asked about temperature taking, which in her program is divisive. "My understanding is 100 degrees for the cutoff." She said some of the state guidelines are not verv strict.

Rouse said temperature

taking is not the "be all to end all." He said people use all sorts of instruments; many of which have to be calibrated, and all of which have a one degree plus or minus variance. He suggested reading the instructions.

Rouse said the more effective process is wearing masks and social distancing.

"That would be an impor-

"As always, we thank you for your support," said founder Denise Sinico.

You can also support WHCP and do your shopping at the same time through Amazon Smile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. However, when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Please go to www.smile. amazon.com and designate the Westfield Homeless Cat Project as your preferred charity.

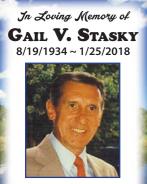
And don't forget the updated adoption clinic hours: Thursdays from 5 – 7 p.m., Fridays from 1 – 3 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Sundays from 1-3 p.m. Please note that all safety protocols are followed, including facial coverings and hand sanitization. For more information contact Denise at denisesinico@hotmail.com.



Southwick **Travelers** trips canceled

SOUTHWICK - The Southwick Travelers have canceled all its trips for the remainder of 2020.

They are going to be looking for a new group leader next year. If interested, please call George Wheeler @ 569-3854 or Friendship Tours @ 1-800-243-1630.



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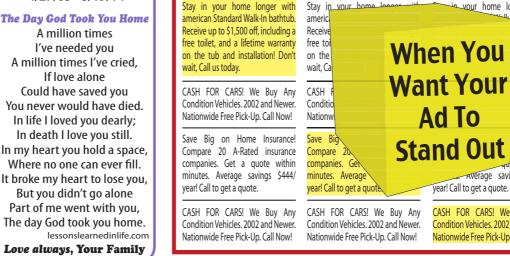
Staff continue to work inside City Hall and anyone needing to do city business should call individual offices with questions. A list of city departments,



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Tribute to Carol

To the Editor,

On July 31, 2020, an extraordinarily compassionate woman passed away by the name of Carol Cella.

For many years she suffered with dignity and grace, only caring about how YOU were doing.

If "angels walk among us," and we believe they do, Carol did with a caring and loving heart.

If you were fortunate enough to know her and have her for a friend, you were especially blessed.

Walk now with the other angels in Heaven, Carol, because you already were one.

Three grieving friends,

Trina Carey, Gail Fedora and Jean Bates

Training program aims to plug poll worker gap

By KATIE LANNAN State House News Service

BOSTON - A new program aims to train students and others to serve as poll workers this election season, responding to the stresses COVID-19 places on local election officials and volunteers.

Launched Monday by the Safe Elections Network, the Massachusetts Student Poll Worker Corps will either send trained participants directly to election officials or place them in a "reserve corps" to be directed to a community identified as needing poll workers in the days leading up to the election.

Kristina Mensik of Common Cause Massachusetts said the pandemic makes it hard for municipal election officials to train new staff in-person, and many regular poll workers fall into an age demographic "that makes them especially vulnerable to COVID-19." Clerks and other elected officials also face an added workload this year because of expanded mail-in voting

'We've heard from election officials that folks flooding their inbox with offers to help is great, but what would be more helpful is a system where they know that the substitute poll workers are a good fit for the job, and that they'll show up," Mensik said in a statement. "We designed this training program with that in mind."

Organizers said in a press release that the program is based on research, including interviews with municipal clerks, to determine their needs, concerns and recommendations. Though targeted at students, it is open to anyone.

Sen. Barry Finegold, who co-chairs the Election Laws Committee, said the effort will "help to strengthen civic engagement and make our elections run more smoothly."

A July law expanded mail-in and early voting opportunities for the Sept. 1 primary and Nov. 3 general election in light of the pandemic and social distancing measures, and also gave local officials more flexibility in appointing poll workers if they face a shortage.

Police unions in ad blitz against reform efforts

BV CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK

State House News Service

BOSTON - Police unions across the state are spending on advertisements in the two daily newspapers in Massachusetts opposing an extensive police reform bill that curbs qualified immunity and use of force tactics.

"We are your neighbors," an Aug. 17 full-page advertisement in The Boston Globe read. "The bill has been hastily thrust upon our legislative leaders without any involvement from people in law enforcement or any opportunity for public comment from people like you. The ad, which also ran in The Boston Herald, was paid for by 13 police organization including Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society, Boston Police Superior Officers Federation, and Brookline Police Association. A similar ad from the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association ran in the Globe on Aug. 6 and both papers on Aug. 5. The ad push comes as work on the bills continues behind closed doors more than two weeks after lawmakers missed a passage deadline. "In an effort to appease various groups, some elected offi-cials are trying to rush a police bill that would harm, not reform, policing," the BPPA ad read. "We urge legislators to resist calls for drastic changes to law enforcement at the expense of good efficient changes.' While it is not clear how much the unions have poured into ads, the Globe and Herald's print product reach a large audience. The Globe had 92,818 weekday print subscribers in the last quarter of 2019, according to Boston Business Journal reporting, while The Herald had under 30,000 print subscribers as of the first quarter of 2020. Various police organizations including one of the state's largest, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, opposed the legislation. In late July, as debate unfolded in the House, President and Hampden Police Chief Jeff Farnsworth called the bill "nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction to the events happening hundreds of miles away from here.'



Ownership equity threshold stirs debate at Cannabis Control Commission

By COLIN A. YOUNG State House News Service

BOSTON - Before wrapping up its third major round of rule-making since its inception three years ago, the Cannabis Control Commission on Monday solicited feedback from members of the Cannabis Advisory Board and heard plenty about its proposed regulations dealing with economic empowerment applicants and the new delivery license model.

Since June, the CCC has been busy tweaking existing marijuana regulations and setting new policies for the fledgling industry. Included in the latest draft of the CCC's regulations is a requirement that retailers display instore and disclose on packaging that vape products have been tested for Vitamin E acetate but may still be harmful to health regardless, an allowance for delivery licensees to have an interest in another license type (and vice versa), greater flexibility for the CCC to add new groups to its social equity program, the ability for a medical marijuana caregiver to provide care to up to 10 patients, and a new process for the CCC to be notified of and have oversight over licensees placed under the control of a receiver by a Massachusetts court.

During a virtual meeting with the CAB on Monday, the commission asked for input on its proposals related to a handful of specific topic areas. The first one up was the issue of an ownership threshold for licensees that are eligible for a number of benefits because they meet the criteria to be deemed an economic empowerment applicant. Entrepreneurs who qualify as economic empowerment applicants get priority when the CCC reviews business applications and the CCC runs a social equity program to provide technical and financial assistance to prospective business owners from communities disproportionately harmed by past drug laws.

in their establishment to retain their economic empowerment status," CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman said. "The draft regulations that we voted on and approved make it a requirement that you need to stay above 51 percent to retain your economic empowerment status. What that means is priority in the application process, reduced application and licensing fees, the ability to apply for either delivery license or social consumption license, and in another part of our draft regulations, the ability to participate in the social equity program."

Hoffman said the issue of an equity threshold attracted a lot of feedback from the public and prospective licensees during the commission's public comment period, though the feedback was split into two camps.

"One saying it's important for people to stay above 51 percent so that they are not taken advantage of by investors that want to use them as essentially front people to get into the program," he said. "But we've also heard from economic empowerment applicants who say they want the flexibility to structure their investors the way they want to and if that means going below 51 percent then that should be their option.'

Members of the CAB -- a 25-person group formed by the 2017 legalization law to make occasional recommendations to the CCC -- said Monday they would like to see the CCC keep the requirement that economic empowerment applicants maintain at least 51 percent ownership. "I can appreciate that there are folks that would like to reduce that in order to maintain their economic empowerment priority status and get funding. ... I think you can still obtain the funding, but I don't think that that should allow you to maintain your economic empowerment priority status as far as the expedited licensing is concerned," Kim Napoli, who served as director of outreach for the 2016 ballot question campaign that legalized marijuana, said. "Ownership is essential. Bringing wealth to these communities, to these individuals, that have

been subject to high rates of arrest and incarceration is what we're trying to do. We're not trying to bring money to folks who have not had that same experience and I don't think that lowering that threshold below 51 percent and effectively giving control and ownership of the company to an outside party that is well-capitalized and not within that class of priority serves that purpose."

CAB members Michael Latulippe, who serves as development director for the Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance, and Shanel Lindsay, a cannabis entrepreneur and industry consultant, also told the CCC that they support keeping the 51 percent threshold.

As was the case when the CCC held a public hearing to collect input on its regulations, the proposed model for marijuana delivery service was one area of the CCC's draft regulations that attracted significant feedback during Monday's meeting. The commission approved a delivery license structure in the fall and made applications available in May, but has not yet licensed a delivery-only business. Several prospective cannabis delivery operators told commissioners during the public hearing that the framework for delivery will not work as currently written.

"If you listened to our public hearing a while back, we got a lot of pushback about allowing for wholesaling and storage rather than the original delivery proposal, which is in the regulations right now, which essentially says that as a delivery licensee you can only deliver on behalf of the retailer, that you don't take possession or ownership of the product. Essentially, the business looks like a courier business," Hoffman said. "We got a lot of pushback saying that people found that to be less than a viable economic model. The trade-off, of course, in our minds is a very strong desire to try to keep the capital requirements as low as possible in this business and, of course, adding warehousing and wholesaling would significantly increase

Supporters of the bills say they are an overdue attempt to hold police accountable for misconduct and address patterns of racism in policing.

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"The primary debate that we had here was whether to require economic empowerment applicants to maintain at least 51 percent ownership of the equity

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Lost Cat

Pictured above is the Bengal who got loose Saturday morning in the Shaker Heights area – vicinity of Munger Hill School. He is reddish brown with brown spots. He is shy and won't allow anyone to pick him up. If you see him, please call me at 413 427-2812. Thank you.

the capital requirements." Napoli said she understands the concern that the cost of entry to the industry could be higher for delivery companies that want to wholesale, but said she thinks delivery licensees should have the option to purchase marijuana and marijuana products wholesale from cultivators and manufacturers.

"I feel very strongly that delivery should be able to wholesale and I understand the comments that that could raise the cost of entry to the

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Kennedy: Markey 'attacked my family'

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK State House News Service

BOSTON - U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III defended his family's legacy Monday after U.S. Sen. Ed Markey repeatedly took shots at the congressman.

"The senator's time would be better spent reconciling his own history with the civil rights movement over the course of the past 50 years," he said at a Tuesday press conference where he was surrounded by Black leaders from across the state. "Senator Markey has been in government for nearly 50 years. He has served in times of tremendous consequence. He's got-

ten it wrong over and over. So he attacked my family."

The primary race between the two Democrats heated up over the past week with the two taking open digs at each other in a debate and over social media.

In a campaign video released Thursday, Markey re-purposed a famous line

from President John F. Kennedy in one of the more blunt moments of the heated contest.

"We asked what we could do for our country. We went out, we did it," he said in the video. "With all due respect, it's time to start asking what your country can do for you."

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market. However, I think that that should be an option that folks are able to make, a decision that folks are able to make for themselves," she said. Napoli added, "We're looking for people to invest in these companies, we're looking for folks to partner with these companies. There may be a cost associated with securing delivery or securing wholesale and securing space to have that storage, but that's what allows you to make the money, having those things

and not having the business be an onerous one that is practically not able to function properly."

Home delivery of marijuana has long been allowed under the state's medical marijuana program, and advocates pushed for a deliveryonly license in the recreational market arguing that it will help level the playing field between large corporations and small businesses because the barriers to entry for delivery are typically far less burdensome than those for retail licenses.

Delivery licenses are available exclusively to participants in the CCC's social equity program and certified economic empowerment applicants for a minimum of two years.

The CCC accepted public input on its latest draft regulations through last Friday and the commission expects to vote on a final set of regulations at a meeting scheduled for Sept. 24.

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Starfires rally
past Navigators

By CHRIS PUTZ Sports Editor

LYNN – Bolstered by a seven-run eighth inning, the Westfield Starfires rallied for a 10-8 come-from-behind victory over the North Shore Navigators Sunday on the road.

North Shore (17-19) led 7-2 heading into the seventh inning before Westfield (17-20) mounted its comeback.

David Matthews (2-for-3, 3 walks, 2 runs), Michael DeMartino (2-for-5, 2 doubles, run), Danny Crossen (2 runs), Mark Coley (2-for-3, walk, run), Alex Rodriguez (2-for-5, double, run, RBI), and Dolan Ocasal (2-for-5, run, 2 RBIs) fueled the latest Starfires' victory. Ben Malgeri homered for North Shore.

The Westfield Starfires will close out their season Wednesday at home against the Nashua Silver Knights. Game time at Bullens Field is 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 15 Worcester Bravehearts 2, Westfield Starfires 0

Matt Shaw (Maryland), of Brimfield went 3-for-5 with a home run, two runs, and a RBI to lead the Worcester Bravehearts in a shutout of the Westfield Starfires at Bullens Field.

Worcester pitcher Jack Steele tossed six scoreless innings. Steele struck out seven batters and allowed just four hits. He walked one.

Fri., Aug. 14 Westfield Starfires 8, New Britain Bees 1

Drew DeMartino (University of Hartford), of Pittsfield went 2-for-3 with a home run, two runs and a RBI as the Westfield Starfires swatted away the New Britain Bees.

Danny Crossen also had a multi-hit outing for Westfield, going 2-for-4 with a run and three RBIs.

Chase Jeter (Sacred Heart University) spun a gem, scattering six hits and allowing just one run while piling up 12 strikeouts.



Anthony Porrino (Sacred Heart U) avoids the tag on his way to third base. (MARC ST.ONGE PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



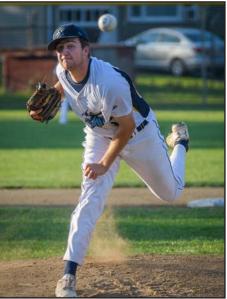


All eyes are on the incoming pitch to Andre Marrero (Quinnipiac U). (MARC ST.ONGE PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Starfires' Devin Kellogg (UHartford), backed up by Eric Callahan, tries to make the tag on the Bees' Griffin Arnone. (MARC ST.ONGE PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)





Danny Crossen (Northeastern U) scores the first run for the Starfires. (MARC ST.ONGE PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Eric Callahan (Millersville U) takes a cut at an early pitch.

Starfires starting pitcher Chase Jeter starts the game on the right foot.



After scoring a run Drew DeMartino (UHartford) gets a celebratory helmet bump from Michael DeMartino (South Conn State). (MARC ST.ONGE PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

Therrien added to Starfires front office staff

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Starfires have officially announced the addition of Jeremy Therrien to the staff as Game Operations and Promotions Coordinator.

Therrien, a Westfield native and senior at Springfield College, has served in that position since late in 2019 and has spent much of the 2020 season implementing the organization's Covid-19 readiness plan.

For three consecutive years, Therrien has served as a student leader at the Hoophall Classic, a Springfieldbased tournament that annually features the top high school basketball players and teams from around the country.

He is also a Game Operations Supervisor for the

Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League.

"Jeremy is a rising star in the sport management and event industry," said team owner and co-founder Christopher Thompson. "We are thrilled to have him join the Starfires organization."

The Westfield Starfires are members of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League which offers top collegiate summer baseball to fans in seven New England cities. The Starfires joined the league as an expansion franchise for the Summer of 2019 and play out of historic Billy Bullens Field in Westfield. – Courtesy of Westfield Starfires



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"I'm speechless, too, Teddy. I just can't believe Tommy left the baby and me. He said what we had wasn't real and that he was tired of pretending.

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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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ The cell salt for Aries is potassium phosphate. This helps treat skin conditions, as well as the depression and headaches your birth sign is often prone to. Tonight: Find this cell salt in garlic, bran, dates, mustard greens, peppers and wheat germ.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Today highlights your creative potentials. Pursue a favorite project or avocation. It could generate additional income and bring you recognition, even some celebrity status. Love prospects continue to be promising during the long sum-mer days. Tonight: Dance with ecstatic

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ A family member's contributions or advice brings welcome financial assistance. Today also indicates that the sale, purchase or rental of property could pave the way to financial freedom. Much to be discussed with family. Tonight: A long, celebratory family dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) $\star \star \star \star$ Stay informed about current

events. The news provides valuable perspective and insights. Educational broadcasts or podcasts are enjoyable. Also, casual conversations offer nuances that facilitate your spiritual awakening. Tonight: Try a meditation circle or yoga class in your neighborhood. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Family members can require

extra assistance. Prepare for a financial roller coaster ride. Look for ways to reduce expenses related to housing. Seek ways to employ the latest technologies in

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also is a third chance to make the

contract, even if the hearts don't divide evenly and West has the ace of

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a heart to the king, then ruff dummy's last spade. These preliminary moves, although they don't directly gain any tricks, are made to cater to the possi-

bility of an uneven heart division. with West holding the greater length.

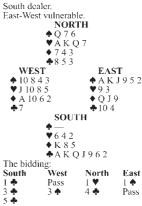
When you next play a heart to the ace and East shows out, you have a right to congratulate yourself for hav-

ing had the foresight to eliminate dummy's spades. That effort is now certain to bear fruit, regardless of the location of the ace of diamonds.

Accordingly, you lead dummy's seven of hearts, and, instead of ruff-ing it, you discard a diamond! West wins with the jack but must either hand you a fatal ruff-and-discard by returning a spade, or lead a diamond, establishing your king as a trick. One

establishing your king as a trick. One way or the other, you wind up mak-ing the contract. **The point of the hand** is that you should never just settle for a good chance to make your contract without first looking for a better chance

first looking for a better chance.



Opening lead — three of spades. Errors of omission often are just as costly as errors of commission. Take this case where you're South, and West leads a spade against your five-club contract. You ruff and note that prospects of making the contract are reasonably good, since you can score 11 tricks if the opposing hearts are divided 3-3 or, failing that, if East

has the ace of diamonds. But if your thoughts stop there, you haven't gone far enough. There

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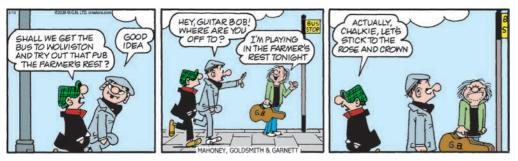
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Idealistic yet practical, your ruling planet is clever, agile Mercury. Today blesses you with great vitality, favoring a fresh start. Much can be accomplished. Be guided and inspired by your core values. Tonight: Write a list of wishes and resolutions for the year to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Appreciation for solitude and peace is present. Today affects your 12th house of the hidden psyche. You experience an awakening of consciousness during a time of reverie and retreat. Focus on what you may offer to the world. Tonight: A good night's sleep. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \dot{A}$ whole network of new acquaintances reaches out to you. An invitation is extended to participate in an organization dedicated to a cause you believe in. Think this through before acting. Goals are being selected that have a long-range impact on your future. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ The light of fame and fortune beams down upon you. Opportunities arise for taking on new challenges. Your highest potentials are unleashed. Invest extra effort in career goals, and great progress will be enjoyed. Tonight: Celebrate as only a Sagittarius knows how. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Today indicates opportunities for travel, perhaps to visit a sacred or historical site. This is a wonderful time to write prose or poetry for publication. Begin a journal. It might become the outline for a great novel. Tonight: You are in wonderment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Today marks a time of beginnings. Release the old and embrace all that is fresh and unexpected. Communication is subtle with loved ones. Encourage a discussion of dreams over breakfast. Dream analysis provides insight into the needs of those closest to you. Tonight: Journal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Today is like a sentimental journey, deepening a close relationship. A wonderful mental rapport is established with one whom you would woo. An idealistic and romantic mood prevails. Tonight: Forgive and forget a loved one's frailties, and intimate relationships go well. BORN TODAY

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Dear Annie By ANNIE LANE

Putting Daughters and Girlfriend at Odds

Dear Annie: I'm 52 and have dated "Bob" for six years. We both have grown children. Last week, he said one of his two daughters "didn't think much of me." I like and socialize with them at family dinners.

I asked which one said that, but he refuses to tell me. This hurts, to say the least. What do you think? --Concerned in California.

Dear Concerned in California: I think Bob is very insensitive. To make a blanket statement about someone (even if it is his daughter) not liking you is mean and juvenile. By refusing to say which daughter it is, he is creating a situation in which you will distrust both of them. There is something nasty about this.

Now, if you did something that upset one of his daughters, that could be a different story. You could talk about it and work through things. Of course, this hurtful statement of unknown origin is going to make you feel sad and defensive during these family dinners.

Rather than being resigned to this situation, press Bob on why he would say something like that. Six years is a long time, and if you are going to continue your relationship, you must be with a partner who is more considerate of your feelings and who is willing to work things out by communicating directly.

Dear Annie: I was always under the impression that when invited to stay somewhere, guests did not need to bring anything. They should just enjoy being a guest. There was a recent letter where a man asks for his guests to bring a gift. I think that is tacky.

Sure, he has worked hard to get his property and now wants to invite "guests" over. He never said "friends," but guests shouldn't have to pay their duties to him. He may as well be running a hotel; then the guests would be paying for beach towels and food.

I hope he enjoys his new lake house quietly and alone. I certainly wouldn't go there after reading his letter. -- Guests or Friends

Dear Guests or Friends: You make an interesting point, but I think you're being a little rigid. Giving a gift to a host or bringing food to share with a group is a kind gesture. It makes both the host and the guest feel good. But of course, you are correct that being obligated to give a gift in order to be invited is something else entirely. I wouldn't blame you for staying away.

Dear Annie: The letter from the grandpa who never leaves the house without his handkerchief made me smile. My 28-year-old daughter with Down syndrome suffers from seasonal allergies, so she never knows when she might let go with a big sneeze. She has carried a thin-sized handkerchief, handed down from her dad, since she started going to school. She likes the men's size because they are thinner and bigger than the ladies hankies I bought her. So, you are right, they are for everyone, not just men. -- *Ellen's Mom* **Dear Ellen's Mom:** Thank you for your letter. Your

daughter sounds wonderful, and so do you.

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Save those jars

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Dear Heloise: When I am finished with a jar containing spaghetti sauce, olives or another food product, I wash it out, remove the label, rinse and dry. I have a small box of clean jars to put flowers in to deliver to my friends or people in care centers. They do not have to worry about returning the "vase." I recycle the lids rather than throwing them in the trash. Some lids can be used for spoon holders while cooking or for other messy activities. -- Pat Rittscher, Webster City, Iowa

NANA DOGS

Dear Heloise: I had to write and tell you that my favorite thing to do with leftover hot dog buns is to make "Nana Dogs."

I spread mayonnaise or peanut butter on the bun and lay a whole banana in there. Anything you can do with regular loaf bread, you can do with hot dog buns. -- Peggy H., Dallas, NC

CHINESE BEETS

Dear Heloise: My neighbor said you have a recipe that you call Chinese beets, and I'm trying to entice my family to eat beets. Would you print yours for all of us beet lovers? -- Mae in Indiana

Mae, this was a favorite of my mother's. You'll need:

- 6 cups cooked, sliced beets or 3 cans sliced beets 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon vanilla extract A dash of salt

Drain the beets, reserving $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups of beet liquid. Place the beets in a medium saucepan with the reserved liquid and the remainder of the ingredients. Mix well and cook for 3 minutes over medium heat or until mixture thickens. Let it cool then store in the refrigerator.

If you enjoy this recipe, you'll love my pamphlet "Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes," which has other delicious recipes, including olive nut dip, corn chowder and apricot preserves. To get a copy visit www.Heloise.com or sent \$5 along with a long, selfaddressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope, to Heloise/ All Time Favorites, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX. 78279-5001. Beets are a good source of fiber, are fat-free and low in sodium, and a cup of beets has about 2.2 grams of protein. -- Heloise

SECRET INGREDIENT

Dear Heloise: My daughter-in-law makes the best potato salad I've ever eaten. It has a zing to it that gives it a lively taste. Finally she told me! After preparing the potato salad, she squeezes half of a lemon over the potatoes. Delicious! -- Lauren in Louisiana

SMOOTH BATTER

Dear Heloise: I love to bake but hate to break up clumps and lumps in my batter. Instead of pounding away at a clump, I've found that if I add my baking powder, baking soda or spices to the sugar before add ing the flour to my recipe, I don't have clumps forming in the batter. -- Hazel in New Hampshire

LEGAL NOTICES

August 19, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. HD18P2324EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court

50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 413-748-7758

Estate of: Robert Joseph Ardison, III Date of Death: 05/02/2018

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Samuel W. Ardison of Knoxville, TN

Dr. Gary W. Ardison of Virginia Beach, VA

requesting that the court enter a formal De-cree of Complete Settlement including the al-lowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/14/2020. 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 12, 2020

Suzanne T Seguin, Register of Probate

August 19, 2020

Town of Blandford **Conservation Commission**

Legal Notice

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 24 6:00pm via teleconference (To join the meeting call: (701) 802 5305 and then enter access code: 629717), the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a Notice of Intent (NOI) related to 1421 Structure Replacement Project, Off-ROW Access Road Improvement and Culvert Replacement, 0 North Blandford Road in the Town of Blandford. The Request was submitted by BSC Group Inc. on behalf of Eversource Energy. The Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission. Please call (413) 848 4279 X202 to make arrangements to review Plans.

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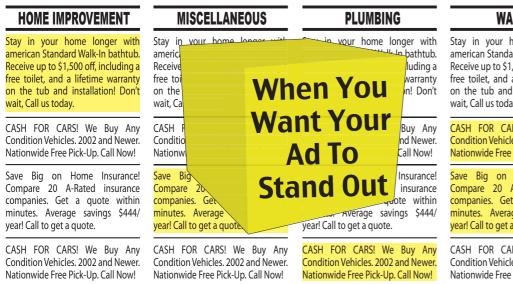
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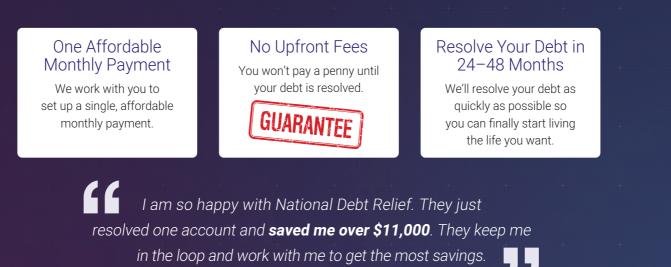
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