Nipmuc High Holds Masked Graduation Ceremony

By Scott Calzolario  
Staff Reporter

A new item of clothing was added to the traditional graduation garb for Nipmuc Regional High School’s in-person graduation ceremony – the facemask. On July 19, Nipmuc followed through on their promise to deliver their students the rite of passage they deserve as they move on past high school. With a revised setup and numerous precautions, the 2020 Nipmuc Graduation went off without a hitch. Though the speedbumps were clear and abundant, Superintendent Joseph P. Maruszczak said in an interview that the seniors handled the situation “with a lot of class and dignity.”

“Im really proud of our class of 2020,” he said. “I still have a sense of sadness, but I am very proud of them for their sense of spirit and attitude through this crisis.” “Flats off to them for perseverance, for facing this unknown, uncertain future,” he said.

The ceremony took place outside on the athletic field where socially distant boxes were painted onto the grass. Audience members were limited to close family. Mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents sprawled across the field, careful not to stray out of their designated squares. After the graduates entered to Pomp and Circumstance, class president Aiden Hayes removed his mask and carefully wiped the microphone. “I have what has become the distinct honor and privilege of being the first student body president in Nipmuc history to start a graduation speech with the words “We survived,” he said as the crowd chuckled.

“This year has undoubtedly been the most challenging and enduring year for each of us,” he said. “Who would have thought that Friday, March 13 would be the last time my class would spend together under the same roof. That it would be the last day of school lunch ever. That it would be the last time we would walk the halls of Nipmuc without a visitor’s pass.”

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Mendon: State Primary September 1; Various Voting Options Available

By Michelle Sanford  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, September 1, the Massachusetts State Primary is scheduled to take place. For Mendon voters, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Misquonk Hill School.

On the Democratic ballot there are three races including Senator in Congress; incumbent Edward Markey is being challenged by Joseph Kennedy.

There’s also a race for Councillor for the 7th District between Paul DePalo and Padraic Rafferty, as well as a race for Register of Probate for Worcester County.

Uncontested seats on the Democratic ballot include incumbents James McGovern for Representative in Congress, and Michael Moore for Senator in General Court. There is no candidate for Representative in General Court.

On the Republican ballot, Upton residents will see a contested race for Senator in Congress between candidates Shiva Ayyadurai and Kevin O’Connor. Unchallenged seats on the Republican ballot include David Muradian for Representative in Congress, and Stephanie Fattman for Register of Probate. There are no Republican candidates for Senator in General Court or Councillor.

Several Races on Upton’s State Primary Ballots; Options Available to Vote

By Michelle Sanford  
Staff Reporter

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**Registering Vehicles without Visiting the RMV**

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced that in partnership with Boston Software Corporation, a new online service is now available which enables independent insurance agents to renew and reinstate passenger and commercial vehicle registrations on behalf of their customers. This eliminates the need for eligible vehicle owners and drivers to visit an RMV customer service center to renew or reinstate their registration.

“The RMV is committed to working with partners like Boston Software to provide additional flexible online options for our customers that allow them to skip the in-person trip to an RMV Service Center,” said Jamey Tesler, Registrar of the Massachusetts RMV. “Boston Software has been an RMV business partner for more than 20 years. The company’s software platform, known as SinglePoint, is used by the majority of Massachusetts insurance agents and carriers, and is integrated with the RMV’s new ATLAS system to perform various functions including inquiries and preparing RMV paperwork. This latest functional update is especially important to ensuring ‘social-distancing’ during the COVID-19 pandemic within RMV Service Centers, by helping drivers get their vehicles properly registered without the need to physically visit the RMV in-person. The new online service is now available.

Using the new feature in SinglePoint, insurance agents can seamlessly access the RMV’s ATLAS system to confirm that the reinstatement or renewal transaction is eligible to be completed online, and attest that a vehicle is properly insured. Owners or drivers will then get an email link instructing them to pay for the transaction, and, when payment is provided, the registration will be reinstated or renewed immediately. This process works for registration renewals and reinstatements that require proof of insurance. For information about RMV transactions, visit: MASS.gov/RMV.

**Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Announced**

On June 30, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a new $20 million, statewide fund to assist low-income households facing difficulty making rent and mortgage payments. The Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program will provide direct funding to eligible households who have suffered financial hardship during the State of Emergency put in place to combat the spread of COVID-19.

ERMA will expand eligibility for rental and mortgage assistance to more low-income households who have been impacted by the crisis by adjusting the income threshold beyond the state’s traditional Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. This includes households within the 50-80 percent area of Area Median Income (AMI). Like the RAFT program, ERMA will provide up to $4,000 for eligible households to pay rent or mortgage payments in arrears going back to payments due April 1, 2020. Beginning July 1, applicants can reach out to the eleven agencies that administer RAFT on the state’s behalf, this includes the nine Housing Consumer Education Centers, as well as LHAND and the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA).

Funding for the new program includes $10 million from the supplemental CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) fund, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in addition to other federal resources. This new funding will serve twice as many households as the traditional RAFT program by greatly expanding eligibility to families who were not previously in RAFT.

For more information about the program visit the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) web page, MASS.gov/orgs/housing-and-community-development and follow the COVID-19 Updates link or the CMHA website, CMHAonline.org.

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**Jacob Egel Berg**

Ted and Dyana Steeves of Mendon announce with great joy the birth of their grandson, Jacob Egel Berg, born November 12, 2019 to their daughter Olivia and her husband Matt Berg of Millbury. Jacoby is the third grandchild for the Steeves who are also the devoted Nonna and Pappy to three-year old Josiah Berg and six-year old Madeline Pepin of Mendon.

**Kindergarten Graduate**

kindergarten diploma.

Juliet Palumbo of Mendon standing here with her kindergarten diploma. OLV photo

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TOWN OF MENDON**

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

**OWNER OF RECORD: BUSH PATRICIA**

LOCATION: 71 PARK STREET
CONTAINING: 52 ACRES MORE OR LESS
ASSESSORS’ MAP 20, BLK 201, PARC 71, EXT 0
RECORDED IN REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 55768, PAGE 372
2018 REAL ESTATE: $479.78
2018 INTEREST: $13.80
2019 REAL ESTATE: $2465.69
2019 CPA - INT.: $19.58
2019 INTEREST: $1053.23
ADVERT PREP: $10.00
NEWSPAPER: $48.50
POSTING NOT: $5.00
UNPAID BALANCE: $6208.51

**OWNER OF RECORD: DESOUZA FRANCISCO**

LOCATION: 127 UXBRIDGE ROAD
CONTAINING: 2.49 ACRES MORE OR LESS
ASSESSORS’ MAP 15, BLK 236, PARC 127, EXT 0
RECORDED IN REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 58262, PAGE 250
2019 REAL ESTATE: $1336.59
2019 CPA - INT.: $173.01
2019 PRELIMINARY TAX: $2380.34
2019 DEMAND FEE: $20.00
2019 CPA - INT.: $40.28
2019 INTEREST: $1432.68
ADVERT PREP: $10.00
NEWSPAPER: $48.50
POSTING NOT: $5.00
UNPAID BALANCE: $7406.40

**OWNER OF RECORD: FERREIRA FARLEY & DIANINY**

LOCATION: 3 B CARBON HILL ROAD
CONTAINING: 0 Acres more or less
ASSESSORS’ MAP 21, BLK 116, PARC 1, EXT B
RECORDED IN REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 57358, PAGE 194
2019 REAL ESTATE: $2255.33
2019 CPA - INT.: $4.78
2019 PRELIMINARY TAX: $400.98
2019 CPA - INT.: $9.78
2019 INTEREST: $460.50
ADVERT PREP: $10.00
NEWSPAPER: $48.50
POSTING NOT: $5.00
UNPAID BALANCE: $3237.12

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**TAXES**

**ASSESSMENT**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

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candidates for Councillor or Representative in General Court.

There are also no candidates on the Libertarian or Green Rainbow ballots. Sample ballots are on the Town Clerk’s Web page at MendonMa.gov.

The deadline to register to vote or change parties is Saturday, August 22 by 8 p.m. Residents may do so online at Sec.State.Ma.Us/OVR.

For the September Primary, four different options are available to vote, including voting in-person at the polls at Miscoe Hill School. Residents may also vote by mail, either by absentee or early ballot; the deadline to apply for mail-in ballots is Wednesday, August 26 by 5 p.m. In addition, absentee voting-in-person at the Mendon Town Hall is available; the deadline is 12 p.m. on Monday, August 31.

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There will also be early voting-in-person at the Town Hall. Mendon’s schedule is Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. From Monday, August 24 through Thursday, August 27, in-person early voting at the Town Hall will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no early voting on Friday, August 28. Masks will be required and social distancing guidelines will be in place for all in-person voting. Anyone with questions on voting or their voter registration status contact the Town Clerk’s office prior to any registration deadlines at 508-473-1085 or email townclerk@mendonma.gov.

Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce

AREA-The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce will be holding the following events. For more information or to register visit BlackstoneValley.org, email administrator@blackstonevalley.org, call 508-334-9090 or stop by the chamber offices, 670 Linwood Ave. Bldg A, Suite 5, Whitinsville. Visit the chamber website for links to all Webinars.

Safari at Sunset, Tuesday, September 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Southwick’s Zoo, Mendon.

Legislative Update, Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 a.m. at Blissful Meadows Golf Club Pavilion, Uxbridge, limited to 85 participants, face masks required.

31st Annual Golf Tournament, Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton.

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I want to offer another of my thank you's in this column. My thanks is offered to all the businesses and their employees who are working very, very hard to follow the protocols outlined by the state and their communities to be open during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are doing the very best they can to keep their customers safe.

Social distancing is encouraged by marking spaces six feet apart in check-out lanes and creating one way aisles to reduce crowding. Masks are required to be worn by everyone entering the establishment. Carts are disinfected between usage. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant is provided at various locations. The number of clients in any business is limited. Plexiglass shields have been installed to protect customers and staff members who have to stand near to one another for a longer period of time for transactions such as payments or registration. Hair salons, doctors’ and dentist offices, restaurants and other services that need more one-to-one contact require registration so that if there is a break in the chain of the novel coronavirus at the business, all those who might have been exposed can be contacted and asked to quarantine. I truly appreciate all these efforts and have become more comfortable going out to shop, keep appointments and conduct my business.

In contrast, I am not always so comfortable around my fellow customers. While most understand the need for the COVID-19 protocols and usually follow the instructions, there are a few that feel the rules don’t apply to them. These are the customers who wear a mask to enter a store and then whip it off as they make their way around the aisles. That is a fifth grade stunt of trying to trick a teacher. No one is impressed but they do not follow the one-way signs around a store? We all make a mistake once in a while and don’t see the markings but again what is the point of blindly going the wrong way in every aisle? It seems like a pointless rebellion against the Point to what do, another elementary school behavior.

And what is the point of berating a store or business employee when they ask a customer to stand back, wait their turn or follow a rule? The employee has to follow the rules and dozens of customers a day with the potential of being exposed to a disease that can alter their lives or be a death sentence. Giving them the space they need to do their job safely, seems like the least customers can do.

So thank you to all the businesses who are working very hard and the members of the public that comply. To those who think the rules don’t apply to them, I suggest a change in behavior if you can’t, just stay home.

Virginia V. Tetreault
UPTON—Virginia V. Tetreault, 87, of Sparta, Tenn. and a former Upton Upton resident, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 31, 2020, at her home in Sparta. She was the beloved wife of the late Durwood A. “Curly” Tetreault, who died in 2016.

Born in Worcester, she was a daughter of the late George and Helen (Groton) Poitier. She was raised and educated in Upton and was a graduate of Grafton High School.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Tetreault was the co-owner of P & T Bus CO.

Mrs. Tetreault was a communicant of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish as well as the former Holy Angels Parish in Upton. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, canning and cherished the time she spent with her family. She is survived by her three daughters, Andrea Sue Blackler and her husband Sam, of Newport, N.H., Patricia A. McKinney of Centerville, and Heidi A. Mathieu and her husband Steve, of Sparta; her former son-in-law, Edwin McKinney of Sparta, seven grandchildren, Steven, Paul, Kevin, Wade, Patrick, Cody, and Chelsea, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her sister, Ida Marie Page. Per Mrs. Tetreault’s request, there will be no graveside funeral service with her family will take place privately at Lakeview Cemetery in Upton.

She strongly expressed that she did not want to put any of her family friends at a health risk from attending any public gatherings. Her memorial Mass will be announced at a later date when restrictions have been lifted.

Arrangements were handled by Pickering & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Upton Fire & EMS Association Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 29, Upton, MA 01568.

Rachel (Loureiro) Candell
UPTON—Rachel (Loureiro) Candell, 95, a longtime Upton resident, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 2, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank Candell, who died in 1989.

Born in Quimbra, Portugal, she was a daughter of the late Antonio and Rose (Mello) Loureiro and was raised in Lowell. She was a graduate of Grafton High School.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Candell was employed at General Electric in Ashland for many years.

Mrs. Candell enjoyed bowling, playing cards, dancing, and cherished the time she spent with her family and friends. She also loved all kinds of animals.

Barbara E. (Hillard) Burke
UPTON—Barbara E. (Hillard) Burke, 91, a longtime Upton resident, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2020, at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. She was the beloved wife of the late Russell W. Burke, who died in 2002.

Born in Milford, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Maudie (Bates) Hilliard. She was raised and educated in Upton and was a graduate of the Grafton High School Class of 1947. In 1980, she then obtained a bachelor’s degree from UMass Amherst in education/liberal science.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Burke was employed as a librarian for the Mendon-Upton Regional School District.

Mrs. Burke was a Eucharistic Minister at the former Holy Angels Parish for many years. She also served as chairperson for the Holy Angels Bishop Fund as well as serving as the Elementary Religious Education Coordinator.

Mrs. Burke held various offices, such as the Central Mass Beagle Club, Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees for the Upton Town Library, served on the Upton Historical Society since 1975 and Chairman since 1980, the Upton Heritage Homecoming Committee from 1985 to 1994, was elected to the Heritage Hall of Honor in 1999 as a living Outstanding Citizen, and had been an Elections Official since 1973.

Mrs. Burke is survived by her two sons, Francis J. Burke of Milville, and James M. Burke of Lagrange, Maine; three grandchildren, Jennifer Eaton-Burke, Shawn Burke, and Jamie Burke; a great-grandchild, Isaac Keef, and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Elaine M. Burke, and her siblings, Theodore Hilliard, Richard Hilliard, Edith Shaugnessy, and Eliberta “Bub” Keef.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated July 23, in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Upton. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery.

Calling hours were held in the Pickering & Son Funeral Home, Inc., 45 Main Street, Upton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Upton Fire & EMS Association Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 29, Upton, MA 01568 or to the Upton Bloomer Girls, P.O. Box 121, Upton, MA 01568.

She is survived by her children, Rachel Sizer of Upton, Jo-Anne Pereira of Wobecott, Vt., and Francis Anthony Candell of Ockachobee, Fla; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased a daughter, Rose Dano, a grandson, Stephen Dano, a great-grandson, Aaron Zusum and her brother, Antonio Loureiro.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, August 10 in the Pickering & Son Upton Funeral Home, Inc. 45 Main St. Upton. Facial coverings and social distancing are required.

Her funeral service will take place privately on Tuesday, August 11, in the funeral home and burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Milford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Aaron Zusum Foundation, P.O. Box 16, Milford, MA 01757 or via AaronZusumFoundation.com.
Area COVID Numbers Show Little Increase in July

By Chris Villani
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The number of new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, remained relatively flat over July although the state saw a slight increase in both its daily new case count and the percentage of tests that came back positive.

In the final July report showing a town-by-town breakdown, released July 29, Mendon had a total of 32 COVID-19 cases since the start of the crisis and had not reported a single new case in the previous 14 days. The town had just two positive tests over the prior two weeks with 113 total tests reported in that time period, for a positive rate of 1.7 percent.

Upton was also flat, with no new cases in the last two weeks of the month and 25 total cases reported since the pandemic began. Of the 134 tests Upton residents took in the two weeks leading up to July 29, not one came back positive, according to the state data.

While Milford reported nine new COVID-19 infections, the total marked a decrease relative to the number of new cases reported over the first half of July. A total of 10 of Milford’s 652 COVID-19 tests over the two week stretch before July 29 came back positive, for a rate of 1.5 percent. Milford has reported a total of 668 cases of COVID-19.

Hopedale showed a decrease in the rate of new cases and less than 1 percent of its COVID-19 tests from July 15-29 were positive. In Northbridge, fewer than five new cases were reported and the positive test rate was 1.1 percent, less than Massachusetts as a whole. Ubridge had fewer than five new cases and a positive test rate of 0.3 percent, or one positive result among 287 tests.

Massachusetts saw an increase in the number of new COVID-19 cases and the positive test rate over the final week of the month, though the former number was attributed to a lag in reporting from certain hospitals, the state said. On Monday, 165 new confirmed cases were reported, the result of 12,278 molecular tests. The positive test rate dipped below 2 percent for the first time since July 24 after nine straight days of being 2 percent or more.

The metrics are all substantially improved since the surge in April, with the seven day average of positive tests down 93 percent and the three-day average of COVID-19 deaths down 92 percent.

The Advertiser’s Club Directory

These are the businesses that contract to advertise in The Upton and Mendon Town Crier at least 12 times a year. They receive a frequency discount, feature article about their business (minimum 1/16 page ad) and listing in this directory:

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Cucurto Mexican Restaurant ....................... next
Cook Company ............................................. 2
CPR Etc. .................................................. 5
Fran’s Appliance ......................................... 10
Galileo Hair Merchant ................................. next
Iadaroli Plumbing & Heating ......................... 1
Imperial Cars ............................................. 1, 16
J.C. Parmenter ............................................. 10
Johansen Overdoor Door .............................. 10
Liquor Plus ............................................... next
Little Coffee Bean ....................................... next
Maple Farm Dairy ........................................ next
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Daniels Farmstead Farmers Market

BLACKSTONE-The Daniels Farm Farmstand Market continues every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., through October 4 at 286-Stenlund St. Blackstone. Doris’s Kitchen is open 1.30-2.30 p.m. serving grilled franks, burgers (both beef and veggie) Italian sausage with peppers & fixin’s. Upton Foreign Motors and Templeman Tree Service are providing the grills.

Vendors include Oakdale Farms, quality producer; B Food beautiful artisanal breads; Three Sisters Farm and Eileen’s Handkerchief Rugs, goat’s milk soap, handmade rugs and crafts; BV Cats, cat toys, matts, scarves; The Fudgie Lady; Wantie Orchards & Apiary/Those Little Wreath, Overseas Farms, natural meats; San Diego Sunday’s, delicious ice cream and lemonade; and Daniels organic vegetables. Chasau Farm, alpaca products, begins September 6. Social distancing and wearing masks are among the novel coronavirus precautions. Indoor tours have been suspended but guests may walk the property and observe the historic buildings. For more information, visit Facebook @ Daniels Farmstead Farmers Market or reach out to Justine @ 508-728-2042. 76

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Massachusetts RMV Drop-Off
Registration & Title Services

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will begin drop-off registration and title services on Monday, August 10 at service centers, including Milford. These Registration Drop Off Centers will be dedicated to performing a number of vehicle- based registration and title services for both commercial and individual customer transactions on a drop-off only basis.

RMV Registrars Jamiy Tesler said, “Customers in need of one of these vehicle-based transactions can drop-off their paperwork and return to pick it up in just a few business days. This alternative service channel will help meet increased RMV service demands during a time when services are limited by emergency to encourage ‘social-distancing’ in its Service Centers.

Transactions will be processed in the order received. Customers will receive a phone call or email when their transaction is completed. Customers may contact the Service Center to pick up their plates and/or registration.

Customers who are dropping off or picking-up their paperwork will be served in the order of arrival and should anticipate a wait time for the intake and pick-up process.

While the RMV asks for its customers’ patience during the initial days of this service offering, anticipated turnaround time for completion of drop-off transactions is within four business days. Drop-offs with an incomplete or inaccurate RTA will not be processed and additional wait times are anticipated if there are problems with the paperwork.

Customers may alternatively continue to book an appointment—only reservation for these services. Appointments are available online up to 14 days in advance.

The drop-off centers offering drop off transactions are: Boston / Haymarket, Braintree, Chicopee, Haverhill, Milford Taunton and Wilmington.

The RMV is introducing drop-off service due to the COVID-19 emergency to encourage ‘social-distancing’ in its Service Centers and prioritize other essential in-person needs by appointment—only. All RMV customers are encouraged to visit MASS.gov/ RMV to complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

Milford Area Chamber of Commerce Events

AREA: The Milford Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) will be holding the following events. To register visit MilfordChamber.org, email info@milfordchamber.org, call 508-478-8700 or stop by the office, 258 Main Street, Suite 306, Milford.

C.Wil emergency, Women’s Hormonal Health, Wednesday, August 19, 11:30 a.m. to Zoom event.

Ask a Quick Book Pro, Wednesday, August 26 at 12 noon, Zoom event.

Business After Hours, Thursday, September 17, 5 p.m. at Southwick’s Zoo and Gaifford’s, Mendon.

New England Steak & Seafood, Friday, September 19, 3 p.m. at Hopedale Country Club, golfing and dinner.

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4-H Clubs Go Beyond Agriculture

By Michelle Sanford
Staff Reporter

When one thinks about 4-H Clubs, images of farm animals and competitions at fairs might come to mind. And while agricultural activities continue to play an important part in the national organization, it might surprise some to see how 4-H Clubs have expanded to other areas of interest for its young membership. The Upton Hoofbeats 4-H Horse Club is an example. The local club meets at Rock Hill Farm, Upton, to focus on initiatives such as community service, public speaking, leadership, science, and yes, horses. “We don’t ride. It’s more educational-based programs,” explained Leader Carla Barrows. The Upton Club also has members from Mendon, Northbridge, Grafton, Northborough, and West Boylston.

4-H is the nation’s largest youth development organization, with nearly six million young people participating. It’s a cooperative extension of more than 100 public universities across the nation. In Massachusetts, 4-H is based at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The four H’s in the moniker stand for head, heart, hands, and health. “We try to touch on each of those things,” explained Barrows.

Before COVID-19, the Upton 4-H Club took part in a number of community service initiatives, including State Rep. David Muradian’s annual coat drive. The Upton Hoofbeats donated more than 100 coats and helped sort and bag over 500 coats to give to people in need in Upton, Grafton, and Northbridge. The group also helped the Upton Men’s Club with their monthly suppers at the Upton Center and raised funds for the Fire Department to purchase jaws of life equipment.

In June, the Upton Hoofbeats made financial and food donations to the Upton Center’s Food Pantry and through that, decided to begin a pen pal program, matching 4-H members with interested seniors in town.

“We’ve had some interest among the seniors but we’d love to have more,” said Upton Center Director Janice Nowicki. “Considering everything that’s going on, it would be good for the kids and the seniors; a good connect for them both.” Interested seniors should contact the Upton Center to take part in the pen pal program.

In addition to initiatives that help the Upton community, there’s also a surprising number of other interests 4-H members can participate in. Over the years, Google has donated millions of dollars to the organization and collaborated to bring computer science education to 4-H kids across the country. Barrow’s daughter, Susan, traveled to Utah to take part in the program. There’s also public speaking competitions, other STEM-related programs, and much more.

Still, Barrows noted the roots of 4-H Clubs continue to be agriculturally based. Pre-pandemic, the Upton group took part in animal showings at fairs, attended equine and rabbit workshops, and various horse judging contests. Now all events have been cancelled although some such as animal showings are done virtually.

Barrows said anyone can start a 4-H Club with just a few kids participating. Interested leaders should call Meghan McDermott at the local 4-H office at 508-831-1223.

“The biggest thing is getting together like-minded children and adults and having fun,” Barrows said.
Upton Men’s Club 2020 Scholarship Recipients

The Upton Men’s Club is pleased to announce that a total of $4,500 in scholarships have been awarded to three Upton residents planning to continue their education: Hans Giglio, Christian Moss and Jillian Napolitano. Each recipient received a $1,500 award to be used for college expenses. This year, as in previous years, a number of outstanding applications were received. Community service and overall impact were the key factors in determining the award recipients. The scholarship committee was pleased to see so many Upton students excelling in academic arts, various clubs and athletics while making a difference in our community. The Men’s Club Scholarships, and other community projects are made possible by events such as the annual Golf Tournament and other fundraising activities spearheaded by the club. For more information, visit UptonMenClub.org

**Upton State Primary from front page**

Green Rainbow ballots. The deadline for residents to register to vote or change parties is Saturday, August 22 by 8 p.m. Residents may do so online at Sec.Sta.Ma.Us/COV/ For the Primary, four different options are available to vote, including voting in-person at the polls at Nipmuc Regional High School on September 1. Residents may also vote by mail, either by absentee or early ballot, the deadline to apply for mail-in ballots is Wednesday, August 26 by 5 p.m. In addition, absentee voting in-person at the Upton Town Hall is available; the deadline is 12 p.m. on Monday, August 31. Early voting in person at the Town Hall is also an option and will take place August 22 through August 28. Upton’s hours for early voting are: Saturday, August 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, August 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 25 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, August 26 through Friday, August 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be in place for all in-person voting.

Residents with questions on voting in the State Primary or their voter registration status should contact the Town Clerk’s office at 508-529-3565 or KMcElreeaf@uptonma.gov

**Upton News**

**Acquiring Parcels on Peppercorn Hill Discussed During July Selectmen’s Meeting**

By Michelle Sanford

Staff Reporter

On a July 14 meeting, the Upton Board of Selectmen crossed off a number of items on their agenda including accepting grant funding for the Fire Department and approving a financial reserve policy. However, first up, the Board heard from Mike Penko, representing the Metacomet Land Trust (MLT) concerning purchasing land on Peppercorn Hill.

It was recently learned the Kelly family was interested in selling four parcels of land they own on Peppercorn Hill to the town. The parcels total 66 acres and are valued at $260,000. Upton’s Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee have been working with the MLT and Sudbury Valley Trustees to come up with a way to purchase the 66 acres.

After several options were considered, Penko explained it was recommended to divide the acquisition into two components; one parcel to be acquired through a Conservation Partnership Grant that if awarded, the MLT would own with conservation restrictions placed on it.

The other three parcels could be acquired by the town through Community Preservation Act funding totaling approximately $210,000; that number includes surveying and other expenses related to the purchase.

If the grant funding is denied, the town could purchase all four parcels with CPA funding. Residents would need to approve spending any CPA funding through a town meeting vote.

Penko was requesting a letter of support from the Selectmen for the grant application to which the Board agreed to.

“Anytime we can apply for grant money; I certainly support that,” said Selectman Chair Brett Simas.

Penko expects to hear about the grant sometime in the fall.

**Fire Department Grants**

During the meeting, the Board also accepted two grants the Fire Department recently received.

The first grant, from the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program, was for Personal Protective Equipment to respond to calls for patients who may have or Covid-19. The grant, totaling $4,229, will purchase protective encapsulating suits as well as re-useable face protection. The grant requires a five percent match totaling $210.

The other grant, from the New England Society of Fire Protection Engineers, totaled $1,700. The funding will be utilized to purchase BlazerMark Pre-Fire Planning Software and an iPad 11 for planning and emergency response related to the Grafton Upton Railroad.

**Financial Reserve Policy**

The Board also approved a financial reserve policy. The policy is meant to establish practices for appropriating to and expending reserve funds concerning free cash, stabilization funds, retained earnings, and overlay surplus. The policy can be found on the town’s website at UptonMA.Gov.

On August 18, the Board of Selectmen will hold an online public hearing concerning consolidating the offices of the Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector and Assessors into one department. More information is available on the town’s website.
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To underscore our commitment to patient safety, Milford Regional was recently recognized nationally with an “A” safety grade for the fourth consecutive time, a designation only given to the country’s safest hospitals.

So, if you are looking forward to the birth of your baby or are ready to schedule an elective surgery or a routine diagnostic test or exam (colonoscopy, mammogram, X-ray, etc), you can feel confident that your safety is always our top priority.

For more information about our newest safety guidelines and procedures, please visit milfordregional.org/safe-with-us
COVID-19 Updates for Mendon

Mendon officials have released the following COVID-19 updates.

Parks Department

The Memorial Park tennis courts, basketball court, playground and bathrooms are now open. The fields are open for individual/family use only. Any organized activity requires a permit. Groups are limited to 25.

The Summer Recreation program and town beach are open. Register at MendonMA.gov/parks. Swim lessons and ABMI concerts are cancelled.

Trash Service

Trash stickers can be obtained by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with a check in the amount for the number of stickers ordered, $2 each, to the Board of Health Office, 18 Main St., Mendon 01756.

All trash services are available. The Recycling Center at the Highway Barn is open with payment by check only and social distancing protocols followed. Contact the Board of Health, 508-634-2656, for information.

Town Buildings

All public buildings in Mendon are closed. Visit MendonMA.gov/contacts-directory for a complete listing of email addresses and phone numbers.

Bills

Use the drop-box by the Town Hall front entrance for payments, completed census forms, dog licensing and applications. Checks should be used for payments. Payments may also be mailed to P.O. Box 11, Mendon, MA 01756, or handled online at MendonMA.gov and CodeRED community notification system. Registration information is available at MendonMA.gov.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, Mendon’s Municipal Buildings are closed until further notice. Residents are encouraged to check the town’s Web site at MendonMa.Gov/Calendar/Monthly concerning the latest status on posted meetings, including cancellations or other special instructions on agendas for virtual or call in meetings. For additional information needed, contact the appropriate board or official by phone or email.

Mendon Town Calendar

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**HOME IMPROVEMENT**

**The Mendon-Upton Solarize Mass Plus Program Has Launched**

Mendon-Upton Solarize Mass Plus has launched and all Mendon and Upton residents and businesses are welcome to take advantage of affordable clean energy.

Local volunteers have been working for months with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to organize affordable, competitive and quality renewable energy options for Mendon and Upton residents/businesses. This program is a cooperative effort between the state, local officials, clean energy technology installers, volunteers, and residents coming together to spread the word on the environmental and economic benefits of clean energy technologies.

Installers, selected for six environmentally-friendly technologies, have been technically reviewed by the Cadmus Group, a Massachusetts-based third-party technical consultant, and assessed for quality and service by MassCEC. The final vetting process and selection was done by the Mendon-Upton volunteers to pick installers that would meet local needs. The Solarize team is pleased with the quality of the installers. All of the technologies have financial incentives, credits, loans and/or rebates.

The technologies that are available for your home/business through the selected installers are:

- **Solar PV** – ACE Solar
- **Solar Battery Storage** – ACE Solar
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Kelly Jionzo
Hundreds of students graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University, Williamstown, Conn. this spring 2020 semester. Kelly Jionzo of Mendon graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology. Eastern’s 130th annual Commencement Exercises occurred via YouTube on May 19 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Samantha Jokela
On Sunday, May 10, Emerson College, Boston, awarded 959 undergraduate degrees for the Class of 2020. Among the graduates was Samantha Jokela of Upton who received a BA in Business Creative Enterprises.

Lissy Wood
Lissy Wood of Mendon recently graduated with distinction from Bard College at Simon’s Rock, Great Barrington with an Associate of Arts degree, majoring in Individualized Studies. She will be attending University of Massachusetts Amherst as the Frederick’s Award for Perseverance and Personal Success at Whittinsville Christian School and the Deans Scholarship from Merrimack College. Cutler was a four-year Varsity Athlete in Soccer, Basketball and volunteered at St. Gabriel’s Parish in Upton.

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Approximately 6,600 students received bachelor’s degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as the university held a virtual commencement celebration for the Class of 2020 on May 8. Among the graduates were the following Mendon residents-Michael Vincent Consigli, Kristina Michelle Dubois, Jesse Macgowan Fischer, William Patrick Gavin IV, Alison Goddard, Joshua Seth Latrell, Alex Lee Miragaa, Olivia Ondrato, Emily Perry, Jonathan Rivernider and Samuel John Schmitt; and Upton residents- Brooke Priestley Bukant, Samantha Jean Capalucci, Megan Sarah Davey, Cobi E Finkenstein, Theodore James Floyd, Kathryn Mary McManus and William Robert Whitcomb.

Kelsey Woods

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Sarah Platinum
Sarah Elizabeth Platinum, daughter of Robert and Cindy Platinum of Upton, graduated from Clark University on May 24, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in International Development and Social Change. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.81. Platinum earned the Political Science department’s Sallie R. Robinson Holthausen Prize for Excellence in International Relations and was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science National Honor Society.

Olivia Toothman
Olivia Toothman of Upton graduated from Whittinsville Christian High School. She will be attending Drexel University, in Philadelphia, this fall. She will be studying Nutritional Sciences.

Nichols College
Nichols College, Dudley, graduated over 300 students this spring. Virtual celebrations were held for both undergraduate and graduate recipients on May 2, 2020 with an in person commencement ceremony promised for a date to be determined. Among the graduates were Olivia Larreau of Mendon, who received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting, and Michael Lassalle of Upton, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Mathematics. Also Kayla Merrigan, of Upton, graduated with a Master of Business Administration.

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Kathryn Patrick

Milford Federal Scholarships Awarded
Milford Federal Bank has awarded several scholarships to local high school graduates. "Milford Federal Bank is pleased to help each student pursue their dream of higher education," said Paul Gilbody, President and CEO of Milford Federal Bank. “As a community bank, we are committed to supporting the communities we serve. An investment in education is an investment in the future, and these bright students are the future of our communities.”

The Milford Federal scholarship program has awarded $10,000 annually, for over 10 years. Each school selected a scholarship recipient based on need, academic standing, and involvement in school and extracurricular activities.

The 2020 scholarships of $3,000 each were to: Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School: Sage Hurteau, attending Coastal Carolina University; Hopedale High School: Taylor Maddalena, attending University of Tampa; Millford High School: Reese Dutcher, attending Pace University; Nipmuc Regional High School: Casey Costello, attending Bryant University; Northbridge High School: Hailey Bober, attending Hofstra University; Uxbridge High School: Sonula Murati, attending University of New Haven; Quaboag Regional School: Hadley Koeman, attending Calvin University and Camyla De Oliveira Sena of Douglas High School.

MRMC Auxiliary Scholarships
The Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship is annually awarded to students who have gone above and beyond to volunteer at the hospital, often planning to pursue a career in healthcare. This year awards were given to Adam Briand, who wants to go into biotechnology, Thrusha P budgets, who wants to be a pediatrician; and Tyler Vining, who aims to be an anesthesiologist.

The Auxiliary consists of volunteers from the area towns. New members from any community are invited to join this group. The Auxiliary usually meets the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. For more information on how to join this group, please call 508-422-2099.

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Karen Smith

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Olivia Cutler

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BVT’s National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Policy

Blackstone Valley Tech has announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunch and breakfast for those students who are unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program.

Federal income guidelines determine the program, including household size and income criteria used to determine eligibility, are available on the school website.

Students from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. If you received a letter stating that your child(ren) are eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, you do not need to complete an application to receive free meal benefits.

Those needing to complete an application, are encouraged to apply online at ValleyTech.SchoolLunchAPP.com, with results available within 24 to 48 hours. Only one application is needed per household for all children who attend the same school district.

Those without access to a computer, can arrange to pick up a paper application from the main office or business office. A paper application may be printed by visiting ValleyTech’s main free reduced meals page. Please be aware paper applications require up to five days to allow for mail delivery and manual processing. Households must answer all applicable questions as incomplete applications cannot be processed.

All meals served must meet the meal requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Students who have a doctor who has determined to have a disability which would prevent them from eating the regular school meal or alternative meals at school, in conjunction with doctor recommendations, will make substitutions at no extra charge. Please contact the school for further information if your child needs to make substitutions because of a disability.

The non-discrimination statement explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication service other than telephone, should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992.

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Nipmuc Youth Baseball Plays on Through Pandemic

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

While some area towns chose to skip out on a summer baseball season, Nipmuc Youth Baseball not only decided to play, but also welcomed players from towns whose programs were sitting it out during the COVID-19 pandemic. League president Steve Bodio said a total of 268 players participated from tee ball through senior level baseball, a number proudly on par with most summers. “You can see it in the kids’ faces,” Bodio said. “Everyone has been excited to be playing baseball.” The games look a little different than a normal year. Spectators have to wear masks and players are masked up except when they are in the field and therefore distanced from one another. Safety officers have volunteered to work with each team and the coaching staffs have helped with disinfecting shared equipment between usage. The league has had to buy hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in bulk, Bodio said. The coaches are also wearing masks and in some instances, the umpires have called balls and strikes from behind the mound to allow for more space between participants. Some players sit in the dugout while others are in their own chairs that they brought from home, another measure put in place to ensure as much social distancing as possible. Bodio said the board of directors is pleased that the leagues were able to take the field this summer. “We received feedback early on that the majority of the community wanted to find a way to play baseball safely and reasonably this summer,” he said. “We felt we had a place in place to be able to do so, not only with the state guidance but also with the Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken guidance that was published.” In addition, Bodio said Nipmuc paid close attention to what measures other towns put in place in order to ensure safety during the health crisis. When some of those towns, such as Milford and Uxbridge, opted not to play, Nipmuc opened up the program to allow for those children to be able to participate this summer if they so choose. Bodio said Nipmuc was able to simply roll its spring program, which was cancelled, into the summer. Practices began when the state moved into the second phase of its reopening and games followed once Massachusetts began “Phase III.” Some of the younger players wrapped up their seasons at the end of July and the older athletes will continue with postseason play in early August. “We felt as a board and among the coaches that we could execute a season safely,” Bodio said, “and I think we have done that.”

Milford Summer Team Earns Postseason Berth

By Chris Villani
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In its first — and likely only — campaign in the Worcester County Baseball League, Milford qualified for the postseason and earned a victory in its first playoff contest. Milford knocked off Sturbridge 9-2 in 12 innings, an upset as the number six seed in the double-elimination bracket. The team then lost a 4-3 decision in its second contest Monday night, falling on the road at Leominster. But for a summer upended by the novel coronavirus pandemic, just getting on the field has been a win. “The kids have been energetic, they are willing to learn, we have 24 great kids,” Milford Manager Steve DiVitto said. “Everyone was pleasant to be around and I thought they grew through the course of the season.” The usual American Legion season spans about 22 to 24 games, but this year the team played 13 regular season games, finishing with a record of 6-7. “It’s such a small sample size, 13 games,” DiVitto said, “we are now starting to see some changes in some of the guys with guys getting more at bats and pitchers throwing more.” Milford has been helped by a large contingent of Nipmuc and Blackstone Valley Tech players. BVT graduate Justin Melcalk took the mound for the Leominster playoff game and BVT’s Tyler King has been a “pleasant surprise” coming out of the bullpen, DiVitto said. Monday’s lineup also included Nipmuc graduate Jack Paine in left field and Nipmuc rising senior Lucas Basile in center. DiVitto praised Jack Paine and his brother Devon as players who “don’t show flashy stats in the box scores, but they are tough outs and tough kids who do things right.” Nipmuc’s Dominic DeCarlo has been a mainstay on the mound along with Warriors’ graduate Andrew Griswold and rising senior Patrick O’Connell. Nipmuc rising junior Noah Curley and BVT grad Tim Haarstick have also been key contributors for the team, which played in an independent league this summer when the pandemic forced the cancellation of the legion season. There was not a set starting lineup for Milford, instead DiVitto and the coaching staff tried to get everyone playing time, not typical of legion season. DiVitto said they owed it to the players who decided to come out for the team during the health crisis and who missed out on their high school or collegiate baseball seasons this spring.

Baseball Returns to Milford’s Fino Field

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

It was far from a normal summer night at Fino Field, but that’s what the summer baseball team, featuring 10 players with Nipmuc and Blackstone Valley Tech ties, were able to take the field despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The stands were empty, the catcher, umpire, and batter wore a mask, but there was still baseball at Fino. “It was extraordinarily weird to see the stands empty,” Milford Manager Steve DiVitto said. “I have never seen it like that before, other than in batting practice.” Milford is not playing a legion baseball season this summer after American Legion canceled the campaign nationwide. But, without the official support of Post 59, Milford and other Zone 4 teams formed the Worcester County Baseball League to give legion-aged players a chance to compete. The league has proceeded under strict guidelines including masks on players when they are not one of the eight defensive players in the field. Milford played three games at Fino Field and the first win of the season in the home ballpark came via a walk off against Cherry Valley. “We had a socially-distanced celebration at the end,” DiVitto said. “It was tough for kids that age to not want to go out and jump on your teammates after someone gets a game winning hit.” Milford also played games against Northboro and Framingham at Fino Field. Two other “home” games were hosted at Hopkinton High School. DiVitto praised Colleen Allen and Steve Simoes from the neighboring town for giving the team a place to play while local health guidance meant Fino was out of the question. They were able to get us out on the turf field and we were very, very grateful,” he said. On a normal night, people dot the bleachers at Fino Field and fans crowd the right field line in their own chairs to take in the action. With spectators barred from Fino, DiVitto said fans stood out beyond the fence, “trying to catch a glimpse of the action from a safe distance.” “I was happy for our kids but I wish our parents were able to come in,” he said. “A lot of people were down the right field line behind the fence. It was different, but we were happy and thankful to get out there, even for a short period of time.”

Upton Men’s Club Golf Tournament

UPTON—The Upton Men’s Club invites all to participate in the annual charity golf outing September 25, at Shining Rock Golf Course, Northbridge. Support via sponsorship, signing up players or donating items of value to the event makes things possible that otherwise could not occur in the community. A 501c3 nonprofit organization registered in Massachusetts, the Upton Men’s Club exists to provide support to the community where public funding may fall short. Among the club’s activities are the Tonon of Upton Fireworks, the Easter Egg Hunt, monthly senior dinners, town beautification projects and community cleanups. The club’s funds come from donations and from event proceeds such as auctions, father/ daughter dances, golf tournaments and others. As with other organizations, the club’s ability to raise funds has been impacted by this pandemic. This golf outing is the one opportunity to raise the funds to support the club’s work. To sponsor the event or register golfer, visit UptonMenClub.org and use the CART To donate items for the raffle or for more information, contact Bill McCormick, BillMcCorganpy@gmail.com.

Kids Golf Tournament Benefit

SHARON—Join Children Across America’s 10th Annual Kids Golf Tournament Benefit to help support their STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math) program and send 100 kids in need to the groups summer camp. The tournament is Monday, September 21 at the 4 Star Cape Club of Sharon at 1 p.m. Since its founding in 2009 Children Across America have helped over 500 kids enhance their understanding of elements in our STREAM program which has them in all areas of academics. There will also be prizes for a hole in one, and closest to the pin. The day includes the range, lunch, dinner, a raffle and auction. Visit ChildrenAcrossAmerica.org for more information or to register by the September 15 deadline. Or contact Raymond Fellows at 508-473-4008, info@childrenacrossamerica.org or Al Spitler at 774-573-4715.
Mendon Residents Enjoying Outdoor Activity

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

Mendon residents have resumed most outdoor activity as parks, trails, and the beach have all reopened with local officials working hard to keep up to date with evolving state guidance.

Dan Byer, Mendon Fire Commissioner, said it has been a challenge to keep track of the rules and regulations being applied by the state. But the town, which has not seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases over the summer, has made sure that anything that is allowed to be opened by the state government is opened and done so in a safe fashion.

"When we first shut everything down, people were not happy," Byer said. "I know everybody is happy to see the playgrounds and trails open, this has been a challenge for everyone."

Mendon has worked to strike a balance between people's desires for some form of normalcy and the need to maintain social distancing during the pandemic.

"We feel it's up to everybody individually to make their own decisions," Byer said. "If the state said something could reopen, we reopened it with the rules in place to let people make their own choices as to whether they wanted to use the playground or stay home."

Byer added, "We didn't feel it was our place to go beyond what the state was putting out, which was pretty comprehensive."

Adhering to the state rules meant making some adjustments that might leave residents unhappy, such as taking down the rims from the basketball court to keep people from gathering there. The lights at the basketball and tennis courts are still not on, Byer said, out of a desire to minimize gathering size.

Parents have been peppering his office with questions about mask requirements and other guidance for the summer rec programs, but overall Byer said people have been respectful that everyone is learning on the fly and trying to ensure that programs are reopened safely.

The beach, he added, has been busy on the weekends, likely the product of some traffic from out of town. But major issues have been minimal.

"We provide a form of child care for local residents, so if it was safe to operate, we felt like we had to do something," Byer said. "I think in general people are happy to be outside and do stuff again."

Sports

Upton Residents Shine at Mounted Shooting Event

By Chris Villani
Sports Reporter/Columnist

Upton residents Craig McCoskery and Cathie Hattrick-Anderson stood out in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Appalachian Mountain Championship earlier this summer, each earning an entry to the national championship.

McCoskery competed in the cavalry division and the revolver main match. He ultimately finished first in the revolver finals and won his division in the revolver main match, placing ninth out of 176 riders. McCoskery said he began competing in mounted shooting when he was teaching horseback riding and one of his students wanted to give it a try.

"I don't think there is much better than horses, guns, and speed," he said. Mounted shooting is a fast-growing sport with an increasing level of participation in the Northeast. It involves several different events using single-action revolvers, shotguns, and rifles.

In the cavalry event, riders dress in uniforms that mirror the Civil War era and use a holster with flaps covering the grip, similar to what would have been used in the mid-19th Century.

Unlike other types of horse shows, McCoskery said he enjoys mounted riding because of the lack of subjectivity: the best times win with riders seeking to avoid time penalties by hitting all of the balloon targets along the way.

"There is a lot of camaraderie and the people in the sport are incredibly supportive," McCoskery said. "If somebody goes out and lays down a time this faster than yours, you're right there supporting them and vice versa. You're not paying for somebody's opinion to judge you in a horse show."

He said veteran riders will often lend equipment, or even horses, to newer competitors. During one of his first competitions, McCoskery said his horse came up lame and he had to borrow another horse to compete. At June's Appalachian championship, Hattrick-Anderson, who owns Bobcat Farm in Upton, competed in several events and showed well despite riding a borrowed horse that she had not ridden prior to the event. She was also the Ladies High Point Revolver Champion in 2019, a distinction McCoskery took in the men's division.

McCoskery is slated to compete this weekend at the Massachusetts state championship in Norfolk. While the field will be about half the size and feature fewer out-of-state riders due to the pandemic, he said dozens of participants are still expected to compete.

June's event took place in Lexington, Va. and during a normal year, McCoskery said he will trial through one or two events, each earning an entry to the national championship.

Craig McCoskery competing in Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Contributed photo

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