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Smola announces streamlined driver's license renewal process

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means), is pleased to announce the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is taking steps to allow more customers the opportunity to renew a driver's license or ID card online. The RMV has extended the length of time

a customer can use a license photo from nine years to 14 years which means more customers than ever are eligible for online renewals. In addition, customers will be eligible to renew their licenses or ID cards online for two consecutive renewal periods. This will result in approximately 30,000 additional renew-

al transactions eligible to be processed online each month. With thousands of additional customers now eligible to conduct renewals online, the number of customers who must visit a service center will decrease, which will make in-person transactions more efficient for customers who do need to visit RMV service loca-

tions. "I'm very pleased that the RMV is making these upgrades," said Representative Smola. "Expanding online renewal for driver's licenses is a great example of using technology to improve efficiency." Licenses and ID cards will need to be renewed in person at RMV service centers

or AAA locations (for AAA members) every third renewal period (once every 15 years). Customers should also know they don't need to wait for the RMV's birthday card reminder to renew. They can go online and renew up to 12 months in advance. To be eligible for online renewal, a customer's

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Tara Vocino photos

Eleven agencies responded to a house fire on Brookfield Road late Wednesday night.

Community rallies to support fire victims

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — More than \$8,000 has been raised after a late night five-alarm house fire around 9:15 p.m. Dec. 20 that left several people homeless shortly before Christmas. Spokesperson Dena Caron, who is helping with tenant relief efforts and whose family has owned the building at 23 Brookfield Road since the

'80s, said the support for her family's 3-floor house — that is a total loss — has been incredible. "We live in a community where helping comes as naturally as breathing; where people not only how ask how they can help, but spring into action immediately, without pause; where even long-standing neighborly feuds don't stand in the way of doing the right things in

times of need; and where, tragedy squeezes us closer together rather than ripping us apart," Caron said. Excluding GoFundMe pages, Old Village Grille; Brian Treitman & BT's Smokehouse; Southbridge Credit Union; Sturbridge Coffee House; Micknuck's; The American Red Cross; Rovezzi's; Mobile Audio (Southbridge); Brush it Off;

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Quit tobacco in the New Year!

With the new year here, make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family. If you use tobacco, quitting is the most important step you can take to protect your health and decrease the risk of lung disease, cancer, and even early death. If you want to quit and tried in the past, don't give up. Many smokers say quitting is the hardest thing they've ever done. It often takes several tries before you can quit for good. However, with planning and support, you can become tobacco free. Fortunately, most health insurance plans cover nicotine replacement and other quit-smoking medicines.

The Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) is also available for free coaching 24 hours each day, seven days a week (except

Thanksgiving and Christmas) to support you through quitting tobacco. In addition, now you can enroll online through KeepTryingMA.org. Online supports include quit planning tools, peer support and motivational text messages. You can get four weeks of FREE nicotine replacement help from patches, gum or lozenges at the Helpline (with medical eligibility). The combination of free coaching and cessation medication can make you three times as likely to quit for good as those who try to quit on their own! Quitting can be hard—here are five ways to make it easier: 1. Set a quit date. Choose a quit day in the new year, give yourself about two weeks to prepare. 2. Tell your family and friends you plan to quit. Share your quit date with important

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Courtesy photo, Sturbridge Fire Department

A male driver from Surgoinsville, TN was summoned to Dudley District Court on several charges after a utility truck rollover along I-84 Dec. 16.

Alleged OUI leads to box truck rollover

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — A 38-year-old male Tennessee driver was summoned to Dudley District Court for driving under the influence of liquor second offense, along I-84 on Saturday night when his utility truck rolled over. "There is the possibility that the driver may be cited but due to the crash still under investigation we cannot say that conclusively," State Police media relations said. He was also summoned to negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation at 6:40 p.m. Saturday,

Dec. 23, Sturbridge State Police said inside the barracks Wednesday night. A State Police media spokesperson said the driver was transported to Harrington Hospital for minor injuries. Fire Lt. John Marinelli said EJ Electric was the owner of the vehicle. Marinelli said the driver was out of the truck when they arrived. "The rescue company stayed on scene until Sturbridge Service had the vehicle turned over," Marinelli said. Crews were on scene until 8:30 p.m. Tara Vocino may be reached at printjournalist1@gmail.com.

Safety first when it comes to the ice

The ice on the lakes has formed, and Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee thought the following information is important to share. Winter provides an excellent opportunity to participate on many of Massachusetts more than 3,000 lakes and ponds including fishing, skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and more. Unfortunately, every year people are injured or killed as a direct result of falling through thin or weak ice. The Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee is providing this article on ice safety to help ensure all Sturbridge res-

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Ice Thickness and Strength	
Ice Thickness (inches)	Permissible Load (clear, blue, lake ice)
2" or less	STAY OFF!
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
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STRUBRIDGE SNIPPETS

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES
Local students performed in the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade with the UMass Minuteman Marching Band. The Parade took place on January 1st. These students marched alongside 400 of their classmates in this prestigious

parade.
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North Brookfield: Fitzgerald Pucci and Jarod Sagendorph
West Brookfield: Elizabeth Fedirko.
Brimfield: Caroline Blanchard, Kathryn Doyle, Maura Riel.
Sturbridge: Taylor Hancock
Thompson, CT: Carissa Lueth
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
POMFRET, CT — Emma Aldenberg of Sturbridge from the Class of 2020 was named to the Fall 2017 High Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Emma earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B.
SEEKING INFO FOR WEBSITE
The local “Get Involved” community group Show Up Brimfield/Holland/

Wales is once again seeking to highlight local volunteer opportunities in the Tri-Town area by developing a new community web site. We would like the site to work as a central access point for information about our volunteer groups, as well as promoting events and linking to organizations’ existing web sites and calendars. If your group does not have a web site already, we can help you advertise by hosting your information on ours. We also plan to create a public calendar to which each participating group can add its own event information, and will help promote your upcoming activities by featuring them each month on the home page of the site. We would welcome the help of “reporters” who would contribute community volunteering news as it arises. This site will be developed and maintained by volunteers, and its first year has been funded by donations. We

hope for an initial rollout by Feb. 1.
If you would like to have your group’s information added to our developing site, or if you have any questions or wish to assist, please contact us via email at showupbrimfield@charter.net or via postal mail at Show Up Brimfield, PO Box 14, Brimfield, MA 01010.
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manufacturers step up their advertising and incentives to support this goal. The model year changeover is a good time to buy. This is normally the September, October time frame. Incentives on the current model year are usually strong and inventories are still pretty good as the new model year is beginning to show up. Dealers will be making room for the next years vehicles and starting to trim inventories approaching the year end and holiday seasons. At Place Motor we will always do our best to save our customers as much as possible whenever you decide to buy. We will lay out all your options for you to see and make your best decision. We want the time you choose to be the right time to buy your new car or truck.

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Questions to ask when interviewing Real Estate Agents

Most people are not selling homes on a regular basis. It is scary to think of how important it is to make the right decision when hiring a Real Estate Agent. Think of what is important to you and make sure to ask questions around that to each person you interview. I would first suggest asking friends and family who they have used and had a good experience. Also, if you see the agents sign all around your town then I would interview them as well. I would suggest you interview 3 agents to ensure you are making the right decision. This is probably the largest financial transaction you will ever be involved in. The most important thing is trust, so you want to hire someone you can trust to truly put your needs in front of their own. You also want to make sure they have a track record of selling home that is better than the average agent. For the past year, the average sales price in Worcester County for single family homes was \$308,196 which means you will be spending around \$15,000-\$20,000 on the services of a Real Estate Agent. Below are some questions to ask the agent to help you discover if you are hiring the right person for the job.

How many homes have you sold this year? This will let you know if they have recently been selling homes and

have experience in the current Real Estate Market, since it is ever-changing.

How many homes have you sold in the last 5 years? This will show you that they have consistently been helping people in this area sell homes over a period of time and their marketing plan must be working.

Do you have a written marketing plan to get homes sold? It is important that the agent have a plan in place to sell your home rather than just “winging it”. Some agents may have a plan they use for every home or customize the plan for each home they sell, but make sure they do have a plan.

Do you have a full-time staff working together to get my home under agreement and sold? This is important to know if when your agent is meeting with another seller that they are not missing valuable phone calls from buyers interested in your home. In addition, what if your agent goes on vacation? Is your home sale going on vacation too or is there a plan in place for coverage while they are gone.

On average how many days does it take you to get an offer on your listings? This is especially important if you



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need to move by a specific timeframe and need to know you are selecting an agent that will get you moved in the timeframe that you need. I would also ask them to show the date for what the average agents takes to see how it compares.

What is your list price to sales price ratio on homes you have sold? This will give you a good idea on how well the agents negotiate to get you the best price for the home they sell and will get you the best price for yours. I would ask here for them to show you date on the average agent in you area to ensure their ratios are above average.

How quickly will you respond to buyers that call or email you about my home? This is important, knowing that it is crucial for an internet lead to be contacted within 5 minutes of the inquiry and hopefully while they are still searching the agents website. After 5 minutes the odds of them responding back diminishes greatly. People who are calling it is not as urgent but still best if they can have a live conversation with them or at least call back within an

hour of them leaving a message.

How quickly will you respond to other agents who have interested buyers in my home? It is important to respond quickly to questions as that will keep the buyers interest in the home. If they ask questions and it takes a few days to get a response, most likely the buyer will have moved on to another home.

What type of regular training do you attend to keep you at the top of your game? The Real Estate Market is constantly changing and in order to help someone to sell their home quickly and for the most money then agents need to constantly be learning new techniques for marketing and skills for negotiating. There have been studies done that the most successful agents on average spends 40% of their days in some sort of training to increase their skills.

What percentage of your listings sell vs. expiring? When you decide to sell your home, you want to actually have it sell. This will help you see if the agents marketing strategy is effective to get homes sold. Just because an agent has lots of signs in yards in your area does not mean the homes are actually selling.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Put within

6. Learned person

12. Resistance

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17. Logical basis for a belief

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19. Indicates position

20. Article

21. Insignificant organizational member

22. __ route

23. Expression of disapproval

24. Microelectromechanical systems

26. Ponds

28. Satisfy

30. Dad

31. Spanish soldier “El __”

32. Pouch-like structure

34. Obscure unit of measurement

35. Okinawa prefecture capital

37. Platforms

39. Jazz singer Irene

40. Benefits

41. Hellenistic governors

43. Brownish-green fruit

44. Needed to see

45. Political action committee

47. Fast plane

48. Bahrain dinar

50. Urgent request

52. Raccoon genus

54. Millisecond

56. Atlanta rapper

57. Rural delivery

59. Intrauterine device

60. The Wolverine State

61. Free agent

62. For instance

63. Reduces

66. Lincoln’s state

67. Quit

70. Midsections

71. Bullfighting maneuvers

CLUES DOWN

1. The arch of the foot

2. Canadian peninsula

3. Koran chapters

4. Abba __, Israeli politician

5. Youngster

6. Burns

7. Comedienne Gastereyer

8. Valley

9. Belongs to sun god

10. Nickel

11. Great in salads

12. Leader

13. Forced through a sieve

14. Entryway

15. Support pillars

25. Aquatic mammal

26. __ Farrow, actress

27. Unhappy

29. Holds molecules

31. Thrifty

33. French dynasty

36. Scottish port

38. Irish militant organization

39. Dawn

41. Musical group of seven

42. Used to fry things

43. Carrot’s companion

46. Rough stone landmarks

47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah

49. Goes against

51. Passion

53. Hard white animal fat

54. Soybean pastes

55. Beckon

58. Mountain and morning are two

60. Self-referential

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Superior service and customer satisfaction earn Lamoureux Ford of East Brookfield Ford’s highest award: The President’s Award

EAST BROOKFIELD — Lamoureux Ford was among a select group of Ford Dealerships, less than 10% of all dealers nationwide, to be recognized with the 2016 President’s Award by Ford Motor Company. The prestigious award honors dealerships that have excelled in automotive retailing in 2016 by providing exceptional customer sales and service satisfaction.

“Earning this award is a reflection of our entire staff’s commitment to delivering the best customer experience possible,” say Lamoureux Ford’s owners Marc and Lionel Lamoureux. “We couldn’t be more proud to receive this recognition, especially since it comes from the people we value most – our customers. They’re the reason we were able to achieve this award.”

The President’s Award was established in 1998. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from the customers related to their sales and service satisfaction.

Lamoureux Ford has won the President’s Award for the 20th year in a row and 23 times overall.



Courtesy photo
Pictured from left: Mark Rogowski (Boston Regional Manager- Ford), Lionel Lamoureux, Marc Lamoureux, and Vince Talia (Regional Manager- Ford Credit).

New Child and Family Services Center to hold ribbon cutting ceremony

SOUTHBRIDGE — The newly-renovated Child and Family Services Center at Harrington HealthCare will hold a ribbon cutting on Monday, Jan. 8.

The center, located at 139 South St., is the former CarQuest Auto Parts store and has been under renovation for several weeks.

Harrington Director of Mental Health Katie Adams said this project has been about a year in the making and follows a personal and professional goal she had since joining Harrington in 2016.

“This move gives our department of mental health an opportunity to present an expanded family treatment facility to the community. The new center really won’t be anything like our current office space. This renovation will showcase a bright, inviting place where families can feel good seeking services,” Adams said.

The ribbon cutting, in coordination with the Chamber of Central Mass South, will be an opportunity for local legislative representatives, school officials, providers and municipal leaders to tour the new space, which offers mental health counseling and group sessions for children and adolescents, ages 4-24, and their families.

When she first joined the behavioral health team at Harrington, Adams faced a few shortcomings of the department, one being a lack of communication with the local school systems. Her initiative to strengthen those relationships had great success, but the quick growth of the program led to growing pains for 29 Pine St. location.

In preparing for the move, Adams said hired several new members to her team — expanding from six to 12 clinicians — and expanded the range of specialties offered for child and family services, including more expansive cognitive therapy. Through a grant, Adams was able to send several of her staff to receive training in child trauma.

“Our new team has great experience and more to offer clinically,” Adams said.

The 6,500 square-foot space includes 12 therapy offices, two group rooms, an administration suite and a large common waiting area.

Immediate therapy appointments are available by calling (508) 765-2222.

The 29 Pine St. location will continue to offer adult mental health counseling services, as well as Harrington’s partial hospitalization program.

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Valuable collectibles for 2018

As we start a new year, I thought it might be a good time to take another look at which collectibles have been selling well and may continue to sell well during the new year. Some of these items were in my top 10 antiques and collectibles list in 2015. There are additional items in this article though.

Mid-century collectibles and furnishings continue to fetch strong prices at auction. Baby boomers who grew up in the 1940s through 1970s remember many of these collectibles from their youth. Younger collectors also appreciate the sleek lines and simplistic design of mid-century design.

There are many mid-century “baby boomer” collectibles that are selling well. We’ve auctioned comic books from the 1960s that have brought over \$100 an issue. Older ones can bring even higher prices. A baseball card collection from the 1950s and ‘60s brought five figures at a recent auction. Older sports memorabilia remains popular too. We sold a



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baseball with a drawing by George Sossak that brought \$3,500 at auction in 2017. One card of a star player in pristine condition can bring a figure in that range by itself. Toys remain popular. A toy robot from the 1960s brought a figure over \$500 at one of our auctions a few years ago.

Bicycles are also popular with collectors. Early high wheeled and turn of the century bicycles can bring five figure sums at auction. Many more modern bicycles also realize strong auction prices. Schwinn Sting-Ray “Krate” bikes from the late 1960s and 1970s featured high handle bars and banana seats. Some of these bicycles can bring figures in the thousands. Benjamin Bowden designed the Spacelander bicycle in 1946. The futuristic bicycles were then produced in 1960. There are believed to be only 522 that were produced. They typically sell for five figure sums at auction.

Military items remain popular with collectors. There has always been considerable

interest in Civil War memorabilia. I’ve also seen increased interest in World War II artifacts in recent years. For example, we sold a diary of a captured American soldier in a German prison. The diary contained information on daily life in the camp and drawings. It brought several hundred dollars at auction.

Coins remain a very popular collectible. Dollar coins, half dollars, quarters and dimes from 1964 and earlier are made with 90% silver. They are worth at least their weight in silver. Coins with rare dates can be worth much more than the silver value though. For example, we sold a silver dollar with a CC (Carson City, Nevada) mint mark that brought around \$500 at auction in 2017. Many old gold coins are worth well over their scrap value as well.

Other collectibles continue to bring strong prices at auction. Old movie, travel, advertising, Rock and Roll, circus, sports and other posters are very desirable. The market is still great for old advertising signs and displays.

Historical memorabilia still commands strong prices at auction. In 2017, we auctioned some postcards written by



Alexander Graham Bell to his attorney. They rang up \$1,000.

We continue to pick up some great items for our January 25th live auction. My Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School is scheduled for March 5. We are scheduling some estate sales for after the holidays. Keep

checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111), info@centralmassauctions.com

A chance to tell your own story...

New at the Brimfield Senior Center! Storytelling with Colleen Lowe-Smith.

Descended from an ancestry with the “gift of the gab” Colleen has always loved sharing and listening to stories. For over 20 years she mastered this skill with children, having taught in Montessori schools in New Zealand and in seven different states in the USA.

Colleen holds a MFA in writing, which broadened her understanding of story crafting. In these days, especially of distraction with technology, Colleen is passionate about cultivating human connection and community by creating storytelling groups.

In this group, we will reflect together on our life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. We will learn about and discuss the differ-

ent kinds of stories (i.e. quest, comedy, tragedy, advisory, rebirth, journey and return, etc.) and consider elements (character, setting, sensory) to flesh out our own stories. We will celebrate one another’s unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on our own experiences.

Ideally this group will culminate in a storytelling performance.

Please join us on Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. to meet with Colleen and get started on your storytelling journey. We are thrilled to have her share her talent and experience with us and there is no cost to you for this 10 week program. Please call (413) 245-7253 to register as class is limited in size.

driver’s licenses and ID cards which meet the federal requirement for credentials which are REAL ID compliant.

Massachusetts residents do not need a REAL ID until after October 2020, and will only need a REAL ID for air travel or to enter a U.S. government building. On Oct. 1, 2020, the following credentials will be accepted where REAL ID is required: a valid U.S. or foreign passport, U.S. passport card, military ID, or a driver’s license or ID that is REAL ID compliant.

Additional information about REAL ID can be found at: www.mass.gov/realID.

prescription medicines can help you quit for good. Your quit coach and pharmacist can also provide support.

For more information, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit: KeepTryingMA.org.

Make the choice to quit today, making the holidays and New Year tobacco free and healthier than ever.

The Central MA Tobacco-Free Community Partnership supports communities’ efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke; enhance state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, Community Partnerships serve as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts.

SENIOR SCENE

Brimfield Senior Center

First Congregational Church
20 Main Street
(413) 245-7253

BUST THE BLUES!

Let’s Bust the Winter Blues! Italian Fest Party at the Brimfield Senior Center, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It’s cold outside so come on down for some of Eva’s fantastic homemade lasagna layered with seasoned ground beef, home-

made sauce, creamy ricotta cheese and gooey mozzarella. On the side enjoy warm garlic bread and garden salad tossed with Italian dressing. Local entertainer Dwayne Carlson will be here to perform a variety of popular songs. Feel free to sing along, tap your feet or get up and dance! January birthdays will be celebrated with cake and song. There is a \$5 suggested donation for this event. Please reserve prior to January 19. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield 413-245-7253

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license/ID card photo must be less than 14 years old and must have been taken after the customer’s 21st birthday.

The RMV invites license and/or ID card holders to visit www.mass.gov/how-to/renew-your-drivers-license to check their license status and renew online.

Effective March 26, the RMV is changing the way customers get and renew their driver’s licenses and ID cards. On that date, the RMV will begin to issue

SMOKING

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people and ask for their support. Daily encouragement and planned activities can help you stay on track. For example, a smoke-free lunch date or game night could help distract you.

3. Anticipate and plan for challenges. The urge to smoke is short — usually only three to five minutes. Those moments can feel intense. Before your quit date, write down healthy ways to cope with cravings so you can get past them.

Healthy choices include:
o Drinking water
o Taking a walk or climbing the stairs
o Calling or texting a friend
4. Remove cigarettes and other tobacco from your daily routine. Throw away your cigarettes, lighters, and ashtrays. Clean your car and home. Old cigarette odors can cause cravings.
5. Talk to your doctor about quit-smoking medications. Over-the-counter or

Friday’s Child



Olivia and Aleah are friendly sisters looking to find their forever family together! Olivia is an artistic 9-year-old girl of African American descent. Some of Olivia’s favorite activities include crafts projects and reading. In school, her favorite subjects are science and music. Olivia is an accelerated reader and has received high grades on her

reading tests at school.

Aleah is a 6-year-old girl of African American/Hispanic descent. Those who know Aleah say she has a bold personality. Aleah enjoys activities such as arts and crafts and playing with her bouncy ball. She also likes to play outdoors.

Legally freed for adoption, Olivia and Aleah thrive in structured environments with a consistent routine. They could be successful in any type of family, with or without other children in the home. Any interested family should be strong advocates for the girls, and be open to engaging in ongoing services with them.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org.

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TANTASQUA STUDENTS PERFORM AT STATE HOUSE

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Students from Tantasqua Regional School High School performed recently at the State House, where they were welcomed by Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin (right).

The performance was part of the State House Concert Series hosted by Secretary Galvin's State House Tours Division.



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BREAKFAST

Nutrition Tip

Make Fruit More Appealing: Make a fruit smoothie by blending fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt with fresh or frozen fruit. Try bananas, peaches, strawberries, or other berries.

Reference: USDA. MyPlate.gov. Internet: <http://www.myplate.gov/>.

Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30

Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies

Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of breakfast pastries

All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <div>Happy New Year 2018</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Assorted Bagel</div> <div>Assorted Cream Cheese</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Scrambled Eggs</div> <div>Sausage</div> <div>Whole Wheat Toast</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Homemade Coffee Cake</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>8</div> <div>French Toast with Syrup</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Scrambled Eggs</div> <div>Bacon</div> <div>Whole Wheat Toast</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Homemade Coffee Cake</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Ham, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Martin Luther King Day</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Wrap</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Scrambled Eggs</div> <div>Sausage</div> <div>Whole Wheat Toast</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Assorted Bagel</div> <div>Assorted Cream Cheese</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Pancakes with Syrup</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Scrambled Eggs</div> <div>Bacon</div> <div>Whole Wheat Toast</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Homemade Coffee Cake</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>29</div> <div>French Toast with Strawberries and Cream</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Assorted Bagel</div> <div>Assorted Cream Cheese</div> <div>4oz Yogurt</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Scrambled Eggs</div> <div>Sausage</div> <div>Whole Wheat Toast</div> <div>4oz Fruit Juice</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>**Meals are subject to change without notice**</div>	

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LUNCH

Fitness Tip: MyPlate recommends:

•Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

•Be active together as a family.

•Physical activity should be fun and offer

Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita

Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza

All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat assorted milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <div>Happy New Year 2018</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Chicken Nuggets</div> <div>Mixed Vegetables</div> <div>Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Teriyaki Chicken Strips</div> <div>Vegetable Fried Rice</div> <div>Broccoli</div> <div>Fortune Cookie</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce</div> <div>Whole Wheat Pasta topped w/ Meat Sauce</div> <div>Garlic Bread, Green Beans</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Ch.BURGER or Hot Dog</div> <div>Beef Burger topped with Cheese or Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun</div> <div>Buttered Corn</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Swedish Meatballs in a Savory Gravy</div> <div>Served over Egg Noodles</div> <div>Peas & Carrots</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Turkey Bacon Meatloaf</div> <div>Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese</div> <div>Baked Curly Fries</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Nachos</div> <div>Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips</div> <div>Served w/ assorted toppings</div> <div>Black Bean and Corn Salad</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Roast Pork</div> <div>w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</div> <div>Mixed Vegetables</div> <div>Biscuit</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Spicy Chicken Patties</div> <div>on WW Bun</div> <div>Baked Sweet Potato Fries</div> <div>Veggie Sticks w/Hummus</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Martin Luther King Day</div>	<div>16</div> <div>BBQ Pulled Pork</div> <div>on a Whole Wheat Bun</div> <div>Baked Fries</div> <div>Baked Beans</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Shepherds' Pie</div> <div>Seasoned Ground Beef Layered with Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy</div> <div>Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Stuffed Shells</div> <div>Cheese Stuffed Pasta Shells Smothered in Marinara Sauce</div> <div>Garlic Bread</div> <div>Tossed Salad</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>19</div> <div>1/2 Day</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Cuban Sandwich</div> <div>Roast Pork, Ham & Cheese Toasted on French Bread</div> <div>Baked Smiley Fries</div> <div>Tomato Salad</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Mozzarella Sticks</div> <div>Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce</div> <div>Mixed Vegetables</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Roasted Turkey</div> <div>w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</div> <div>Glazed Carrots</div> <div>Bread Stuffing</div> <div>Cranberry Sauce</div> <div>Blueberry Crisp</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Assorted Calzones</div> <div>An Assortment of Calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese</div> <div>Marinara Dipping Sauce</div> <div>Tossed Salad</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Buffalo Chicken Tenderloins</div> <div>WW Dinner Roll</div> <div>Steamed Broccoli</div> <div>Veggie Sticks w/Hummus</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Pork Carnitas</div> <div>Seasoned Shredded Pork in a Whole Wheat Tortilla w/ lettuce, tomatoes, Salsa, Guacamole and Sour Cream</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Grilled Cheese</div> <div>Tomato Soup</div> <div>Tossed Salad</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Meatloaf</div> <div>Beef Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</div> <div>Green Beans</div> <div>Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</div> <div>Fruit Variety</div>	<div>**Meals are subject to change without notice**</div>	

LEARNING

Makeathon summit includes Bay Path mentor

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas, attended the TOM: Boston Makeathon at the Ruderman Inclusion Summit, hosted by TOM, Ruderman Foundation, and Northeastern University. The event took place in November at Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center, Boston. The team Bolandrina participated in, called “Team Hippo” won the Makeathon. The Makeathon (a marathon of making) was a gathering of makers, engineers, designers, therapists, nurses, and nursing students that created solutions to assist and empower individuals living with disabilities.

The Makeathon was a 48-hour event where working prototypes were developed. Using 3 D printers and rotary saws, Team Hippo learned how resilient and innately innovative humans can be when faced with challenging circumstances. Input from nurses was clearly valuable during the design, ideation,

and prototyping stages at the Makeathon. Bolandrina was one of 12 nurses who contributed to the conception and production of the winning product alongside engineers, designers, and programmers. The product, affectionately called The Hippo, is a portable clip that enables the zipping of coats, jackets and sweatshirts using only one hand. Northeastern alumni Anand Shankar and engineer Jack Cardin pioneered the product designed to help people affected by hemiparesis, conditions of muscular weakness or partial paralysis to one side of the body.

“TOM: Boston Makeathon is a noteworthy part of the Inclusion Summit,” stated Bolandrina, “having been grouped with minds of all kinds to brainstorm and eventually create a solution to every day issues faced by those living with physical disabilities is such an honor!”

Healthcare allows for an abundance of opportunities for new innovations. Utilizing

nurses’ knowledge of patient needs makes them agents of change. The Makeathon was an opportunity to turn fresh ideas into solutions for problems faced daily by individuals living with physical disabilities.

“When I first heard of this event, I knew I wanted to be involved,” added Bolandrina, “I am excited about further building my portfolio, networking with insightful participants, and best of all, improving the quality of someone’s life.”

Team Hippo is continuing their product development at Northeastern University’s Ideas Venture Accelerator. Team Hippo members include Jack Cardin, Susan Soe, Elisa Tran, Rebecca Love, Thelma Ajayi, Chris Sullivan, Noah Hendler, Anand Shankar, Mohul Sisodia, Aimee Marchand, Valeria Ramdin, Oded Shorer, Sean Hennessy, Saw Tee, Waleed Meleis, Paul Rockwell, Bolandrina, Hiyam Nadel, and Christine O’Brien.



Courtesy photo

From left: Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN academy director, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Rebecca Love RN, MSN, ANP, director of nurse innovation & entrepreneurship at Northeastern School of Nursing.

Quinsigamond Community College awarded \$84K state grant

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has received an \$84,100 Performance Incentive Fund grant from the state to provide accelerated English classes to students eligible for remediation in English. The college will use the grant to increase its Accelerated Learning Program, which focuses on improving the success of developmental education students by working to accelerate these students into college-level English courses.

QCC has already piloted this program with noteworthy results. Between 2014 and 2016, 75 percent of QCC students

who completed an accelerated English course by taking both remedial and college level English, received a “C” or higher, compared to 66 percent of QCC students who only completed the traditional college level English course.

“This innovative model is particularly beneficial to those from underserved populations such as low English language learners,” said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. “This PIF grant will help us to increase the number of high quality English reading, writing and critical thinking courses we offer to these students to help them succeed

in college.”

The funding will be used to train additional QCC faculty in order to scale up its current ALP, in addition to creating a new, integrated reading/writing course; three accelerated writing English workshops, and developing a new bridge English as a second language course. The new bridge ESL English course will enable ELL students to more rapidly transition from ESL to developmental and college level English.

“This grant will enable us to expand access to educational opportunities for

residents of Central Massachusetts, which in turn will lead to increased job opportunities for QCC students,” Dr. Pedraja said. “This is a win for the college and for the community.”

The Performance Incentive Fund is a competitive grant program that supports public campuses in creating or strengthening programs that advance the goals of producing the best educated citizenry and workforce in the nation.

For more information, contact Josh Martin, director of institutional communications at (508) 854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

HOUSE FIRE

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Toys for Tots; Compatible Canine; Scott Latour & The Twisted Spoke (Charlton); Table 3 Restaurant Group; Sturbridge Seafood & Porterhouse; Teddy G’s; Caron Family Farmlands & Nursery (Brimfield); Catholic Charities; two Sturbridge businesses that wanted to remain anonymous, but have given generously; the town of Sturbridge, and the Joshua Hyde Public Library (Caron’s workplace, and they have been so supportive, including covering her hours the next day, so she could go set up the fund, spend a little time with tenants, and contact area businesses to thank them) have donated to the cause.

The occupants were: Jeremy Curboy (has children — had just dropped them off at their mom’s before he returned to the apartment only to call 911 minutes later shortly after returning home); Dennis Rines; John Chick (has one child, Caron said, but she was at her mom’s); Christopher Thibert (has one dog, but the dog was at a family member’s home); and Scott Campbell (he was not home at the time of the fire, but he did arrive on scene

about 45 minutes after 911 was called), according to Caron.

Residents on scene said that the building was all apartments and that everyone escaped safely.

Sturbridge Fire Lt. John Marinelli said on scene that all occupants were outside and located in front of the building with heavy fire and smoke were coming from the back of the building.

Originally a four alarm, they called for a fifth alarm due to the cold weather with two rehab trucks called to keep personnel warm with coffee and hot drinks.

“The cause of the fire is undetermined, but possibly electrical in nature,” Marinelli said.

Caron added despite rumors swirling that it was caused by smoking, they know that it was electrical, and not due to any faulty wiring.

Caron said they do eventually plan on rebuilding. Her 79-year-old mother-in-law was hesitant at first, but her husband convinced her otherwise, she said. He said that he wants to continue to rebuild and continue to offer rental availability in the community.

“He loves this town as much as I do, and there’s no way he wouldn’t continue to be a part of it professionally in addition to personally,” Caron said.

“The last thing he wants after all of this is to own an empty lot of land going to waste in this gorgeous town.”

Caron said as she sits here, so very tired physically and emotionally, that she has tears overflowing, just truly and incredibly touched by what the mighty many in this community and those in the surrounding communities have done — and in less than 24 hours since the fire was even out.

“I hate to say any one of us is ‘lucky,’ as this definitely is not a situation where that word is universally applicable,” Caron said, but ‘fortunate,’ ‘blessed,’ ‘loved,’ and ‘honored’ are a few words that are applicable, and that have come to my mind over and over today.”

Eleven different fire stations were there including first responders from Sturbridge, and the American Red Cross provided immediate assistance.

Anyone interested in helping can drop off items and/or donations at Old Village Grille, or contribute to the “23 Brookfield Road” fund at Southbridge Credit Union.

Routes 20 and 148 near the fire were blocked. Crews were on scene until 2 a.m.



The fire was largely on the third floor.

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idents can safely enjoy winter activities.

The reality is, there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. It is generally recommended that no one should venture out on any ice less than four inches thick. New, clear blue ice is usually the strongest ice. Partially thawed, white ice embedded with slush or snow and honeycombed ice are significantly lower in strength than clear blue ice. As a general guideline, if it is not clear

blue ice you should double the thickness recommendations for each activity.

The figures in the table are general guidelines for clear blue ice on lakes and ponds. Always use caution, and don’t venture out onto unfamiliar waters without checking ice thickness frequently.

Note: vehicles may be banned from some lakes. It’s best to check with the local lake association.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, weeds and springs all affect the relative safety of the ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of

water, it can be one foot thick in one place, and a few inches thick in a short distance away. Check the ice at least every 150 feet.

Ice thickness can easily be checked using an ice chisel, ice auger, axe, hatchet or cordless drill to penetrate the ice and then using a simple tape measure to determine the ice thickness. Be aware ice tends to be thinner on lakes and ponds where there are spring holes, inlets or outlets. Don’t venture onto icebound rivers or streams, as the currents make ice thickness unpredictable. Similarly, ice near the shore-

line is highly variable, so be particularly careful of where you gain access and your first few steps.

Also, you want to make certain you do not overload the weight bearing capacity of a particular area of the ice by maintaining a good spacing between gear, snowmobiles, ATVs, and cars or trucks.

It is good practice when venturing out on the ice to have a safety plan. Always wear a flotation device such as boating life jacket especially if you are testing the ice or snowmobiling or on an ATV. Employ the buddy system maintain-

ing good spacing and always carry ice picks. Bringing along a toboggan with an adequate length of rope not only provides a handy means of packing and transporting your equipment, but provides an excellent safety device for reaching and retrieving those who have fallen through. It’s a good idea to have a spare set of dry clothes and an emergency kit.

Lastly do not leave any debris on the ice. Log and branch remains from campfires can be a safety hazard for spring fishermen and animal feces and other debris will contaminate the lake.



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EDITORIAL

Everything old is new again...

As in, new year of course. Why the Gregorian calendar chose to turn the year in the dead of winter is mysterious; perhaps to give people a reason to celebrate a mite. Most likely to adapt to the solstice holidays and continue that vein of thinking.

Janus, the god for whom January is named, is the one looking both backward and forward; two faces and neither of them looking terribly happy. So that too plays into the mythology. Let's put the year change right...here... where we can say Janus is watching over the change and decrying what happened the last few months and is upset about what might happen coming up.

Yeah, that makes sense. January isn't much fun. It's usually dark, and dreary and cold and snowy. There are no holidays in January. It's a full 31 days long, no slack there.

Bears and several other smaller mammals hunker down and just sleep through it. Smart.

We don't have any comedy relief this year with politics either.

It's the same old, same old there too. We do have government still paying its bills for a few more weeks at least, the highly lauded tax cuts included all kinds of hidden agendas that got approved as well with no debate and no one the wiser.

Those who approve and think the government is going great are happy.

Those who don't are grumbling and trying to figure out how to change it.

This was part of why 200+ years ago the debating founders attempted to put safeguards in place for the republic. Making certain there would always be debate, no one would ever have complete control, and despite the present climate of big money controlling the vote, no, ultimately the people will still eventually take it all back because they will realize their VOTES are what have the power. The candidates put up by the machines and the money get the publicity of course, but if the people truly wanted to vote their minds, they could easily defeat any of them; starting locally and working their way through the milieu.

They just haven't figured out that power yet.

They did in Alabama earlier. It worked right there. The people voted. And their choice is now in the Senate.

See, we have all been fed the pabulum a long, long time. We don't realize what we are capable of at all. There are ways to get what we want, locally, state and federal levels. But it takes attention and work.

And we can't wait for someone else to take the lead on it. We have to do it ourselves. In small groups, in local Democratic or Republican town committees; local grassroots organizations for local causes, independent ventures. Don't wait for someone else, and don't decry what happened already; don't be Janus. He is only a talking head, talking out of both sides of his double mouths and never accomplishing a thing.



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OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Candle Tips

Even with the popularity of flameless candles, nothing sets the holiday mood like the real deal. Conventional candles are a valuable decorating tool, and the fragrant luminaries are never more popular than during this time of year. Whether you use candles to create ambiance or to simply fill the air with a pleasant scent, the following tips will help you enjoy the magic of candles during the yuletide season and throughout the year.

Happy Holidays!

Did you know candles don't just cover up odors? They actually eliminate them by burning off the tiny odor particles that permeate the air!

Here's a trick from the swinging sixties: Before a dinner or party, light and then extinguish new candles as they will light more quickly and easily when you are ready to use them.

If you are grouping two or more candles together, be sure they are a few inches apart when burning. If candles are placed too close to one another, they can each create their own draft, causing the flames to flare.

Here's another excuse for burning candles: studies show candlelight induces quiet! Light a few after dinner to help the kids settle down.

Believe it or not, lighting a votive candle on the bathroom vanity prevents steam from fogging up your mirror when you get out of the shower. Try it, it works!

Here's another vintage tip from the cocktail party generation: Extend the life of wax candles by refrigerating them first. Chill candles in airtight plastic bags to prevent wicks from absorbing moisture.

Don't have a long match and need to light several candles? A piece of uncooked spaghetti will do the job!

The next time you light floating candles, place them in warm water instead of cold. This method extends the burn time of floaters.

It's important to trim candle wick to ¼" before burning wax candles. Doing so not only limits soot, but the short wick allows for proper heat of the wax for efficient burning.

Burning candles properly is essential for getting the most burn time and to provide even burning throughout the lifetime of the candle. For example, jar candles should be allowed to burn until the liquefied wax reaches the full diameter of the candle surface. When you blow out the candle too soon, you limit the wax pool to that diameter and shorten the life of the candle. This is important to prevent tunneling down the center of the candle. (As always, burn candles in appropriate vessel and on a safe surface).

If you are burning cone or bell topped candles, burn for about five to ten minutes the first time. Gradually



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

increase the time with each subsequent burning until the candle is level, then burn as for pillars.

tighter the fit the longer the life of the candle.

Black soot on the glass of a burning votive means the wick is too long. Extinguish the candle, trim the wick and relight.

Always put out a flame when it burns to ½" of the bottom of the candle. I found out the hard way that even tempered glass can shatter and spill hot wax onto a surface if allowed to burn too low to the bottom!

Did you know many candles (even top shelf brands) can fade in color if displayed in windows or exposed to bright lights for an extended period of time?

Burning the candle at both ends
Burning lots of candles means plenty of leftover candle stubs. Before you toss the stubs out, check out these creative ideas to recycle and reuse them.

* Simply place a disk of scented candle wax in a drawer, gym bag or under the seat of your car for an easy instant freshener.

*Or use the leftover stubs as tart wax. Just pop the leftover wax out of the votive holder and place in a tart burner. Light a tea light candle underneath it and it releases a nice scent for many hours.

*Toss a few stubs in a jar to use in the workshop. The wax can help a stubborn drawer slide smoothly, protect a saw blade from rusting, and lubricate a squeaky door hinge.

*You can even make new candle medley by re-melting assorted stubs in a double boiler. Then pour into votive glass with a wick and cool. Freeze and tap out to use freestanding.

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

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New Year's: time for New Year's financial resolutions



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

We've reached the end of another year – which means it's just about time for some New Year's resolutions.

Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions? Here are some ideas to think about:

Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b), for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b) plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

Control your debts. It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. We've had a long run of rising stock prices – but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.

Review your goals and risk tolerance. At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and long-term financial goals and try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk – or possibly too little risk – with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits – and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

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Courtesy photos

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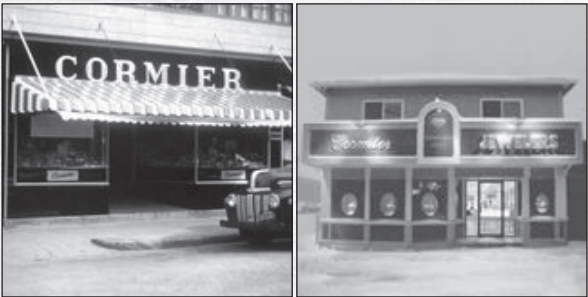
The group shot of adults is the staff of Cater 2 Kids: Melissa Baca, Leena Beaudoin and owner Rebecca Bullock. Christina Cook, owner of Quiet Corner Speech and Language who co-hosted the event had already left for the day.

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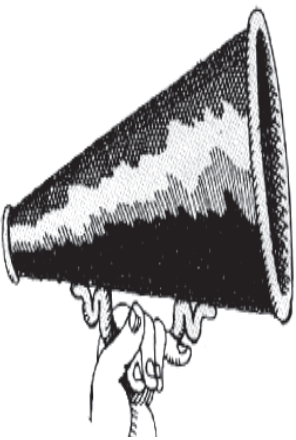
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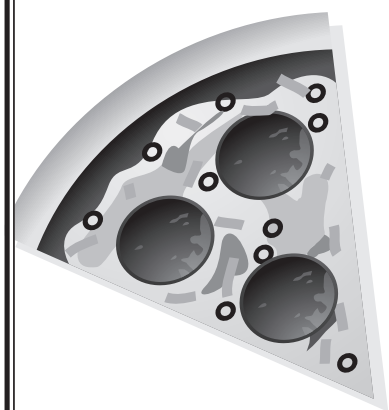
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SPORTS

Warriors produce pair of 20-point victories in doubleheader sweep of Hudson



Nick Ethier photos
Hayden Peterson of Tantasqua corrals a rebound away from a counterpart on Hudson.



Tantasqua's Drew Peretti drives past Hudson's Kristopher O'Brien on his way to the basket.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

HUDSON — With both the Tantasqua Regional girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams in search of victories to reach (girls) or get close to (boys) the .500 mark, the Warriors

did what they needed to do when playing a doubleheader at Hudson High on Thursday, Dec. 21. The girls' team played first, the boys' squad took part in the nightcap, and both won by 20 or more points.

Tantasqua 58, Hudson 36 — In the girls' game, Tantasqua's defense held the Hawks to single-digit point production in each of the first three quarters (9-6, 21-9, 13-9) to gain a lead that they would not relinquish. When all was said and done the Warriors won by 22 points.

"We're improving and this is a team you can see it happening right before your eyes every day and a lot of things they've been getting better at and the defense is certainly one of those," said longtime head coach Tom Goyette. "They did play great man-to-man defense tonight."

Tantasqua relied on a pair of game-changers in junior Lindsey Zak (17 points, 13 rebounds) and sophomore Lydia Boland (16 points, including four 3-pointers) on the offensive end.

"Those two kind of have the most experience on the team, believe it or not," Goyette said of his extremely young squad. "They're both offensive threats and all-around players. They're hard workers for sure and weapons for us."

Freshman Ainsley Way also had a solid game for the Warriors, scoring 9 points and pulling down 7 boards.

Tantasqua won the rebounding battle by an impressive margin, 47-29.

The Warriors, now 2-2 after losing to Shepherd Hill Regional and Millbury High in their first two before defeating Grafton High and now Hudson, withstood strong game-high performances from the Hawks' Alexandra Sousa (18 points) and Allura Carney (14 rebounds), knocking Hudson out of the undefeated ranks in the process as they slipped to 4-1.

Tantasqua 57, Hudson 37 — The Hawks scored just five seconds into the matchup with the Warriors, but from there Tantasqua went on a 10-0 run and never trailed the rest of the way. They eventually won by 20 points. Head coach Tom O'Neil called it an "ugly" win but admitted that any win is good at this stage of the season.

"I'll take ugly losses over pretty wins any day of the week," he said.

The win was also important because the Warriors started the season 0-3 but, after defeating Grafton and Hudson, they are now 2-3.

"The goal is to get to .500, and then get one over, and then two over and then stay over," said O'Neil.

Seniors Evan Couture (15 points), Garrett Cassavant (14 points, 8 rebounds) and Drew Peretti (11 points) all eclipsed the double-digit scoring plateau, and O'Neil noted that Couture has been the team's top performer in the early part of the season.

"Three out of the last four games he's been our best player on the floor," he said before listing off Couture's strengths. "Offensively attacking the rim, he's our best slash guy. The 15-footer is his game, he can hit 3's and he can handle the ball."

The Warriors won quarter scoring in all four frames — 21-8, 9-7, 14-11 and 13-11 — as playing a fast-paced game suited Tantasqua the best.

"We're really good playing fast," said O'Neil. "We can press [because] we have such quick athletes."

The Warriors' defense also did a nice job of shutting down Hudson's Cam White, who had 10 points at halftime but finished with only 11.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland fires off a pass down the floor versus Hudson.



Tantasqua's Morgan Smith, right, tries to steal the ball away from Hudson's Brianna Cabral.



Ainsley Way of Tantasqua flips a pass over to Lindsey Zak to avoid the double-team defense provided by Hudson.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fall into fitness: Youth sports at the Y

SOUTHBIDGE — The Tri-Community YMCA, a non-profit organization, is offering kids a great way to stay active and connected with others interested in healthy competition. Choose from a variety of youth sports for both boys and girls of all ages this Fall 2 Session.

Youth Basketball League: Runs 10 weeks through the end of February. Boys and Girls will learn the fundamentals of basketball, good sportsmanship, and most importantly, to have fun! Includes clinics, weekly team practices, games, team shirts and more!

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Worcester State University to host catcher, youth baseball coaches clinics

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 15), the Worcester State University baseball program will host two clinics at the new \$52 million wellness center.

The catcher's clinic is from 9 a.m. to noon and is for ages 8-18 with a cost of \$50. It is designed for both the serious catcher plus beginners new to the position.

A free youth baseball coaches clinic follows later that night from 6-8 p.m. This is a lecture-style clinic for adults who coach ages 7-12. The focus is to talk baseball and present drills for coaches to use with their own teams along with how to run a successful practice inside or outdoors.

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SPORTS

Rockets roll three effective lines through East Longmeadow, 8-3



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

The Auburn High ice hockey team spent plenty of time in the offensive zone during the Rockets' 8-3 win versus East Longmeadow.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — A fast start, which included four first period goals, was more than enough for the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team in their dominating 8-3 win versus East Longmeadow High on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Horgan Rink.

"We came out with fire and that was the difference," explained head coach Glen Bombard. "We have been coming out pretty fast and tonight we talked about coming out and getting a jump so we can put this thing away in the first

period and we pretty much did what we wanted to do in the offensive zone; we shut them right down and from there we put it out of reach early continuing our play in the second period."

The Rockets' co-op team — which also includes student-athletes from Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional and Millbury High — came out on fire and it didn't take long for their first goal to pierce the back of the net. Five minutes in, captain defenseman Cam Dungey ripped a shot from the blue line that was redirected by junior

forward Drew Darger and into the back of the net for a quick 1-0 lead.

Out-hustling East Longmeadow and crashing the net was the story of success for Auburn and a point of emphasis coming into the contest.

"It is something we have been practicing with these guys because the first couple of games we weren't going there hard enough and it showed," explained Bombard. "If we go to the net with our sticks down, we are going to slam them home and that is what we did, but it had been one of our major issues that we push."

The Rockets scored three more goals in the

first period to give them a commanding lead going into the second period. Auburn was dominating, scoring another rebound goal by Kyle Spurr, a shorted-handed break-away goal by junior forward Anthony List and with less than a minute left in the first period yet another rebound goal finished by Colin McKeon.

Continuing their dominance in the second period to really put the game out of reach, the Rockets scored three more times off the sticks of three more player.

"The more kids that score the more you have to worry about," stated Bombard. "All three lines

are putting the puck in the net."

Junior center Caleb Mackin started the scoring in the second when he put home a rebound goal within the first minute of the period. Halfway through the period scrappy junior center Ryan Slade scored the first of his two goals on the night. To conclude another dominate period, sophomore Colin Lutz scored his first varsity goal when he ripped a slap shot from the blue line that snuck by the East Longmeadow goalie.

Entering the third period with a commanding 7-0 lead, it was clear that the Rockets lost some

of their urgency as hey surrendered three East Longmeadow goals, but they did not do goalkeeper Mike Sosik any justice because he was nothing but amazing in net for Auburn in this contest, recording 29 saves.

"Mike, he works hard in practice," Bombard expressed. "It was his first game tonight and he did an excellent job. Unfortunately, we didn't play too much defense in that third period for him to help him out, but I thought he played phenomenal. We have a lot of trust in him when he is in net."



Goalie Mike Sosik of Auburn makes a save versus East Longmeadow.



Collin Winkelmann of Auburn eyes the net before ripping a slap shot versus East Longmeadow.



Auburn's Anthony List works for possession of the puck against an East Longmeadow player along the boards.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Dec. 18
Tyngsborough 96, Tantasqua 79 — The girls' swimming team from Tantasqua saw their record slip to 2-2. The team had many hard-fought races, but no first place finishes.

Tyngsborough 103, Tantasqua 83 — Much like the girls' team, the Warriors lost their boys' swimming meet and fell to 3-1. For Tantasqua, Bryce Iller won the 200 Free and 100 Free, while Jonah Green kept up his pace by placing first in the diving event. Robert Wilson won the 100 Fly and Gavin Morris was first in the 500 Free. The team of Kaspar Mazeika, AJ Osimo, Michael Turley and Iller captured the 200 Free relay.

Dec. 19
Tantasqua 58, Ludlow 27 — The Warriors' freshmen boys' hoopsters rolled to victory as Liam O'Brien scored 14 points, Tom Flynn chipped in 12 points and Cooper Hurt added 9 points. The defensive play was outstanding. The team, now 3-0, won second half scoring, 35-10.

Dec. 20
Tantasqua 88, Gardner 55 — The girls' swimming team from Tantasqua improved to 3-2 as the 200 Medley relay team of Alyson Locke, Lauren Butler, Joslyn Bronner and Kami Davis started out with a win. Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Free and the 100 Back, as Locke locked down

first in the 200 IM and the 100 Free. Rebecca Turley was victorious in the 50 Free and the 100 Breaststroke, and Butler was first in the diving portion. Bronner won the 100 Butterfly and the 200 Freestyle relay team of Erika Madden, Parker Riley, Bronner and Butler also placed first, as did the 400 Free relay team of Locke, Davis, Caitlin Bilodeau and Kersting-Mumm.

Tantasqua 78, Gardner 24 — Back on the winning track, the Warriors boys' swimming team improved to 4-1. The 200 Medley relay team of Gavin Morris, Bryce Iller, Robert Wilson and Kaspar Mazeika won, while Mazeika also placed first in the 200 IM and the 100 Free. Jonah Green was the winner

in diving, and Morris was a dual winner in the 500 Free and the 100 Back. The 200 Free relay team of Mazeika, Aiden Osimo, Morris and Iller were victorious, and Iller also won the 100 Breaststroke. The 400 Free relay team of Osimo, Zachary Lavallee, Wilson and Michael Turley capped the night off with a win.

Dec. 21
Tantasqua 40, Wachusett 37 — The Warriors' freshmen boys' basketball team defeated the Mountaineers at the buzzer, as Isaiah Appling hit the 3-pointer for the finish. Tom Flynn was the game's high-scorer with 12 points as Tantasqua improved to 4-0.

OBITUARIES

David Brown, 84



BROOKFIELD/ N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - David Brown, 84, of Brookfield died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Florida Hospital of Zephyrills while spending the winter at his Florida residence.

He leaves his daughter, Jennifer Huard and her husband Dale Wadsworth of New Braintree; two sons, David S. Brown and his wife Christine of Sturbridge, and Douglas A. Brown and his wife Donna of Brookfield; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Patricia A. (Heath) Brown in December 2016, as well as his two brothers, Andrew and William, and his sister, Jessie Brown. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Andrew Brown, Sr., and Helen (McDonald) Brown. He grew up in Spencer, graduated from David Prouty High School, and lived in North Brookfield for close to 50 years, prior to moving to Brookfield 12 years ago.

Mr. Brown was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

David worked as a molding machine

operator at the former Norton Company in Worcester for 37 years, before retiring in 1993. He kept active following retirement by working as a caretaker at Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield through this year. He and Pat enjoyed their winters in Florida, and spending time with the many friends that they made there. His favorite times though, were being with his family whether here in Massachusetts or when they visited in Florida.

David was a long time member of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, the American Legion Post 138 in Spencer, and VFW Post 3439 in North Brookfield.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held for David in the spring at Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Emergency Squad, 4 Central St., Brookfield, MA 01506. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

varnumfuneralhome.com



Theresa H. (Martel) Bouchard, 96



SOUTHBRIDGE- Theresa H. (Martel) Bouchard, 96, of Grace Lane, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, in the UMass Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after an illness.

She leaves her husband of 71 years, Euclid V. Bouchard; her son, Richard G. Bouchard of Southbridge; her brother, Allan Martel of Woodstock, CT; four grandsons, Richard E. Bouchard of Sturbridge, Major Michael Bouchard of Middletown, CT, Christopher Bouchard of Southbridge and Jason Bouchard of Southbridge; four great grandchildren, Alyssa, Ashley, Anthony and Adeline; and many nieces and nephews. Her son, Gary M. Bouchard, died in 2008 and her daughter, Grace T. Bouchard, died in 2009. She was also predeceased by six brothers, Warren Martel, John

Martel, Hector Martel, Clarence Martel, Courtland Martel and Marshall Martel and four sisters, Rita Simpson, Faith Clutchak, Veronica Lapane and Gladys Martel. She was born in Sturbridge the daughter of Hector and Theresa (King) Martel.

Theresa worked in the cafeteria at Southbridge High School for 16 years before retiring many years ago. She enjoyed making ceramics and sewing. She also loved doing word puzzles.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Mildred F. "Millie" (Higgins) Boland, 72

BRIMFIELD- Mildred F. "Millie" (Higgins) Boland, 72, died Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at UMass Memorial Medical Center/University Campus, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband of 49 years John J. Boland. They were married July 14, 1968. She is also survived by her son John J. Boland, Jr. and his wife Elvera, 2 brothers Robert Higgins and his wife Margie of Hingham, John Higgins and his partner Chey of Auburn, and a sister Barbara and her husband John Garofalo of Middleborough. She was predeceased by an infant daughter Patricia Boland and a sister-in-law Denise Higgins, wife of John Higgins.

Millie was born in Quincy, daugh-

ter of the late Robert V. and Phyllis (Lux) Higgins. She graduated from high school in Quincy, and Mansfield Beauty Academy. She formerly worked as a beautician, she was a secretary at the John F. Kennedy Library, and a clerk for the Hingham Sewer Dept. She enjoyed reading, candlestick bowling, and spending time with family and friends.

Calling hours were Saturday, December 23, 2017, from 10AM to 11:15AM, at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, with the funeral Mass that followed at 11:30AM. Burial services will be private.

www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Philip J. Gabler Jr. 73

BRIMFIELD/ WEBSTER- Philip J. Gabler Jr. age 73 died Friday, December 22, 2017 at his home. He leaves his wife of 49 years, Linda L. (Ciabaszewski) Gabler of Brimfield, a son Philip J. Gabler and a daughter Melissa Harwood and her husband Scott of Webster, three grandchildren Summer, Bethaney and Corryn and one great grandson, Bennett. He also leaves a sister Beverly Bonneau of CT.

He was born in Medford, MA son of the late Philip J. Gabler Sr. and Olive (Mooney) Gabler living in Brimfield for the past 6 years, prior to that living in Webster. Philip served in the US Navy during Vietnam. He was a retired

maintenance working at the Bay Path Vocational School in Charlton. There are no calling hours, services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Robert J. Antos, 71

STURBRIDGE- Robert J. Antos, 71, of Pine St. Sturbridge, died December 21 after a brief illness.

He leaves a son: Shannon and his wife Eva Antos of Steamboat Springs, CO; his long-time friend and companion Patricia Pelloth of Woodstock, CT.; a brother Joseph Antos and his wife Jane of Dudley, three sisters Eleanor(Jean) Missiewicz of Webster, Nancy Skebos and her husband Thomas of Oxford and Janet Mayer and her husband Robert of Putnam, CT; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was born on February 28, 1946 in Webster, MA to the (late) Joseph and Irene (Chenard) Antos.

He graduated from Bartlett High School and lived in the area all his life.

Bob retired from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, and was a member of the Quinebaug Lodge of Masons A.F. & A.M. He was the Chaplain of Doric Chapter of York Rites.

Bob enjoyed helping people, he was

a wonderful cook and loved time spent outdoors: gardening, hiking and kayaking. He was also a fervent Civil War buff, and spent much of his free time participating and studying battle reenactments.

A memorial service for Bob will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge followed by a Masonic Service at 6:30 P.M.

The Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA has been entrusted with arrangements. The funeral home will be open at 5:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Civil War Trust, 1140 Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Please visit www.BelangerFuneralHome.com to sign a memorial guestbook.



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D- Peter J. Jennette 61 of Drake Lane, died Christmas morning at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, surrounded by his loved ones.

He leaves his wife of 27 years, Debbie J. (Truhel) Jennette, his son, Dennis Jennette and his wife Natalie of Fiskdale, his daughters, Jennifer Sadusky and her husband Jim of Spencer, Laura Howe and her husband Cody of Ridgefield, WA and Ashley Harvey of Worcester, his sisters, Marion Thompson and her husband Joe of Leicester, Paula Dunphy and her husband Eric of Falmouth, Helen Russo and her husband Dave of Hudson, FL and Cindy Quinn and her husband Dermot of Canton, four grandchildren; Mila, Roman, Denny Jr. & Ryleigh, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

Peter was a Supervisor of Manufacturing and a Master Scheduler for Metso Flow Control, Inc.

Peter J. Jennette 61

(formerly Neles- Jamesbury Inc.) in Worcester for 25+ years before falling ill in 2007.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Joseph and Ruth (Blair) Jennette and later graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in Holden.

Peter was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, he was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed boating and water sports on Lake Lashaway, where he resided. Peter and his wife, Debbie, hosted many parties including their annual Chicken BBQ where friends and family would gather. Peter also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, tending to his fruit trees, and vacationing in Rockport every July.

Memorial calling hours were held on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Second Chance Animal Service, P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA. 01515 or Lupus Foundation of New England, 40 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 10

BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a Red Cross blood drive held in the St. Joseph Church Hall, 10 H. Putnam Road Extension, Charlton on Jan. 10 from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. The drive is sponsored by Council 11379 of the Knights of Columbus. Each pint of blood collected can help up to three hospital patients. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments reduce the wait time. Contact the American Red Cross to schedule your appointment at www.RedCrossBlood.org; or, 1-800-RED CROSS. A \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card will be presented to each donor.

Tuesday, January 16

FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE TRAILS: The fifth annual meeting of FrOST will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. graciously hosted by the Publick House. On the agenda, will be a short presentation on where the trail building progress of 2017 and plans for 2018, the status of Friends of Sturbridge Trails, 2018 activities and a review of our first five years. The Friends group is open to anyone who would like to support trails in Sturbridge. If you cannot make the Jan. 16 meeting, have more questions or want to help in the organizational effort, email David Barnicle at:

dmbarnicle8141@gmail.com or email Sturbridgetrails@gmail.com. More information on FrOST can be found on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Sturbridge-Trails-476149822433894/> and the Sturbridge Trails website: <http://www.sturbridgetrails.org/>

Membership forms to sign up and join FrOST will be available that night.

Monday, January 22

BUST THE BLUES! Let's Bust the Winter Blues! Italian Fest Party at the Brimfield Senior Center, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's cold outside so come on down for some of Eva's fantastic homemade lasagna layered with seasoned ground beef, homemade sauce, creamy ricotta cheese and gooey mozzarella. On the side enjoy warm garlic bread and garden salad tossed with Italian dressing. Local entertainer Dwayne Carlson will be here to perform a variety of popular songs. Feel free to sing along, tap your feet or get up and dance! January birthdays will be celebrated with cake and song. There is a \$5 suggested donation for this event. Please reserve prior to January 19. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield 413-245-7253

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family

Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

Winter fishing just revving up



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With pheasant hunting and deer hunting coming to an end for most outdoorsmen and women, waterfowl hunting and ice fishing are the final two activities left for most sportsmen that enjoy the great outdoors during winter months. There are a lot of ducks and geese in the area, but hunters need to be extra careful with frozen waters that are being hunted. Extreme caution needs to be used when sending the hunting dogs out into frozen areas, to retrieve downed birds. Costal hunting for sea ducks at this time of year has caused the death of many duck hunters in the past. Fast moving tides can carry hunting dogs away from the hunting blind and too often hunters needed to retrieve duck and dogs because of the strong tides. Duck hunters hunting costal marshes also need to keep an eye on the incoming tides. Too often duck hunters have been stranded on sandbars after the tide comes in. Play it safe!!!!

Although the final count of the deer harvest is not complete for this year, MFW is predicting a record harvest for all three seasons in Massachusetts. The quality of the deer was great, with numerous young bucks sporting large antlers and weighing in at surprising numbers on the scales during the first week of shotgun season.

A huge black bear weighing in at 342 lbs. was hit and killed by two vehicles in Gardner on Rt. 2. A hunter also illegally shot a moose in the Gardner area during the shotgun season. The Environmental Police are investigating the incident. The controlled hunt at Blue Hills this year netted 67 deer of which 42 were females.

Some ponds have enough ice on them for some ice fishing, but extreme caution needs to be used. Striking the ice with a good ice chisel as you navigate the frozen waters, is the only safe way to go, as mentioned last week. Many first time anglers of the year start out jig fishing and it can be extremely productive for catching enough yellow perch for a good meal. When a good school of perch are located and they are feeding, a single angler can catch a dozen or more perch from one hole.

During a feeding frenzy, largemouth and small mouth bass will aggressively hit the jig, providing the angler with some excitement as he or she tries to bring the fish to top, and through the hole. A Swedish pimple with a single hook, baited with a grub, can catch the first perch. Immediately remove one of the eyes of the perch, and affix it to the single hook, being careful not to break the eye. The fresh eye is the best bait to use when fishing with a jig stick for perch. A small fresh shiner is also great when jigging for larger fish like pickerel and bass. Be sure to test the depth of the water at each hole, as water depths can change quickly. Fishing a foot off of the bottom



Courtesy photo

This northern pike was caught in Connecticut. Local waters haven't been stocked with the game fish for a while now.

is normally best to catch yellow perch, but sometimes a few feet off of the bottom can make a difference.

Cleaning yellow perch is quick and simple by removing the top fin completely. Make a cut just in back of the head being careful not to completely cut off the head. Place your right index finger in back of the head and your left index finger and thumb also in back of the head, and pull down with the right hand. As the skin starts to peel off you will be left with only the fully cleaned fish. Lay the perch on their side one by one and cut off

the bones along the cavity with one stroke of the knife on each end. Rinse the fish off and you are ready to start cooking.

A combination of 2/3 yellow corn meal and 1/3 flour ground in a blender for a few seconds, will give you the consistency of a milled substance that is ideal for frying any kind of sea food and fish. A cast iron pan with a good frying oil and small amount of butter will cook up your perch to perfection. Cooking the fish for a couple of minutes on each side will give you some tasty eating at the table. Carefully peel the meat of the perch

from the main bone, and eat them with some great fried rice from Food Works restaurant in North Uxbridge, along with your favorite beverage. Great.

This week's picture shows a local angler with a large Northern Pike taken through the ice in Connecticut a few years back. If you want to catch a fish like this you need to go to a neighboring state, although a few fish still inhabit some local waters from stockings of pike a number of years ago. Local anglers are hoping that MFW will expand their pike program back to more

than a few northern bodies of water. Manchaug Reservoir had a huge success rate back in the '80s or '90s when the state was stocking local bodies of water in the state, as did Webster Lake.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club will hold their annual Red Eye Shoot at the trap range January 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to the public.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Safe Holiday Season

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Police searching for credit card fraud user and dog owner



Courtesy photos, Sturbridge Police Department

Police are looking to identify this man who allegedly bought \$900 worth of gift cards after finding a wallet with the credit card inside.

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Police are looking to identify this man who allegedly picked up a wallet and bought about \$900 worth of gift cards with a credit card inside.

“The victim lost her wallet somewhere,” Police Sgt. Larry Bateman said inside the station Dec. 27. “We assume that the suspect had the physical card to make the transactions. At Shaw’s, he bought a soda and a single \$200 gift card. And the same day at Stop & Shop, he bought two \$186 gift cards with overdraft banking fees.”

Bateman said the bank is working on getting back the money, adding the



Police are trying to find the owner of this pooch who was found on I-90 late Tuesday.

suspect could have sold the gift cards for cash.

He described the suspect as a white male between 25 and 35 years old; skinny; who was wearing a black hoodie and black pants; white baseball hat; and carrying gift cards in hand on surveillance.

Bateman said the suspect will be charged with one count of larceny over \$250 and credit card fraud.

Lost dog

Police are also looking for the owner of this dog who was found along I-90 eastbound near the Sturbridge/Brimfield line late Tuesday.

Anyone with information on either case is being asked to call police at (508) 347-2525, ext. 0, or ext. 325.

“He’s an older guy, and doesn’t look malnourished,” Bateman said.

Fly fishing show upcoming

MARLBOROUGH — Anglers from throughout New England will head to Marlborough Jan. 19-21 for a first-look experience of everything new in the sport at the 2018 Fly Fishing Show; Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West. Parking is free.

The Marlborough Fly Fishing Show’s annual edition features about 10 demonstrations or audio/visual presentations each hour plus wall-to-wall displays of new fresh- and saltwater fly rods, reels, fly lines, boots, waders, clothing and flies during the three day mid-winter run.

In addition to tackle, lodges and exotic destinations, show visitors can view continuous fly-tying demonstrations, how-to-do-it seminars and presentations ranging from Atlantic salmon in Labrador to fly fishing Turneffe Atoll in Belize.

National Fly Fishing Show door prizes are valued in excess of \$40,000.

Casting demonstrations are scheduled by Joe Humphreys, Jeff Currier, Bob Clouser and Gary Borger.

Fly tying demonstrations are on tap from Ed Engle, Borger, Clouser, Nate Brumley and Tim Flagler.

The New England premiere of the 2018 Fly Fishing Film Festival will be held Fri. at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Fly Fishing Show® admission is \$15 for one day, \$25 for two days and \$35 for three days. Children under age 5 are free as are Boy and Girl Scouts under 16 in uniform. Children under 12 are \$5. Active military with an ID are \$10.

For a complete list of fly-fishing films, classes, seminars, door prizes and demonstrations, visit flyfishingshow.com/marlborough-ma/ or phone (814) 443-3638.



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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women’s organization

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For information and reservations contact Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254

May 19-24: 6 day/ 5 night bus trip to the Canadian Island of Coudres & Quebec City will be offered from May 19-24, 2018. It will include transportation on a top quality motorcoach which is restroom and video equipped, 5 nights lodging including 3 on the Island, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners, 2 guided tours (of the Island and City), whale watching on the calm waters of

Bay St. Catherine and a visit to St. Anne De Beaupre Shrine. Also included are all tips for the bus driver and step on guides. Snacks and water will be provided on travel days, as well as games, movies, etc. Cost will be \$700/ person based on double occupancy. Passports will be required. For information call Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254.

August 6-10: five days-four nights motorcoach transportation, leave Dudley town hall at 8 a.m. \$525 per person double occupancy. Includes admission to Jesus show at Millennium Theater, visit to Gettysburg National Park, guided tour of Philadelphia, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, admission to Amish Experience and Jacob’s Choice at F/X theater, guided tour of Lancaster. Some meals included. Added cost for single occupancy.

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For information and reservations, please contact Judy Shute (508) 867-9224

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Contact the Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and to make reservations.

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- Feb. 16: Foxwood Casino. Free buffet luncheon and \$10 casino slot play. Leave at 8 a.m. Cost: \$29.
- March 16: Foxwood Casino. Free buffet luncheon and \$10 casino slot play. Leave at 8 a.m. Cost: \$29.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Thursday, March 8: Foxwoods \$25, 10 a.m. bus.

You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Sunday, April 29-Tuesday, May 1:

Atlantic City
For \$249 per person double you will get two nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see a casino revue show. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Thursday, May 18: Foxwoods \$25
You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Tuesday, June 19: Dancing Dream ABBA Tribute. 10 a.m. bus. Show has been cancelled!

Sunday, July 22: Fosters Lobsterbake
For \$87 you will get a deluxe motor coach tour of the Maine coast and a delicious lobsterbake. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Tuesday, August 14: Bobby Rydell in person.

For \$105 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Venus De Milo where you hear the music of Bobby Rydell with songs like Volare, Swinging School, Forget Him, Wild One and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod.

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-13: Penn. Dutch Tour

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CHAPTER 12

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2018

September 11-13: three day excursion for the performance of Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA, the Amish Country and Philadelphia. More details available soon. The production has taken three years in the making and involving about 650 indi-

viduals in all phases of its completion for the upcoming 2018 presentation. Cost: \$519 pp/dbl. Waiver insurance and a budget plan available. Early reservation recommended.

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Nov. 28: Newport Mansions – More info TBA
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How to find the right fitness facility



Joining a gym can be a great way to get healthy. Monthly gym membership fees may provide the motivation sedentary men and women need to get off the couch and pursue their fitness goals, and the right gym can foster a love of exercise that lasts a lifetime. Finding the right fitness facility is not necessarily as simple as signing up at the one

nearest your home or office. Finding a facility that best suits you and your goals may require consideration of a host of factors.

PERSONAL GOALS

Fitness facilities are not all one and the same. Before shopping around for a facility, men and women should make a list of their fitness goals and what

they’re looking for in a gym. Aspiring bodybuilders may want a facility with an array of free weights and strength training machines, while men and women whose ultimate goal is to lose weight may prefer facilities geared more toward cardiovascular training. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends adults participate in both strength and cardiovascular training, so facilities should provide both options. But some gyms may focus more heavily on strength training, while others may offer an extensive selection of cardiovascular equipment. Choose the facility that best aligns with your workout.

AMENITIES

Amenities are another important factor to consider when choosing a fitness facility. Facilities that offer a host of amenities like steam rooms, hot tubs and saunas might pro-

vide more motivation to visit the gym for adults accustomed to inactive lifestyles. In addition, such amenities might aid in adults’ recoveries.

WORKOUT
ALTERNATIVES

Men and women who have never been very enthusiastic about traditional workouts may want to look for facilities that offer more options than weightlifting and cardiovascular training. Many gyms host classes like yoga, Zumba® and Pilates. Each of these are effective alternatives to more traditional workouts. When shopping around, look for facilities that offer classes for people of various skill levels, as exercises such as yoga can be very difficult for novices. Swimming is another effective alternative to traditional workouts, and many facilities have their own pools. Adults are more likely to exercise if they enjoy their workouts, so

people who love to swim may want to limit their searches to facilities with swimming pools.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation is another important factor that should not be overlooked. Working adults, especially those with families, may have very small windows of free time in which to exercise. Even if the most pristine and inviting facility won’t do men and women much good if it’s not open when they’re available to workout. Before shopping for a facility, men and women should write out a weekly schedule, making note of when they’ll be working out and making sure to find a facility that accommodates that schedule. Adults looking for a new fitness facility should consider a host of factors to ensure they find one that best suits their needs.



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Can Get Help Caring For The Ones They Love



(NAPS)

Taking care of a family member who is aging or ill can be tough—but you don't have to do it alone. Just ask actor Danny Trejo, who stars in a new PSA (public service advertisements) campaign supporting male caregivers.

"I've helped care for a friend of mine who had cancer, so I know how hard it can be," explained Trejo.

The Facts: Men Are Providing Care, Too

Men represent 40 percent of the more than 40 million unpaid family caregivers in the U.S., representing 16 million sons, husbands and friends caring for an adult loved one in need.

Men are doing more than just managing finances or running errands. Sixty-three percent of male caregivers are the primary caregiver for their loved one, according to AARP, the nation's largest nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans age 50 and older. Many of these male caregivers help their loved ones with personal care such as eating, bathing and dressing, as well as medical and nursing tasks. More than half find it difficult to help loved ones with these intimate care needs and feel unprepared.

To help family caregivers, AARP and the Ad Council launched the Caregiver

Assistance Campaign, directing people to free caregiving resources at aarp.org/caregiving. The latest PSAs are specifically targeted to men, because they are less likely to see themselves as caregivers or to reach out for help.

Celebrating the inner strength of caregivers, the TV ads feature Danny Trejo, an actor known for his "tough guy" persona. While Trejo performs feats of strength and daring, a caregiver performs acts of care for his father, such as preparing dinner and helping him shave. In a twist, Trejo praises the caregiver as "the toughest guy on the planet." The PSAs feature the tagline "caregiving is tougher than tough" and remind caregivers that they can find help and support.

"Caring for someone else is one of the toughest jobs there is," said Danny Trejo. "There's no shame in getting some help if that's what you need to stay strong."

Tips for Caregivers

The majority of caregivers (60 percent) juggle their caregiving responsibilities with a full- or part-time job, and that percentage is even higher for men. Juggling work and caregiving responsibilities can be highly stressful, putting caregivers at risk for depression, anxiety, and heart disease. A few quick tips to help caregivers in this role include:

- Falling victim to a scam could be a sign that a loved one needs support. Help them sort mail and throw out obvious scam threats.
 - Create a daily caregiving checklist and check off items daily. You'll stay on-task and communicate more easily with others involved in your loved one's care.
 - To ease stress and save time, do caregiving prep like selecting clothes or preparing food and medicines the night before.
 - Caregiving brings many challenges but also many joys. Take time to savor the joyful, rewarding moments.
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Knowing exactly what to buy and when also can eliminate food waste and spoilage. According to research from the University of Pennsylvania, people who can avoid impulse spending can save up to 23 percent on their grocery bills.

Planning meals in advance can also provide a host of health benefits. When meals are planned in advance, shoppers have more control over the ingredients they choose and can tailor them to specific dietary needs or healthy eating plans.

Fortunately, time-pressed individuals have a number of resources at their disposal to help them plan and shop for meals. A quick online search for weekly meal plans will yield many results, including recipes and complementary shopping lists. People also can download apps that help with meal planning to their smartphones. Such apps include Yummly, Pepperplate and MealBoard, among others.

Another way for individuals to plan meals more effectively is to take a few moments on the weekend to think about which meals to make during the week ahead. Compare the necessary ingredients against those you may already have in your pantry. The rest can be purchased and saved for subsequent meals. Buying a week's worth of groceries in one shopping trip is more efficient and can help to conserve fuel.

When planning meals, try to use the most perishable items first. For example, prepare to use seafood, some dairy items and fresh vegetables early in the week, and more durable foods, such as



frozen, boxed or canned goods, later in the week.

When buying foods at the store, buy proteins in bulk and subdivide them into smaller packages to save money. Properly repackaged foods so they will not spoil or become freezer burned, leading to waste. Other budget-conscious shopping tips include trying store brands, building meal plans around items that are on sale that week and making use of coupons or coupon apps.

Post a weekly meal plan on or near the refrigerator so items can be thawed and ingredients prepared as needed. Building meals around slow cooker recipes also can help those who like to prep foods in the morning and then come home to completely cooked meals. On busy nights, arrange for fast meals, such as sandwiches or one-pot creations.

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CHARLTON - 8 Chelsea Way! ANGALIE ESTATES! 2,500' 10 Rm Colonial! 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths! 3.02 Acres! Cul-de-sac! 2 Story Grand Foyer! SS Appliances! Kit w/Isle! Huge Liv Rm! Formal Din Rm! 1st Flr Master w/Bath! 1st Flr Laundry! C/Air! In-ground Pool w/Pool House! 3 Car Garage! **\$488,000.00**



GRAFTON - 23 Maplewood Dr! Unique 5 Rm Brick Ranch! 3 Bdrms! Corner Lot! Enjoy the Convenience of One Floor! Easy Access Living! Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Fireplace! Liv Rm! Din Area! Master Bdrm w/Full Bath! 2 Baths! Total! Florida Rm! Private Back Yard! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$289,900.00**



LEICESTER - 2 Logan St! Beautifully Updated 6 Rm Split Entry Set on Nicely Landscaped 1/2 Acre! Stainless Appliances! Kit w/Granite Tile Counter Opening to Dining Area & Liv Rm! Fam Rm plus 2 Bdrms or 3 Bdrms! Full Tile Bath! Sunroom w/Wall AC! Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! **\$239,900.00**



CHARLTON - 2 Pennack Hill Rd! Nice Updated 7 Rm Split! 92Ac Corner Lot! SS Appliances! Kit w/Center Isl, Cathedral & Skylight! Din Rm w/Slider to 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Brick Flrpl & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frpld Fam Rm! Garage! **\$289,900.00**



EAST BROOKFIELD - 654 Podunk Rd! 6 Rm Cape! 1.5 Acres! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! New & Recent Features! Open Flr Plan! Granite Kit! SS Appliances! 1st Flr Hrdwds! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! Natural Woodwork! Patio w/Hot Tub! Fruit Trees! Recent Roof & Windows! New Garage Door! **\$247,900.00**



WEBSTER - 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frpld Fam Rm & Frpld Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrdwds & Wall to Wall! C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! **\$499,900.00**



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Air, Handicapped Bthrm, Kt, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances! Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90! **\$329,900.00**



AUBURN - 5 Pinedale Rd! Updated 7 Rm, 4 Bdrm Cape! Appliance Cabinet Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! NEW 20x22 Liv Rm out to 14x20 Deck! 1st Flr 2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Recent Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Laundry w/Washer & Dryer! 2 Sheds! Town Services! **\$222,900.00**



DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**



DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/3 Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frpld Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Buders Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! **\$244,900.00**



LEICESTER - 36 Boyd St! Spacious 3 Fam! 6/6 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Residential Neighborhood! Corner Lot! Open Din/Liv Rms, Eat-in Kits w/Pantries & Laundry! Sep Utilities! Rools, Gutters & Downspouts 2017 Garage & Shed! Off St Parking! Well Maintained! **\$330,000.00**



DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1887 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frpld Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/Cathedrals! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! **\$594,500.00**



DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit! Frpld Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**



WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near Walk to Schools & Churches! **\$114,900.00**



CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frpld Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**



OXFORD - 74 Walnut St! 5 Rm Ranch! Central Location w/Good Site Level Yard! 2 Bdrms! 3rd Poss! Full Bath! Hrdwds Liv Rm & Bdrms! Cedar Closet! Basement w/Finished Rm! Vinyl Siding! Older Replacement Windows! Deck! AG Pool! Shed! Cosmetics Needed! **\$179,900.00**



WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr! Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER - 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.68 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 18332' 4 Car Garage! 12X20' Workshop! 7 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Din/Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sided! NEW FURNACE! Needs Roof! Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! **\$109,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Kildeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14X20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemp Ranch, 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Main Rooms! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frpld Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**



WEBSTER - 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 64 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Appliances! Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Bath! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel! 22' Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! **\$219,900.00**



WEBSTER - 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/Oversized Pantry! Frpld Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Large Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 10yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! **\$229,900.00**



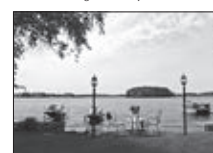
WEBSTER - 10 Foster St! 3 Family! 6/6/6 Rms! 3/3/3 Bdrms! Excellent Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Side Street! Easy Access! Off Street Parking! Large Eat-in Kits w/Galley/Pantry, Formal Dining & Liv Rms! Hrdwds Throughout! Coin Operated in Basement! **\$289,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Opps! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! **\$399,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Pond Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliances! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpld Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$749,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! **\$1,195,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 30 S. Point Rd! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW Kit w/Dish! Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level w/Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! NEW Int. Paint! Recent Roof & Siding! **\$349,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Pano Lake Views Most Rm! Open Flr Plan! Frpld Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Across St! Recent Roof! **\$599,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **\$519,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Kildeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunrm! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! **\$469,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure = Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel! Tear it Down! Build New! **\$359,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Lawn to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Space to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Slope to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frpld Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrooms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/Frpld Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! **\$1,100,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunrises! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! **\$950,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1.874' Open Floor Plan! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent C/Air, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! **\$424,900.00**



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WEBSTER- 13 MORRIS



SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful home offers easy one level living. Many upgrades! Eat-in kitchen, granite counters, Recent stainless appliances! Nice level 1/3 acre level yard! Skylight providing loads of natural light! Full bath with double vanity! Hardwood floors in main level. Garage! Generous in sized 3 season room w/ slider! assisted sale **\$249,900.**

WEBSTER- 12 ERNEST ST



Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Custom Built, Very Attractive, Ranch Style Home! No Kidding - there is 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Meander on up the curved brick walkway and open the door to a very unique and private property! Half acre +/- level full in-ground pool, built-in hot tub, a possible cabana w/kitchen & full bath, Gated driveway! Huge carport/pavilion for entertaining! The interior is incredible w/separate wings for private family living & entertainment, separate BR suites, 10 rooms total! Currently has a longline, established, successful in-home hair salon business! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349,900.**

DUDLEY - 67 WEST MAIN ST



Looking for a place for your BUSINESS? Looking for a good INVESTMENT? Check out this Dudley Business Zoned (BUS-15) property on the CORNER of West Main & View Street! 197' road frontage (65' on W Main / 132' on View St). Business Zoned Abutting Rear Lot on View St. is also available, asking \$54,900. Improvements include an Antique 2 story single family home w/3 BRS, 2 Baths. It may be possible to convert this home back to a 2 family with the addition of a 2nd means of egress. Home is Connected to Municipal Water & Sewer, a recent Natural Gas Business FWH Boiler w/cast iron radiators, a 2 Car Detached Garage **\$199,900**

BROOKFIELD - 14 WELLS RD



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POMFRET CT - 132 FOX HILL RD.



SORRY, SOLD!

live in privacy! Beautiful contemporary home! Many updates asphalt roof, boiler! Fresh refinished wood floors! Vaulted ceilings, field stone fireplace! Double ovens! First floor master suite! Second floor bedroom, W/ upgraded bath! 3 car garage! assisted sale **\$299,900.**

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NEW LISTING

WEBSTER- 24 STEPHEN DR

Marvelously maintained 3 bedroom raised ranch! In desirable neighborhood! Open entry invites you into the spacious kitchen and dining rooms all with cathedral ceilings! Sliders lead to a huge 4 season room! Large sunny living room with bow window. Master suite, two bedrooms and main bathroom complete the upper level. ***Bonus*** an in law apartment with full kitchen! dining area, bedroom, living room, full bath, and a private walkout on lower level. Two car garage. Backyard perfect for parties, gardening and family fun! **\$279,900.**

EAST LYME CT - 27 HOLMES RD.



SORRY, SOLD!

Just enjoy! Granite and stainless kitchen! Four bedrooms upstairs! Master w/vaulted ceiling! Upgraded bath! Hardwoods! Porcelain tile! New baths upstairs. Large deck overlooking beautiful level yard and professional landscape, blue stone patio W/ fire pit. Buders heating system and hot water heater! assisted sale **\$289,900.**

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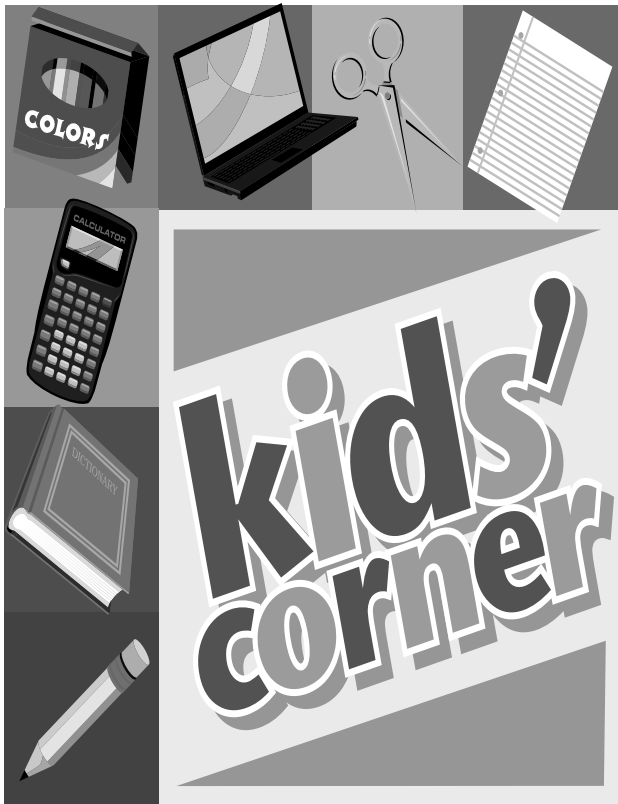


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4x4 • QUAD CAB • 17" ALLOYS

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