

Riofrancos advocates Green New Deal

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — To Providence College Professor Thea Riofrancos, “there’s about a billion terrible things facing the world,” with climate change and inequality connecting most of them. Fortunately, she feels, there’s a way to address them that brings the issues, advocacy groups, science and politics together – the Green New Deal.

“Climate crisis is already happening,” she noted, dubbing it a “yesterday problem,” with climate models “getting more apocalyptic and dramatic in their conclusions.” Among the things we already see are erratic temperatures, more extreme storms, ocean acidification, deforestation and desertification in some places, and the unfolding Sixth Extinction. While handling those issues is “a really big task,” she argues it’s still one that can be done by rearranging “the way our society is structured.”

She spoke last week at College of the Holy Cross.

At the top of the pile of issues, Riofrancos said, is the fact that carbon emissions are “deeply unequal,” with the most developed 10 percent of the world’s population responsible for half of the emissions. Yes, she notes, China has the highest overall total, but the US has the top per capita rate, with twice China’s. Meanwhile, the most vulnerable to the impacts are those who are “the least well-off” and “have the fewest resources to deal with it,” often at least partly due to “legacies of imperialism and colonialism.”

“We need to attack them [inequality and climate change] at the same time,” by making society more egalitarian, reigning in corporate power, promoting closer communities, changing recreation from shopping to outdoors activities, and otherwise making the Western lifestyle less stressful, she said.

A big part of that is restructuring our “built environment” to promote public transit and far fewer cars, locally self-sufficient economies, local energy



Thea Riofrancos

sources and food supplies, and other changes.

“Many aspects of our lives are pretty destructive” to Nature, with many aspects of our culture that are designed to be fossil-fuel-dependent, Riofrancos said. Fixing them will require changes of all kinds, but she doesn’t think we can wait for individuals or the private sector to do it because “there’s zero, zero, zero, negative evidence they’re up to the task.”

“We need government to step in and take a large role,” she added.

That doesn’t necessarily mean government ownership, but “direct public investment, and hopefully [that will] incentivize private investment,” she said.

She’s under no illusions that’ll be easy, because so many people today

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Hands-free law now in effect

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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REGION – With a new law recently taking effect, local police are reminding drivers to stay hands-free behind the wheel.

The state’s hands-free law went into effect on Feb. 23. The law prohibits drivers from using any electronic device, including cell phones, unless the device is used in hands-free mode.

“Drivers who are 18 and over can only use electronic devices and mobile phones in hands-free mode, and are only permitted to touch devices to activate hands-free mode,” read a reminder posted by area police departments on social media pages.

The penalty for violators is a \$100 fine for the first offense and a \$250 fine for a second offense, plus mandatory completion of a distracted driving educational program. Third and subsequent offenses will each carry a \$500 fine, plus an insurance surcharge and mandatory re-entry into the distracted driving educational program.

Police throughout the state will be cracking down over the next few weeks. They remind drivers that electronic devices cannot be handled at any time while on the roadway, even while stopped at signal lights

and stop signs. The only permissible contact with a device is to activate the hands-free mode, and devices must be properly mounted to the windshield, dashboard, or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the vehicle.

Activation of GPS navigation is permitted when the device is installed or properly mounted. Moreover, handheld use of a device is allowed if the vehicle is both stationary and not located in a public travel lane or a bicycle lane.

Drivers who are under 18 are not allowed to use any electronic devices. All phone use while driving is illegal for minors, including use in hands-free mode.

All operators may use a cell phone to call 911 to report an emergency. If possible, safely pull over and stop before calling 911.

Police and legislators hope the new law will reduce accidents caused by distracted driving. Recognizing that many drivers will need to quickly adjust after years of handling their devices behind the wheel, police will be out in full force targeting distracted driving.

“Our administration is committed to keeping Massachusetts roads safe, and we urge all drivers to pay attention when they are behind the

wheel,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “This law holds drivers accountable for keeping their focus on the road while being aware of the vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists around them.”

Several police departments have posted reminders to their social media pages. Others are using roadside message boards to serve notice that the law has taken effect. State Police will also be placing an emphasis on distracted driving, and state officials are already reminding residents that the educational period for the law has passed. Fines will be assessed right away for offenders.

“Nothing you text, watch, or search for on your device is more important than your safety, the safety of your passengers, and everyone on the road around you,” said Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco. “Even when you’re stopped at a traffic light, you need to put your device away and focus on the road.”

Added State Police Superintendent Christopher Mason, “The State Police and local police departments will roll extra patrols to kick off enforcement of the Hands-Free Law. There is nothing on your screen that is worth your life or the life of another.”

Guests will time-travel at Auburn Library’s Victorian Tea Party



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Guests of Auntie Elsie savor treats while they explore the life of a child before phones became “smart” birds did not have to share the skies with airplanes, and cars were a luxury!

AUBURN — “We had this great new dessert last night called Jello! You have to ask your mother to make it!”

“Here is the way to say, ‘Our parents are watching!’ with your fan.

Children ages seven to 14 will gasp, giggle and blurt out, “Wow!” as they step into the world of a child at the turn of the

century. This was a time when mothers gave their ill children calves-feet soup, a proper young girl did not run like a “wild pony,” and Jell-O was a recent dessert craze! The Time-Travel Tea Party is for children ages seven to 14, with a maximum of one accompanying adult, will take place on Feb. 29.

Auntie Elsie, a proper lady visiting from 1900 is

confounded by the shenanigans and contraptions of 2020, as she welcomes her guests into her “parlour.” Over teatime treats and a pretty teatime table, the children and their guests will learn timeless table manners, explain the High Five to Auntie, play period games, gawk at Victorian

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Chelsea Still

WORCESTER — Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn. recently completed the Home Base Invisible Wounds of War Training for Health Care Professionals at the DCU Center in this city.

Home Base is a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) program “dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, service members, Military families and families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research.” (www.homebase.org) All service members include the Army (Soldiers), Navy (Sailors), Marine (Marine), Air Force (Airman), and Coast Guard (Coast Guardsmen).

Still attended the Clinical Education Workshop representing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2020 where she is an officer of the UNICEF Club. In charge of training on “How to better serve those who have served in your Community,” were Dr. Louis Chow and Dr. Lauren Richards-Donagan. Still said she found the training helpful and informative not only because she is a practical nursing student but also because she has veterans in her life.

“Working with invisible wounds is a challenge,” said Still, “I found the training beneficial.”

Still received the CME Certificate of participation and successful completion from the Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy signed

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Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later — age two or three — to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example
Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good aspects
Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office
Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irrigator.

Avoid giving false hope
Do not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled, according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the Department of Dentistry at Seattle Children's Hospital. Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



Brush up on oral hygiene for pets

It is not just what a pet puts inside his or her mouth that can make a difference in comfort and health, but the way pet owners take care of pets' teeth, gums and more. Oral hygiene, this oft-overlooked component of pet care, can mean the difference between a happy, healthy pet and one that may be suffering in silence.

The American Veterinary Dental College says brushing an animal's teeth is the single most effective means to maintain oral health between professional vet examinations. Bacteria that forms naturally in an animal's mouth will contribute to the formation of plaque which, left untreated, can lead to periodontal disease. By brushing away the precursors to plaque, pet owners can achieve optimal dental health for their pets.

Oral hygiene doesn't begin and end with regular brushing. The American Veterinary Medical Association also suggests pet lovers work with a veterinary dentist to evaluate the health of teeth, the jaws and the roots below the gum line. These professionals are invested in all aspects of oral healthcare and can be called on for routine cleaning, filing, extraction, or tooth repairs if need be.

The AVMA says that periodontal disease is the most common dental condition in dogs and cats, and by the time the animal reaches three years of age, it may have some early evidence of periodontal disease, which can only worsen if preventative measures are not taken.

Pet dental problems are similar to those that occur in people. While dental caries (cavities) are less likely, abscesses, infections, broken teeth, and palate defects can occur. Signs of potential oral problems include bad breath, abnormal chewing, disinterest in eating, swelling in the gums, tenderness when the mouth is touched, or bleeding. Pets may become irritable if their mouths are bothering them, so if behavior changes are observed, dogs or cats should be seen by a veterinarian to find out if a dental issue is at the root of the problem.

Some pet owners are reticent to handle oral healthcare for their companion animals because they fear the pet may bite if uncomfortable. Although this is always a possibility, dogs and cats can grow accustomed to teeth being brushed or wiped with patience, says AVDC. Oral rinses and special chews also can reduce plaque formation.

Dental health is an important component of responsible pet ownership. Home oral hygiene and professional cleanings and examinations can help pets remain healthy.

Cornerstone Bank makes \$2,000 donation to Tri-Community Exchange Club



Pictured here, L to R: Tri-Community Exchange Club Board Member Brenda Lacaire; Cornerstone Bank AVP/Senior Business Development Sales Manager and Exchange Club President Sheri A. Bibinski; Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman; Exchange Club Board Members Russ Penney and Miguel Cepeda; and Exchange Club Secretary Susan Cepeda.

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Tri-Community Exchange Club. This donation will benefit the Exchange Club's many programs of service that

support local children and families in need.

The Tri-Community Exchange Club is a local service club that gives

back to the communities of Charlton, Sturbridge, and Southbridge. The Exchange Club's programs include the ACE Program (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) recognizing high school



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seniors that have overcome obstacles, Young Citizenship Awards Program recognizing sixth grade students who give back to their community, and a Holiday Program that provides gifts to local children and families in need during the holiday season.

"The Tri-Community Exchange Club gives back to our local communities in many ways," stated Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. "We are pleased to support their mission and help fund their programs of service."

The Exchange Club's largest fundraising event, their 11th annual Chowder Fest, will take place on Sunday, Feb. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. All proceeds will benefit families in need living in Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge. For more details, please contact Tri-Community Exchange Club President Sheri Bibinski at SBibinski@cornerstonebank.com.

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Local students named to Curry College Dean's List

MILTON — Roughly 1,000 students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Curry College. The following local students made the list:

Kelly Bott, of Auburn, a Nursing major and member of the Class of 2020.

Madison Scampini, of Auburn, a Nursing major and member of the Class of 2020.

Marisa Day, of Auburn, an Elementary Education major and member of the Class of 2022.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

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BRIMFIELD — World Spay Day is traditionally celebrated on the last Tuesday of February, but this year, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, HTAT, is celebrating this Sunday, March 1, with our “Spay”ghetti Supper and everyone’s invited!

World Spay Day is an international day of action to pro-

mote the sterilization of pets, community cats, and street dogs as a way to save animals’ lives. It’s a time for animal lovers to join together to shine a spotlight on spay/neuter as the most effective and humane means of decreasing the number of homeless and shelter animals.

Join HTAT for a night of

food, family, fun, and raffles to raise money for cats and kittens in our community at our “Spay”ghetti Supper in the First Congregational Church of Brimfield Sunday, March 1. The first seating is 4:30-6 p.m. The second is 6:30-7 p.m. Advance prices are \$10 for Adults \$5 for Seniors & Kids.

Executive Director, Rachael Max, said, “The Spaygetti supper is one of our most anticipated events of the year! The food is prepared by a professional chef, who just happens to be one of our best fosters, and there is no easier way to help the animals right here in our community than by enjoying a delicious meal with friends and family. And hey, you can’t beat the price!”

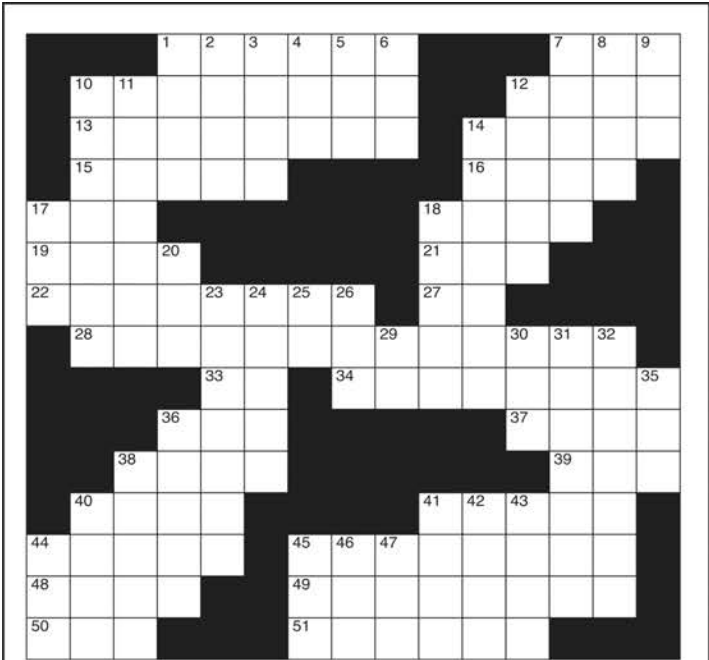
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About Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, HTAT, was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Rachael Max. HTAT is a volunteer driven group focused on reducing the number of homeless animals in our community through prevention and adoption services. In 2012 we opened our no kill, cageless cat adoption center for adult cats

and kittens in Brimfield. Our ultimate goal is to decrease the number of animals entering the shelter system. It is deeply important to us that every resident’s stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals. We have programs to help special needs cats flourish and get adopted, including shy, fearful and senior cats. Shortly after opening, we realized there were more homeless cats than we could handle by adoption alone, so we started programs to spay and neuter local community cats. To date, Here Today has helped over 2200 cats. For more information, visit heretodaysanctuary.org.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one’s hands
7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth
5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition
25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region
30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. “Rule, Britannia” composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - A former Charlton Selectman has made her opinions heard that she believes the town should revert back to a previously utilized election format, and ditch the district format currently employed. The current Charlton bylaws split the town’s election into different seats, with each open seat acting as its own election within an election. Previously, Charlton had given the open seats on the select board to the highest vote getters, which is a format Board of Health member and former selectman Kathleen Walker would like to see revisited.

“This got changed when I was on the board, and I don’t think it’s worked out that well. I’ve seen (candidates) that were very good not get on the board even though they got more votes than another person,” Walker told

selectmen during a Feb. 11 meeting. “I think, from my perspective, the people that get the most votes should get on the board. So that would mean you just have one seat and the two highest vote getters would get on the board instead of separating it out.”

The change would not be possible for the upcoming election. However, Walker feels that the Board of Selectmen should at least consider the option for the 2021 election cycle. While she didn’t dismiss the merits of the current election format, she stood strong in her belief that the former approach to electing members of the town’s leading board was a superior method.

“I think there are good reasons for keeping it separate, but for me, the balance is to get the two highest vote getters,” Walker side.

Selectman Deborah Noble compared the concept to Ranked-Choice Voting, a method of voting that allows voters to rank

candidates in order of preference. Similar approaches to filling vacancies with differing variations are employed throughout the Commonwealth. Noble said she felt it was a “very fair” way of doing things in other towns and that she is “surprised” it is not still a part of Charlton’s system. However, Selectman David Singer said a consequence to Ranked-Choice Voting and other similar voting formats is that it’s easier for candidates to “game” the system.

“A lot of games have been played to, let’s just say, affect the outcome of the vote. I’m actually being contacted by other towns because they actually want to move away from that system,” Singer said.

Selectmen made no motion on the idea; however, they did acknowledge that the concept of reverting back to the previous system is one worth discussion in the future.

Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale to screen “Jonah the Musical”

STURBRIDGE — The Faith Formation Ministry of the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale has scheduled a free family film night on Friday, March 20 starting at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Get ready for a jaw-dropping adventure for the whole family as one of the Bible’s biggest stories comes to life in Sight & Sound Theatres’ hit musical, “Jonah: On Stage,” which was recorded on stage in front of a live audience!

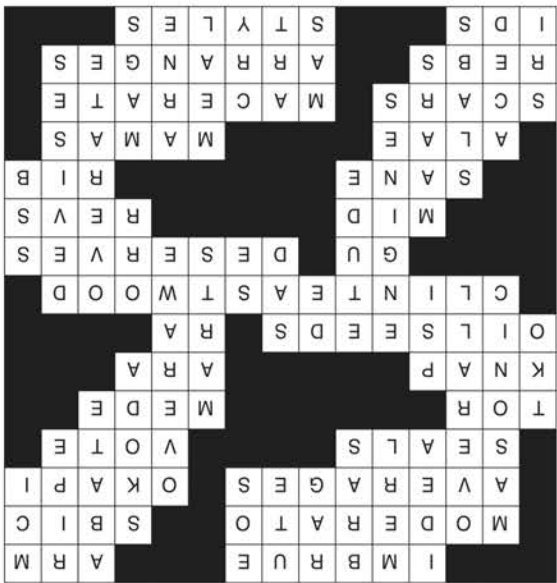
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Constituents do not need to wait for office hours to voice any concerns or request assistance, or to schedule an alternative opportunity to meet with Representative Frost. You can contact his office in the State House by calling (617) 722-2489.

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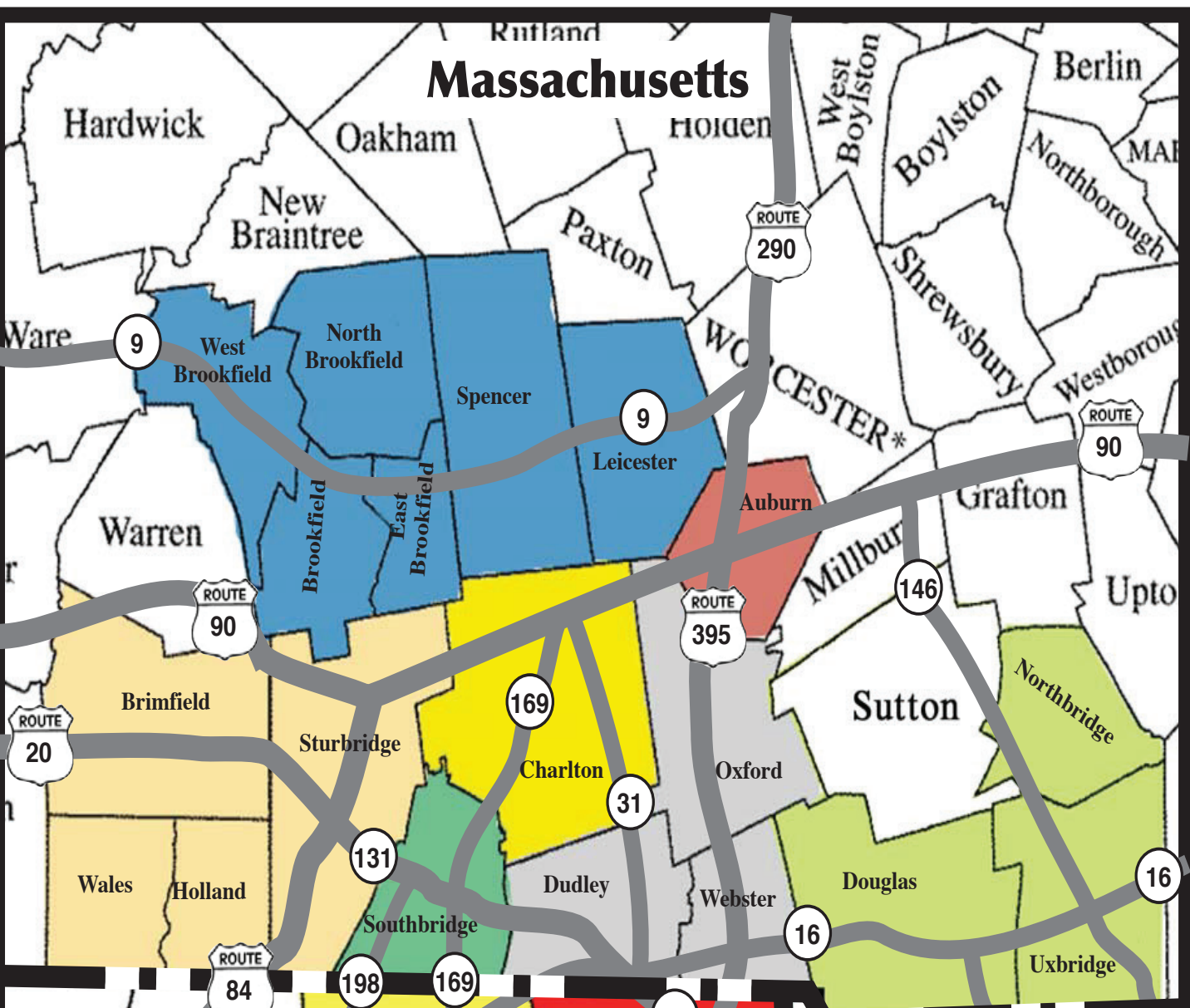
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Library honors 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment



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Katherine Dibble, seated, talks to Margaret Morrissey before her presentation.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — Most of us almost take it for granted that men and women are politically equals. But it was not always the case, and there are still factions that would roll back equality if they could.

In 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state, the last one required, to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Massachusetts was the eighth, in June 1919, and Mississippi finally got around to it in 1984, but the story’s longer than that.

“We could say it went back to Abigail Adams,” said Katherine Dibble, board member of the Boston Women’s Heritage Trail (BWHT).

She noted Adams, wife of the second president, urged it be legalized then, saying “Do not put such unlimited power in the hands of husbands. All men would be tyrants if they could.”

Despite that, Dibble said, opposition to suffrage from various quarters, including churches and wealthy white women, kept it from happening for a century. Ironically, some supporters were also wealthy white women.

Formally, the trail to suffrage began in 1848, when 300 men and women met in Seneca Falls, N.Y., and published the Declaration of Sentiments arguing “all men and women

were created equal.” But even then, the participants could not unanimously agree on the idea that “the sacred right to the elective franchise” should include women.

More than 1000 people built on those ideas two years later in Worcester, with the first National Women’s Rights Convention organized by Lucy Stone and a list of other notable men and women, many of them also abolitionist activists. According to Wikipedia, “The first resolution from the business committee defined the movement’s objective: ‘to secure for [women] political, legal, and social equality with man until her proper sphere is determined by what alone should determine it, her powers and capacities, strengthened and refined by an education in accordance with her nature.’ Another set of resolutions put forth women’s claim for equal civil and political rights and demanded that the word ‘male’ be stricken from every state constitution. Others addressed specific issues of property rights, access to education, and employment opportunities, while others defined the movement as an effort to secure the ‘natural and civil rights’ of all women, including women held in slavery.”

Dibble noted it took a long time for the city to honor the women who made suffrage happen. She said there’s an

apocryphal story that the trail was born after a female student touring the city with her class asked the teacher “Where are the women?” Over the years since then, plaques, statues and other monuments to those women have been erected to tell “the story of where women lived, worked, spoke, published and sometimes got arrested.” One of the more notable is the Boston Women’s Memorial by Meredith Bergmann in 2003; it honors Stone, Adams and Phillis Wheatley. Other famous women involved were Julia Ward Howe, Margaret Mahoney, Clara Barton, Louisa May Alcott and Mary Kenney O’Sullivan.

Stone, a West Brookfield resident, was an 1847 Oberlin College graduate and one of the first women to graduate any college. Boston now has four sites honoring her. Dibble dubbed her “the morning star of the women’s rights movement,” and noted she was one of the first to keep her maiden name after marriage. When later women did so, they were called “Lucy Stoners.”

She and her husband founded the Women’s Suffrage Association on Park Street in Boston, choosing that location specifically because of its proximity to the Statehouse. There, she had the opportunity to see the Legislature repeatedly and quickly vote down several efforts to give women the vote,



This suffragist magazine was one of many celebrating passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 but noting that was just the start.

but noted they’d debate “the size of a barrel of cranberries” at great length, Dibble said.

Stone also split with fellow suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony over the 15th Amendment, which gave black men the vote. Stone supported it, arguing it could be a stepping stone for women’s votes; the others opposed it, arguing women should be included at that time.

The WSA was just one of many pro-suffrage organizations that grew in Boston over the coming decades. At the same time, there were several opposing groups, including the largest one in the US, the 37,000-strong Mass Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women. Opponents cited various reasons for doing so, including Biblical concepts, the claim voting would “take women away from their home and children,” and even that women had been able to get what they wanted without the vote. Publications featured editorials and cartoons from both sides, some of them “nasty,” she noted.

Despite that conflict, Boston law allowed women to vote to do so for School Committee races in 1879, although they could hold those seats even earlier. In one of Hyde Park’s town elections (before that town was absorbed into Boston), Sarah and Angelina Grimke were

among 50 women who cast ballots. Dibble said they were “accepted, but not counted.”

Officially, the first state to allow women to vote and run for office was Wyoming, while it was still a territory in 1869. The History.com page on that event notes supporters had various reasons, including “sheer loneliness” due to a 6:1 male-female ratio and agreement with the suffragists on principle. When the vote to do it came, though, “most Wyoming legislators supported [William] Bright and [Edward] Lee’s bill because they thought it would win the territory free national publicity and might attract more single marriageable women to the region.”

Even earlier, New Jersey allowed it in 1776, but that was nixed in 1807, Wikipedia notes.

“Everybody’s talking about suffrage this year, and I hope what’s coming out of it is how important it is,” Dibble said afterward.

In the audience, Barbara Day observed, “It’s amazing it took so long for all the states to ratify. That’s scary.” Her husband Larry agreed, noting it bothers him when people take pride in not voting because “they think they don’t make a difference. Without voting, they’re right. They don’t.”

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2 WG French Toast Bites Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Applesauce Cups 100% Fruit Juice Milk	3 WG Mini Confetti Pancakes Fresh Banana, Raisins 100% Fruit Juice Milk	4 French Toast Sticks Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Diced Pears 100% Fruit Juice Milk	5 WG Pancake Bites Diced Peaches, Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Dutch Waffle Smiley Fries, Ketchup Mixed Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
9 WG French Toast Bites Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Applesauce Cups 100% Fruit Juice Milk	10 WG Mini Confetti Pancakes Fresh Banana, Raisins 100% Fruit Juice Milk	11 French Toast Sticks Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Diced Pears 100% Fruit Juice Milk	12 WG Pancake Bites Diced Peaches, Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Juice Milk	13 No School Staff Development Day
16 WG French Toast Bites Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Applesauce Cups 100% Fruit Juice Milk	17 WG Mini Confetti Pancakes Fresh Banana, Raisins 100% Fruit Juice Milk	18 French Toast Sticks Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Diced Pears 100% Fruit Juice Milk	19 WG Pancake Bites Diced Peaches, Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Juice Milk	20 WG Dutch Waffle Smiley Fries, Ketchup Mixed Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
23 WG French Toast Bites Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Applesauce Cups 100% Fruit Juice Milk	24 WG Mini Confetti Pancakes Fresh Banana, Raisins 100% Fruit Juice Milk	25 French Toast Sticks Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Diced Pears 100% Fruit Juice Milk	26 WG Pancake Bites Diced Peaches, Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Juice Milk	27 WG Dutch Waffle Smiley Fries, Ketchup Mixed Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
30 WG French Toast Bites Potato Hashbrown, Ketchup Applesauce Cups 100% Fruit Juice Milk	31 WG Mini Confetti Pancakes Fresh Banana, Raisins 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<div> <div> National School Breakfast Week March 2-6, 2020 </div> <div>  </div> </div>		

Daily Continental: Pick 1
 WG Muffins
 WG Breakfast Breads
 WG Mini Donuts
 WG Cinnamon Rolls

Daily Continental: Pick 1 or 2, mix or match
 WG Cereal
 WG Cereal Bar
 WG Pop Tart
 Oatmeal Cup

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LUNCH

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 Romano Salad B/w Chicken,
 Vegetar or Tuna Salad

MARCH 2020 Lunch

Auburn High School Rocket Town Café


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www.auburn172.org and are
 emailed through One Call and sent
 home each month.

Lunch Price \$3.00, 5.49 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$2.50
 Soft Drink \$1.75, 5.39 Reduced and Free for those eligible.


Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Asian General Tso's Chicken Seasoned Vegetables WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	2	½ Staff Development Day Breakfast Service	3	NEW! Baked Potato w/Seasoned Tater Meat & Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Black Bean & Corn Salad Garlic Breadstick <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	4	Spaghetti w>Main Sauce or Meat Sauce Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Steamed Broccoli Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	5	NEW! Auburn Italian Hand-Crafted Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish & Cheese on Roll Tarter Sauce Shredded Carrot & Cheddar Salad Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	6
NEW! Southwest Chicken Fresh w/Seasoned French Fries & Cheese Sauce Seasoned Carrots Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Tuna Salad Assorted Fruit Cups	9	Teriyaki Chicken Asian Veggie Rice Butternut Squash New England Baked Beans Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	10	Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Choice of Pulled Pork Roasted Sweet Potatoes Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Tuna Salad Assorted Fruit Cups	11	Herb Roasted Chicken Seasoned Rice & Gravy Steamed Broccoli Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	12	No School Staff Development Day	13
Meatball Grinder Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Carrots Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Three Bean & Corn Salad <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	16	Beef Taco w/ WG Shell Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Shredded Cheese Butternut Corn Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	17	American Chop Sussy Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups	18	Sliced Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	19	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Fish & Cheese on Roll Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Shredded Carrot & Cheddar Salad Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	20
Spaghetti w>Main Sauce Choice of Meatballs Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Italian Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	23	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Choice of Fish Strips Marinaro Sauce Cup, Tarter Sauce Steamed Broccoli Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	24	Salsa Chicken Seasoned Rice Glazed Carrots Corn Niblets Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	25	Buffalo Fajita Chicken Wrap w/Onions & Pepperoni Seasoned Green Beans Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings New England Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	26	Girl's Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish & Cheese on Roll Tarter Sauce Shredded Carrot & Cheddar Salad Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings <i>Assorted Fruit Cups</i>	27
Pulled Pork on WG Roll Sweet Potato Fries, Ketchup @Cucumber Sides Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	30	Warm Turkey & Cheddar Or Ham & Swiss on WG Crispy Roll Steamed Broccoli Romano Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	31	Available Daily! Mon. - Plain or Spicy Chicken Party or WG Roll, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Ham & Turkey Wrap Tues. - Plain Chicken Salad, Cheesburger or WG Ham & Turkey Wrap Wed. - Hot, Spicy Pasta, Chicken Party on WG Roll, Ham & Turkey Wrap Thurs. - Pickle Salsa, Chicken Party on WG Roll, Tuna or Chicken Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fri. - Plain Chicken Party on WG Roll, Fish & Chips, Tuna or Chicken Salad w/Asst. Dressings					

We offer 4 or 5 Entree choices daily. Students may select 1. One entree, 2. Pick 1 or 2 and 1 or 2 or more vegetable sides, 3. Select a Milk choice of either 8 oz. Fat Free or Fat Free White Milk, 4. Extra items may be offered such as milk of vegetable options, pudding, cake occasionally or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify as a vegetable, fruit, vegetable meat or fat free milk. All students can select a choice of beans with fruit and vegetable choices. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children of all ages. All items are prepared fresh. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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MARCH 2020 Lunch

Bryn Mawr & Pakachoag

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Lunch Price \$2.75 / \$3.00 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$3.50
Breakfast Price \$1.75 / \$3.00 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
WG Dutch Waffle Sticks Cheese Omelet *Roasted Diced Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups or Orange Juice	* 1/2 Staff Development Day Breakfast Only 	KFC Popcorn Chicken Bowl With Mashed Potato, Gravy & Corn New England Baked Beans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Spaghetti w/Minarina Sauce Choice of Meatballs Shredded Mozzarella *Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	* 5' Individual Round Pizza or Fish Sticks * Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Sweet Potato Fries Ketchup, Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruit Cups	* 4	* 5	* 6	* 7	* 8
* Tomato Soup Cheesy Grilled Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Carrots * Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos with Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes on WG Taco Shells Corn Niblets New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Plain Sauce or Meat Sauce Shredded Mozzarella * Cucumber Slices Seasoned Green Beans Cheesy Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups	Asian Mandarin Orange Chicken Seasoned Veggie Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup FUN STICKER DAY!	No School Staff Development Day	* 11	* 12	* 13	* 14	* 15
Popcorn Chicken w/ WG Waffle Sticks Dipping Sauce, Syrup Grazed Carrots * Celery Sticks New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups	Creamy Mac & Cheese w/ Choice of Cheese Wicks * Broccoli Trees Steamed Broccoli WG Texas Toast Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Crunchy WG Chicken Nuggets Dipping Sauce, Ketchup Sweet Potato Fries Buttered Pans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Sliced Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables Seasoned Veggie Rice Broccoli Bread Stuffing Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni or Fish Sticks * Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	* 16	* 17	* 18	* 19	* 20
* Juice Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Roll Glazed Carrots Condiments, Pickles New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups	Nacho Basket, Seasoned Taco Meat w/Cheese Sauce & Taco Chips Steamed Broccoli * Cucumber Slices Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Shepard's Pie (Hamburger, Carrot & Mashed Potatoes) Buttered Pans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Spaghetti w/Plain Sauce or Meat Sauce Shredded Mozzarella Cheese * Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Girl's Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish Sticks * Baby Carrots & Dip * Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	* 21	* 22	* 23	* 24	* 25
WG French Toast Sticks Banana Split Parfait * Red Roasted Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups or Orange Juice	WG Chicken Tenders Dipping Sauce, Ketchup Potato Puffs Steamed Broccoli New England Baked Beans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Available Daily 1. Hot Lunch Entry 2. WG Baked w/ Cream Cheese Cup and a 4 oz. Yogurt & Cheese Stick 3. WG's Luncher Meal Meat w/ Veggies, Fruit & WG Crackers (Vegetarian Choice) 4. Fruit Meal	Sunny Sandwich (Pumpkin Butter) Offered daily at Bryn Mawr		* 26	* 27	* 28	* 29	* 30




Students may select: 1. One entrée, 2. Pick 1 Fruit and 1 or 2 more vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free, Cholesterol Milk or 8 oz. Fat Free White is 8 oz. Fat Free Whole Milk. All items may be offered occasionally such as pudding, WG cookie or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, Fat Free vegetable or milk. NOTE: Free Fresh water is available from foodservice dispensers for all children at no charge. Bottled Waters are available for purchase. When offered, all students can select sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices.

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LUNCH

MARCH 2020 Lunch

Auburn Middle School

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Lunch Price \$3.00, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50. Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Asian General Tso's Chicken 2 Cucumber Slices Buttered Peas Seasoned Veggie Rice Black Bean & Corn Salad Assorted Fruit Cups	½ Staff Development Day Breakfast Served 3 	KFC Popcorn Chicken Bowl 4 w/Mashed Potato, Corn & Gravy Glazed Carrots WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Stuffed Shells w/Sauce or Meat Sauce 5 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Mixed Vegetables Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	NEW! Auburn Italian Hand Stretched Pizza 6 Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish & Cheese on Roll Tartar Sauce Baby Carrots & Dip Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
NEW! Southwest Chicken Strips w/Seasoned French Fries & Cheese Sauce 9 Seasoned Carrots WG Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes on WG Taco Shells 10 Corn Niblets, Buttered Peas New England Baked Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Choice of Pulled Pork 11 Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Roasted Sweet Potatoes WG Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cups	American Chop Suey 12 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Buttered Peas WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	No School Staff Development Day 13
Chicken & Waffles 16 Three Bean and Corn Salad Seasoned Carrots Syrup, Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups	Meatballs on WG Grinder 17 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Mashed Butternut Squash Buttered Peas Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Chicken Parmesan on WG Grinder 18 Buttered Corn Steamed Broccoli Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Bacon Egg & Cheese on WG Croissant 19 Glazed Carrots Roasted Diced Potatoes Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza 20 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Or Fish & Cheese on Roll Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Auburn Rocket Burger on WG Roll 23 Red Roasted Potatoes Glazed Carrots New England Baked Beans Assorted Condiments, Pickles Assorted Fruit Cups	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Choice of Fish Sticks 24 Marinara Sauce Cup Tartar Sauce Buttered Corn Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Lasagna Roll Ups w/Marinara Sauce Or Meat Sauce Marinara 25 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Buttered Peas WG Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cups	Warm Turkey & Cheddar Or Ham & Swiss on WG Croissant 26 Carrot Salad w/Craisins Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Gill's Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie Or Fish & Cheese on Roll 27 Tartar Sauce Baby Carrots & Dip Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
BBQ Pulled Pork on WG Roll 30 Sweet Potato Fries, Ketchup Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich 31 Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks & Hummus Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Available Daily! Sandwiches on Whole Grain Rolls & Condiments, Salad Boxes w/Protein Mon. ~ Chicken Patty, Ham & Turkey Grinders Tues. ~ Hot Dog, Chicken Patty, Ham & Turkey Grinders Wed. ~ Ind. Pan Pizza, Chicken Patty, Ham & Turkey Grinders Thurs. ~ Chicken Patty, Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Ham & Turkey Grinders Fri. ~ Chicken Patty, Ham & Turkey Grinders All entrees served with vegetables, fruits, and sides of the day!		

We offer 4 or 5 Entrée choices daily. Students may select: 1. One entrée, 2. Pick 1 or 2 fruit, and 1 or 2 or more vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either 8 oz. Fat Free Chocolate Milk or 1% White or Fat Free White Milk. 4. Extra items may be offered such as more fruit or vegetable options, pudding, cake occasionally or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify as a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk. When offered, all students can select sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge. Bottled water is available for purchase. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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LUNCH

MARCH 2020 Lunch

Pakachoag Pre-Kindergarten

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Lunch Price \$2.50, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk or Water \$.50 can be purchased for a lunch brought from home. Choice 8 oz 1% White or Fat Free


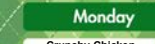

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WG Dutch Waffle Sticks Cheese Omelet 2 Roasted Diced Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup or Orange Juice	½ Staff Development Day 3	Popcorn Chicken 4 Mashed Potato & Gravy Baby Carrots New England Baked Beans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Marinara Sauce Choice of Meatballs 5 Shredded Mozzarella Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Cup	5" Individual Round Pizza Or Fish Sticks 6 Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Sweet Potato Fries Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruit Cup
Cheesy Grilled Cheese Sandwich 9 Seasoned Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes on WG Taco Shells 10 Buttered Peas New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Plain Sauce Or Meat Sauce 11 Shredded Mozzarella Cucumber Slices Seasoned Green Beans Cheesy Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cup	WG Chicken Nuggets 12 Dipping Sauce Seasoned Veggie Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Cup FUN STICKER DAY!	No School Staff Development Day 13
Popcorn Chicken w/ WG Waffle Sticks 16 Dipping Sauce, Syrup Glazed Carrots Celery Sticks New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	Creamy Mac & Cheese w/ Choice of Fish Sticks 17 Broccoli Trees Mixed Vegetables WG Texas Toast Tartar Sauce Fresh Fruit Cup	Crunchy WG Chicken Nuggets 18 Dipping Sauce, Ketchup Sweet Potato Fries Buttered Peas WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Sliced Turkey & Gravy 19 Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables (Cauliflower, Carrots & Broccoli) Bread Stuffing Fresh Fruit Cup	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza Or Fish Sticks 20 Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruit Cup
Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Roll 23 Glazed Carrots Condiments, Pickles New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	Nacho Basket, Seasoned Taco Meat w/Cheese Sauce & Taco Chips 24 Steamed Broccoli Cucumber Slices Fresh Fruit Cup	Chicken Strips 25 Mashed Potato & Gravy Buttered Peas WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Plain Sauce or Meat Sauce 26 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Cup	Gill's Cheese Pizza Or Fish Sticks 27 Baby Carrots & Dip Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruit Cup
WG French Toast Sticks Banana Split Parfait 30 Red Roasted Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup or Orange Juice	WG Chicken Tenders 31 Dipping Sauce, Ketchup Potato Puffs Steamed Broccoli New England Baked Beans WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Cup			

Students can select an 8 oz. 1% FF white milk with their lunch. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge. Bottled water is available for purchase. When offered, all students can select sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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LUNCH

MARCH 2020 Lunch

Auburn High Pre-Kindergarten
Rocket Zone Café

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Lunch Price \$2.50, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk or Water \$.50 can be purchased for a lunch brought from home. Choice 8 oz 1% White or Fat Free




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Crunchy Chicken Nuggets 2 Ketchup Seasoned Carrots WG Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	½ Staff Development Day 3	Roasted Chicken Strips 4 Shredded Green Beans Cucumber Slices WG Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce 5 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Steamed Broccoli Cheesy Garlic Breadstick Fresh Fruit Cup	NEW! Auburn Italian Hand Stretched Pizza 6 Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish & Cheese on Roll Tartar Sauce Baby Carrots & Dip Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
WG French Toast Sticks Banana Split Parfait 9 Seasoned Carrots Potato Puffs, Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cup	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 10 Buttered Peas Cucumber Slices New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Cup	Creamy Macaroni & Cheese 11 Roasted Sweet Potatoes WG Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cup	WG Chicken Nuggets 12 Dipping Sauce Seasoned Carrots WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Cup	No School Staff Development Day 13
Meatball Grinder 16 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup	WG Taco w/ Beef Taco Shells 17 Shredded Cheese New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Cup	American Chop Suey 18 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Green Beans WG Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups FUN STICKER DAY!	Sliced Turkey & Gravy 19 Mashed Potatoes Buttered Peas WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Cup	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza 20 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Or Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce Cucumber Slices Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
Spaghetti w/Marinara Sauce Choice of Meatballs 23 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cup	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Choice of Fish Sticks 24 Marinara Sauce Cup Steamed Broccoli Tartar Sauce Fresh Fruit Cup	Crunchy Chicken Nuggets 25 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Glazed Carrots WG Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cup	Roasted Chicken Strips 26 Seasoned Carrots New England Baked Beans WG Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Cup	Gill's Cheese Pizza Or Fish Sticks 27 Baby Carrots & Dip Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruit Cup
Roasted Chicken Strips 30 Sweet Potato Fries Cucumber Slices WG Roll w/Butter Pat Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cup	Grilled Cheese Sandwich 31 Steamed Broccoli New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Cup			

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LUNCH

MARCH 2020 Lunch

Swanson Road Intermediate

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Lunch Price \$2.75, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50. Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Asian Mandarin Orange Chicken 2 Roasted Butternut Squash Buttered Peas Seasoned Veggie Rice Black Bean & Corn Salad Assorted Fruit Cups	½ Staff Development Day Breakfast Served 3 	WG French Toast Sticks Banana Split Parfait 4 Red Roasted Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup or Orange Juice	Herb Roasted Chicken Dinner 5 Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Rice & Gravy Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	NEW! Auburn Italian Hand Stretched Pizza 6 Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie or Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cups
WG Pancakes & Syrup 9 Roasted Diced Potatoes Scrambled Eggs Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup or Orange Juice	BBQ Pulled Pork On a WG Roll 10 Cole Slaw Seasoned Green Beans New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Popcorn Chicken 11 Mashed Potato & Gravy Seasoned Carrots Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Roast w/Sauce Choice of Meatballs 12 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Buttered Peas WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	No School Staff Development Day 13
Warm Turkey & Cheddar on WG Croissant 16 Seasoned Carrots Potato Puffs, Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cup FUN STICKER DAY!	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes on WG Taco Shells 17 Corn Niblets New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich 18 Steamed Broccoli Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Sliced Turkey & Gravy 19 Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Bread Stuffing Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	NEW! French Bread Garlic Pizza 20 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Or Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce Cucumber Slices Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
Bacon, Egg & Cheese On English Muffin 23 Seasoned Carrots Potato Puffs, Ketchup New England Baked Beans Orange Juice or Assorted Fruit Cups	Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Choice of Fish Sticks 24 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Cucumber Slices WG Texas Toast Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Shepard's Pie (Hamburger, Corn & Mashed Potatoes) 25 Buttered Peas Carrot Sticks WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cups	Spaghetti w/Plain Sauce or Meat Sauce 26 Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Seasoned Green Beans WG Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Gill's Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie Or Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce 27 Baked French Fries, Ketchup Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Roll 30 Buttered Squash Buttered Peas Ketchup, Mustard, Pickles Assorted Fruit Cups	Tater Tot Nacho Basket 31 Seasoned Taco Meat w/Cheese Sauce on Tater Tots & Taco Chips Steamed Broccoli Cucumber Slices & Hummus Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Available Daily: 1. Hot Lunch Parfait 2. WG Roll w/Hot Fuz, Yogurt & Cheese Stick 3. Yogurt Fruit Parfait 4. Daily Sandwiches on WG Bread 5. Garden Salad w/ Vegetables, Sunflower Seeds & Shredded Cheese 6. MW ~ Cheeseburger on WG Roll, T.T. ~ Chicken Patty on WG Roll		


Students may select: 1. One entrée, 2. Pick 1 fruit and 1 or 2 or more vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free Chocolate Milk 8 oz., Fat Free White 8 oz., 1% White Milk 8 oz., or 1% White Milk 4 oz. 4. Extra items may be offered occasionally such as pudding, WG cookie or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge. Bottled water is available for purchase. When offered, all students can select sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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President’s Day is about more than sales

For many years — in fact, for more than two centuries — we’ve had cause to celebrate the office of the President of the United States. President Richard Nixon, in the late 1960’s, made an executive order aptly titled “The Uniform Monday Holiday Act.”

Prior to Congress passing the bill (thanks in large part to influence from labor unions and the retail industry), there was Washington’s Birthday on Feb. 22 and Lincoln’s on Feb. 12, but alas, now the third Monday in February added the likes of every Commander in Chief in this country. As we look at history, we find that both William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were born in February; however, we are not merely celebrating birthdays anymore.

We can’t help but wonder what Lincoln would think if he knew citizens of the United States were getting 25 percent off that new mattress because of his time in office, or in celebration of his part in abolishing slavery. Would Washington be pleased that we can get a \$3,000 cash rebate on that Jeep Cherokee we’ve had our eye on for thanks to his daring efforts in leading the American Revolutionary troops across the Delaware River? Perhaps for George, 10 percent off a Functional Whitehall Dinghy on Overstock.com for \$17,794.49 would be more fitting on this day. Even more bizarre to ponder is that decades on from today, our progeny will likely find a discount on anything from Ivanka Trump’s clothing and women’s fragrance lines.

The highest service in our country is often a thankless job, and these great men (and hopefully some day, dare we say, a woman?) make many sacrifices. Our personal histories are entrenched in every term of our forefathers, and to reflect and give thanks should be celebrated with bright eyes on the future and all the leaders of our great nation, past, present, and future.

When difficult times come, don’t miss the dance

We have all been challenged and will be again. Whether it’s being denied a raise at work or being fired. You might have been turned down for a date or your spouse has left you. Or maybe you broke your leg playing softball or have been diagnosed with cancer, heart disease or some other life-threatening affliction. Regardless of the hardships we face, we often look back at the worst of times and find the best. It’s always hardest to find the blessing in the moment of despair, but with the benefit of time, I surprisingly hear often that the life destroying problem ends up being the life changing blessing.

No matter what the challenge is, if we open our mind and heart to the lessons that we find embedded in tragedy, we can experience bursts of personal growth and wisdom often impossible to experience at any other time.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

As you know, I’m experiencing one of these opportunities. For those not aware, I’ve been diagnosed with a rare disease called Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). There are as few as 200,000 diagnoses worldwide each year and it’s the disease that killed both Steve Jobs and Aretha Franklin. I’ve been encountering health difficulties for over a year and was unable to find the cause. It was found during a routine exam that I had a colon blockage, but a few days later, my surgeon removed thirty inches of my colon along with three large tumors.

I thought, “blockage removed, so all is well,” until I was laying in my hospital bed and the hospital lab accidentally sent me an email via “My Chart” that was intended for my doctors. I opened the email and was stunned and frightened. The idea that there was a benefit for self-growth never entered my mind. All I wanted to know was how long did I have to live, and I felt an overwhelming rush of self-pity.

I closed my eyes and prayed. Surprisingly, you, the reader of this column, came to mind. I write a column called “Positively Speaking.” I’ve travelled all over the world as a speaker, extolling the benefits of optimism and positive thinking. I realized that this was an opportunity to model the behavior I’ve written and spoken about for years ... and this is a perfect moment to prove the model.

It’s now six weeks later and here is what I’ve experienced and learned.

I have a rare form of cancer and the

outcome will largely be determined by my optimism and attitude, which will drive my cooperation with my health-care providers and treatment. No, I do not believe attitude alone will cure me, but I know that my optimism and attitude will be a great asset as I navigate my path back to good health.

I’ve adapted a descriptive statement to my outlook on this health challenge. “I’m going to die of something someday, but it’s not going to be this.” I’m experiencing an outpouring of love that I find surprisingly beautiful. I knew I had friends, but the love from my church, my church small group and other friends has been truly heartwarming. Without this diagnosis, I would not have recognized the depth of my friendships.

I’ve begun a journey of soul-searching that has encouraged me to examine my life in ways that would otherwise not have happened. This has caused me to reach out to friends I haven’t seen in years, talk about old times and in a few occasions, given me the opportunity to apologize where needed.

I’ve experienced a renewed depth of family relations that I’m finding to be one of the most beautiful and cleansing experiences of my life. There is too much here to go into detail but will in future columns. Arlene and our children have been wonderful, as have been my sisters and their husbands.

And I’m experiencing a renewal of faith and reliance on God that I cannot describe in a few short words. All I can say is that it is a joyful experience.

Believe it or not, I have found the positive impact of my negative diagnosis to be a profoundly beautiful experience in ways I never could have anticipated or predicted.

Garth Brooks mega-hit song, “The Dance,” addresses it best. He sings of a tragedy in his life and how if he’d known in advance, he might have avoided the pain by changing his course. But as the benefit of time often teaches us, avoiding the pain may deprive us of some of our greatest life experiences. The song teaches us ...

“Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I’d have had to miss the dance.”

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Avoid these estate planning mistakes



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You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you’ll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you’ll want to avoid:

- Not writing a will – If you were to die “intestate” – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state’s decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

- Not going beyond a will – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it’s often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can’t do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

- Choosing the wrong executor – An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It’s certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

- Not naming proper beneficiaries – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on – require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It’s easy to do – but it’s also easy to overlook.

- Not updating ownership of assets – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here’s perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what’s in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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Readers Reveal their Favorite Tips and Tricks



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

As winter winds down, readers are gearing up for a season of making life a little easier! From getting a head start on gardening, to popping a bowl of perfect corn, read on for the latest round-up of readers’ helpful hints and helpful tips:

** Recycling plastic while boosting seed sprouting is a win win!

With seeding season quickly approaching, start saving the clam-shell-type containers that strawberries and other berries may be packaged in. Fill the containers with growing medium, plant seeds (for example tomatoes), water and close the lid. When the seeds sprout, open the container, allow to grow until ready to transplant.

The “clam shell” creates a mini greenhouse to help seeds germinate quickly.
Jim Reynolds
Charlton, MA
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This reader’s reminder to clean common surfaces keeps flu bugs at bay:

During cold and flu season I use hand sanitizer to clean my TV remotes, phone, door knobs and light switches too.
Terry Mariorana
Ashford, CT
**

This thrifty kitchen trick is not only classic, but foolproof!

One piece of bread softens everything from brown sugar to cookies. Whether you cook or bake often, you definitely have some brown sugar hardening up in a plastic bag somewhere in your pantry. Over the years I’ve learned that a piece of bread in a jar of brown sugar or stuck into a plastic bag of dry cookies adds just the right amount of moisture! Of course the bread will be hard

as a rock, but that just means it worked
Bob Bourdeau
Fiskdale, MA
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This reader’s salt shaker extends way beyond the dinner table!

Instead of using harmful chemicals for cleaning, table salt can be used for a variety of things at a fraction of the cost.

1. Removes tea and coffee stains from mugs in a matter of seconds. Dampen cup or mug. Sprinkle salt and remove with a damp cloth.
2. Sprinkle salt on the back of pots and pans to remove majority of blackness. Dampen pot. Sprinkle salt. Let it sit for a minute. Remove with wire scrubber.
3. Sprinkle salt on icy porch steps. Cheaper than ice melt.
5. Sprinkle salt in hot bath with a few lavender drops. It’s an inexpensive detox.
Sandy MacDonald
Uxbridge, MA
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Perfect popcorn, step by step:

I enjoyed your popcorn article.. I use a 3 qt Italian cookware pot that has a clear glass cover with vent hole in it. I use olive oil (which I believe adds delicious flavor to the cooked popcorn as it pops). I cover the bottom of the pot with the oil, wait a while for the oil to heat up then I add enough popcorn to nearly cover the bottom. This process usually provides 98-100% of all kernels popped. I have also added a teaspoon of brown sugar to the oil. This also adds to popcorn flavor.
Joe Sclaro
Webster, MA
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Move over Comet, this multi-purpose cleaner is pub approved:

To remove brown iron stains from your sinks, toilets, and even fiberglass showers, use Barkeepers Friend. I’ve tried everything, scrubbing with pumice (porcelain only), leaving on baking soda, Magic Eraser, etc etc., and nothing took out the

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Birds of prey make a comeback



Birds of prey have made a big comeback after DDT spraying for mosquitos was stopped many years ago. Red tailed hawks are protected birds, and cannot be shot or trapped in any way. This week's photo was taken of a Red Tail Hawk a number of years ago at a local Rod & Gun Club. The hawk became entangled in a net that was covering pheasant. The bird was spotted one early morning hanging upside down. Fish & Wildlife was called about the problem, and they sent a couple of personnel to the site to untangle the bird and send it on his way. Hawks are not the only bird of prey to raise havoc with pheasant pens. Owls often try to get a free meal of pheasant, and they too have been caught in the act, as the one that found his way into the Uxbridge Rod

& Gun Club pen a few years ago. The huge bird found his way into the pen through a hole in the net, and managed to kill a number of birds before he was noticed by a club member. Again, the M.D.F.W. was called to remove the big bird. We have had numerous animals like the Fisher Cat and Fox that manage to kill a few birds every year. They often wait for a bird to come close to the fence, and attack them from the outside. Hawks, Osprey & owls also raise havoc with our trout pond, killing many trout annually. Otter populations are on the rise also, and they can sense the recently stocked trout pond, dining on them daily. The cost of live trout has been rising annually with the average cost of \$8 & \$9 a pound the norm. Fortunately, raising club birds and stocking trout is



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still worth the effort of many clubs in the area. We have learned to share with wildlife. Wild turkey populations have exploded throughout Massachusetts & neighboring states. Some of these birds need to see a psychiatrist by the way they have been acting lately, especially those in cities and towns. Chasing and attacking people, are just a few of their nutty tactics. If someone calls you a turkey I would not take it lightly. They have also become a nuisance for farmers by walking straight into the barns and feeding and contaminating the food source. Destruction to recently planted corn just sprouting through the soil every year, have become somewhat of a pain in the neck for farmers. Most farmers have learned to tolerate the huge birds that bring so much excitement to bird hunters. This year, M.F. & W. have increased the daily spring bag limit to two, starting this year and still allow a turkey hunter to harvest a bird in the fall. It may not be enough to slow the population growth of these birds. This year, Mother Nature has given all wildlife an easy winter to feed and survive in the woods and backyards of Massachusetts residents. Deer & Wild Turkey populations are going to be huge this year, along with many other species of wild animals. Trout fishing has been slow this year especially for ice fishermen. Many local anglers have headed North to get some ice fishing in before spring moves in. It is still looking good for an early spring and may have M. F. & W. stocking trout



early this year. The good thing about early ice out, has ponds and lakes becoming suitable for stocking trout. Open water allows the lakes and ponds to become oxygenated by wind & waves, making it suitable for stocking trout. Anglers are reminded that Wallum Lake in Douglas closes this Saturday, Feb. 29, as the interstate body of water is governed by Rhode island regulations. Wallum Lake will reopen on the second

Saturday of April. This year's opening date is April 11. This week's second picture shows a fisher cat that is nearing there breeding time. Close encounters with this killer should be avoided, especially residents with cats and small dogs. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

Increase indoor garden success with proper watering



Melinda Myers Photo

Set plants on saucers filled with pebbles to eliminate the need to empty the water that collects in the saucer

Too much of a good thing can mean death for indoor plants. Overwatering is a good example of this and a common problem for indoor gardeners. For others it's the opposite extreme, allowing plants to go too dry. Knowing when to water your indoor plants can increase gardening success and eliminate the stress of uncertainty. The first step is to throw away your watering schedule.

Start watering plants based on their individual need not the date on the calendar. Consider the type of plant, container material and size as well as other growing conditions. Get to know your plants by checking the plant tag, online resources and books. Those native to tropical climates or wet soils such as peace lily, baby tears and papyrus prefer moist soil. Plants from drier locations like cacti, succulents,

Chinese evergreens, ponytail palm and snake plants do best when the soil dries between watering. Evaluate the indoor growing conditions. Plants located in bright light and warm homes where the humidity is low lose moisture faster and need more frequent watering. Cooler homes, higher humidity and lower light conditions mean longer stretches between watering plants. Adjust watering as the seasons change. Shorter, often gray days of winter mean plants dry out more slowly. When the heat and air conditioner are turned on, the humidity level drops and plants dry out more quickly. Plus, many plants rest in winter and prefer drier soil. Check plants growing in small pots, breathable terra cotta containers and fast draining growing mixes more often and water as needed. Plants growing in larger containers and those made of plastic, glazed ceramic and similar materials dry out more slowly. Use your finger to determine when plants need to be watered. Stick your finger an inch or so below the soil surface of small pots. You'll need to go a finger length deep for larger containers. And for succulents and

cacti feel the soil through the drainage holes on the bottom of the pot. Water thoroughly until the excess runs out the drainage holes as needed. Extend the time between watering with self-watering pots and watering aids. These have reservoirs that slowly provide water to plants over time. Or amend the soil with a moisture-retaining product like wool pellets (wildvalley-farms.com). This organic and sustainable product holds 20 percent of its weight in water and slowly releases it into the soil when needed. The wetting agents in most potting mixes lose effectiveness after a month or two. These pellets continue working long after this, so you'll be watering less often. Make watering easy, so it feels like an opportunity to enjoy each individual plant instead of a chore. Use a watering can with a long narrow spout, making it easy to apply water over the entire soil surface and under the leaves and crown of the plant. This reduces the risk of disease that can occur when the top growth remains wet. Set plants on saucers or trays filled with pebbles. The excess water collects in the tray and the pebbles elevate the contain-



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er above the water. This eliminates the need to empty the water that collects and remains in the saucer for more than thirty minutes. With more experience watering indoor plants, it will become second nature. That means you'll have more time and opportunity to enjoy and even expand your indoor garden. *Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

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stains in my sink or shower. The pumice works, but it is not easy or pleasant. This worked like magic and I only used a toothbrush and a non-scratch pad. No scrubbing! (PS: their website says this, but who knew? I bought it to clean my copper pans.) JD

Holland MA

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Prize Winner

Congratulations to Joe Scolaro of Webster whose name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House. He submitted the popcorn cooking method above.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House

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

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

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bathing suits; learn to "speak" with a fan, and cure a cold with an egg and vinegar "medicine." Of course, Auntie Elsie will

display her shock that young ladies in 2020 gallop across fields, and young gentlemen do not know that the cap's visor belongs over one's face, not one's back! Auntie Elsie will be portrayed by Janet Parnes, owner of Historical Portrayals

by Lady J of Millis.

The Time-Travel Victorian Tea Party is free of charge and open to children ages seven to 14 and one accompanying adult per child. (Children under 12 must be accompanied

by an adult. Children 12 and up may come by themselves). The event will take place at the Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St., Auburn, on Feb. 29 from 11 a.m.-noon. Teatime (somewhat dressy) attire is encouraged.

Registration is required. Please call the Auburn Library at (508) 832-7790. Space is limited.

SPORTS

Rockets come up short in season-finale versus Groton-Dunstable

GROTON — Wednesday, Feb. 19 brought about the end of the season for the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team, where they had to travel to the Groton School to take on Groton-Dunstable Regional. There, the Rockets lost a 5-2 decision to finish up 7-11-2. Auburn finished just four points shy of qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The Crusaders also narrowly missed out on postseason play.



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com
Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski carries the puck down the ice.



Joel Miller of Auburn circles the puck around the net and a Groton-Dunstable defender.



Auburn's Dillon Winkelmann catches up to a loose puck.



Cooper C'Miel of Auburn does battle with his opponent from Groton-Dunstable for possession of the puck.



Auburn's Alec LeDuc tries to intercept a D-to-D pass made by Groton-Dunstable.



Shawn Bradway of Auburn maneuvers the puck around a slipping Groton-Dunstable defender.

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“have low faith in government.” But she sees the Green New Deal as being a way to overcome such distrust, since it calls for building coalitions within communities to get things done that in turn become “mass coalitions.”

“Climate policy is really hard to get people interested in” because it’s traditionally depicted in “arcane, technocratic and difficult” ways. That can, and has, led to bad policy choices; she points to the Yellow Vest protests in France as an example.

There, many thousand citizens have filled the streets of Paris every week for nearly a year, objecting to a host of government proposals and economic inequality but getting almost no publicity here in the US. It began with President Macron’s announcement of

a hike in the gas tax, ostensibly to help reduce carbon emissions. But that hit poorer people, particularly those in rural areas, harder than urban dwellers who had access to public transit.

In effect, she noted, he was “punishing them for just attempting to make a living” without giving them an alternative. Later, in response to a question, she noted President Carter did something similar. Although he recognized the legitimacy of the problem, causing austerity and inequality “is not a winning strategy.” Public policy needs to put supportive community services, energy efficiency and affordable housing in place before carbon taxes and restrictions, she argued

One audience member later argued a good method would be a “fee and dividend” law. Gene Fry of Brookfield has been advocating for such a change for a few years now as an organizer for the Citizens’ Climate Lobby. He said

that would give all citizens a rebate for gas consumption which would benefit those who use less and encourage the higher-users to reduce.

Regarding housing, Riofrancos said buildings cause 20-40 percent of all emissions, so enabling “green retrofits” is crucial. Europe and Canada are already implementing “green social housing” that combines services, affordability, efficiency, access to transit and other features aimed at reducing overall consumption while providing places people can live a decent life. Today, many US homes “are leaking heat” because of age, bad insulation and design issues; she admits hers in Providence is one of them. She feels a green retrofit program would address that at the same time it provides good jobs, reduces homelessness by cutting costs and reusing now-vacant homes, and reduces carbon emissions.

Regarding a question on presiden-

tial candidates’ various climate proposals, Riofranco said she’s hopeful in part because this year’s the first time climate has been “a major issue.” Personally, she favors two of them: those proposed by Bernie Sanders and Jay Inslee (who’s no longer in the race). Inslee’s was detailed but “not quite comprehensive enough,” and largely adopted by Elizabeth Warren. Sanders’ plan is expensive because of its comprehensiveness, she argued.

By contrast, she’s very skeptical of any plan that calls for natural gas as “a bridge fuel,” because research increasingly documents methane leaks throughout the gas production and distribution system.

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OBITUARIES

Nancy M Marlborough, 65



Nancy M Marlborough, 65, of Woodstock, CT died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center with her loving family and friends at her side. Nancy was born November 20, 1954 in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Joseph Thomas Ushinski and Hedwig Mary (Siemaszko). She is survived by her mother Hedwig “Pat” (Siemaszko) Ushinski of Charlton. One sister, Elaine Kilroy of Woodstock, CT and her late husband Robert, her brother Joseph Ushinski of Delaware and her daughter at heart Charalee and her husband, Henry of Auburn, MA. and her beloved granddaughter Isabel. Nancy was also the most loving aunt to Timothy and his wife Jaclyn, Jonathan and his wife Elena, Nicole and her husband Oscar, Andrea and her wife Nicole and Gabriela. Nancy loved their children Liam, Braden, Liliana, Sebastian, Oscar, Skylar and Sloane. Her best friend Catherine Hurstack,

and close friend Mary Milks. Nan loved all animals, big and small. She loved to cook, bake, garden, snuggle with her dog, Brody and spend time with her family and friends. Nan loved with her whole heart and made a positive difference to everyone she touched. She was a passionate believer that every individual had the right to a full and vibrant life. She spent her 30 year career working tirelessly to provide a the best quality life to her clients. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11am on Friday, February 28 at Samuel Slater’s Restaurant, 200 Gore RD, Webster, MA. All who loved Nancy are welcome to attend. Nancy’s family would like to extend appreciation for the love and care she received from the Oncology staff on 8 North while at UMass.Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is directing arrangements. wwwbartelfuneral-home.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy’s honor to: Life-Skills, Inc. South Central Residential Program 44 Morris St Webster, MA 01570.

Joyce M. Light, 78



DUDLEY – Joyce M. (Cusson) Light, 78, died Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Overlook Masonic Care, Charlton after a long illness. Her husband of 42 years, Richard Light, Sr., died in 2004. She leaves a son, Richard “Rick” Light, Jr. and his wife Debra of Thompson, CT; a daughter, Lynn E. Light of North Oxford; 2 grandchildren, Jennifer DeMoss and Amanda Light; 5 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Cody, Daxton, Ariana and Alexis; 2 sisters, Elizabeth Kabachenski and her husband Michael of Auburn, and Marcine Byczko and her husband Richard of Webster; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Judith Gion and by her 2 brothers Richard and Joseph Cusson. She was born in Webster on March 12, 1941, the daughter of Joseph A. and Frances F. (Grochowski) Cusson. She was raised in Webster and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1958. She lived in Thompson, CT for 29 years and in Dudley for 10 years before moving to Overlook in late 2018.

Joyce first worked as a secretary for Attorney Leonard Leboeuf for a year. She then operated a day-care in her home for many years before retiring in 2000. She bowled in local leagues for 20 years, enjoyed reading and watching the New England Patriots. She was a former member of Saint Louis Church in Webster. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family is grateful to her “second family”, the staff, hospice, and residents at Overlook’s Skilled Nursing Facility for their exceptional care for Joyce in her 15 months there. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 29, at 11:00 AM in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, prior to the service. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 1100 North, Bethesda, MD 20814. www.websterfunerals.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 21

CHURCH SUPPER: There will be a corned beef and cabbage community supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn, on Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

Saturday, April 4

“ROARING ‘20S MOM PROM: The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host “A Roaring ‘20s” Mom Prom on Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Auburn South County Worcester Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. This evening of dinner and dancing will benefit two organizations, the John Paire Student Support Fund, which helps kids in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District have access to a well-rounded educational experience, and the Kennedy-Donovan Center of Southbridge, a nonprofit organization in Southbridge that supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Grab your spouse, friends and family members, and join the MOMS Club for the second annual Mom Prom. It’s not just for moms, but all guests must be 21-plus. Early-bird tickets are \$45 per person until Feb. 14 and \$50 per person after that date. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the club, please email charltonmomsclub@gmail.com, or purchase tickets at http://bit.ly/MOMPROM2020. The Mom Prom name and logo are registered trademarks of founder Elizabeth Crapps and used under license.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard’s Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It’s a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information,

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free to see a variety of artifacts and memorabilia concerning Auburn as far back as when it was known as the town of Ward. All are welcome to come. For more information contact Sari Bitticks at sarilb@verizon.net.

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you’re separated or divorced, you don’t have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you’ll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email divorcecare@faithauburn.org for more information.

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)

STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

BOYS’ GROUP: Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a boys’ group that meets from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Thursdays at the AYFS, 21 Pheasant Court, Auburn. This is where members will learn that peers their own age share similar concerns. Group members will be able to discuss ways to cope with their concerns as well as receive positive feedback. Each week will center around a particular topic for discussion. No cost to join. For information, call Brandon Pare (508) 832-5707 x 16 or Dan Secor (508) 832-5707 x 14. Free food available.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael’s On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.0a@charter.net or visit oa.org.

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by Dr. David H. Rubin, Director, Postgraduate Medical Education, MGH. The program meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing at (244 CMR 5.00) for 2.00 contact hours of nursing continuing education credit.



To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

(Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages)

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For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!



“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” course offered at library

STURBRIDGE — The Caregiver Program at Tri-Valley, Inc. and the Sturbridge Senior Center is sponsoring Powerful Tools for Caregivers at the Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge, MA. The program is free for caregivers and will run on Wednesdays for six weeks, April 8 – May 6, from 1 – 3 p.m. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a program designed to help you take care of yourself while caring for an older adult.

Get the tools you need to: reduce stress; communicate effectively, reduce guilt, anger, and depression; make tough decisions; set goals and problem-solve. If you are interested in finding out more about this class please contact Laura Black Silver, LICSW, Caregiver Specialist at Tri-Valley, Inc. 508-949-6640, ext. 3079, lblack@tves.org or Lisa Wong, Sturbridge Senior Center at 508-347-7575 lwong@town.sturbridge.ma.us. Tri-Valley is a private,

non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American’s Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established.

Worcester Academy announces Semester 1 honor roll And Headmaster’s List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster’s List for Semester 1 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth. Among the students are: Eva O’Reilly of Auburn, Class of 2023, Headmaster’s List. Kathryn O’Reilly of Auburn, Class of 2022,

Headmaster’s List. About Worcester Academy Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to “Achieve the Honorable” as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond. For information, contact Neil Isakson, director of external communications, at 508-459-6918 or email neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org.

John Paire Tournament returns to Shepherd Hill



BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Shepherd Hill Regional High School will play host to a special three-on-three basketball tournament fundraiser for the third time this March in memory of former district administrator John Paire.

Paire passed away two-and-a-half years ago leaving behind a loving family and a legacy of dedication to Shepherd Hill Regional High School and the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. In his honor, his family started a fund, the John Paire Student Support Fund, and put together the “Be Better” Basketball Tournament embracing Paire’s love for pickup basketball to benefit students in the district by paying for cloths, resources, and even sports equipment as needed.

John’s wife Renee Paire organizes the tournament each year which in 2019 brought in over 35 teams to compete. She said the tournament is not only a way to keep her husband’s memory alive, but also give back to a school community he loved through a game he always enjoyed.

“He wanted to give back to the district some how so we created this non-profit and we give back to students in the Dudley-Charlton School District that can’t necessarily afford everyday things or school and sports fees. We wanted to do an annual thing and John used to play pickup games with his friends on the weekends for years. We decided on a three-on-three tournament,” said Renee Paire.

The event includes adult teams, high school teams, co-ed teams, and middle

school teams who all compete for the overall win. The tournament is open to any team who wants to participate costing \$150 per team plus \$40 for any additional players. All the money raised is used to help students and student athletes reach their full potential even if they have financial limitations at home.

“We wanted to show these kids that there are people out there that will support them and that they can succeed. We’re here to help and give them what they need whether it’s new track shoes, that chrome book so they can get better grades, sports goggles, even basic school supplies or clothing if they’re family is going through a hard time,” Renee Paire said. “It makes me happy giving back to the students, and I hope that they can give back when they’re older. In the year 2019 we gave out over \$13,000 to students in the district for these types of things so it goes beyond anything I could have ever imagined. People in this district are very generous and I know John would be happy doing thing.”

While the initial cutoff day for team registration was advertised at March 1, the deadline has been extended to March 7 to allow youth teams taking part in state tournaments the opportunity to organize and get involved if they wish. The tournament itself will take place on Saturday, March 21 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a 9 a.m. tip off for the first games of the day.

Those seeking information for registration can contact Renee Paire at john-paire3on3@gmail.com or visit the John Paire Student Support Fund Facebook page.

Courtesy Photo

Teams compete in the 2019 edition of the John Paire “Be Better” Basketball Tournament.

Timeline taking shape for safety building process

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A timeline is starting to take shape concerning the Charlton Public Safety Building project which is slated to go before the voters once again some time in 2020.

The project, which had the funding mechanism approved last year but was voted down by citizens during a Proposition 2 ½ override election in August, has seen steady updates during the first Board of Selectmen meetings of the new year and the board’s Feb. 11 meeting

was no different. Selectman John McGrath provided updated information from the Public Safety Building Committee’s meeting in early February where members came together to discuss and agree on the footprint that would be brought forward for consideration later this year.

“We’re moving forward. We have a timeline on a Gantt chart (a project schedule document) that tells us where we have to be and when we have to be there,” McGrath told selectmen. “The initial discussion was about making sure

we all agreed on the footprint. Because of the tightness of the schedule, we can’t afford to have somebody come back and say they don’t agree with the footprint and they want to add this and change that.”

The committee meeting featured renderings of the footprint which received support from members including the engineers and project manager. While the chiefs of the police and fire departments were not present for the meeting McGrath assured selectmen that surrogates were on hand and also agreed to the

footprint. While there are still important discussions still to be had it seems that a timeline for the proposal is nearly set in stone.

However, if the town plans to include the project on the 2020 Presidential Election ballot, which traditionally sees the highest voter turnouts for any election, they will have to move with diligence through the process. Selectman Bill Borowski stated that the committee and the selectmen need to work carefully but stay on track if they want to mee the deadline for adding the project

to the November ballot.

“Because this is a presidential year, assuming we are going to put this on the ballot – we have to vote on the language by Aug. 5, so we can’t miss that date,” Borowski said.

He added that he feels selectmen should vote on the language by the end of July at the latest. It had been recommended by the town’s finance director that the price tag and related funding measures be included in the language of the impending ballot question.

Gobi announces training grants for area businesses

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development today to announce training grant awards for three businesses located in the district through the Workforce Training Fund Program. Funded by Massachusetts employers via contributions made to unemployment insurance, the Workforce Training Fund helps companies improve productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to invest in the Massachusetts workforce.

When asked about the grants, Gobi commented, “Our region is fortunate to have so many thriving manufacturing companies. This partnership between

the Commonwealth and businesses assists in creating new jobs and opportunities, strengthening the existing workforce to ensure continued growth and economic viability.”

The grant awards are as follows:

G & F Molding in Sturbridge will receive \$119,400 to train 100 workers and anticipates adding 10 jobs by 2021.

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation in Ware will receive \$74,233 to train three workers, and anticipates adding 40 jobs by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses, which includes DeTector Technology of Palmer,

Mustang Motorcycle Products of Three Rivers, Palmer Foundry of Palmer, and Quabbin Wire & Cable of Ware.

Vibram Corporation in North Brookfield will receive \$94,070 to train 289 workers and anticipates adding five jobs by 2021.

In partnership with EOLWD, Commonwealth Corporation reviews and awards training grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts businesses and consortia of businesses to fund training for the current and newly hired employees, with grants being awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. In 2019, nearly 600 Massachusetts employers were approved for more

than \$20 million in WTFP grant-funded training for more than 15,200 workers.

The program is a powerful tool to create new jobs, increase skills and opportunities for our workers, and maintain the economic strength and viability of the Commonwealth’s businesses. Companies who completed grants in FY2019 added jobs at a rate of 15.5 percent, more than eight-times the statewide average, resulting in 3,833 new jobs.

To learn more about the Workforce Training Fund, please visit WorkforceTrainingFund.org.

UMF announces Dean’s List for fall 2019 semester

FARMINGTON, Maine — The University of Maine at Farmington announces its Dean’s List for the fall 2019 semester. UMF maintains a Dean’s List each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with high academic achievement. Students whose grade point average for the semester is less than 3.8 but equal to or greater than 3.5 are listed with academic achievement.

Any incompletes must be satisfactorily completed before the student is honored with Dean’s List status. Academic achievement awarded at commencement is based on all course work taken at UMF.

More on University of Maine at Farmington

A nationally-recognized public liberal arts college, UMF enjoys a 150-year tradition of providing a quality academic experience combined with the personal attention and close student / faculty collaboration that help prepare all students to be successful. Rooted in a tradition of

teacher preparation, UMF offers top quality programs in the arts and sciences, teacher preparation, and business and pre-professional studies. UMF is located in the heart of Maine’s four-season outdoor recreational region and is a welcoming, close-knit academic community that prepares students for engaged citizenship, enriching professional careers and an enduring love of learning.

Auburn: Jacob McPherson

Northbridge: Heather Janson

Sutton: Carson Hope

Local student named to Dean’s List at Northern Vermont University

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. — Vanessa Symonick of Auburn, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2019 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the Dean’s List.

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Open House

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at john-paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -

East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield,
1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
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9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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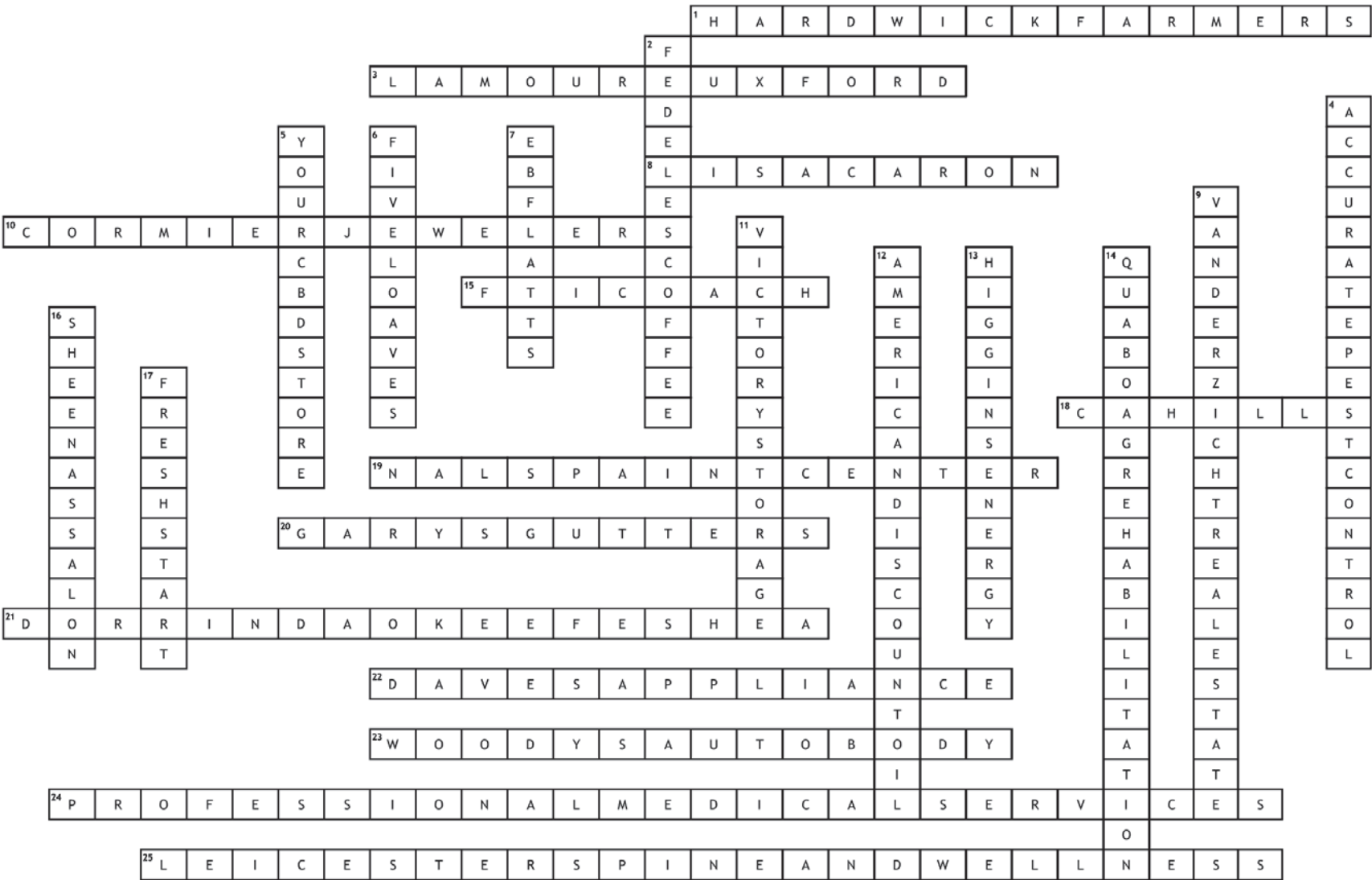
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AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Appliance Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Fir Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Flrs! Beautiful Appliance Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Flr Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



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WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 550' Rm! 3 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Flr w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Flr w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Flr w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Appliance Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

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WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Appliance Kit! Din & Liv Rm w/Wall to Wall over Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**

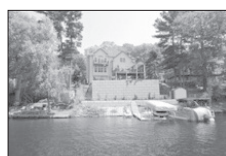
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DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit! Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**



WEBSTER – 14 Summit Street! Conveniently Located 8 Room, 4 Bedroom Cape! Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Appliance Granite Eat-in Kitchen w/Custom Cabinetry & Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring! Formal Dining w/Hardwoods! Spacious Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 1st Floor Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! Newly Remodeled Full Tile Bath! 2nd Floor w/2 Bedrooms w/Hardwoods, Plenty of Closet & Storage Space! Updated Second Full Bath! Recently Oil Heat, Cast Iron Baseboard! Detached Garage! Corner Lot! **\$279,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frpl! 1/2 Bath & Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Bath! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Rm! Renote or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rm w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/IsL, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplce Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Appliance Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Appliance Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST



4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 2600 SQ FT., 2 FULL BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, 2 CAR GARAGE, ABOVE GROUND POOL, 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM, UPDATES INCLUDE - RECENT WINDOWS, ROOF, UPSTAIRS BATH, FHW GAS HEATING SYSTEM!!! **\$339,000.**

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WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



2 Family - 1st Floor: 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open kitchen. Fully Appliance. New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. **\$237,500.**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely re-modelled!, 3 Br, 1 bath, 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **\$244,900**

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 & 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully appliance kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



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WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s appliance kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, w/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! Walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! assisted sale **\$499,900.**

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design,Etc. **\$130,000.**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



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WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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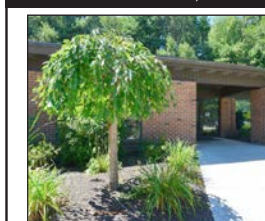








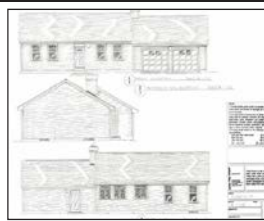

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Nav, 4x4, Alloy Wheels, Bluetooth, Sport Package, V8, Back-Up Cam.

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All-Wheel Drive, V6, 3rd Row Seats, 18" Alloys, Satellite Radio, Bluetooth.

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All-Wheel Drive, Premium Alloys, Turbo, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats.

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