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## Schools seek \$25.9 million

BY GUS STEEVES NEWS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN – The schools will be seeking a budget of \$25,849,562 for the coming fiscal year, a request that was unanimously supported by the Finance Committee and Selectmen last month. The formal public hearing on March 21 was sparsely attended.

Although, as in previous years, it represents an increase over last year's funding, Superintendent Mary Ellen Brunelle noted her increase is actually lower than the amount the governor is proposing to add to Auburn's Chapter 70 school aid. And, chances are, the state will bump that up even more as the budget process goes on.

"The governor's numbers are generally the lowest [compared to the House and Senate budgets]," she told FinCom March 14. "We have seen an increase, but we have not seen a reduction from that number."

Specifically, her budget is based on an increase of \$881,543 in Chapter 70, while she's only asking for \$867,801 more than last year. About a third of that money (\$289,210) will go to new hires. Many of them will provide services to special needs kids, but some are more general, including a health teacher at the middle school, a grade 4 teacher at Swanson, a second behavioral analyst (funded entirely by a grant), and a junior varsity coach. Additional funding will go to implement a new science curriculum to mesh with the new state requirements and to upgrade the

high school computers, many of which date to the school's opening.

Regarding the grade 4 teacher, she told FinCom that the goal was to "get class sizes below 25, because there are a couple that are above that."

Regarding the health teacher, she added the state requires a certain curriculum, but Auburn is also having that person include opioid education.

Brunelle said she included about \$474,000 in the administration part of the budget to cover potential increases in several areas, including contracts for busing and negotiations with teachers, nurses and the applied behavioral assistants, all of which are due this year. The bus contract was completed recently, and she said "it was best to extend it, so we did. It's a good rate."

Asking about School Choice, FinCom vice-chair Anne Cavanaugh observed "it's a revenue source because, pretty much, the school population is declining."

Brunelle agreed, noting Auburn currently receives 64 students at the middle and high schools combined, with a waiting list that has "at least that many, and probably closer to 80." It sends out fewer, and she said the administration sent surveys asking why they left to 36 families.

"A fair number go to private schools in Worcester," she said, noting many cited "a family tradition they continue" as their reason.

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Kim Maschi photos

Jen Lach and Greg Jackson celebrating with a high five

## Local gym pedaling to end cancer

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KIMBERLY MASCHI

At Everybody's Fitness Center (EFC) in Auburn the trainers and members are ready to start their spring off right. For the month of April, the trainers and members of the EFC will be competing against each other to accumulate the most My-Zone Effort Points (MEPS).

"The member who accumulates the most MEPS will receive 1,500 EFC reward points and a T-shirt," writes Jason Cook owner of the EFC.

The reward points can be used as cash towards classes at the gym or a protein shake from their shake bar.

"It's going to drive everyone to do more, come to the gym more often and be healthy," says Jhonny Eca-Ackerman, the member service manager; or as members fondly know him as, the go-to-guy at the EFC.

Through an activity belt, called My-Zone, the employees and members are all able to support each other. The My-Zone relays the heartrate of the wearer to a phone application and a screen inside the gym. The screens are placed throughout the facility and have the names and heartrate of each participant. This makes it easier for trainers to keep track of progress of those they are

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## Animals rescued from condemned home

BY GUS STEEVES STAFF WRITER

AUBURN – Earlier this year, local health officials declared a home at 4 Buron Terrace "unfit for human habitation" and declared it an "illegal kennel and cattery" laden with "numerous safety and sanitary concerns," according to Health Director Darlene Coyle and Animal Control Officer Aimee

"An anonymous tip of potential animal abuse and/or neglect was provided to Animal Control on Feb. 26, 2018 in regards to unsafe and unsanitary living conditions in the home," they wrote in a joint email. When it was investigated by them, the police, building inspector, Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources and the Animal Rescue League, they seized 61 dogs and cats from the home.

"There were overpowering odors of animal waste and urine throughout the home as well as visible fecal matter on the floors," they wrote. "The accumulation of personal effects created hazardous conditions by limiting any person's movement within the home and by blocking egresses. The numerous extension cords throughout the home created additional fire hazards and there were no smoke or carbon monoxide alarms."

Although they declined to identify the owners, saying only that they were staying with family members, were getting social service help, and had "hired a professional cleaning and

remediation company," the town's assessing records show the home is owned by Richard and Jean Anger. According to the state's Corporations Database, they are both officers of a religiously-based childcare service for ages 0-3 called King's Kids, Inc., based in their home. In June 2016, its Articles of Incorporation declared its purpose to be "a place for children to experience nurturing relationships in a consistent, loving, clean and secure environment through stable, ongoing routines," among other things.

An email to Mr. Anger seeking comment did not get a response.

"This is a unique situation as it is a large scale animal seizure and investigation into a large scale illegal breeding operation, of which the Town of Auburn has not encountered in the recent past," Contois and Coyle wrote.

Unfortunately, it's not that uncommon overall; in fact, it's common enough to have a name – animal hoarding. According to Victoria Hayes's "Detailed Discussion of Animal Hoarding" at www.animallaw.info, notes that a "wide variety of people can be animal hoarders" beyond the stereotyped "crazy cat lady," although they're mostly women. There have been cases as different as a homeless woman traveling cross-country in a bus with "115 cats, four cats and two chickens" to a wealthy Minnesota man

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## Workforce development grant awarded to Auburn business

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) announced the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development recently awarded Micorp a business development grant through the Workforce Training Fund General Program.

The training fund is an initiative designed to aid productivity and competitiveness by investing in the improvement of employee skills at businesses throughout the Commonwealth. Micorp, New England's largest automotive restyler and expediter, was awarded \$80,000 to train 68 workers.

"The Greater Worcester area possesses some of the most innovative, dynamic and successful companies within our Commonwealth," said Senator Moore. "I am certainly very impressed by the contributions Micorp has already made to the vibrancy of the area economy and I am confident that this grant opportunity will enhance efforts to promote productivity and competitiveness in the workplace." "Very happy to see Micorp in Auburn receive this Workforce Training Grant,"

"Very happy to see Micorp in Auburn receive this Workforce Training Grant," said Representative Frost. "This grant will help this local business grow and continue to provide good jobs in our area."

nue to provide good jobs in our area." Workforce Training Fund General Program grants are awarded on a rolling basis

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## Senate passes housing bond bill

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Senate voted to pass S.2368, "An Act financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents" (Housing Bond Bill).



The bill is a result of a session long collaboration between the Senate and House with a focus on preserving and producing the state's affordable housing stock.

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"The Housing Bond bill we passed today reflects our commitment to providing housing that is affordable to the vital and diverse workforce that is fueling the Commonwealth's economic growth," said Senator Gobi. "This bill is the first step toward ensuring Massachusetts develops enough affordable housing to support both its workforce and its economic future."

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"Massachusetts must do better to

provide affordable housing to its residents," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "This bond bill will support the development of affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents across the Commonwealth. As long as one family remains unable to afford adequate housing, our communities suffer."

In spite of other strong economic indicators, Massachusetts is in desperate need to further develop affordable housing. The housing shortage has placed the State in the bottom tier of housing affordability and rents have risen to third highest in the nation. The

Housing Bond bill authorizes \$1.8 billion in investments in the preservation and production of affordable housing across the Commonwealth.

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## AUBURN ITEMS

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Enjoy A Senior Moment At SWIS!

All of our friends from the Auburn Senior Center are invited to attend a "SPRING SOCIAL" Swanson Road Intermediate School on Wednesday, April 4, from 3:15 to 4:15pm. The "Art Club" students from grade four will welcome you into the auditorium where you can visit, draw and enjoy snacks and a refreshing drink together. In addition, the students will present you with a special gift that they have created JUST FOR YOU! Please join us!

CRUISE IN CAR SHOW

Mass Firebirds Spring Kickoff Cruise - In Sunday May 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Crop & Carrot Tack Shop, 133 West Main St., Spencer. The good weather is here and the time has come to get together with other Firebird owners and share some good times! Whether you own a Trans Am, Formula or Firebird; no matter what the condition project to show car come join us in Spencer

we'd love to see it!! There is no registration fee just show up! Raffles & giveaways from Ames Performance, fbodywarehouse & Rock Auto. There will also be a DJ playing all our favorite car tunes. If the weather is questionable check our Facebook page to see if all systems are go or if it is postponed to the rain date Sunday May 20.

RECYCLING EVENT Douglas Troop 316 is holding their first annual electronic recycling event so you

can responsibly get rid of your old electronics. It will be held on Saturday, April 7 at St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas, from 9am-2pm. The nominal fees help support the activities of Troop 316. We will have the event rain or shine. Items to recycle include: TV sets/monitors, computers, cell phones, radios, microwaves, A/Cs, dehumidifiers, stereo and speakers, treadmill and fitness, fax machines, printers and scanners, misc. electronic components, gas grills without tank and washer/dryers. We cannot except fluorescent bulbs, snow blowers and mercury products.

For questions, please email info@douglastroop316.com.

ADVERTISING WORKSHOP

The Webster Dudley Business Alliance invites all local businesses to attend a workshop on Advertising Your Small Business on Wednesday, April 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Webster Police Station community room located at 357 Main Street in Webster. Topics to be addressed include what really works, how do I track results and how do I budget for advertising. Representatives from print, radio and digital platforms will present various options for all budgets. There will be time for discussion as well as questions. Free for WDBA members, \$10 all others. RSVP to contact@thewdba.org or 508-949-6232.

HONORING THE RIVER

The French River Connection is pleased to invite the public to a presentation by Larry Spotted Crow Mann, award winning writer-poet-native American cultural educator-traditional story teller, speaking on Honoring the Mannexit(French) River" Mr. Mann's most recent book is Drumming & Dreaming, and presents tales of the Algonquin Tribes, primarily the Nipmuc. The event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m., at the Wintergarten, the easily accessible historic meeting hall above Kretchman's Brewery, located along the French River at 9 Frederick St. in Webster. The street is between the Post Office and the Police Station. The Brewery will be open and available to patrons.



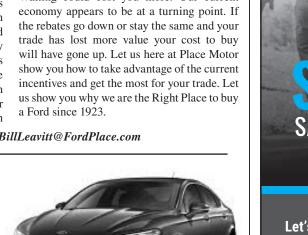


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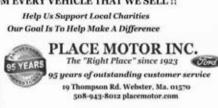
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## Legislation mandates proper safeguards and insurance for tow companies

BOSTON — The Massachusetts State Senate took action to protect the motoring public by establishing a licensing mechanism for voluntary towing.

The bill, filed by Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, requires all companies, whether voluntary or involuntary, that perform towing services to hold a certificate from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Presently in Massachusetts, anyone can purchase a tow truck and hold themselves out to be a tow company

As it currently stands, only those companies that perform involuntary towing services, such as police-ordered tows after an accident or law enforcement related incidents where there is no one to drive the car, are required to have a DPU certificate, which mandates proper safeguards and insurance. In addition, companies that provide

involuntary towing services for the Massachusetts State Police are required to have a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) background and minimum insurance standards.

By requiring DPU to establish minimum insurance requirements and CORI standards for all tow trucks, the motoring public will know that there are safety standards in place when a tow company arrives to tow their vehicle. In addition, by requiring tow companies to obtain a certificate, the Commonwealth will ensure tow companies are maintaining workers' compensation insurance and other legally required documentation.

"This bill is about public safety and consumer protection," stated Senator Moore. "By requiring the safeguard included in this legislation, we will ensure that when drivers are vulnerable and stranded on the side of the road, they can feel confident that their safety is the primary concern of the towing

industry"

"The Massachusetts Senate is dedicated to ensuring consumer protections for residents of the Commonwealth," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "This legislation safeguards the well-being of drivers and their vehicles. I am very pleased that the Senate passed this bill."

"I thank the Massachusetts Senate for passing this important legislation that will ensure the safety of the motoring public," stated William Johnson, president of the Statewide Towing Association of Massachusetts. "This legislation will bring a uniform standard of accountability to the towing industry thus increasing public safety."

The legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously, has now been referred to the House of Representatives for consideration. To continue tracking the bill, S.2354, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

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## Results of Ice-Out contest announced

Spring has arrived on Webster Lake! Einstein succumbed to warmer than normal February temperatures, and prematurely fell through the ice just hours before the official contest began at midnight February 19.

Winners were determined by a raffle at Point Breeze Restaurant on Wednesday evening, March 28. Contest winners were as follows: first place \$2000: The Reconciliation House; second place \$1,000: Robert Keith; third place \$500: Ashley Jolda: fourth place \$250: Rev. Janice Ford; and fifth place \$250: Jomar Diaz. Greg Lynskey was winner of the 50/50 raffle, totaling \$203.

The 11th annual Webster Lake Association Ice-Out Contest

was an enormous success and the Einstein Ice-Out Committee would like to thank everyone for their support. 1,762 tickets total \$8,800, a contest record, were sold throughout Worcester County. More than \$9,000 was collected through 46 key contributors of the 2018 contest and the Association received \$1,000 from main contest sponsor Point Breeze Restaurant.

The Einstein Ice Out Committee found it a pleasure to be associated with its partners for the 2018 contest, Webster Fire & Rescue and the Reconciliation House of Webster. Checks for just over \$4,250, which represents half the net proceeds from this year's contest, will be presented to each of these parties.

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## Arrest made in West Brookfield murder investigation

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARE — A man with a lengthy criminal history was arrested last week and accused of misleading police in their investigation into the murders of a mother and her three children in West Brookfield.

Matthew Locke, age 31, of Ware, allegedly lied to police by fabricating stories about gang involvement in the killings. Locke pled not guilty during his arraignment on March 26 at East Brookfield District Court. He was held on \$10,000 bail and will be back in court on April 24.

Police continue to investigate the murders of Sara Bermudez, age 38, and her three children, Madison age 8, James age 6, and Michael age2. On March 1, police found their bodies inside their home at 10 Old Warren Road.

Officials said Locke is an acquaintance of Moses Bermudez, the father of the victims, though multiple unsubstantiated reports have suggested that Locke is related to the family. Locke was interviewed multiple times by police in recent weeks, and details in his stories were allegedly inconsistent. Locke has an extensive criminal history, including an arson conviction in Maine in 2012. He was sentenced to nine years in prison, with all but two years suspended and four years eligible for probation.

Locke was also convicted of burglary in 2015. He was listed

as serving at least two years at Bolduc Correctional Facility in Maine, according to records obtained by the New Leader. In the days following the Bermudez murders, Worcester

County District Attorney Joseph Early said police were seeking information from anyone who spotted a discarded plastic yellow fuel can. Investigators reviewed surveillance footage from area homes and businesses, and a State Police helicopter searched the area surrounding the home last month. But no one has been charged with the murders, and police have not announced any suspects.

Locke's arrest was the first in connection with the murders, and Early's office has not updated the public in weeks on the investigation.

Residents, meanwhile, are demanding answers following the arrest, as neighbors remain on edge and the school community continues to grieve. Two of the murdered children were students at West Brookfield Elementary School.



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## State Senate increases penalties on hit-and-run animal deaths

BOSTON — State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton) announced his amendment to increase penalties against hit-and-run drivers who strike a family pet was adopted in the State Senate. The amendment was included on senate bill 1155, an act relative to protecting puppies and kittens, which updated animal cruelty laws.

"I'm glad there was great bipartisan consensus on this issue, and it passed with so much support," said Fattman. "Pets are like family, and people expect them to be treated as such."

The amendment passed 35 to 1, and strengthens the consequences for hit-andruns on family pets making it a misdemeanor and punishable by a \$100 fine and or 10 days in county corrections. A second offense includes a fine up to \$500, inclusion of medical expenses, or no more than six months in county corrections, or both. Current law already requires individuals who hit a dog or cat to notify the police. Fattman's amendment increased the penalties for failing to do so.

"I filed an amendment to this bill based on two conversations I had with constituents from Oxford and Webster whose family's dogs were killed in hit-and-run crimes. When I looked into the law and consequences for those caught committing this crime and failing to report it, I found a very weak \$50 fine as the punishment," said Fattman

For more information on the amendment or the bill, please contact the office of Senator Fattman at (617) 722-1420  $\,$ 

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## MassHousing announces down payment assistance program

BOSTON — MassHousing announced the launch of a new down payment assistance program designed to lower the barriers to achieving homeownership working households face. MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will allow qualified first-time homebuyers to finance up to 100 percent of the purchase price of their first home.

MassHousing is now the only entity offering a down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income buyers throughout Massachusetts, and the only entity in Massachusetts offering a sustainable, conventional mortgage product allowing buyers to achieve homeownership without making a down payment.

"Record-low inventory levels, rising home prices, high rents, and student loan debt are all making it more difficult for the average Massachusetts household to afford to purchase a home," said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. "MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will help ensure that homeownership remains accessible to working families, by allowing creditworthy homebuyers to buy their first home with little to no down payment requirement. By boosting the buying power of low-, moderate- and middle-income households,

MassHousing will support investment in neighborhoods, help the state's workforce remain rooted in Massachusetts, and advance the Agency's mission of confronting housing challenges facing the Commonwealth, to improve the lives of its people."

MassHousing is making down payment assistance loans available to first-time homebuyers with annual household incomes at or below the area median income, using MassHousing financing to purchase a single-family home or condominium unit. The area median income varies by county. Eligible households will earn \$103,4000 or less in eastern Massachusetts, \$85,700 in Worcester County, and \$67,200 in Berkshire County.

Homebuyers accessing down payment assistance must still meet MassHousing's underwriting criteria, including minimum credit score and debt-to-income qualifications, and attend a homeownership education

MassHousing mortgages currently finance up to 97 percent of a home purchase price. The Agency's new down payment assistance program will finance up to an additional three percent of the purchase price, allowing for up to 100 percent financing for creditworthy income-eligible borrowers.

Down payment assistance will be a fully amortizing 15-year, fixed-rate second mortgage, with an interest rate of one percent. The down payment assistance loan will carry no additional fees, and will be due in full upon the sale or refinancing of the property. Down payment assistance will be capped at three percent of the purchase price, up to \$12,000.

Down payment assistance loans will be internally subsidized by the strength of the agency's existing single-family portfolio. The program will not require any additional allocation of funds, or the diversion of funds from other agency uses. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations.

MassHousing finances home purchases through a network of more than 160 banks, credit unions and mortgage companies. Down payment assistance will launch alongside a simplification and consolidation the agency's mortgage products. The new mortgage products, including down payment assistance, are available to consumers immediately.

The new down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income households complements MassHousing's ongoing efforts to support workforce housing. The agency has also created a \$100 mil-

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lion workforce housing fund to spur the creation of 1,000 new apartments affordable to middle-income renters. In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration's Housing Choice Initiative, MassHousing is advancing measures to boost the production of new housing, and deliver 135,000 new housing units by the year 2025.

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$22 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com, follow us on Twitter @ MassHousing, subscribe to our blog, watch us on YouTube and Like us on Facebook.

## What should I consider when selecting lender for my home purchase?

When buying a home it is important to make the right choices for the all the professionals you hire to help in this process such as the Realtor, Attorney, Home Inspector, Insurance Agent and the Loan Officer. It is important to select the right loan officer but equally important is the lender that they

work for. Many people will start by going to the bank that holds all their accounts, which may be a local bank or a large national lender. This will definately make it easier to have all



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REALTOR'S REPORT

> **JAMES BLACK**

so they can resell the loan. The direct lender will close the loan and then sell it so you don't know who you will be paying your mortgage to once the loan closes. The Broker will actually broker out to the lender and they will approve the loan during the process and that lender will actually

fund the loan so you know who the loan is going to when it closes. In both these scenarios it is very common for the lender to resell the loan to other lenders but all terms have to stay the same you would just pay your payment to some-

I think the most important thing to do is to ensure you select the right loan officer. Someone you can trust to put you in the right product and make the sale go smooth even if their companies processes are not perfect. You also want to keep in mind that the seller of the home and their agent will be looking at your preapproval letter and part of their decision to accept you offer will be based on that lender and the loan officer who preapproved you. If the agent and seller have had experiences with this lender or loan officer that was positive they will be more apt to take

your offer. If they had a bad experience or don't know your lender they may try to go with another offer where they are confident the deal will close.

I have seen some lenders underwrite the loan prior to your going to search for houses so all they need to do is approve the home since they already approved you. This will make you a much stronger buyer and it may make sense to find a lender willing to do this in the extremely competitive environ-

As always hire a Realtor that knows your market to ensure you are making the right home buying decisions. That Realtor should be able to give you names of lenders that they have worked with and had good experiences. Otherwise ask friends and family who they have used and had a good experience with when purchasing a home.

## CLUES ACROSS

- European viper 10. Finch-like birds
- 12. Civil rights college organization
- 13. A person who organizes
- 14. Small carnivorous mammal
- 15. City in Sweden
- 16. Grayish-white 17. Google certification (abbr.)
- 18. Six (Spanish) 19. The highest adult male
- singing voice
- 21. Political action committee 22. Exterior part of a home
- 27. And, Latin

CLUES DOWN

2. Rice-distilled liquor

4. Wet, muddy ground

5. Have an obligation to 6. Defunct Chevy convertible

7. Deer-like water buffalo

10. Where kids play ball

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Metal-bearing material

12. One who endures hardship

9. Amount in each hundred (abbr.)38. Gland secretion

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- 33. Six
- 34. Cores
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- 38. Aromatic plant
- 39. Carry with great effort 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Female cattle's mammary gland
- 44. Small fries 45. Optimistic in tough times
- 48. Make less distinct
- 49. Surrounds
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24. Wild ox

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25. Group of countries (abbr.)

30. Opposite of the beginning

32. Gives a permanent post to

With three uneven sides

35. Actors' group (abbr.)

40. Marine invertebrate

41. Hybrid citrus fruit

43. Used to serve food

44. English broadcasting network

36. Cavalry sword

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\$100M for the preservation and development of workforce

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living with severe disabilities

oriented developments;

cated to incentivizing the development and modernization of

The bill will now be reconciled with a version passed by the House of Representatives.

## HOUSING

\$65M for community based housing for individuals living

\$60M for home modification for elderly residents and those

\$50M to incentivize smart growth production and transit

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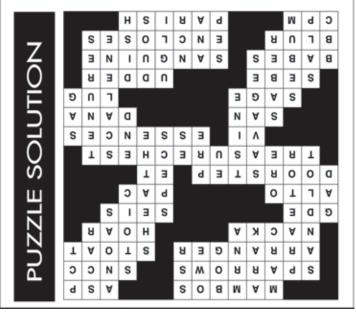
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## Readers Share Favorite Kitchen Tips



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TRAINOR

Spring has finally sprung! As we gear up for the warm season, a big "thank you" goes out to the readers who took time from their busy schedules to share their favorite tips and tricks. From makeshift pie guards to recipe ideas, the following submissions prove that this month, it's about cooking!

No bones about it, this reader has the secret to great homemade soup!

I really enjoy your column and after reading your "Celebrate Soups!" article, I realized that, besides loving to eat a good homemade soup... it's always so good to make and share soup with someone who might not be able to make their own or simply don't know how to make soup! I find making soup very easy, but I did notice that your article and the recipes don't use what I use in my most basic soup recipes....bones! There is so much flavor in them it's a shame to waste the yumminess that soup bones add to a good stock and the best part is often, bones are free! And that is a word we don't hear much and it is true! Chicken carcasses add tons of flavor to a delicious chicken soup, ham bones can't be beat in split-pea soup or

luscious lentil soup, and beef bones make the perfect flavorful ingredient to beef-barley soup! I must admit I've bought beef marrow bones for my beef barley soup and they are not cheap, but the savory taste they add is incomparable! There are many yummy soup recipes on Pinterest, if you're looking and I'd be happy to share mine! Soup bones are a tradition that my mom and grandmother always had in their soups and my daughter and I use today... it's a keeper, and again, it's free deliciousness!

Try it, you'll like it! Nancy McComas Spencer

Thanks to a CT reader for a lesson in "Cooking and Preparing Lobster 101'

Here is how to boil live lobsters without the stress of putting them in boiling water: Use two pots, approximately the same size. Fill one pot with water as you would normally use and put it on the stove to bring to a boil. In the meantime, put your lobsters in the second pot, without water, cover the pot and put it in the sink. This allows the lobsters to get comfortable and rest quietly while the water in the first

pot comes to a boil. When water boils, simply pour the boiling water over the lobsters in the pot in the sink. There will not even be a flutter. Cover the lobster pot and transfer it to the already hot burner on the stove and cook as required, I will cook two chicken lobsters this way, timing it after it returns to the boil for ten minutes. Next empty the pot, lobsters and water into the sink. When the water drains away, begin. Do all your dismantling in the sink.

For the big claws: I twist them off, put them on a cutting board, cover them with a dish towel and whack them with a rolling pin to crack the shell.

For the tail: Twist to separate from the body. Twist off the fins and cut the underside of the shell with a knife. Open the shell and the tail is easy to remove. I then remove the big vein and rinse off any unpleasant remains.

Since all the work is done in the sink, cleanup is easy...just rinse it away. No nutcracker is needed except to open the highly recommended bottle of champagne to go with this fine meal. Don't pop the cork. Instead, remove the foil and wire and grasping the cork with the nutcracker, give one gentle twist and pull. No flying corks: no spilled wine.

Also, if you like chowders and seafood bisque, put all the shells and bodies back in the lobster pot, cover with water, bring to a boil and simmer for two to three hours. Strain and save the broth for seafood stews. This freezes well. Enjoy.

Lorraine Pasqualetti North Grosvenordale, CT

The following kitchen tips are served up by a reader who repurposes:

To keep frying food from spattering, invert a metal colander over the pan. Another hint is when using a double boiler, put a few marbles in the bottom and when the water boils down, the noise will let you know. **Betty Bliss** West Brookfield

A clever reader took matters (and a disposable pie tin) into her own hands:

I can never seem to find a proper pie crust shield. (Just to be clear a pie crust shield is a flat aluminum ring that fits around the edge of your pie crust so that the edge of the crust does not brown excessively before the center of the pie is done.)

If you purchase them at retail store they are either flimsy tin foil sections that are difficult to stay in place or not the right

One day I finally decided to make one of my own. Since most of my pie baking involves buying a 9" frozen Mrs. Smith's pie crust shell, I had several disposable, empty pie pans (you'll probably see my kitchen on an episode of the "Hoarders" show one day). I take the clean, empty pie pan and cut out the bottom with scissors. Before you put your pie in the oven invert the cut pie pan over the pie until the last 10 minutes or so and your crust should be evenly browned (do take a peek every so often and if necessary leave the shield in place until the end of the bake time).

One more thing...since the cut edge of the inner circle of the pan can be sharp I modified my design to include a safety feature. Instead of cutting out the pan right at junction of the bottom and the side I cut the inside circle about ½ inch smaller and then I cut slits every inch so I can fold them

up out of the way and the sharp

edge is not exposed. Cathy Buonomo

Fiskdale

Prize winner

Congratulations to Cathy Buonomo of FIskdale, who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. She submitted the pie guard tip above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned 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 thee 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 publications? *Send questions and/or hint to:* Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.

## BUDGET

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Looking forward, the schools are also planning for the next several years of capital needs, with the next five years ranging between a low of \$557,000 in fiscal 2019 and a peak of \$1.06 million in fiscal 2020 A big chunk of that will be replacing the turf at the high school, for which they're dedicating \$300,000 in fiscal 2020, and \$120,000 a year each of the following three years. The district also plans to replace copiers and iPads, although, as FinCom Chair Kevin Hussey noted, is "taking a year off" in terms of using public funds to do the latter. Brunelle said she's funding it this year with insurance money they've collected instead.

Regarding copiers, FinCom member Kevin Kennedy wondered if it'd be possible to combine purchases with the town to get better rates. Finance Director Ed Kazanowicz said they generally get copiers from the state bid list contract, and tries to keep the same vendor for "buying power" and maintenance reasons. He noted the schools generally use them more than town hall does, but even within each organization, some get more use than others.

This summer should see the conclusion of the middle school project. While the work itself is done, Brunelle said she's hoping it will be on the Mass School Building Authority's April or May agenda for auditing. If it is, that process should happen through the summer, after which Auburn will be able to finalize its actual share of the cost

and convert what's now a temporary bond into a long-term one. Currently, Auburn has bonded \$1.9 million, but that will likely decrease, Kazanowicz added. The two of them both noted they believe issues with one of the sub-contractors have been resolved.

We feel comfortable that we're in good shape and close to being done," Brunelle said.

The schools are the largest single department of the town's overall budget, which will go to town meeting May

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## Waiting for the hatchery stock to hit the waters

Although spring is slow in arriving in Massachusetts this year, local anglers are enjoying some great fishing, catching recently stocked trout. The loss of 4,800 trout at the Sandwich hatchery this year, that were

intended to be stocked throughout the state, will have a small impact to the stocking program this year, but it could have been a lot worse.

Generators were brought in to minimize the loss of even more trout including next year's fish, after the recent storms knocked out power to a portion of the fish hatchery. Rainbow, tiger and brown trout were lost. With the loss of brood stock salmon from federal hatcheries, most anglers will need to be satisfied with 12 to 18 inch fish. Still not bad from years ago, with most trout averaging 10 to 12 inches.

The excitement of opening day at Wallum Lake in Douglas on April 14 this year, it will draw a lot fewer anglers than in earlier years. Back in the '80s Wallum Lake had a few hundred anglers waiting to wet a line in hopes of catching some rainbow, brook and brown trout. Many arrived at the boat ramp the evening before to ensure a spot for opening day. Camping out the night before & sitting around a fire with family and friends, cooking & eating hot dogs, and drinking a soda, are fondly remembered by many adults today. Youngsters and adults alike witnessed the excitement of opening day for many years and have fond memories of bringing their youngsters there to go fishing. Unfortunately, fishing has taken a back seat to all of the other sports like baseball, hockey, football, etc.!

These sports are great, but adults need to get there kids out into the relax-

OUTDOORS **RALPH** TRUE

ing world of fishing, which is not competitive. If they THE GREAT are introduced to fishing I am sure that they too will get hooked on this great past time. They can never say that they have nothing to do!! Fishing is a year round sport that can be enjoyed 24 hours a day seven days a week. I can remember our dad tak-

ing us to the Fair store in Whitinsville to buy some last minute fishing hooks or new line for our fishing poles. We also climbed into our dads 1937 Pontiac and went out to pick nightcrawlers for bait a few days before at a local golf course. Taking a flashlight and an empty Maxwell House coffee can to put our nightcrawlers in, we often harvested a few hundred of them in a single night, which were later stored in our family's cellar. A combination of sod and dampened newspaper kept the crawlers in great shape for weeks.

My dad had built a 12 ft. row boat that was kept at the Meadow Pond located at Kane's Cove. The Cove was named after the Kane family that had lived at the corner of Main & Border streets for many years! I have great memories of our dad taking my brother Mel and I out fishing in the boat on early Saturday mornings to catch a stringer of bass, bluegills, yellow perch and pickerel. Double spinners and a worm had us catching a lot of fish for a good fish chowder for supper. I have not had a bowl of fish chowder since he had

As we grew older, our dad let us sell some of our worms to other fishermen which often gave us some spending money to go to the Arcade Store with during the week to buy a bag of potato chips, a fudge cycle and a few funny books. Owner Tom Nugent was extremely tolerant of us kids as we sat on the floor of the candy shop reading some funny books and having a treat. I often got a call from a few local anglers that would order a few garden worms for fishing in some of the local brooks like Prentice, Ironstone & Johnson Brook. I was glad to get the order for the garden worms, as it had me harvesting the worms near my girlfriend's house on Arcade Street!!! She was a real pretty girl, but as she grew older, she soon found someone else.

"Oh Well," like my dad said, there are plenty more fish in the brook, and he was right!!

My wife Judy and I celebrated our 60'th anniversary last October. Now that needs to be a record of some sort!!!

We often fished the Arcade Pond for calico bass using our fly rod and a Mickey Finn fly. After fishing we headed back home, as we were told to be back before dark. The smell of hot dogs cooking at "Paul Devlin's" hot dog stand often had us stopping to have one before we got home. His hotdog stand was located at the corner of Main and North Main street in Whitinsville back in the old days. Coney Island had nothing on Paul's hot dogs. Good thing we had our money from worm sales. Our worm business started to do so well that my brother Mel & I hired the late Donald Clark to make and paint a sign advertising our worm business.

Don was a born artist, but after he grew up he mastered the art of masonry. The sign was finished and erected while my parents were gone for the day. When they came home my mother almost passed out, and started to rant and rave about the sign on our lawn.

"That thing is coming down!" "GEE, I thought it was great!"

My mom was the boss and her final word was it. God rest her soul. The sign was a full sheet of plywood advertising our bait business and had a large nightcrawler three foot high over the top of the plywood sign. The worm had



Courtesy photo

A nice haddock caught in Massachusetts waters during last year's season

big eves and a smile. I sure wish I had a picture of it. It was great.

Haddock fishing opens Massachusetts on April 15, this year, with a 15 fish limit. Contact Capt. John boats in Plymouth for reservations and more information. This week's picture shows a happy angler last year holding a nice haddock aboard a charter boat out of Massachusetts!

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual fishing derby on April 22. Kitchen will be open for breakfast at 6:00 a.m.

Take A Kid Fishing Keep Them Rods

## Bushcraft Show coming to Charlton

Do you enjoy the outdoors or adventure travel? Could you survive in the Patagonia wilderness? Can you make friction fire? What about natural cordage or primitive hunting skills? These are a few of the topics shared in the talks, workshops and classes at the 2018 New England Bushcraft

"This show is such a great opportunity to pull together folk with a variety of interests". Say's Marcus Gay, Founder of New England Bushcraft. "From homesteading to hunting, from navigation to natural cordage, there is something that will interest everyone.'

Show is a one-day outdoor expo focused on bushcraft, survival skills, outdoor preparedness and adventure travel. Located in Charlton the birth and final-resting place for John (Grizzly) Adams. The New England Bushcraft Show offers an action packed day with over 30 hours of programming, workshops, classes and talks. This event will take place April

"We're excited to partner with New England Bushcraft for this amazing show. The combination of our venue and their access to the regions bushcraft and wilderness skills experts is enabling this to be The New England Bushcraft a huge success", says Amber Howard, chief brand officer, 508 International.

Highlighted speakers include Zach Fowler of Massachusetts, winner of History Channel's Alone Season 3 on surviving 87 days in Patagonia; Mitch Mitchel of Massachusetts on greenwood carving and celestial navigation; Alex Ribar of Maine on traditional bow hunting; Frank Grindrod of Massachusetts on friction fire and natural coradage; Kevin Estela of Connecticut on primitive trapping and projectiles; Steve Lancia of Connecticut on wilderness medicine and survival rules of three; and Anthony Brogno of Massachusetts on: unbounded: a three month expedition in Patagonia.

The 2018 New England Bushcraft Show is a partnership between New England Bushcraft Organization and 508 International. Learn more at www.newenglandbushcraft. org. Also visit on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram @ newenglandbushcraftorg

Marcus Oliver Gay, the founder of New England Bushcraft found a passion for the outdoors, camping and survival skills, during his youth in England. As an adult, from his time leading youth groups on wilderness backpacking and canoeing trips, to managing field teams in the arid south-western desert and scuba diving for scientific research in the Alaskan arctic. Marcus has found that his background knowledge in bushcraft and survival has enabled success throughout his career. Marcus and the team at New England Bushcraft have started the New England Bushcraft Show to help participants meet, connect and learn from the amazing bushcraft and surviv-

al resources we have in this

region of the United States.

New England Bushcraft is the central resource for everything bushcraft in the northeast USA. Registered members are provided with free access to a monthly newsletter, and a centralized repository of events, workshops, classes, programs and meetups from instructors, programs and schools throughout the region. Sustaining members pay annual dues to support the organization and are rewarded through annual giveaways, discounts on products from our corporate sponsors and a members' only gift pack.

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on November 25, 2016 at Book 56362,

Page 240 and by assignment from

Ditech Financial, LLC successor by merger to Green Tree Servicing, LLC to MTGLQ Investors, LP dated September 21, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on November 25, 2016 at Book 56362, Page 244 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 195 Leicester Street, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

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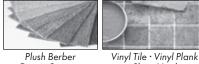
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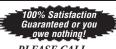
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## **EDITORIAL**

## Taking a stand in Massachusetts

The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Educatory and state level school board took a vote saying they are not in favor of arming staff in state schools in any way.

They've taken a firm stand on it.

The statement made was that they felt students were not safe when unintentional consequences could be the results of people not professionally trained to handle the situations that might arise.

We support that.

We have said in several places the rights of others to own firearms, those who want to hunt, those who want to target practice, those who want to feel themselves safer because they are trained in weapons have every right to that; but they also have to understand the rights of those who don't feel the same way.

There does indeed need to be some restraint on just who can purchase, own and handle firearms. Deadly force is possible, so anyone with a history of instability, violence, or criminal behavior does indeed need to be denied the

right to own them.

There is a fine line to be drawn here. And just who it is who can determine those rights must be unbiased, unequivocally qualified to make the decision, and make the decision made on facts,

There also needs to be a way for a person, who has done their due diligence to earn back their responsible lives to also earn back a possible right to bear arms once more.

This is the discussion that should be happening.

It should be a discussion involving mental health professionals, law enforcement, judicial presence, legislators, and others with a stake in the out-

come, including gun rights advocates. There can be a lot written into laws that allow for training of young hunters without allowing them to own guns

outright; let them wait to the age of 18 to own them. Anyone can take classes in gun safety and obtaining licensing without actual-

ly purchasing a weapon. So let's take the emotion out of this

and be more objective.

We don't want our children with their hands on guns. We don't want the violent and unstable with their hands on guns. We don't want those who respect weapons correctly to lose their rights

So find the places to make the meeting of the minds.

It is time.

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So, what are you waiting for?

Start writing!

## What to look for in a politician

Have you already made up your mind about how you're going to vote — at least by party — in this year's important elections? I hope not.

Because to serve our nation well at this troubled time in its political history, you should be

looking for certain qualities in the politicians you favor. Ideology, party affiliation, positions on key issues — these are important considerations, but this year demands more from us as voters.

To explain why, I need to spend a little time talking about the current political environment. It is the most agitated I've seen in decades. The electorate is badly divided; the parties are split internally and vis-à-vis one another; the national mood is sour; our democratic institutions are unproductive; and our political leaders cannot seem to cooperate with one another, much less engage substantively on the crucial issues we face as a nation. Not surprisingly, politicians face a restive, discontented electorate.

This year's dynamics don't bode well for improvement. Republicans have staked their claim to votes on tax cuts, abandoning more traditional concerns such as the deficit and the national debt. Even though they control the government, they're having trouble getting many things done. Democrats, meanwhile, are moving leftward, and hoping for a November backlash against President Trump.

In general, momentum in both parties seems to be moving toward the extremes, fueling a political debate that rejects the middle ground. This is discouraging.

At the national level the parties seem more interested in their opponents' unconditional surrender than in carrying on a debate that enlightens voters and attempts to sway opinion. One wonders whether we can ever find the will to negotiate and compromise on difficult issues. Yet we have no choice if we're to move forward as a large and diverse nation.

Which is why I believe we face a huge responsibility as citizens this year. We may each be certain in our own biases and policy and party preferences, but it is time to step back and ask how we revive the system at a time when people are so discouraged by politics, our institutions, and our politicians.

And the answer, I believe, is that we have to look for politicians who want to build consensus, act constructively, and instill a sense — both in their colleagues



and among ordinary voters — that we're all in this together. We need leaders who can rise above the polarization and divisiveness that current politicians have done so much to exacerbate, and instead begin focusing on cooperation, collective pur-

pose, and the common good. Our institutions are badly in need of repair. Making them work better, which is urgent, will not happen with scorchedearth politicking. It can only come from political leaders who embrace bipartisanship and the traditional values of democracy: pluralism, free speech, and tolerance for opposing points of view.

We want to find politicians who respect and look for the facts, not simply the facts as they wish them to be. We need to examine candidates' rhetoric with great care, and understand that it's easy to state a problem and then lapse into meaningless generalities when it comes to solutions.

By contrast, it's hard — but vitally important in this climate — to speak with clarity and thoughtfulness not just about what needs to be done, but about how to help make it happen. Politicians who are blatantly unrealistic as they pander to voters' prejudices — "I'll balance the budget in three years!" I heard one say the other day without telling us how — do not deserve our attention.

Instead, we should be looking for politicians who can move us beyond our current paralysis. Who are open to different opinions and ideas, will work hard to bring together people of different points of view, and who seek opportunities to discuss public issues forthrightly rather than dodge them. Who prefer to answer hard questions, rather than just give a big speech and then leave the room.

Here's the bottom line: citizens today carry an extra burden — not merely to pick a politician we might favor for some reason, but to make choices that move us away from ideology and our own biases, and toward getting this country running

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## Should you make extra mortgage payments or boost your investments?



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Every month, you pay your mortgage. And, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to afford to put in additional payments - perhaps sizable ones. But should you? Or, if you really have the extra money, should you invest it?

Initially, you might think it would be quite nice to rid yourself of that mortgage sooner, rather than later. But is it really the burden it seems?

Actually, you get some real benefits from a mortgage. It certainly provides something of great value to you - your home. If you got your mortgage - or refinanced your home - within the past decade or so, you are borrowing money at a pretty favorable interest rate, by historical standards. And even assuming a mild rate of inflation, such as we've had for the past several years, you'll essentially be paying off your mortgage with cheaper and cheaper dollars over time. Plus, your interest payments may well be tax deductible. (The new tax laws limit deductions on new mortgages of \$750,000 or more. For questions on your specific situation, consult your tax professional.)

So, given these advantages, an argument could be made that you should be in no hurry to pay off your mortgage. Still, you might be tempted to make the extra payments because you'll be building home equity. After all, isn't this equity valuable? It is - to a degree. The larger your home equity, the more money you'll get to keep when you eventually sell your

But in the meantime, that home equity may be less useful than you might imagine. For one thing, just building more equity won't make your home more valuable it will rise (or fall) in value along with whatever's happening in the housing market. By contrast, you could take the extra money and buy more shares in an investment such as stocks - and the more shares you own, the more valuable your investment will be if the price per share rises.

Also, if you were to experience a temporary job loss or some other financial emergency, your home equity might not help you much; if you're not working, you could even have trouble getting a home equity loan. Conversely, your investment portfolio can offer you greater liquidity, depending on your specific investments. Most investment vehicles, such as stocks and bonds, generally can be sold quickly, without much difficulty. (Keep in mind, though, that if you were forced to sell investments when their price was down, you could take a loss on the sale.)

Clearly, you could gain some advantages by using any extra money to invest, rather than paying down your mortgage. Nonetheless, you may simply get emotional and psychological satisfaction by speeding your progress toward the day when your house is paid off - and that type of satisfaction certainly has value. You'll need to weigh these intangible factors carefully in deciding whether to increase your investments or make extra mortgage payments because, ultimately, you need to feel that you're doing the right thing, for the right reasons.

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## Hand-In-Hand

ROCKETS

REVIEW

MICHAEIL LAVELLE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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When we take into consideration the events of the recent past, it is safe to say that we have all been shocked by the actions that have taken place in our schools throughout the country. While no system is flawless, here in Auburn our due diligence has been done to assure our schools' learning environments are safe and secure.

A continuous review of our procedures to ensure they comply with the most up-to-date strategies for dealing with emergencies is essential for ensuring the safety of our schools. The District's safety teams meet regularly, along with members of the local fire and police departments, continually reviewing and refining our schools' policies and procedures to ensure we have the most current strategies in place for maintaining a safe and secure school environment.

Auburn has also made the commitment to support the mental health needs of our student population with school psychologists, guidance and school adjustment counselors, licensed clinical social workers and board certified behavior analysts on staff to aide in both identifying concerns and supporting students' needs. These are more resources than even many larger districts have at their disposal, but we know that mental health and safety go hand in hand, and that it is essential to have these services in our schools.

The close and seamless relationship that APS has with the Auburn Police and Fire Departments aids us as we work together to track down and investigate any potential threats to our kids. Students, more than ever, now realize

that they, too, play an essential role in ensuring the safety of our schools and have gotten very adept at reporting any disturbing statements or threats made by their peers online. This is essential and every report is investigated.

Unfortunately, situational awareness is now an essential life skill and the Auburn Public Schools have continued to train both staff and students

so that if the unthinkable should occur, we will be as prepared as possible. All of the APS community will continue to work diligently so that all are prepared to respond, but not so that they live in fear.

As parents, it can be difficult in speaking with children about these current events. This link from the American Psychological Association provides current and useful help: http://www.apa. org/topics/violence/school-shooting. aspx. It is important to emphasize that although there are dangerous people in the world, we cannot let fear define and control us. Together we all make our schools and the Auburn community a safe place. I feel that nothing is more important than the safety of our children, and we will continue to take all the necessary precautions to ensure the schools remain a secure environment in which we can all learn and grow.

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## Neon lights

It may be hard to believe, but neon lights were invented over 100 years ago. The American Physics Society website states that Georges Claude, known as the Edison of France, played a major role in their development. Claude was an electrical inspector while also working on scientific inventions. He invented 20 foot neon tubes that lasted for 1,200 hours. He WAYNE TUISKULA rated smells, fog, and took out a pattern in

1910 and showcased them at the Paris Motor Show in 1910. Claude sold his first neon sign to a barbershop in France in 1912. He offered franchises in his neon light business that sold very well. Claude received a U.S. patent for neon lighting in 1915. His first sale in America was to a Packard Automobile distributor in California. He held a monopoly on neon signs until around 1920 when his patents expired and trade secrets leaked to competitors.



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for Times Square. American Heritage stated that the new neon sign makers also "experimented with displays that incorpo-

total effect." Demand remained high for neon through the start of World War II. Demand was so strong that best producers of neon couldn't keep up with it. Less skilled makers created signs of lesser quality.

Neon

remained

through the 1920s. Even

during the depression,

sales were \$9 million,

up 40% from the pre-

vious year. During the

1930s, Claude's com-

petitors created most

of the large neon signs

sounds as part of their

lights

popular

"Neon shops began to emphasize efficiency of production over good design.'

After the war, new companies began producing signs with plastic enclosed fluorescent lights. The sale fluorescent light signs increased while neon signs were considered crude and old fashioned.

During the peak years, there may be one place even more well known for neon signs than Times Square. Las Vegas has a rich history and even has a neon museum. The Neon Museum has 11 neon signs that still light up from casinos that were in their prime when Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack ruled the town. The "Neon Bonevard" contains 200 historic signs and the Neon Boneyard North Gallery has 60 more.

Prices for neon signs vary dramatically. A search of newer neon beer signs showed some had sold for under \$25 on eBay recently. Of course, there are many that are much more valuable. Neon clocks advertising Rolex watches, Liberty Flour and Fisk Tires each brought \$8,500 in 2013, 2011 and 2016 respectively. This year, a Lionel dealers' sign sold for \$20,000. A Ford V-8 porcelain and neon sign fetched \$21,000. A large 14' X 7' Art Deco Coca Cola neon sign from the 1930s sold for \$30,000 at auction in



2012. An Indian Motorcycles dealers' sign from the 1930s reached \$48,500 in 2016. Two early Harley Davidson neon signs really lit up the auction block when they sold for \$82,000 and \$85,000 in 2016.

We have an online auction in Sterling that is currently running. Preview is at the home April 21st. We will be running another online auction in Weymouth. Our next live auction takes place in Worcester

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summer into fall. The colorful and often fragrant blossoms add elegance to any bouquet and are long-lasting in a vase.

Start off the summer with Asiatic lilies. These compact plants have upward or outward facing blooms, and though they are not fragrant, they do come in bright colors that will light up your early summer garden. All are hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The next lilies to bloom are LA hybrids. These trumpet-shaped lilies are a cross between fragrant Easter lilies (Lilium longiflorum) and colorful Asiatics. Choose from

an array of rich colors including cream, pink, yellow, orange and red. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The dainty blossoms of Turk's cap lilies open in early summer. Also known as Martagon lilies, these flowers have recurved petals and look like they are dangling from an upside-down candelabra. Hardy in zones 3 to 9, these lilies prefer partially shaded gardens and woodland edges.

Trumpet lilies steal the show in midsummer. Like their close relative the Easter lily, these big, outward-facing blossoms have long trumpets and are wonderfully fragrant. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

Another group of midsummer lilies are the Oriental-Asiatic hybrids. These have the compact height and outward facing flowers of Asiatics and the larger flowers and heady fragrance of Orientals. Look for the variety Kaveri, which has golden vellow petals touched with tangerine and burgundy. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

Species lilies have downward facing flowers with reflexed petals and extra-long stamens. Bloom times vary. Lady Alice (Lilium henryi) and coral lilies (Lilium pumilum) flower a full month before tiger lilies (Lilium

lancifolium). The latter are treasured for their big orange flowers and prominent black spots. Over time, tiger lilies form impressive clumps, with towering, 4-foot stems. Hardy in zones 3 to 9.

Oriental-Trumpet lilies are hybrids with fragrant, upward-facing flowers that can measure 9" across. Colors range from maroon and rose pink through gold and cream. The cool yellow flowers of Yelloween make this OT lily a favorite among florists. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The lily season ends with a bang, when the Oriental lilies begin to bloom. These big, openfaced flowers have a spicy fragrance that can perfume an entire garden. A wide range of colors, including the popular variety Stargazer, invites lots of creative pairings in the garden and in a vase. Hardy in zones 5

Now is the time to order your lily bulbs. The earlier you shop the more choices you'll have. To get your lilies off to a great start, read 8 Tips for Growing Better Lilies available from Longfield Gardens (longfield-gardens.com). Lily bulbs planted this spring will

flower this summer and return to bloom again for years to come.

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Kaveri lilies bloom mid-summer and enliven gardens with their golden yellow petals painted with tangerine and burgundy

## \* \* Friday's Child



Hi! My name is Dasanee and I am a talented singer and dancer!

Dasanee is an athletic ten-vear-old girl of African American descent. She is initially quiet upon first meeting her, but once Dasanee feels comfortable she warms up and can be very friendly. Dasanee has good manners and she likes to be helpful. Some of her favorite activities include listening to music, singing, dancing, swimming and going to the local arcade. She also loves to spend time outside. Dasanee is currently a fourth grade student. Through school, Dasanee is involved in Chorus, intramural sports, and she plays the trumpet.

Dasanee is legally freed for adoption and ready to find her forever family! Dasanee would benefit from living in a two-parent household where the parents provided her with structure and clear expectations. Dasanee hopes her future family will have pets and other children in the home. An active family would be ideal as Dasanee enjoys being active and getting out of the house frequently. Any interested family should be open to maintaining Dasanee's connections with her brother, aunt and cousin whom she visits with regularly

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## orating.' Why some people begin hoarding animals is still subject of some debate in the psychological community. There seems to be a connection to Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, with "80 percent of animal hoarders also hoarding possessions," she notes. Sometimes, substance abuse or other addiction, an effort to replace a lost loved one, experience of child abuse and other issues

who kept "more than 80 animals - most-

to distinguish between an owner of sev-

eral pets and an animal hoarder," Hayes

writes. "Instead, the determinative fac-

tors are the owner's inability to provide

care for the animals and the owner's

refusal to acknowledge that both the

animals and the household are deteri-

'There is no threshold number used

ly of exotic breeds" in his home.

In Massachusetts, it falls under the more general heading of animal abuse (MGL Chapter 272, sec. 77), which, in relevant part, is defined as a person who "unnecessarily fails to provide [an animal] with proper food, drink, shelter, sanitary environment, or protection from the weather," or "carries it or causes it to be carried in or upon a vehicle, or otherwise, in an unnecessarily cruel or inhuman manner or in a way and manner which might endanger the animal." Although such cases could potentially lead to seven years in prison, 2.5 years in jail, or a \$5000 fine, most

animal hoarders are not prosecuted. This case, however, is also being considered an illegal animal breeding operation under Auburn's lengthy bylaw Section 12.13, because there were so many animals without a kennel permit. Elsewhere in the same section, it also specifically states a person "keeping more than four (4) adult animals on any property, not licensed as a kennel or designated as a farm, more than two (2) times within a three (3) year period may be considered an animal hoarder."

"Although hoarders are hurting and not helping the animals they hoard, their motivations do not seem to be cruel or sinister," Hayes writes. "... Psychologist Jim Claiborn explains, 'I have never encountered a single case in which there was a malicious or cruel intent. I wouldn't want to say these people are victims, but they need help. After all, most of them live in the same filthy conditions as their animals.'

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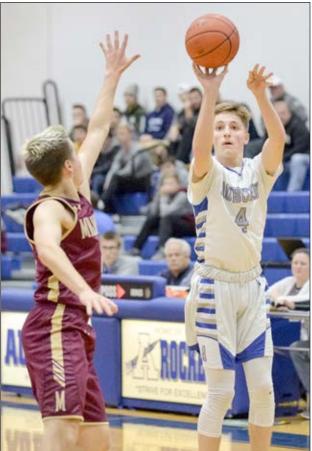
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## **SPORTS**

## Stonebridge Press Winter In Review









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The Auburn High and Bay Path Regional student-athletes recently completed their winter seasons in basketball, ice hockey and winter track.

With the spring season for high school student-athletes looking to commence, only to be delayed by an untimely rainstorm or a blanketing of snow, let's take one final look back at the winter season that was.

The Auburn High boys' ice hockey team had its best season in years, as the Rockets endured a 12-5-3 regular season, earned the No. 3 seed in the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament and won its first round matchup versus Westborough High. Auburn then lost to Algonquin Regional in the semifinal round to finish 13-6-3. The girls' ice hockey team finished 4-12-4 but showed great strides of improvement as the season went on.

On the basketball court, Auburn High's boys' team went through the ringer in terms of losing players due to injury. By the end of the season the Rockets were down to seven varsity players from the start of the season. But Auburn went 9-10 in its regular season, earned the final seed in the Clark Tournament Large Schools bracket and upended top ranked Quabbin Regional. The Rockets then lost to eventual champion Shepherd Hill Regional in the semifinals but held the Rams to their lowest point total of the year. Auburn also took part in the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament before finishing the year with a record of 10-12. Auburn's girls' team also suffered through a multitude of injuries as the rebuilding Rockets went 3-17.

On the indoor track, Auburn was quite successful. The boys' team had an undefeated regular season and also took home the Southern Worcester County League championship. In the postseason, both Anthony Cintron (fourth place, long jump) and David Nelson (sixth place, 300-meter dash) medaled at the Division 5 state meet. The girls' team was a fourth-place finisher in the Southern Worcester County League championship and Ally Anusauskas came in fifth in the onemile run at Division 5 states to earn a medal.

For Bay Path Regional, both their boys' and girls' basketball teams had seasons that ended in the Central Mass. Division 4 tournaments. The boys' team finished 12-9, the girls' team 12-7.





## SPORTS BRIEF

## Annual Chili Chowdown coming to Bay Path Regional

The Bay Path Regional baseball team's eighth annual Chili Chowdown will be held on Sunday, April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school café. The Chili Chowdown is run by the baseball team to offset the cost to play in the Rotary Classic Tournament on Cape Cod during school vacation week in April.

This year there are over 24 vendors dishing out their chili to help raise money for the team. The ven-

dors include the following:

The Bay Path baseball team, Junior Culinary Federation, Pine Ridge Country Club, Epicurean Feast, Karol's Corner Take Out, Eller's, Big T's BBQ, Tantasqua Culinary, Zorbas, Monty Bianco, Auburn Public School, Andy's BBQ, Chili's, Elm Centre Café, Brown Square Civic Club, Old Sturbridge Village, Luck's Café, Yankee Diner, Chef Armata, Chef Henrickson, Mexicali Grill, The Overlook, The Fix and 44 Catering.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Tuesday, April 17

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Auburn Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard drive, Auburn. Our speaker will be Sari Bitticks, and her topic will be "The captives of King Phillip's War and why they refused to be redeemed. It is all a Matter of Underwear". Everyone is welcomed, the event is free and refreshments will be served.

## **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, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

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) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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





## Capen Hill has Easter well in hand

Country Bank from Charlton volunteered their time to help with the Egg Hunt. Amanda Montville (serve safe) and Boy Scout Troop 165 were on the grill. Egg Master, Hank Giles dispersed the eggs to the Boy Scouts to hide on the trails.

Other thanks to all our supporters: Southbridge Credit Union, Dunkin Donuts Barbara & Tom Denesowicz, Cornerstone Bank, homeTown Bank, County Bank, Staples, Cabot Cheese, Park N Shop, Big Bunny, Stearns Meat, RYSText, Charlton McDonalds, SRS, Masonic Home, Hometown Insurance and all the volunteers who helped decorate the eggs: Shepherd Hill National Honor Society and Charlton









Kelley McDermott, 22 months old, is the Junior Grand Prize winner



Ben Sivert 4 yrs. old from West Boylston with his sister Lillian. Ben is the Grand Prize winner. When asked how he felt to win, with the biggest grin said, "GREAT!"













## Where being dammed is a good thing



Participants gather atop the dam at the start of the tour.

BY GUS STEEVES VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Thousands of people have seen and walked atop Buffumville Dam, but have you ever been inside it?

About 40 people got the chance to do so last week, on a rather blustery, chilly March day that made going into a long grey tunnel labeled Fallout Shelter inviting. Led by Army Corps of Engineers Ranger Jamie Kordack, the tour explored both the physical features of the flood control dam and some of the ecological impacts it has had in its nearly 60 years of existence.

From atop it, she pointed out that the lake is "considered a very good habitat" for 18 species of warm-water fish, especially large- and smallmouth bass, and, like most Bay State lakes, its water tends to be very dark because of high iron content. The surrounding land is home to a wide range of animals, including deer, fishers, bald eagles and bears, and moose have been seen at nearby Hodges Village.

The eagles are a fairly recent returnee. When she started there 26 years ago, the Corps did 10 years of annual eagle surveys and found nothing. But around four years ago, a few boaters began seeing them

me," she recalled. On several occasions, others told her to go outside because they'd just seen one, but the bird had departed before she could. Then she finally did see one... just not here. One day, while driving north on I-290, one was flying parallel to her truck up the highway. She has since seen them at the park itself.

"It's just a matter of time before we get everything here,' Kordack added.

Ecologically, though, not everything is welcome. Over the last few years, the Corps has been fighting to control and eliminate the invasive weed Eurasian milfoil, which clogs the lake, ties up (and gets transported on) boat propellers, and makes swimming a challenge. To do it, they drop the water level in winter so it freezes and kills the weed; between four years of that and one application of herbicide, Kordack said she thinks they'll see success this year.

This winter, they needed the water lower for a second, technical reason: the dam's weir needed repairs. It's one of water's three outlet routes through the dam; at the moment, it's only open enough to let any small animal who might fall in escape.

The lake's water level is controlled by three big blue "Everybody saw an eagle but devices inside the dam called Limitorques, one for each outlet. Normally, she said, the Corps leaves it at 11 feet (it was just 7.3 feet during the tour), and it peaked at 32.5 feet in April 1987, when the water flooded the causeway of Oxford

It also flooded more recently, although not as high, in October 2005, when almost nine straight days of rain caused problems across the region. Kordack recalled being called into work at 3 a.m. one day when it was "raining giraffes and rhinoceroses;" she hit "a wall of water" enroute here, and had to drive through rapidly rising floodwaters with her boss to remove a key electrical

Inside the dam, the décor could be best described as austere - nothing but grey walls, although the room leading into the central tunnel itself still holds evidence of previous Halloween tours. Several black paper bats are on one wall, and the zombie ranger Bob still sits at his post under the stairs. Kordack said there's been talk of resurrecting those tours for a couple of years, and it's likely a couple of the newer rangers will do so this year.

"It's great to see the things you never get access to. This has been here for years and years," said one tour participant who only gave her first



Ranger Jamie Kordack talks about the ecology of Buffumville Lake.



Jamie Kordack signs off on Scout badge forms for participants.

name, Gail.

She said she was about age 10 when the famous flood of 1955 hit; that was the one that prompted construction of this dam and several others across the region, including Hodges Village, Westville and East Brimfield. She recalled seeing caskets floating down the

river, having to move upstairs and finding there was still two feet of water there, being carried out of her home because the water was so high, having to get typhoid shots, and hearing about magnesium drums in Putnam "disintegrating and exploding" because of contact with the water."

**PEDALING** continued from page 1

assisting. The belt also helps friends to support each other while exercising. The My-Zone application is also a way to keep in contact with everyone and make friends.

"We can comment on each other's



Members of the EFC cycling in last year's **Pedal to End Cancer** 

workouts. It's kind of like a workout social media, it's awesome," says Eca-Ackerman.

The contest isn't the only exciting event happening at Everybody's Fitness Center. On April 7 from 9:00 to 12:00 the EFC will also be hosting their 9th year of Pedal to End Cancer.

Eca-Ackerman states, "There's a business side to this gym but it's really about helping people. Any chance we have to help bring the community together through fitness we jump on it! It's what is important to us.'

For the three hours members and their family and friends pedal their way to raise money. In addition to pedaling for a great cause there's a bonus incentive. The members pedaling have a chance to get back at their tough trainers. A group of trainers will need to complete one single burpee for every \$10 raised (they are already looking at 600 burpees to complete!).

"It's time for them to torture us," says Katie Lussier a trainer at the EFC. Lussier, along with trainers Greg Jackson and Jay Kusy will be splitting the burpees together. In past years there have been more than 500 burpees

to complete. 'It's like a big party here! This is my first year and I feel like I am contribut-

ing something," says Lussier. Lussier, along with many others have lost someone to cancer. The team lines the gym walls with hearts so members and friends can come in and write names of people for whom they are pedaling.

Tracey Bourque, a member for three and a half years, will be riding the entire three hours of pedaling herself and is raising over \$300 so far. She has first-hand experience as to what cancer means to her, she pedals for her grandparents, her friend Cheryl, and herself.

"Cancer has changed my life. If I can get through cancer, I can do anything." Bourque is still recovering from her

diagnosis of 2B bulky Hodgkins lymphoma. Symptoms are aggressive and

she underwent four months of chemotherapy and 15 radiation treatments. The gym means a lot to Bourque, it is helping with her pain, neuropathy and health.

"When I am on the bike and I think 'I can't do this' I know that I can.'

Bourque looks to her trainers and friends at the gym for support, she stands strong and is ready for this new challenge.

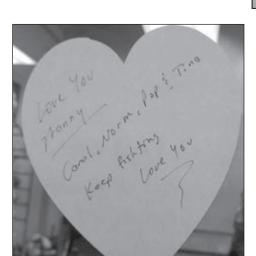
Everybody's Fitness Center really is for Everybody.

"Here, when you walk in, they say hi to you. It is like a family. They are all my gym family," says Bourque.

If you would like to donate to the

Pedal to End Cancer contact the EFC at (508) 832-3700 or visit them at 441 Southbridge St. All money donated goes directly to the American Cancer Society. The EFC has already raised \$50,000 over their nine years of fundraising and they are not going to stop pedaling anytime soon.

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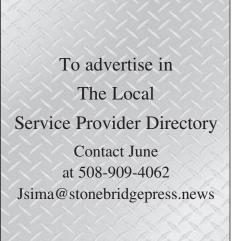












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## B SECTION

Friday, April 6, 2018

## Fast-growing vegetables for the impatient gardener



CAPTION: Leafy greens can be fast-growing additions to a home vegetable

Stepping outdoors and picking a freshly grown vegetable is a joy for many homeowners who like to garden.

Growing vegetables at home offers many benefits. In addition to providing a worth-

while hobby that can increase your physical activity, having control over your own produce can reduce exposure to a number of chempesticides and fertilizers. This translates into foods that are healthier for the body and the environment. Gardens also can help the average person save money on often costly produce, all the while reducing gardeners' carbon footprints.

Waiting to reap the rewards of a harvest can try the patience of those accustomed

and watermelons require long growing seasons, many other fruits and vegetables grow much faster. This offers plenty of bounty in a short time for those who may have gotten a later start on their gardens or simply don't have the patience to wait on the more time-consuming growers.

• Arugula: Some people call arugula "rocket" because of just how quickly it grows. The green has been growing in popularity as a salad starter or vegetable side dish. Simply cut the leaves when they are large enough and as needed for recipes. Other fast-growing greens include kale, chard mustard greens and

watercress. · Radishes: Radishes are typically ready for harvest about one

month after planting, making them among the fastest-growing vegetables around.

• Snap beans: Beans can be steamed, added to salads or eaten raw with dips. They're often a summer staple. Some of the fastest producers are ready to harvest in about 50 days.

• Turnips: Both the roots and the leaves of turnips can be eaten, and this old-fashioned vegetable makes a great addition to soups and stews. Because the plants tend to be tolerant across many gardening zones, they're handy and easy-to-grow even as the weather cools.

· Squash: Don't mistake

the squash in the garden for cucumber. Both look similar but green squash, or zucchini, can be much more versatile. Zucchini can be grilled, baked, sautéed, stuffed, fried, and even turned into noodles.

· Green onions: To add fresh flavor to foods, green onions (scallions) grow much more quickly than it takes onion bulbs to mature.

Speak with a garden center expert to learn more about which vegetables, fruits and herbs grow quickly and will thrive in your home garden.



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CHARLTON – 2 Ponnakin Hill Rd! Nice Updated 7 Rm Split! 92Acre Corner Lot! SS Applianced Kit w/Center Isl, Cathedrals & Skylight! Din Rm w/Slider to 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Brick Frplc & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frplcd Fam Rm! Garage! \$289,900.00

DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1867 8 Rm Farm-ACRES! Updated 1867 8 Rm Farm-house! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Flopt Lix Rm! Fam Rm w Cathedrals! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 l Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Ga-rage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85. GARAGE BUILDING! \$594,500.00

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Rm Cape! .5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! House Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kitchen w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bedroom w/Closet! Office! Full Bath!



DUDLEY – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kitl Frpicd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garae! 835.9.00.00 Garage! \$359,900.00



AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2-3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office!
Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding!
Replacement Windows! Oil Heat!
8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage!
\$179,900.00



Cape! Great Location On 1 Acre Lot! Home needs considerable updating and may not qualify for traditional financing! Being sold AS IS! Title 5 Passed but there is Town Sewer in the Street! Easy Access to Rte 146! Close to Singletary Boat Ramp! \$120,000.00

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STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Fir Beauty Salon w/CAir, Handicapped Bthrm, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Applianced Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services | Rte 20 84 & 901



CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm CHARLIUN — 44 OXIOTA KLI 8 KIII Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16X30 Deck! 2 Car





WEBSTER – 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 64 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Applianced Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Baths! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel Drs! 2Z Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard wiPatio! \$219,900.00



WEBSTER – 10 Foster St! 3 Family! 6/6/6 CHARLTON – Oxford Road – Across Rms! 3/3/3 Bdrms! Excellent Investment or from #122! Fantastic 2.72 Acre Lot with Owner Occupied! Quiet Side Street! Easy Access! Off Street Parking! Large Fat-in Homes! Build Your Dream Home Here! Access! Off Street Parking! Large Eat-in Kits w/Gallev/Pantry, Formal Dining & Liv ut! Coin Operated in Basement! \$259,000.00

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WEBSTER LAKE - 15 Lakeview

Rd! Reid Smith Cove! Enjoy the Music

WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms. 3 Bdrms. 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Maste Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows Nev

of Indian Ranch & the Indian Princess! 7 Rm Summer Cottage w/4 Possible Bdrms! Master Overlooking Lake! Great Potential!
Or Tear It Down, Build Something New! 50'
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Western Expo! Reautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm. 4 Bdrm. 4.5. Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frold Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! \$1,195,900.00







WESSTER LAKE – 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets!

9,698° Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254° Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Fir
Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w17° Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Silders to Trex Deck, Stone
Sac Frick, Surround Sound & Gleaning Hrodws! Granter Kit w1sl, SS Appliances, Soft Olse Cabinets,
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WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Long Island!

Cottage" Ready to Rough It! Loads of

Potential! Water on 2 Sides! Panoramic



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WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Reachfront Townhouse! GRms! 1,874'! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Granite Kit wHrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent CAir, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! \$424.900.00





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**WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR** 

**WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE** Panoramic Views Define this Unique Webster Lake Waterfront Contemporary! 190' of water-frontage spanning the horizon from East To West! An over-sized Pavilion sits at water's edge providing a peaceful place to enjoy friends, family & nature along the great Cedar pond! Lakeside patio, fire pit & sandy beach for swimming, huge waterside decks & aluminum docks! Unique Contemporary style home offers 2,497 SF+/-, 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 Baths including private master bath. The main living features an open concept w/kitchen/dining/living & year-round sun-room, a lake facing private master BR suite, 2nd Bedroom on main level plus 2 more spacious Bedrooms on 2nd filoor, for a total of 41 The walkout lower level features a family room, half bath & lakeside 3 season room for maximum lakeside enjoyment, a 2 car attached garage w/storage, handicap access ramps to main level and lakeside yard!

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Auction online go to xome.com Apr. 7-10



Looking for a place for your at home BUSINESS? CORNER lot! 8,580 SF (.20 acre), 2 story single family home w/3 BRS, 2 Baths! Possible to convert this home back to a 2 family! Municipal Water & Sewerl Recent Natural Gas Buderus FHW Boiler. 2 Car Detached Garage! Auction online go to xome.com Apr. 7-10 \$185,000.



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home has an attractive modern flare wilvin peaks & rectangular window
lighter above the front entry doorf Open If plan, cathedral ceilings, holwd
& ceramic lile first Granite counter-tops, center island! Dining mr w/sliders
to deck overlooking private back? 2 BRs, +Mstr BR suite w/private bath! 1/2
bath/aundry, 2-1/2 bath total! Central Air, 2 car garage.

\$259,900. **WEBSTER LAKE - 203 BEACON PARK** 

Webster Lake Condo in BEACON PARK! 10 acres of website Lake Colloud in Barboliv Panki in dates of Park like Grounds!, Natural Sandy Beach! Excellent for Swimming! Do your early morning laps in the inground pool! 1200+ sf Living space! 2 large bedrooms, dining and living room! 2 sliders - Deck! BOAT DOCK INCLUDED! Buy now - enjoy the 4th of JULY FIREWORKS! \$254,900

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kept Ranch! 3 generous size bedrooms! Large living room with Bow Window, eat in kitchen. Oversized carport! Level fenced yard! Forced hot water by oil! Large shed! \$192,500



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First Time Offered! Grand 1960 Custom Built Cape! 10+

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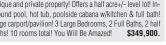
Fireplace! Plus 2 Delightful 3 Season Enclosed Patio Rooms

w/Slate & Terra Cotta Tile FIrs! 3,235 SF+/-. Outstanding ONE

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Oxford - 4 Leicester St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared **Thompson** - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway

23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! \$99,900. On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

## **WEBSTER LAKE - 7 CEDAR DR**



English Tudor Style Colonial! Cathedral ceiling Dining & Fireplaced Living Room! 1600+ sq ft of living area! 3 Good size bedrooms. Master bedroom with Master Bath! 1 bedroom on the main living level. 2-1/2 Total Baths! 7 rooms total! Finished basement with Hearth! Forced hot air by oil! Central Air Conditioning! 14' X 42' car port! 3 car garage! Comes with Non-Seperable Waterfront Lot, on Pond! Enjoy Webster lake without the High Taxes!



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 8** 

**SOUTHBRIDGE** 326 Whitetail Cir.

(C) Condo

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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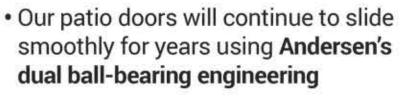
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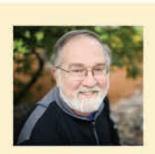
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