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A good time for some good news



Brendan Berube Photo Our Editor, Brendan Berube, following the CDC's social distancing recommendations by working from home with the help of his 'assistant,' Lola.

BY BRENDAN BERUBE

Charlton sees first positive test for COVID-19

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON – The COVID-19, or coronavirus, pandemic has hit close to home with the first recorded case in the town of Charlton.

On Wednesday, March 18, town officials were notified of the first positive case of the virus after three EMTs were exposed to a patient who was later tested for the illness. The positive case was confirmed on Tuesday, March 17, and the following day, a call from St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester informed officials of the situation prompting the three EMTs to be self-quarantined for fourteen days. As of this report none of the EMTs were confirmed to have contracted the virus during the call.

The Charlton Fire Department released a statement on their Facebook page confirming the reports and discussing the measures being taken to help protect first responders during the pandemic.

"In an abundance of caution, even before being notified of this exposure, the fire department took extreme measures to isolate all shifts in a 'proverbial vacuum' so that there is no cross contact amongst the four working shifts. The administrative staff has been relocated offsite, working remotely. This was done to minimize exposure opportunities running through the department. We have also updated our response to include every patient receiving a surgical mask prior to interaction with the EMTs. We are also providing additional personal protective equipment for our staff to wear during respiratory calls. Sanitizing of all apparatus is happening after every response for service," the statement read.

The revelation of a positive case capped off an eventful week for Charlton as the town followed suit with countless other communities across the state and country by closing town office buildings to public traffic and imploring residents to practice social distancing and proper hygiene to curb the spread of the virus. Charlton Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said the town has been working all along with the assumption that the virus was in the area and acknowledges that things progressed quickly even before a confirmed case was announced.

"This, in a way, made some of the residents more aware of the situation. The Board of Health has been very aware of

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Golas settles in as town administrator

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Since attending his first meeting in January, Charlton's new Town Administrator, Andrew Golas, has seen quite a lot in town during his first two months on duty.

Golas succeeded long-time Town Administrator Robin Craver who departed in October of 2019, after himself serving several years in the town of Barre and hit the ground running. Golas said his first few months in town have been quite the learning experience. He has been welcomed with open arms by the staff and town officials, and said it didn't take long for him to realize he made the right choice by joining the Charlton community. "Everyone that I've worked with has been great about bringing me up to speed. I've been as proactive as possible to get out to the business community and reach out to residents to see how I can best serve them in my capacity.



I've been getting up to speed on the budget system but thankfully we have a finance director who is great to work with. Pretty much everything else that's ongoing has almost come naturally," said Golas.

After only a few short months, Golas said he feels like he has been in the town for years and thanked the staff and elected officials for making his transition seamless. Among his biggest challenges has been learning the nuances of the different people he works with day to day, from department heads to the board of selectmen, challenges that come with any job transition especially when helping manage a community as tight nit as Charlton. "Everybody here is so passionate about what they do. I have a lot of department heads that have been here for a long time, and know a lot about where Charlton has been and where it is now. A lot of the things that surprise me is when they talk about when Charlton

EDITOR

As members of the news industry ourselves, we try to keep up with current events as much as possible by monitoring other publications and watching the nightly news regularly. At this point, however, we — like many of you out there — have had it. Over the past few weeks, there has simply been too much darkness assaulting us through our television screens every night. Too many graphs and charts depicting rates of infection, too much footage of ambulances racing through city streets, too much focus on dreary and depressing statistics reporting how many have been infected by the COVID-19 virus and how many have died. A steady diet of television news right would be enough to leave any viewer with the impression that the very fabric of our society is crumbling away around us.

Anyone who has been out of the house during this outbreak, however, has seen that nothing could be further from the truth. There is another side to the COVID-19 pandemic that has been receiving far less attention. Individual tales of generosity and goodwill have been popping up across the country recently — stories of landlords foregoing the collection of rent from tenants who are home without pay or insisting that the hard hit businesses who rent space from them pay employees first; stories of neighbors buying groceries and supplies for the elderly couple next door; of parents organizing food collection drives to ensure that families in need are able to keep food on the table for children whose schools have temporarily closed. Every day, in every community across the nation, ordinary people are stepping up to the plate to combat the negative impact of COVID-19 with kindness.

Just last week, we received a phone call from someone driving down Main Street in one of our own local communities who saw a group of children writing messages of encouragement and affirmation on the sidewalk with brightly colored chalk because it was something they felt they could do to help the people of their hometown stay positive and keep their spirits

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Jason Bleau Photo

Charlton Town Administrator Andrew Golas listens intently during his first Board of Selectmen meeting in January.

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United Way honors volunteers, area companies at awards ceremony



Courtesy Photos

The staff of Karl Storz Endovision and Endoscopy America receiving the Diamond Award for raising almost \$70,000 between their two locations in Charlton and Auburn.

STURBRIDGE — On March 12 at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village, prior to the restrictions on events, the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton honored two special volunteers and recognized our corporate partners that held workplace campaigns.

The 2019 Campaign Chair, Dawna Dagenais addressed the

gathering stating "Our success is very dependent on the companies and individuals in our community who support the United Way so that we may provide the resources that our Member Agencies need."

Mrs. Dagenais updated the guests on the status of the current campaign.

"With the loss of a few companies who chose not to run workplace campaigns this year, the campaign is short \$32,000 of the local goal of \$312,000," she said. "As the United Way forward funds our Member Agencies based on the previous year's pledges, this shortfall will affect the allocations to our member agencies in 2020. However, our corporate partners that are here today, and some that are not able to be in attendance, did an outstanding job of maintaining and even increasing their annual workplace campaigns!"

Awards were presented to two individuals for their commitment to help the United Way in their own ways. David L. Langlais, a Hyde Tools employee, received the 2019 Unsung Hero Award for his many years of volunteering to help to maintain and deliver the large campaign thermometers that are displayed during the campaign in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.

The 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Maria Gravel, an employee of Savers Bank, who acted as the campaign manager for the bank. Her passion and compelling story of how

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Aquarion's water service will continue during COVID-19 outbreak

OXFORD — As COVID-19 continues to affect communities across its New England service area, Aquarion is committed to doing the essential work needed to ensure safe, reliable water service for customers during these challenging times, while also protecting the health and safety of its employees and customers. Aquarion has implemented several measures to limit in-person employee interaction in its facilities, including a work-from-home requirement for employees who can do so, as well as enhanced cleaning measures at its facilities.

"Aquarion prepares for emergencies on annual basis, and is currently operating under its staffing emergency response plan and emergency pandemic plan," said Aquarion President, Donald Morrissey.

"We are well prepared to meet our customers' needs for the essential service Aquarion provides."

Aquarion has taken measures to alleviate any financial concerns its customers may face by:

Suspending customer shutoffs for nonpayment, late fees, and security deposits

Assisting customers with its financial support programs

Reminding customers about Aquarion's online portal which allows them to easily check their account, pay their bill and more at their convenience

Warning customers of increased scam activity due to the COVID-19 outbreak - customers should be wary of any

unsolicited calls that threaten to shutoff water service and that demand payment by unusual means.

From an operational perspective, Aquarion is:

Curtailing any nonessential planned work, including non-emergency, in-home appointments

Making sure all our field resources and support staff continue to be ready in the event of an unscheduled water service disruption not related to COVID-19

Additionally, Aquarion has enacted measures and guidelines for employees to ensure its workforce remains ready to serve customers and maintain its water infrastructure, including:

Postponing employee travel,

canceling large meetings and business gatherings

Requiring employees who can work remotely to do so, reducing in-person interaction

Creating new procedures including cleaning protocols so that employees who must work from our critical facilities can do so safely

During these challenging times, Aquarion is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of its customers, employees and the communities it serves, and ensuring that it continues to provide safe and reliable water service throughout its service area.

About Aquarion Water Company

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 52 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. based in Bridgeport, CT, it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eversource.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company, please visit www.aquarionwater.com or www.facebook. com/aquarionwater.

Country Bank donates \$250,000 to four local Hospitals

WARE — Country Bank announced today it has donated \$250,000 to four local hospitals to help assist with the work they are doing for their patients as they fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hospitals receiving donations include Baystate Health in Springfield, Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, UMass Memorial, and Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

"We are so grateful to Country Bank for its most generous support and appreciate its continued partnership during this unprecedented time. This gift will directly support resources needed at Baystate Health as we continue to address and prepare for the care our community needs as we face this worldwide pandemic," stated Scott Berg, Vice President of Philanthropy, Baystate Health, and Executive Director, Baystate Health Foundation.

'These are challenging and ever-evolving times as we face uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. As a community partner, we care deeply about our communities, and we wanted to support our local hospitals to help ease their financial burden as they continue to offer exceptional care to our friends and neighbors in the region," stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO at Country Bank.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

Quinsigamond Community College to transition to remote learning opportunities

WORCESTER — Due to the current instruction. and unfolding situation regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19, Quinsigamond Community College has instituted the following safety measures:

From March 18-27, the College will be closed to in-person services for current students and the public.

On March 22, regularly scheduled online classes will resume as normal.

Current in-person courses, labs, and clinicals (including in-person meetings of blended/hybrid courses) are being delayed until Monday, March 30 as the College transitions to remote instruction.

Seven-week courses (QCC's Spring II) that are 100% online will begin on March 23 as scheduled.

New, in-person, seven-week courses scheduled to begin on March 23 will be delayed until Monday, March 30, as they are reformatted to remote

Additional strategies such as facilitating access to Internet and online services, the QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center, and other student support services are being addressed and new procedures are being adopted. All information will be available to the public as strategies are finalized.

Registration for current QCC students will begin on March 30. Students will receive emailed instructions.

For the latest information and updates, visit QCC's Cronavirus/ COVID-19 Information Center at www. qcc.edu/coronavirus.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 orjmartin@qcc.mass.edu

Nichols College postpones Commencement exercises

DUDLEY — Nichols College has saying, "Per CDC and state guidelines, nize this milestone in your lives," she As the ever-changing situation develo

added. In addition, Nichols is planning to create a virtual event for May 2 in acknowledgement of the Commencement Ceremony that was scheduled to take place at Worcester's DCU Center. The college recently announced it was moving exclusively to online course delivery following this past week's spring break until at least April 3 and offering campus housing only to those students unable to return home. "It is truly impossible to express how very sorry I am that your final semester has been disrupted in such a profound way," Dr. Engelkemeyer said to the seniors, referring to the cancellation or deferment of in-person classes, and activities such as spring athletic events and travel opportunities. "For many of you and your families, I remember being there the day you moved into Shamie or other residence halls. And I fondly remember shaking each of your hands as we came together during fall orientation Vou are all in

announced it will postpone its annual Commencement exercises on May 2, in accordance with government mandates aimed at containing the transmission of COVID-19.

Nichols President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D., informed the graduating class in a March 17 email, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that our May 2, 2020 Commencement Ceremony is postponed."

This week, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a prohibition on gatherings of 25 or more people, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations to cancel or

postpone events of 50 or more for eight weeks.

In her mes-President sage. Engelkemeyer promised also graduates an opportunity to commemorate their academic achievement at a future event, with details to be determined.

"There will be a day that I will ully and with

ops, Nichols is keeping open various channels of communication to the students and the entire campus community.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers Master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

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Community bealth centers call on Baker for COVID Relief

WORCESTER — The Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center (Kennedy Community Health) and the Family Health Center of Worcester (Family Health) announced today that they are in full support of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' letter to Governor Charlie Baker seeking immediate and substantial financial relief in order to avoid a partial or complete collapse of the state's largest primary care network.

As the two largest health centers serving Greater Worcester, Kennedy Health Center and Family Health are responsible for the health care for over 50,000 local residents. The health centers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis, and have redeployed resources and staff to assess and care for patients with urgent health care needs.

"We have transformed our operations to respond to the coronavirus crisis, while continuing to serve the health care needs of the people who live and work in our community," said Stephen J. Kerrigan, President and CEO of Kennedy Community Health. "Dealing with this pandemic has the potential of crippling both our financial sustainability and workforce."

Community health centers work within a tight financial model caring for the needs of low-income, vulnerable individuals and families.

"We have alerted the Governor to the significant impact of this epidemic on front-line providers at Community Health Centers," said Louis Brady, President and CEO of Family Health. "We protect the health the entire community and need the resources to continue this critical public health work."

Both Worcester health centers have set up screening and isolation tents or mobile structures to assess patients' risk for COVID-19 and coordinate appropriate treatment or offer quarantine guidance. The health centers have shifted many services to telehealth appointments to protect both patients and staff from the risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

"We are relying on the Governor to hear the pleas of the largest primary care group practice in Massachusetts," said Kerrigan. "Without financial assis-



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tance over 1 million Massachusetts residents will have no access to health care during this crisis and in the foreseeable future."

Legislature approves a \$15 million fund in response to Coronavirus outbreak

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola Ranking Member, (R-Warren, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Senate and House recently passed a supplemental budget to create a \$15 million fund in response to the outbreak of COVID 19 cases in Massachusetts. The funds, held in reserve, will support the Commonwealth's monitoring, treatment, containment, public awareness and prevention efforts against the 2019 novel coronavirus by the Department of Public Health, regional and local boards of health, and other public entities.

"I am pleased that we were able to approve this critical funding so quickly," said Representative Smola. "We are determined to do anything in our power to assist state and local efforts to deal with our unfolding public health crisis."

The bill now goes to the governor. For







The Auburn News has an immediate opening for a local correspondent interested in producing two to three news stories each week focused on interesting people, places, events, and activities around town and in our local schools.

The ideal candidate for this position will have a familiarity with the area and a flexible schedule enabling them to cover occasional events or municipal meetings on nights and weekends. Compensation will be provided on a per-story basis in an amount commensurate with experience. Interested applicants are encouraged to send a resume and writing samples to Editor Brendan Berube at news@stonebridgepress.news.

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Nyla Age 10 Nyla is a very friendly girl of Hispanic descent. Nyla loves to be around others and is very social. Nyla is very intelligent and enjoys reading and math. She is very bright and excels in and loves school. A few of Nyla's talents are dancing, swimming, and drawing. Nyla also likes music and enjoys singing along to it. She is also very artistic.

Nyla is currently in the 4th grade. There are no concerns about Ny-

la's behaviors in school. Nyla states that she'd like to be a math teacher or hairdresser when she is older.

Legally freed for adoption, Nyla will thrive in most any family constellation with older children or no other children in the home. Nyla must be placed in a family who can allow her to visit with her biological siblings and possibly her maternal grandmother who live in western MA. There is an open adoption agreement in place for 3 visits a year with birth mother.

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Bartholomew & Company advisors earn Five Star Wealth Manager Award



Dory Huard

WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a wealth management and financial planning firm in Worcester, has announced that its Vice President, Dory Huard, RICP®, AIF®, Sr. Vice President, Joshua Paul, CFP®, AIF® and President, Thomas Bartholomew, AIF® have been named 2020 Five Star Wealth Managers* by Boston magazine.



Joshua Paul

Less than 13% of

wealth managers in Massachusetts were named to the list.

"This award speaks volumes-not only to the caliber of Bartholomew & Company's practice, but also to the quality of work and personalized attention these advisors put in to their



Thomas Bartholomew

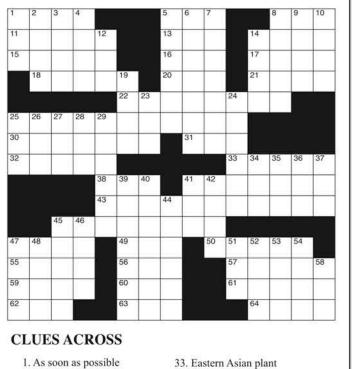
clients," said Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth Financial Network®, Bartholomew & Company's independent broker/dealer-RIA. Dorv. Joshua and Tom are valued members of Commonwealth, and we are extremely pleased to see them recognized on this scale.'

The 2020 Five Star program is the largest and most widely published financial services award program in North America. Award candidates are evaluated against 10 objective criteria to determine the Five Star Wealth Managers in more than 40 major markets.

As part of the updated research process for the Five Star Wealth Manager program, firms and peers nominate award candidates. The 2020Five Star Wealth Managers do not pay a fee to be included in the research or in the final list of Five Star Wealth Managers.

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Second Chance Veterinary Hospitals remain open for serious medical needs

NORTH BROOKFIELD Second Chance Animal Services is committed to keeping the doors of their three Community Veterinary Hospitals open for pets with nowhere else to turn.

As CDC recommendations heightened last week, the hospitals doubled efforts to minimize exposure so they could continue caring for pets that needed them. By last Monday, as schools made plans to close, so did the other veterinary care options provided through local schools that offer veterinary care at reduced rates for those in need.

CEO Sheryl Blancato hasn't gotten much sleep in the past week as she followed the flow

of directives from local, state and federal officials to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Blancato knows how important it is to keep the doors open.

"We founded our first hospital because many pet owners had nowhere to turn for veterinary care they could afford," she said. "Now our three hospitals are carrying the caseloads of other area hospitals that have already suspended operation.'

Last Monday, Second Chance began putting additional restrictions in place to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Currently, pet owners are met in the parking lot where they wait while their pet is seen. Doctors and owners conduct the visit via phone and the pet is returned to the car along with any medications if need-



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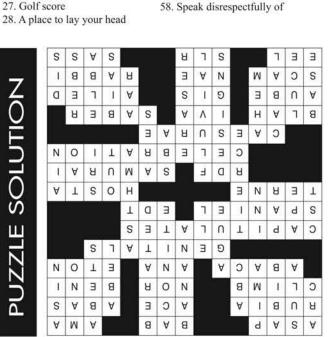
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We would like to honor all Mothers and Grandmothers in the May 8th issue. The deadline for honors is Friday, May 4 at 5 pm.

Cost is just \$20 per 2.4"x 2" B&W block. In the Spencer New Leader, Auburn News or Sturbridge/Charlton Villager

SAMPLE: EXACT SIZE



Mom, Of all the moms in all the world, nothing brings me more happiness than to know you're ours. With love from

John, Mary, and Jennifer

Please email a photo and a special message or an In Loving Remembrance message if deceased to jsima@stonebridgepress.news; OR mail or drop off to June Simakauskas Stonebridge Press 25 Elm Street, P. O. Box 90 Southbridge, MA 01550.

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ed. Thursday was the last day volunteers were able to help care for animals at Second Chance's Adoption Center in East Brookfield. On Friday, the veterinary hospitals suspended walk-in vaccine clinics and began limiting spay/neuter surgeries to conserve supplies and allow for more critical emergency surgeries as critical supplies are now on backorder across the country.

"We are working rapidly on some innovative ways to help our client's pets most in need as we prepare for future developments" notes "We have Blancato. emergency plans in place for our adoption center as well. Adoptions continue but with significant restrictions that only allow one family at a time to see pets, with cleaning in between. This is helping to find homes for our pets, who have already been through so much, while keeping people safe.'

Last week, the nonprofit announced the postponement of several vaccine clinics and their 21st Annual Dinner Auction, originally scheduled for March 28. The major fundraiser, which provides critical funding for all programs, has been rescheduled for May 9 but hope is dwindling that the event will be able to take place at that time.

Courtesv Photo

Link is a five-year-old male cat waiting to be adopted at the Second **Chance Adoption Center in East** Brookfield. Link came to Second Chance with entropion - a painful eye condition where the eyelid rolls in, rubbing on the cornea. A Second Chance surgeon performed corrective surgery to relieve his misery and he is very comfortable now. He has come a long way and loves attention, playing and lounging around.

Blancato knows she and her staff won't be getting much sleep in the days ahead as they work to find new ways to continue to help.

"My heart is breaking for everyone who has been and will be affected by this pandemic. We have to do what we can for the animals who might otherwise suffer," she added.

She said she's already seen an increase in emails and calls from pet owners worried about being able to afford care for their pet in these uncertain times, and knows that will increase in the months to come, adding more strain to an already impossible situation. If you would like to help by making a donation, visit Second Chance Facebook or website: www.secondchanceanimals.org. You can also mail a donation to Second Chance Animal Services, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515.





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LEARNING

MARIANAPOLIS PREP ANNOUNCES QUARTER 3 HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON, Conn. — Marianapolis Prep announces students who have earned their place on the Quarter 3 Honor Roll.

Head of School List

Ali Abdel-Jalil, Bayan, Kuwait; Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA; Lily Alessandro, Pomfret Center, CT; Owen Alicandro, North Oxford, MA; James Alves, Uxbridge, MA; John Barnwell, Danielson, CT; Ryan Barnwell, Danielson, CT; Cassandra Belsito, Millbury, MA; Abigail Boria, Charlton, MA; Benjamin Bouchard, Douglas, MA; Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson, CT; Campbell Braun, South Grafton, MA; Stephen Canavan, Ashford, CT; Marielle Caparso, Worcester, MA; Panachai Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Pannawat Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Dominika Chmielewski, Webster, MA; Spencer Courville, Charlton, MA; Julia Crosby, Whitinsville, MA; Anna Czechowski, Webster, MA; Anh Dao, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Alexandra Delano, Charlton, MA; Joseph DiPietro, Worcester, MA; Danielle Doiron, Charlton, MA; Fiona Doiron, Charlton, MA; Benjamin Duquette, Webster, MA; Sophie Elustondo, Burwood, Australia; William Engle, Plainfield, CT; Ava Fabiano, Killingly, CT; Chiara Faiola, Auburn, MA; Yifei Fang, Shanghai, China; Ashley Giorgio, Millbury, MA; Juliette Golden, Millville, MA; Madelyn Grundstrom, Moosup, CT; Timothy Hall, Plainfield, CT; Zachary Hall, Plainfield, CT; B Hannon, Putnam, CT; Angelina Hargrave, Charlton, MA; Sofia Hargrave, Charlton, MA; Mai Hasegawa, Osaka-shi, Japan; Sophie

Hendrick, Willimantic, CT; Philip Heney, Douglas, MA; Thu Hoang, Hai Phong, Vietnam; James Hoban, Millbury, MA; Maura Hoban, Millbury, MA; Patrick Hoban, Millbury, MA; Kaylynn Horan, Putnam, CT; Tung Huynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Katelyn Jacoboski, Willington, CT; Mackenzie Jutras, Greenville, RI: Claire Kelleher, Auburn, MA; Julia Kilroy, Upton, MA; Zachary King, Plainfield, CT; Kate Landis, Brooklyn, CT; Molly Landis, Brooklyn, CT; Abigail Leahy, Leicester, MA; Juhyoung Lee, Seoul, SouthKorea;SyhyoungLee,Seoul,South Korea; Lauren Lemire, Southbridge, MA; Chenxi Liu, Changzhou, China; Alana Lorusso, North Oxford, MA; Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock, CT; Lauren Makie, Webster, MA; Szymon Mamro, Webster, MA; Riley Martin, Moosup, CT; Steven Mascolo, West Hartford, CT; Benjamin McGarry, Thompson, CT; Keegan McLeod, Foster, RI; Kate Melnick, North Grosvenordale, CT; Sara Michailides, Chepachet, RI; Ayame Mizuno, Nagoya, Japan; Linh Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Nhi Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Abbie O'Brien, Plainfield, CT; Declan O'Connor, West Boylston, MA; Long Pham, Hanoi, Vietnam; Brendan Phaneuf, Danielson, CT;OliviaPisegna,Oxford,MA;Bronagh Power-Cassidy, Dublin, Ireland; Sara Powers, Grafton, MA; Sophia Rabitor, Davville, CT; Jill Reardon, Fiskdale, MA; Grace Rhoads, Stafford Springs, CT; Lucas Rhoads, Stafford Springs, CT; Thomas Santos Soares, Porto Alegre, Brazil; Elizabeth Schoemer, Oxford, MA; Hannah Schoemer, Oxford, MA; Olivia Sczuroski, Pomfret Center, CT; Trinity Semo, Dudley, MA; Ashley

Smith, Holden, MA; Ivana Smyckova, Horni Sucha, Czech Republic; Alex Stawiecki, Thompson, CT; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center, CT; Maya Summiel, Dayville, CT; Thang Tran, Da Nang, Vietnam; Daniel Twohig, Douglas, MA; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn, MA; John Vigliotti, Worcester, MA; Caroline Villa, Auburn, MA; Tram Vo, Phan Thiet, Vietnam; Mary Wall, Northborough, MA; Emily Walsh, Thompson, CT; Mary Walsh, Thompson, CT; Yunpeng Wang, Shenzhen, China; Zhenlin Wei, Shenzhen, China; Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA; Mingyou Xu, Shanghai, China; Wenyang Yuan, Beijing, China; Abdullah Zameer, Woodstock, CT; Zihan Zhang, Jinan, China.

Dean's List

Michael Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA; Oyetola Ajayi-Obe, Worcester, MA; Jenin Ayyash, Worcester, MA; Morgan Beaudreault, Dayville, CT; Callista Bibeau, Danielson, CT; Emma Balachard, Dayville, CT; Nicholas Boligan, Thompson, CT; Samuel Bouchard, Douglas, MA; Patrick Brooks, Worcester, MA; Hayden Buzzell, East Brookfield, MA; Jamie Calkins, Charlton, MA; Jessie Calkins, Charlton, MA; Hansen Cao, Shenzhen, China; Shaylan Cashman, Charlton, MA; Kara Corriveau, Brimfield, MA; Jasmine Creighton, Webster, MA; Paul Davey, Oxford, MA; Eva Dellea, North Oxford, MA; Sydney Duby, Worcester, MA; Nicholas Fennelly, Charlton, MA; Gilbert Fournier, Putnam, CT; Alexandra Giorgio, Millbury, MA; Lily Givner, Oxford, MA; Xiayuan Gong, Wuxi, China; Audrey Hammond,

Sutton, MA; Emily Hammond, Sutton, MA; Alyson Hartman, Douglas, MA; Kiersten Haviland, Plainfield, CT; Lily Hayes, Danielson, CT; Donovan Hendrick, Willimantic, CT; Garret Hippert, Brooklyn, CT; Madeline Hollett, Charlton, MA; Nghi Huynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Ge Jia, Baoding, China; Doyoon Kim, Seoul, South Korea; Caroline King, Rochester, MA; Ayana Kobayashi, Nagoya, Japan; Haruna Kobayashi, Nagoya, Japan; Avery Kurzontkowski, Shrewsbury, MA; Ava LaRoche, Stafford Springs, CT; Andie Lee, Charlton, MA; Evan Lundt, Woodstock, CT; Yihui Luo, Lian Yun Gang, China; Remonda Mankarios, Webster, MA; Ryan Martin, Douglas, MA; Salvatore Masciarelli, Northbridge, MA; Sydney Masciarelli, Northbridge, MA; Conner McLeod, Foster, RI; Emma McQuiston, Webster, MA; Daniel Moors, Uxbridge, MA; Colleen Murphy, Charlton, MA; Connor Murray, Southbridge, MA; Kaylynn Nolan, Oxford, MA; Hayley O'Connell, Webster, MA; Collin O'Connor, Sutton, MA; James Olivieri, Douglas, MA; Jenna Olivieri, Douglas, MA; Yasmeen Osborne, Brooklyn, CT; Dominic Penny, Charlton, MA; John Perveiler, Oxford, MA; Morgan Polinski, Webster, MA; Elena Polsky, Thompson, CT; Aleksandar Poturica, Belgrade, Serbia; Shunnan Qi, Shanghai, China; Jonathan Reardon, Fiskdale, MA; Johnna Romanek, North Grosvenordale, CT; Morgan Royston, Oxford, MA: Emma Russell, Brooklyn, CT; Elena Spangle, Brooklyn, CT; Christian Terwilliger, Lebanon, CT;

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Westwood Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Richinick a/k/a William James Richinick to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 47972 at Page 164 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on April 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Lot #3 on Plan of Westwood Acres, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the lot herein described at land of owners unknown on the easterly side of Burnett Street: Thence S. 2 degrees 18 minutes E. by said Burnett Street, eighty-nine and forty hundredths (89.40) feet to a point: Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet, connecting Burnett Street and Westwood Drive, fifteen and seventy-one hundredths (15.71) feet to a point on Westwood Drive: Thence N. 87 degrees 42 minutes E. by Westwood Drive, ninety-five (95) feet to Lot #4 on said plan; Thence N. 2 degrees 18 minutes W. by said Lot #4, ninety-two and eighty-one hundredths (92.81) feet to a point; Thence N. 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds W. by land of owners unknown, one hundred five and twenty-one hundredths (105.21) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of J.E. Murray ET UX dated October 18, 1963 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4414, Page 1. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas, or mineral rights of record, if any. Being the same premises conveyed to William James Richinick from William J. Richinick by deed (Subject to a life estate of William J. Richinick) dated 1//8//2003, and recorded on 9//3/2003, at Book 31498, Page 18, in Worcester County, MA. Assessors parcel number: MAP:3:BLK:32 The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated January 8, 2003, and recorded in Book 31498 at Page 18 with the Worcester County (Worcester Ditrict) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 March 13, 2020 1443.71 FEET NORTHERLY FROM LAND OF EDWIN L. CARPENTER AND IS THE MOST WESTERLY COR-NER OF LAND CONVEYED TO CARL H. JOHNSON AND HELEN M. JOHN-SON BY OUR DEED, DATED JUNE 6, 1949 AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK 3240 PAGE 15;

THENCE NORTHERLY 86.5 FEET BY THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LEICESTER STREET TO LAND OF CHARLES N. AND EDNA M. REMI-LLARD;

THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES EAST 163 FEET MORE OR LESS BY LAND OF SAID REMILLARDS TO THE NORTHWESTERLY COR-NER OF LAND CONVEYED TO US BY DEED OF WILLIAM A. VIOLA R. BY LAND OF SAID REMILLARDS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CON-TAINING 16817 SQUARE FEET OF LAND MORE OR LESS. FOR TITLE REFERENCE, SEE DEED BOOK 04784, PAGE 0161 OF WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS. Subject to a first mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ditech Financial LLC dated May 2, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57089. Page 361 in the original principal amount of \$92,750.00. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4784, Page 161.

These premises will be sold and con-

March 27, 2020

March 20, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Clifford E. Remillard, Rose A. Remillard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, dated June 21, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41534, Page 356 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE4, recorded on May 31, 2018, in Book No. 58872, at Page 259

U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE4 to Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company, recorded on January 8, 2019, in Book No. 59913, at Page 187

Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-SL1, recorded on April 2, 2019, in Book No. 60222, at Page 308 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 17, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 436 Leicester Street, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MAS-SACHUSETTS:

THE LAND IN SAID AUBURN, WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITU-ATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF LEICESTER STREET, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST-ERLY CORNER THEREOF AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF LEICESTER STREET, WHICH IS JEFFREY, DATED AUGUST 25, 1944 AND RECORDED WITH SAID REGIS-TRY BOOK 2945 PAGE 165; THENCE SOUTH 11 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 97 FEET BY OUR SECOND TRACT AS RECORDED WITH SAID REGISTRY BOOK 2945 PAGE 165 TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID JOHNSONS' LAND, WHICH CORNER IS 30 FEET SOUTH 78 DE-GREES 30 MINUTES WEST FROM THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LAND FORMERLY OF J. ARTHUR AND BEATRICE BOURASSA;

THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 198 FEET MORE OR LESS BY LAND OF SAID JOHN-SONS' TO THE PLACE OF BEGIN-NING, CONTAINING 37/100 OF AN ACRE OF LAND MORE OR LESS. THE SECOND TRACT IS DESCRIBED

AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST-ERLY CORNER THEREOF AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED FIRST TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 11 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 97 FEET BY SAID FIRST TRACT: TO THE MOST EAST-ERLY CORNER OF SAID JOHNSONS' LAND,

WHICH CORNER IS 30 FEET SOUTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST FROM THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LAND FORMERLY OF J. ARTHUR AND BEATRICE BOURAS-SA;

THÉNCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 30 FEET BY LAND FORMERLY OF GEORGE E. AND HAZEL M. CLOUATRE TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LAND FORMERLY OF J. ARTHUR AND BEATRICE BOURASSA AND LATER OF EDMUND J. AND BARBABA S. CLOUATRE;

THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES EAST 93 FEET BY LAND FORMERLY OF SAID BOURASSAS' TO LAND OF WILLIAM A. AND VIOLA R. JEFFERY; THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES EAST 145 FEET MORE OR LESS BY LAND OF SAID JEFFERYS TO LAND OF CHARLES N. AND EDNA M. RE-MILLARD;

THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES WEST 215 FEET MORE OR LESS veyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)

Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices. P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSO-CIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWN-ER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORT-GAGE ASSET TRUST 2018-SL1 Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 15926 March 20, 2020 March 27, 2020

April 3, 2020

Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya,

Jennalee Rousseau, ,Ava Simon

David Adorno, ,Zachary Cournoyer

Teresita Del Valle, Eva Jerez

Jason Checka, Elena Jerez, Lizmarie Rodriguez

GRADE 8

Kirsten Congdon, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert

Payton MacDonald, Avelyn O'Brien, Laci Pollone

Honors

High Honors

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TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBRIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy has released its honor roll for the second trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 4

Honors SymeonDownie, Jameson Durocher, Aedyn Esser, IssayrisGonzalez-Rivera, Heather Kennedy, Oliver MacDonald AleyaPereira, Noah Waterhouse

GRADE 5 High Honors Michael Gasperini, Apollo Logan, Yashvi Swadia, Nico Yacavace Honors

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Lily Tessmer, Lancaster, MA; Matthew Tomasino, Leicester, MA; Owen Trainor, Brooklyn, CT; Thinh Tran, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Ashley Vandenbrouck, Oxford, MA; Caroline Vigneault, Southbridge, MA; Maggie Vo, Worcester, MA; Elizabeth Walker, Thompson, CT; William Weinkopf, Jeremy Figueroa, Melany Ngo, Tatum Perez

GRADE 6

High Honors Makayla Capillo, Zoe Forget, Colin Ladd

Honors

Charles Congdon, Frances Dver, Anika Ferrantino Brandon McGlone, Amari Pereira, Nicholas Sargent, Cameron Simpson

GRADE 7

High Honors Luisa Henao, Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud

Plainfield, CT; Tyler Whiteley, Foster, RI; Anna Wildes, North Uxbridge, MA; Yukun Wu, Taiyuan, China; Yaxuan Xu, Beijing, China; Zhihe Ye, Beijing, China; Yi Nok Yeung, Hong Kong; Boning Zhu, Shanghai, China; Xingyu Zhu, Wenzhou, China; Yutian Zhu, Hangzhou, China.

Honor Roll

Emma Allen, West Boylston, MA; Grace Booth, Webster, MA; Domenic

Capalbo, Worcester, MA; Claire Crossman, Oxford, MA; Courtney Fleming, Douglas, MA; Isabel Hull, Union, CT; Ehmil Johnson, Auburn, MA; Kualim Johnson, Auburn, MA; Sydney Kennison, Somers, CT; Thomas Kennison, Somers, CT; Camille Larson, Charlton, MA; Michael Levesque, Narragansett, RI; Alexander Litke, Brooklyn, CT; Kaya Lukasek, Webster, MA; Sophia Maloney, Sutton, MA; Jacob McCabe, Douglas, MA; Kylie

Miller, Webster, MA; Nhan Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Andrew Peck, Paxton, MA; Colby Pion, Danielson, CT; Emma Raps, Webster, MA; Ashley Robert, Plainfield, CT; Patrick Sabourin, Uxbridge, MA; John Sarantopoulos, Pomfret Center, CT; Kaeleigh Sullivan, Douglas, MA; Kang Xu, Xi'an, China; Haipei Yang, Nanjing Jiangsu, China; Lucas Yash, Webster, MA.





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\$15 million road bond proposed in Oxford

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Just before most things shut down, Oxford selectmen got a look at next year's \$41.9 million town budget and its biggest related proposal: a \$15 million debt exclusion for roads.

DPW Director Sean Divoll dubbed the concept "a plan to really make a splash in improving our roads."

Over the course of 15 years, taxpayers would be asked to fund three \$5 million installments to upgrade roads, with money being paid back over 25 years. As it is now, the town uses whatever it gets in state Chapter 90 funds (around \$500,000 per year), and has added \$500,000 to that sum for the last couple years.

Divoll said that level of spending is only enough to keep the roads at their current level,while using only Chapter 90 funds (as many towns do), "we fall off the cliff" in terms of road condition. Right now, he said, the average road condition score is 61 on a 0-100 scale, which he described as "a tipping point." Showing selectmen a chart, he said things slide to a score of 55 by 2031 and 48 by 2044 if just using Chapter 90 funds. By contrast, a debt exclusion would enable improvement to 72 in the first five years and 78 in the second, after which it slips lightly but remains more or less stable.

"It's easier to keep a good road good that to reconstruct a roadway," he said, comparing it to the difference between doing routine house painting and having to replace boards due to deterioration. "... If we go the \$15 million route, we're basically touching every road in town" by 2032, either doing basic maintenance or full repaying.

Town Manager Jen Callahan noted they'll have public forums on the plan before asking Town Meeting to vote on it as a stand-alone warrant article. Afterward, it'll go to the town ballot.

Town Meeting is slated for May 6, but dates for the entire budget process are in limbo due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Callahan said the overall budget calls for a 2.58 percent increase, with 60.5 percent coming from local taxes and 32.5 percent from state aid. Half of the total goes to fund the schools, 19 percent to employee benefits, 9 percent each to DPW and public safety, 6 percent to other aspects of general government, 4 percent to debt, and smaller amounts to other areas.

Under Proposition 2.5's limits, the

maximum tax levy increase is about \$602,000, and she cited several areas of potential new revenue or savings. Among those are PILOT agreements with solar arrays, marijuana host community agreements, and savings from the town's conversion to LED road lights and other efficiency methods in buildings. She added she also wants to see better efforts to collect about \$1 million in back taxes and/or auction of those properties, and better enforcement of various laws and permits.

"We're on a really good road to putting money toward our bottom line," Callahan said.

Part of that involves putting aside money "for a rainy day" by investing in infrastructure and adding to the Stabilization Fund. As recently as 2017, that account had less than \$300,000 in it; her goal for fiscal 2021 is \$1.34 million, aiming for the state's recommendation of 5 percent of the budget by 2024.

In specific areas, Callahan is proposing budgetary shifts. Among them are things to help update the town's capacities by improving software and reducing the sheer quantity of old documents being stored; adding \$40,000 to fill the vacant planner/economic development director job; adding \$124,000 to create a fourth shift fire department position (plus contractual increases); increasing animal control salaries by \$20,000 and DPW salaries by \$150,000; and setting aside \$126,000 for a new math curriculum. Among the items in her roughly \$1.5 million capital budget are town building improvements, replacing several vehicles, paving North Cemetery, park improvements, a Main Street sewer feasibility study, and demolishing the Joslin School annex.

Finance Committee chair John Eul said Callahan is also looking into the town's overall salary structure and job descriptions to avoid seeing skilled folks go elsewhere and having to hire three or four people to replace one. He praised her grant work, Divoll's efforts to lease two multi-purpose trucks to replace four single-use trucks, and other money-saving methods.

"We got into a lot of the minutia ... so when we get to the community, we can say we recommend and it makes sense," he said.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus. steeves2@gmail.com.

School officials provide update on COVID-19 outbreak Lunch service to continue

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – While schools have remained closed throughout the duration of March and into April in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District has been hard at work communicating with parents about the outlook for the remainder of the school year and what services remain at their disposal.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche released a statement to parents in the district confirming that all schools are closed to the public "until further notice," calling the pandemic a "surreal time in our lives" that has brought real struggles to families across the commonwealth.

As learning has transitioned to the home environment, the superintendent said the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is facing many of the same struggles that families and districts across the country are managing as the United States works to respond to the outbreak. Part of the response has been to make learning opportunities available as of March 20 on the school Web site to guide the learning process away from the classroom.

"I want to reiterate a few important guiding factors associated with these learning opportunities. We cannot replicate the school day for all of our students and the learning opportunities are ungraded. The work is not mandatory, and we will not administer tests or quizzes. These factors are critical as we are not providing direct instruction to all of our students and we do not have the capacity to provide direct instruction to all of our students during this extended school closure. Our efforts and factors are the same as many, many districts across the Commonwealth,' said Lamarche.

While the learning experience may have been drastically altered by the pandemic, Lamarche offered some good news for parents in terms of school meals and payments of services for families. With school meals, students will continue to have access to food through the school district through the Free and Reduced Grab-n-Go program.

"This will take place at Shepherd Hill Regional High School for Dudley families and Charlton Middle School for Charlton families. From 11 a.m. through 1 p.m., we are asking parents/caregivers to drive to the pick-up location. A staff member will ask for a student(s) name for confirmation purposes only. From there we will place 3-4 days of food in your vehicle," Lamarche said. "(This will continue) Mondays and Fridays until further notice. Again, we know that some families and caregivers may now qualify for free and reduced meals. We will work with you, but all we ask is that you provide the staff member with a completed application when we provide you with food."

The superintendent also announced that the district will not be accepting any more payments for services from families including outstanding balances. These will resume when school is back in session. He added that should the shutdown extend past the end of the school year in June then a prorated or full reimbursement program for payments already made, including preschool, athletics and other student activities is in the works.

For now, the district is resorting to a "skeleton crew" with many employees transitioning to a home model of communication and work. Any questions or concerns are best communicated through email for the time being. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll Superintendent Lamarche reminded parents and all residents to follow the guidelines of the CDC and other agencies and to contact private care physicians if they feel they have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms of the virus.



Campaign Chair Dawna Dagenais, Unsung Hero Award recipient David Langlais and Board President April Parzych.

UNITED WAY

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a United Way program assisted a person she knew through a difficult time was instrumental in the success of the Savers Bank campaign.

Other awards of recognition were presented to the following companies for either their level of employee participation, or for total money raised through their individual campaigns.

Good Neighbor Award - Over \$10,000 and under 70 percent participation

Hyde Tools, Inc. & Employees for their continued support of over \$15,000

Harrington Hospital Employees - for their continued support of \$10,000

Bronze Award - 70-84 percent employ-

ee participation Dexter-Russell & Employees – with a combined total of \$20,000 Southbridge Credit Union – with a

combined total of \$7,100

Silver Award - 85 – 99 percent Employee Participation

Savers Bank & Employees – 94 percent with a \$20,000 campaign.

Gold Award Small Business - 25 or less employees 100 percent Employee Participation

bankHometown – Sturbridge Branch McGrath Insurance, a division of Starkweather & Shepley – Sturbridge location

St. Luke's Health Care



Campaign Chair Dawna Dagenais, Volunteer of the Year recipient Maria Gravel and Board President April Parzych.

Diamond Award - Employee & Corporate Gift Totaling \$30,000 or more

Incom, Inc. & Employees - \$34,000 Cornerstone Bank & Employees - \$49,575 combined total for the local United Ways

Karl Storz, Endovision & Endoscopy Divisions & Employees - Our largest corporate donation and campaign at almost \$70,000!

Executive Director, Mary O'Coin, concluded the event stating that "In these times, it is important to remember those who struggle daily with making ends meet, finding affordable day care, access to medical and mental health services, food for seniors, activities for the youth and much more. We appreciate all who volunteer and those that give to the United Way. This event marks the last one for the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton as we begin a merger with the United Way of Webster-Dudley and will be known as United Way of South Central Massachusetts in the coming months."

United Way plays a vital role in creating positive change within our community. UWSSC spends its time, energy, and funds on five initiatives: Health, Education, Financial Stability, Basic Needs, and Literacy, funding more than 26 programs through 19 non-profit partner agencies annually for programs and services that focus on the initiatives.

If you would like to give or contact the United Way please contact: Unitedwayssc@verizon.net

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G & R Fish Market: Celebrating 15 years in business

STURBRIDGE — What makes a man change his profession from hairdresser to fishmonger? For Sebastiano Giaquinto it was simple. A passion for buying and selling the freshest fish and seafood in the area.

When Giaquinto, who grew up in Italy, moved from Worcester to his wife's, the former Jeannette Ramos hometown of Southbridge, he went looking one day to buy fresh fish for dinner.

"In Italy, everything is fresh," he said. "You go to the fish market for fish; the vegetable market for fruit and produce. We don't have big supermarkets like here in America."

While one can certainly buy fish at the local stores, the product, however, is mostly frozen, not fresh.

A decision was made. Giaquinto would leave his profession as a hairdresser. The couple first opened G & R Fish Market in 2005 in Southbridge. On March 18, 2008, they moved the store to its current location at 135 Main Street in Sturbridge.

G & R Fish Market is open only four days a week, Wednesday – Saturday, as Giaquinto is committed to freshness. He travels to Boston two or three of those days each week to buy the freshest haddock, cod, salmon, scallops, tuna, and swordfish available. And you can tell the moment you walk through the door. The

clean smell of the air is noticeable. G & R also carries fresh live lobsters, clams, PEI mussels, king crab legs, and wild shrimp from Gulf of Mexico.

"That is the only product that comes in fresh frozen,' he said.

Additionally, G & R sells a variety of homemade pasta ravioli from Somerville; chowders and bisques, stuffed clams and more.

The business is family-oriented in many ways. Sister Antonietta "Toni" Giaquinto works alongside her brother; artwork by his children when they were young and now his grandchildren adorn the walls.

"Customers' kids bring me drawings, which I hang up too," Giaquinto said proudly.

On the walls, too, you will find six certificates designating G & R Fish Market the Winner of the Best Fish Market of Greater Sturbridge (comprised of eleven area towns). The Sturbridge Times Readers Choice Awards ran from 2011-2016 and G & R won every time. "We are so thankful for

everyone's support and we look forward to many more years serving the greater Sturbridge community." Business hours are Wednesday – Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Pictured: Sebastiano Giaquinto and Antonietta "Toni."

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Online antique education



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

two weeks can make. In my last column, I discussed upcoming flea markets as we started to see nicer weather. Now, with people staying at home and social distancing, many are looking online to learn something new. There are plenty of online options for those of you interested in studying about



prices if you'd like to find out what items like yours sold for. There are other research options as well including worthpoint.com, liveauctioneers. com, invaluable.com, askart.com, artprice.com and artnet.com. Some of these sites do charge fees to access their databases. There are plenty of videos about antiques on YouTube and other websites that you can view for free. Just remember that there may be inaccuracies, biases, or the video creator may be trying to get you to sell them your antiques and collectibles. So, view them with the healthy skepticism you would with anything else you find on the web.

more about antiques and collectibles, there are some distance learning courses that you can sign up for. Please use due diligence when choosing courses as I have no direct experience with any companies offering these courses.

Universalclass.com offers online classes on a wide range of topics. Their antiques and collectibles course costs \$50, or \$75 if you want a CEU credit. They also offer unlimited courses from their hundreds of offerings for \$189 a year. Their antiques and collectibles course description reads: "How to Buy and Sell Antiques and Collectibles offers a highly successful approach to acquiring and selling antiques and collectibles for both fun and profit. This course incorporates many strategies of acquiring and selling desirable objects and pieces, with the goal of personal enjoyment and fulfillment." There are 15 lessons for both collectors and dealers The Asheford Institute of Antiques offers an online appraisal course. The individual lessons may appeal to people who are interested in opening an antique shop, selling online or considering some other type of antique related career. I spoke with the Business Director at Asheford, Greg DeMarco. He said that they typically

see an increase in people taking their courses during a recession, as people feel the need to learn more or make career changes. When I spoke with Mr. DeMarco, Asheford was seeing nearly a 15% increase in registration since the COVID-19 virus. Asheford Institute's website is asheford.com. DeMarco may see an uptick in business, but like all of us he hopes that the pandemic and the measures needed to contain it are short-lived.

I'll be appraising items for the Douglas Historical Society on May 3, provided there is no need to reschedule it. We will also be running an estate

WAYNE TUISKULA antiques and collectibles.

If you want to do something informal, you can dig out your antiques and collectibles and research them. If you aren't sure what your item was used for, Google images may help you find a match on the web. Go to images.google.com and you can find other items on the web that look like yours. I recently had a piece I couldn't identify and found it was a gold-filled retractable toothpick using Google images. You may find a manufacturer's mark on some of your pieces and can research the company's history on the web. You can look up eBay sold

If you are serious about learning

sale with many antiques in an Auburn, MA home and an online auction in Warren, R.I. when conditions allow. Our online Rutland estate farm auction has been temporarily postponed. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events. Stay healthy, everyone! I look forward to seeing you at antique events soon.

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it and we were taking it very seriously before it hit us. It's become our world for the last month. We saw it coming but I just think this will make residents in town more aware that it is here, it is a real issue. Hopefully they'll practice the social distancing and I think they'll be more cautious. It's not something somewhere else, it's right here in our communities," Gagner said. "The town of Charlton is very well prepared. We've had a plan in place for a situation such as this and other situations that could occur. We've always had an emergency response action plan. Charlton was well stocked up with gloves and masks and personal protective equipment

that other towns are running short on and we've been able to supply mutual aid to local doctors offices and even other towns in the area as needed."

Administrator Town Andrew Golas said having a positive test in Charlton doesn't change much from his perspective either. Charlton has used the governor's recommendations and orders as well as the advice of medical professionals to their advantage to try and stay ahead of the pandemic and they plan to continue to embrace these practices as long as needed to prevent the continued spread of the illness.

The result of having a positive case hasn't changed anything. We've been operating using the governor's orders and looking to other towns as well but obviously having a positive case in town is not a great thing. We're just trying to get the public information out there about the fact that it is close, and we want to do everything we can to mitigate the situation and keep it from spreading further," Golas said.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Singer released a statement to the public in the wake of the positive test urging the community to remain calm and touting the town's preparedness as the pandemic has become a much clearer reality. He also urged the community not to change who they are, but only how they interact to help stop the spread of the virus without sacrificing the sense of community that has made Charlton so great.

"The people of Charlton have

always supported and watched out for one another. Knowing the people of this town that's not going to stop. Call your neighbors to check in and make sure they're okay. If you know a senior offer to help if you can. They may need someone to run and get groceries for them or may need a ride. Call in a take our order from any of the restaurants owned by our friends and neighbors. Together we can, together we will!" Singer said.

He also urged citizens not to panic as many in the country have done in the past few weeks by raiding grocery stores and hoarding supplies.

"There's no reason to run to the store and buy all the food and supplies in sight," he said. "There is no shortage of food or supplies. There is simply a shortage of manpower to unload trucks and restock fast enough. Buy what you need as you normally would, and there will continue to be plenty to go around."

With Charlton having its first confirmed case Harrington HealthCare Systems has announced the temporary closure of the urgent care facility in Charlton recommending all patients go to the Oxford urgent care site at 78 Sutton Ave. instead. While the confirmed case from Charlton did not originate from the Charlton facility, the company decided to close the facility due to declining patient volumes and the increased space for patients in Oxford. The company has set up a coronavirus hotline at 508-765-8191.

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used to be this rural farming community and being a new person in town I think of Charlton as more of an affluent community. Now that I'm here I can see that personality and how things have all come together and grown," Golas said.

While Golas has big shoes to fill after Craver's 13-year stint in the town's highest non-elected post, he feels up to the challenge. He doesn't plan to judge his success based on the past, rather he wants to continue to create a bright and successful future for the community and believes that to accomplish this everyone needs to work together.

"I want to see a teamwork approach. As we see people come in for new developments, I want to sit down as a team with the applicant and give them our guidance all at once rather than having them bounce from office to office. I'd like to make sure that department head meetings continue, and we all know what's going on," Golas said. "We launched a social media page for the town, and I want to make sure we push updates for people to see about what's going on and they know what we're

dealing with and what to anticipate going forward."

Anyone interested in staying informed on the happenings in the town of Charlton and news from the new Town Administrator's office need only search for Town of Charlton on Facebook and click the like button to follow the page.

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Editorial

A much needed time for renewal

Another winter is on its way out, and warmer, longer days are finally here. As March turns the corner into April, the dawning of the season of renewal is perhaps more welcome this year than ever before in the shadow of the Coronavirus outbreak, and we thought this would be an opportune moment to reflect on some of the things that make us grateful for the arrival of spring.

While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snow banks melt away, and we welcome the sight of our lawns and tree branches once again sprouting green.

Another phenomenon that comes with spring is 'spring fever.' In modern times this is a semi-positive term. Back in colonial times, however, 'spring fever' referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today's 'spring fever' will have children restless in school, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex.

Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the springtime are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight, and you will not only be awake, but enthusiastic. To touch on a bit of history, as we are wont to do, the month of April is derived from the word 'Aprillis,' which in turn is derived from the word 'aperire,' meaning "to open." This makes perfect sense, as the world becomes abloom again in spring. With everything once again blooming and warm, sunny weather ahead, we hope all of you out there have an opportunity to stave off stir craziness during this outbreak by stepping outside to feel the sun on your own faces, inhale a deep lungful of invigorating air, and enjoy a much needed sense of renewal.

Does humanity really end when the toilet paper runs out?

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SPEAKING

BY GARY W.

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I have a friend since high school named Karen. She was a smart and focused student, a cheerleader ... very popular but always a kind soul. We lost touch through the years but reconnected when, to her surprise, she saw my

name on a book at Barnes & Noble. Karen was always engaged and helpful. Raised by kind parents, she was always one of those people who were ... well, just that way.

Sunday morning, Karen rose early and headed to the grocery store in her small Michigan town. She had a plan to arrive as the doors opened and get the few items she needed and did. Toilet paper was on her list and she bought the only package left ... a package of eight rolls. She, like most of us, was surprised by the empty shelves. She bought what she could and headed out of the store and to her car. In the parking lot, she encountered an elderly man, visibly upset. Karen asked if he was okay.

"My wife and I are out of toilet paper. I've been searching for days. I don't know what to do," the troubled old gentleman explained.

He didn't know what to do, but Karen did. She broke open the package of eight rolls and tried to give him half. He would only accept two, and was touched to tears. He didn't have to leave empty handed because of the generosity of Karen Tyson. She, and others like her, give me hope and optimism in a time wrought with despair and pessimism.

We still live in the richest nation in the history of the world. Is it truly necessary for some of us to survive, that others must go without?

No.

"We have nothing to fear but fear itself." – Franklin Delano Roosevelt

When fear sets in, irrational behavior begins. Saturday, I witnessed a man and a woman struggling in the aisle of my local store over a bottle of bleach. There's really not a shortage of bleach, there is only the fact that some bought more than they needed and left others without. The same with hand sanitizer. I've seen some on social media bragging about how much they have while others are driving all over town and can't find a single bottle. I personally know of a 65-year-old man with cancer who is at high risk and can't find a single bottle anywhere.

Being prepared is admirable, while hoarding is only selfish.

Last week, I wrote a column that I thought would

be whimsical, but by the time it went to print was not. There are people in serious need of the basics of life. No, not having toilet paper may not be life threatening, but a lack of food items and basic products for disinfection are. If you have a little to spare, please share. Call your local house of worship, food pantry, Salvation Army or any organization who can help get these into the hands of someone in need. Be inspired by the kindness and willingness to share that Karen, and many like her have displayed.

No. I am not asking you to share what you need for the survival of the next few weeks or month, but please examine your heart and ask yourself if you have a little to spare. I believe the supply chain of these items will catch up with demand sooner than later. The shelves will soon be filled again. That's the beauty of capitalism. Just look into your heart and pantry and see, like Karen, if you can graciously give a little to help someone who is in need.

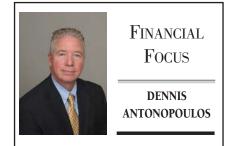
Keep your eyes open. Most people in need will never ask. Karen saw a man who was distraught and asked him. Will you do the same? Do you have elderly neighbors? Will you stop by and check on them? See if they are in need?

Be kind ... be optimistic ... and pray.

If you have nothing to give, share a kind and encouraging word. Do not take part in the negative gloom and doom conversations. Be uplifting and encouraging in public and in private, if you are so disposed ... please pray.

We've always been a nation that looked out for our neighbor and pitched in to help where we can. Yes. These are unprecedented times, but we will survive then thrive. And besides ... I am old enough to brag that I have survived at least ten end-of-the-world predictions. I'm optimistic the world will survive this one too. Gary W. Moore is a freelance colunnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

Know the four uses of cash



It's important to have cash available for your everyday spending and the inevitable rainy day. However, you also need to develop a cash strategy that can contribute to your long-term financial success. But just how much cash do you need? And in what form?

To answer these questions, it's useful to look at the four main uses of cash:

• Everyday spending - Your everyday spending includes the cash you use for your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. As a general guideline, you should have one to two months of living expenses available during your working years, and perhaps a year's worth of living expenses when you're retired. (The latter can be adjusted higher or lower based on your income from Social Security or a pension.) You'll need instant access to this money - and you need to know your principal is protected – so it may be a good idea to keep the funds in a checking or cash management account.

· Unexpected expenses and emergencies – If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or if you incurred a big bill from a doctor or dentist, would you be able to handle the cost? You could – with an established an emergency fund. During your working years, this fund should be big enough to cover three to six months of living expenses; when you're retired, you may be able to get by with one to three months' worth of expenses, assuming you have additional sources of available cash. You'll want your emergency fund to be held in liquid vehicles that protect your principal, such as savings or money market accounts or shortterm certificates of deposit (CDs).

 Specific short-term savings goal(s) – At various points in your life, you may have a specific goal - a new car, vacation, wedding, etc. - that you'd like to reach within a year or two. Your first step is to identify how much money you'll need, so think about all the factors affecting the final cost. Next, you'll need to choose an appropriate savings vehicle. You could simply put more money in the accounts you use for everyday cash, or even in your emergency fund, but you would run the risk of dipping into either of these pools. Instead, consider opening a separate account – and tell vourself this money is for one purpose only.

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up. We were so moved by this extraordinary act of selflessness on the part of those so young that it inspired us to seek out similar displays of goodwill. All of us could use some 'good' news right now, and we are asking you, faithful readers, to share yours with us. If there is a collection of food and supplies for those in need taking place in your community; if you have been the fortunate recipient of an unexpected act of kindness; or if you know of a hometown hero who you believe deserves recognition for going above and beyond to make a positive difference during the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to hear about it. Feel free to contact our Editor by e-mail at brendan@salmonpress.news or by phone at 279-4516, ext. 101 and help us spread some positivity.



Easy Easter Time Tips

Easter is right around the corner and the religious holiday, steeped in tradition, often creates the best family memories. Coloring eggs, early morning candy hunts, Easter lilies, and family tables heaped with festive fare, all make this spring celebration one of the most enjoyable holidays ever.

Few family traditions are more enjoyable than those that happen at Easter time. Read on for some fun and easy Easter related tips - from a new twist on tinting eggs to preserving potted lilies.

Bye Bye Bunnies: Do you have leftover solid chocolate bunnies? Here are some ideas to put them to good use:

*Chop up chocolate and store in zip lock bags to use as chocolate chips in cookie batter, muffins, pancakes or to top cupcakes.

* Make candy coated popcorn: Melt chocolate and toss in freshly popped corn to coat. Allow to cool and harden before serving.

*Whip up an old fashioned mug of rich and yummy hot chocolate. For every cup of whole milk add four ounces chopped chocolate. Add a few drops of vanilla extract and a dash of sugar if desired. Melt on the stove on medium/ high heat, stirring constantly. When mixture simmers, turn to low and cover for three minutes. Stir before serving. ***

Everlasting Flower Preservative Want to preserve your Easter bouquet or corsage? It's easy to make them last almost indefinitely!

Ingredients: 1 pint powdered Borax (in laundry aisle); two pints cornmeal; covered cardboard box (a shoebox is ideal); fresh flowers. Instructions: 1. Thoroughly mix borax and cornmeal.
2. Cover the bottom of
the box with 3/4 of an inch of this mixture.
3. Cut flower stems about 1 inch long.
Lay the flowers face down in this mixture.

Spread the petals and leaves so that they lie as flat as possible. Do not place flowers too close together. 4. Cover the flowers with 3/4 of an inch of the mixture. 5. Place the lid on the box and keep at room temperature for 3 to 4 weeks. The flowers will stay summer fresh indefinitely.

Tissue Paper Dyed Easter Eggs

Why not try a new twist on an old tradition? Using tissue paper to color eggs results in an interesting hue of pastels (and no more dye mess)!

Note: Did you know Celebrity Chef Bobby Flay recommends boiling older eggs rather than very fresh eggs, because it's easier to peel older hard boiled eggs than fresh ones?.

You'll need: Tissue paper in several colors; water, hard boiled eggs, small bowls or cups.

Instructions:

1. Tear the tissue paper into small pieces.

2. Put some water in a bowl.

3. One at a time, soak pieces of tissue paper in the water. Then stick the wet pieces onto the surface of a hard boiled egg. Keep placing tissue on the egg until it is covered. You may want to overlap the tissue pieces a little to cover the entire egg, or leave spaces to create a

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• Source of investment – You can use cash in two ways as part of your overall investment strategy. First, cash can be considered part of the fixed-income allocation of your portfolio (i.e., bonds and CDs). Because cash behaves differently from other asset classes - such as stocks and bonds - it can help diversify your holdings, and the more diversified you are, the less impact market volatility may have on your portfolio. (However, diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.) The second benefit of cash, in terms of investing, is it's there for you to purchase a new investment or to add more shares in an existing investment. In any case, you probably don't want to be too cash heavy, so you might want to keep no more than 10% of your fixed-income assets in cash.

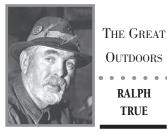
As you can see, cash can be valuable in several ways – so use it wisely.

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Turkey bunting tactics



Will life ever be the same again? One good thing that sportsmen have in their favor is that hunting and fishing in the great outdoors is available 24/7, with plenty of room for all. Massachusetts has been busy stocking trout in most area ponds that normally receive them. Local rivers and streams had not been stocked as of this past weekend, but should receive an allotment of trout this week. Check the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Web site for up to date stocking of trout in your area. The water is still cold and fishing for trout has been slow, according to some anglers. As always, power bait is the number one bait to fish with.

Wild turkey season is not far away, with this year's opening

day April 25. With the mild winter we had this year, an abundance of birds survived, as did other wildlife. Central Massachusetts has a large population of birds, far surpassing the Berkshires and areas north & West of the valley. Those areas were once the only place to hunt Wild Turkeys back in the day, but when the state started to stock some of the wild birds from New York and other states in the Blackstone Valley, their populations exploded.

Hunting tactics for harvesting a Wild Turkey have not changed much over the years, but more and more hunters are starting to use ground blinds, unnoticed by the keen sight of the wild turkey. They allow the hunter a lot more ability to move around in a comfortable chair, or just to sip on a cup of hot coffee while waiting for a big tom turkey to come strutting into your decoys. The blind also allows you to stay off of the ground decreasing an encounter with a nasty deer tick, which, by the way, have started to show up on my dogs in the last month, as well as other residents' dogs. Today's ground blinds are easy to set up and are extremely light and cost around \$100.

Using a box call to imitate a hen turkey is the most popular call among sportsmen to lure in a big gobbler, and is easy to use. Slate calls and mouth calls work extremely well, but do require a bit of practice. Many hunters have a hard time using a mouth call, which requires the call to be kept in their mouth for sometimes long periods, but when they are mastered they work very well.

When wild turkey hunting first started in Massachusetts, numerous seminars were held throughout the valley by some game call representatives like Quaker Boy, or professional turkey hunters from other states. There are very few seminars today, but some Fish & Game clubs should consider holding one at their club for first time turkey hunters, and even those that enjoy that have harvested a few birds. The hosting club usually has some great food available and even some video of past hunts. Hopefully,



the virus that has caused so much health concern will be gone soon so that everyone can get back to their normal life. It is too late for turkey seminars this year, but hopefully, next year will be different

Charter boat captains are also going to get hit hard by the virus pandemic when fishing season rolls around. Boat captains that have sport fishing boats (called six packs) carrying six anglers or less, will not be hit as hard as the large char-

perennials and bulbs to

attract visitors in early

spring as they search for

much-needed food. Add

fall flowers to help pre-

pare them for winter or

migration to their winter

homes. Those in milder

climates will want to add

some pollinator-friendly

flowers to support and attract pollinators win-

tering in their backyard.

for greater design impact

and to reduce the energy

pollinators expend when

gathering nectar and pol-

len from one flower to

the next. Provide plants

with enough space to

reach their mature size.

Temporarily fill in voids

with annuals like salvia,

single zinnias and nicoti-

ana that also attract pol-

Don't let all the plant

and design possibilities

overwhelm you into inac-

tion. Gardener's Supply

Company has plans

Plant flowers in groups

ter boats that carry up to 40 or 50 people. They will basically be shut down until July or August if things stay the same or get even worse. Private boat owners will still be able to fish unless we to are told to shelter in place.

Hope everyone stays safe and life will get back to normal soon!

God Bless.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Designing a beautiful garden for you and the pollinators



You don't need a prairie or large lot to attract and support pollinators. A meadow or informal, formal and even container gardens can bring in bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to help pollinate plants. It's just a matter of selecting the right plants, adjusting your maintenance practices, and skipping the pesticides.

Create your garden by converting a few square feet of lawn, garden bed or front yard into a pollinator-friendly garden. You may want to start by switching out part of an existing garden or container to more pollinator-friendly flowers.

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Simplify and dress up your efforts by using an easy-to-assemble raised garden kit like the Pollinator Garden Bed (gardeners.com). Its long-lasting cedar planks slide into aluminum corners to create a hexagonal bed. Get creative while increasing the garden's size by adding additional sections to

other interesting design. Mark the outline of the raised bed you select. Cut the grass short and cover with newspaper. Set your raised bed in place and fill with a quality planting mix. Mulch four to six inches surrounding the raised bed for ease of mowing and to eliminate the need to hand trim.

create a honeycomb or

Once your planting bed is prepared, you're ready to plant. Include single daisy-like black-eved Susans, coneflowers, and asters that allow visiting insects to rest and warm when sipping on nectar or dining on pollen. Add a few tubular flowers for butterflies and hummingbirds. They both like bright colors and can be seen visiting salvias, penstemon and nastur-



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tiums.

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for designing gardens to attract bees, butterflies

linators.

Allow healthy plants and grasses to stand for winter. These provide homes for many beneficial insects and food for birds. Wait as long as possible to clean up your garden in spring. If needed, pile clippings out of the way to allow beneficial insects to escape these winter homes once temperatures warm. Then shred and compost the plant debris in summer.

your gardens As flourish, you will want to create more pollinator-friendly spaces. Your efforts will be rewarded with beautiful flowers, increased harvest and the added color and motion these visitors provide.

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Expand your planting options by converting a portion of your lawn into a pollinator garden. Outline the bed with a hose or rope. Remove the sod, add compost as needed to improve drainage and you'll be ready to

the bees that are attracted to bright white, yellow, blue and ultraviolet colors. You'll find them visiting these and other blossoms like catmint, sweet alyssum and perennial geranium.

And don't forget Include spring, sum mer and fall bloomers to keep pollinators visiting and well fed throughout the season. You'll enjoy the seasonal changes along with the color and motions the visitors provide. Include early spring

hummingbirds plus and tips on keeping them safe in your garden.

Mulch the soil with leaves annually. It suppresses weeds, conserves moisture, improves the soil and provides homes for many beneficial insects.

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mosaic effect.

4. After the entire egg is covered, place it in an egg cup to dry.

5. When the tissue is dry, peel it off of the egg. The color of the tissue paper will have transferred to the egg.

Prolong Potted Lilies: Easter lilies are gorgeous plants, and with a few tricks you can prolong their life as a potted plant way past the Easter holiday.

If you are purchasing the plant yourself, choose a healthy looking plant with a few flowers in full bloom but with most unopened. Keep potted soil moist and place in a cool 60 to 65 degree room where it can get some indirect sunlight. Avoid direct heat and direct sunlight. Be sure the pot is on a saucer, and if it is wrapped in foil be sure the foil doesn't trap any water in the bottom of the pot. Help your lily last even longer by snipping off the pollen laden anthers from the center of the blooms.

Long Lasting Lilies: When your Easter lily has seen better days, don't toss it out! Your potted lilies can last for years to come if you plant them outside. To do: When leaves and stems turn yellow and or brown, trim them back and plant the bulb directly into the garden after the threat of frost has passed. For best results, plant the bulb in about three inches of good soil in a sunny or partial shade area. Top with another three inches of mulch, peat moss, compost, etc. (bulb is six inches underground). Water as needed. Keep in mind transplanted lilies won't bloom until next summer. Keep well mulched during the winter and next spring remove extra mulch to help lilies sprout up.

Chalk it Up: Wondering what to do

with all those eggshells left over from Easter? Why not be creative and teach the kids how to make sidewalk chalk? While you're at it, you can throw in a little recycling lesson!

Eggshell chalk: four to five eggshells, one teaspoon flour, one teaspoon very hot tap water, food coloring (optional).

Directions: Wash and dry eggshells. Put the shells into bowl or grinder and pulverize into a powder. Toss away any large pieces. Place flour and hot water in another bowl and add one tablespoon eggshell powder and mix until a paste forms. Add food coloring if desired.

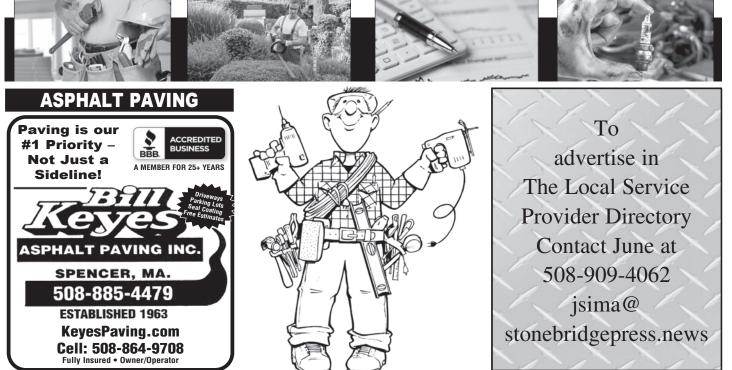
Shape and press mixture very firmly into the shape of a chalk stick, and roll up tightly in a strip of strong paper towel. Allow to dry approximately three days until hard. Remove paper towel and vou've got homemade chalk! (Eggshell chalk is for sidewalks only.) Recipe can be doubled or tripled, depending upon how many eggshells you have.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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<u>SPORTS</u>

Bravehearts build 2020 roster around locals, including Auburn's Coleman Picard

In six seasons, the Worcester Bravehearts have consistently built championship-caliber rosters in the Futures League by recruiting some of the most talented baseball players in Central Mass. Players like Ian Strom of Hopedale, Zack Tower of Auburn, Ryan Ward of Millbury, and Mariano and Dante Ricciardi of West Boylston have been key contributors to the Bravehearts success since 2014. Recently the team announced a slate of 14 local players who will attempt to defend the team's 2019 championship when the season begins May 27.

Six of the 14 local players are returners from last year's team that won 30 regular season games and defeated the Pittsfield Suns, Brockton Rox, and Bristol Blues on the way to the organization's fourth championship. Holden residents Jack Gardner (Saint John's High), P.J. Barry (Saint Peter-Marian High) and Brendan Case (Wachusett Regional) are all slated to return.

Leicester resident Jack Steele (Worcester Academy) will return to the starting rotation for the Bravehearts in 2020. Steele, a sophomore at UMass-Amherst, started seven games for the Bravehearts last season, logging 33 innings and a 4.86 ERA. He may be best remembered for his gutsy performance to start Game 1 of the 2019 FCBL Championship. On less than 24 hours notice, he turned in his best performance of the season, going 5.1 scoreless innings in a crucial 2-1 Bravehearts victory. Steele also won the 2017 Central New England Prep School Baseball



League Championship at Worcester Academy.

If returning third baseman Aidan Wilde (Milford High) seems comfortable with the coaches, it is because he is. Not only was Alex Dion his coach last summer, but Dion was also Wilde's high school coach where Wilde put up amazing numbers. He hit .476 in 235 total high school at-bats, including a senior year in which he finished with a .509 average and .645 on base percentage. Wilde is one of the very few players to actually hit a ball over the fence at Milford's Fino Field, a distance of over 400 feet. Wilde was voted the NE10 Rookie Hitter of the Year his freshman year and was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Preseason All-East Region first team prior to this season, his sophomore year at Stonehill College.

Another key returning

player is Shrewsbury's Nick Martin (Shrewsbury High). The outfielder is a junior at Westfield State and was a part of the 2017 Shrewsbury Legion Post 397 team that won the American Legion Northeast Regional. Last summer he hit .276 while playing five different positions for the Bravehearts.

The Bravehearts are bolstering pitchtheir ing staff with seven local arms. Shrewsbury's Kevin Hummer (Shrewsbury High/ Western New England) and John West (Shrewsbury High/Boston College), Grafton's Carson Hauben (St. John's High/Rollins College), Marlborough's Hunter Reynolds (Marlborough High/Franklin Pierce), Coleman Auburn's Picard (Auburn High/ Hartford), Ashland's Alex Amalfi (Ashland High/UMass-Boston), and Worcester'sown Tim O'Connor (Worcester Academy/Denison University) will all join the team this summer.

Kevin Hummer was named First Team MidWach **Conference and Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association** All-Central Team as a junior and senior at Shrewsbury High. The right-hander is currently a junior at Western New England University and has pitched 75 innings in his college career, notching a record of 7-5. John West is a current senior at Shrewsbury High where he has also starred on the basketball court. The towering 6-foot-8 right-hander went 3-2 with a 0.87 ERA and 45 strikeouts last year. He was selected to the Telegram & Gazette Super Team in both sports in 2019. He plans to attend Boston College in the fall.

Grafton native Carson Hauben had already pitched in eight games as a freshman at Rollins College in Florida before his season was suspended. He had a 4.38 ERA and a record of 3-2 this season. In high school, he helped St. John's win the 2017 1A Super 8 State Championship. All three pitchers also played for the Shrewsbury Post 397 American Legion Team — a team that once had Nick Martin and Jack Gardner as well.

Hunter Reynolds is a freshman right-handed pitcher at Franklin Pierce University. In his first six appearances for the Ravens, Reynolds had pitched 7.2 innings with 10 strikeouts and an ERA of 2.35. He played football, basketball and baseball at Marlborough High School.

Coleman Picard is a 6-foot-1

righty from Auburn who was also the starting goalie for the Auburn soccer team. His career record stands at 10-2 with a 1.42 ERA and 81 strikeouts in 41.1 innings pitched. He'll attend the University of Hartford in the fall.

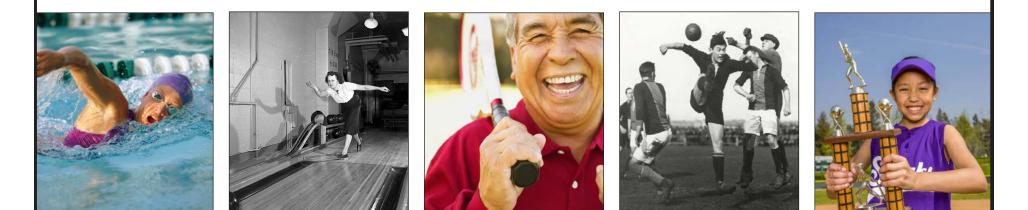
Alex Amalfi compiled a 13-5 record at Ashland High with an ERA of 2.05 in three seasons pitching for the Clockers. He also was a leader of the Ashland Legion Post 77 team and pitched a complete game victory last July against Shrewsbury Post 397 in the MA state tournament. He also played hockey for Ashland, where he was a two-time Tri-Valley League All-Star. The freshman at UMass-Boston had not yet pitched for the Beacons when his season was suspended.

Southpaw Tim O'Connor will spend the summer at home in Worcester. The former Worcester Academy ace is currently a freshman at Denison University in Ohio, where he had pitched in five games with an ERA of 4.50 before the season suspension. Last April, O'Connor threw a no-hitter for Worcester Academy against Pingree and will rejoin Hilltoppers teammate Jack Steele on the Bravehearts pitching staff.

These players will open the 2020 Worcester Bravehearts season on Wednesday, May 27 at home against the New Britain Bees. Season Tickets, 5-Game Plans, and Group Outings are now available by calling the Bravehearts box office at (508) 438-3773. All single-game tickets go on sale April 25.



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UBITUARIES

Gerald "Tate" Dion, 88



Gerald "Tate" Dion, 88, of Dudley, died Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at home with his loving family at his side. Gerald was born on August 14, 1931 in Webster, MA. He

is the son of the late Telesphore and the late Margaret (Lee) Dion.

He is survived by three daughters: Karen Dion of Dudley, Colleen Dion of Dudley, Kathi and her husband Sean Williams of Webster; his beloved granddaughters Julia Mary Williams and Olivia Mary Williams (who fondly know him as "Hippi"); many nieces and nephews and extended family. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 42 years, Mary Alice DuPaul; and his siblings Arthur Lee Dion, Cherie (Dion) LaPierre, and Donald Dion.

Tate graduated from St Louis High School in Webster in 1949, and he proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War Era. He held many jobs over his years but was most remembered as the owner of the Pickle Deli in Webster. Tate was an avid golfer and member at Dudley Hill Golf Club. His accomplishments over his life are too numerous to list, but he recently had renewed pride in being a founding member of the Nipmuc Water Ski club in the 1950's – as he taught his granddaughters to water ski this past summer. He loved his home on the water and opened his doors to anyone who wanted to spend time with him on the pond.

Tate and his entire family proudly celebrated his long sobriety. For over 45 years, he carried the message of recovery, sobriety, and selfless love to so many. Those close to him know him for his many years, countless hours and selfless sharing in leading a sober

life. He will be remembered as someone who always offered a helping hand, never judged and always appreciated the kindness he received from others.

Visitation is private due to the health crisis. A funeral Mass will be celebrated and burial with military honors will be held when it is deemed safe . Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is directing arrangements. Updates, a video tribute and condolences can be found at www.bartelfuneralhome.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 25

BOY SCOUT TROOP 101 BOTTLE DRIVE: Please let Auburn Boy Scout Troop 101 help you clean out your returnable bottles and cans this Spring! The troop will hold a Can and Bottle drive at the Auburn Fire Station on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. All funds generated help run troop programs. If you have a large collection of returnables, we would be happy to pick them up now. Please call Chris at (508) 868-5634, or Liz at 981-6840.

Thursday, May 7

SOCIAL SECURITY — YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED: 6 p.m. (registration begins at 5:45 p.m.), Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn. Hosted by Edward Jones. Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before vou retire, it's important to understand your options and the effect your decisions have on your retirement. Join us for this presentation hosted by Dennis Antonopoulos, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

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.

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.

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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 food available.

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STORY TIME: Have a little one in

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Cornerstone Bank donates to Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation

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The Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation promotes educational excellence by strengthening community support and funding programs

that encourage innovation and enrichment throughout the district. DCEF offers grants to create programs that foster leadership, creativity and advanced problem-solving skills.

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Pictured here, L to R: Cornerstone Bank AVP/Business Development Sales Manager and DCEF Vice President Sabrina L. Webb; DCEF Board Member Kate Pesa; DCEF President John Grondalski; Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable **Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman.**



deserves to have access to as many learning opportunities as possible," said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. "We are pleased to assist **Dudley-Charlton** the Education Foundation and help them continue their mission of

funding programs our local for schools."

For more information about the Dudley-Charlton Education Foundation, please visit: http://www. dcedfoundation. org/.

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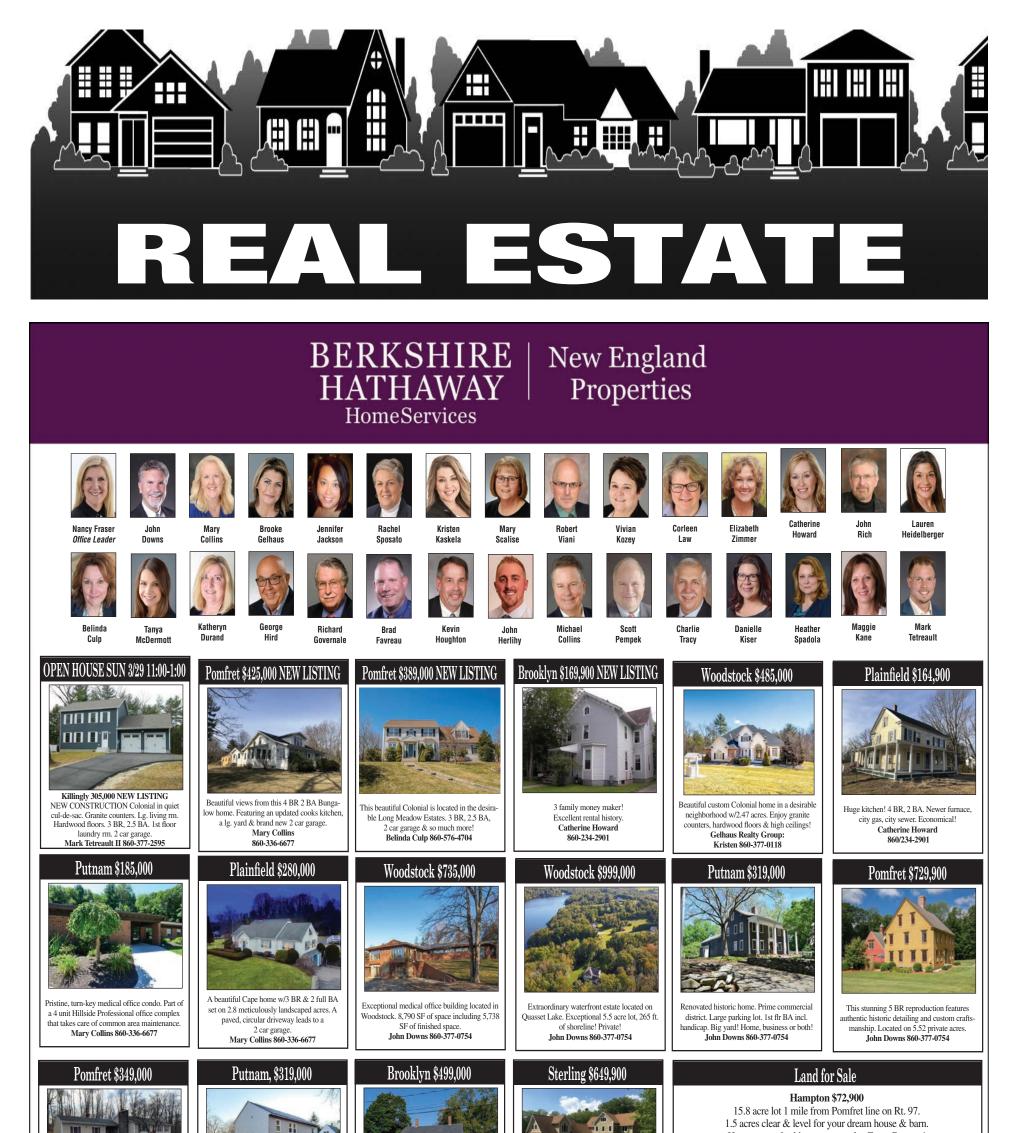
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HISTORICAL TALK -

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East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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