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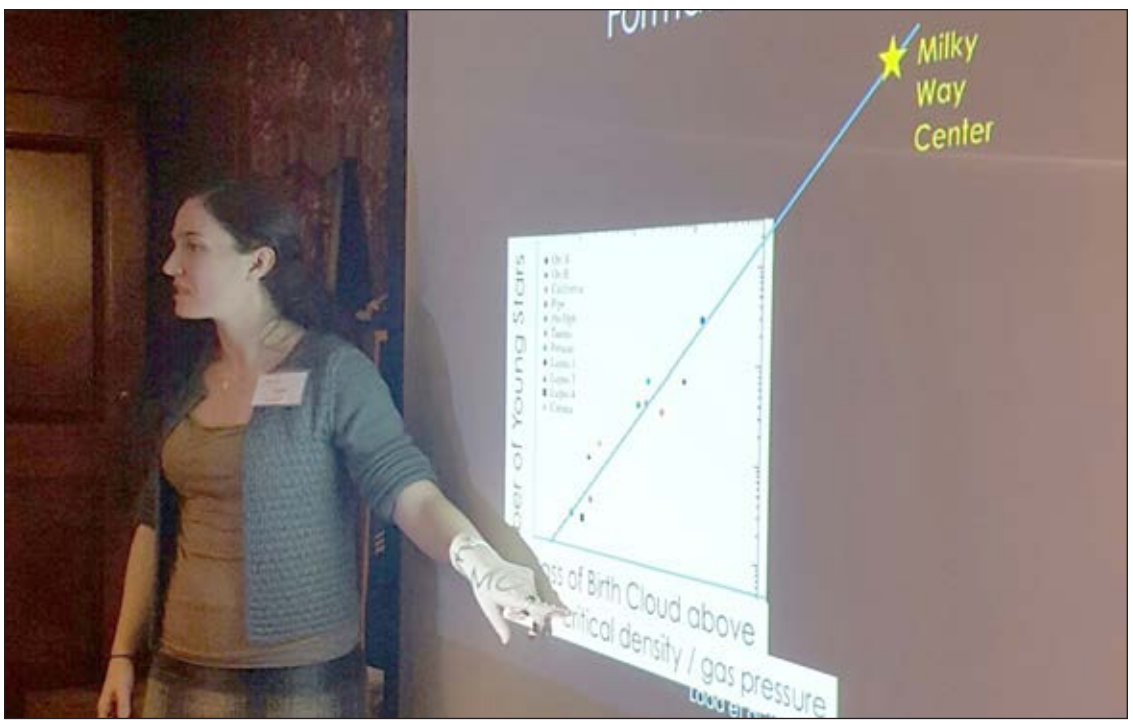

Olivia Richman photos

Tantasqua graduate Cara Battersby presented her research on stars at a Sturbridge Rotary meeting

Early interest in science has her looking to the stars

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Looking up in a rural area, staring at the expanse of a night sky, can be taunting; or inspiring. Tantasqua graduate Cara Battersby chose the second reaction, and never looked back.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club holds its meeting every Monday at the Publick House, and sometimes these meetings feature a special guest to entertain and educate the community. The Jan. 30 meeting included a lecture by Tantasqua graduate and current professor and NSF astronomy and astrophysics postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics at Harvard University, Battersby.

For the Rotary Club, it was a great way to not only inform the community on astrophysics and the study of stars being born, but to show the success of a former Tantasqua student. Many of Battersby's former teachers came to the event to see where she was now.

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Cara Battersby with the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia.

Police program benefits senior citizens

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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STURBRIDGE — In an ongoing effort to engage the community, the Sturbridge Police Department has brought back the Senior Citizen Police Academy. Starting with orientation on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the police department, the program will run at the same time for eight weeks, ending April 18. Refreshments will be provided at each session.

The police department will occasionally do citizen police academy programs, but felt it would be great to cater to the seniors in the community and offer classes that were targeting their population specifically, said Officer Adam Szymanski.

There will be a AAA course on senior safe driving and a program on scam awareness and other crimes that target seniors. The Senior Citizen Police Academy will also feature a tour of the department and a discussion of the services provided, as well as a canine demonstration. They will also have a course on narcotics and motor vehicle enforcement, dispatch and communications, all led by various instructors.

"This is a great way to educate the seniors in the community about us and what we offer them. It will help keep them safe," said Szymanski.

It also provides the seniors with something new to experience, a way to stay involved in the community.

"This is a great way for them to challenge themselves and learn new things," he explained.

The seniors will also have an opportunity to do a ride-along with the police officers. They will spend four hours with an officer and "look into what's actually happening inside of a police car," Szymanski stated.

"There's misconceptions sometimes. This would allow them to really see what we do and how the majority of our time is spent and what we do out in the community, like running radars, responding to service calls, checking homes..."

The Senior Citizen Police Academy is a program for which Szymanski was excited to volunteer. After teaching a narcotics course at the Senior Center he realized how much he enjoyed working with the seniors and all of the people he met.

Said the officer, "I think it's really important to establish contacts in the community as an officer. The more community contact you can establish, the easier it is to do your job. You want people to approach you and trust you. These people have given a lot to the community and it's a great way to return that favor."

Any seniors interested in taking part in the Sturbridge PD's program must fill out a short application, which is available at the police station and Senior Center. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, contact Szymanski at (508) 347-2525 x 308.

Stepping out with Hayloft Steppers

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Circle left! Circle right! Do si do! Forward and back! Swing! Promenade! Get ready to swing your partner at the Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club's upcoming dances. On Feb. 25, don your best neon and strongest hairspray for the Hayloft Stepper's '80s Throwback-themed dance. The next theme is a travel back to the '50s for a Sock Hop-inspired dance night. Then it's time for the Wild West on March 25.

The dances are 8-10:30 p.m., with early rounds at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $8 per person. Each dance will feature a caller and cuer.

According to former Hayloft Steppers president Moe Bracken, the dance themes are picked by teens working on the club's executive board, a way to involve all ages in the process. Some people will come to the dances in full-on costume, matching the dance's theme. Others will come in street clothes or square dancing clothes. But all people who come are sure to have fun.

"This is one of those very few activities that is enjoyable for a wide range of ages," said Bracken. "You'll have two or three different generations there, dancing. It's also very family friendly. It's 100 percent wholesome. There's no swearing, no drinking, no smoking...I think that also draws a lot of people in."

Another big draw is the physical activity square dancing provides. It's not a tremendous amount, said Bracken, but it will keep people limber and keep people moving. It's also good mental exercise.

He added: "You have to think quick. You have to literally think on your feet!"

The wholesome, healthy fun is what's kept the Hayloft Steppers a success for the past 60 years. The club boasts 50 core members. But a typical dance will have up to 80 people, sometimes even more.

The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club originated in the Brookfield area. The

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You've got a friend: court advocates concentrate on children

Courtesy photo

Court-appointed special advocate volunteers from throughout Worcester County were sworn in earlier this month at Worcester District Court.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

REGION — For hundreds of Worcester County children who were removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, there hasn't been much reason for hope in their young lives. But thanks to an ever-expanding team of volunteer advocates, the kids know they aren't alone.

The number of CASA volunteers (court-appointed special advocates) continues to grow throughout central Massachusetts. Earlier this month, 35 of the region's 51 new CASA volunteers were sworn in at Worcester District Court. All volunteers must pass a thorough screening process and complete comprehensive training exercises in child development, court and child welfare systems, and the process of interviewing children, among others.

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Legislators override veto, pay raise in place

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
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REGION — In spite of heavy opposition from Worcester County officials, Senate and House legislators overrode Governor Charlie Baker's veto of the pay raise they had initially approved for themselves.

Every Republican member of the state legislature voted against the initial bill, which called for increased pay and benefits for certain public officials. Governor Baker vetoed the bill, describing it as fiscally irresponsible, but legislators overrode that veto in a controversial vote last week.

Republicans were once again unanimous in their opposition stance to the override, and several Democrats crossed the aisle in agreement. Senators Anne Gobi (D–Spencer) and Michael Moore (D–Millbury) each voted against the legislation on both occasions, and they will not accept an increase in the level of compensation they currently receive.

"Responsibility is my policy. While I recognize the merits of updating compensation formulas that have remained widely unaltered for years, or even decades, I do not feel comfortable accepting the level of compensation authorized by this legislation," Moore said.

Added Gobi, "I have declined taking the additional money, and I hand delivered a letter to the treasurer's office indicating that. I chose not to accept the money and then donate it, because I would still be taking the money and that income would count down the road

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Do I need a Real Estate Agent when buying a home?

REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

The answer is absolutely! However, I have heard reasons why people have decided to go it alone and not hire an agent. They may have had a bad experience in the past and didn't trust that this time would be better. They may think if they just go to the agent selling the home they can get a better deal. Sometimes they may have a close friend or family member that is a licensed Realtor and they think they are too busy and they don't want to bother them.

I strongly suggest you interview the agent you are going to hire and maybe interview 2 or 3 agents to ensure you are making a sound decision. Typically you will not save money by going to directly to the agent selling the home because for one they most likely will get paid the same commission from the seller whether they have to split it or not and you do not have someone negotiating for you. They have a fiduciary responsibility to the seller and since the seller is paying the same commission either way it is of no advantage to go with your offer. The 3rd objection of your friend being too busy is probably not true but if it is then find someone who can give you the time but a great Real Estate Agent should be busy because everybody wants to work with them.

The reality of the need for a buyer agent is that you do not pay a fee to have them represent you as they will most likely be getting paid by the seller. They will do a comparative market analysis on the homes to help you come up with a price to pay and they should be highly skilled in negotiation and be able to save you money. You could ask questions to the agent such as what is the list price to sales price ratios for the buyers they represent to see if they are indeed saving their clients money. However if you are in a very competitive market this date may not be as important as how many buyers they are actually getting into homes during competitive offer situations. Another thing your agent should do is meet with you to go over your wants and needs in a home and help rule out many homes based on them not fitting your criteria so you can save time and only look at homes that have potential to work for you.

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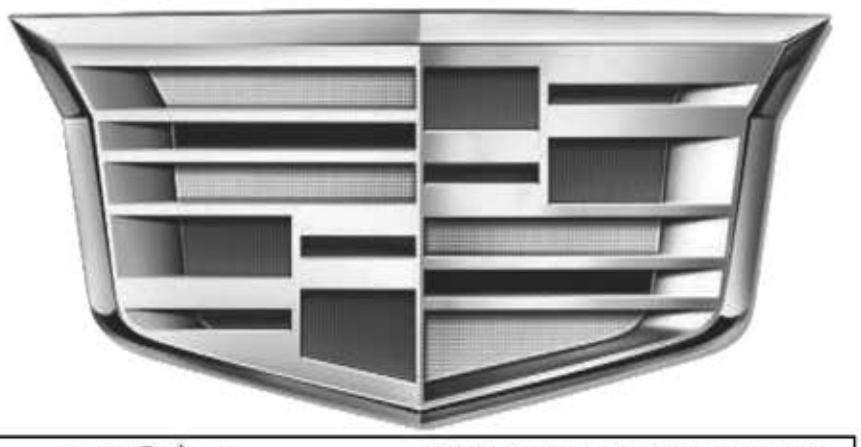

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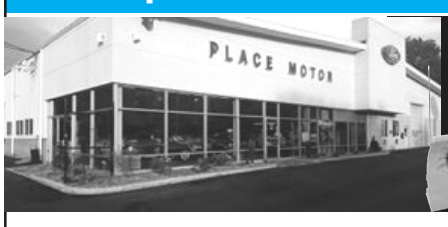

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May: "The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford

June: "Assassination Vacation by Sarah Vowell

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On Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m., get your game on and choose your make-believe family made up of your friends. See if your team has what it takes to come up with the number one answers and win a prize.

SENIOR SIMULATION

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m., we would like to provide a day of events geared towards showing the rest of the world what it can really be like to get older. With our Senior Simulation activities, we are going to create an empathetic situation for people to learn about our aches and pains, hearing loss, sight loss and other things that may happen as we age. We are going to ask them to put themselves in our shoes for a fun day of learning. Grandparents, caregivers, children, and grandchildren and all others are invited. Please RSVP, if you are going to join us for lunch at 12 p.m.

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The second option would be the traditional Heart Saver CPR Course. This course takes about two hours to complete and is a full certification course. Here we teach the student to do CPR on adults, children and infants. There is a cost to this program because it is a certification. The cost is $45 per person. The student gets a workbook and also a certification card. Monday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

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Tuesday, Feb. 21

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6:35 p.m.: There will be a Public Hearing at the Town Hall

7 p.m.: The Tantasqua Regional School District Committee will meet at the TRJHS

Thursday, Feb. 23

1 p.m.: The MCTA Executive Board Meeting will be at the Town Hall

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"There were five science teachers there. It was like a nice reunion at that point. The teachers and other present organizations, like the Overlook, surrounded her after the program," said Rotary President Otto Prohaska. "They wanted to see if she could come in to speak to people, like students and the Overlook residents, about her studies."

Seeing her former teachers was a great surprise for Battersby as well.

"It was extraordinary. It was amazing. It was wonderful to see them," she admitted. "I can't speak highly enough about the work that teachers do in our society. They're so underappreciated and so undervalued. Our brains are like putty while we are in school and they help to mold us. They work long hours and don't get the benefits that they deserve. I have a lot of respect for that. Seeing them, there was no way I'd be where I am today without them, their stories of science, which ignited my passion for science."

Tantasqua, and education in general, are very important to the Sturbridge Rotary Club, which offer scholarships annually to graduating seniors.

The Rotary also helps with local and international community service projects, including providing food for local food banks and purchasing equipment for the police, fire departments and hospitals.

Of course, the interesting topic was a huge draw for Rotary members as well, who couldn't wait to hear more about her studies. Said Prohaska, "I thought it was really fascinating. When you think about how long the universe has been in existence, you start to collect your humble thoughts and think about how fragile and complex our living creatures are here. I was really excited by the fact that she tries to understand this matter in space."

The majority of the presentation on Monday was focused on Battersby research area — understanding how stars are born in the center of the galaxy. As of now, scientists don't fully understand how stars form in the center of the galaxy; where the environment is very different from this corner of the galaxy.

To find out more about this fascinating topic, Battersby and other researchers do a lot of observing.

Battersby is currently leading a large survey with a telescope in Hawaii called the submillimeter array, which consists of eight six-meter diameter telescopes arranged as an interferometer for submillimeter wavelength observations. It will be a multi-year project, with the researchers attempting to understand physical properties of the galaxy, of stars, and answer questions about their formation.

Battersby was always curious about astrophysics, even as a kid. But it was her time at Tantasqua that sparked her interest, when she started taking college courses at UMass.

"I'm really fundamentally curious about the nature of the universe. I like being on the forefront of discovery," she said.

"I just really enjoy science. It's a beautiful way to understand the universe and make progress forward, technologically and as a society. I really think improving our science education is one of the best ways to create a better and more just world, with more equal opportunities for education. I'm really passionate about education."

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Friends begin membership push

STURBRIDGE — The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library is kicking off a town-wide membership drive. This will be in addition to the organization's regular membership drive that takes place in February every year.

According to Donna Englander, president of the Friends, "This is the first time we've conducted a town-wide membership drive in more than five years. We have a core group of supporters who realize the necessity of our group to help fund the many programs the library offers. Without the extra funding provided by the Friends, many programs such as our Museum Pass program, book discussions, and Summer Reading programs simply won't be able to exist.

"By conducting a town-wide mailing, we are hoping to be able to spread the word on the great work we do and add even more 'Friends'," she continues. Some of the other programs the Friends sponsor include an annual Winter Film Festival, origami program, Mini-Golf fundraiser, author events and many others.

"Please check your mailbox and consider becoming a 'Friend' to help the Joshua Hyde Public Library continue to be the wonderful community resource it has been to our town," suggests Englander.

Individuals can join the Friends for as little as $15. Family memberships can be had starting at only $20. The organization is also hoping to build its list of those willing to volunteer their time. For more information or to find out about volunteering, visit www.slfriends.org or contact them at info@sturbridgelibraryfriends.org

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Saturday, Feb. 18: Sanctuary closed for Presidents' Day

Saturday, Feb. 25: Vernal Pools and Their Denizens

With spring is just around the corner, Norcross staff naturalist Jennifer Ohop will provide an overview of the natural beauty and seasonal rhythm of these ephemeral ponds, filled "from snow that melted only yesterday."

Saturday, March 4: Gypsy Moth and Winter Moth

Do you remember last summer? Joe Elkinton has been a professor of entomology in the Department of Environmental Conservation at UMass Amherst since 1980. His lab conducts research on population dynamics and biological control of invasive forest insects, including winter moth, hemlock woolly adelgid, black oak gall wasp and gypsy moth. He is currently involved with efforts to introduce predatory beetles to control hemlock woolly adelgid and a tachinid parasitoid to control winter moth.

Saturday, March 11:

Weird Sex in Nature: How Plants Get It On

One of the most romantic features of a plant is its flower, which we know is a major way that plants create new plants. You would think that plant sex is probably about as interesting as watching paint dry, right? Think again. The ways plants, algae, and fungi reproduce tell us a lot about how procreation has evolved over time. Join Elizabeth Farnsworth, a senior research ecologist with the New England Wild Flower Society, for this racy lecture about the many interesting reproductive strategies these species pursue. Be prepared to blush.

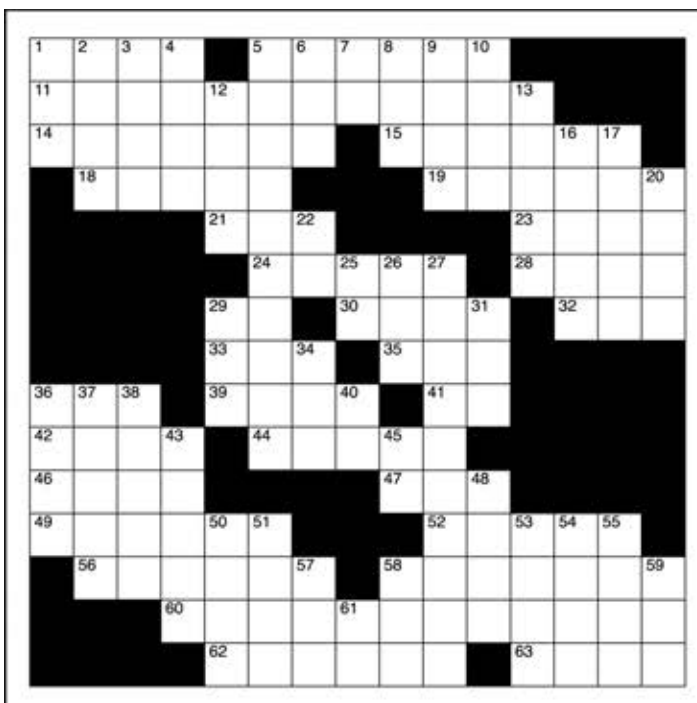
Saturday, March 18: From Pine Barrens to Whip-Poor-Wills

Fire has played a critical role in shaping the post-glacial landscape of Massachusetts, resulting in a mosaic of highly specialized and occasionally quite rare ecosystems across the region. As modern attitudes about fire on the landscape have shifted toward exclusion and suppression a new set of ecological issues has arisen: everything from difficulty in regenerating oak forests to the near absence of the once common song of the whip-poor-will.

Chris Buelow, a restoration ecologist with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species program, will provide an introduction to fire history in Massachusetts, describe the fire adapted natural communities of our area, the processes that maintain these communities, the specialized plants and animals associated with them, and how these communities are being managed by various organizations today.

The Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1939 by Arthur D. Norcross. Its present area includes thousands of acres of wooded hills, ponds and streams. It is maintained by the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc. whose purpose is the conservation of wildlife and the active practice of conservation for the benefit of the public. This includes propagation of native plants, the preservation of birds and wildlife and the conservation of land and water.

Sanctuary hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Trails are open, conditions permitting. There is no admission charge. The Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 30 Peck Road, Wales.



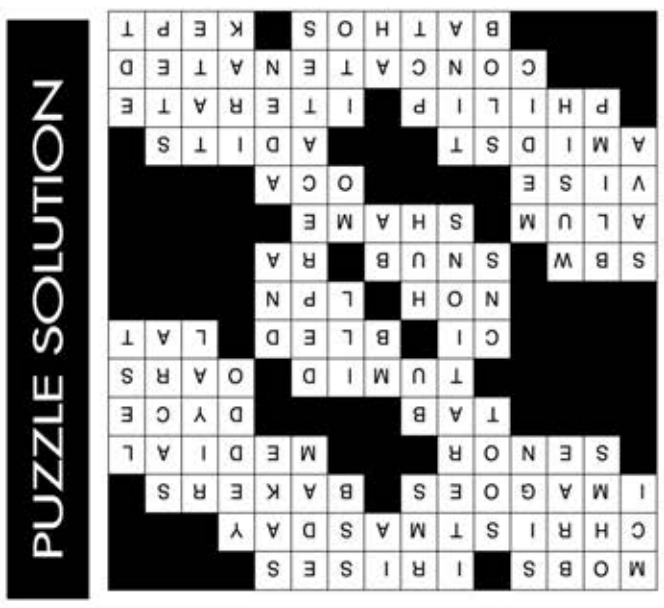
CLUES ACROSS

1. Unruly groups
5. Colorful flowers
11. December 25
14. Final stages of insects' development
15. Breadmakers
18. Spanish man
19. In the middle
21. Bill
23. Noted editor Alexander __
24. Swollen
28. Paddles
29. Cirrus
30. Seeped into
32. Skeletal muscle
33. Japanese traditional drama
35. Licensed practical nurse
36. Sibu Airport
39. Rebuff
41. Sun God
42. Astringent
44. Feeling of humiliation
46. A device attached to a workbench
47. Wood sorrel
49. Among
52. Horizontal passages
56. Father of Alexander the Great
58. Utter repeatedly
60. Linked together
62. Literary effect
63. Held onto

CLUES DOWN

1. One-time phone company
2. Units of electrical resistance
3. Hillside
4. Omen
5. Repetitions
6. Royal Mail Ship
7. Farm state
8. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
9. Dutch cheese
10. Japanese alcoholic beverage
12. Black powdery substance
13. Tokyo's former name
16. Monetary unit
17. Bones
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Dry goods unit of volume (abbr.)
25. Megabyte
26. Unwell
27. Expresses disapproval of
29. Central nervous system
31. We all have it
34. Expression of bafflement
36. Tributary of the Danube
37. Flies over sporting events
38. Chinese city
40. College degree
43. Dispenser of first aid
45. Momentum (slang)
48. Red Sea port
50. Sloven
51. __ Turner, rock singer
53. Asian nation (alt. sp.)
54. Manson victim
55. Go forward
57. Primary Care Trust
58. Simpson trial judge
59. Sun up in New York
61. Exclamation of surprise

PUZZLE SOLUTION



RAISE

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toward my pension. Since I am not taking the money, that extra amount does not need to be budgeted for."

With the passage of the bill, compensation will be increased for constitutional, legislation and judiciary officers. In addition to raising some officials' salaries by a minimum of $40,000, the legislation roughly doubles stipend amounts for officials who serve as the chairs or vice chairs of legislative committees. It also increases the salaries of judges by $25,000.

The legislation represents the first increase in stipends for legislators since 1982.

Moore and Gobi, two of only nine state senators to initially vote against the provision, cited recent cuts to the Fiscal Year 2017 budget and the difficult financial situation facing the state as major reasons for their opposition votes. Their Republican counterparts agree that now is not the time for officials to be focusing on their own compensation.

"In my opinion, this was far too excessive a package," said Spencer State Representative Peter Durant, who was frustrated by the lack of public hearings on the bill. "There was no need to do this right now."

The Governor's veto was overridden with a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate. Many officials expressed disappointment that legislators supporting the bill weren't more concerned with allocating available funds to assist cash-strained programs and services.

"We were elected to advance the constituents and causes of our districts. That should be our focus right now," Durant said.

STEPPERS

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original members were dancing in somebody's hay barn, but it was beginning to get a bit run down. Dedicated to dance, the club pooled their money together and purchased the current property and current location of their dances, the Hayloft Barn on Podunk Road.

The barn used to be a horse barn, but the members started renovating it, adding a huge addition which is now the dance floor. It's now considered one of the "best dance floors in New England," said Bracken, for its size, air conditioning and "beautiful floating floor that's easy to dance on. We are really the envy of the square dance community."

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Create the life you want: free program

STURBRIDGE — Looking to make changes in your life this year? Then join Dennis A. McCurdy on Tuesday, Feb. 28 for a free, introductory program to discover the three tools that will propel your life forward to create more happiness and abundance. The one-hour program begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the McCurdy Group offices at 212 Main St., Sturbridge.

Dennis McCurdy, entrepreneur, author, speaker, and coach, will give you his decades of business and life experience and wisdom. He knows what it takes to be successful. He rocketed from earning minimum wage (75¢ an hour) as a canteen truck driver at age 24 to becoming a self-employed businessman worth over $1,000,000 by age 36.

Having grown up in a small, rural New England town, and with no role model for success, McCurdy speaks about his becoming successful from the point of view of the average person. As president and founder of McCurdy Group, which was awarded the prestigious 5 Star designation in 2003, and the Adam Beck Institute, he speaks frequently about personal development and growth. His 6-week workshop, Find A Way, was developed for individuals who want to ignite and empower their life, reach for their dreams, and learn new ways to achieve them. Those who have attended his presentations agree: McCurdy is a practical and down-to-earth coach/guide. No frills, just lots of meat and potatoes.

Seating is limited. Email dennis@find-away.com to reserve your seat today.

McCurdy is the author of Find, A Way, A Guide to Getting the Most From Life and 52 Ways To Find a Way. He is currently working on his third book, Suck it Up Cupcake: How to Stop Screwing Yourself and Get the Life You Want.

Sturbridge Capsules

MINI-GOLF AT THE JOSHUA HYDE LIBRARY

Mini-Golf at the Joshua Hyde Library in Sturbridge is a delightful annual springtime event for the whole family. Celebrating its 5th year, the event will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10:30-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per person and $20 max for a family.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library and organized by Friends member Leila Glaser who reflects that "Mini-Golf is both a fun-raiser for the whole community and a fund raiser for library programs, equipment, and supplies". Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield graciously supplies the clubs for all ages each year.

Volunteers build 15 imaginative and whimsical holes throughout the 3 floors of the library and because the library is open it is joked that "patrons may be obstacles".

Familiar holes are the Rube Goldberg-type contraption by Michael Glaser, the down-the-stairs challenge by Lisa and Pat McGarrah, and Nancy Castendyke's artistic windmill. Once again, the Tantasqua Golf Team will create 2 holes and Ms. Glaser feels that "their enthusiasm every year reflects the heart and soul of this fun event".

New creations this year include Jane Zavistoski's Peter Rabbit hole inspired by Beatrix Potter and a hole inspired by the children's video game Animal Crossing. Two area businesses have embraced the event. Julie Gerrish Fitness and The Sturbridge Coffee House will both add to the imaginative mini-golf holes this year.

The event is fun for all ages. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

VACATION FUN CLUB:

The Tri-Community YMCA will be offering a February Vacation Fun Club for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, starting 2/20/2017 to 2/24/2017. Cost is $30 for members and $40 for non-members. Please visit the Tri-Community YMCA on 43 Everett St. Southbridge to register your child. For more additional information please contact 508-765-5466 or www.tricommunityymca.org.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will be held at Charlton Elementary School, 9 Burlingame Road, Charlton, on Wednesday, March 8 from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, March 9 from 1-4 p.m.

SENIOR TRIP

The Brimfield Senior Center is sponsoring a trip June 7. We will be stopping at Adams National Historical Par k in Quincy to tour the birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams. For lunch, we head into Boston for a delicious lunch at the historic Chart House Restaurant. After lunch we visit one of the country's most prominent aquariums. The New England Aquarium has a brand new giant ocean tank with more than 2,000 aquatic animals. The museum includes more than 70 exhibits and 26,000 animals including penguins, sea turtles, seals, sea lions, sharks and more! Cost is $128 which includes transportation, lunch, admissions and all gratuities. For reservations Come to "Sign-Up Day" at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-noon. After March 1, reservations can be made by contacting Teresa Weybrew at (413) 239-0004. The Brimfield Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., (413) 245-7253.

PARTY CHAIR TO SPEAK

The Western Massachusetts Republicans will host a luncheon with special guest and keynote speaker, Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Kirsten Hughes. The event is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 25 noon-1:30 p.m. at Old Sturbridge Village, Oliver Wight Tavern, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road. Tickets are $40 per person. To purchase tickets, mail a personal check payable to WMR to Janet Garon, PO Box 24, Southbridge, MA 01550. Please include the names of attendees. You may also purchase tickets online at www.westernmarepublicans.com. Limited tickets may be sold at the door. For more information, call or text Janet at (774) 230-7382.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The First Congregational Church of Brimfield will hold Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 7 p.m. All are invited! 20 Main St., Brimfield.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SPRINGFIELD — Brandon Opitz of Sturbridge, working toward a doctor of pharmacy degree, was named to the President's List at Western New England University for the Fall semester of 2016. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

ORONO ME — University of Maine, recognizes Dean's list students for the 2016 fall semester including freshman, Taylor Charron of Sturbridge with a 4.0 GPA.

Workshops for small businesses in small towns

REGION — One of the key concerns expressed by small and rural business owners is, "how can customers find me?"

In today's multi-media world, social media can complement your traditional marketing campaigns. When developing your marketing strategy, your business needs to evaluate all the tools available.

Advertising in small town newspapers and directories is effective; while studies show that 97 percent of consumers look online to find local goods and services. Following this trend, SCORE together with the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce is presenting a series of workshops on How Customers Can Find You Online. SCORE, an organization of local volunteer business experts, has been providing workshops and free business mentoring advice for almost 50 years to home based and small businesses in central and western Massachusetts.

The first workshop titled "Get Found on Google Search and Maps" will be presented in East Brookfield at EB Flatts located at 245 W. Main St. The date and time of the first workshop is Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Seating is limited for this popular workshop. You may reserve a seat by contacting SCORE at http://conta.cc/2kY3uWR .

Four additional workshops presented weekly may also interest you. The listed titles are:

Get Found on Google Search and Maps – Feb 22

Grow Your Business Online with Google Tools – March 1

Advertise Online Using Google AdWords – March 8

Set Goals with Google Analytics – March 15

Create your Own Free Website with Google – March 22

The cost is $5 to cover the refreshments.

Contact – SCORE (413) 785 0314.

CHILDREN

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The volunteers will now join a team filled with people who want to make a difference in children's lives – people like Warren's Carol Carpentier. A CASA volunteer for over two years, Carpentier has advocated for six children as they went through the long and often frightening transition process.

CASA volunteers work one-on-one with abused or neglected children, advocating for their best interests in the court and child welfare systems. Part of their responsibility is to ensure that children receive the many services they need, in addition to preparing reports that help judges get a clearer picture of each child's background and needs.

"I wanted to help children, and this seemed like a great way to use my skills to assist them," said Carpentier, whose freelance court reporting experience helped her greatly when advocating for kids in the courts. "Our job is to help ensure that each child's needs are being met."

Not long ago, Carpentier was able to do just that for one of her court-appointed children who required eye surgery. After noticing that the child's eyes were crossed and unfocused whenever someone approached him, Carpentier recommended an immediate eye exam. Doctors eventually determined that corrective surgery was the best course of action.

Many of the children CASA volunteers assist have health, learning, emotional, or psychological struggles that must be brought to the court's attention. In times of great upheaval following the removal of a child from his or her home, the volunteers play an integral role in the transition process.

The ultimate goal of the courts is to reunite children with their parents once certain recovery obligations are met, but that often isn't possible in abusive situations. At that point, the goal for CASA volunteers is to help kids as they start down the path to a safe, permanent home elsewhere.

"CASA volunteers don't require any specific educational or professional background. All they need is compassion, objectivity, and a commitment to children. We'll train and supervise them to be effective voices in court," said Doug Stark, the director of community resources for CASA of Worcester County. "Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They are ordinary individuals who rise to the extraordinary by making a difference in the life of a child."

But as the number of CASA volunteers continues to grow each year, so too does the number of kids requiring their kindness. The opioid crisis has flooded courts with parents whose addiction struggles have cost them custody of their children. In many cases, kids alternate between staying at a different friend's house every night, often sleeping on couches and losing sight of schoolwork. Others drop out of school and run away.

Carpentier and her fellow CASA volunteers know they can't help every child, but they do their best for those they can assist. They receive no payment for the job, at least not in a monetary sense, but they describe each smile they bring to a child's face as the greatest reward imaginable.

"The kids are on my mind all the time. I am always thinking about them," Carpentier recently said. "I have had a great relationship with each child I've worked with."

The volunteers each report to area supervisors who provide them with ongoing guidance. Dianne Starkey began her time with CASA as a volunteer, then became an advocate supervisor. She has enjoyed her experiences working with kids and then providing volunteers with the tools they need to succeed.

"The children are amazing. They go through so much, and it is a privilege to do this work," said Starkey, who lives in Warren. "All of our volunteers do a great job. They go through the training so they have the expertise they need, and they understand the issues these kids are facing."

CASA of Worcester County belongs to a national network of community-based nonprofit organizations that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers. CASA is the only program in Massachusetts that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children.

Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities should visit www.worcestercasa.org. You can also contact Doug Stark at 508-TRY-CASA, or by email at volunteers@thecasaproject.org.

READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

Medical expenses hamper local family

REGION — Sarah Lavallee and her husband, James, are parents to eight-year old, Abigail. Abby was just five years old when she started having epileptic seizures. On her worst days, she has had more than 30 seizures per hour. Doctors have been working with Abby regularly and they have been able to get the amount of her seizures down immensely, but still, the different medications are not working 100 per cent. Some days her seizures are so bad she is unable to attend school. Abby has described her seizures as making her feel "scared, sad and lonely," and has also said that she feels that because of her seizures her friends do not feel comfortable playing with her at school.

Abby's mother and father describe her as a "funny, loving, caring little girl that has a great spirit." She loves school and playing with her older siblings. When she is at school, some of her favorite activities include gym class and music. Her mother also noted how she loves to run around with her friends, and sing and dance.

Recently, Abby has been referred to an epilepsy specialist at Boston Children's Hospital. The doctors there have suggested a method of treatment to hopefully stop the seizures all together. They want to see Abby on the ketogenic diet. To some, this low-carb, high-fat diet may be a way to help lose weight; however, research has proven that it can also control or even rid someone of epileptic seizures. Abby will have to spend the first week or so on the diet being monitored closely by her doctors at Boston Children's Hospital.

A study published in Pediatrics in 2001 reported that within three to six years after the children who participated in the study (they were on the ketogenic diet to help eliminate epileptic seizures), 13 percent were seizure-free and another 14 percent had found a 90 percent+ decrease in their seizures. Many of the other children no longer needed their medication, either.

The new form of treatment seems promising for Abby and her family; however, this treatment does come at a huge expense. Between the specialized food, doctor's visits and other daily expenses that every family incurs, Abby's parents decided to reach out to their community for help, realizing that they can no longer do this on their own. They have started a page for Abby on GiveForward.com: Lavallee Family Purple Fund for Abby. The family has a goal of $15,000 and whatever money that is raised but not needed will go toward epilepsy research. Any donation, big or small is greatly appreciated.

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The Lavallee family are seeking help with their daughter's medical expenses.

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Jan McInnis laughs along with her audience.

Comedian Kent Rader took to the stage.

REGION — Let's face it, we're all getting older, and it's the Baby Boomers' world right now. So when the United Way cast about for the ultimate fundraiser, what better than to laugh at ourselves?

United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton held a successful fundraiser the end of January. The Baby Boomer Comedy Show featuring the nationally known comedians, Jan McInnis and Kent Rader filled the Stephen M. Brewer Theater with an appreciative audience.

These talented comedians, known for their clean comedy, had the almost capacity crowd in the theater at Old Sturbridge Village laughing during the entire 90 minute show. No silent moments or heavy groans for inappropriate material.

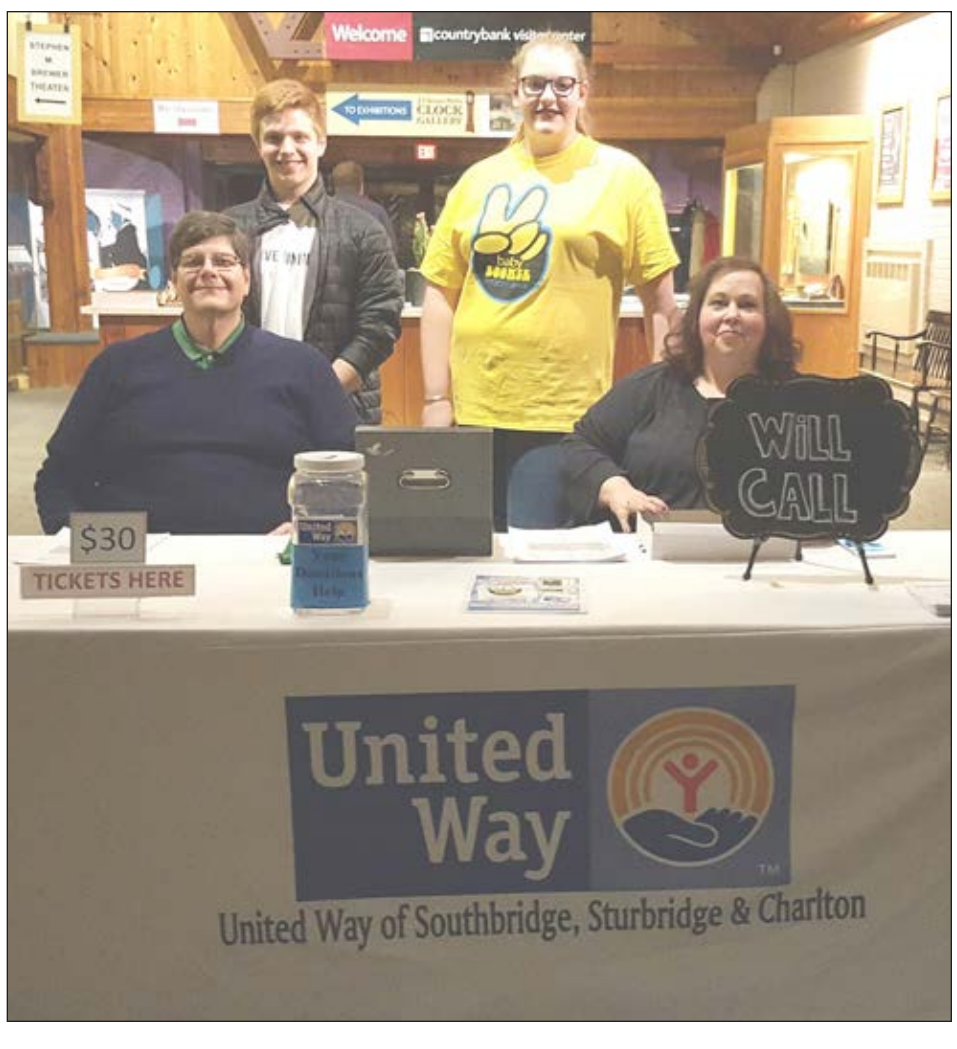
Per Executive Director Mary O'Coin, "Good, clean comedy is so welcomed. Folks kept saying as they left how funny the show was. How refreshing it was to not hear 'blue' language and scenarios. It was a huge success! Thanks to Jan McInnis and Kent Rader for bringing humor to our little community."

The show was an hour and a half of hilarious clean stand-up comedy focusing on work, family, do-it-yourself projects, and many other topics to which audiences can relate. Rader and McInnis are both baby boomers who have spent the past 20 years performing for thousands of business groups, non-profit organizations and other professional events. They have a reputation for clean and funny humor; McInnis was featured in the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post for her clean humor, and Rader's clean comedy won him the Branson Comedy festival.

This first time fundraiser was successful in raising almost $3,000 through ticket sales and will benefit the 22 programs at 15 local agencies in Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton that the United Way Funds each year. The United Way SSC is a non-profit organization that supports programs that promote health, education and financial stability in the Tri-Community.

For more information about the United Way SSC and the programs supported visit www.unitedwayssc.org, our Facebook page, or call (508) 765-5491.

Kent Rader, Mary O'Coin and Jan Mcinnis were responsible for much of the laughter.



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Sturbridge Police Logs

Arrests:

Friday, Jan. 27
1:46 p.m.: arrest: Elizabeth Angelica Mathews, age 25, of 218 Main St. #8, Terryville, CT: OUI- drugs

Saturday, Jan. 28
10 a.m.: arrest: Abdon Melendez Jr., age 42, of 2 Shepard Road #107: warrant
10 a.m.: Nicole L Tetlow, age 34, of 2 Shepard Road #107: multiple warrants

Monday, Jan. 30
12:32 p.m.: arrest: Dale G. Evans, age 56, of 49 Green Hill Parkway, Worcester: OUI-drugs, negligent operation of MV, no inspection sticker and speeding.

Thursday, Feb. 2
5:49 p.m.: arrest: Robert M Stanikmas Jr., age 28, of 37 Breakneck Road: larceny over $250

Other Activities:

Thursday, Jan. 26
3:03 a.m.: suspicious activity (Sandy Circle)

Friday, Jan. 27
7:13 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street)

Tuesday, Jan. 31
3:57 p.m.: accident with property damage (Main Street)
4:12 p.m.: accident with property damage (Allen Road)

Wednesday, Feb. 1
7:21 a.m.: accident with property damage (Route 15)
9:14 a.m.: accident with property damage (Glendale Road)

CHAMBER CORNER: February 2017

Brown Bag Seminar: How to Stage Your Home For Sale

The Chamber is pleased to offer learning opportunities throughout the year presented by Chamber Members who are experts in their fields. This Brown Bag lunch seminar will be presented by Terri Ricard of ERA Key Realty Services and will cover all you need to know about staging your home when it's time to sell. Terri has many years of experience in this area and knows that your home has just one chance to make a great impression on potential buyers.

Terri's presentation will include information on: What is home staging? Does it cost a lot of money? Curb Appeal of your Property, General Interior Tips Room by Room, and Time to Show Your Home. Terri will also provide printed handouts on all the staging tips and information which is covered.

The seminar takes place at the Chamber office at 46 Hall Road, Sturbridge starting at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 28. There is no charge to attend for CMS Chamber Members ($50 for non-members). Space is limited. Call or email to reserve your spot. Feel free to bring your lunch, use our microwave to heat it up. Join us as we learn and grow together!

Terri Ricard has been in the real estate business since 2005 and serves the Sturbridge/Charlton area. Terri has extensive experience in new construction, waterfront properties, and helping people find their new homes. You can reach her at her Sturbridge Office, ERA Key Realty Services Sturbridge MA, 01518, 508-615-5450 or tricard@erakey.com.

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QVCDC and its partner, Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (QVBAC), located at 23 West Main Street, Ware, are non-profit organizations that offer support to small businesses. They offer small business loans, funding for consulting services, and workforce training including business related computer software training. Many services are low cost or free.

QVBAC's grants and loans are funded from various sources and a line of credit from five community banks, Country Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank, and SpencerBANK. QVBAC offers term loans and lines of credit.

Strengthening our Community… QVCDC and Holyoke Community College have established an Education to Employment Learning Center in Ware called E2E, short for Education to Employment. The Quaboag Region Workforce Training and Community College Center, is a collaboration between HCC and Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation.

For more information, class schedules, and events call our office at (413)-967-3001 or visit our website, qvcdc.org. The QVCDC/BAC are Equal Opportunity providers. For more information, go to qvcdc.com.

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Some of those that didn't last long…

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

Other than THE shortest lived series of U.S. coins (Flying Eagle small cents: 1856-58), there are only two other coins that lasted only four years…the 20¢ pieces of 1875-78 and the Susan B. Anthony dollars (1979-81 and then again in1999). Both coins suffered the same fate…they were too close in size and appearance to other, more popular circulating coins, and were often confused with those coins.

In the case of the 20¢ pieces, their Seated Liberty design was virtually identical to its slightly larger Seated Liberty quarter. The quarters had been circulating since 1838 and were a mainstay of everyday commerce. Tens of millions of Seated Liberty quarters were minted before even one 20¢ piece was struck.

First proposed to Congress in 1791 and again in1804, those early legislators were smart enough to realize that two coins of such similarity in value and design would be confusing to ordinary people. Then in 1874 Senator John Percival Jones of silver-producing Nevada introduced the bill to mint 20¢ pieces. It would appear that during the 70-year period since the coin was last proposed legislators got dumber…A LOT DUMBER.

In 1874 the Mint had production facilities in Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, and the newest in Carson City Nevada. The Carson City Mint was established to produce silver coins from the vast amounts of silver mined in that state. And the Mint correctly reckoned it was safer to melt and mint the silver within the state than to run the risk of shipping it to another mint facility. At the time Carson City was only producing small quantities of silver dimes and quarters.

Silver half dimes were abolished by Congress by the Mint Act of 1873. As a result, many were individually hand tooled into LOVE TOKENS (which I collect and will be a topic for a separate column). While the obvious solution to coinage needs in the West would have been to mint more cents and nickels at the / san ?Francisco Mint (Breen, page 334), Jones stuck to his constituent-satisfying 20¢ proposal. Jones may also had the hidden agenda to refill the pockets of his silver mine owner supporters. Their incomes had been greatly reduced when 1873 Mint Act lowered orders for silver 3¢ pieces, half dimes and silver dollars (Breen).

It had been Mint policy to practice uniform designs for circulating coins. In fact, that policy continued until 1916 when President Teddy Roosevelt caused a Renaissance in designs with the Mercury dimes, Standing Liberty quarters, and Walking Liberty half dollars. Thus, in 1875 Mint Director Henry Linderman approved the confusing design for the 20¢ piece (pictured with this column). President Grant signed the bill on March 3, 1875.

Mint Engraver William Barber essentially copied the Gobrecht-Hughes obverse design of a seated Liberty and used his own Eagle design from the reverse of the Trade dollar. The one major difference between the 20¢ piece and the quarter was that the quarter had a reeded edge while the 20¢ pieces were smooth. This was an apparent concession to the many illiterate citizens who could not read the two coins' denominations written on the reverse.

In our next column, we'll discuss mintages and values for the 20¢ pieces and the ubiquitous Susan B Anthony dollar. In the meantime, keep those questions coming.

Thinking about being a candidate? Start here

REGION — Prepare to Win. Western MA Republicans presents the region's most comprehensive political campaign training program. The WMR Campaign Academy is a premiere program in which each participant will receive professional assistance in developing his/her own campaign plan based on the concrete voter metrics of their specific district and race. The class is geared toward candidates and potential campaign managers from the local level to state representative/state senate seats. Even if you are not running until next year, this course will give you an invaluable jump start to a successful campaign.

Professional campaign instructors will guide you through every aspect of planning, building and executing a winning campaign. From developing the team to voter metrics, messaging and communication, field operations, GOTV and budgeting you'll find out the ways that the professionals manage a campaign. The class is broken up into four segments, spread over two evenings surrounding a full Saturday. Participants will be required to perform independent out of class activities to create a written campaign plan at the end. All workshops held at Old Sturbridge Village, Fuller Conference Center, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road. Cost is $65 per participant and includes all sessions, lunch on Saturday and materials. To register online www.westernmarepublicans.com or call Janet Garon at (774) 230-7382 or (508) 347-3999.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6-10 p.m.:

Presentation of Voter Metrics, the science of ascertaining how many votes a candidate needs to win and where they come from. This is the foundation successful campaigns are built on.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8 a.m.-noon:

Review of homework on voter metrics. Presentation of the critical campaign activities and the proprietary Theory of the 5 Media, including a presentation of traditional, Social, Printed, Telephonic and Face-to-face Media; followed by a luncheon noon-1:30 p.m.: the Western MA Republicans will be hosting a luncheon with special guest and keynote speaker, Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Kirsten Hughes. The event will be on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from noon–1:30 p.m. at Old Sturbridge Village, Oliver Wight Tavern, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge. Tickets are $40 per person. To purchase tickets, please mail a personal check payable to WMR to Janet Garon, PO Box 24, Southbridge, MA 01550. Please include the names of attendees. You may also purchase tickets online at www.westernmarepublicans.com. Limited tickets may be sold at the door. For more information, call or text Janet at 774-230-7382.

Following the luncheon, 1:30- 5 p.m.: Presentation of the final 3 media; printed, telephonic and face-to-face media. Review the effectiveness and reach of each media and their role in garnering the votes determined in the voter metrics portion.

Thursday, March 2, 6-10 p.m.:

Based on the specific activities each campaign needs to garner the votes previously identified, each campaign will learn to develop a realistic campaign budget and reasonable cash flow projections.

Co-sponsored by Western Massachusetts Republicans and the Massachusetts Republican Party.

Friday's Child

Areil, who also goes by Ari, is a friendly 14-year-old boy with a great sense of humor. Ari likes music, video games, computers, Pokemon, and his favorite type of food is Chinese take-out. Though he is not sure what he wants to be when he gets older, he enjoys his technology class in school. When asked if he could meet anyone, real or fictional, Ari stated Finn from Adventure Time because he goes on adventures with his dog. If Ari had a superpower, it would be to have super speed.

Currently, Ari resides in a group home. His social worker said that he has been making good progress this year and does well going into the community and taking art classes. He has been processing his past and is now ready to find a family of his own, which he describes as "a good home with a mother, father, other children and pets." The professionals who work with Ari believe he would do well with any type of two-parent home where there might be other children who shared some of his interests. Ari is an easy-going teen who is open to trying new activities and could integrate well into a family's routine.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME

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EDITORIAL

Membership is a privilege

There is a book, a few years old now, called "Bowling Alone." It decried the loss of community in the United States, drilling down to the very, very local level.

It was, and is as the book is readily available and still relevant, a treatise on how people are no longer supporting communities, service clubs, churches, even children's activities as volunteer adults.

And we don't socialize either.

No more sitting on a porch and calling out to neighbors also sitting outside for a quick visit. And service clubs such as Lions, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Rotary and others are, in some towns, folding up their tents for lack of participation.

Not everyone, and not everywhere.

The Sturbridge Rotary seems to have a healthy turnout most weeks.

But the Friends of Hyde Library are seeking members.

Is it lack of time? Disinterest? Or organizational reasoning that means people don't MAKE the time for something beyond their realm of school, home and work.

It's a shame, because we lose out on human connections too. We lose a chance to make new acquaintances that might turn into real friends. People with similar tastes and interests.

There is an old joke by Groucho Marx that said any club that would have him wasn't worth his time. But that isn't usually the case; the many and various organizations seeking new members are wonderful. They do good work, they have a good time, and in the course of events they keep a lot of extraordinary institutions viable.

So, as we perused the possible news for this week's issue, and we saw the need for members for the Hyde, the events at the Holland Community Center, the police academy planned for senior citizens, the square dancing club, the political events we thought, wow, we haven't even started to dig into the town yet and look what's going on.

There is most likely plenty for people who want to make a bit of effort, and a variety of topics to become intrigued by.

We encourage that effort.

Though, perhaps not while trudging through several inches of snow….

LETTERS

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We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

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Or e-mail your letters to the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Hearty Soups Beat Winter Blues

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

What's the cure for the winter blues? Oftentimes the remedy for the side effects of a long, cold New England winter can be found in a simple bowl of soothing soup or stew. From boosting spirits and stifling sniffles to warming both belly and soul, a steaming sip of homemade soup is a cold weather cure that's not only healing, but deliciously healthy. Taking the cue from generations past, the following recipes are brimming with old fashioned, basic ingredients, making these soups and stews the epitome of "comfort foods."

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Root Vegetable Soups

Root vegetables, still fresh from storage, are the basis for the following two soups. Because root vegetables grow underground, they absorb more nutrients and minerals from the soil. Rich in antioxidants and complex carbohydrates, the vegetables are hearty and healthy. In addition, studies show the soluble fiber can help satisfy hunger without additional fat and calories.

Rich Roasted Carrot Soup

Cayenne pepper gives this sweet and creamy carrot soup a subtle, unexpected kick. For an even sweeter brew, use unsalted broth.

Ingredients: ten carrots washed and peeled; 32 ounces chicken or vegetable broth; four tablespoons olive oil; seasonings (salt, pepper, cayenne pepper) to taste.

Directions: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lay out carrots on a cookie sheet that has been sprinkles generously with olive oil. Cook for 40 to 45 minutes or until carrots have browned. When slightly cooled place carrots into blender, add broth and puree. Heat in a pan, add seasonings.

Health Note: Carrots are rich in Vitamin A, which aids in vision. Beracarotine, which gives carrots their bright orange hue fight heart disease and cancers. In addition, the antioxidants and phytochemicals in carrots may also help with blood sugar regulation, delay the effects of aging, and improve immune function.

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Spiced Sweet Potato Soup

Creamy sweet potato soup and a dash of pie spices marry deliciously to elevate this dish to company-worthy status.

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups diced cooked sweet potatoes; 1 Tbsp butter; 1 Tbsp flour; 1/2 tsp salt; 1/4 tsp ground ginger; 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon; 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg; 1 Tbsp brown sugar; 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock; 1 cup cream or half and half (may substitute plain Greek yogurt).

Directions: In a blender process all ingredients except cream until smooth. Pour into a pan, add cream and cook until slightly thickened, stirring constantly. Serve with a drizzle of cream or dollop of yogurt topped with an herb sprig.

Health Note: Sweet potatoes pack a powerful nutritional punch. In addition, they are rich in fiber which not only fills you up, but helps steady blood sugar. The B vitamins in sweet potatoes are hailed as a mood booster. It's no wonder sweet potatoes have earned a Vegetable of the Month designation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Classics in the Crock Pot

No time to assemble and monitor a big pot of homemade soup? These classic slow cooking comfort soups can easily be adapted to the crock pot. Best of all, they retain the taste and integrity of the original time tested favorite.

Crockpot Split Pea Soup

You don't have to spend all day at the stove to whip up this classic pea soup recipe. It's ready when you come home!

Ingredients: 7 cups water; 1 (16 ounce) package dried split peas, rinsed and sorted (2 1/4 Cups); 1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper; 3 medium carrots, cut into 1/4 inch slices (1 1/2 Cups); 2 stalks celery, finely chopped (1 Cup); 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup); 1 ham bone with some meat attached.

Directions: Mix all ingredients except ham in a crockpot. Add ham bone. Cover and cook on low heat 8 to 10 hours or on high heat up to eight hours or until peas are tender and soup has thickened. Remove ham from cooker and cut off meat. Stir ham into soup and stir again before serving.

Health Note: Rich in fiber, potassium and vitamin K, homemade split pea soup is not only a rich, hearty comfort food but healthy as well!

Tomato Parmesan Soup

Fresh tomatoes, basil and garlic team up with parmesan cheese and cream to create a mouth watering soup to warm you up on the coldest of days!

Note: Substituting low or no fat half and half will cut the calories and fat. When using fat free, add one tablespoon of cornstarch to each cup of half and half to stabilize mixture and prevent curdling.

Ingredients: Ten to 12 fresh tomatoes or two15-ounce cans diced tomatoes: 1 10-ounce can tomato sauce or equivalent of fresh; ¼ cup fresh chopped basil, finely chopped: 2 teaspoons minced garlic 1 medium white onion, diced; 1 cup milk or lowfat cream; 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth; 2 cups low fat shredded parmesan cheese; salt and pepper to taste.

Roux Ingredients: 3 tablespoons butter; ¼ cup flour; one cup half and half

Directions: Place tomatoes, tomato sauce, basil, garlic, onion, milk, broth and seasonings into crock pot. Cover and cook from 4 to 6 hours on low setting. Before serving, puree soup in a food processor or blender. Make the roux by melting butter, adding flour and whisking in the half and half until it is smooth and thick. Add the roux and parmesan cheese to pot and stir. Cook for another half hour until cheese is melted. Stir soup before serving. Sprinkle parmesan cheese as a garnish.

Health Note: Studies show tomatoes, rich in antioxidants and high in lycopene, can help protect your body against a number of health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, various forms of cancer and inflammation. Studies show tomatoes may also help halt sun damage and low aging of skin Tomatoes are also touted as a natural aid in the prevention of osteoporosis.

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Savory Stews

Thick stews bubbling in the pot have long been a New England winter staple. Preparing a simmering pan of homemade stew is not only delicious, it can be therapeutic. The scent of savory stew wafting through the air on a cold afternoon is a simple pleasure that can spark generations of memories.

New England Stew

Apples, carrots, parsnips and fresh herbs surround this superb chicken stew.

Ingredients: 4 teaspoons olive oil; 1 pound fresh chicken, cut into bite-size pieces; 1 large onion, chopped; 4 medium parsnips, peeled and chopped; 2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped; 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper; 4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth; 2 hard variety apples, peeled and chopped; 2 teaspoons cider vinegar

Directions: Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until just cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

2.Add the remaining 3 teaspoons oil to the pot. Add onion, parsnips, carrots, rosemary, salt and pepper and cook, stirring often, until the vegetables begin to soften, 3 to 5 minutes. Add broth and apples; bring to a simmer over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Return the chicken to the pot and stir in vinegar.

Health Tip: Parsnips are packed with potassium and folate, two nutrients important for cardiovascular health. Potassium helps protects you from high blood pressure.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com.

On Valentine's Day, consider financial gifts

Last year, Americans spent more than $19 billion on Valentine's Day gifts, according to the National Retail Federation, with the majority of this money going to flowers, candy, cards and an evening out. These gifts were thoughtful, of course, and no doubt appreciated, but they were also somewhat disposable, for want of a better word. On the other hand, some financial gifts can have a pretty long "shelf life."

FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

Beyond simply enclosing some money in a card, what sort of financial gifts can you give? The answer depends somewhat on the recipient. For example, if your sweetheart is also your spouse, some of the gifts suggested below may be redundant to the financial moves you make together. However, if you aren't married, or if you and your spouse maintain separate finances, these ideas may make excellent Valentine's Day presents:

IRA contributions – Technically, you can't contribute directly to someone else's traditional or Roth IRA, but you can write a check to your loved one – although, of course, he or she is free to use the money for any purpose. Like most people, your valentine may not usually contribute the yearly maximum amount – which, in 2017, is $5,500, or $6,500 if you're 50 or older – so your check should be quite welcome. A traditional IRA can grow on tax-deferred basis, and contributions may be tax-deductible. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty. A Roth IRA's earnings are distributed tax-free, provided withdrawals aren't taken until the account owner is 59½ and has had the IRA for at least five years.

Charitable gifts – Consider making a gift to a charitable organization supported by your loved one. When you send cash to a qualified charity, you can get a tax deduction, but you might gain even bigger benefits by donating appreciated securities you've held for more than one year. By doing so, you can generally deduct the value of the securities, based on their worth when you make the gift. Plus, neither you nor the charity will have to pay capital gains taxes on the donated investments.

Contributions to an emergency fund – It's a good idea for everyone to maintain an emergency fund to cover unanticipated expenses, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or out-of-pocket medical bills. If your valentine doesn't have such a fund, consider helping him or her establish one, with the money going to a liquid, low-risk account.

Gym membership – Although not actually a "financial" gift, a gym membership can nonetheless bring some positive economic results to your valentine. For one thing, the insurance industry is providing more incentives to encourage people to exercise and live healthier lifestyles. But even if a gym membership doesn't give your loved one a break on insurance premiums, it can nonetheless result in better physical conditioning, which, in, turn, could ultimately result in lower medical costs.

On Valentine's Day, you may still want to get your sweetheart something associated with the holiday. But if it's within your means to do so, also consider one of the above suggestions for financial gifts. Your generosity will still be felt long after the chocolates are eaten and the flowers have faded.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones advisor in Sturbridge at (508) 347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com

The evening was just ducky

BRIMFIELD — The second of a First Friday on the month Friends and Family Fridays at Hitchcock Academy was great fun for folks who said they knew very little about ducks and painting but the paintings were great. Two young students have submitted their paintings to the State of Massachusetts for a review by the judges and both have hopes of placing in their age groups. Any artwork chosen will travel around the state in exhibits as a part the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife annual Duck Stamp drawing contest for K-12. Those who did not submit their art, still had a wonderful

Hailee Rojas says, "I really liked painting the ducks and I learned about a lot of different ducks. The one I painted, I never knew about was a bufflehead."

Hailee's male and female buffleheads have been entered into the student stamp competition for the state.

Christine reflecting on the evening with her daughter said, "I thought it was very relaxing. It was great mommy/daughter time. My daughter loves this stuff and it gave us a reason to get out together."

Thank you to Country Bank for Savings, Stop & Shop and Athens Pizza for sponsoring our second Friends and Family Friday (F&FF).

The next F&FF will be a drumming circle with Tim Kane March 3 It is open to all folks of all ages. Visit www.hitchcockacademy.org for more information and to register or call (413) 245-9977.

Courtesy photos

Amber Sullivan and her mother Christine work on their paintings.

Deb Morin does a bufflehead.

Hailee concentrates on her version of the bufflehead.

A ruddy duck in its final phase.

Like ducks to water, Friends and Families came together to use watercolors to paint a palate of fun. Amber Sullivan did a mute swan.

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WARM SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE DIP

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Serves: 4 to 6

1 Tbsp olive oil
1 pkg (5 oz) spinach
⅓ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
⅓ cup grated Parmesan cheese
⅓ cup grated Asiago cheese
8 oz reduced-fat plain brick-style cream cheese
⅔ cup Greek yogurt
1 tsp lemon zest
1 Tbsp lemon juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
¼ tsp each salt and pepper
Pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
2 jars (6 oz) artichoke hearts, well drained and finely chopped
1 pkg (4.5 oz) Crunchmaster® Multi-Seed Crackers

Preheat oven to 400° F. Heat oil in large skillet set over medium heat; cook spinach for about 3 minutes or until wilted. Let cool completely. Squeeze out excess moisture and chop finely. Combine mozzarella, Parmesan and Asiago cheeses; reserve ¼ cup and set aside. Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add yogurt, lemon zest, lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper, cayenne (if desired) and remaining cheese mixture; beat until blended. Stir in spinach and artichokes. Scrape into greased 4-cup baking dish. Sprinkle with reserved cheese mixture. Place on baking sheet; bake for about 15 minutes or until heated through and top is golden brown and melted. Serve warm with crackers.

To make ahead, assemble dip, cover and refrigerate. Bake just before serving and serve warm.

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OBITUARIES

Pauline M. 'Pin' Bourdelais, 65

STURBRIDGE — Pauline M. "Pin" Bourdelais, age 65, of Sandy Circle, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 5, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after living with cancer for the last several years.

She leaves her loving partner of 27 years, Sandra J. Haney, they were legally married on June 30, 2007; their daughter, Misty-Dawn Shelly and her wife, Jenna of Fort Wayne, IN; her sister, Cecile Steglitz and her husband William of Thompson, CT; two brothers, Daniel Bourdelais of El Paso, TX and Michael Bourdelais of Southbridge; two nephews, William J. Steglitz and his wife Kim and Peter M. Steglitz; a great niece, Mary Kate Steglitz; a great nephew, John Kevin Steglitz; and many loving cousins.

Pauline was born in Southbridge, the daughter of Joseph Arthur and Georgette (Renaud) Bourdelais. She graduated in 1969 from Marianhill High School and went on to attend State University of New York at Cobleskill graduating in 1971 with her associates degree in animal husbandry. She truly loved animals and cared for several horses, dogs, and cats at the family farm and in her home. Pin and Sandie enjoyed going to Maine and Cape Cod to spend time at the beach. Annual family picnics, birthdays, and visits with the cousins were always cherished.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Cancer Center at Harrington Hospital especially Dr. Christopher Seidler as well as the staff at Harrington Memorial Hospital for their care and compassion which they showed Pauline throughout her illness.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Feb 11 from 1-3 p.m. in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge with a memorial service at 3 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Center at Harrington, 55 Sayles St, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Burton G. MacArthur,96

EXETER NH — Burton G. MacArthur passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2017 at Exeter Center in Exeter, NH. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on Aug. 14, 1920 he was 96-years old.

Son of the late Gordon G. MacArthur and Helen (Milligan) MacArthur, Burt was educated in the Waltham school system and graduated from Waltham High School class of 1938 where he participated in ice hockey and football. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Boston University where he was captain of the varsity ice hockey team.

Burt served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and saw combat duty during the Battle of Okinawa. He also participated in the initial landings in Japan.

Burt had a long and distinguished career as an educator including teacher/coach at Amesbury high school Amesbury, where he started the ice hockey program; athletic director at Tantasqua regional high school in Sturbridge; principal at Exeter High School in Exeter, NH where he also started the ice hockey program; and finally principal at Triton Regional High School in Byfield.

Burt was active in many educational and community organizations including president of the Worcester County Principal Association, president of the Rockingham County Principal Association, president Essex County PrincipalAssociation, Executive Board of the New Hampshire Principals Association, president of NHIAA, Executive Board of the Massachusetts Principals Association, president Exeter Rotary Club, Executive Committee of the Exeter Recreation Department, one of the original founders of the Jim Houston Hockey Committee and a vestry member of Christ Church Exeter.

Burt was predeceased by his wife of 68-years Marie (Murphy) MacArthur. He is survived by his brother Lorne MacArthur of Waltham, MA and his family, four children Anne [Allen] Zobay, Burton MacArthur Jr., Wendy [Fred] Keith and Robert [Dawn] MacArthur and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Exeter, NH on July 8 2017 at 2 p.m. Brewitt Funeral Home (brewittfuneralhome.com), 14 Pine St., Exeter, NH is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Burt's name to the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Compassionate Care Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Robert M. Beck, 98

CHARLTON — Robert M. Beck, age 98, formerly of Southbridge, passed away after a period of declining health on Feb. 1 at the Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton.

He leaves his daughter, Patricia A. Beck, and her partner, Susan McQuaid of Montague; nieces and nephews, Madeline Cournoyer and partner Ray Benoit of Southbridge; Sr. Marcia Sichol of California, Ruthanne Myers of Arizona, William Beck and his wife Darlene of Sturbridge, and David Beck of Marlboro, as well as several other nieces, nephews, and their children.

He was predeceased by his son R. Joseph Beck in 1963, his wife Irma in 2004, his niece Cheryl Macuga in 2016, as well as by his older siblings Howard Beck, Ruth Sichol, and Dorothy Beck Proulx.

Bob was born on April 27, 1918 to Charles and Marion (Morse) Beck in Southbridge and lived there until his move to Overlook in 2007. He attended Bryant College and was employed as a bookkeeper at the American Optical Company until being drafted into the Army, 96th Infantry Division, during World War II. As a 1st Sergeant, Bob served in the Philippines and Okinawa and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Upon returning home after his service, he joined his father, uncle, and brother in the family business, Weld & Beck Feed and Grain. The business closed with the demise of larger dairy farms in the area. Many years later, Bob reopened the business with a focus on smaller scale farmers and gardeners. He thrived on his daily interactions with his customers, equally attentive to all, whether the purchase was a pound of birdseed or a ton of grain. He will be remembered as a modest, kind, and gentle man with a droll sense of humor.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Overlook for their kindness, compassion, and professionalism in caring for Bob.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. John Paul II Food Pantry, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550 or Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Springs, KY 41076.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to ruth@stonebridgepress.news

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

IT'S MAGIC: Magic, The Gathering on Friday, Feb. 17 from 6-10 p.m. Magic is a card/trade game that is open to all people ages 10 and up! Bring your cards and a friend! Make a new friend! Improve your skills! Don't know how to play? Don't worry — someone will get you started! FREE! Refreshments provided. First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

CHOWDAH! The Tri-Community Exchange Club is having its 8th annual Chowder Fest fundraiser. It is being held on Feb. 19 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel from noon-3 p.m. The tickets are a $10 charitable donation per person in advance or $12 at the door. Many local restaurants will be serving what they hope will be the winning chowder. There will be raffles and door prizes. You can purchase tickets at Penney's Appliance 171 Charlton Road, Sturbridge or Southbridge Savings Bank in Sturbridge. All funds raised are given to local charities within the Tri-Community.

SQUARE DANCING: The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a special **"Advanced"** dance on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 2-4:30 p.m. The caller will be Don Bachelder. There are no rounds. Admission is $7 per person. For information on our beginner classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849 or visit our website @ www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

PUPPET SHOW: The Sturbridge Cooperative Nursery School is bringing back one of their most popular events of the year, the Tom Knight Puppet Show! Join us on Monday, Feb. 20 from 10-11 a.m. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. This show is fun for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased at the door for $5 per person and a $20 max per family. A great way to get out and kick off the February break!

VACATION FUN CLUB: The Tri-Community YMCA will be offering a February Vacation Fun Club for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, starting 2/20/2017 to 2/24/2017. Cost is $30 for members and $40 for non-members. Please visit the Tri-Community YMCA on 43 Everett St. Southbridge to register your child. For more additional information please contact 508-765-5466 or www.tricommunityymca.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CRAFTY: On Wednesday, Feb. 22 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Brimfield Senior Center is offering a creative craft class. Join us to create a cute as button fairy in a jar lantern that can be used as a nightlight or magical accent. This is an easy but multiple step project which will be led by instructor Becca McManus. Cost of class and materials is only $8. Please call to reserve your space prior to Feb. 17. Seating is limited to 15 for this class. Light refreshments will be provided.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

CHASE THE WINTER BLUES: On Friday, Feb. 24 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., come on in and enjoy a hearty, winter warm up feast. Your menu is: a table appetizer of Eva's homemade Italian cream cheese, pesto & sundried tomato spread with crackers; herb roasted pork loin with apple cranberry compote; fresh butternut squash; creamy, baked macaroni and cheese with crumb topping; seasoned broccoli and birthday cake for dessert.

February birthdays will be celebrated. There is a $5 suggested donation for this party. Please reserve your seat prior to Feb. 20. The Senior Center is located in the 1stCongregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. Contact at (413) 245-7253.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SPEAKER: The Western Massachusetts Republicans will be hosting a luncheon with special guest and keynote speaker, Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Kirsten Hughes. The event will be on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 from noon–1:30 p.m. at Old Sturbridge Village, Oliver Wight Tavern, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road. Tickets are $40 per person. To purchase tickets, please mail a personal check payable to WMR to Janet Garon, PO Box 24, Southbridge, MA 01550. Please include the names of attendees. You may also purchase tickets online at www.westernmarepublicans.com. Limited tickets may be sold at the door. For more information, call or text Janet at 774-230-7382.

PLANNING SESSION: Looking for a fun community volunteer opportunity? The Charlton Activities council needs you! Join us on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. as we plan the third annual Blueberry Festival at the Charlton Arts & Activities Center. Interested planning committee members are invited to attend this meeting to share their skills and ideas for the upcoming July festival. CAAC Farmhouse, 4 Dresser Hill Road, Charlton. For more information, please call Mrs. Petrik at (508) 248-9548.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

CPR TRAINING: two sessions of CPR training and certification at the Holland Community Center. The first option, at 1 p.m., is free and is a hands only version of CPR focusing on chest compressions. The second at 6 p.m. is full certification at $45 and includes materials, and instruction for CPR for adults, infants or children. Two hour complete certification course. To register or for information call: (413) 245-3163.

DEMOCRATS MEET: The Charlton Democratic Town Committee will hold a caucus on Feb. 27 at the Charlton Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

MINI-GOLF AT THE JOSHUA HYDE LIBRARY: Mini-Golf at the Joshua Hyde Library in Sturbridge is a delightful annual springtime event for the whole family. Celebrating its 5th year, the event will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10:30-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 1-4:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per person and $20 max for a family.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

CLASS of 2030: Kindergarten registration will be held at Charlton Elementary School, 9 Burlingame Road, Charlton, on Wednesday, March 8 from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, March 9 from 1-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

PLAN FOR WATER SPORTS: ABOUT BOATING SAFELY, a one–day boating safety course to fit your schedule Saturday March 11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Webster Fire Department classroom, 55 Thompson Road, Webster. Register soon as space is limited. Email edtavares@verizon.net or call (508) 404-8088. Course information is available at: http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=18432

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SEASONAL DINNER: The Men's Fellowship is hosting a delicious corned beef supper at Charlton City United Methodist Church (74 Stafford St.) on Saturday, March 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors. Corned beef & cabbage, and your choice of beverage, along with a delectable dessert, will be served. As always there will be continuous serving and take-out. Adults $10, $6 for children six to twelve, and children five and under eat free. Take-outs are also available. Tickets may be purchased at the door although reservations are appreciated. Call the church office at (508) 248-7379 for information and reservations. The building is handicap accessible.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: The BUUC Women's Alliance will be holding the 21ST annual Goods & Services Silent Auction on Saturday, March 18 at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church, 9 Upper River St., from 6:30-9 p.m. We will also have raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake-off.

ONGOING

Ongoing – Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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

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

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

FAMILY

The Spirit Of An Athlete Can Live In Everyone

Special Olympics star Dustin Plunkett and ESPN hosts agree that athletic organizations can inspire people to be their best selves.

(NAPS)

Whether you're an Olympian, a professional or a weekend warrior, you likely aspire to be the best you can be when presented with a challenge. To achieve greatness, all athletes, regardless of the level of competition, rely on others. These people are coaches, trainers, nutritionists, teammates, family, friends, mentors and heroes. That list can also include those who inspire and support anyone who tries to be better.

Take, for example, Special Olympics, a global movement that empowers people with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics movement has grown to more than 5.3 million athletes and unified partners in 169 countries. With the support of more than a million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers 32 Olympic-type sports and over 108,000 games and competitions throughout the year.

Many inspirational stories come out of Special Olympics. One such story is that of Dustin Plunkett, of Paramount, Calif. Plunkett, a 20-year veteran of Special Olympics Southern California, has shared a stage with professional athletes such as Yao Ming, as well as professional sports commentators at ESPN. However, it didn't come easily for Plunkett to get to where he is. Born with a cleft palate and an intellectual disability, he had a tough family life. His parents, struggling to handle him, turned him over to relatives. Thus began a tumultuous childhood of being shuffled around from one relative to another, none of them quite sure how to care for him. School life was even worse, where he was bullied daily. Then he was introduced to something life changing: Special Olympics. He thrived through training and competing in sports and became a leader and a voice for all individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Inspired by this type of dedication to health, fitness and competition, Herbalife Nutrition created a $1 million sponsorship of Special Olympics to support the organization, focusing on physical fitness. Leveraging its global team of more than 300 staff scientists and 36 Ph.D.s specializing in nutrition and sports performance, the company has lent expertise and educational content including videos and other materials to coaches, athletes, caregivers and the broader Special Olympics community.

"Our mission is to bring nutrition to people around the world and to provide support to those seeking to embrace a healthy, active lifestyle," said Dana Ryan, Ph.D., Herbalife senior manager of Sports Performance and Education.

As part of the sponsorship, Ryan joined Special Olympics Global Fitness Task Force to bring additional perspective and expertise to support Special Olympics athletes, coaches and families. The Global Fitness Task Force is an international committee of fitness experts and athletes collaborating to improve Special Olympics athlete sport performance and health through the vehicle of fitness.

Having provided volunteer, product and financial support for the Special Olympics Southern California Fall Games, Herbalife Nutrition looks forward to supporting the athletes and teams preparing for Special Olympics World Winter Games taking place in March 2017 in Austria. Austria will welcome almost 3,000 Special Olympics athletes from 110 nations to compete in nine Olympic-type winter sports.

Learn More

For further facts on Special Olympics, go to SpecialOlympics.org. For information about Herbalife Nutrition, visit Herbalife.com.

K–12 Education Savings Accounts And How They're Changing Kids' Lives

Valerie McMurray uses education savings accounts to customize her education in Arizona.

(NAPS)

If you're like many American parents, you may not be aware of a way to give your children a better education at little or no cost to you.

How It Works

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One Girl's Story

Consider the case of Valerie McMurray from Arizona. Her birth mother was a heroin addict and an alcoholic all throughout her pregnancy, and because of that, she was born prematurely and with cerebral palsy—a muscle disorder caused by damage to the brain, normally before birth. McMurray was adopted and struggled to learn to walk and talk.

Growing up, she said school was never something that came easy for her, whether in public or private schools. She was not getting the one-on-one care she needed as a student.

Finally, her adoptive mother was approached about the ESA program in her state, through which she would get government grants to learn at home.

McMurray discovered she did best at visual learning. She said she enjoys learning now, at her own speed—it doesn't scare her anymore. "I like having one-on-one attention from my tutors," McMurray said. "I ask questions without the fear of being made fun of or feeling embarrassed. My tutors teach me at my own speed." She also said she is happy she no longer has to sit still in one spot for hours at a time. She enjoys being able to go on field trips whenever her parents and tutor think it's best for her lesson plan.

Another thing McMurray loves about learning at home is that she doesn't have to deal with bullies anymore. "In public school, kids can be really mean," McMurray said. "At home, I am surrounded by people who are kind, understanding and actually care about my well-being. They don't make me feel uncomfortable about the way I walk or speak."

McMurray said the ESA program helped her self-esteem, not only through learning, but in the real world. She now has so much confidence in areas where she used to be confused.

Learn More

For more information about ESAs and to find out if your state offers families educational choice options, visit www.edchoice.org.

SPORTS

Tantasqua can't shake off pesky Rams, lose 58-47 decision

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team struggled in the early going when they hosted run past the Rams. In the end Northbridge defeated Tantasqua, 58-47.

Drew Peretti Northbridge High on Wednesday, Feb. 8, and the Warriors could never provided a spark off the bench for the Warriors in the second quarter, where he scored 10 of his career-high 17 points. As a result, Tantasqua took a 21-19 lead into halftime.

But the Rams pulled away in the second half, mostly thanks to Robert Cannon, who scored 15 of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors dropped to 6-8, while Northbridge finished its season with a record of 3-16.

Nick Ethier photos

Adam Phillips of Tantasqua drives the baseline against a pair of Northbridge defenders.

Tantasqua defender Jack Dalton presses against Northbridge's Jared Richardson.

Tantasqua's Drew Peretti scored a team and career high 17 points, but it wasn't enough as the Warriors dropped a 58-47 decision to Northbridge.

Ben Garrett of Tantasqua releases an inside layup after driving past a Northbridge defender.

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Hayden Peterson of Tantasqua gets past Northbridge defender Erik Mockus on his way to the basket for two points.

Tantasqua's Mike Frio launches off toward the basket during an attempted layup.

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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Course at Webster Fire Department

On Saturday, March 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Webster Fire Department Classroom (55 Thompson Road), there will be a boating course presented by the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla 1002. The boating safety course is developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. Successful completion of the course will certify a minor, ages 12 to 16, to operate a powerboat in Massachusetts waters.

Register soon at edtavares@verizon.net or call (508) 404-8088, as space is limited. There is no charge, however there is a $40 fee for the cost of materials, ABS textbook, study guide and certifications(s), and only $20 for each additional family member.

Register now for the Learn-to-Play Jamboree on Feb. 20

WORCESTER — On Feb. 20, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., FMC Ice Sports will host the Bruins FUNdamentals Learn-to-Play Jamboree at the Buffone Arena. The jamboree is open to all beginner-level participants enrolled in a learn-to-play or cross-ice program. This year marks the first year the Jamboree will be held at the Buffone Arena in addition to the established events in Brockton, Chelmsford and Revere.

This unique, end-of-season tournament utilizes a cross-ice format and will incorporate all skills learned throughout the year to give players their first exposure into organized game play. Each team will consist of 10 players and is guaranteed to play three games.

Blades, the Boston Bruins mascot, will be in attendance to join in the festivities, and will be available for photo opportunities with each team. Every child participating will also receive a special award at the end of the tournament.

Registration for the Bruins FUNdamentals Learn-to-Play Jamboree at the Chelmsford Forum is open now on either a team or individual basis. To register please contact Sean Kennedy at 888-74-SKATE x5049.

The Buffone Arena is located at 284 Lake Avenue, in Worcester, MA 01604 and is a Commonwealth of Massachusetts public ice skating facility, overseen by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and managed by FMC Ice Sports.

Worcester State University set to host plenty of baseball clinics

Various baseball clinics will be held at Worcester State University this year. Please visit http://www.wsulancers.com/camps-clinic/index for additional information on any of the clinics.

10th annual Friday Night Baseball School: Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3, hitting from 6-7 p.m., pitching from 7 to 8 p.m. in multipurpose gym/cages.

22nd annual Hitting Clinic: Feb. 20-22, 9 a.m. to noon in multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Pitchers and Catchers Clinic: April 18 and 20, 9 a.m. to noon outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

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Veterans Inc. to host annual Best Ball Charity Golf Classic

WORCESTER — Veterans Inc. will host its 20th annual Best Ball Charity Golf Classic on Wednesday, May 10 at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton. All proceeds will benefit veterans in need and their families.

The 18-hole golf classic will include an 8 a.m. registration time and a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Player registration is $150. Golfer registration includes giveaways, greens fees, golf cart and a steak dinner. The tournament will include Hole-in-One contests sponsored by Sheldon's Harley-Davidson of Auburn, a men's and women's longest drive, a closest to the line contest and a closest to the pin contest. The deadline date for registration is April 26.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at many levels from major to hole sponsorships. Donations of raffle items are also being accepted. All donation amounts are greatly appreciated and recognized. For a list of Sponsorship Opportunities and to download Sponsorship and Registration forms, visit our website at www.veteransinc.org. The tournament is Co-Chaired by State Representative John J. Mahoney and Mayor Joseph M. Petty of Worcester. For more information on how to become a sponsor or register, please contact (508) 791-1213 extension 1162 or email golf@veteransinc.org.

Join the free Charlton/Dudley Women's Basketball League

Please come and check out the Charlton/Dudley Women's Pickup Basketball League at the Heritage School in Charlton every Monday while school is in session from 7-9 p.m. There are no set teams and no fees. Come for the exercise and the fun of playing basketball. The league is for ages 18 and up. Call Deb at (508) 248-3600 for information.

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Listings Always Needed - We're Always Busy Selling!!!

DOUGLAS – 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Custom Colonial! 2.2 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry Foyer! New Applianced Granite Kit! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master Suite w/Cathedrals! 2.5 Baths! Expandable 3rd Level! New Roof & Furnace! CVac, Security, Irrigation! 2 Car Garage! **$429,900.00**

WEBSTER – 59 East Main St! Best Street for Business in Webster! Highest Traffic Count! Ideal for Most Business Applications! Complete Recent Remodel Inside & Out! Formally a Polish Deli & Convenience – Fully Equipped As Such – Full Kitchen! With Almost New Equipment - $399,900.00 Without - **$299,900.00**

DUDLEY – 377 Dudley Oxford Rd! 7 Rm Split! 2+ Acres! Applianced Kit w/ Breakfast Bar! Den w/ Pellet Stove! 12x20 Liv Rm w/ Cathedrals! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Skylight! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Hearth! 12x20 Deck! 2 Car Detached Garage! 2 Sheds! New Roof! **$234,900.00**

WEBSTER – 16 Orchard Ave! 7 Rm Custom Cape! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit! Formal Dining! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Frplc & Skylight! 1st Flr Bdrm! Cathedral Master! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Family Rm! 3 Season Sun Rm! CAir & Vac! Newer Furnace, Water Heater & Windows! Garage! Town Services! **$259,900.00**

CHARLTON – 175 Oxford Rd! 6+ Rm Split! 1.53 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Anderson Slider to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bow Window! Master w/Hrdwds, Slider to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! **$279,900.00**

OXFORD – 3 Mt Pleasant St! 7 Rm "L" Ranch! 1 Acre! Farmers Porch! Eat-in Center Isl Kit w/SS Appliances! Formal Din Rm/Den w/9' Slider to 12x24 Vinyl Deck! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr &10' Bow Window! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Full Bath! 2 Car Attached Garage & 1 Under! **$279,900.00**

OXFORD – 11 Daniel Dr U:B! 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 6 Rm End Unit! Applianced, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrdwd Flrs! Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck! Master/Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft Rm/Office! CAir! Attached Garage! **$234,900.00**

DUDLEY – 32 Central Ave! 6 Rm Townhouse! Huge Liv Rm w/Wood Laminate Flooring & Triple Window! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Dble Stainless Sink! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Garage! Oil Heat! Shed! Fenced Yard! **$169,900.00**

THOMPSON – 449 E Thompson Rd! 6 Rm Contemp! Beautiful 1.5 Acres! Applianced Kit w/Quartz Counters, Cherry Cabinets, Breakfast Bar! Formal Din Rm! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Frplc! Master w/Walk-in Closets, Private Deck & Full Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! CVac! Mitsubishi A/C! Wired for Generator! 2 Car Garage! 2 Sheds! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER – 13 Scenic Ave! 7 Rm Colonial! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Granite Island! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Liv Rm w/2 Skylights & Hrdwds! Den/Office w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2.5 Baths! 10x14 Deck! In-Grnd Pool! Shed! 2 Car Detached Garage! **$299,900.00**

DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/ Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Large Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Area w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 2 Full Exceptional Bathrms! Fam Rm! Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! **$264,900.00**

SUTTON – 58 Stone School Rd! Easy Access Rte 146! 7 Rm Colonial! 1.12 Acres! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit w/Din Area, Tile Flr, Slider to Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Custom Wood Ceiling w/Crowns! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Office w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 13X25' Master! 2 Baths! **$294,900.00**

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

WEBSTER – New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths/Master! Applianced! Granite! Hrdwds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! **From $234,900.00**

DUDLEY – 4 Cross St! Newly Renovated 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Picture Din Rm & Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! New Bath w/Marble Shower & Tile Flr! 1st Flr Master! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets! 3 Season Sunrm! NEW Furnace, Plumbing & Electric! **$149,900.00**

SUTTON – 4 Blueberry Meadow Dr! Spacious Hip Roof 8 Rm Colonial! Applianced Kit! Formal Dining & Living Rms! Frplcd Fam Rm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! 2 Car Attached Garage! Nice Half Acre Lot – Cul-de-Sac! **$409,900.00**

WEBSTER – 56 Poland St! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Chair Rail! Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds under Carpet! Den w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Hrdwds! Ceramic Tile Bath! 2 2nd Flr Bdrms! 3 Season Porch! 2 Car Garage! **$234,900.00**

WEBSTER – 129 Lower Gore Rd! 6 Rm Split! Immediate Occupancy! 1.5 Acres of Privacy! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! Din Area w/Sliders to Deck! Liv Rm w/New Carpet! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 1.5 Baths! 6 Panel Doors! Newer Furnace! Town Services! 2 Sheds! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 26 Pepka Dr! 7 Room 1,790' Ranch! SS Applianced Kit & Din Area w/Tile Floor! Formal Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Full Tile Baths! Huge Basement! Patio! Circular Drive! Great Yard! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 24 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape w/Full Dormer! Convenient Location! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets & Ceiling Fan! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Carpet Over Hrdwds! 1st Master w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Oil Heat! Town Services! Gas Avail! Vinyl Siding! Garage! **$169,900.00**

WEBSTER – 13 Crown St! Conveniently Located 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! 2/1 Baths! Ideal 1st Flr Applianced Eat-in Kit! 15X26 Frplcd Liv Rm/Din Rm Combo! 2 Full Baths, Master Bath! Spacious 2nd Flr, 5 Rms! Eat-in Pantry Kit, Din & Liv Rms! Detached Garage! Off Street Parking! **$199,900.00**

DUDLEY - 174 Klondike Rd! Pierpont Meadow Waterfront! West Facing! Beautiful Sunsets! Full Recreational! Cozy Yr Rd Getaway! Renovated! Applianced Kit w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/ Frplc & Hrdwds! 1 Bdrm! Updated Bath! Heated Sunroom Overlooking Water! Recent Electrical, Plumbing, Well & Septic! **$199,900.00**

WEBSTER – 36 North Main St! 6 Room Cape! Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Dining Area! Living Room w/Wall to Wall! Den w/Wall A/C! 1st Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Recent Roof & Furnace! Will be Updated to Circuit Breakers! Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking! **$89,900.00**

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

WOODSTOCK – 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9ft Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Applianced Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrdwds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **$389,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliance Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **$259,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Chestnut St Unit 22! "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrm Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet, Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water! Storage! 2 Parking Spaces! Coin Op Laundry! **$64,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrdwds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! **$674,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/ Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$284,900.00**

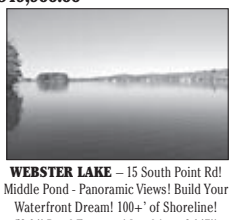
WEBSTER LAKE - 56 Laurelwood Dr! Middle Pond – Reid Smith Cove! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 12 Rms/3,517' of Comfortable Living w/Super 4 Rm In-Law Apartment! Custom Built 2011 from Ground Up! Stainless Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar/Lunch Counter, Gas Range, Wine Cooler, Pantry & Cherry Hrdwds! Exquisite Formal Dining Rm w/Chair Rails, Crowns & Cherry Hrdwds! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Crowns, Cherry Hrdwds & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry! Lake Facing 2 Rm Master Suite w/Walk-in Closet, Slider to Private Deck, Master Bath w/Glass Multi Head Shower, Separate Tub & Dble Granite Vanity! 3.5 Granite Baths Total! 3/5 Bedrooms! 2nd Granite Kitchen! Ceiling Stereo Throughout! 3Z Gas Heat! 3Z C/Air! CVac! Security! Andersons! 2 Car Garage! One of the Newest & Best Homes For Sale on the Lake in Years! **$849,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! **$1,195,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$259,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! 5 Rm Year Round Waterfront Home! 2 Bdrms! Renovated Kit & Bath! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, **SOLD by Century21 Lake Realty! $285,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$189,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! **$1,449,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch - Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! **$489,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 36 Laurelwood Dr! Magnificent Lake Property! .75 Acres! Western Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! Frplc Liv Rm! Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Deck! Cabana! Sandy Beach! New Dock! Boat Ramp! **$799,900.00**

HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Wood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall! Side Entry Mud Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedrals! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rms! Zoned Hydro Air! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! **$749,900.00**

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Featured Open House
DUDLEY - 17 EAGLE DR

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First Time Offered! "WOW" is the Reaction when Entering this Beautiful Home ! Outstanding Quality in this Custom Colonial! Large Upscale Kitchen w/ Solid Maple Cabinets! GE Profile Appliances! Granite Counters! Lg Angled Breakfast Bar! Formal Dining Room! Hardwood Flrs Throughout both Levels! Brick Fireplace. Cathedral Ceiling, Second Floor Balcony! 1st Flr Master w/LuX Bath & Sep. Shower, Double Vanity w/Granite! 1st Flr Laundry w/Sink! 2nd Flr - 3 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths, Rm above garage! Lg Deck 14x30! Security Sys.! Central Air! Oversized Garage! **$424,900.**

WEBSTER - 40 CAMILE RD

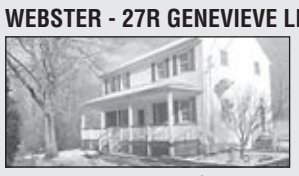
A wonderful family home, great for entertaining! Featuring a large eat in, cabinet packed kitchen with granite counters, ceramic floor, recessed lighting. Sunken living room! Stone Fireplace! Formal dinning room, office w/french doors! Large master suite, w/jetted tub, plus 2 large bedrooms! Finished lower level w/ pellet stove, 2 full baths + 2 half baths! Heated in ground pool! **$349,900.**

June Cazeault * William Gilmore II * Laurie Sullivan * Diane Strzelecki * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * Mark Barrett

THOMPSON CT- 351 QUADDICK RD

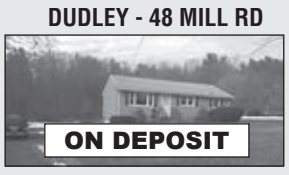
Welcome to the country at its best! This gorgeous 3 bedrm 2.5 Bath contemporary home, nestled on a private beautifully manicured yard on 2.64 Acres! Granite countertops and island! Brazilian cherrywood throughout kitchen, dining, & living room! Cathedral ceiling living rm! Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, full bath! First flr half bath w/ washer dryer. 2 Car garage! **New Price $299,900.**

WEBSTER - 27R GENEVIEVE LN



Meticulously maintained 4 plus bedroom Colonial! Farmers porch invites you in to a front to back living room with maple wood floors, while sliders lead to a new deck with levels for entertaining and an above ground pool. Large formal dining room,flows into the stainless appliance kitchen.. Privacy abounds this beautiful home in one of Websters finest neighborhoods. **$309,900.**

DUDLEY - 48 MILL RD



*FIRST TIME OFFERED! Well Maintained & Roomy 3 Bedroom Ranch! Fresh Paint & Hardwood Floors! Basement is Complete with Sheetrock and Heat! BONUS If You Like to Walk, there is a Convenient Nature/Walking Trail only Steps Away "Quinebaug River Valley Trail **$189,000.**

DUDLEY- 23 INTERVALE RD

Welcome home to this charming 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath cape! One acre! First floor master bdrm w/ full bath! Living room w/pellet stove! Lower level has additional heated family room! W/ 2nd full bath! Sit out and grill on the recent deck and enjoy the fresh air! Make sure you put this one on your "to see" list! **New Price $199,900**

LAND: WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster Lake - Limited Access! Black Point Rd. Land Town Water & Sewer. $44,900
Webster - Lot 119B Thompson Rd Town Water & Sewer $43,500.
Webster - Lot 119A Thompson Rd Town Water & Sewer $43,500.
Webster - 114 Lake St. **Multi-Family Zoned**, 12,000 +/- Sq Ft Lot. Town Water & Sewer, and City Gas! $56,900.
Webster- 122 Gore Rd. Lot Approx. 1-1.2 +/- Acres. Town Water & Sewer. Level Lot.
Business Zoned $110,000.

AUBURN- 5 PINEDALE RD

Centrally Located to All Major Routes! Route 395/290/20/12 and Mass Pike. Charming 4 Bed Cape 1,493 sq ft. +/- Huge Family Room 22x20 to Deck 20x15, Hardwoods, Newer Roof, Vinyl Siding, Spacious Flat Level Lot, Paved Drive, 2 Sheds, Town Services. **NEW PRICE $229,900.**

HOLLAND - 88 STURBRIDGE RD.

Welcome To This Wonderful Country Setting Home!! Beautiful 4Bedroom! 2 Bath Ranch! Nestled On A Flowing 3.2 Acre Lot Open Layout Floor Plan!! Catherdal Ceiling Living /Dining Area And Kitchen, Great For Entertaining!! Kitchen Is Fully Applianced With Work Island! Plenty Of Storage In Additional Basement As Well As The Connected Two Car Garge! Close To Rt.s 20, 84 And The Mass Pike!! Hamilton Res. Beach Boat Ramp And Fishing Pier Just Around The Corner!! **$269,900.**

WEBSTER

Restaurant Business - Capacity 44,
Beer & Wine License!
Walk in cooler! Name brand equipment! All service ware included. Avg.Traffic count approx.13K per day.
$139,900.

DUDLEY - 217 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD

Lovely Country Setting for this 3 Bedroom Cape! Motivated Seller! Private setting on 1 Acre. Roomy 2 Car Garage Open Concept Floor Plan. Living-Dining Area. Country Kitchen with Eat in Dining Area. Access to Rear Deck for Summer Fun. Walk out Basement for Convenient Access to Backyard. Electric Fence to Keep The Dogs Safe! Good Value! **NEW PRICE $244,000**

THOMPSON CT– 1 MASON TER

New To The Market! Fully Remodeled 2 Family Unit! Maintenance Free Exterior! Spacious 3 Bedroom Units Fully Applianced With Brand New Dishwashers, Hot Water Heater And Washer/Dryer Hookups In Each Unit!! Brand New Roof And Second Bioler Installed For Separate Units Heat. Pleanty Of Off Street Parking And Excellent Location. Close To 395.Great Investment Property! Check This One Out! **$149,900.**

WEBSTER- 14 COLONIAL RD

Bank Owned! "As-Is Condition" without repairs or warranty. 6 Room Colonial, 3 bedrooms! 1 Bath, Electric heat.18 Acre +/-.
assisted sale **$107,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - BLACK POINT RD

Build able lot on Webster Lake with limited access. 7,483 Sq. Ft., of Land. 50 ft. frontage **$44,900**

WEBSTER LAKE -WATERFRONT LOT

22 SOUTH SHORE RD. New to the Market. Southern Exposure! Panoramic Water View of South Pond! Breath taking morning sunrises! Have fun Kayaking, Sailing, Boating, Swimming, Snorkel, Skiing, Ice Boating, Snowmobiling, and Skating! Suspended low maintenance Dock! Custom architectural home drawings. Engineered and was approved, conservation site plans, (needs to be resubmitted, expired) Conservation Site Plan DEP# 323-0926. **$189,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - TREASURE ISLAND

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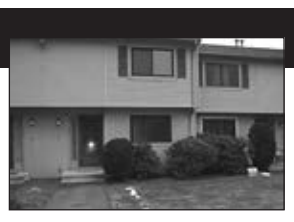

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- 1st floor Family room
- Formal Living room
- Great highway access

14 Lake Pkwy - $269,900

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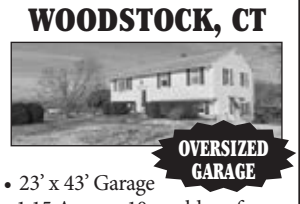

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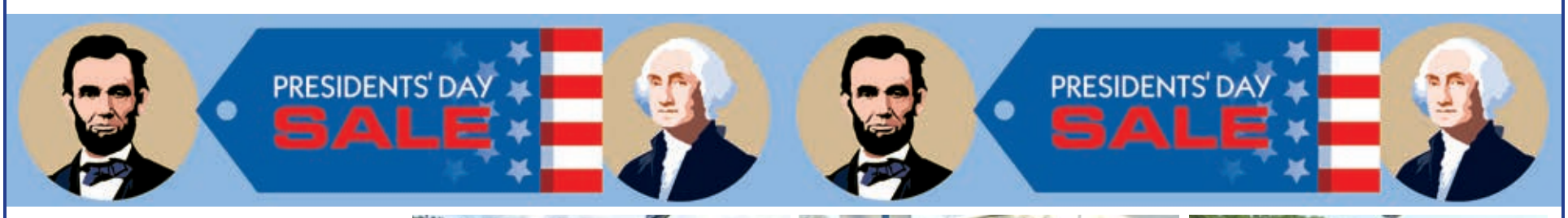

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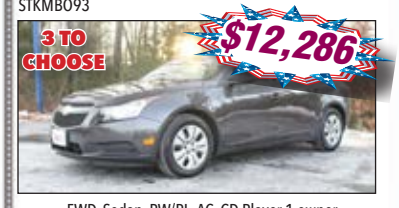

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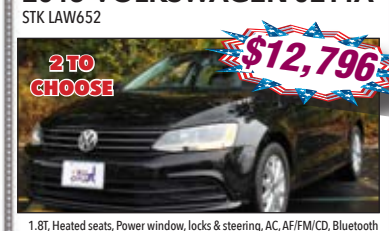

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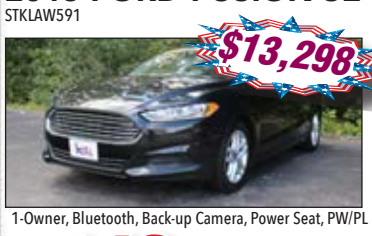

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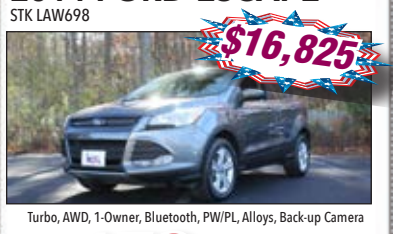

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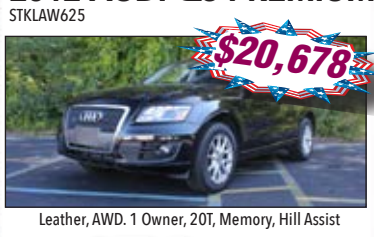

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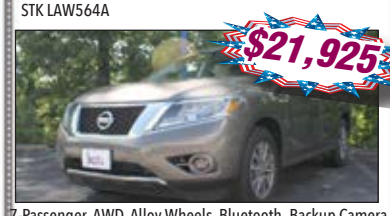

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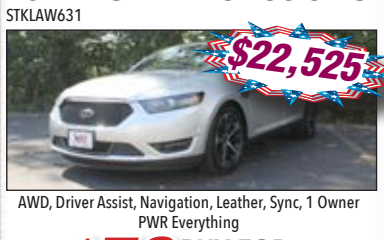

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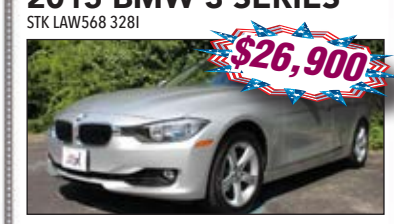

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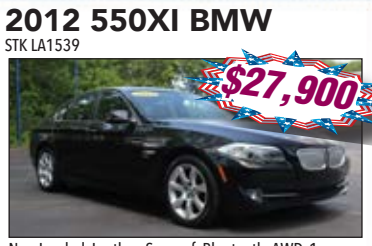

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Survey:

Greater Parent Involvement In The Classroom Could Help Boost Teacher Recruitment

(NAPS)

Parental involvement in the classroom is a well-known strategy to boost student achievement, but according to a recent survey, 62 percent of K–12 teachers say fewer than a quarter of parents get involved in the classroom1.

Teachers wish to have more parents involved, especially in elementary school. When asked what would attract more qualified educators to the field, 18 percent of K–12 teachers want more parent involvement in the classroom, with 21 percent teaching K–5 seeing the value2. To improve teacher retention, almost 30 percent said that programs encouraging parent participation in schools and classrooms was a potential solution3.

The survey, conducted by University of Phoenix® College of Education and Harris Poll, highlights the unique opportunity that parents have to become more involved in their children's classrooms and to make an impact on their learning and classroom experience.

"Parents are the first teachers of their children, and they play an integral role in their education both inside and outside the classroom," says Pamela Roggeman, Ed.D., academic dean for University of Phoenix College of Education. "Communication between parents and teachers is critical to student success. As a former high school teacher, I saw firsthand how a culture of collaboration improved student outcomes and teacher satisfaction."

How Teachers Want Parents To Get Involved

When asked about ways that teachers would like parents involved in the classroom, they cited4:

- Don't wait until there's an issue to connect with the teacher (68 percent).
- Ask about areas for improvement for their child (65 percent).
- Communicate regularly with the teacher (65 percent).

"The most impactful thing parents can do to stay engaged in their child's learning is to have open dialogue and communication with their child's teacher throughout the year," adds Roggeman. "This allows parents to have a better understanding of their child's progression and can help parents support the academic growth of their child through at-home activities to supplement what's being done in the classroom."

Increasing Parent-Teacher Communication

Keeping up regular communication with a child's teacher can be challenging for parents, particularly when balancing work, personal and family responsibilities. To help, Roggeman suggests four simple practices for parents to increase communication with their child's educators:

1. Identify the best method of communication. Today's teachers create numerous ways to stay engaged with parents outside the classroom, including e-mail, a social media group, classroom websites or handwritten notes. Find out the teacher's preferred method of communication for quicker responses and stay engaged.
2. Ask about classroom activities and feedback on your child's performance. Learn about current classroom lessons and activities. Ask for constructive feedback on how a child is performing to better understand difficult subjects for your child and areas for improvement.
3. Don't be afraid to ask for homework help. It can sometimes be difficult to help children with their homework as curriculum evolves and parents might need to "brush up" on a subject. It's natural—and not unreasonable—to ask educators for homework help and important to ensure children understand the curriculum.
4. Don't forget to say "thanks." Teachers choose the profession to make a difference in students' lives. They may manage more than 100 students a day and act not just as educators but as role models, guardians and caretakers for the nation's students. Don't forget to say thank you to your child's teachers for choosing the profession and for all their hard work.

University of Phoenix College of Education has been educating teachers and school administrators for more than 30 years. For more information, visit www.phoenix.edu/education.

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1 Survey of 1,005 U.S. full-time employed K–12 teachers who have at least an undergraduate degree conducted online within the United States by Harris Poll on behalf of University of Phoenix between April 14 and 25, 2016. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, contact Amanda Barchilon at amanda.barchilon@apollo.edu.

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Make Head Checks A Weekly Habit At Home

(NAPS)

While school days can mean an influx of head lice cases as children are together in close quarters, you can help protect your family.

The Problem

Lice are most commonly spread through direct head-to-head contact—not typically through sharing hairbrushes, scarves and hats. Research also shows that lice are often transmitted between siblings or neighborhood playmates.1 Performing weekly head checks at home can be a smart way to stop an infestation before it affects the entire family.

It can take four to six weeks for infestation symptoms (such as itching) to show up.2 And catching lice early is vital to controlling them, so vigilance is key.

What You Can Do

Here are three tips on how to check your child's head for lice:

- Work under a bright light and use a nit comb to remove anything you find. Part your child's hair and watch for movement (lice quickly travel away from light).
- Part the hair to look for eggs stuck to the shaft near the scalp. About the size of a poppy seed, lice often look like dandruff that can't be easily removed.
- Pay particular attention to the nape of the neck, behind the ears and from bangs to the crown of the head. Recently laid eggs are nearly transparent, so it's helpful to examine hair from different angles.

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Lice can quickly advance through several life cycles before being caught, so conducting routine head checks is a vital step toward helping your entire household stay lice-free all year.

Learn More

For a downloadable reference card, visit www.vamousselice.com/head-check.

Performing proactive head lice checks at home can prove beneficial for families.

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Connectedness And Acceptance:

Improving Mental Health Among LGBTQ Youths

(NAPS)

As a young boy, James knew that meeting with his therapist should not be making his depression worse. His therapist used conversion therapy—a practice meant to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. These sessions only made him feel shameful and isolated. James had known he was gay since he was very young. But because he wanted to be accepted by his family and friends who were not supportive of a gay identity, he continued with conversion therapy. Unfortunately, denying a piece of his identity was harmful to his mental health.

Now, as an adult, James is a therapist who helps youths who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity (LGBTQ youths) with their mental health and well-being.

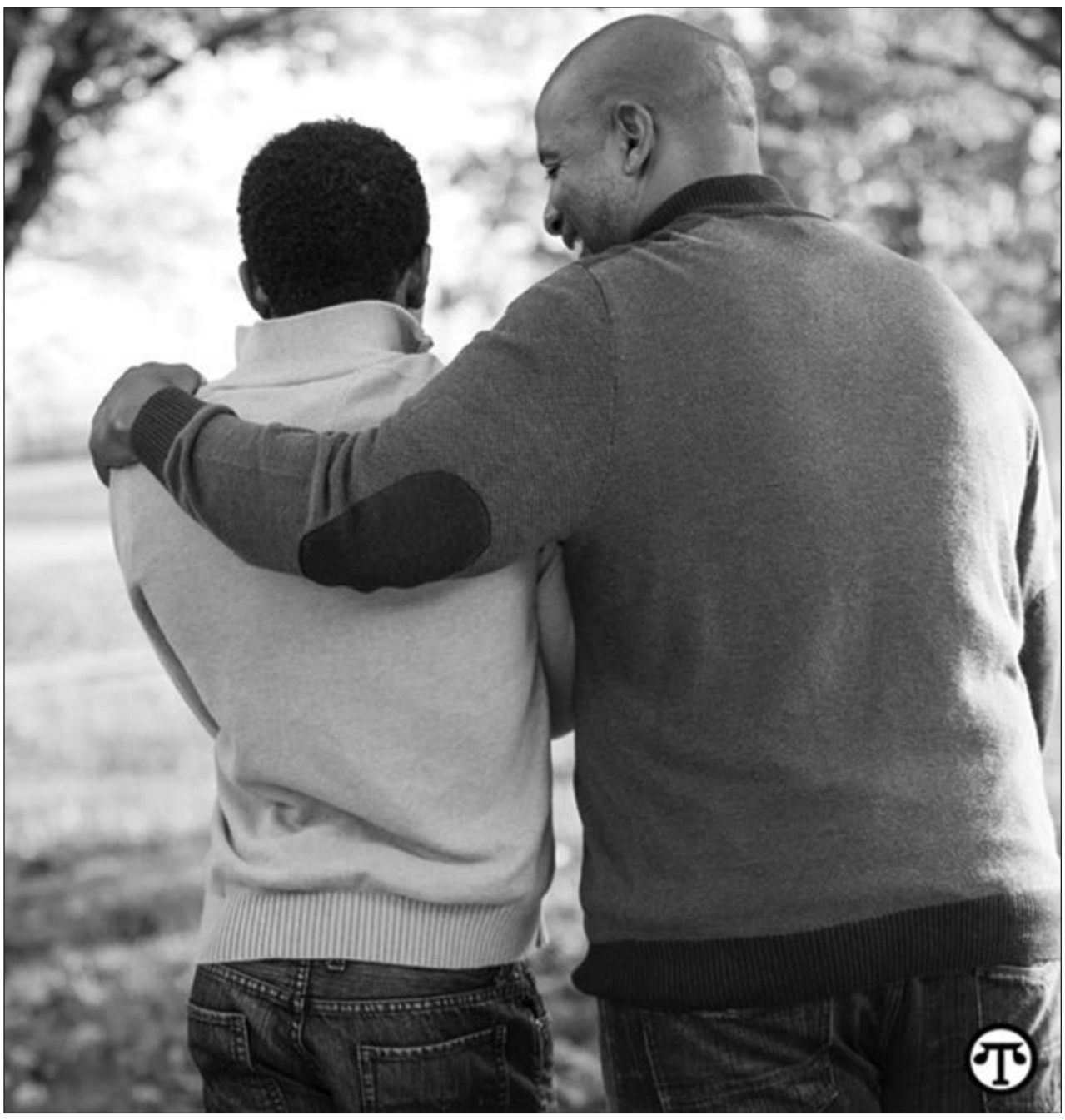
LGBTQ youths are more likely to suffer from mistreatment and discrimination, compared to their counterparts who are heterosexual and cisgender (in other words, not transgender). At school, LGBTQ youths are more often the target of bullying and harassment than other students. They are at higher risk for anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation and attempt, and mental health problems. However, LGBTQ youths do not struggle with mental health issues because of their identities. They are put at risk for mental health issues because of how people who are unaccepting of LGBTQ identities, which may include family members and peers, treat them.

In an effort to eliminate stressors and improve LGBTQ youths' health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a federal government agency focused on mental health and well-being, has recommended against health professionals using conversion therapy. Rather than providing the support that LGBTQ youths need, according to SAMHSA, "conversion therapy perpetuates outdated gender roles and negative stereotypes that being a sexual or gender minority or identifying as LGBTQ is an abnormal aspect of human development. Most importantly, it may put young people at risk of serious harm."

When LGBTQ youths are rejected by their family or peers, it negatively impacts their well-being. Therefore, rejected youths need adults who are supportive, including health care professionals. As a therapist for LGBTQ people, James can give his patients what he was not given as a young boy: an adult who accepts them, regardless of identity.

SAMHSA offers helpful advice to mental health professionals like James, as well as to parents, teachers and any other adults committed to serving youths, in order to help make the lives of LGBTQ youths healthy and successful. Researchers have discovered that "connectedness" can help promote healthy development in youths. "Connectedness" is just what it sounds like; feeling connected and supported by important adults and institutions, like schools, leads to well-being.

Here are some important ways that adults can help LGBTQ youths get the "connectedness" they need:



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Mental health experts say LGBTQ youths need support from the adults in their lives.

- Parents and family members can make sure to express affection for LGBTQ children or adolescents, showing them that they are accepted regardless of identity.
- Talk and listen respectfully, to understand a child's experiences.
- Stand up for a child or adolescent if he or she is hurt or mistreated or experiences discrimination. Knowing that a parent or caring adult is committed to ensuring that an LGBTQ youth is safe, and providing an open and accepting place, is a powerful support.
- Teachers and other educators can encourage all students and staff to stop any bullying or harassment and make schools a welcoming place for all students.

These simple actions can make a life-changing difference for LGBTQ youths. Learn more by reading SAMHSA's report, entitled "Ending Conversion Therapy: Supporting and Affirming LGBTQ Youth," available for free at http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA15-4928.

Five Tips To Prepare Your Children For Success In School

Many parents may be surprised to learn that even two absences a month can seriously hurt a child's academic progress.

(NAPS)

One of the best things you can do for your children is to make sure they attend school every day. After all, we want our kids to have the best possible chance of doing well in school and achieving their dreams. But getting a child to school isn't always easy. While some absences are understandable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence.

Although most parents understand the importance of getting their child to school every day, many believe that missing three or more days of school each month won't make a difference. In reality, as early as elementary school, students who miss just two school days per month are more likely to fall behind in school, and less likely to graduate from high school. Even when the absences are excused or understandable, absences add up. Students who miss just two days of school each month end up missing 18 school days, or 10 percent of the school days in a year.

By following these five simple tips, you can help ensure your child attends school every day. Attending school every day puts your child on the path toward success in school and in life.

What to Do:

1. Keep track of how many days of school your child has missed.
2. Figure out why your child is absent from school. Is your child dealing with a chronic illness such as asthma? Is he being bullied or struggling at school? Is she staying home to help care for a family member?
3. Ask teachers and community leaders for advice and specific resources. Reach out to other parents, too, to ask for help and share tips.
4. Consider enrolling your child in a mentoring or an afterschool program. When kids work with mentors, they learn about the importance of attending school every day. With an additional support system in place, kids learn strategies to address their day-to-day challenges. Similarly, when kids get involved in afterschool programs, they are more likely to feel connected to their school communities and are less likely to be absent.
5. Visit AbsencesAddUp.org for information on the impact of absences and resources to help prevent them in the future. On the website, you'll learn how to help children who are struggling in school, being bullied, managing chronic illness or dealing with mental health challenges. Additionally, the site also provides parents with resources to assist with caregiving, housing and food challenges.

Learn More

Families can visit AbsencesAddUp.org to find resources and tips that can help them through many challenges, whether their child isn't feeling well, their family is struggling with housing, or anything in between.

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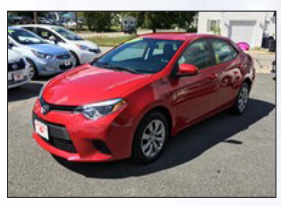

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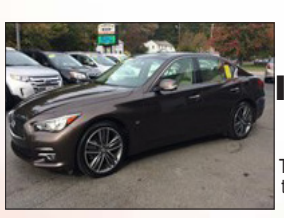

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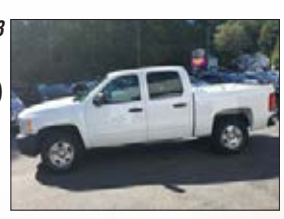

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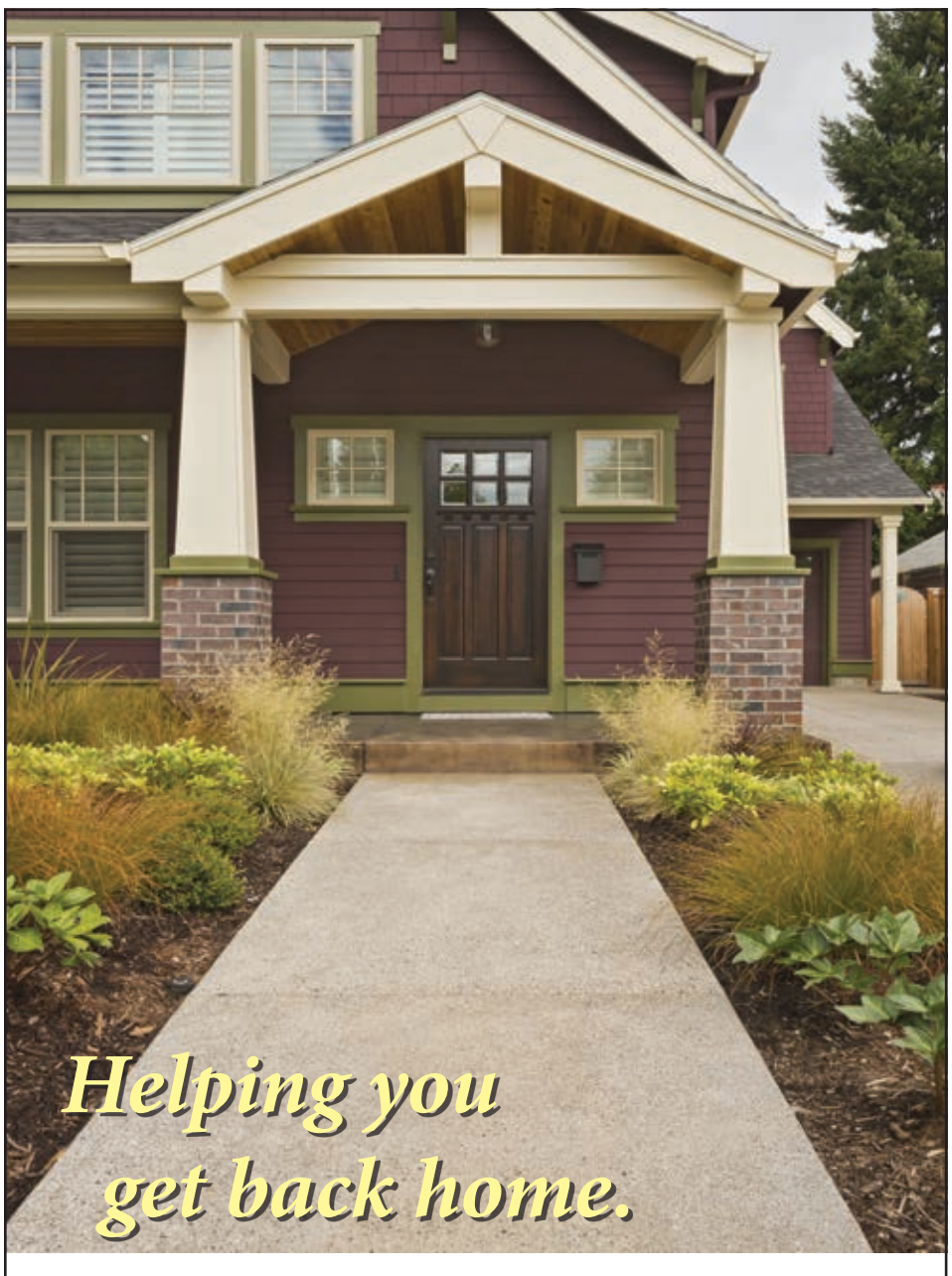

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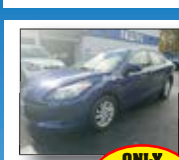

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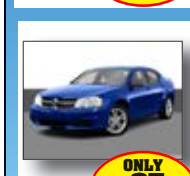

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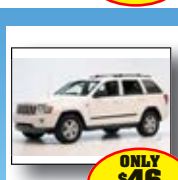

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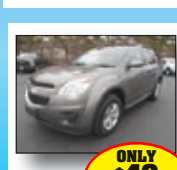

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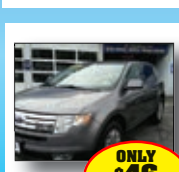

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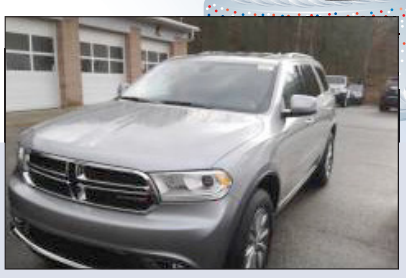

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(508) 867-6769 x300, ebbos300 @eastbrookfieldma.us
or write to the Board at:
122 Connie Mack Drive East Brookfield, MA 01515
Inquiries of interest must be received by February 22, 2017 at 5PM.

Town of East Brookfield Board of Selectmen
The Town of East Brookfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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Part-Time Church Custodian

11 hours a week, year-round position. Requires manual labor. Experience in large-area cleaning. Works independently. Responsibilities include inside and outside cleaning & maintenance.
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Holy Trinity Church
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Southbridge, MA 01550
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Developmental Service Worker I
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Part Time 20 hours/week
Hours:
Thursdays/Fridays
2:00pm-10:00pm
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One Year Lease,
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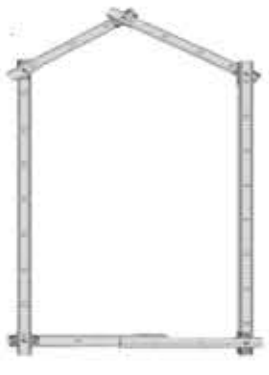

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

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* **1929:** THE FIRST ACADEMY AWARDS ARE AWARDED TO HONOR THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY.

* **1946:** THE MUSICIAL, "ANNIE GET YOUR GUN," OPENS ON BROADWAY.

New word

DEMOLISH

pull or knock down

GET THE PICTURE?

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: WRENCH

How they SAY that in...

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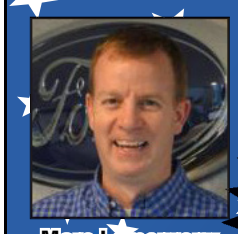
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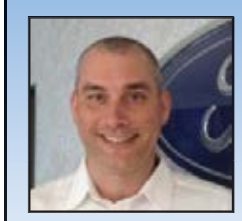
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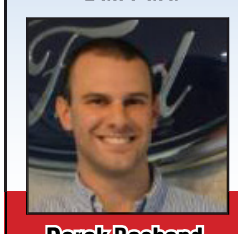
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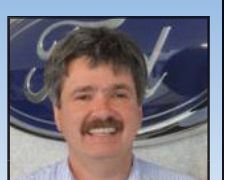
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