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## Frost joins colleagues for “Go Red For Women” event

BOSTON — On Feb. 3, Rep. Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) joined his colleagues in the House and Senate, along with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, for the annual Go Red for Women Event held at the State House. The event raises awareness of women’s number one health threat, cardiovascular disease.

Frost commented, “A frightening fact is cardiovascular disease takes more women’s lives than cancer and accidents combined. A woman dies every 80 seconds from heart disease. As a father of three daughters, a husband, a brother with one sister and fortunately as a son with his mother still active and with

us, I truly appreciate the efforts being promoted by this awareness campaign and fully support it.”

This event is sponsored by the American Heart Health Association as part of the National Wear Red Day. Please visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) for more information.

## Recycling reminder from Auburn Board of Health

AUBURN — With the New Year upon us, Massachusetts residents might find a blizzard of boxes left over from packages delivered during the holiday season. Most of the packaging from your online shopping can be reused or recycled, and Recycle Smart MA makes it easy to figure out what goes where.

Old cardboard boxes can be recycled up to seven times and are used to create a wide range of products like cereal boxes, shoe boxes, new cardboard boxes or even furniture. According to the American Forest and Paper Association, cardboard boxes are the most-recycled packaging material, with nearly half of the material used to make new boxes coming from recycled paper. So that box you recycled last year may actually be helping to deliver another present to your home this year.

To ensure that your cardboard boxes are not treated as trash, simply remove any plastic air pillows, packing peanuts or Styrofoam inserts before placing them in your recycling bin.

It’s also important to keep your recycling bin dry and free of food and liquids, which can

attract pests, impact the recyclability of the paper and cardboard, and make a mess for the recycling facility workers who sort the material. Here’s a pro tip: flatten cardboard boxes so you can close the lid on your recycling bin or wait to put them out if the weather looks bad.

Another great option for dealing with the avalanche of boxes is to reuse them.

Cardboard boxes are strong and durable, and they can be reused for online shopping returns, storage, re-gifting, or arts and crafts.

What about all the other packaging materials you receive during the holiday shopping season? Let’s break it down! Here is what packaging is recyclable — and what isn’t — from your online shopping orders:

- Cardboard box — flatten, and recycle
- Paper filler — recycle
- Plastic air pillows and bubble wrap — these don’t belong in your recycling bin, but you can save and reuse or bundle with other plastic bags and wrap and bring them to a collection bin at your local super-

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## Charlton REAS Foundation offers annual Taste of the Towns!

CHARLTON — The Charlton Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors (REAS) is pleased to announce our annual Taste of the Towns to be held on Leap Day evening - Saturday Feb. 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church Hall, 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton.

Some 300 guests will sample delicious food and beverages from local restaurants and vendors at this annual community event. Thanks to local sponsors, donors and businesses, the evening will also include a cash bar, silent

auction, raffle items, door prizes, a money tree, and enjoy live music with Lori Brooks! Some of the participating vendors include Ronnie’s Seafood, Ted’s Package Store, Stearns Dressed Meats, Perry’s Deli, Francesco’s Italian Bakery, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Sugar, Power Nutrition, Uno Pizzeria, Tree House Brewery, Karol’s Corner Takeout, Food Fit 4 U, Oliver Wight Tavern, Sturbridge Seafood, McDonalds, Suzy Q’s Ice Cream Truck and Bay Path Culinary program who is sponsored by

Southbridge Credit Union.

Tickets are \$15 per person ahead of the event and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at the Charlton Senior Center, Cornerstone Bank in Charlton and Savers Bank in Charlton.

The Charlton REAS Foundation, Inc. is a local 501c3 non-profit organization established by volunteers who care about the health and well-being of the senior population. Many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and with the fluctuating costs of heating oil, prescription medica-

tions, health insurance, food, and daily necessities choices can become very difficult. Proceeds from this event will supply qualifying senior citizens of Charlton with energy assistance.

Thanks to your contributions in 2019 the Charlton REAS Foundation awarded 45 seniors with assistance for a total of \$17,400. This fundraiser along with the lottery calendar is the REAS Foundation’s most important event. We would not be able to give this assistance without your attendance, mon-

etary donations, in-kind donations and volunteer time.

The Taste of the Towns event is a great way for our community to have a fun, inexpensive night out and to help our neighbors at the same time.

Contact info: Charlton REAS Foundation, Inc, P.O. Box 793, Charlton, MA 01507. Web site: [www.reascharlton.org](http://www.reascharlton.org). Phone: 508-868-5289.

Thank you for your support – we hope to see you there!



*Gus Steeves Photo*  
Design consultant Richard Kelley, right, helps a citizen understand details of the Route 20 project at the end of the forum.

## Residents raise concerns about Route 20 project

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – At last week’s public forum on the Route 20 reconstruction project, several citizens raised concerns about its impact on certain neighborhoods, particularly Thayer Pond Village, Oak Drive, Bay Path Road and homes directly along the highway.

In general, residents sought an additional traffic light at Bay Path/Glenmere, requested changes to the traffic flow near Thayer in light of another proposed condo development nearby, and objected to the possibility of having new pull-off zones be too close to some homes and the fact dividing the highway makes it difficult for some homes to get trash and other services.

Before citizens could voice such issues, Design consultant Richard Kelley summarized the project and several changes since the public last saw it at the formal 25 percent hearing. It covers 3.2 miles from Richardson Corner Road to Route 12, a stretch he said really represents two distinct areas: the “very rural” area west of Route 56, and a “bedroom community” east of there. It carries around 26,000

cars per day, “a lot to ask of a roadway that is only 11-foot travel lanes and no formal shoulders,” he said.

While that lane width won’t change, the project calls for making the now-temporary median barrier permanent (in some parts, concrete, in others an island), adding shoulder pull-off zones for breakdowns and emergency vehicles in several key areas, four-foot shoulders for better drainage, new “shared use paths” for pedestrians and bikes east of 56, bridge work at French and Little rivers, adding traffic lights at Oxbow Road, and “U-turn bulbs” in a couple areas. It also includes a 42-acre conservation parcel for environmental mitigation and extension of water/sewer lines west to the Oxford town line, but there’s no plan to connect that to the existing Charlton line, which ends farther west. He noted MDOT is also working with the WRTA to make areas safe enough for buses to pick up passengers along that stretch.

According to Massachusetts Department of Transportation Operations Engineer Thomas Emerick, the project has been scaled down. Then it was tagged at

\$75 million-plus, but a “value-engineering review” cut \$15-20 million is ways he said won’t harm safety “while reducing impact to residents and the environment.” The biggest of those changes was simplifying the intersection at 56 from the original proposal that was more cloverleaf-like.

Kelley noted they plan to seek permits and hold the final design hearing this fall, bid it in late 2021, and start construction in 2022.

According to State Rep. Paul Frost, that’s actually shorter than original envisioned, largely because of MDOT’s willingness to work with the towns and people.

“Until a few years ago, this project would have been broken into two phases,” with the first starting

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# Office of Public School Monitoring to conduct review at Bay Path

CHARLTON — During the week of March 16, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public-School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Southern Worcester Regional Vocational High School, (Bay Path). The Office of Public-School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligi-

bility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students. In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public-School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education pro-

gram. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public-School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations. Parents and other individuals may call Deborah Conover, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at (781) 338-3736 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommoda-

tion, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements. Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report with information about areas in which the (district or charter school) meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the (district or charter school) requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/>.

## Selectmen hope to keep Traffic Commission active

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The future of Charlton's Civilian Traffic Commission is still inconclusive, but town selectmen look determined to keep the commission active in one form or another. On Jan. 14, selectmen heard from the commission's chairman Mike McGrath who expressed concerns shared by other members of his group that the commission has been

found itself limited in its ability to communicate with officials about public concerns involving traffic. The commission was formed in 2017 in order to gain input from the public about issues on Route 20 or any other Charlton roadway and how to proceed with resolving traffic concerns. McGrath suggested the possibility of restricting the commission to involve more town officials including finance authorities. On Jan. 28, the Board of Selectmen didn't provide any

concrete answers for the commission's future with several options on the table: keeping the commission as is, dissolving the commission or rebuilding the commission with new members including town hall personnel. The consensus was that the commission does serve an important role in town and needs to remain and be reconstructed. "I don't think the issue is that citizens aren't coming to the with concerns. I think the issue is more of we need a way

to be more proactive when they do come to us with concerns," Selectman Deborah Noble said. "They'd like to have a different makeup of the committee so that they can have people there who are actually decision and policy makers." Selectman Bill Borowski also touched on the significant of the group calling it a voice for the people especially for a contentious issue that plagued Charlton throughout the latter half of the 2010s. "The commission itself may

be helpful to act as a sounding board for concerned residents to say, 'I'd like you to look at X, Y, or Z'. Perhaps one recommendation is to have the (Town Administrator) to put this on a to-do list to see how best we can illicit and solicit resident concerns and feedback and how we can funnel that to the appropriate folks to take action," Borowski said. Selectman agreed to discuss the matter further in a month's time putting the discussion on hold until Feb. 25.

## Charlton Fire Department receives SAFE grants

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Fire Department has been named the recipient of a state grant that will help in educating local students on the importance of fire safety. In a press release dated Jan. 22, it was announced that Charlton has received a total of \$6,313 worth of grants to assist with two Student Awareness of Fire Safety, of SAFE, programs. \$3,965 will be utilized for the Fiscal Year '20 SAFE Program in town while \$2,348 will support the Senior SAFE Program which serves to educate senior citizens in fire safety. The funding is awarded through

the state Department of Fire Services. "Our Community Risk Reduction Division enjoys working closely with our school administration and teachers to help youngsters learn what they can do to prevent fires, to survive those that do occur, and how to respond correctly to fires and other emergencies," Charlton Fire Chief Ed Knopf said in the release. He added that the resources for senior training will help the SAFE Program become an even bigger asset to Charlton. "Seniors are an age group with considerable risk factors that we hope we can minimize with this program," Knopf wrote. "This program educates

seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. We are partnering with the Charlton Council on Aging to provide fire safety information and distribute safety materials, install smoke alarms, install house numbers, conduct in-home fire safety checks, and provide some safety training," Through the SAFE programs Charlton will host trainer fire educators to deliver "age-appropriate" fire safety lessons and practices to both students and senior citizens in town. State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, who joined Chief Knopf to make the grant announcement, said that the SAFE Program, now in its 25th year

in Massachusetts, has been essential to ensuring citizens young and old are prepared and educated should they ever need to respond during a fire emergency. "Since consistent comprehensive fire education is the one thing we are doing for children that we are not doing for every other age group, I think it's fair to say we are proving fire education works." Said Ostroskey. "We hope to have the same success with the Senior SAFE Program in reducing deaths and injuries to older adults."



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# Cornerstone Bank donates \$10,000 to Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$10,000 to the Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB). This financial contribution will go toward expenses associated with their Food Sourcing and Distribution Program.

The Worcester County Food Bank provides donated food to a network of partner agencies that serve neighbors struggling with hunger throughout Worcester County. In addition to providing food to those in need, the WCFB

also advocates to create a hunger-free and healthy community by supporting policies and programs that work to decrease hunger by improving access to healthy food.

“The Worcester County Food Bank plays an important role in providing food to our neighbors in need,” stated Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. “We’re pleased to support their mission in creating a hunger-free community.”

The Worcester County Food Bank is

the largest hunger relief organization in Worcester County. In 2018, the WCFB and their network of 118 partner agencies donated over 6.5 million pounds of food and assisted over 81,000 people, with 33 percent of that food provided to children. For more information about the WCFB, please visit them online at [www.foodbank.org](http://www.foodbank.org) or by calling 508-842-3663.

About Cornerstone Bank  
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Worcester County Food Bank Director of Communications & Development Joni Kusminsky with Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman.

## School nurse for two days: Delivering complex student care



Robin Peters

CHARLTON — Many may conjure up images of getting a note to be excused from gym class, applying a bandage to a scraped knee, or a temperature check visiting the school nurse.

But for Robin Peters of Douglas, a practical nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the school nurse’s office provides vital access for students to a nurse, assisting them through the day and helping with acute injury, unexpected illness or a chronic condition.

Peters recently spent two days at the School Nurse’s Office at Bay

Path Regional Vocational Technical High School as part of her Clinical Observation for Term 2, Medical Surgical Nursing. In the two days, Peters worked with Lynn Coleman, RN and Deborah Grenier, RN.

In Peters’ words, “When the First Bell echoed throughout the halls at 7:40 a.m. and we were there, doors open, ready for action. Students trickled in and we were ready for the snuffle ridden halls.”

School nursing is a position she now knows well. As she saw first-hand students in need of medical attention. School nursing is another calling for professional set of nursing skills when treating students as a school nurse.

According to Peters, “Nursing in this atmosphere is a whole different animal, so to speak. You are caring for individuals who may not know how to fully communicate what is going on with them, you must really look at the big picture unbiasedly with high school kids. Not only do you have acute illness walk through your door, you also have students with diabetes, social phobias and eating disorders.”

The typical ratio of one nurse to about 750 students does not change the plan of caring. Caring for the students knows no boundaries.

Peters concludes by saying, “I respect the role of the school nurse. They create a haven for these kids. School nurses provide anxious kids a sanctuary in a professional and respectful manner. They are so much more than a box of tissues and a baggie of bandages for the mishaps at the shops. I value the role of the School Nurse.”

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Ashlynn  
Age 11

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Legally freed for adoption, Ashlynn will thrive in a home that can provide her with her own space and individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring homes

with a mother and a father or two mothers. Ashlynn will do best as the youngest or only child in a family. Ashlynn has four brothers and two sisters in Massachusetts, and it is extremely important that she maintains a relationship with them.

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## BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 12

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Mia Bohanan ,Anthony Colacchio, Lauryn Dawson  
Braden Doney, Gavyn Floury, Anna Israelian,Mathew Langlois, Samantha LePage

Erica MacGrory, Andrew Makowiecki ,Amber Melanson ,Justin Orrell, Austin Rebello  
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GRADE 11

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Joshua Natale,Robert Nichols III,Madison Poole,Nicholas Reil,James Rivera  
McKenzieRobinson,Madison Rynne Aiden Sabatinelli,Kyle Sadusky  
Jake Schofield ,Ryan Steiner,KyleighSutherland,Elijah Thacker,Kiana Tonkin  
Johnathan Tucker, Antonia VanDam,Isabella Varney,Nikko Vitkos  
Ashley Wilson ,Katie Wroblewski,Louis Zanca

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Adrian Aguilar,Kenneth Aponte,Kayla Aviles,Maranda Baez,Morgan Benoit  
Rebecca Boucher,Nathan Campbell,Ariana Carrier,Rani Erickson  
Tyler Ethier,Eathan F i n n e r a n , T y l e r Gillespie,Damien Grassey,Jace Hutchinson  
Abigail Joesten,Erik Johnson,Liam Kalil-J o h n s o n , J a m i e Kirkorian,Isabella Latour  
Dennis LeBlanc,Ullysses L o g a n , E v a n M a l d o n a d o , A n t h o n y Marini,Luis Perez  
Michael Pulsifer,William Rodriguez,Steven Schoenfeldt, Jr.,Brendon Seller  
Maynard Sweet-Giglio,Saige Therrien,Christopher Towns, Jr., Tyler Walton  
Allison Wheeler,Genevieve Williams

GRADE 10

High Honors  
Alexia Brawn,Diego Canovas  
,Marisa DeJesus,Marlee Donohoe,Nathan Dreitlein  
Lillian Dunkerton,Ashley H a m e l , N i c h o l a s Hunter,Morgan Ivory,Andrew Leach  
Olivia Morin,Gabrielle Packard,Jayna Schmohl,Olivia St. Germain , S c a r l e t Taveras

Honors  
Aidan Adler,Connor Barton,Justin Barton,Thomas Becker,Thomas Benoit  
Dominic Benvenuti,Sadie Bickford,Anna Bonin,Brian Bonnette,Hayden Bourgeois  
Catalina Burden,Dylan B u t k u s , P a t r i c C a m p b e l l , A n d r e w Cannon,Isabella Capuano  
Stephanie Chege,Clayton Constantine, Carter Coughlin,Kevin Cunningham

Jack Dalton,Kyleigh Demers , H a r m o n y Desrosiers , C h l o e Dexter,Lillian Dolan  
Erin Donahue,Zachary Dubsy,Victor Freeman,Shaun Gelinan, Jr., Isabella Gervais  
Gavin Gillet,Genesis Gonzalez,Nicholas G o s s e l i n , J u l i a Graveson,Cameron Hafner  
Aidan Hall, Haevyn H a z z a r d , Z a c h a r y Hinman , M a d y s e n Howard,Logan Johnson  
Lucas Kaufman,Mikayla Kihm,Kevin Kilcourse,Tiffany King,Zachary Kohberger  
Cole Komssi  
Jason Kozlowski,Chase L a m p r e y , B e t h a n y Lasell,William LeCuyer  
Jaylynn Maher,Anthony Martins, Brandon M a r t o c c i , T o r i Masiello,Madigan McManus  
Richard Menard IV,Amber Mercon,Aaron Mitchell, J o v a n n i Morales,Samuel Murillo,Aidan O o s t e r m a n , P a i g e Osche,Aaliyah Perez,Krystal Quadarella  
Lukas Rafferty,Caleb Renaud , L u z y v e t t e Sagastibelza-Lopez,Zachary Sargent  
Kristina Scott,Ethan S h a n b a u m , S a r a h S i m p s o n , K a t r i n a Somers,Caroline Soucy  
Aaron Swank,Francheska Toribio-Polanco,Camden Towns,Aaron Trahan  
Aaliyah Tremblay C o l l i n s , M a c k e n z i e Tupaj,Rohan Vaidya,Tyler Verrier  
Mateusz Zych

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Adam Barter,Nicholas Beauchemin,Gabriella Carlin,Abby Christian,Connor Clardy,Dylan Cotton,Izabella Coughlin,Kurtis Davis,Cody Douglas  
Johnathon Ferreira,Lucas Grant,Amie Grenier,Harrison Herbert,Alexia Hubacz  
Chloe Jordan,Ryan Kempskie , C o d y LaMonda,Jacob LeBrun,Brady Letourneau  
Casey Levasseur,Lexie MacDonald,Marguerite MacKenzie B r a y d e n Nolette  
Evan O'Malley,Devin Phillips,Hunter Pocis,Michael Riberdy,Jacqueline Ross  
Anthony Seymour,Daniel Sibert,Kyra Stevens,Isabella Tanacea,Jalissa Torres  
Jeffrey Trainor

Grade 9  
High Honors  
Samuel Boria,Isabella Coleman , G r a c e C o m e a u , C h e r y l Dolson,Elizabeth Dreitlein  
Ty Dupuis,Evan G e l i n e a u , A d r i a n

Gonzalez,Osiris Gonzalez,John Guerin,  
Emma Hesselton,Luke Hill,Grace Jones,Hunter Kelley,Aiden LaFrance  
James LeProhon,Ayden Letourneau,Mackenzie Morrisey,Merissa Murray, Kiyana Perez,Patrick P r u d h o m m e , T a t i a n a Rodriguez,Wyatt Sadusky  
Arminda Simoes,Terry Simon,Gianna Simpson,Naomi S o r i a n o , C a s s a n d r a Trondillo,Lucas Welton,Emily Westwell

Honors  
Alyssa Adams, J a k e Aho,Samuel Audunsson,Lukus Bachand,Olivia Beaudette

Cauy Beaver,Quinn Beck,John Begg , A l e x a n d e r Besaw,Benjamin Besaw  
Emma Boulet,Jon B o y l e , D e n n i s B r u n e l l e , M i r a n d a Burden,Arriana Cabana  
Julia Canty,Joshua C a r i g n a n , M a t t h e w Casati,Daniel Chaffee,Makayla Collins  
Libby Condrate,Caleb Jude Corpuz,Ryan Couture,Noah Cowher  
Bryan Da Silva,Ryan D a v i s , V i c t o r i a D a v i s , S a m a n t h a DeCell,Cam'Ron Desrosiers  
Brenna Donohue,Damien Falconer,Collin Farrell,Jayden Flanders  
Zachary Ford,Evan Frost,E m m a - A b i g a i l G a c h a g u a , A l e x a n d e r G a m m e t t o , A i d e n Gelardi,Emily Gelineau,Noah G l i s p i n , M a k e n z i e Gonzalez,Devon Goulet  
Lauren Hennessy,Samantha Inangelo , O l i v i a James,Rebeka Janusz,Mason J o r d a n , M a t t h e w K a l l g r e n , E y a n Karłowicz, M a r i s s a Keefe,Delaney Kirkorian  
Nakia L'Ecuyer, Sydney L a m o n t a g n e , R o b e r t L e B l a n c , A n t h o n y Leite,Gianaleze Lopez  
Sean Malboeuf  
Connor McCarthy,Erika Melendez,Jaysi Miller,Yerilian Miranda-Colo  
Kyle Moody,Stephen Ngaruia , J o n a t h a n Norrman,Damon Provencal  
Timothy Putnam,Jenisey Ramos,Emma Rannikko,Noah Richards  
Daffany Rivera,Sabrina Rodrigues, A b r a h m Routhier,Olivia Sansoucy  
Jazlynn Santana,Cameron Scobie,Sawyer Smith,Emma St. Francis  
Aaron Stieglitz,Gavin S u p r e n a n t , D a m i o n Szafarowicz,Jacob Thomas  
Taylor Tremblay,Brook T w o f e a t h e r , J a c o b W i l g a , J a c k s o n Wright,Jonathan Young

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Ayan Ahmad,Anthony Barba le , D i l l o n Beckwith,Constantine Billis  
Ryan Brown Herraiz,Connor Burke,Hailey Carlson,Michael Chansignavong,Alyssa Davis  
Ronald Desrosiers,Noah Dipadua,Elaina Dunbar,Beau Dusty,Amanda Englund  
Gabriel Espinosa,Lucas Farnham,Zachary Finizza,Tori Fontaine  
Jordyn Forbes,Maximilian Frullo,Casey Gallagher,Sara Gerena,Isabella Heck  
Sumner Jordan,Anna L'Esperance,Yamilisha Machado,Judly Maignan  
Michael Mallette,Matthew Marchetti , M a t t h e w Marshall,Daltin McCarthy  
Dylan McDonald,Jayme Melanson,Georgios Pirperis, M a d i s o n Poirier,Ariane Ramos  
Matthew Rousakos,Evan St. Cyr,Brayden Therrien,Walfry Torres-Rodriguez  
Wade Wolanski,Makenna Zella

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates number of days

6. When you hope to get there

9. Hairstyle

13. Black (Spanish)

14. Expresses pleasure

15. Away from wind

16. Tech pros organization

17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it

18. Clean

19. Saints' signal caller

21. A way to hunt

22. Poetries

23. Automobile

24. Secondary school (abbr.)

25. Indicates before

28. Male parent

29. Short-billed rails

31. It pays to keep yours

33. On occasion

36. David \_\_, US playwright

38. Slang for cigarette

39. Vaccine developer

41. Returned to health

44. Toni Morrison novel

45. Period between eclipses

46. Veterans battleground

48. Gang

49. A radio band

51. Jaws of a voracious animal

52. Elaborate garments

54. Chinese province

56. Checks

60. Horizontal passage

61. Steep hillsides

62. Fertility god

63. Dried-up

64. Signs a name

65. \_\_ Winger, actress

66. German river

67. Gov't lawyers

68. Take something somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_ Blyton, children's author

2. Colleague

3. "The African Queen" writer

4. Crater on the moon

5. Toward

6. Overhang

7. Identifies something close at hand

8. Sign language

9. Unbroken views

10. Ancient Greek City

11. Stretch out to grasp

12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking

14. Humorous stories

17. Long song for a solo

20. Barrels per day (abbr.)

21. City of Lights

23. A place to sleep

25. Advanced degree (abbr.)

26. The back

27. Furniture-makers Charles and "Ray"

29. Songs to a lover

30. Gland secretion

32. 10 meters

34. Disfigure

35. Stores grain

37. Sacred book of Judaism

40. Catch

42. Promise

43. Challenges

47. Russian space station

49. Banking giant

50. Served as an omen

52. Drenches

53. Type of sword

55. Minor planet

56. Messenger ribonucleic acid

57. Japanese ankle sock

58. Obtain in return for services

59. Waste matter

61. A proposal to buy at a specified price

65. Unit of loudness

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Abigail Baer of Auburn named to University of Hartford Dean's List  
WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Abigail Baer of Auburn has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2019. Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been

guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,800 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students representing all 50 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university

focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impactful change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.



# LEARNING

## MARIANAPOLIS PREP SCHOOL ANNOUNCES QUARTER 2 AND SEMESTER 1 HONOR ROLLS

THOMPSON, Conn. — Below are the students who have earned their place on the Quarter 2 and Semester 1 Honor Rolls.

Q2 Head of School List  
Ali Abdel-Jalil, Bayan, Kuwait; Olivia-Mae Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton, MA; Lily Alessandro, Pomfret Center, CT; Owen Alicandro, North Oxford, MA; James Alves, Uxbridge, MA; John Barnwell, Danielson, CT; Cassandra Belsito, Millbury, MA; Abigail Boria, Charlton, MA; Benjamin Bouchard, Douglas, MA; Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson, CT; Campbell Braun, South Grafton, MA; Stephen Canavan, Ashford, CT; Hansen Cao, Shenzhen, China; Francesca Capalbo, Worcester, MA; Marielle Caparso, Worcester, MA; Shaylan Cashman, Charlton, MA; Panachai Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Pannawat Chauychoo, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Dominika Chmielewski, Webster, MA; Spencer Courville, Charlton, MA; Anna Czechowski, Webster, MA; Anh Dao, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Alexandra Delano, Charlton, MA; Joseph DiPietro, Worcester, MA; Danielle Doiron, Charlton, MA; Fiona Doiron, Charlton, MA; Sydney Duby, Worcester, MA; Sophie Elustondo, Burwood, Australia; Ava Fabiano, Killingly, CT; Chiara Faiola, Auburn, MA; Yifei Fang, Shanghai, China; Alexandra Giorgio, Millbury, MA; Ashley Giorgio, Millbury, MA; Serena Godin, Glendale, RI; Juliette Golden, Millville, MA; Isabella Gonzalez, Plainfield, CT; Madelyn Grundstrom, Moosup, CT; Zachary Hall, Plainfield, CT; B Hannon, Putnam, CT; Angelina Hargrave, Charlton, MA; Sofia Hargrave, Charlton, MA; Mai Hasegawa, Osaka-shi, Japan; Sophie Hendrick, Willimantic, CT; Philip Heney, Douglas, MA; Thu Hoang, Hai Phong, Vietnam; James Hoban, Millbury, MA; Maura Hoban, Millbury, MA; Patrick Hoban, Millbury, MA; Kaylynn Horan, Putnam, CT; Katelyn Jacoboski, Willington, CT; Mackenzie Jutras, Greenville, RI; Claire Kelleher, Auburn, MA; Julia Kilroy, Upton, MA; Zachary King, Plainfield, CT; Kate Landis, Brooklyn, CT; Molly Leahy, Leicester, MA; Juhyoung Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Syhyoung Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Chenxi Liu, Changzhou, China; Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock, CT; Lauren Makie, Webster, MA; Szymon Mamro, Webster, MA; Remonda Mankarios, Webster, MA; Riley Martin, Moosup, CT; Benjamin McGarry, Thompson, CT; Keegan McLeod, Foster, RI; Emma McQuiston, Webster, MA; Kate Melnick, North Grosvenordale, CT; Sara Michailides, Chepachet, RI; Ayame Mizuno, Nagoya, Japan; Lily Mueller, Webster, MA; Linh Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Nhi Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Abbie O'Brien, Plainfield, CT; Collin O'Connor, Sutton, MA; Declan O'Connor, West Boylston, MA; Jenna Olivieri, Douglas, MA; Linh Pham, Hanoi, Vietnam; Long Pham,

Hanoi, Vietnam; Brendan Phaneuf, Danielson, CT; Olivia Pisegna, Oxford, MA; Morgan Polinski, Webster, MA; Bronagh Power-Cassidy, Dublin, Ireland; Sara Powers, Grafton, MA; Sophia Rabor, Dayville, CT; Jill Reardon, Fiskdale, MA; Grace Rhoads, Stafford Springs, CT; Lucas Rhoads, Stafford Springs, CT; Thomas Santos Soares, Porto Alegre, Brazil; Elizabeth Schoemer, Oxford, MA; Trinity Semo, Dudley, MA; Ashley Smith, Holden, MA; Alex Stawiecki, Thompson, CT; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center, CT; Maya Summiel, Dayville, CT; Thang Tran, Da Nang, Vietnam; Daniel Twohig, Douglas, MA; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn, MA; John Vigliotti, Worcester, MA; Caroline Villa, Auburn, MA; Tram Vo, Phan Thiet, Vietnam; Mary Wall, Northborough, MA; Emily Walsh, Thompson, CT; Mary Walsh, Thompson, CT; Yunpeng Wang, Shenzhen, China; Zhenlin Wei, Shenzhen, China; Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge, MA; Haipei Yang, Nanjing Jiangsu, China; Wenyang Yuan, Beijing, China; Jianghan Zhang, Beijing, China; Zihan Zhang, Jinan, China; Xingyu Zhu, Wenzhou, China.

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Grace Booth, Webster, MA; Patrick Brooks, Worcester, MA; Nicholas Buoniconti, Dudley, MA; Jasmine Creighton, Webster, MA; Anthony DeFusco, Worcester, MA; Courtney Fleming, Douglas, MA; Elan Johnson, Auburn, MA; Caroline King, Rochester, MA; Camille Larson, Charlton, MA; Michael Levesque, Narragansett, RI; Alexander Litke, Brooklyn, CT; Katerina Looney, Dudley, MA; Sophia Maloney, Sutton, MA; Valentina Mena Munch, Merida, Mexico; Olivia Montione, Dudley, MA; Hugo Ndizeye, Kigali, Rwanda; Niamh Raftery, Thompson, CT; Ashley Robert, Plainfield, CT; John Sarantopoulos, Pomfret Center, CT; Sara Soares, Putnam, CT; Maggie Vo, Worcester, MA.

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## Charlton among towns concerned with building foundations

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – In early January, state leaders released their Crumbling Concrete Foundation Report, a document detailing the investigations into potential concerns for property owners connected to product originating from a quarry in neighboring Connecticut. Charlton has been designated as one town where property foundations could have been constructed using the faulting material.

Senator Anne Gobi visited with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to discuss the report and its implications for Charlton property

owners. The report is connected to state investigations performed in Connecticut in 2016 which concluded that Becker's Quarry of Willington supplied concrete containing pyrrhotite which has led to severe crumbling foundations in several homes known to have used supplies from the quarry. Connecticut has since banned the use of product from that quarry through 2021 and Massachusetts is looking to follow. Due to time limitations on using concrete from tis source any home within a 20-mile radius could have utilized the product and Charlton falls in that range, according to Sen. Gobi.

“(Pyrrhotite) is a naturally occurring mineral and after a number of years when it's exposed to air and water it expands. The effect on it if it's in the foundation is the foundation starts to crack. It's not just a crack that you'd see from settling foundations. It more like a spider-web,” said the Senator. “Unfortunately, the only thing that you can do is to somehow replace the foundation.”

Gobi said she wanted to discuss the matter with selectmen to make sure town officials and members of the public are aware of the possibilities. The potential for issues varies and any home building between 1983 and 2015 could be impacted by the mineral. Complicating things further, Sen. Gobi noted that the state can't access information about which properties used material from the quarry as many records were lost in a fire. To help alleviate some of the stress the state has put together programs to help concerned property owners offset the costs of investigating possible issues with their foundations.

“We have a reimbursement program going on in Massachusetts right now so people can be reimbursed for the visual testing as well as up to 75 percent of the actual testing that has to be sent out to a lab. We are finding homes in Massachusetts that have it. We've had about 25 people to this point that have come to us for testing,” said Gobi.

The senator said costs of the testing, which are reimbursed up to a hundred percent, have all been lower than \$400 while the testing itself could cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000, with up to 75 percent reimbursed.

Curt Meskus, Building Inspector for Charlton, said his office was aware of the issues originating from the quarry. Understanding the possibility of Charlton residents being impacted his office has offered to keep residents informed of resources to help give them peace of mind.

“I was sort of surprised because we're right on the edge of that zone where this aggregate was being delivered,” Meskus said. “We'll certainly

put links up on the Building Commissioner's section of the website because I think (property owners) are going to start looking to my office for help if they have any suspicions.”

The Board of Selectmen were also given a hard copy of the Crumbling Concrete Foundations report which can be viewed at the town hall. The state estimated that it could cost \$350 million to fully restore the crumbling foundations of effected homes. It's estimated at least 2,000 homes in the commonwealth could be affected by the contaminated concrete.



Courtesy Photo

Sen. Anne Gobi and Charlton Building Inspector Curt Meskus discuss the possibility of foundation issues with selectmen

### RECYCLING

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market

-Plastic shipping bag — plastic bags of any kind do not belong in your recycling bin, but you can remove the labels and return them with your other plastic bags to the collection bin at your local supermarket or place them in the trash

-Bubble-lined paper mailers — mailers made with both paper and plastic should be placed in the trash if you can't reuse them.

-Packaging peanuts —

these do not belong in your recycling bin, but you can keep and reuse the peanuts when packing up glass or breakable items, or take them to a pack-and-ship store such as UPS (participating locations)

Still have recycling questions? Call the Town of Auburn DDIS-Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator at 508-832-7703. You can also check out the Recyclopedia at RecycleSmartMA.org to search for hundreds of items — from paper bags to pizza boxes — to find out what to do with them.



# LEARNING

## Students of the Month

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Oxford Middle School congratulates the following students on being named Students of the Month for January. In grade 5: Anna Dolan (missing from photo), Grace Crouch, Kiley Paronto, Abigail Davis, and Henry LaMountain. In grade 6: Jesai Morales, Addisen Monsen, Brandon Peterson, Richard Livernois, and Christopher Dufresne. In grade 7: Sean Tyrrell, Gianna LaRose, Annie Maynard, John Sullivan, Bruna Paula, and Dylan Kasprzycki.



## Central One Credit Union accepting scholarship applications

SHREWSBURY — Central One Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications through April 1st for 2020 Academic Scholarships for graduating students from Auburn High School, Shrewsbury High School, Westborough High School and Algonquin Regional High School. Eligibility for the academic scholarships are as follows: Students must be graduating in May 2020

Students must be entering a four year accredited program this fall. Student must be majoring in Business and/or Finance. Consideration will be based on academic merit, school activities/community involvement and need. Each school will have one recipient selected from their eligible applicants. One \$4,000 award, will be payable at \$1,000 per year while enrolled in a four year program at an accredited college or university. Three

\$1,000 awards are one-time awards, payable to the student with proof of attendance. All applications and requested documentation must be dropped off to any Central One branch location by Wednesday, April 1, or emailed to member\_support@centralfcu.com by April 1. For more information and to download the application form, visit <https://www.centralfcu.com/scholarships>.

# LEGALS

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Newland Street, Auburn, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly M. Bridge a/k/a Kimberly Bridge to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated September 24, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 49701 at Page 128 and now held by M&T Bank by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to M & T Bank recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on July 14, 2014 in book 52546, page 376 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
THE LAND IN AUBURN, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
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THENCE, N. 43 DEGREES 25' 30" E. FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.5 FEET TO A SPIKE IN THE ROOT OF AN 18 INCH MAPLE TREE;  
THENCE, N. 44 DEGREES W. FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN (116) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE;  
THENCE, S. 42 DEGREES 25' 30" W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 49.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE;  
THENCE, S. 47 DEGREES 53' W. FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET TO AN

IRON PIPE;  
THENCE, S. 44 DEGREES E. FOR A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
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The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.  
For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 20, 2009, and recorded in Book 44829 at Page 384 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.  
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.  
Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for M&T Bank  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868

February 7, 2020  
February 14, 2020  
February 21, 2020

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 32 Pinehurst Avenue, Auburn, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Arthur Marcotte to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,

as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., said mortgage dated September 8, 2015, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54294 at Page 375 and now held by Embrace Home Loans, Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. to Embrace Home Loans, Inc. dated November 15, 2018 and recorded November 29, 2018 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59746 at Page 347 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 2, 2020 at 11:30 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
Legal Description  
The Land with the buildings thereon in Auburn, Massachusetts shown as Lot #13 on plan entitle "Plan of Pinehurst, North West Section dated March 25, 1939 by A.N. Pone, Surveyor and is more particularly bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Pinehurst Avenue, 900 feet southerly from the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Fritz and Agnes Carlson, which point is the southeast corner of lot 12 on said plan;  
THENCE S. 4° 3W E. by line of Pinehurst Avenue, 75 feet to a point at Lot 14 on said plan;  
THENCE running westerly by Lot 14 a distance of 288 feet, more or less, to the high water mark of Stoneville Lower Reservoir;  
THENCE running northerly by said Reservoir 84 feet, more or less, to the point on said high water mark marking the southwest corner of Lot 12;  
THENCE running easterly by said Lot 12 a distance of 305 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.  
32 Pinehurst Ave., Auburn, MA. 004-219  
Title to the above described property

conveyed to Arthur Marcotte from Sevim Bastug and Gabriel Bastug by Quit Claim Deed dated and recorded September 28, 2001 in Book 24928 Page 88 as Instrument No. 151930.  
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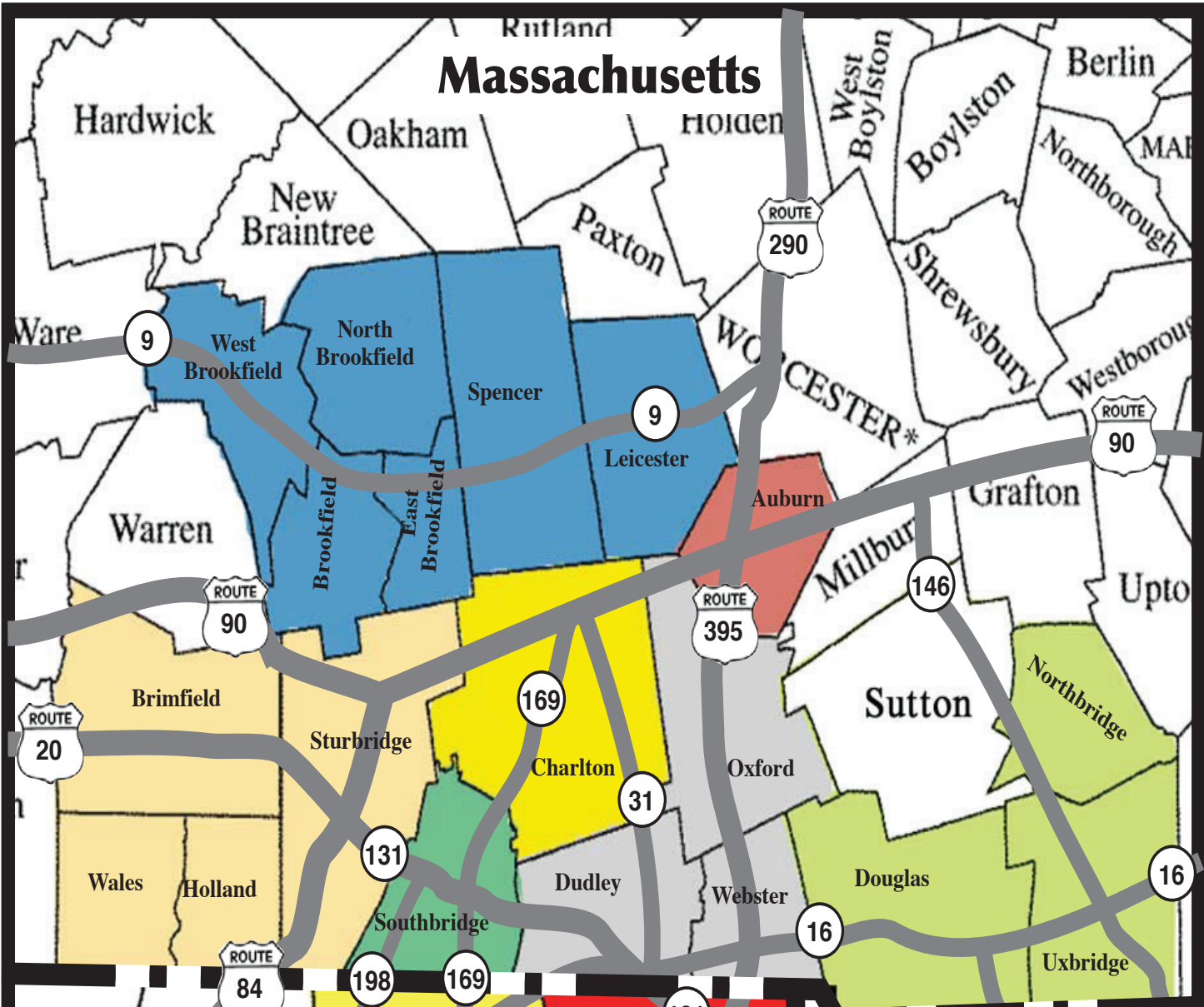


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## EDITORIAL

# Keeping the coronavirus in perspective

With the recent headlines surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, many Americans are petrified that they will somehow contract this disease that originated in China. Despite all the press being given to this new threat, however, the fact remains that many more Americans are likely to contract and die of the regular flu.

To date, the coronavirus has infected eight people in the country. Just this year alone, there have been roughly 19 million cases of the flu reported, resulting in 10,000 deaths. Across the globe, the flu takes roughly 650,000 lives per year, according to the World Health Organization. Compare that with the roughly 400 confirmed coronavirus fatalities to date, and it certainly puts the situation in perspective.

Doctors are telling those with concerns that if you have not traveled to Wuhan, China, or have not come into contact with an individual who has come from there, your chances of contracting the disease are extremely low.

So far this year, 68 children have passed away from complications stemming from standard influenza, including eight in the state of Tennessee. Many schools across the country have had to shut down, sterilize the facilities and give students time to recover.

Confirmed cases of the coronavirus in China number just over 14,000, resulting in 360 deaths as of our press deadline for this week's edition. Of the eight cases confirmed in the U.S., none have proved fatal. A 35 year old from Washington with a confirmed case of coronavirus did develop pneumonia, but has improved and is left with a mild cough.

Flu season is at its peak between December and February, and can take the lives of roughly 61,000 Americans each year. Medical professionals are quite rightly reminding people to be more concerned with flu prevention than the coronavirus — again, not to diminish its seriousness, but to be realistic about the magnitude of the threat it currently poses. While even one death is one too many, it is vital to avoid panic, and to remember that the overwhelming majority of those diagnosed with coronavirus, both in China and elsewhere, have been able to beat it back.

Vulnerable citizens are advised to get the flu shot; however, there are other ways to prevent the flu. Washing your hands regularly, avoiding those who are sick, covering your mouth when you cough, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as germs are spread easier this way and to clean and disinfect surfaces.



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# Be still and know ...

As regular readers of my column know, I'm being challenged in my life by a life-threatening health problem. A Neuroendocrine tumor is a rare affliction that is hard to diagnose by the average unexposed physician and medical facility. It is often identified with the late Apple founder and CEO, Steve Jobs, as this is the disease that took his life.

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Luckily, my diagnosis was made and I'm hard at work with my insurance provider and family doctor to find the medical team/facility with expertise and experience to help me beat this affliction ... and beat it, I will.

I'll confess, that this health crisis challenges everything I've written and spoke of regarding the power of optimism. Yet it is my optimism, when I clear my mind, that helps me focus on the positive outcome that I believe I will achieve. My plan isn't to survive but to thrive.

I'll give you an occasional and short update now and then, but this health-obstacle will not dominate my column moving forward. I'll go into some detail today because of the overwhelming response and well-wishes from readers, friends and family since my diagnosis. Make no mistake about this ... I will die some day because of something, but it's not going to be this.

Of all the incredibly supportive communications I've received, there was one short and negative response to last week's column. The reader said ...

"I am a three-time cancer survivor and the premise you can will it away is insulting. It doesn't just take your life away: it takes everything."

I responded that she should read the column rather than just reacting to the headline. I don't believe you can 'will away' cancer or really anything. My point is always that optimism gives you a better chance of overcoming obstacles because an optimistic view gives you the encourage to fight. If you pessimistically believe you cannot overcome, why would you go to the trouble of fighting?

There are more studies that I can count, verifying the powers of a positive mind in the treatment of disease. Believing in a positive outcome gives you the drive to have an increased focus on being part of the solution. With only

700 words available to me in this space, I won't take the time to list or footnote the studies, but if you go to the search engine of your choice, you will see countless studies by many of the most revered institutions in the world, showing the power of optimism on successful outcomes.

Once again, I'll say that there are some medical realities that optimism cannot overcome. And in the case of almost every illness, optimism alone will have little positive impact. The power of optimism comes into play in partnership with modern medicine. You don't have to really do any research other than asking your doctor. Optimism will always give you greater chances for success than pessimism.

Vince Lombardi was often quoted as saying, "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." I've learned over the last few weeks how true this is, as my mind works overtime with my diagnosis. When I'm rested, optimism is easy, but as fatigue sets in, my resistance to pessimism weakens. I'm finding two solutions. The first and obvious remedy is to get lots of rest. The second isn't as easy but even more powerful and that is to quiet your mind.

Depending upon your belief system or faith, you may look at this from different points of view. I've heard some say that only in silence your soul or inner self will speak to you. Others say that through a quiet mind you can only create the solutions you seek. All good and I believe true. My experience in life takes me to Psalm 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God." It is those moments where I can force all the thoughts and words that I allow into my head back out, that I hear the voice that provides direction, comfort and healing.

So enough on cancer. Next week we'll return to my mission of helping others lead a more optimistic life. I'll keep you posted, and prayers are appreciated, but again, I'm not focused on just surviving, I plan to overcome this and thrive.

*Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.*

# Flower Power: Legends and Lore of Blooms

With Valentine's Day around the corner, this week's column will focus on the symbolism of flowers. From romance to luck, flowers have long played a role in our everyday lives and according to folklore, perhaps even our futures. Read on for a review of the old fashioned legends and lore of beautiful blooms!



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Roses: To bring good luck into a home in days of yore, rose leaves were tossed into the fireplace flame. \*\*\*  
Health and Well Being: White Flowers: White blooms are beautiful, but they can carry a melancholy message, according to age old folklore. Think twice before you send a bouquet of white flowers to a sick friend in the hospital as legend claims whites with a strong fragrance can worsen a sickness or even bring on death! Ditto for white flowers that show signs of wilting. And never pair white and red flowers in a bouquet for a sick person, as the combination is said to bring bad luck.  
Day Lilies: These bright orange flowers, common to the New England landscape, were considered a lucky health charm when worn. It was believed wearing a lily would lighten one's worries and lessen distress.  
Poppies: While wearing a poppy in the lapel on Veteran's day has long been a tradition to honor those who served and died for their country, poppies were also worn in the belief they help dispel worries and anxiety. \*\*

Valentine's Day: What does your gift of roses mean?  
Roses, which are steeped in sentimental tradition, are the top choice for Valentine's Day bouquets. The "language of flowers" can be traced back to the Victorian Era when the number and color of flowers were used to express love and to signify a romantic message.

Number of Roses:  
\*A single rose means "I love you" and symbolizes unwavering devotion  
\*Two roses intertwined can act as a marriage proposal."  
\*A half dozen roses in a bouquet mean "to love and cherish."Six Roses signify a need to be  
\*Eleven roses confirm the recipient is truly and deeply loved. Thirteen roses indicate a secret admirer  
\*One dozen roses is a declaration of true love.

# Be aware of Social Security myths



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Social Security can be one source of retirement income for you and your spouse. To maximize your benefits, you'll need to make some key decisions and be aware of some common myths.

• Myth 1: Always take Social Security early. You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you could get 25 to 30 percent more if you wait until your "full" retirement age (likely between 66 and 67). You can receive even more if you wait until 70, at which point your benefits will "max out." However, there's no right time to file for everyone – it depends on your situation, including factors such as your life expectancy, employment, financial need and spousal considerations.

• Myth 2: When you claim Social Security won't affect your spouse's benefits. This is not true. How much you receive in Social Security can affect your spouse's benefits while you are alive (spousal benefits) and after you've passed away (survivor's benefits). Your spouse could receive up to half of your retirement benefit, offset by his or her own benefit, so the longer you work before collecting Social Security, the greater the potential spousal benefits. For survivor benefits, your spouse would receive 100 percent of your benefit or his or her own, whichever is larger, so when you file affects how much your spouse would receive if you pass away early. In any case, you'll want to consult with the Social Security Administration about how much your spouse can receive, as his or her own benefits can also affect your decision-making.

• Myth 3: You can't work during retirement and collect Social Security. Yes, you can. But if you start receiving Social Security before your full retirement age (likely between 66 and 67), you can only earn up to \$18,240 in 2020 and still get your full benefits. Once you earn more than this, Social Security deducts \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn. But during the year you reach full retirement age, you can earn up to \$48,600 without your benefits being withheld. If you exceed this amount, \$1 will be deducted for every \$3 you earn during the months before you attain your full retirement age. Social Security will increase your benefits when you do reach full retirement age to adjust for the previous work-related withholdings. So, if you plan on working and receiving Social Security, it may not make sense to file if most of your benefits will be withheld. Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing your monthly benefits, although your benefits could still be taxed.

• Myth #4: Social Security will provide for all my needs in retirement. Social Security will provide about a third of pre-retirement income, on average, according to the Social Security Administration. Consequently, you'll probably still need other sources of retirement income because Social Security alone most likely won't be enough to meet your needs. So, throughout your working years, contribute as much as you can to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Combining these income sources with Social Security can help improve your chances of enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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## Color of Roses:

Red: Passion, Desire, love  
 Dark Red: Beauty and perfection  
 Pink: Romance and happiness  
 White: Innocence and purity  
 Yellow: Friendship and joy  
 Coral/Salmon: Desire  
 Purple: Devotion and enchantment  
 Red and Yellow mix: Falling in love  
 White and Red: Unity, endless love  
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Beneficial Blossoms  
 "Flower Power" takes on new meaning when you understand fresh flowers have the capacity to alter our energy

and emotions. Why not take the benefits of the flower garden one step further and plant specifically to improve both body and soul?

\*Roses: No flower is more sentimental than the romantic rose. And it's no wonder. The scent of roses evokes nostalgia, which can recall happy memories from the past.

\*Violets: Research shows violets enhance learning speed by 17%, and also improve concentration when used in study rooms.

\*Lilies: Need an energy boost? The scent of Lily has been proven to increase wakefulness and help you stay alert.

\*Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. It's well known that studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

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in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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# SPORTS

## Clutch free throw shooting helps Auburn snatch important victory from Centaurs



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Auburn's Coleman Picard drives to the hoop for an uncontested layup.



Auburn's Cam Bolduc finishes off a left-handed layup versus Woodstock Academy.



JB Whittemore of Auburn focuses on the falling ball in order to snatch a rebound in traffic.



Auburn's Mike Breen drives past a Woodstock Academy defender en route to the basket.



From left, Cam Bolduc and Mike Breen of Auburn combine forces for a rebound.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Justin Skaparas wasn't the Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team's leading scorer in its game with Woodstock Academy (WA), but he may have scored the most important points in the Rockets' 57-49 win on Thursday, Jan. 30 at Pappas Gymnasium.

Six of the senior captain's 11 points were scored in the final 3:15 of the Rockets' clash with the Centaurs, five during a 28-second span in which he single-handedly turned a one-point deficit into a three-point lead.

Auburn, which led by seven points on three occasions in the game — the last being 41-34 with 1:26 left in the third quarter on a drive by senior Cam Bolduc (17 points) — fell behind 46-45 with 3:25 remaining in the game on a 3-pointer by WA junior Andrew Johnson.

That's when Skaparas took over. He immediately took the ball to the hoop, scoring while being fouled on the drive. He calmly hit the free throw to give the Rockets a 48-46 lead.

After Centaurs' senior Aidan Morin (13 points) pulled his team to within a point by making one of three free throws (he was fouled while taking a 3-pointer), Skaparas drove to the basket again and was again fouled. He canned both free throws to push the Auburn lead to 50-47 with 2:47 to play.

Morin again pulled WA to within a point, 50-49, when he scored on a drive to the basket with 2:29 remaining. Unfortunately for the Centaurs, Morin's layup would be the last points they scored in the game.

Bolduc pushed the lead back to three, 52-49, with a tip-in of a teammate's missed shot with 54 seconds to play and Skaparas extended it to 53-49 with a free throw with 37.6 seconds left. Skaparas hit the first shot and then missed the second, but Auburn sophomore JB Whittemore came up with a big offensive rebound on the miss to allow the Rockets to retain possession of the ball.

Senior Coleman Picard (16 points) then hit a pair of free

throws with 29.4 seconds to play to push the Auburn lead to 55-49, and following a WA miss and ensuing foul, Bolduc hit two more free throws with 14.1 seconds remaining to give Auburn its first eight-point lead of the game, 57-49.

The Rockets, who finished the game going 14-for-17 from the free throw line, hit their first 10 foul shots, not missing until there was less than a minute remaining in the game. Picard was 8-for-8 from the line, Bolduc was 2-for-2, and Skaparas was 4-for-5.

After the game Skaparas was happy his team prevailed, but he wasn't gushing about his performance.

"It felt like a playoff game out there tonight and it felt good to get the win," Skaparas said. "There was a good atmosphere in the gym tonight. We needed to get stops at the end because we weren't hitting shots and we did that; we made some stops when we needed to.

"As for my performance, I thought Cam Bolduc was the player of the game for us. Cam really stepped up tonight. I was a little off shooting and other guys were missing shots and he just took over," Skaparas continued. "Defense is something we need to get better at. I know I can play better defense than I have been playing at times."

Auburn, which has won three straight, improved to 7-8 with the win over Woodstock Academy (4-9). Rockets' head coach Dan Koen said it was a complete team win.

"I definitely feel like we certainly could have done things a little bit better in this game, but at the end of the day my seniors, when they had to make plays, they made plays. Everybody did a little something at the end of the game to get us this win," he said. "This was a nice win; this is a fun time of the year. I feel we're starting to hit our stride a little bit. We've won three games in a row, the kids are feeling confident and we're not only playing better, we're playing better together. There are still certain areas we need to improve on, but it's a lot better to work on those things when you get a few wins."



# SPORTS

## Fast-paced action favors Beavers, who outlast Bay Path



Bay Path's Ben LaPointe searches for an open player on the court.

Jason Mckay photos



Anthony Barbalet of Bay Path lets go of a 3-pointer versus Blackstone Valley Tech.



Bay Path's Matteo Capuano looks to make a pass while being double-teamed by Blackstone Valley Tech's defense.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) boys' varsity basketball team may have lost the 3-point shooting contest in its game with Bay Path Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 28, but the Beavers still managed to defeat the Minutemen 91-75 in a game where the teams combined to make 23 shots from beyond the arc.

Bay Path, by the way, easily captured the three-point contest, hitting 17 long-range jumpers while BVT was "only"

able to connect on six of its attempts from distance.

The Beavers, who improved to 6-5 overall and 5-1 in Colonial Athletic League play, were led by the three-headed monster that is junior Shea Finnegan and sophomores Josh Mateo and John Furno. Mateo finished with a game-high 27 points (one 3-pointer), while Finnegan checked in with 26 points and three 3s. Furno added nine points to the winning cause to go along with a game-high 23 rebounds.

In a game that, at times, looked more like an indoor

track meet, BVT started quickly, opening leads of 11-6 and 22-17 before finishing the first quarter with a 27-22 advantage. Just when one thought the pace of the game couldn't get any faster, Valley Tech slammed its offense into another gear, the result of which was a 46-36 halftime lead.

"In the first quarter we did shoot well, however we did not defend well," explained Brew Cupid, BVT's second-year head coach. "The message going into the second quarter was to increase our pace of play because we knew coming



Cam Hafner of Bay Path is wide open and eyes the basket before launching a 3-pointer.



Bay Path's Dylan Cotton sizes up a shot from the left corner of the court.

into this game that Bay Path is a team that enjoys shooting 3-pointers; that's how they want to play.

"But, as is the case with any shooter, if you're having to defend speed on the other end of the floor, speed kills," Cupid added. "If you have to defend speed it doesn't matter how great a shooter you are, when your mind tells you you're fatigued, your body slows down and you start to miss shots. So, our defensive approach after the first quarter was to play faster on offense."

That concept was fine with Mateo, who scored 20 points in the first half, and Finnegan, who scored 21 points in the second half.

"We played a little sloppy in our last few games, so we came into this game wanting to get back to playing basketball the way it's supposed to be played — fast, strong and physical," Mateo said. "That's the way we've been playing for most of the year."

Finnegan credited Mateo for his offensive pyrotechnics in the second half.

"The first half started a little slow for me, but in the second half Josh found me for some open shots and that helped me get back in my groove," Finnegan said. "Basketball is really all about mental toughness. If you miss a shot, you can't get down on yourself. That's where my teammates really help my game; they're always bringing me up and keeping me up."

When either team missed shots, it seemed like Furno was there to snatch the ball out of the air. He was simply a rebounding machine, grabbing seemingly every uncontested rebound as well as several contested ones.

"Rebounding is all about

effort, and I'm all about effort," the 6-foot-4, 240-pound Furno said. "I like crashing the boards and being as tough as I can be underneath the basket. I've played that way my whole life and it's worked, so why change it?"

The Beavers continued to push the tempo of the game in the third quarter and led 68-53 as play headed to the final period. BVT led by as many as 24 points, 90-66, with three minutes remaining in the game, which is when both teams liberally subbed in their reserves.

Cam Hafner led Bay Path, pouring in a team-high 26 points and hitting four 3-pointers. Dylan Cotton added 17 points and Jomar Torres 16 points. Cotton and Torres each drained five treys.

"We're very young, but these kids can play," Bay Path head coach Al Greenough said. "I know our record is 2-10 but every single game that we've had this year — except the first one, at Bartlett where we just weren't ready to play — we've been right there, in the game. We've lost a lot of games in the fourth quarter that have been tied with a minute to go or two minutes to go."

"But being young and inexperienced, sometimes what comes with that is not being able to make that big play to win the game and get your team to the next level. That's what my team is learning right now, the hard way, with losses," Greenough added. "The development this team has shown through the course of this year is actually ahead of where I thought they'd be. I'm excited about this team going forward, but we need to play better defense as a team. We're giving up too many points. We're scoring a lot, but we're giving up too many."



# Global warming is for real



Global warming is sure showing the nonbelievers that it is for real. The unbelievable weather conditions that we are now experiencing are sure nice to see, but the overall picture is not good for our planet. Ocean water temperatures continue to rise, which have some species of fish migrating into new England waters that we rarely see. On the positive side, seabass numbers are increasing annually as well as their size in our coastal waters, but at the same time fish that are native to our waters are moving out. Lobsters are also heading out to cooler waters.

The effects of climate change are staggering, and are sure to change the planet in a negative way for many years to come. We depend on our elected politicians to make sensible changes in the laws that will slow down the threat of global warming. Emissions from cars and factories are the larg-



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With all of the warm weather we are experiencing, ice fishing has been put on hold by most anglers. There are a few anglers taking the risk to fish on unsafe ice, but most sensible anglers are playing it safe. This past week, an 11 year old girl fell through thin ice locally, and was fortunate enough to

be pulled from the icy waters by rescue teams. Most fishing derby's have been canceled in the valley until further notice. Inviting anglers and their family's onto unsafe ice would be foolish and dangerous. If you want to go ice fishing bad enough, head North. Maine has plenty of ice. Start getting the fishing rods and reels ready! It is going to be an early spring, no matter what the groundhog predicts.

The Big "E" Sportsmen's show (OSEG) will open their doors on Feb. 21-23, and is the largest show in the Northeast. Doors open at noon on Thursday. Hunting and fishing guides from all over the United States will be on hand to take reservations for their upcoming seasons. Numerous seminars by hunting and fishing professionals will be held all three days. For a complete list of seminars and other activities, go to their Web site at [osegsportsmen.com](http://osegsportsmen.com)!

Striper fishermen are anxious to hear the final regulations on the 2020 striper season in Mass. & Rhode Island, which should be finalized by March. Big changes are expected to include a slot size

limit this year, with a one fish per day limit. Taking the big trophy size stripers could be off limits this year. The circle hook regulation required to fish for stripers with chunk or live bait, will not take effect until 2021.

This is the time of year for Rod & Gun Club membership renewals. Every year, members at some clubs forget to pay their annual dues. Do not let it happen to you! Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club started taking renewal memberships this past Sunday. The next three Sundays will be the last chance for renewals at Uxbridge starting at noon to 4 p.m. After that date, the club will start to take in members on the waiting list.

This week's picture shows Earnie Lavalley of Uxbridge in front of a huge mount at the Springfield show last year. The second picture shows another huge bear mount at the show. There is a lot to see and the kids will also enjoy the show, so take them along.

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## Keep houseplants healthy while keeping pets safe



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You love them both – your pets and houseplants – but it can be challenging to safely raise them together in the same house. Reduce the risk by selecting pet-safe plants and safely managing houseplant pest problems.

Avoid problems by selecting plants suited to your home's growing conditions and gardening style. Then narrow the list further to plants that are non-toxic specifically to the type of pets you own. Consult with your veterinarian and visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website for a list of pet-safe and toxic plants.

Create a list of all the plants you are growing. Include both common and botanical names for accurate identification. Do a bit of research on the care they need and their toxicity to your pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested a toxic plant, you'll have the proper plant name when contacting your veterinarian.

Match the pet-friendly plants you select to their preferred light conditions. An east- or west-facing window provides enough light for most indoor plants. Keep those that need



Melinda Myers Photo

Baby tears plant (Soleirolia) is safe for pets and should be grown in brighter light conditions.

brighter light within two feet of the window. Those that prefer lower light can be grown near a north-facing window or up to six feet back or off to the side of an east- or west-facing window.

For low light situations, consider cast iron plant, Lady palm, and parlor palm or add artificial lights when growing other pet-friendly plants in lower light situations.

Grow grape ivy, spider plants, baby tears (Soleirolia), peperomias, prayer plants, Boston ferns, ponytail palm, and hoyas in brighter locations. Save the brightest locations for Norfolk Island Pine, lipstick plant and haworthia.

Add some color to your indoor garden with popular flowering plants like African violet, Christmas cactus and moth orchid. These are also listed as non-toxic on the ASPCA Web site.

Water plants thoroughly as needed. Tropical plants prefer slightly moist soil, while cacti and succulents like it drier. Always pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Allowing plants to sit in water can increase the risk of disease and lead to root rot.

Regularly groom and wipe dust off the leaves of your indoor plants to help reduce the risk of insect damage. Remove spotted leaves when they appear and adjust watering. This is often enough to correct fungal disease problems.

When pest problems require control, always select pet-friendly options. Start with a strong blast of water

to dislodge pests like aphids and mites. Follow with an application of a lightweight horticulture oil such as Summit Year-Round Spray Oil ([SummitResponsibleSolutions.com](http://SummitResponsibleSolutions.com)). This organic spray controls aphids, mites, immature whiteflies and all stages of scale and mealybugs.

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Proper plant selection and maintenance can help keep your indoor plants healthy and pets safe from harm.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Saturday, February 8

**MOMS Club SOAR FAIR:** The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host SOAR (School, Organization, Activity and Recreation) Fair on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Dexter Hall at Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. Come meet all the people and groups you need to help your kids SOAR, at this vendor-style fair, which will feature preschools, camps, extracurricular activities, nonprofit organizations and resources from the surrounding communities. This free family event will also feature Princess Rita, face painting, performances, snacks and more. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the SOAR Fair or the club, please email [charltonmomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:charltonmomsclub@gmail.com).

## Sunday, February 23

**WORCESTER MODEL RAILROADERS INC. ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Auburn Elks Club, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. Admission \$5, children under 12 free. Handicapped Accessible. Info: Ralph Kimball, 508-868-5189, [ralphkimball@charter.net](mailto:ralphkimball@charter.net) and [www.wmrr.org](http://www.wmrr.org). The show has approximately 25 model railroad dealers offering items for sale as well as HO scale, operating layouts available for viewing. Raffle tickets for a complete 4'x8' model railroad layout (on display) will be available at the show. Hourly raffle will also be held. The 41-foot-by-53-foot Worcester Model Railroad Club layout will be open and operating using Digital Command Control and is only 15 minutes from the show in Webster. For directions, go to [www.wmrr.org](http://www.wmrr.org).

## Saturday, April 4

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

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

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

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

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# Capital campaign underway for public safety building

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

**CHARLTON** – The town of Charlton is taking a new approach to funding a new public safety facility with the launch of a capital campaign in 2020.

Charlton voters previously approved funding for a public safety building in 2019 but when the plans for the facility went to a ballot vote the project was voted down by taxpayers with many feeling the facility was too expensive or expansive. With the project considered an important initiative for the town a Capital Campaign Steering Committee was launched in December with the blessing of the Board of Selectmen and January 2020 served as the official kickoff for the capital campaign.

Selectmen welcomed committee co-chair Stephen Coleman to its meeting on Jan. 28, where Coleman revealed money has already started

to pour in to help bring the proposed \$28.5 million facility which would serve as a new headquarters for both the fire and police departments as well as hosting public meeting space.

“We have had a few thousand dollars pledged already. We haven’t been able to receive anything because the account is not set up yet, but we already have several thousand dollars pledged to the campaign,” said Coleman. “One of the things that we talked about was a series of family events to encourage the community to come out and not only donate but also be able to participate in some sort of community gathering. We have a lot of thoughts and ideas. We’re looking forward to getting everything kicked off.”

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee sent out a press release the day prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting announcing the official

launch of the campaign. The effort will include seeking corporate gifts, private donations, grants and other financial opportunities to fund the building. The committee will also be keeping the public involved in the process by chronicling their effort on social media.

“We’ll be working close with the Public Safety Building Committee. We made the decision that we’re going to share a media site. We’re not going to launching our own separate capital campaign. All of the information that the committee will be putting out will be funneled through the Public Safety Building Committee Facebook page so that way all the information is one-stop-shop,” said Coleman.

The public safety building plans include 40,800-square-foot of building space that would be built on a 19.3-acre plot on Masonic Home Road which the town had previously acquired from the Overlook.



Courtesy Photo

**An artist’s rendering of the proposed public safety facility in Charlton.**

While the price tag remains approved by a public vote the failure of the ballot question in 2019 prevented the money from being raised by taxation. The capital campaign is hoping to raise funding to alleviate some of the cost with no specif-

ic set fundraising goal in mind. The idea is not the necessarily fund the entire building, but lower the tax burden enough where voters may be willing to approve the tax increase in the future.

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around 2025 and the second 2030 or later, but now it’ll be done at once over three construction years.

Saying he supports the changes, he noted “there are a lot of advocates out there who have been very passionate about seeing this project done.”

Several of them spoke up Wednesday. Ron Gagner of Oxford specifically objected to the widening putting the road “right next to my house,” and said he didn’t think bicycles should be on Route 20 at all. To him, the pulloffs “will destroy a residential area totally.”

For Lauren Baxter, the big issue is that even the temporary barrier has increased emergency response times to her Oak Drive neighborhood and has reduced property values there. She was one of those citing a difficulty in getting trash collection.

For Wendy Garrigus, adding a Bay Path/Glenmere light will help take traffic, including trucks, off her side street. Right now, she said, trucks from nearby Helgerson’s cannot go onto Route 20; they have to take side roads to Richardson Corner, and she also sees summer weekend driver driving “hell bent for election” on Route 20. A light, even if flashing, will slow that down, while it’s now too dangerous to cross or walk dogs in the area.

Art Annamorati agreed, saying he’s seen about 12 accidents there in five years. All but one involved people turning right into or out of the highway, in part because people “are doing 70 mph” along that stretch.

A couple Thayer Pond residents noted they’re planning to repave their driveway soon, and are concerned the project could tear that up. One, Pete Mancuso, also noted “left-hand turns out there are a nightmare” already, and right turns are often difficult, especially at rush hour. He foresees that getting worse with

as the nearby 300-condo project gets built and occupied.

Oxford Planning Board member Norman LeBlanc said his panel is working with the condo developer, Eastland, to add a light on Route 56 where their driveway will be and a lane parallel to Route 20 to make access safer. He urged MDOT to include the necessary infrastructure now to avoid “having to wait 10 years after we get all this [new] traffic.”

Charlton’s Rob Lemansky objected to several of the “cost-saving” changes, saying he’d rather see the lanes be 12 feet wide, in part because of truck traffic, and restore the “waiting lane” for turns at Route 56. Objecting to additional lights in other places, he said they should look at Route 9 in Natick, where people have gotten used to having to drive a little farther to lights for U-turns.

Gus Steeves can be reached at [gus.steeves2@gmail.com](mailto:gus.steeves2@gmail.com).



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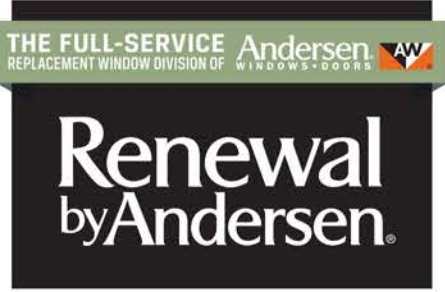
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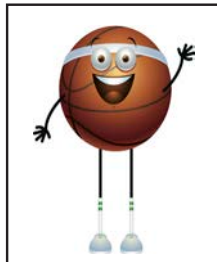
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East Brookfield Town Hall  
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and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town Beach  
FREE -snacks for sale

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### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

6AM - 2PM FISHING  
DERBY -  
Details to come! See  
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### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

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

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 2,

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



### SATURDAY, MAY 9,

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 16,

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball,  
mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South

### MONDAY, JULY 6

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

### SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -  
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,  
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.  
\$15-\$20.00 pp

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE  
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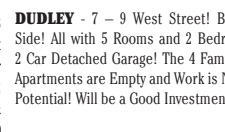
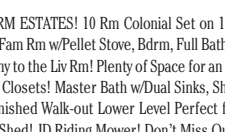
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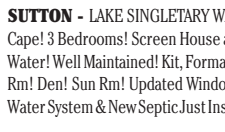
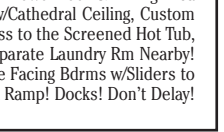
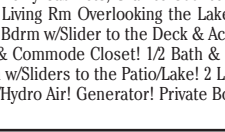
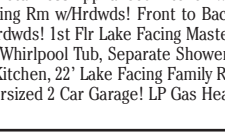
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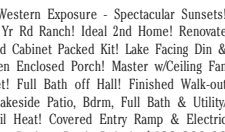
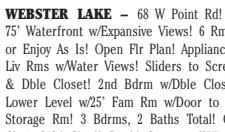
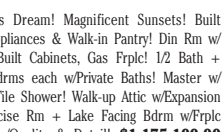
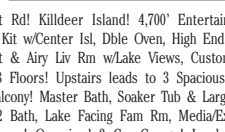
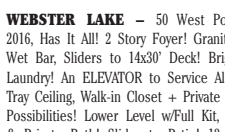
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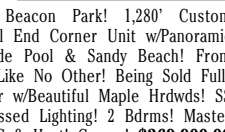
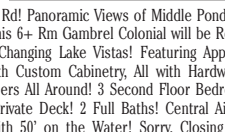
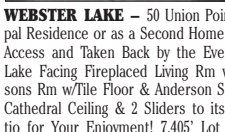
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POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



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

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



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WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



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

WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



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Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood floors, gas fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$219,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



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

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**Dudley** - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**  
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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD



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Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



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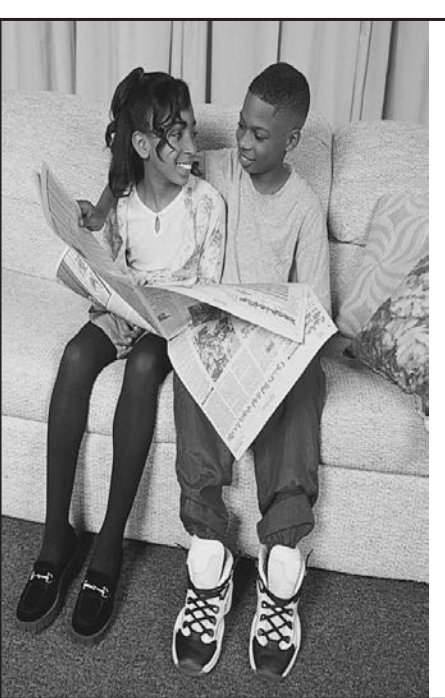
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# VALENTINE’S DAY

## Tips for buying jewelry this Valentine’s Day

Valentine’s Day is rife with tradition. Couples may have their own unique traditions, but others, like Valentine’s Day date nights, are widely popular.

One Valentine’s Day tradition many couples embrace is the exchange of gifts. Shoppers might not need much advice when purchasing heart-shaped boxes of chocolates or flowers for their sweethearts. However, when shopping for jewelry, Valentine’s Day celebrants may feel as though they’re in over their heads. The following tips, courtesy of the Better Business Bureau®, can help shoppers as they navigate the potentially confusing process of buying jewelry.

### DIAMONDS

The BBB notes that diamonds’ value is based on color, cut, clarity, and carat. Often referred to as the “4 Cs,” this criteria refers to the grade of the color (color), the way the diamond is finished (cut), how flawless the diamond is (clarity), and its weight (carat). When shopping for diamonds, the BBB advises



asking jewelers if they have the most up-to-date testing equipment, which makes it easier for them to distinguish between diamonds and lab-created gemstones. That’s important, as lab-created gemstones resemble diamonds and may not be detectable if jewelers are

using testing equipment designed to identify cubic zirconia.

### COLORED GEMSTONES

Colored gemstones are very popular, and the BBB notes that various new stone treatments have been developed to

improve their appearance and durability. However, the BBB also notes that such treatments may adversely affect the value of the gem and necessitate special care in order to maintain the gem’s appearance. When shopping for colored gemstones, ask the jeweler if

an item has been treated and if there’s any special maintenance required. Imitation or assembled stones may look like natural stones, so shoppers should ask if a stone is natural, synthetic or imitation before purchasing anything.

### GOLD

When used alone, the word gold implies an item is all gold or 24 karat gold. But the BBB notes that gold is naturally soft and, as a result, is typically mixed with other metals to improve its hardness and durability. The karat-quality marking indicates what proportion of gold is mixed with other metals. For example, the most common mark for gold jewelry is 18K of 750, which signifies an item is 75 percent gold. Lower-karat gold jewelry may include copper, silver, zinc, or other metals. Consumers should ask about these alloys and determine if the item’s ultimate recipient is allergic to certain metals or if he or she has a high acid content in their bodies. People with high acid content in their bodies may have their jewelry turn black as a result.

Buying jewelry can be intimidating. However, jewelry buyers can work with their jewelers to find a beautiful piece their sweethearts will be proud to wear this Valentine’s Day. More information on buying jewelry can be found at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Red gemstones for your sweetheart

The world is awash in red come Valentine’s Day. Red is considered a passionate and warming color, which is why it often is tied to the emotions of love and desire. Red also symbolizes heat, longing and strength. In some cultures, red is viewed as good luck and used to ward off bad spirits.

Gift givers who want to embrace red hues even further during Valentine’s Day can dote on their sweethearts with red-colored precious and semi-precious gemstone jewelry. Rubies may come to mind, but there are quite a few stones that offer rosy appeal.

- Agate: Red and red-banded agate can be attractive stones. They are a translucent variety of microcrystalline quartz. These stones have a smooth sheen and are relatively durable.
- Garnet: Garnets tend to be a darker red

than rubies and are not very expensive stones. They’re easy to find and can be beautiful in jewelry. Garnets are somewhat soft, so they can be scratched or damaged easily, necessitating caution with their handling.

- Red topaz: Like other stones, topaz comes in different shades. Red is one of the hues. Durability, being plentiful and possessing a vibrant luster make red topaz ideal in all types of jewelry.
- Red zircon: Pure red zircon stones are unique. Zircon is one of the oldest known minerals on Earth, so zircon stones in varying colors have been around for quite some time. Zircon is quite hard, so it can be worn daily, making it an ideal stone for rings.
- Ruby: Rubies are often expensive and highly sought after gemstones. Natural, untreated rubies are very rare. They are made of corundum and

are the red versions of sapphires. Rubies are hard and durable and will hold up to daily wear.

- Spinel: Much like fool’s gold looks like gold, spinel resembles a ruby so much that it is often mistaken. This stone often has high levels of clarity and a high refractive index.
- Tourmaline: This is another stone that comes in all different colors of the rainbow, including red. It has a pinkish-red hue, and may be called rubellite. Rubellite is commonly cut into long shapes, but it can be made into many common jewelry styles and faceted to maximize the reflection of light.

Red gemstones may be the perfect fit for Valentine’s Day. Always work with trusted jewelers to find quality, authentic stones that will retain their value.

## Jewelry buyers’ guide



Jewelry is a common gift for Valentine’s Day. Customers should know before they buy to get the best value.

You can’t buy love, but on Valentine’s Day those in love certainly like to treat the special people in their lives to some lavish tokens of affection. According to the National Retail Federation’s Valentine’s Day Consumer Spending Survey, Americans spend an estimated \$19 billion on gifts, flowers, dinners, and more come Valentine’s Day.

In addition to chocolates and flowers, jewelry is a popular Valentine’s Day gift. Since jewelry is often a personal taste, much like a fragrance, it can be challenging to find the perfect item. With so many different styles, colors and pieces, it’s no surprise that so many jewelry shoppers feel overwhelmed. Some expert advice can make the process go more smoothly and ensure you’re getting the best value for your money.

The Federal Trade Commission suggests thinking before you shop. Since jewelry is a major purchase, shop-

pers should first establish a budget. Consider the gift recipient’s style and look at other jewelry he or she wears. The more informed you are before visiting the jewelry stores, the easier it will be to find a piece he or she will like and one that you can afford.

Take the time to become educated about diamonds and other gemstones. Diamonds’ value is based on four criteria: color, cut, clarity, and carat (often referred to as “The 4 Cs”). Color ranges from the diamond being nearly white to graded down to yellow. The cut is the way the stone is fashioned. Clarity informs consumers if the stone is flawless or has specs or scratches inside of it. Carat refers to the weight of the diamond.

Diamonds and gemstones can form naturally or be manufactured in laboratories. Lab-created gemstones may look like natural gemstones but be of lesser value.

Shop around and get referrals for reputa-

ble jewelry stores. You can consult the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been lodged about a particular store. Many consumers are most comfortable purchasing jewelry made in-store so they can verify the merchandise and retailer.

Check for the appropriate markings on gold, silver and platinum jewelry that indicate their authenticity. Make sure the jeweler will include certification or a grading report with the jewelry and your receipt.

No matter how much research you do, realize that there’s a chance the jewelry you purchase will not prove the perfect fit. So make sure you understand the store’s return policy and if there is a charge to have rings or other items resized.

Jewelry is a classic Valentine’s Day gift. With the right approach, shoppers can make the process of buying jewelry a lot less intimidating.



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# VALENTINE’S DAY

## Top gifts for your valentine

Valentine’s Day is an opportunity to show the ones you love just how much you care about them. This is achieved through various gestures, including giving heartfelt gifts.

Research from Business Insider found that 51 percent of Americans now celebrate Valentine’s Day. While a recent poll from Insights West found that although many Canadians view Valentine’s Day as overly commercial, 75 percent still plan on celebrating it. People are still spending big bucks on making Valentine’s Day special. The National Retail Federation indicates Americans spent more than \$20.7 billion on the holiday in 2019 and forecasters predict similar spending in 2020.

Every Valentine’s Day, certain gifts emerge as the most popular. While certain gifts are common, there are ways to make them seem fresh and exciting. Here are some ideas for Valentine’s Day gifting.

### FLOWERS

The National Retail Federation estimates that people spend around \$2 billion on flowers for



gifts. While roses are much sought after, thinking outside the bouquet can produce unique results. Choose different blooms, perhaps a loved one’s favorite flower or something regional. Potted plants also will last longer than cut flowers, giving them more staying power. Skip bouquets in favor of table

centerpieces, which can be eye-catching.

### JEWELRY

Gifting jewelry can be tricky because it is such a personal gift that must tie into a sweetheart’s style. It may be tempting to go with something large and flashy or full

of diamonds, but a better option is to take inventory of what your loved one wears on a daily basis and try to mimic the size and scope in your gift. Other thoughtful jewelry gifts include understated pendant necklaces or bracelets engraved with key dates or the names of their children. Colored gemstones in lieu of dia-

monds also may be a striking choice.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner and a movie is a classic date night, but on Valentine’s Day restaurants and theaters may be overcrowded and only offer limited menus. An alternative can be to

arrange for a gourmet meal to be delivered and wrap up a new streaming movie/TV device already primed with a subscription to his or her favorite streaming service. Then all you need to do is snuggle on the sofa for a romantic night in.

### CHOCOLATES AND CANDY

Roughly \$1.8 billion is spent on candy each Valentine’s Day, says the National Retail Federation. A box of chocolates certainly can fit the bill, but other options abound. Perhaps a sweetheart has a favorite candy that recalls his or her childhood or prefers a chocolate maker from his or her hometown. Purchase those items to add a bit of nostalgia. Make the holiday magical by setting up a candy bar right at home, where your sweetheart can pick and choose from candies displayed in eye-catching bowls and canisters. Another novel idea is to use candy molds to make your own sweet treats.

Thoughtful Valentine’s Day gifts can make the day even more special for sweethearts.

## How did “XO” come to symbolize kisses and hugs?



Love letters are a great way for couples to express their affection and devotion to each other. The sentiments expressed in love letters are as unique as the couples who write them. However, love let-

ters often contain one particular turn of phrase regardless of their authors.

When signing a love letter, it’s customary for writers to include at least one “XO” near their names. “XO” is widely

recognized as symbolic of wishing “hugs and kisses” to a letter’s intended recipient. This tradition is such an ingrained part of romantic letter writing that few may stop to pause and wonder just how the letters

“XO” came to symbolize hugs and kisses.

The origins of “XO” are not definitively known, though many historians note that signing letters with “X” dates back to the Middle Ages. Few people could read and write in the Middle Ages, but signing “X” did not require either of those abilities. Christianity played a big part in many people’s lives during the Middle Ages, and “X” was seen as a representation of the Christian cross. So when people signed “X” on legal documents, they were essentially stating the contents of the document were true in the name of Jesus Christ.

While Jesus Christ’s teachings are rooted in showing compassion for one’s fellow man, signing a letter with “X” did not symbolize love in the Middle Ages. In fact, that development did not come about until much later. The Oxford English Dictionary attributes the first use of “X” to symbolize love and/or kisses in a letter to English naturalist Gilbert White. However, some historians debate the accuracy of that attribution, saying White’s use of the letter “X” in

his letter was likely meant to convey blessings on the letter’s recipient.

Researcher Stephen Goranson found many uses of the letter “X” to convey love and/or kisses in or after the 1880s, so it’s very likely that this was the first time that including the letter “X” at the end of a letter took on the meaning so many people give it now.

As for “O” symbolizing hugs, even less is known about how that came about. The late American writer Leo Rosten, whose writings included 1968’s “The Joys of Yiddish,” suggested that including “O” at the end of a letter might have a similar origin story to “X.” Rosten theorized that “O” was used by Jewish immigrants who did not want to sign a document with “X,” which they, like the people in the Middle Ages, interpreted as symbolic of the Christian cross.

Exactly when “O” was paired with “X” and came to symbolize hugs is unknown, though various historians suggest the two were not paired until the latter half of the 20th century.

## 8 sweets for your sweetheart

Few things can elicit “oohs and aahs” on Valentine’s Day as much as decadent desserts. Sweets and romance seem tailor-made for each other. That’s why heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and other sweets are snatched up in droves and handed out like, well, candies, come February 14.

According to Nielsen Product Insider, Valentine’s Day chocolate sales reached nearly \$11 billion in 2018, and candy generated \$695 billion in sales. In terms of baked goods, the top-selling items sold during Valentine’s Day included dipped/covered treats, message cookies, iced cookies, cupcakes, and two- to five-count doughnuts. Wine, chocolate and strawberries also are very popular Valentine’s treats.

Those pondering giving something sweet this year can consider the following desserts.

1. Bananas Foster: This treat is made from bananas and vanilla ice cream. A sauce made from butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, dark rum, and banana liqueur is placed over the cooked bananas and ignited like a flambé to create a caramelized dessert.

2. Black forest cake: This chocolate cake marries layers of chocolate sponge cake with a rich cherry filling. It is based on the German dessert, schwarzwälder kirschtorte. Whipped cream often tops off this rich cake.

3. Cannoli: These Italian pastries orig-



Dessert can be the way to that special someone’s heart this Valentine’s Day.

inated on the island of Sicily. They consist of tube-shaped fried pastry dough filled with a ricotta cheese-based cream.

4. Cheesecake: Cheesecake often is made with a crust of crushed cookies, graham crackers or sponge cake. A thick layer of batter made from sour cream, cream cheese, eggs, and sugar is cooked into a semi-soft consistency. Some cheesecakes are light and fluffy, while others are dense and decadent.

5. Chocolate truffles: Not to be mistaken for their fungi cousins, chocolate truffles are made by forming balls out of chocolate ganache (made from heavy cream and melted chocolate), and rolling them in cocoa powder.

6. Cream puffs: These tasty morsels are made from a French choux pastry dough filled with a moist filling of sweet cream or custard.

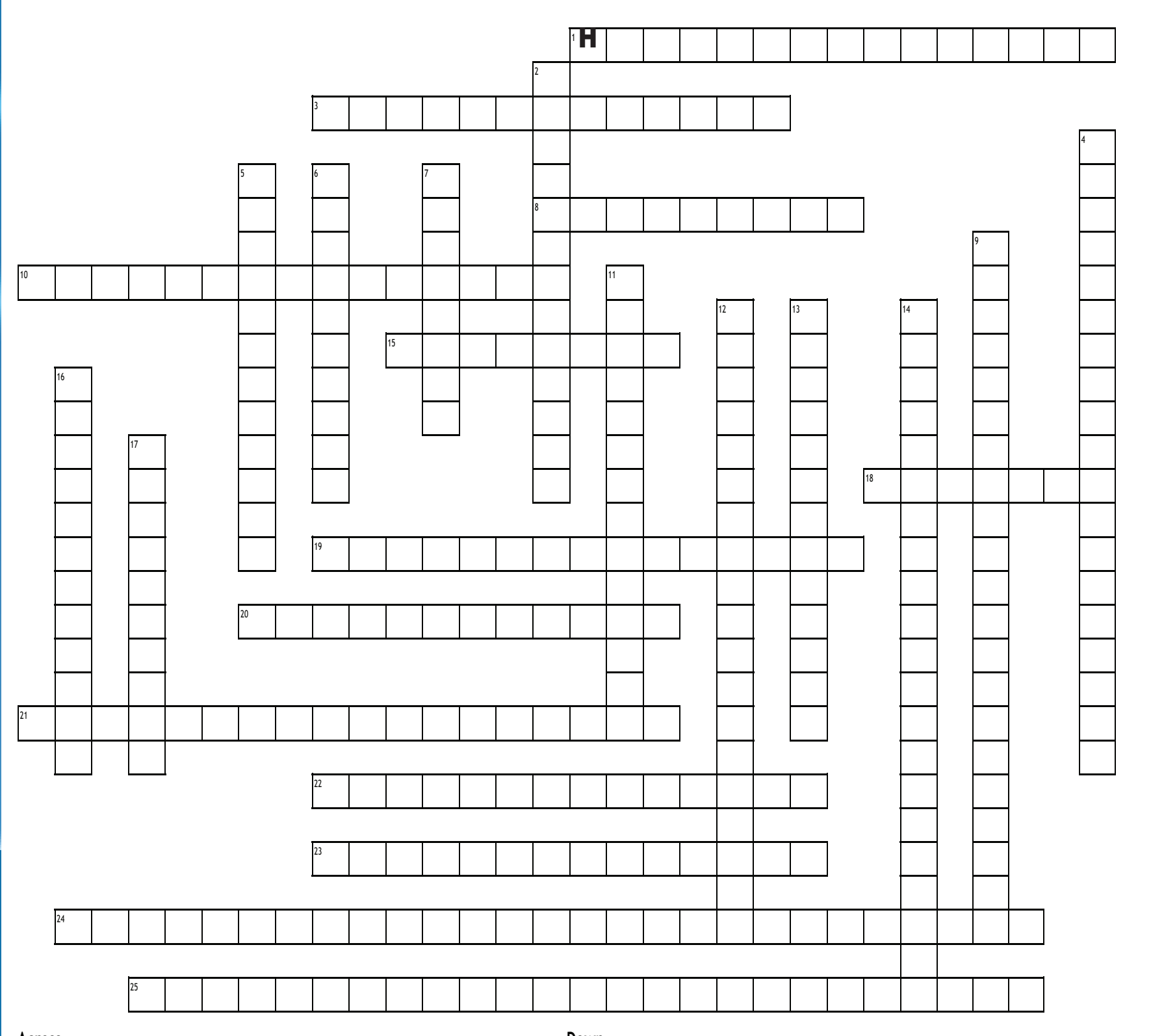
7. Napoleon: The French offer a layered dessert, and it comes by way of mille feuille, also known as a Napoleon pastry. Puff pastry dough sandwiches vanilla custard or cream in various layers.

8. Tiramisu: Meaning “pick me up,” tiramisu is the Italian take on a layered dessert made from ladyfingers cookies dipped in coffee and a whipped mixture of mascarpone cheese and cream, topped with cocoa.

Dessert and other sweets are often a part of Valentine’s Day celebrations.



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