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Fontaine named executive director at Life Care Center of Auburn



Catherine Fontaine

AUBURN — Life Care Center of Auburn, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, is welcoming a new executive director, Catherine Fontaine.

"I am so pleased to have Catherine join our team," said Zo Long, vice president of Life Care's Northeast Division. "She grew up in Auburn, and is very familiar with the community. She is very socially minded, and I am confident that Life Care Center of Auburn will become even more of a community resource for the greater Worcester area."

Fontaine most recently served as executive director at Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Gardner, Massachusetts, for five years. She has 20 years of experience in senior care, including developing senior wellness programs for continuing care retirement communities and

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Auburn's Derek Brigham joins cast of Dean College production

FRANKLIN — The School of the Arts at Dean College will perform "Thoroughly Modern Millie" beginning Wednesday, April 1 through Sunday, April 5. We are proud to announce the cast of this performance, including the following local resident(s):

Derek Brigham of Auburn

Based on the 1967 movie of the same name, the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" returns us to the height of the Jazz Age. The streets and speakeasies of New York were filled with "Swells" and their flapper "Moderns." A world of bathtub gin, bobbed hair, shortened hemlines and high spirits gave birth to Millie Dillmount, the type of young woman who eventually changes the rules of life and love. A lyrical musical confection, Thoroughly Modern Millie offers high spirited dance numbers, robust comic scenes and magical songs, while paying tribute to the spirit of New York and the individuals who seek to discover themselves there.

Music by Jeanine Tesori and lyrics by Dick Scanlan. Book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan.

The Dean College production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission is \$22, Seniors \$12 and Children \$7.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar

Local Lutheran Church recognized for public welcoming statement

STURBRIDGE — Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been recognized by Reconciling Works (formerly Lutherans Concerned/North America) as the most recent Reconciling in Christ congregation in central Massachusetts. This recognition comes after the congregation fully adopted a public statement of welcome for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

The statement reads, in part, "With this statement we commit to being a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

"We believe and admit that all people are created as both one hundred percent sinner and one hundred percent saint; that all people are undeservingly cherished children of God, loved, and saved by grace through faith.

"We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, whoever that neighbor might be.

"We understand the injustice that has been the burden of the LGBTQIA+ community, the damage that has been done by the Church, and we seek forgiveness for that through that understanding. All we have to offer is our love and our community, and we offer it.

"All genders, all races, all

ages, every sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; there is room for you here at our table, come and be fed."

The Rev. Dan Purtell, Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church sees this statement as an essential step in living out our faith and the message of the gospel. We are reminded that we are united in the Body of Christ, and this statement and action to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation, moves us forward in our efforts to live into that, particularly in the ways that we recognize how historically the church has done great harm to the LGBTQIA+ com-

munity. The Reconciling in Christ recognition means that the congregation will be listed on a roster of congregations, organizations and synods in the United States and Canada, which publicly welcomes members of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Aubrey Thonvold, Executive Director of Reconciling Works, said "We welcome Bethlehem Lutheran Church to the Reconciling in Christ family. It is with love we are called to welcome all God's Children Into our congregations, communities, and our world. We thank Victor Matheson and

Boyd Wood for being active members working for reconciliation and growth within the church so people of all sexual orientations and gender identities can share a lived experience of love, welcome, and family."

Reconciling Works is a Christian ministry affirming God's love for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Reconciling in Christ is a program of Reconciling Works.

Second Chance leads the pack in access to veterinary care

REGION — How do you end the cycle of overcrowded animal shelters? How do you keep pets in their homes? To Second Chance Animal Services the answer was clear - access to veterinary care. The nonprofit added that to their mission in 2013 and never looked back. They knew that while adoptions are an important part of helping pets get a Second Chance, they needed to focus on preventing surrenders in the first place.

Second Chance started offering veterinary services back in 2006 when they opened their low cost spay/neuter clinic. They quickly recognized additional needs for these pets and moved on to include vaccine clinics at their facility and throughout the state. In 2009 Second Chance expanded their spay/neuter clinic and in 2013 began the journey to full service veterinary care. What impact did that have? The organization went from helping a few thousand pets a year to over 40,000 pets

a year (in 2019).

Access to services, like in humans, plays a vital role in keeping pets healthy and in their homes.

"We didn't realize when we opened our first full-service hospital how great the impact could be on the pets in the community," stated Sheryl Blancato, CEO. "It didn't take us long to open up our second hospital in Worcester, and then our third hospital in Springfield."

A staggering 23 million animals are living at or below the poverty level, and 77 percent of pets in underserved communities have never seen a veterinarian according to the Humane Society of the United States.

"Looking at these numbers, we see it's imperative to give pet owners access to care within a reasonable driving distance," notes Blancato.

Second Chance recently announced their next hospital which will be located in Southbridge, slated to open in the fall of 2021. This hospital, unlike the previous three, will include a partnership with the local vocational school.





Courtesy Photo

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Superintendent addresses coronavirus concerns

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - As the threat of COVID-19, better known as the coronavirus, continues to generate concern nationwide, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of its students but are urging everyone not to panic.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche discussed the ongoing concern surrounding the virus which has dominated headlines worldwide at the start of 2020 during a meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee in late February. He said that while the virus is certainly an issue the district is keeping an eye on, it's important for students and parents to remain calm and to continue to take the same precautions they would for any other sickness during any normal winter.

'The coronavirus is obviously not going away. We did receive some communication from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health - I think the number one thing they're asking us to do is to not panic. Be aware, learn, but do not panic," the Superintendent said.

He went on to note that Massachusetts remains a lowrisk state with only one confirmed case as of the Feb 28. That number has since jumped to eight cases in early March.

"The risk to our residents and our state still remains extremely low," he said. "They continue to recommend guidance even though it's extremely unlikely that you will have coronavirus. They continue to recommend the precautions that can prevent cold and flu that can help against coronavirus as well."

School practices include washing hands constantly, the use of hand sanitizer, avoiding excess contact to the eyes, nose and mouth and embracing the practice of sneezing into the sleeve rather than the hand and staying home if you do feel under the weather to avoid spreading any illness. The school district is also making sure to wash classrooms, tables and other hard surfaces daily. Superintendent Lamarche complimented the district's staff of custodial workers for a job well done so far in helping combat any and all illnesses that have the potential to spread around the schools.

"I think our custodians are doing a fabulous job at that. I've engaged with a few custodians who continue to work hard," the Superintendent said.

Aside from the general concern about spreading the illness, the coronavirus has also created questions for the upcoming trip to Europe. A group of 116 students from Shepherd Hill Regional High School are scheduled to visit Eastern Europe over April vacation but concerns of the global spread of coronavirus and the possibility of border closures have schools officials keeping a close watch on any potential impact the virus could have on travel. Superintendent Lamarche said at worst this would result in rerouting or rescheduling of the trip, but not cancelation.

"There would be some future trip worst case scenario. Right now, the places that they're visiting, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, there have been no reported cases of coronaviruses in those countries. Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom have had some cases that have been diagnosed with coronavirus, but it is still minimal at this time. It is not a high-level area, according to the World Health Organization," the superintendent said.

The district continues to receive updates on the trip's status weekly and plan to provide updates to parents and students as often as possible to allow for proper planning should the trip be rescheduled or changed in any way.

Board of Health inquiring into rumored transfer station

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - Following a recent report printed in the Charlton Villager, the town's Board of Health is clarifying that recent conversations have not involved support for a landfill, but rather involved rumors of a transfer station, as well as the possibility of exploring recycling opportunities for local residents.

In an interview with the Villager, Charlton Board of Health Chairman Matthew Gagner clarified that any thoughts of the Board of Health being in favor of a landfill are untrue especially in light of the landfill concerns that have plagued Charlton in recent years. The Board of Health chair and his fellow members were inadvertently misquoted and misrepresented from their meeting on Feb. 18, which discussed rumors of a transfer station, not a landfill — the difference being that a transfer station is a temporary

holding area for waste, while a landfill is defined as a more permanent trash disposal location.

"The rumor that we heard was that there may be a transfer station being opened in Southbridge, not a landfill. A resident has asked us a couple of times if we heard anything about a transfer station in that town, and there's nothing to report. We haven't heard anything. The rumor was the town of Southbridge, or perhaps Casella, was going to open a transfer station in Southbridge and that's where we have Charlton residents inquiring what we plan on doing about it if anything.

If it's in Southbridge, then there's not a lot that this town can do about it," said Gagner. "The only talk of a landfill is where we were discussing our own landfill that has currently been capped.'

Currently, the landfill at 54 Flint Rd. is in the early stages of being capped, while the 90 Flint Rd. landfill has been capped and is retired.

Gagner also clarified that the idea that caught Charlton health officials' interest for pursuing wasn't a landfill, but a recycling center or similar concept. This is in line with recent discussions involving numerous boards in early 2020 about the need for a place where Charlton residents can dispose of recyclable material or yard waste.

"The recent conversations involved a recycling center which would be a place where we could go and recycle white goods like kitchen stoves and things like that or a drop off and disposal areas for yard waste. Our town of Charlton does not have an area where somebody could go and drop off that material right now," said Gagner.

The town of Southbridge, however, does have a recycling drop off center which the Board of Health feels could be a good starting point for inspiration.

Further commenting on the landfill controversies, Gagner said the real story there is that the water lines have been installed and the 90 homes effected by the landfills are now receiving public water. Gagner wants citizens to be aware that no conversations about interest in a landfill have taken place and that any such information is the result of misconceptions or misquotes. He also stressed that the Board of Health has an open door policy and are willing to answer any questions about any issues that members of the public

'We allow people from other towns to come in and speak their peace on other issues. We're very easy going and our office runs very smoothly as a result of that," Gagner said. "I do not believe for a second the town of Charlton Board of Health is in favor of any landfill in any of our communities. I don't think the town of Charlton has any interest seeing a landfill going in our town or any of

our neighboring towns. I think if there

was consensus of reality on our board,

we wouldn't be in favor of that."

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Emergency alerts to be posted on message board

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - In an effort to make use of an available resource and keep Charlton residents better informed of emergencies, public alerts will soon be appearing on the electronic message board visible outside of the Charlton Public Library.

Positioned right in the center of town across from the town green and town hall, the electronic message board is a relatively new addition to Charlton that replaced the more traditional signs previously utilized by the library to inform commuters of meetings and town events. At a meeting on Feb. 25

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Jeff Sorel, the town's IT technician, sought to take advantage of a state program that would make the sign a prime source of emergency alert information as well.

'It's a free service from the state and federal governments. It doesn't cost the town anything. We have the option to discontinue service any time if we feel it's intrusive "Sorel told selectmen

He said the recent Amber Alert in Springfield helped inspire him to explore the program which would allow FEMA, MEMA, Amber and Presidential alerts to be more front and center for those traveling through Charlton.

"It's not controlled by us as far as how the alert gets posted. It's done by the

emergency management agencies issuing the alert and it's all done by geographical location," Sorel explained.

The alerts would not include flashing lights or anything too visually distracting. They were described as simple text and visuals informing commuters or those in the area that an alert has been issued and any other pertinent information to the situation.

Selectmen embraced the idea with electman John McGrath making the motion to sign up for the program which he said can only help keep residents safe and informed of any situation local, statewide or nationwide they need to heed.

"I think it's just an added feature to be able to have MEMA or public government groups to be able to post those emergency alerts," said McGrath.

The vote to enter the program was unanimous among selectmen who were



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Southbridge library to host introduction to Yiddish song



SOUTHBRIDGE — The Jacob Edwards Library, located at 236 Main St. in Southbridge, will host "An Introduction to Jewish Heritage with Yiddish Song" Thursday, March 19 at

Yiddish, the thousand-year-old language of the Jews from Eastern Europe contains within its vocabulary, idiom and grammar the experiences, world view, and culture of Ashkenazic Jewry. In this program, Yosl Kurland will perform Yiddish and Loshn Koydesh (holy

tounge or Hebrew) songs of lullabye, love and liturgy, social justice, of kindness and of hope spiced with the humor of Yiddish vaudeville. The Yiddish is made clear with story, explanation, and projected translations. In introducing Jewish music and culture to diverse audiences, Yosl works to foster intercultural understanding. Yosl will be accompanied on accordion by Aaron

Vocalist and educator Yosl Kurland, a founding member of the Wholesale

Klezmer Band (www.ganeydn.com) since 1982, performs and writes Yiddish songs and synagogue music. With his band he performed widely for weddings, bar/bas mitzves and concerts, including at Carnegie Hall with Pete Seeger, and has taught workshops at elementary, middle and high schools on Yiddish music, dance, literature. He developed programs on "Yiddish Songs of Cultural Resistance in the Holocaust" and "A Jewish Perspective on Social Justice in Song." He taught history at an inner-



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city alternative high school for 17 years using period songs to engage students and to illustrate events more vividly. He teaches adult education classes on Yiddish language and literature as well as klezmer music and is a cantor for Temple Israel of Greenfield.

Wholesale Klezmer Band accordionist Aaron Bousel began playing the instrument at age ten, though it wasn't until 1995 that he began to play klezmer. He has participated in workshops at KlezKanada in Quebec and Yidstock at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst. Soon after moving to Amherst in 1997, he became accordionist for the band Hu Tsa Tsa with which he has played for life-cycle celebrations and local synagogue functions. He is also accordionist for the Yiddishkeit Klezmer ensemble and has accompanied Mak'hela, the Jewish chorus of western Massachusetts.

Donations sought for Treetops Montessori School

FISKDALE — In the wake of a recent fire that caused heavy damage to the Treetops Montessori School on Brookfield Road, community members have taken to social media seeking donations to help the school's owners get classes back on track as they search for a temporary location.

Your donations would be greatly appreciated!" reads a message posted to the Sturbridge MA Community Facebook page last week. "As the owners work diligently to get a temporary location so the kiddos can get back in their routine of being at school, they need the community's help!'

Supplies for math, language and sensorial activities are needed the most, including white glue, ary erase boards and markers, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products, spray bottles, table and floor mats, moveable

alphabet letters, sandpaper letters and numbers, a spindle box, small tables and chairs, child size shelves, wooden trays, Play-Doh, colored sand, small bowls and pitchers, marbles, pompoms, child size utensils, hammers, scoops and spoons, child size tongs and tweezers, crayons, regular and construction paper, glitter, sequins and table confetti, regular and colored pencils, and glue

Donations are currently being accepted at the Strbridge Coffee House (407 Main St.), Hearthstone Market (630 Main St., Fiskdale), BTS Smokehouse (392 Main St., Sturbridge), and Kid Power Gymnastics, Inc., 221 Sturbridge Rd., Charlton.

Financial donations are also welcome either through an account at Cornerstone Bank or a GoFundMe page established in support of the school.

Local churches invite you to be unafraid in these anxious times

STURBRIDGE United Church of Christ, Bethlehem Lutheran, Elm Street Congregational, UCC, 1st United Methodist Church of Southbridge, and Holy Trinity Episcopal are jointly hosting a Lenten Series Simple Soup Supper on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran building at 345 Main St., Sturbridge, and you are invited! Together, we are gaining insight and practices from Adam Hamilton's book "Unafraid: living with courage and hope in uncertain times.

Each Wednesday, we provide a supper of soups, bread, and beverage. Although the venue site doesn't change, each of the parishes "hosts" one week of the five-week program (March 3 - April

"It is a great opportunity for us to come together as one family of faith around this important topic," said Rev. Kathy Light of Elm Street Congregational.

"Each one of us deals with the topics presented in the book/video in his or her own style which adds such freshness to the study. No two weeks are ever the same," said Father Richard Signore of Holy Trinity Episcopal. As a special treat, Bethlehem

Lutheran will offer a service of Holden Evening Prayer after the program on March 18. It is under the direction of Boyd Wood, their Music Director, and is a short contemplative style service, so fitting for Lent.

While the topics discussed are serious in nature, the whole experience is uplifting and renewing. We are so grateful to be involved in this event with our partners at the Tri-Community Ecumenical Council! The fellowship and dinner have been incredible and the study itself excellent. It gives us the opportunity to discuss fear and faith in a friendly, informal, format. A wonderful way to show Christian unity while having fun, said Pastor Sabina Terrades of the 1st Methodist Church of Southbridge.

The Bethlehem Lutheran building is handicapped accessable, and there is plenty of free parking. It is such a wonderful opportunity for our churches and their leadership to share in Christ's work in the world as one family.

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developing customer service training tools for staff.

"I am an advocate for providing high standards of care, as well as incorporating a positive customer service experience," said Fontaine. "I especially like working with residents who reside in long-term care to assist in providing a high quality of living as well as care. I find Life Care to be an organization that has a huge amount of resources to provide support and assistance at any time needed. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming.'

Fontaine earned her Bachelor's

degree in health science from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She currently resides in Leicester with her husband, Tim. They have three children, Nicholas, Kayla and Emily.

Life Care Center of Auburn, located at 14 Masonic Circle, is one of 15 skilled nursing and rehab facilities in Massachusetts managed by Life Care Centers of America.

Founded in 1976. Life Care is a nationwide health care company. With headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, Life Care manages more than 200 nursing, post-acute and Alzheimer's centers in 28 states. For more information about Life Care, visit lcca.com.

Accident claims life of Wales man

WALES - A man in his 40s was killed last weekend during a single-vehicle crash on Hollow Road.

The March 7 wreck occurred at about 11:20 a.m. Troopers assigned to the State Police barracks in Sturbridge responded to the incident, along with Wales Fire and EMS personnel.

Upon arrival, responders located a 2010 Toyota Rav4 that had struck a utility pole. The operator was a 44-year-old Wales man. He was transported to Wing Memorial Hospital, where he was pro-

The victim's name was not released as of press time, pending family notification.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, and the operator was the sole occupant of the Toyota, police said.

The cause and circumstances of the crash remain under investigation by Troop C of the State Police, along with the State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section and the Crime Scene Services Section.

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"We realized that to keep up with the growing needs of pets in the community, we had to include the next generation of the animal welfare community. With Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School providing the education and our hospital providing real world experience, it will be a win-win-win for all involved," said Blancato.

The lower level of the new hospital will be home to the Bay Path Veterinary Education Center featuring classroom space and a learning lab for the vocational students in the new veterinary science program. The full-service hospital on the main floor will provide the year-round, full-service veterinary care that Second Chance is well known for.



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Landscaping expert advocates 'planting native'

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WALES - Right in time for the opening of a gardening season that might be the earliest in years, Dan Jaffe Wilder brought his ideas of landscaping to a crowd of dozens Saturday at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. They centered on three main words: "plant native plants."

Oh, and three others: "kill vour lawn.'

"I'm always thinking ecologically," he said. "I want my landscape to be more than just

Specifically, Wilder notes many of the standard "rules" he and many others learned about landscaping are "stupid," and exactly the opposite of what Nature actually does. Commercial landscapers often plant with lots of space, cut back perennials routinely, use lots of wood mulch (often falsely colored) that sits for years, and plant foreign species and/ or grass that require a lot of maintenance via watering, pesticides and fertilizers. Nature, by contrast, wants to fill in that space so there's almost no visible dirt, lets perennials be perennial, uses "mulch" that breaks down rapidly (as in last fall's leaves and small living plants), and very often repeats itself, using native plants adapted to whatever the area's water conditions are.

"Right plant, right place" is his mantra. Wilder said many plant types have multiple

species that have evolved to grow in different conditions of water, soil, temperature, etc, and cites Vibernum as one. Almost always, Nature can provide something that will grow where the professionals claim nothing can grow. A case in point is Diaspensia, a tiny flower that grows "in some of the most inhospitable climates on Earth," including atop Mt Washington and the Arctic.

"A plant that's going to perform well always supports more ecological function than one that's struggling," he said. ... We have some fantastic plants that grow in poor soils."

Among other things, Wilder encourages people in most places to eliminate their traditional short grass lawns in favor of a very native groundcover that also provides food wild strawberry. Whatever you use, he urges growers to think in layers, planting groundcover, herbaceous plants, shrubs, subcanopy (short trees) and canopy (taller trees). Doing so creates the broadest range of ecological niches for plants, insects, birds and animals.

In a related vein, when removing invasive plants such as Oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose or Japanese barberrv. Wilder recommends filling the vacant soil with something native that fills a similar ecological niche. If not, Nature will do so, probably with another invasive. As an example, plant grape vines where bittersweet was, or sumac where buckthorn was.

"We normally think of invasives as having the competitive advantage, but we can flip that around" by "plant[ing] your landscape as full as you can," he observed. "...There's nothing wrong with plants touching one another."

He recommended taking what the label says for planting distance and cutting it in half or a third. Doing so will "allow these plants to fill in and cover the whole area."

One fairly simply way to 'save thousands of dollars in poorly-selected plants" is to invest in soil testing, then select plants based on the soil qualities. Several places do it, with UMass Extension Service being the least costly (\$20), and others ranging up to \$100 or so, with some differences in what they provide.

Regarding repetition, Wilder said he sees the "one of everything syndrome" more often than unused space, and urged people to give some plants to friends and replace them with several of one species that can tie everything together. In Nature, that's often seen in meadows that are dominated by one or a few plant types; he showed a scene with two major species that supported 300 species of bees, 200 species of butterflies and many birds and animals.

One of them was goldenrod, which has 50 species from "hard-to-grow" to "extremely vigorous" and suited to a wide range of habitats. That has a bad rap - it's often accused of causing hayfever, but does not. Its "heavy, sticky pollen" requires insects to pollinate it; the real culprit is ragweed.

"Goldenrods support more wildlife than any other herbaceous species," he said, later noting number two in that category is wild strawberry. That plant, he notes "can handle abuse. ... My chickens can't kill it.'

To some people, many native plants are weeds, but his view is that weeds are "just plants out of place." In many cases, they're actually beneficial and beautiful; as an example, he points to black-eyed susans (Rudbeckia spp.), a short-lived perennial flower that produces lots of seeds and shows a lot of variety. Another is common milkweed (Asclepias syriaca), which grows almost anywhere

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

the growing coronavirus out-

break, the Board of Health is

holding a functional exercise

on Saturday, March 21 to test its ability to distribute vaccine

when and if one becomes avail-

Health Director Andy Pelletier

noted it's coincidental that this is happening just as Covid-19,

the new coronavirus illness,

is circulating worldwide. The

board has been working on such

a plan for about six months, and

held what's termed a "tabletop

exercise" earlier this year to

game out what the clinic would

look like on paper. In 2018, the

board held a related "zombie flu"

exercise as part of the Halloween

Horribles Parade.

SOUTHBRIDGE — In light of

Dan Jaffe Wilder talks to an audience member after his talk Saturday at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

and has several less common, more specialized cousins. It's most famous for being essential for the life cycle of monarch butterflies, but has also been used to provide insulating fibers for clothing (fullsized pods) and even food (very young pods).

Other suggestions Wilder made included using natural materials for accents, keep downed wood on site, "prune with the plant's natural form in mind" while leaving younger stems and cutting older ones periodically, "avoid sharp edges and straight lines," and don't do fall cleanup, since the downed leaves and standing dead stems provide soil nutrients, protect various insects, and feed birds and animals, among other things.

When Q&A time came, one of the first was on ticks. Wilder said they're mostly found in "edge habitat" (where one habitat transitions to another) and are "thought to do extremely well in a changing climate. Eliminating barberry can help control them, since research

has linked barberry with both increased tick numbers and increased percentage infected with the Lyme bacteria, although it's not clear why. Killing barberry is difficult; small patches can be dug up and burned with the roots smothered. He suggested using ramboard (big rolls of cardboard on which people layer soil, mulch and more ramboard to create a new planting area. The ramboard eventually decays into the soil.)

Regarding switching from lawn to native gardening, Wilder simply recommends starting small. Pick a section and use seeds since they're far less costly than whole plants; he mentioned the Wild Seed Project website as listing many species that grow easily from seed.. Best choice for plants are those you can later split and transplant

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- 4. Designer Jacobs
- 8. Hip joint 10. A dialect of English
- 11. Portrays
- 12. Panic 13. The head of a team
- 15. High priest
- 16. League of Legends locale
- 17. Protective folds 18. Treats allergies
- 21. Voodoo spirits
- 22. Single unit
- 23. Unit of measurement
- 24. Brew
- 25. Burundian franc
- 26. Self
- 27. Bengals great
- 34. Making letters overlap
- 35. Piece of pizza 36. Illegal drug
- 37. Card game
- 38. The highest point in the
- development 39. Oh, God!
- 40. Wives (law)
- 41. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 42. Supplements with difficulty 43. Valentine's Day color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Warm climate tree or shrub 2. Silky case spun by larvae
- 3. Still in existence 4. Light, two-stranded rope
- 5. Wear away
- 6. Beginnings 7. Essence
- 9. American Standard Code
- for Information Interchange
- 12. Repeated tones 14. Expresses surprise
- 15. Monetary unit of Burma
- 17. When you hope to get there
- 19. Brighten
- 20. Fifth note of a major scale
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- 24. We all do it
- 25. Scrounges
- 27. Begin to be
- 28. Midway between northeast
- 30. Succulent plants
- 32. Gas station term
- 34. Soviet monetary unit

"The coronavirus puts a reality spin on the clinic," he said. "It's not theoretical anymore." That said, he also points out there is currently no vaccine for Covid-19. Several labs are in various stages of producing one, and

one lab claims to have a vaccine ready for human testing, but Pelletier said we likely will not see one available for widespread use for another year or so.

The test-run will occur at the same time as the town's annual rabies clinic for pets, being held at the DPW facility on Guelphwood Road. In practice, he noted it will be slightly different from an actual vaccination clinic because the animals will require people to get out of their cars, while the plan calls for having paperwork and vaccine pills change hands without that. A real vaccination event would have public health and probably school nurses in protective gear doing most of the personal contact, he said.

"We're not going to reach

into a car with a dog in there," Pelletier noted. "[That means] we're not going to get quite a real feel for the flow, ... but are looking for the backup to see

Vaccine distribution

test set for March 21

how this flows.' Furthermore, he added, they "hope to see the flaws in our

planning" so they can fix them. "Practicing this clinic is going to put Southbridge in a very strong position," he added, noting preparations have brought together several key departments. "The town is as prepared as the town can be. The weakness now is that I have to get more information out ... and spread the prevention word."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Covid-19 page, there had been 423 total cases with 19 deaths in the US as of Monday, with 28 so far reported in Massachusetts. Fifteen of them were associated with a single biotech conference in Boston.

This week, the CDC started allowing states to test on their own, so the site notes, "CDC's numbers are not representative of all testing being done nationwide."

In Massachusetts, the first stage or "presumptive" testing happens at the Department of Public Health lab in Jamaica Plain, with positive results going to CDC-Atlanta for confirmation, Pelletier said.

Many reports online show cases of this illness look a lot like the flu, but more serious ones can rapidly turn into severe pneumonia and be life-threatening, particularly for senior citizens and those with additional health conditions. There has also been some speculation that exposure to more serious air pollution may be linked to more

severe Covid-19 cases. "There have been an inor-

dinate amount of pneumonia cases since January," Pelletier observed. "I wouldn't be surprised if it started earlier [in the

US] than we got reports on it." Data from other nations suggest it has a roughly 2 percent death rate overall (much higher than the seasonal flu), and around 15 percent of people get sick enough to require hospitalization. Conversely, there are also many reports of people being infected but having minimal or no symptoms, and most who get it recover without medical help.

"More cases of COVID-19 are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States," CDC reports. "It's also likely that sustained person-to-person spread will continue to occur, including throughout communities in the United States. It's likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur."

CDC notes the three primary symptoms that appear with two to 14 days of exposure are fever, cough and shortness of breath. They're largely the same as those seen with previous coronaviruses SARS and MERS, both of which proved far more deadly percentage-wise, but flared out before infecting a significant number of people worldwide.

Without a vaccine, the best approach to dealing with this is prevention, particularly using what's termed "social distancing." In that light, many places have begun canceling large public events, or hosting them without audiences.

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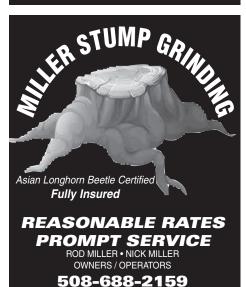
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Then grab a good book, your favorite beverage and escape to your own backyard retreat. You'll leave the space

refreshed and ready to embrace and enjoy whatever comes next.

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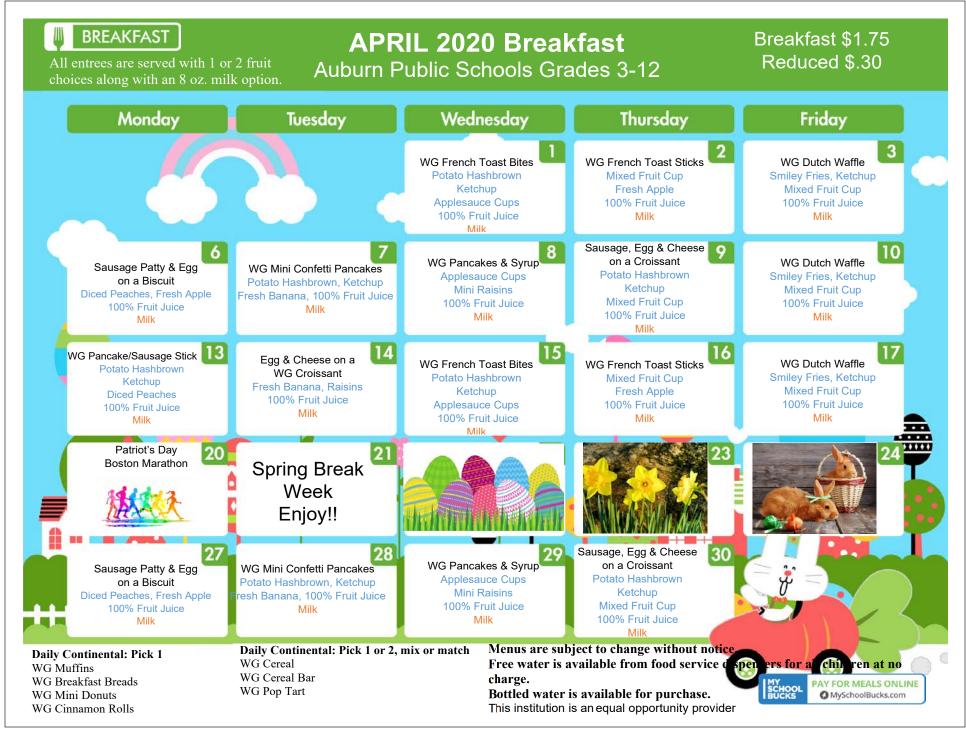
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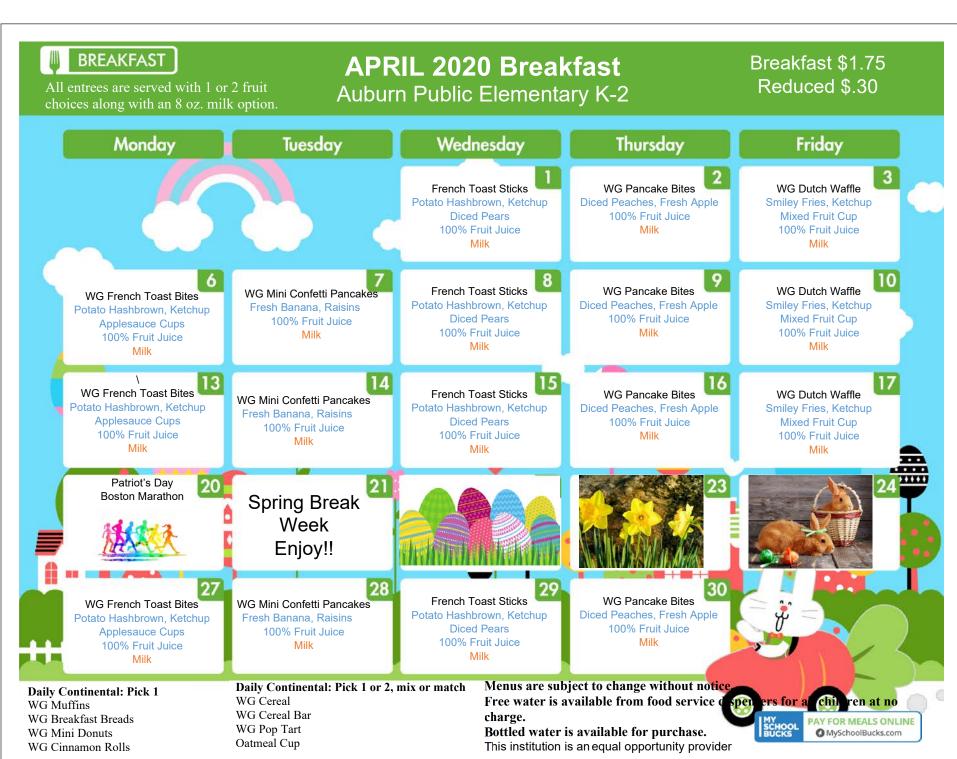
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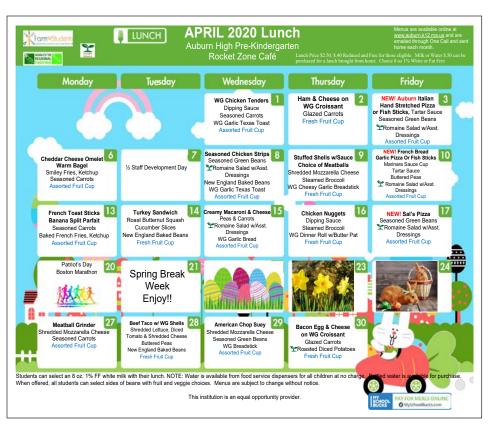


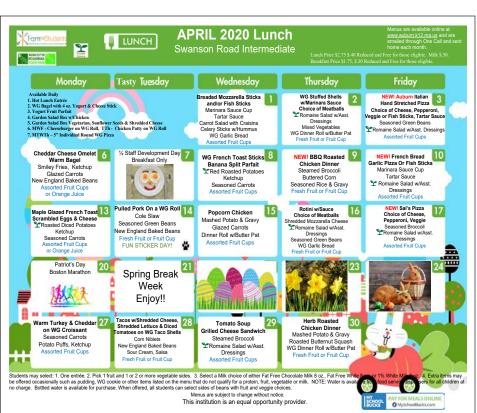












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EDITORIAL

celebration of strong women

International Women's Day, observed this past Sunday, may seem like a new progressive holiday; however, it stems back to 1909, when the Socialist Party of America organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman's Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. In 1975, the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless; therefore, naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200 page editorial, we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, 'Deeds, not words' being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator, Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Ala., when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome, was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional. To find Colvin's name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse's aide.

In an interview in 2005, Colvin said, "I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on.'

As for recognition, Colvin said, "I'm not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation."

Colvin's family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be 'The Year of Marie Curie.' She became

the first woman to be entombed on her

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Birthing dreams

I'll never forget the day when my grandsons were born. While in many ways, it was a blur of a mixture of intoxicating joy and anxiety, there are several images that are forever ingrained in my memories. Birthing is a nine-month process, no doubt, but I

got to see the final inning. Both boys brought on minor complications for their mother, so it was the team of doctors and nurses that made this miracle possible in the ninth inning.

There was a couple of doctors and several nurses on hand to birth a single child. All the focus of several adults was to make sure the babies were born and entered the world safely while keeping mother healthy. For some kids, that may be the most positive attention they will receive from a group of adults. Birthing is always a miracle.

This morning when I woke in my happy place – Sierra Madre, Calif. – my grandsons, Caleb and Noah were sleeping in the bedroom next to me. The joy I felt was indescribable. There is nothing that lifts the human spirit like being in the presence of people you love and who love you in return.

As I reflected on this gift of being ander the same roof as Caleb and Noah, was brought back to the days they were born and was overwhelmed with pure gratitude for what it took to bring them here on earth. As I said, birthing is always a miracle.

Yesterday, I witnessed a different kind of miraculous birthing – the birth of a dream in the imagination of a boy. It was opening day of Sierra Madre Little League's spring season. It began with a parade of the teams and ended with a ceremony at the baseball park. What I found to be incredible, is how this town of ten thousand people turned out to support these kids. The parade route was lined with residents and after their team passed, they fell into line and followed them to the ceremony.

There were over 50 volunteer coaches, hundreds of kids in baseball uniforms and I'm guessing a thousand or more residents in attendance. As I sat in the bleachers listening to the introduction of teams and coaches, I listened to the conversations around me and realized many of those in attendance did not have a child on the team, yet they turned out to support the youth of their community.

But what stood out to me the most was the wonder I saw in the eye of my

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By Gary W. MOORE

grandson, Caleb. Of course, I'd be bragging if I told you all about how Caleb not only had a three-run homer, and drove in another 6 runs with two singles, but something much more beautiful was unfolding - a dream. When we got home that night, Caleb was asking questions about

college baseball, and then Babe Ruth, and Ted Williams. He had a sparkle in his eye - the glimmer of a dream being born. Caleb, no doubt, has dreams of being a great baseball player someday.

I've learned through years of experience that kids who are involved in group or team activities are better students and get into less trouble. And if their parents or guardians turn out to volunteer and support them, the positive impact of the activity is compounded. Whether its sports, music or any activity that teaches them discipline, focus and how to achieve a goal, these kids have a greater shot at growing into successful and happy adults, and even better, a better chance of birthing big

We've all heard the old African saying that says, "It takes a village to raise a child." I would also add, it takes a village to birth a dream in a child. Because of the dedication of coaches, and the community of Sierra Madre, kids like my grandson, Caleb, are dreaming big dreams. I don't know about you, but we need more of that in America. Sierra Madre, California is showing the rest of us how to not just dream dreams, but birth dreams. The actions of this village are not just raising children but planting dreams and creating young people who develop habits of achievement that will follow them into adulthood. Like the moment of birth, this community is planting dreams that will be born later in the form of successful and productive

What happened on a Saturday morning in Sierra Madre wasn't about baseball, it was a community midwifing dreams in the minds of children. The community helped their children know that they mattered. It wasn't a day about sports but about love and miracles.

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Will your money last as long as you do?



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What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them - 49 percent are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44 percent whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon Center for Longevity and other groups.

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do?

Here are a few suggestions:

- · Estimate your longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much money you may need to last the rest of your lifetime. A word of caution: It's probably going to be more than you think. Health care costs alone can run into the hundreds of thousands, even with
- Determine when you'll retire. Your retirement age will have a big impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out of pocket health care costs you'd normally have to pay if you're retired.
- · Invest as much as you can in your retirement. During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer's plan.
- Protect yourself from long-term care costs. If you're fortunate, you'll never need any type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider. Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified longterm care costs. Or you might consider a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care, your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses.
- Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. During your retirement, you'll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But you'll want to avoid taking out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It's important to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs, taking into account your age, sources of income, lifestyle and other factors.

The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

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Do-It-Yourself Tips for Health and Well Being

The answer to common maladies isn't always in a medicine cabinet. In fact, treating everyday ailments or symptoms of aging is often a matter of common sense. From mental maneuvers to manual massage, the following self help tips are geared toward effectively

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Stress Busters: It's 2 p.m., you've got a pile of unfinished work, you've yet to each lunch and the phone keeps ringing! If the high tech and high stress world has got you chewing your acrylic nails off, try these easy office stress busters: At the first sign of stress, massage therapists suggest simply massaging the palm of one hand by making a circular motion with the thumb of the other. Or, when you're stressed out, reach for a steaming mug of decaf or other hot beverage and cup your hands around the mug. Bring your warm hands to your closed eyes for a few seconds and take a deep breath to induce calm. And here's a good excuse to snack on the job: Carbohydrates stimulate serotonin in the brain, so reach for a bagel, crackers or pretzels to help calm down fast.

The Buzz on Caffeine: If you love your coffee, you now have another excuse to drink high octane java! A ten year study by the University of Bristol revealed coffee drinkers really may be better thinkers. The report said a cup of coffee can help in the performance of tasks, requiring sustained attention. It further helped enhance a person's ability to perform these tasks, during low alertness situations such as at night or when a person has a cold.

Hearing Help: Are you saying "Huh?" more than you used to? Well before you run out to by a hearing aid, you might want to consider a pair or sneakers instead! Believe it or not, researchers

promoting good health and well being!

Improve Memory: What's your memory grade? If you're a flunky when it comes to remembering, it may be time to get your brain back in shape with some mental gymnastics. No matter what your age, experts say exercising your brain really may make the difference between using it and losing it. Activities such as doing crossword puzzles, playing word games or cards, strengthens the receptors between brain cells in memory transmission areas. If you sense memory loss occurring, use mental helps such as calendars, calculators, list making, and group discussions to exercise your memory receptors. And relax. According to the experts, worrying about what you're going to forget can actually cause a mental block!

Effortless Memory Boost: Too tired to exercise your brain to boost memory? Dab on your favorite perfume! Believe it or not, medical studies show memory skills are enhanced while people are wearing a fragrance. The theory is that because the part of the brain that stores memory is located near the part that senses smell, the memory is boosted when you sniff a fragrance. Now, if you can only remember where you put the

Laughter is the Best Medicine: Groucho Marx once declared "A clown is like an aspirin, only he works twice as fast!" And health officials worldwide have proved laughter really may be the best medicine. According to University of Maryland Hospital studies, the benefits of laughing include

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Spring arrives early



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE**

Spring came early this this year, and it was none too soon. This past week, the peepers (tree frogs) were already chirping in my back yard at the small pond on my property. My first Robbin was also spotted last week. Some daffodils are already well ahead of last year, and should blossom in a couple of weeks in my back yard. Wild turkeys are already strutting there stuff and when the wild turkey season starts in Massachusetts on April 27 this year, there should be little problems calling in your bird.

The youth hunt for wild turkeys starts April 25, and it is a great opportunity for parents to take the youngsters out for a day in the field hunting for this great game bird. During the youth hunt, a full day of hunting is allowed starting at a half hour before sunrise until 5 p.m., unlike the regular season, where hunting hours are a half hour before sunrise until noon.

The Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife personnel have started their spring stocking of trout in numerous lakes and ponds in the Central District. Cape ponds have received numer-

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ous stocking of trout providing anglers with some great early fishing. For a complete list of ponds and streams that have been stocked go to the Mass Fish & Wildlife Web site. A reminder that Wallum lake is closed to all fishing until April

This past week, I received a letter and picture from Francis Darling of Uxbridge. Francis was going through some of his dads papers and came across an old picture that had been printed in the Woonsockett Call in the late '40's. After World War 11 his dad helped build the road leading into the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. His dad also donated a replica of a Parker double barrel shotgun that was made of wood, which had been hanging in his barn.

His dad's relatives had a store in Woonsockett, R.I. called "E. R. Darling Guns and Cutlery," which was closed in 1925. The gun still hangs over the fireplace at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. The gun once hung over the club road, but was later hung over the fireplace. The gun was also stolen from the club many years ago, but was found and returned to the club. This week's picture shows, from left to right: Robert Rabidor, vice president, William Albin. The gun was presented to the club by Benjamin Green, president of the Beagle Club, and Henry Gardiner was vice president back in the day.

The gun was presented as a symbol of "good will and fellowship " between the two organizations. It is always great to have this kind of history brought back to light, providing the current generations with some knowledge of the work and vision the sportsmen had back in the day. I would like to thank Francis Darling for sharing this important piece of history of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Anyone that his this type of history, that would like to share with our readers, would be greatly appreciated. Send it to Ralph True, Sr., 367 Mendon Rd., Uxbridge, MA 01569, or to my e-mail at oldsalt_65@msn.com!

This is the time of year that sportsmen need to think about purchasing a four legged hunting companion for the 2020 bird hunting season if they do not already have one. Purchasing a new pup for the family, and for hunting birds will have him or her ready for the field by the time October rolls around. I have always been partial to a female dog. They just seem to mind a lot better, and are easier to train. Purchasing a pedigree dog from a well known breeder is extremely important. Ask to see both parents and make sure they have good papers.

Labrador Retriever pups are my favorite, but Brittany and German Shorthair pointers are also a popular dog among bird hunters. Make sure you

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have the time and finances to properly take care of your new pup. Veterinarian bills can be costly & having the time to train and exercise the dog can become demanding. If you

decide to purchase a dog, it can be a very rewarding addition for you and your family.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Flea market season has started



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

ones. WAYNE TUISKULA Those of vou reading this column

are more likely interested in flea markets with antiques and collectibles than t-shirts and food products. Check Web sites before you go, and you should be able to get a pretty good idea of what you will find. Also be sure to check to see the dates when outdoor flea markets open. Some good local flea markets have permanently closed, but others have opened in the area to take their place. You may want to call or email the flea market you plan to attend to get details before traveling there.

Some long running flea markets are right in our backyard. Most of you should be familiar with the Grafton Flea Market, Charlton Flea Market, and Douglas Flea Market.

The Rietta Flea Market in Hubbardston is one of the largest in the area. They are open on Sundays beginning sometime in April. Their website says "for as long as most of us can remember, Rietta Flea Market has been one of the largest and most popular flea markets in the Northeastern U.S.'

Another nearby flea market is in Sturbridge. The Sturbridge Flea Market's website describes it as "3 Levels & 150-plus Dealers 1000's of unique items at fair prices!" Traveling a little further west on Route 20, you will reach the Yankee Flea Market. Their website description is " home to over 165 vendors in our 15,000 square foot indoor market. We have everything from new to old, vintage to antique." Even further west you will find the Flea Market at Eastfield Mall in Springfield. description is "upscale resale, craft, art and antique vendors in a unique climate-controlled market space."

Another one where I have made good finds is the Olde Hadley Flea Market. The fields are typically full of vendors on days with nice weather. Kev's Barnyard of Granby is a newer flea market. They describe the market as a "wide array of merchandise from antiques to pre-owned items and furniture. Our co-op sits inside a historical 19th century post and beam, New England barn."

Traveling north, the Hollis Flea Market is a good option. It claims to be the longest and oldest running flea market in New Hampshire. Todd's Farm in Rowley invites you to "Be Up Before the Cows!" They tout over 240 vendors from New England and New York.

In Connecticut, websites for the Eastern Connecticut Flea Market in Danielson and Elephant Trunk in New Milford note that they are open regularly. There will also be a special one-day flea market on Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m., sponsored by the Salmon Brook Historical Society in Granby. In the next state over, there is a regularly running flea market at the General Stanton Inn in

Charlestown, R.I. Other flea markets are a short drive away. Somerville, MA Flea Market claims that "the majority of our vendors deal in vintage and antique wares that have been reclaimed restored and repurposed." If you vacation at the Cape, the flea market at the Wellfleet Drive-in typically has vendors selling antiques.

Lastly, an article on flea markets wouldn't be complete without including the Brimfield Antique Flea Market. The 2020 dates are May 12-17, July 14-19, Sept. 8-13. I hope to see you on the fields!

I'll be presenting on antiques for The Sturbridge Rotary Club on March 18. I'll be appraising items for the Douglas, MA



Historical Society on May 3. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www. centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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at Miami University in Ohio report aerobically fit people heard sounds at lower volumes than their sedentary counterparts. In fact the researchers went as far as to declare that a fit person at age 40 can have the hearing of a 20 year old! The concept is that aerobic exercises such as walking, enrich the blood with oxygen and improve blood flow to the ears, which improves hearing function. For A proper hearing "fitness" routine, the experts suggest working your way up to walking 30-60 minutes, five or six days per week. For an optimum hearing boost, add strength training, as those who are aerobically and muscularly fit had the best hearing!

Eye Test: Babyboomers may be soon discovering their eyes aren't as sharp as they used to be! Here is a quick vision test to gauge whether or not

it's time to have those glasses upgraded: A person with good vision should be able to read the numbers and letters on a license plate 80 feet away. If not, it's time to get a vision check up. If you work at the computer all day, this simple "eye break" exercises tired eye muscles. Hold a pencil one foot away from your eyes, focus on an object behind the pencil for several seconds, then blink and focus directly on the pencil for a moment or two. This helps relaxes and revitalize eyes. At home, relieve eye strain by cutting two thin slices of raw red potato. Keep them on your closed eyelids for 20 minutes

Sweet Slumber: Are you always tired? Is your nightly slumber less than satisfying? If so, it might be time to reset your sleep clock to ensure your daily dose of rest! If your body clock is set to a different time than your schedule, you'll feel tired. Experts say when you're in your 20s and 30s, your body is typically set to stay up late and sleep late. On the other hand, it's common for people in their 60s and 70s to fall asleep at before 8 p.m. and wake up before the birds. Here's how to get back to a normal sleen rhythm by resetting your sleep clock: Bright electric light can shift your body clock, according to a 2001 study published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine. If you want to stay up later, sit under a bright light bulb for one to two hours before your current bedtime. This will slowly shift your body clock to a later bedtime. In the morning, block out bright light until you've been up for an hour or two. If you want to go to bed and get up earlier, dim the lights in the bedroom after 9 p.m. and pull up shades to allow the morning sun to stream in.

Stall Senility: If forgetfulness has you fretting about a future with Alzheimer's, here are some facts that may actually help you stall or prevent the disease. While searching for

the cause for Alzheimer's disease, researchers found some interesting clues. Middle-aged people with high cholesterol or high blood pressure have a 50 percent greater risk for developing Alzheimer's later in life. Studies also reveal patients may have low levels of vitamin B-12, A and C and beta-carotene, and high concentrations of aluminum and mercury. Most revealing is that a recent study of people genetically predisposed to developing Alzheimer's disease, showed those who consumed the most fat on average, as well as the most calories, were more likely to develop the disease compared as to people who followed low-fat, low-calorie diets. So take your vitamins and eat healthy to up your odds of avoiding Alzheimer's!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn

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

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

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own merits in the Pantheon in Paris

in 1995 In 1933. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regards to civil rights for African-Americans. She was the first,

First Lady to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies. After her husband's death, Roosevelt spent her remaining years in active politics. She was the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and chaired John F. Kennedy's administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Roosevelt was nicknamed the 'First Lady of the World.'

Last but not least is the little known Agent 355, who was instrumental to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary

War. Agent 355 was a part George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. With the fear of a trip to the gallows in the back of her mind every day, Agent 355 managed to continue to help get crucial information to the General. Unlike the women we mentioned before, Agent 355 used her role as a quiet unassuming woman to make monumental gains that led to our freedom today. The identify of '355' is not yet known, however she is referred to as 'lady' 355 in Washington's code book. The only direct reference to '355' was from ring leader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull

described her as 'one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence." We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.

While we pay homage to strong women who have done incredible things, this does not negate the influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don't have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we're gone.

TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise

9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!

valid passport is *A REQUIRED for this trip

Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

The Boston Red Sox vs The **Baltimore Orioles**

3 Days/2 Nights August 21 23, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights hotel lodging, breakfast at hotel, lower reserved seating to 2 ballgames, The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Guinness Brewery & More

\$549pp Double Occ. -\$679pp Single Occ. - \$539pp Triple Occ. \$539pp Quad Occ.

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September 11th Museum & Memorial in NY City and West

Point Academy 2 Days/1 Night May 14-15, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, hotel lodging,

two (2) meals (1 breakfast & dinner theatre show), touring the Hudson River Valley & dinner theatre show and so much more!

\$399 pp Double Occ. - \$499 pp Single Occ.

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Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show Queen Esther 3 Days/2 Nights September

23-25, 2020 What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging, 5

meals, ticket to "Queen Ester", touring and More! \$499pp Double Occ. - \$599 pp

Single Occ. For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact

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Nova Scotia w/Tattoo Fest featuring The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Bay of Fundy, Halifax,

Saint John, Annapolis Valley 5 Days/4 Nights June 29-July

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging - Marriott Saint John – New Brunswick, 2 nights lodging – Westin Nova Scotian - Halifax, breakfast each morning (4), 2 scrumptious dinners, 1 lobster luncheon, guided tours each day and more!

\$1499pp Double Occ. - \$1899 pp Single Occ.

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Montreal & Quebec Getaway 4 Days/3 Nights August 18-21, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging - Marriott in downtown Montreal, 1 night lodging -Quebec City, four meals (4), 5 meals, guided tours each day and more!

\$849pp Double Occ. - \$1159 pp Single Occ.

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center 2020

Our new Trip Coordinator is

Mary Lou Lepko. A few things to know:

Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.com

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets

Trips are open to the public Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior

Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.

You will be notified of pick up time & location

Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton

April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due 3/17)

May 19 — CAROLE KING TRIBUTE \$94 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 4/17)

July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE \$135 includes transportation, Beauport Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake buffet, Entertainment & Dancing. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due

September 2 — LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE & CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS \$129 includes transportation, Lake Cruise, Luncheon, Visit to Castle in the Clouds. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 7/30)

November YESTERDAY ONCE MORE w/The Carpenters, ABBA, 5th Dimension, The Mamas & The Papas all in one show! \$92 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks pavable to: Best of Times (payment due 10/15)

Dec 4-7 — A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN. Gaylord Oprey Hotel! 4 days/3 nights. Call for more

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a

guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS ofTHE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an appproximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.

On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William D. Malloy and Joseph Malloy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Bank of America, N.A., dated May 20, 2009 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44430, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, its successors and assigns to Bank of America, N.A. dated August 1, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49434, Page 343, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC dated May 18, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53794, Page 399, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 16 Linda Avenue, Auburn, MA 01501 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 25, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Scituate in the County of Worcester,

State of Massachusetts: The Land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts situated on the Easterly side of Linda Avenue and further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a Stone Bound set in the Easterly Line of Linda Avenue at an angle in said Street line;

Thence S. 4 Degrees W. Fifty-Three and Fifty-Five Hundredths (53.55) feet by Linda Avenue to the northwesterly corner of Lot #14 on a Plan hereinafter mentioned;

Thence S. 86 Degrees E. One Hundred Thirty (130) feet more or less by said Lot #4 to a point in a stone wall at land now or formerly of Weagle;

Thence N. 23 Degrees 29' E. One Hundred Twenty-Eight (128) feet by said stone wall to the southeasterly corner of Lot #12 on said Plan;

Thence S. 83 Degrees 27' 45" W. One

Hundred Seventy-Eight (178) feet more February 28, 2020 or less by said Lot #12 to the easterly line of Linda Avenue;

Thence S. 6 Degrees 32' 45" E. Thirty-Eight and Forty-One Hundredths (38.41) feet by Linda Avenue to the point of beginning.

Containing 38,000 Square feet more or less and being Lot #13 on Plan of "Extension of Ridgewood", a Development by Werner Richardson in the Town Of Auburn, Dated August 1951, Revised March 1954, by D.S. Horgan, C.E., Recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 196, Plan 74.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40100, Page 202.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publica-

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500

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March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Westwood Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power

of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Richinick a/k/a William James Richinick to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 47972 at Page 164 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on April 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described

in said mortgage, to wit: The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Lot #3 on Plan of Westwood Acres, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the lot herein described at land of owners unknown on the easterly side of Burnett Street; Thence S. 2 degrees 18 minutes E. by said Burnett Street, eighty-nine and forty hundredths (89.40) feet to a point; Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet, connecting Burnett Street and Westwood Drive, fifteen and seventy-one hundredths (15.71) feet to a point on Westwood Drive: Thence N. 87 degrees 42 minutes E. by Westwood Drive, ninety-five (95) feet to Lot #4 on said plan; Thence N. 2 degrees 18 minutes W. by said Lot #4, ninety-two and eighty-one hundredths (92.81) feet to a point; Thence N. 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds W. by land of owners unknown, one hundred five and twenty-one hundredths (105.21) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of J.E. Murray ET UX dated October 18, 1963 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4414, Page 1. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas, or mineral rights of record, if

any. Being the same premises conveyed to William James Richinick from William J. Richinick by deed (Subject to a life estate of William J. Richinick) dated 1//8//2003, and recorded on 9//3/2003, at Book 31498, Page 18, in Worcester County, MA. Assessors parcel number: MAP:3:BLK:32

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated January 8, 2003, and recorded in Book 31498 at Page 18 with the Worcester County (Worcester Ditrict) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank

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March 13, 2020 March 20, 2020 March 27, 2020

SPORTS

Sammies take over in second quarter, bounce Bartlett from sectional final



Jason Mckay photos

Bartlett's Taven Phanthavong employs a full-court pressing defense on a Sutton player.

BY NICK ETHIER

Editor's Note: The following articles detail the results from the three teams in the Stonebridge Press coverage area that reached their respective Central Mass. Tournament finals.

WORCESTER — The Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament final between the Sutton High and Bartlett High boys' varsity basketball teams, the top two seeds in the bracket, played out like most thought it would in the first quarter. The top seeded Sammies and second ranked Indians, both quick, high-flying squads, were putting up points in bunches at Worcester State University's John P. Brissette Competition Court on Saturday, March 7. Play entered the second quarter with the score knotted up at 18-18.

But Sutton's coaching staff got through to its players between periods, explaining that defense would in turn lead to offense.

"We kept harping on them that we have to defend," said Sammies' head coach Andy Niedzwiecki. "You can't go up and down with Bartlett because they're just too good. Our big thing was getting back. Once we get back and keep guys in front of us, we're a tough team defensively, and it showed."

Sutton won second-quarter scoring by a 24-10 margin to lead 42-28 at intermission. The second half played out much like the second frame — the Sammies won the third quarter 20-9 and the final frame was tied 9-9 — as they rolled to a 71-46 victory.

"That second quarter was a killer quarter," explained Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto. "It's disappointing, but we got beat by a better team tonight"

The second quarter belonged to Sutton's Brendan Faucher. The Sammies started the frame on an 11-0 run, with Faucher netting 10 of those points. Faucher added another three baskets on two layups and a hook shot later in the period as he scored 16 of his 18 points in the eight-minute stanza.

"Brendan had a great second quarter, he scored 16 points, and we didn't have an answer for him inside," said Paranto. "We had three different people trying to contain him a little bit and we couldn't contain him."

It also didn't help the Indians' cause that they'd take a shot, miss it, the Sammies would corral the rebound and then, more often than not, score down the other end of the floor.

"We were one and done each time. We had 10 points in the second quarter and then nine and nine; obviously that's not going to win too many ballgames for us," said Paranto. "We also only had four 3-pointers and we average 10 a season per game. They did a good job taking away the 3-pointer."

Bartlett was 4-of-19 shooting the 3, while Sutton was 8-of-19. The Sammies' Bryson Grenon (26 points, 11 rebounds) made three of the 3-pointers, while twin brother Trevian Grenon (13 points) also made three 3s. Faucher canned the other two triples.

"Bryson controlled the game from start to finish. He had a lot of points from the inside and he's the smallest kid out there. He's just a tenacious player," Paranto said of the opposition. "Their big three stepped up and unfortunately for us it wasn't our big three that stepped up."

Bartlett's big three of guards Logan Paranto (15 points, 13 in the second half), Brandon Boucher (12 points, 8 rebounds) and Wilson Aybar (7 points) were held to a combined 34 points, while the other bigtime scoring option of Dylan Grandmaison, a forward, was limited to three points. Niedzwiecki gave compliments to all of his defenders for the low scoring totals.

"We can switch everything with the personnel we have and contain," said Niedzwiecki. "Because we switch everything, everyone's got to know who they switch onto and what they can do. We did a really good job of containing. They were forced into some very tough shots."

Sutton, now 23-2, will play Western Mass. representative Sabis International Charter (15-8) in a Division 3 state semifinal after press time.

Bartlett finished 20-4.

"Twenty wins is great as a numerical figure, but in our system we're here to put championships up too," said coach Paranto of the bittersweet close to the season. "I told the kids not to hang their heads but at the same time that's what we're here for."

Tony Paranto's time coaching his son, Logan, has come to a close after six years.

"It's been fun as a father, fun as a coach, and it will probably sink in tomorrow that that era will be over," said Tony Paranto. "It's been really fun. To be able to coach your kid for six years — I've been doing this for 28 though, too — it will be something that will be a little bit remiss for the following years if I decide to keep coaching."



Joey Anderson of Bartlett works the baseline on a drive toward the basket.



Brandon Boucher of Bartlett attempts a layup between a pair of Sutton defenders.



Logan Paranto of Bartlett gets Sutton defender Cody Bohanan to leave his feet before putting a shot up.



Bartlett High's Wilson Aybar, left, and other members of the Indians wait for the final moments of their Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament final with Sutton High to click down.



Bartlett High head coach Tony Paranto and co-captains Logan Paranto, Brandon Boucher and Wilson Aybar accept the runner-up trophy from the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The Indians lost 71-46 to Sutton High.

SPORTS

Beavers can't weather Hurricane Jordan as Maynard storms its way to title



Nick Ethier photos

Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler, co-captain Mackenzie Vollmer, superintendent Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, co-captain Victoria Russian and co-captain Gabby Muscatell pose with the runner-up trophy from the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament championship game. The Beavers lost to Maynard High 52-39.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — With four minutes remaining in the first half of its Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament final with Maynard High, everything seemed to be going according to plan for the Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) girls' varsity basketball team. The Beavers had overcome a slow start, hit four 3-pointers and led by nine points.

That's when Hurricane Jordan descended upon WPI's Harrington Auditorium.

Jordan Tucker, Maynard's 5-foot-8 senior guard, took over the game at that point. She scored all 13 of the Tigers' second-quarter points, finished with a game-high 25 and led Maynard past BVT, 52-39, on Saturday, March 7.

Blackstone Valley Tech, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, finished its season 20-6. With the win top-seeded Maynard (19-4) advanced to the semifinal round of the state tournament where it played Monson High, the Western Mass. champion, after press time.

"We knew she'd be a problem," Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler said of Tucker after the game.

Tucker didn't score in the second quarter until she hit a 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 4:40 to play to pull

the Tigers to within six, 18-12. While BVT could muster just two pairs of free throws the rest of the period, Tucker scored four more baskets — a left-side jumper, two layups and another 3-pointer, this one from the left elbow extended — and added a free throw. Tucker's second trey of the quarter tied the game at 22-22 with 1:14 remaining in the half, which was where the score stood at halftime.

When the teams left the court at the break, even though the game was tied, Maynard left looking like a team that was in the lead while BVT left looking like a team wondering what had just happened.

"I don't think we did a great job of

defending [Tucker] in the first half," Kahler said. "She caught the ball a lot in the middle, which is something she should never have been allowed to do."

Maynard, seemingly, took control of the game early in the third quarter, scoring the first five points to go ahead 27-22. BVT didn't score until 2:23 remained in the period, sophomore Riley Webster hitting a pair of free throws to cut the Beavers' deficit to three, 27-24.

Maynard led 31-26 with 90 seconds left in the period, but Valley Tech senior Victoria Russian (six points) scored on a slashing drive through the paint with 28 seconds to play in the quarter to cut the Tigers' lead to 31-28 as played headed to the fourth quarter.

The Beavers pulled to within a point of tying the game, 31-30, with 6:39 remaining on a runner in the lane by sophomore Emma Ballard (a team-high 12 points). It's the closest BVT would come to regaining the lead, however.

Maynard scored on its next three possessions, getting five points from 6-foot-2 sophomore center Hayle Thompson and two from Tucker, while BVT had a pair of turnovers and a missed shot on its next three trips down the court. When the dust settled the Tigers led by eight, 38-30, with five minutes to play. The Beavers never seriously threatened Maynard from that point on.

After the game Ballard, Russian and Kahler reflected fondly on the season that had just come to an end.

"I'm really proud of this team," Ballard said. "We started off slow but then we really clicked, and we came together. The energy we had on the court is just unforgettable. This is a great group of girls and I'm just so proud of how far we went."

Russian, who finished her career playing in two Division 4 finals (both losses to Maynard), smiled when asked about being a part of the BVT program.

"I've had so many great moments over the last four years, especially this year. We really worked together and



Madison Deppe of Blackstone Valley Tech dishes a pass to the outside to get the ball out of harm's way.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Victoria Russian drives around Maynard's Jordan Tucker after securing a rebound.

worked so hard at practices," Russian said. "This is just a great team to be a part of."

Kahler said this year's edition of the BVT girls' basketball team was one of a kind.

'This is a special team, for sure. It took us about a month to get going and to bond. Once we found our groove, this

group is fun. They love being together, they love the game," Kahler said. "We won the State Vocational Tournament and we won the league, but in all of that the best thing about the season is the memories we made together. This was one of the most enjoyable seasons I've ever had."



Blackstone Valley Tech's Emma Ballard generates just enough space from Maynard's Hayle Thompson to be able to take and make a midrange jump shot.



Amid a double team, Riley Webster of Blackstone Valley Tech puts up her shot and draws a

SPORTS

Blackstone Valley Tech can't keep pace with up-tempo Blue Raiders



Nick Ethier photos

Blackstone Valley Tech head Brew Cupid, superintendent Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, and co-captains Ryan Braun, Andrew Galicki and Shea Finnegan are the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament finalists after falling to Hopedale High 86-47 in the championship contest.



Josh Mateo of Blackstone Valley Tech turns the corner and drives into the lane versus Hopedale.

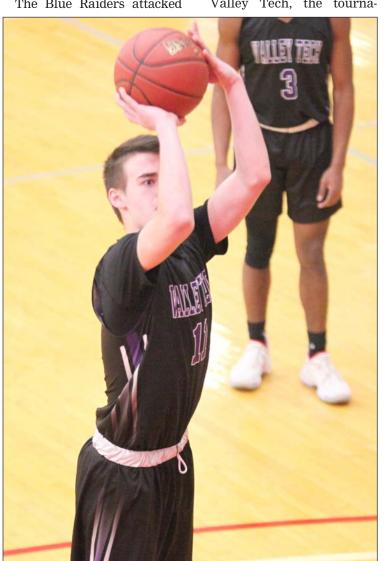
BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — It may have taken all season, but the Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) boys' varsity basketball team finally found an opponent that likes to run the court and play an up-tempo style of basketball as much — if not more — than it does. Unfortunately, the meeting of these similar teams came in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament final, where the Beavers faced Hopedale High.

opedale High. The Blue Raiders attacked the basket the first time they had the ball, the last time they had the ball and on seemingly every possession in between. Hopedale's net result was 36 made field goals, eight from beyond the 3-point arc, four players scoring in double figures, and an 86-47 victory at WPI's Harrington Auditorium.

With the win second-seeded Hopedale (19-5) advanced to the semifinal round of the state tournament, where it played 16-7 Drury, the Western Mass. champion, after press time.

Valley Tech, the tourna-



Ryan Braun of Blackstone Valley Tech eyes the basket while attempting a second-quarter free throw.

ment's No. 5 seed, finished its season 15-9.
"Hopedale played a real-

"Hopedale played a really strong game. They're well coached, they're strategic and they want to win," said BVT head coach Brew Cupid, now in his second year with the Beavers. "We came out with a plan, but we did not execute that plan the way we expected.

That's the game of basketball.

"The game is a game of momentum. In the first half we couldn't find the momentum. When Hopedale has the momentum, along with everything else, it's hard for us to compete," Cupid continued. "We came out in the second half with a [different] strategy and it looked good for a few minutes, but we just didn't deliver."

The Blue Raiders were in control of the game from the outset. Hopedale jumped ahead 6-0 two minutes in and led 17-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Blue Raiders extended that lead to 43-27 at halftime and 68-35 after three periods.

Senior Dan Liberatore led Hopedale, scoring a game-high 26 points, 18 off those points coming on 3-pointers. Sam Morelli, Liberatore's classmate, added 17 points, while sophomore Alex Luccini chipped in 14.

Hopedale's fast-breaking style of play led to a lot of easy baskets. The Blue Raiders finished the game with 26 two-point field goals, 21 coming from within four feet of the basket.

Valley Tech was led by junior Shea Finnegan and sophomore Ryan Flauto, who both scored 12 points. Another sophomore, Josh Mateo, added 10 points. Both Finnegan and Mateo hit a pair of 3-pointers.

"I'm proud of the team and the overall season. This is a young team and it's important to know that basketball is about getting to the ultimate game. We got there," Cupid



Andrew Galicki of Blackstone Valley Tech moves the ball down the court while in transition.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Shea Finnegan keeps the ball away from Hopedale defender Sam Morelli while driving toward the basket.



A pair of Blackstone Valley Tech players hug it out following the Beavers' sectional championship game loss to Hopedale.

said. "Winning teams are about not being satisfied to be there but figuring out how to get there again. So, while I am proud of this team, we have a lot of work to do to be back here in a year."

Cupid said he didn't believe the lopsided loss was simply a matter of his team just being happy to have advanced to the first tournament final in boys' basketball in school history.

"I don't think that we were [happy] to just be here. I was concerned, however, that our success might come to an end earlier than I expected it to. I expect to put the team in a position to win every game," Cupid

said. "I think we had a legitimate plan, but again, Hopedale is a well-coached team and they played their game. We didn't play our game today."

Cupid beamed with pride when asked to quickly reflect on the just-completed season.

"This is our 24th game of the season. We started off 0-3 and it wasn't a happy holiday," Cupid said. "But, since then, we've won 15 of 21 games. To say that I am proud of this team is an understatement. I am excited for this team. I am excited and proud to be their coach. We'll see this facility next year."



Blackstone Valley Tech's John Furno makes a turnaround jumper between Hopedale defenders Chris Casey and Alex Waswill.

OBITUARIES

Keith D. Arsenault, 34



DOUGLAS- Keith D. Arsenault, 34, passed away on Sun. March 1 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, after sustaining traumatic injuries from an automobile accident.

He is survived by his mother, Paula Arsenault; his sister, Susan Arsenault; his fiancé, Laura Knight; his maternal grandmother, Marjorie Mielnicki; aunts, uncles, cousins, and many good friends.

Born in Worcester on March 16, 1985 he grew up in Douglas. He attended Douglas public schools, and graduated in 2003 from Blackstone Valley Technical High School. He worked as an EMT for several companies and most recently worked as a Mental Health Associate in the Psychiatric Treatment and Recovery Center Unit of UMass

Medical Center in Worcester. In August of 2015, he was on ABC's hit show, Save a Life, as an EMT. He was a body builder at several

He was a body builder at several area gyms including Crunch Fitness in Worcester and Impact Fitness in Auburn. He loved country music and attending sporting events. He and Laura were making plans for their future together along with their dogs, Vincent and Peyton.

His memorial funeral Mass will be held on Sat. March 14 at 11 AM in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Keith's memory to: UMass Memorial Medical Center: www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org, or to the Auburn Fire Dept. Ambulance Fund, 47 Auburn St., Auburn, MA 01501. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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On Tuesday March 3rd, 2019, Francis Michael Russell, caring husband of 65 years and father of five, passed away at the age of 89.

Francis Michael Russell

Frank was born on March 26, 1930 in Auburn, MA to Leo and Teresa Russell. He graduated from St. Louis High School in Webster MA, then entered a distinctive, year-long Air Force program in Texas. Returning to Boston, he attended Northeastern University, then worked as a highly-sought-after draftsman and renderer while finishing his education at the Boston Architectural Center. During this time, he married Ann Donlin, a St. Louis alumna whom he had known since youth.

A licensed architectural engineer, Frank practiced for well over fifty years and founded two companies: Rustrac, a commercial engineering firm, and later Russell Design, a residential firm. His residential work melded unique, modern ideals with traditional New

England and later Floridian styles. A long-time resident of Hingham, MA, Chatham, MA and Venice, FL, Frank was a passionate gardener, quahoger, fisherman, chef and traveler. He loved nature and the ocean, especially the complex, changing inlets of Cape Cod. He was also an imaginative storyteller, perplexing his grandchildren with strange, unbelievable tales. His peers and family revered him as a brilliant mind and diligent worker who possessed certain mystical qualities of humor, artistry and joy in simple pleasures. Once, at a bar in Key West, he placed third in an Ernest Hemingwaylook-alike contest. He hadn't prepared for the contest or even known it was taking place. He just wanted a beer.

Frank is survived by his wife Ann (Venice, FL), his five sons Tim (Plymouth, MA, wife Tobi), Tom (Englewood, FL, wife Karin), Chris (New York, NY, wife Gina), Dan (Hingham, MA, wife Heidi) and Greg (Costa Mesa, CA, wife Abbie), ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A service will be held this coming summer in Chatham, MA.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 21

CHURCH SUPPER — CANCELLED: The corned beef and cabbage community supper planned for this evening at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn, has been cancelled.

Saturday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 25

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

Thursday, May 7

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters,

never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

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

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just

prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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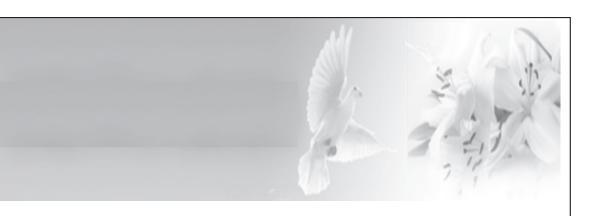
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For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!







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

TRIPS

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Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochgure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.

On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minnestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

Join us on Wednesday, September 2nd on our day trip to Lake Winnipesaukee for a scenic cruise out of Weirs Beach taking in the remarkable scenery of the Western end of this magnificent lake. We will also visit the spectacular Castle in The Clouds a turn-of-the-century sixteen room mansion with its breathtaking mountaintop views overlooking Lake Winnipesaukee. Enjoy a delicious full course luncheon at Harts Turkev Farm in Meredith, NH. Famous and renowned for their turkey dinners you are sure to delight in this bountiful luncheon. All for just \$129.

We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show "Queen Esther". One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Secial Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called "Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

Touring as Described and Tour Director Gratutites. Last years Trip sold out early so don't get left behind

Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th.

Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch. An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guilded Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.

Contact Sturbridge Recreation Department 508-347-2041, email recreation@sturbridge.gov for more information

For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020 *Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 *Galapagos with extension to Peru

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(Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and

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Transportation from Paxton to and

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Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher. Filling up fast

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This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

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September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

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You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

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Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)-\$459. May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899. Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. Green Mt. Railroad Oct. 6 --Tours Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse Tours w/Fox Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

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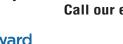
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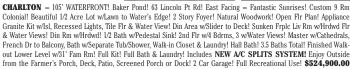


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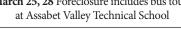
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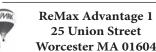


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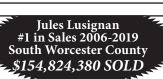
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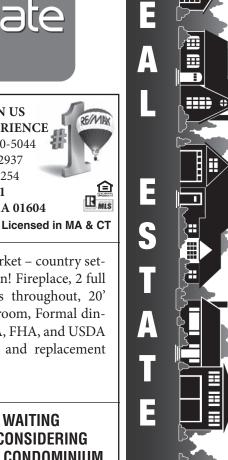
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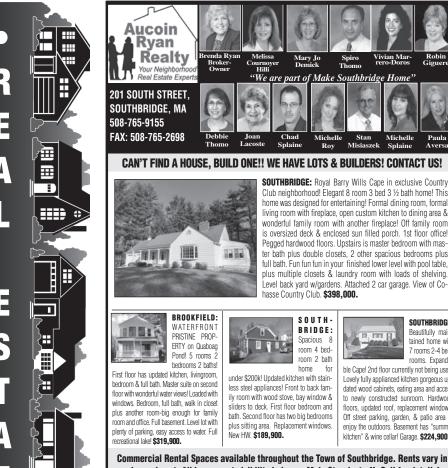
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#D10374V • TRAILHAWK, ALLOYS,

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NEW RETAIL PRICE:

\$44,665

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2019 FORD EDGE SUV NEW Retail Price:\$42,890 #P12806RV • TITANIUM, TURBO, WHOLESALE \$ LEATHER, 4X4, MOONROOF, NAV

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Local Events, Arts, and **Entertainment Listings**



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER"

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Shepherd Hill Regional High School 64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at johnpaire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire

Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

APRIL 25 & 26

2020 SPENCER FISH & GAME ANNUAL SPRING DERBY Large trout up to 11 pounds and Tagged & Golden Trout stocked for the event. Starts at 8 am. Registration starts at 6 am. Purchase breakfast and lunch. Cash prizes and trophies Free to members. Fee for non-members or join the club. 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF - OPEN HOUSE 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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA

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