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Auburn resident running Boston Marathon to support Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

BOSTON — Stefanie Salome of Auburn will be running the 2022 Boston Marathon as a member of Dougie's Team supporting The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. Stefanie will be raising money to help the Flutie Foundation continue to fund programs that help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

The Flutie Foundation provides direct financial support to families to relieve the financial burden of caring for

a loved one with autism, and collaborative grant making to autism-serving organizations. The Flutie Foundation works towards creating opportunities for people with autism to lead lives where they are included, respected and engaged in their communities.

Salome is a BCBA and has been working in the field of Autism for the past 20 years. She currently works as the program director for a small private school for students with Autism and other disabilities.

"I am excited to run for Dougie's Team for Autism to give back to the Autism Community. I want to ensure that all families receive the supports they require. My personal hope for all of my current and former students with autism is that they become independent members of their community and live their lives to the fullest," says Salome.

For more information on how to support Stefanie and Dougie's Team, visit: <https://www.givengain.com/ap/stefanie-salome-raising-funds-for-doug-flutie-jr-foundation-for-autism/>

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About the Flutie Foundation
Former NFL Quarterback, Doug Flutie, and his wife Laurie started the Doug Flutie, Jr. Flutie Foundation for Autism in 1998 after their son, Dougie, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. Their personal experience of raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired them to help others on an equally long and challenging journey. Over

its 20-year history, the Flutie Foundation has distributed over \$15 million to schools and organizations who provide clinical therapies, respite services, recreational programs, social skills training, job supports and more for people affected by autism. The Flutie Foundation also provides education technology tools, adaptive camp scholarships, safety equipment, and direct family support through its partnerships and special initiatives.

For the Love of the Game

LONGTIME
NORTHBRIDGE COACH
JOHN DEMAGIAN
TO HEAD AUBURN JV
BASEBALL TEAM

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — A large part of John Demagian's life has been — and is — about his love for the game of baseball.

Because it has, it was a no-brainer for the 65-year-old, a staple at Northbridge High since September of 1970, to accept an offer to become the junior varsity baseball coach at Auburn High — one of the Rams' chief rivals.

"Baseball is a game of skill; that's why I love teaching it. There are so many things going on during a game that the average fan doesn't know about," Demagian said. "But, I've been in the game so long I know everything that's going on. When you hear fans say baseball's boring, it's because they don't know the game.

"They don't know what's happening on every pitch, on every hit, or before the pitch is thrown or before the ball is hit," Demagian continued. "All they see is what's on TV; they see the pitch thrown and the ball hit. They don't see the shortstop setting up in a certain position, the catcher calling a certain pitch on a certain count. They don't see all that extra stuff, but I do."

The game is about more than skill, though, Demagian said. There's a significant mental component to it as well.

"Baseball is a game of patience," he said. "You're going to fail — a lot, but you've got to keep on plugging away. That's where the teaching comes in. You keep teaching and you keep teaching and sooner or later it clicks in. I like to watch a kid coming up as a freshman and go through the program and see what he works out to be as a senior. I like teaching the game more than I like coaching it."

And man, he sure can coach it.

Demagian, who graduated from Northbridge in 1974, started coaching the game in 1992, serving as the Rams' junior varsity coach under first-year head coach John Susienka, who took the reins from legendary Northbridge coach John Doldoorian Sr., that year. Demagian was Susienka's JV coach for 10 years, after which he was named to succeed Susienka.

As a member of Susienka's staff, Demagian was a part of Northbridge's 1999 Division 3 state championship team. It was a team that featured Rick Asadoorian — who went on to be a first-round pick of the Boston Red Sox in Major League Baseball's annual amateur



Courtesy photos

John Demagian is now the junior varsity coach of Auburn High's baseball program.

draft — Jeff Altieri, Matt Blood and Jeff Mioduszewski.

In 2010, in his ninth year as the Rams' head coach, Northbridge again won the Division 3 state baseball title. Leading the team that year were captains Matt Consigli and Ben Richards, along with Evan Macintosh, Greg O'Donnell and Thomas Murphy. The 2010 team lost its first game and then won 24 in a row.

Demagian coached the Northbridge baseball team through 2017, taking a leave of absence in 2018 to have both hips replaced. Former player Jake Ryan filled in that year, but resigned after the season to pursue a full-time job out of the area. The Northbridge school department posted the job for the 2018 season and Demagian — who has coached freshmen football at the school since 1995 — applied for his old job and interviewed for the position, but was not re-hired.

Demagian still coaches the Northbridge American Legion Post 343 baseball team, something he has done since 1999. In 2018 Dave Meech filled in for him with the Northbridge Legion team and Demagian and Meech co-coached the team in 2019.

Eric Swedberg, now in his 19th season as head coach of the Auburn High varsity baseball team, ran into Demagian a couple of years ago and told Demagian if he needed something to do in the spring he could always drive over to Auburn and help out the Rockets.

Swedberg found he was in need of a junior

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Charlton area realtor deals up perfect cribbage hand



Courtesy photos

Local realtor Diane Dabrowski recently scored a perfect cribbage hand.

CHARLTON — Local Realtor Diane Dabrowski scored a perfect "29" cribbage hand this past Wednesday. Her hand, consisting of three 5's and the Jack-of-Clubs was matched with the cut-card the 5 of clubs. According to the American Cribbage Congress, the odds of being dealt a perfect cribbage hand are 1 in 216,580.

"I could not believe it! I didn't even play the hand out, I just had to show Pete Rotondo, who dealt the cards!" said Ms Dabrowski. Ms Dabrowski has been playing cribbage for over 45 years. "It took us over 24 hours to finish the game, we just kept staring in disbelief," Eventually Ms. Dabrowski completed the match with a 'skunk' to top of the singular event.

Cribbage players strive for this hand and realize the scarcity. Ms. Dabrowski has received congratulations from many fellow cribbage players and online. She was



even presented with a cribbage board and deck of cards commemorating the event.

For additional details, please contact Pete Rotondo at (508) 456-7383 or

Diane Dabrowski at (508) 479-2340.

Spaces available for Community Yard Sale



AUBURN— Spring cleaning? Don't throw that good "stuff" away. Recycle it by selling it to someone who needs it! Do you have an accumulation of things that are too good to throw away but you no longer need? Don't have enough to hold your own Yard Sale? Join us on the lawn

of the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St. in Auburn, on Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for our annual Community Yard Sale/Plant Sale. Spaces are available for a \$25 fee, a limited number of tables may be rented for \$5 each. Don't delay, reserve your space now by calling or

texting Cindy at 774-238-0260 or calling the church office at 508-832-2845.

We also will be having our Plant Sale. There will be a large selection of annuals and perennials. Those who have been buying plants from us return year after year and see how each year we have

more and more to offer. This year should be no different.

We'll do all the advertising, and will post plenty of signs the day of the event at key locations in town. Due to our central location and previous yard sales (27), we expect our usual large turnout. This is a rain or shine event.

Dennis McCurdy leads, inspires with Village Toastmasters

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Having spent decades making a positive impact on his community, Dennis McCurdy continues to find ways to lead and inspire. A longtime local businessman and volunteer, McCurdy founded the Village Toastmasters in Sturbridge in 2005. To do so, he had to meet the requirement of finding 20 members interested in joining, which wasn't as easy as it might have seemed.

"In the beginning, we sometimes had meetings with only six people and we each had three roles to perform, but we always had fun," McCurdy recalled.

Over 16 years, the group has seen hundreds of local residents participate, each gaining confidence and new public speaking skills.

"I would have to say, besides

speaking skills in general, confidence is one of the biggest things people get from Toastmasters," McCurdy said. "I think I'm the only original member left in the club, but many of them have been there five or 10 years. Toastmasters is a fun, safe place to overcome fears about public speaking. You can acquire amazing skills, with practice, and everyone gets a mentor."

McCurdy pointed to an old Toastmasters' saying: "We won't completely eliminate your butterflies, but we will help you teach them to fly in formation." These words have perfectly encapsulated many residents' journeys with the group, including Oxford's Robert Bouchard.

"I've been a member for two years, and Dennis is the reason I have improved my public speaking skills," Bouchard said.

"He continues to be a dedicated member and, most of all, a mentor for numerous people in the Sturbridge area that have improved their leadership and public speaking skills. Truly a remarkable man."

In addition to his work with the Village Toastmasters, McCurdy also runs his businesses — the Dennis McCurdy Insurance Agency, as well as an investment company, McCurdy Investments, LLC. He has written two books and will publish a third this summer.

Moreover, McCurdy has written and delivered a six-week personal development workshop to help people realize their goals. As a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, he helps mentor several young businesspeople.

"Helping people develop confidence and improve their lives

is something that I enjoy and realize is much needed," added McCurdy, a Vietnam Veteran who grew up in Brimfield and attended Tantasqua Regional High School.

Looking ahead, McCurdy will finish his current book, titled "Suck It Up, Cupcake: Stop Screwing Yourself and Get the Life You Want."

McCurdy is also a major supporter of local after-school programs and Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield.

To learn more about the Village Toastmasters and how you can contact club leaders, visit www.villagetoastmasters.org.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that runs clubs worldwide to promote communications, public speaking, and leadership.



Courtesy photo

Dennis McCurdy founded the Village Toastmasters in 2005 and continues to make a positive impact on Sturbridge and the surrounding communities.

Thaxter, Tudor 'passionate about nature'

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The weather's been too erratic to safely plant outside, but several dozen people got an introduction to two of the more famous gardeners of the last century last week.

Outside the gardening community, Celia Thaxter and Tasha Tudor might not be that well known ... unless you're also into Victorian era poetry or read a lot of children's books. Thaxter wrote the former; Tudor illustrated the latter.

Both women were poets and artists who were "passionate about nature" but spent significant parts of their lives being "very lonely," according to Ellen Duzak, who spoke at the Sturbridge Senior Center to an audience that was overwhelmingly women. She said they were "two women that have inspired me forever."

For Thaxter, the creativity was an expression of what a good family life should be, as an escape from one that wasn't like that. As a young teen, she lived on "a spit of rock" 10 miles off the coast of New Hampshire and Maine, but saw it as "this earthly paradise" because of how close her family was, Duzak said. Her father was a lighthouse keeper, but built it into a resort hotel — "All other resort hotels are based on this hotel," Duzak said.

"Her life is totally immersed in nature," Duzak added. "... This is the

definition of home [for Celia] and it never changes for her life. ... It's a tiny complete kingdom, but her mother makes it wonderful."

That changed starting at age 16, when she married Levi Thaxter. "He's ridiculously older than her [28], and even then, she's probably more mature than he is," she noted. That particularly showed after the birth of their first son, Karl, who had behavioral issues expressing themselves violently. They had two other sons as well, but Levi "won't have anything to do with [Karl]" and holds over Celia's head threats to institutionalize him.

For a while, they float between homes, including her father's hotel, until his father buys them a home in Newtonville, MA. Celia "never talks about Newtonville as home," just the islands, although she established herself in Boston's "salon" scene interacting with such luminaries as Whittier, Hawthorne, Childe Hassan and others. While Levi spends his time hunting birds (which later become exhibits at Harvard) and takes the younger sons to Florida for the winters, Celia ends up publishing her work in The Atlantic and other places, funding the family. At the same time, though, Levi enforces the era's "cult of domesticity" on her, leaving all the chores and care for her ailing parents in her hands.

Eventually, they split and sell the Newtonville home. Levi, ironically,

briefly becomes famous for his own poetry readings for two years before his death liberates Celia. Duzak said her last 10 years were "her golden day, with her grand salon [on Appledore Island, Maine, and] she creates her beautiful garden." There, she paints her own poetry book covers and sells them to the hundreds of salon/hotel visitors, decorates with daily garden cuttings, and writes her last book about that garden (Island Garden) in 1894, a few months before her death.

"Flowers are like dear friends to me," Duzak quoted her as writing, then added, "Some of [the book] is very practical [such as] use horse manure and stuff, and some is poetic and glowing."

Despite being born decades later, Tasha Tudor had a similar mindset and created her life in the image of the farm life of the 1830s. They had overlapping friends in the arts community.

"We all know her a lot better than we know Celia," Duzak said. "... Her life and her art are one strand. She has that capacity we only see in the last 10 years of Celia's life."

In Tudor's case, her father is the vagabond-type with five wives and multiple children, but he's also talented as a boat, plane and car designer. They divorce when Tasha's 9, and the Tudors live in Redding, CT, where Tasha takes her mother's last name. One of her uncles is locally famous — Frederick Tudor, "crazy Frederick the ice king,"

who made his wealth by selling ice and owned Leadmine in Sturbridge.

"Everyone's acting out, reading stories, writing stories, living a bohemian life," Duzak said of those years.

In 1938, Tasha marries a man who's not like that at all, but they end up buying a 17-room derelict house on 450 acres in New Hampshire. Tasha funds her own labor to repair it with her art, becoming famous by the 1950s. They divorce in 1961 and she moves to her "Corgi Cottage," built to her specifications in Vermont in 1971, living there until her death in 2008.

"Her gardens are her pride and joy, but she says there's no rhyme or reason [to them]," Duzak said.

Tudor was also quirky — she "taught her parrot to say naughty and terrible things," and was known for bringing him out on a platter as if he was to be served for dinner. She also kept dead animals in her freezer so she could thaw them and position them for her drawings.

"I like animals to look like animals, not like cartoons," Tudor said in the section of a DVD on her life Duzak played.

"The 20th century gave her the freedom to be who she was, without the hassle Celia had," she added.

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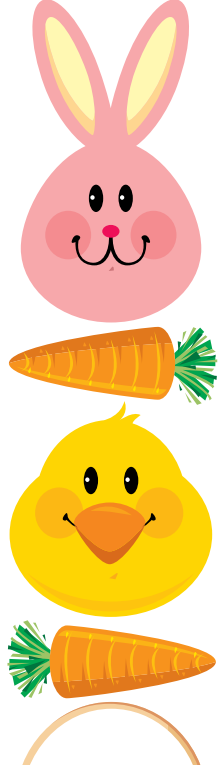
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Bruins GM Don Sweeney to deliver Nichols College graduation address



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Current Boston Bruins general manager Don Sweeney will be the keynote speaker at Nichols College's commencement exercises on May 7.

DUDLEY — Nichols College has announced that Don Sweeney, general manager of the Boston Bruins, will be the keynote speaker at its 2022 Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the DCU Center in Worcester. He will receive an honorary degree, along with Gail Carberry, Ed.D., retired president of Quinsigamond Community College, and Rick Green, co-founder and CEO of 1A Auto.

“Mr. Sweeney’s distinguished and successful career with the Bruins, beginning with his 15 seasons as a defenseman and rising through the front office ranks to GM, is a tale of talent, grit, loyalty, and leadership which is sure to inspire and inform our graduates as they take their next steps toward achieving their own professional goals,” said Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M.

Sweeney, whose son Jarrod will

be among those graduating, is in his seventh season as the Bruins General Manager, overseeing all aspects of the team’s hockey operations and serving as an alternate governor on the NHL’s Board of Governors. The team’s record with Sweeney at the helm is 303-156-61 for a .583 win percentage. Among general managers credited with at least 250 regular-season games since the start of the 2015-16 season, Sweeney ranks second in wins behind Brian MacLellan in Washington and fourth in win percentage. He was voted by his peers as the NHL’s General Manager of the Year in 2018-19, as the club compiled the third-best record in the NHL and advanced to the Stanley Cup Final, and the club won the President’s Trophy with the league’s best record in 2019-20.

Sweeney began his association with the Bruins as the team’s eighth pick, 166th overall, in the 1984 NHL Entry

Draft and moved through the organization as a player for 15 seasons of his 16 seasons in the NHL, playing in 1,115 NHL games. Returning to the Bruins in 2006, Sweeney has served in various front office capacities, including director of player development, director of hockey operations, and assistant general manager, before being named general manager in 2015.

Sweeney earned a degree in economics from Harvard University, where he played four seasons of college hockey, receiving both NCAA East All-American and ECAC First Team All-Star honors, and twice playing in the Frozen Four including the 1986 NCAA Finals.

He and his wife Christine have twin sons, Jarrod and Tyler.

Local residents named to Simmons University Dean’s List

BOSTON — The following local students were named to the 2021 fall semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston. To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

* Carissa Covello, Auburn
* Madison Poshkus, Auburn

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varsity coach this year and decided to give Demagian a call.

“I thought, ‘you know what, it can’t hurt to give him a call and ask if he’s interested,’” Swedberg said. “So I called [Auburn High director of athletics] Brian Davis and asked him what he thought about bringing coach Demagian on board. I also called [Auburn assistant baseball coach] Rob Nadeau, who’s been with me for 18 years, and they both said, ‘go for it.’

“So I called [Demagian] and

said, ‘coach, wouldn’t it be funny if you ended up working with us. We would be honored to have you and give you whatever support you need,’” Swedberg added. “Coach Demagian said, ‘I’m not going to say no. I’ll think about it.’

About 10 days later Demagian called Swedberg and accepted the offer.

“He said to me, ‘I’m in, and if I say I’m in, it means I’m 100 percent in,’” Swedberg said. “I said to him, ‘no way,’ and he said, ‘yep, I’m in.’”

Right out of the gate Auburn seems to be a good fit for Demagian.

“Coach Demagian has already far exceeded the expectations I had when I asked him to join our program,” Swedberg said. “To see his breadth of knowledge, and the way he’s working with the guys, it’s just been incredible. He’s throwing BP every day, hitting fungos every day.

“It’s just been non-stop teaching and the guys love him, they absolutely love him,” Swedberg continued. “He’s having a blast; I’ve never seen him so happy. I’ve only known him as a grumpy type of coach who expects perfection. He does expect perfection, but man does he love baseball.”



In 2014, when he was still the Northbridge High varsity baseball coach John Demagian, right, stands with former players Rick Asadoorian, left, and Jeff Altieri, second from right, and current player (at the time) Bryan Bedigian after the Rams won the Central Mass. Division 3 title. Asadoorian, Bedigian and Altieri are cousins.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit our website for a full listing of programs and events: charltonlibrary.org

Movies at the Library
Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:30 in Dexter Hall. All are welcome; no registration required.
April 12 : The Frisco Kid - starring Gene Wilder & Harrison Ford; 2 hrs
April 19 : Encanto - animation; PG; 1 hr 39 min.
April 26 : I Can Only Imagine - starring J. Michael Finley; PG; 1 hr 50 min.

Silver Needles Knitting Group
Thursdays from 1:00-3:00
Bring your current project and relax with friends while taking in the view in the upstairs reading room. All are welcome; no registration required.

Young Scientists Virtual Stem Classes
Thursdays, March 24 & 31, April 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 1:00-1:45
FREE 6-week virtual “Young Scientists” series facilitated by STEM Beginnings and hosted by the Charlton Public Library. Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver, will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, a story, and simple experiments. ZOOM classes are interactive and parents/ caregivers are encouraged to help their child. Registration is required. The materials list and the Zoom link will be emailed to registered families prior to the program. You must register for each individual date. One child per registration please. Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

Genealogy Group (NEW monthly program!)
Thursday, April 7, 6:30-7:30
We will meet monthly on the first Thursday from 6:30-7:30 in the Local History Room (unless otherwise noted). This first meeting will be an informational meeting to gauge interest and discuss topics for future meetings and presenters. The meetings are free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Irish Dance Tour
Saturday, April 9, 2:00-3:00 - Dexter Hall
Charlton’s own Lee Irish Dance Group will perform their “Saint Patrick’s Day in April” dance tour! No registration required. Great for all ages.

7th & 8th Grade Book Club
Thursday, April 14, 6:00-6:45 - Story Time Room
This book club is for 7th & 8th graders (but younger and older teens are welcome!) This month we are reading and discussing: Scary Stories for Young Foxes by Christian Heidicker. Please visit the library to pick up a copy or order the book online through the C/WMars Catalog. Also available as an eBook or eAudiobook through the Libby App.

Book Discussion
Thursday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 in the Local History Room (and via Zoom)
The Great Pretender: the undercover mission that changed our understanding of madness written by Susannah Cahalan is the April selection. Books are available for checkout at the circulation desk. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets in person in the Local History Room. If you would like to participate remotely via Zoom, email

Karen Wall at cpldirector@cwmars.org

Blackout Poetry Workshop
Tuesday, APRIL 19, 11:00-12:00 - Community Meeting Room
Learn how to make amazing works of visual art & poetry! No writing or artistic skills necessary.
For tweens & teens - ages 9-18. Registration is required.

Tween & Teen Creative Writing Group
Wednesday, April 20, 11:00-11:45 - Community Meeting Room
This writing group is for those ages 11-18. Writing prompts, share your work (optional!), book discussion, try out different writing styles, learn about writing. No pressure! Registration is required.

Learn Ukulele for Teens & Adults - with Julie Stepanek
Wednesday, April 20, 3:00-4:30 - Community Meeting Room
Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You’ll learn how to tune, strum, and read chords. After a short lesson, you’ll be able to play songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of hers. Perfect for those ages 13+. Registration is required for this program. Space is limited to 25 participants.

5th & 6th Grade Book Club
Thursday, APRIL 28, 6:30-7:15 - Story Time Room
This book club is for kids in grades 5 & 6. This month we will discuss: The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill. Please visit the library to pick up a copy or order the book online through the C/WMars Catalog. Also available as an eBook or eAudiobook

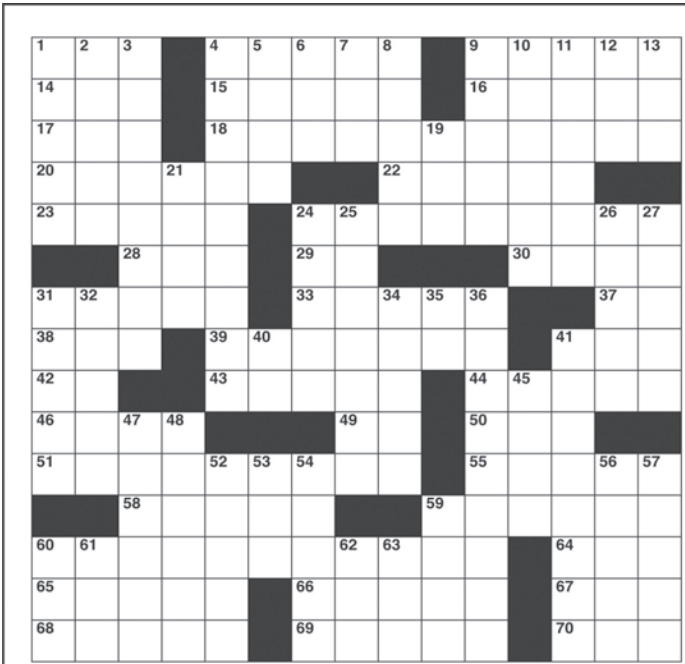
through Libby!

Community Yoga Class with Linda Davis
Thursday, April 28, 5:45-6:45 in Dexter Hall. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Free but registration is required.

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)
Thursday, April 28, 6:00-8:00 in the Community Room. For those 18+ to learn and play ukulele together. Registration is required. For info email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com.

Gardening Series #2 - The Pollinator Garden
Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30-7:45 in Dexter Hall
Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce. Join Kate from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens to learn how to attract pollinators to your garden. This program is free but registration is required.

Featured Resource - Kanopy Streaming Movie Service - NEW!
Kanopy is a video streaming service that gives you access to festival films, indie films, and world cinema from award-winning filmmakers around the world. Also includes unlimited access to The Great Courses. All you will need is your Charlton Library card. If yours is expired, or you need a card, just give us a call! Visit our website (charltonlibrary.org) and click on the KANOPY button in the middle of the page to get started!



CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. Celebrations
9. Pulpits
14. Pin
15. Rare laughing
16. Parts of the circulatory system
17. Financial term
18. Pearl Jam frontman
20. Cores of vascular plants
22. Strong sharp smell or taste
23. City in S. Korea
24. One from Damascus
28. Short message at the end of an email
29. It cools your home
30. Towards the mouth or oral region
31. Intestinal pouches
33. Boys and men
37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
38. Former CIA
41. Body cavity
42. The Great Lake State
43. A type of seal
44. Stop for a moment
46. Ancient kingdom
49. Of I
50. White clerical vestment
51. Songs to a lover
55. Prices
58. Sun-dried brick
59. Where to park a boat
60. One who values reason and knowledge
64. Partner to feather
65. Sailboats
66. Actress Zellweger
67. Type of screen
68. Country singer Haggard
69. Puts together in time
70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. PA transit system
3. Leaves a place
4. Sweet greenish fruit
5. Lends support to
6. Chap
7. Singer Di Franco
8. Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
9. Asserts to be the case
10. Doctor (Spanish)
11. Auction attendee
12. Characterized by unity
13. Soviet Socialist Republic
19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
21. Nonclerical
24. Tree resin
25. The academic world
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Infer from data
31. Arrives
32. Apart
34. Takes on cargo
35. Beloved Hollywood alien
36. Takes apart
40. Dorm official
41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
45. Relating to wings
47. Speaker
48. Situated in the middle
52. Loop with a running knot
53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.)
54. Beloveds
56. Establish by law or with authority
57. Border river between India and Nepal
59. Millisecond
60. Revolutions per minute
61. They ____
62. ESPN broadcaster Bob
63. A place to stay

Auburn Historical Society hosting spaghetti supper and basket drawing

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society is holding its Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9 at the Pakachoag Church, 203 Pakachoag St. in Auburn. It will be a Take-Out Meal only with pick up times from 4:30 – 6 p.m. There will also be 50:50 and basket drawings.

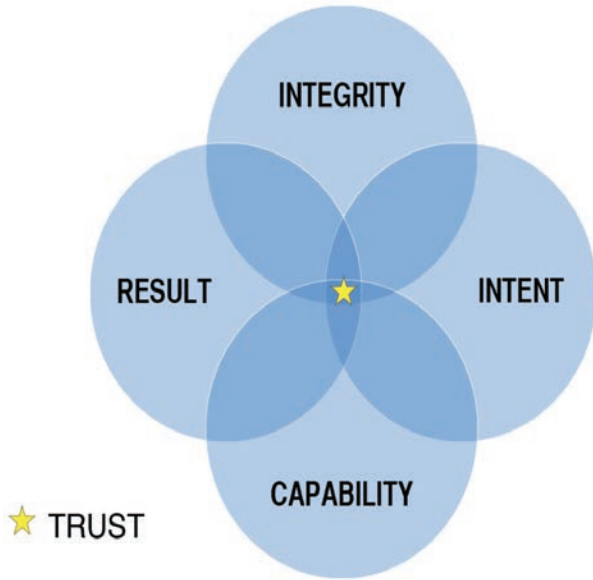
Baskets will be displayed,

and drawing tickets can be purchased, at the museum the morning of Saturday April 9. They will also be available at the Pakachoag Church during meal pick-up times. Basket include a Golfer’s Delight which includes a \$50 gift certificate to Golfers’ Warehouse, Gardeners Pleasures, Car Guys, & Old Time Candies to name a few.

Advance tickets for the supper are required and may be purchased for \$15 each at the Auburn Historical Society Museum at 41 South St. on Tuesdays or Saturdays between 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or by calling the museum at 508-832-6856.

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Board of Health praises Director Philbrook in assisting citizens

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Health has praised Health Director James Philbrook for helping a citizen in need following a report of an unsightly home in town.

Philbrook detailed the situation during a Board of Health meeting in March without identifying the address or name of the citizen to preserve his privacy. The man's home was found to have a collapsed roof and was condemned while his family was unaware of the situation. Philbrook reached out to the man's daughter who paid for three nights at a hotel while a local church paid for three additional nights. Philbrook himself however paid for another single night while putting the individual in touch with resources in the town to have his car inspected and assist him in the process of selling his

home eventually setting things up so that he could drive to Tennessee to live with his son.

"I wish he would have noticed that the roof was leaking earlier. I could have gotten the Lion's Club or Knights of Columbus or someone to quickly help him fix his roof but it's past that point so it's going out for a quick sale," Philbrook told the Board of Health. He further commented that this isn't the first time this kind of situation has occurred in Charlton and that while women and mothers have resources to assist them in their times of need Philbrook believes there need to be more resources for men as well.

"I took quick action on it and helped him out right away. I just wish I had more of an arm to have an option, but if you're a single male and you need help, they don't help you - I had no options. We tried and tried to get him housing

and we finally got in touch with his family and he's going to be leaving for Tennessee," said Philbrook.

The Health Director's actions garnered praise from the Board of Health, especially member Matt Gagner who said this wasn't the first time Philbrook had gone the extra mile to help a citizen in need. "Once again money out of your pocket to help someone you never met before. I've seen you do it time and time again over the years and I get choked up," Gagner said the Philbrook directly. Later he offered more compliments towards the Director. "He does it time and time again over the years. I can't count it on all my fingers, he's always digging into his own pocket and giving. This board is lucky to have him. This town is lucky to have him."

Philbrook humbly stated that he did what he felt was right and wouldn't have been able to sleep at night knowing

he didn't make the effort to help someone in need.

"It's only money. I'm not a rich man, but I certainly wanted to help him out and I think that's one thing municipalities in the state need to do, add more options," said Philbrook. "When you see something like this you don't have any options because we don't have any funding available. I can't use our municipal money like that, so we had to use different options and we called everybody. We were on the phone non-stop trying to get housing. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of people waiting for housing."

Philbrook added that other town employees were involved in assisting the citizens including setting him up with a \$300 gas card and providing him with physical directions and programming them into his phone to allow for a safe, easy trip to Tennessee.

Auburn resident given role in Dean College's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

FRANKLIN — Derek Brigham of Auburn has earned the role of Peterson & Finch Understudy in the Dean College production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," beginning Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday, April 3.

Big business means big laughs in this classic satire of big business and all it holds sacred. A tune-filled comic gem that took Broadway by storm, winning both the Tony Award for Best Musical and a Pulitzer Prize, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" is an irreverent and tuneful romp, jam-packed with sly, swift, and sharp jabs to the funny bone and an exhilarating score by Frank Loesser. The story follows the rise of J. Pierrepont Finch, who climbs the corporate ladder from lowly window

washer to high-powered executive, tackling such familiar but potent dangers as the aggressively compliant "company man," the office party, backstabbing coworkers, caffeine addiction and, of course, true love.

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

The Dean College production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central St., Franklin, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Dean College welcomes families and guests over the age of 12 to all our performances, provided patrons have complied with all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

To learn more about the show and all safety policies, and to 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 year.

Charlton Garden Club's next meeting scheduled for April 11

Come and join us! The Charlton Garden Club's Monday, April 11 meeting will feature Kathi Garipey, a Master Gardener and owner of Pleasant Vistas garden design. She will be speaking on Shade Gardening. Charlton Garden Club meetings are open to all interested in gardening and related themes. Whether you're a novice or accomplished gardener, the Charlton Garden Club is a great place to meet other gardening enthusiasts, learn about plants and planting, and to share your gardening tips and experiences. This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library. A \$5 donation is suggested for non-members. If interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Co-Presidents, Virginia Charette at (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0506.



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The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

6	2		15
1			13
	5	0	9
11	10	16	

0	5	4
6	3	1
7	2	9
Solution		

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1896: THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES IS CELEBRATED IN ATHENS.
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ANSWER: AMPHIBIANS

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

G O F R , W N T E & O T D A

Answer: Frog, newt & toad



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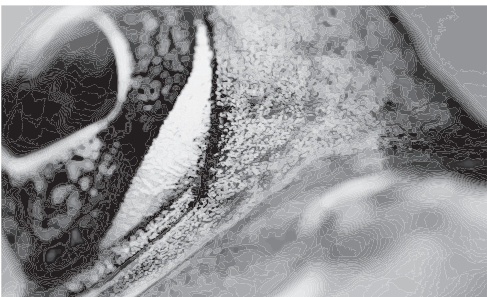
an animal that has a backbone or spinal column



- ENGLISH: Toad
- SPANISH: Sapo
- ITALIAN: Rospo
- FRENCH: Crapaud
- GERMAN: Kröte



TOADS TYPICALLY HAVE DRY, WARTY SKIN, LIVE ON LAND AND HAVE SHORT LEGS FOR DIGGING. FROGS ARE SMOOTH, BRIGHT, AND HAVE LONG LEGS TO JUMP AND SWIM.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FROG EYE



Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = E)

- A. 4 22 12 13 10 4
Clue: Well-being
- B. 1 13 3 26 9 15 22
Clue: Sugar
- C. 24 5 15 3 13 24 5
Clue: Regulates sugar in blood
- D. 10 22 15 10 24 5 1
Clue: Monitoring

Answers: A. health B. glucose C. insulin D. testing

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	4	7	2	1	8	6	5	9
1	3	4	8	7	9	6	5	2
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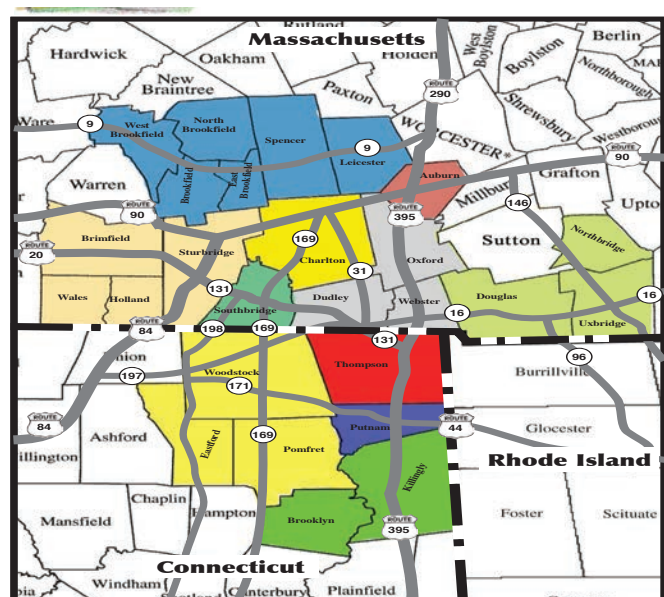
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The power of positive thinking

Every day, we wake up with the best intentions, or we like to think that most of us do. With each new day brings with it specific challenges. Many times, those challenges come by way of a misunderstanding or a shifted perspective. We have come to realize, long ago, that often, there is more to a story than we can see at its surface. Just being aware of that one simple fact, can change the way a situation is viewed. Oftentimes, it's easier said than done; however, the more we choose to remain optimistic, the better. What might seem catastrophic in the moment is usually nothing more than a small frustration that has an easy fix and will pass. A wise man once said, "Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff."

This isn't to negate the fact that larger issues do surface and take some time to sort out; however, we need to remind ourselves that we are all surrounded by well intentioned, intelligent people. People who are willing to be helpful, generous, rational and kind through productive conversations will always find the pot of gold in any situation.

Remembering to check a kneejerk reaction before gathering all of the facts is crucial to your ability to remain optimistic. Again, this is not always easy, but once mastered can change everything.

Believe it or not, optimism is a choice, and offers surprising benefits. Choosing to look on the bright side of life (Monty Python fans, we know what you're singing) can lower your risk of heart disease and stroke while also extending your life.

One study revealed that individuals who spent five minutes a day thinking positive thoughts about their future, increased their ability to be optimistic in just two weeks. Before turning in at night, list five things that you are grateful for and five things that you are looking forward to. Every time you stop at a traffic light, tell yourself something that you like about yourself. This works especially well if you are in the middle of a sing along to your favorite tune, concert of one. Keeping pessimists in your life, at a distance is always a good idea.

When a negative thought does creep through your mind, that's OK. Recognize it and decide how realistic it actually is. To offset those thoughts, try spreading positivity yourself. While at work, offer a co-worker an 'atta boy' or 'atta girl' for a job well done. If your child has been hard at work on a school project, tell them how proud you are. Send a letter to someone who has had a positive impact on your life. When you bestow positivity on others, it has a lasting effect on your own life.

One way to practice being more optimistic is to flip every negative thought with a positive one despite how creative you need to get. For example, if you're thinking 'I'm going to be late for dinner and I don't feel like cooking,' you can flip that by reminding yourself about the wonders of the microwave and take-out. If a rainy day has you feeling groggy, remind yourself that those are the best days to read all day, catch up on "Bridgerton" season 2, and not feel guilty about missing all of that sunshine.

Here are five things we are grateful for and looking forward to. A solid group of co-workers who work hard every day, summer hikes with trail mix that includes M&M's, a community who works together, outside barbecues with ice cold lemonade and shrimp cocktail and road trips to the ocean on a sunny day.

As Rodolfo Costa said, "Learn to adapt. Things change, circumstances change. Adjust yourself and your efforts to what it is presented to you so you can respond accordingly. Never see change as a threat, because it can be an opportunity to learn, to grow, evolve and become a better person."



Tips for selling personal property for estate personal representatives

Today's article features suggestions and tips for estate personal representatives (formerly called executors) as well as heirs to an estate.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, "If you're responsible for the estate of someone who died, you may need to file an estate tax return. If the estate is worth less than \$1 million, you don't need to file a return or pay an estate tax." According to Connecticut's ct.gov website, "Connecticut's \$5.1 million tax threshold ranks 9th for 2020 and its 12 percent top rate ties with Maine as the lowest." With the spike in housing prices and the Massachusetts threshold of \$1 million, we are often contacted by estate personal representatives and attorneys for estate appraisals for IRS and probate purposes.

Whether you need a written appraisal or not, being an estate personal representative means that the person who asked that you be appointed trusted you to handle their estate. Of course, there is a lot of responsibility that comes with that. Here are my suggestions for handling the personal property in an estate.

Secure the home as soon as possible. I've seen estates where neighbors and friends had keys. I've also seen instances where family members and others have taken things that didn't belong to them.

Only throw away items that you are certain are trash. Some things like old postcards and costume jewelry may be more valuable than you think. It's best to have an auctioneer or estate sale company look through your items before you throw things away.

You may have sentimental attachment to items that are part of an estate, but the personal property value is typically a small fraction of the value of the home itself.

You should distribute items according to the will or any court decisions.

With the other items, many families are able to discuss which things meant the most to them and decide how things should be divided among themselves. If the items have been appraised, others divide items based on the appraised value. If there are things that multiple people want or that no one wants, they may be consigned to auction.

Here are some thoughts for items that

aren't distributed.

Moving everything out and storing items may seem like a good option at the time. However, I am often contacted by people who decided to do this and they are often paying storage fees of over \$200 a month for items they ultimately decided they actually don't want to keep.

It's much easier for an auctioneer or estate sale company to view and market pieces while they are inside a home. People can walk through and see the personal property instead of it being tightly packed inside of a storage unit.

Regular readers of this column know that "brown furniture" (traditional mahogany, cherry, oak, and mahogany furniture), china and glassware haven't been selling well. It makes sense to sell or donate these pieces as soon as possible instead of paying thousands of dollars for storage costs and doing it later.

Keep the things that have special meaning to you but consider selling the rest. I'm often contacted by clients who inherited things from family members that have been stored in their attics for decades.

Consider whether you would rather have the collection you inherited or the money you'd receive by selling it. For example, a family member may have collected coins that you inherit. Coin values can appreciate or depreciate over time. Values were trending downward for several years. You may need to pay to store them in a bank safe deposit box. It may make more sense to sell the coins and invest in the stock market, pay for a child's education or take a family trip.

Hopefully these suggestions can help if you are handling an estate now or have to in the future.

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When someone does you wrong, take the high road



How often have you wanted to give someone a piece of your mind? If you're like me, very often. The opportunity to tell someone off can present itself several times a day. Someone cuts you off in traffic, a family member did something wrong, or a co-worker gave you an attitude. Maybe your boss is being irrational. Someone said good morning rudely.

Boy, it feels great to tell someone off, doesn't it? There's nothing better than putting someone in their place, "I'll show them a thing or two. Next time they come around, they'll think twice about disrespecting me!"

Let me ask you a question. Did it make you feel good when you chewed out the person who insulted you? Did you feel satisfied, like you accomplished something great? Or did you feel bad afterward and regret it? Did you end up apologizing later? Did it have unintended consequences like losing a relationship or a job?

I almost always regretted losing my temper and telling someone off. Often, I would apologize, but sometimes, it's too late. The other person isn't always so forgiving; some words you can't take back.

One thing to remember is that we don't know what the other person is going through. We aren't walking in their shoes. One time, I wanted to lash out at someone I thought had slighted me, but later, I learned he wasn't being rude; it was just my perception. He was dealing with the loss of a family member who died the day before. When I learned what happened, I felt terrible for being upset with him.

I had a great job working at a hotel once. It paid the bills and more. It also left me plenty of time to pursue my dreams outside of work. Soon after I started, they had to lay off many other employees because they weren't getting enough business. That meant that the employees still there had to pick up the slack.

When it was slow, there was a lot of work to be done, and it wasn't easy to keep up. When it was busy, it was impossible to keep up. There were too many jobs to be done and too little time. My new manager didn't hesitate to pull me aside and give me a tongue lashing when I couldn't get everything done.

I was very offended when she did this. In my mind, she didn't know what I was dealing with and was being illogical. I managed to keep my cool the first few times, but one time after a strenuous morning, she brought me into her office, and I didn't hold back. It felt good at the moment; I showed her. A few minutes later, I wished I could take it all back. I knew that I had crossed the line. I apologized, but it was too late; I was out of a job.

I felt like she didn't understand and asked me to do something that wasn't possible. What if I had tried harder to be respectful and understand what she was going through? Maybe her manager was stressing her out and being unreasonable, and she was under pressure to perform. If I had calmed myself, realizing that perhaps she was suffering through something I didn't understand, I would have kept the job.

The problem with giving someone a piece of your mind is that it's almost always with a negative, critical, or angry attitude. Negative interactions with people are inevitable, but we can control our response to them. When somebody is mean, short-tempered, or rubs you the wrong way, it's not about you and rarely is. When we remember that, it's much easier to control our response, helping us respond with kindness and respect rather than blind anger. Responding with rage is unfocused, unwise, short-sighted, and destructive.

The next time someone does you wrong, take the high road. It's a much more respectable response, and will often make things better for you. It may not feel like the best response in the short term, but it will always work to your advantage in the long run.

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Local anglers report excellent fishing

Fishing has been awesome for anglers fishing in some of the trout stocked ponds and at Wachusett Reservoir that opened this past Friday. Mention of one nice salmon was received by this writer, which was taken at Wachusett Res. and numerous lake trout were caught there also. One angler reported catching six lakera in very short time. The one hot lure was a large Kastmaster spoon. Webster Lake continued to provide plenty of action with one angler fishing fly's from his boat just outside of the Norm Ryan boat ramp. Unfortunately, one guy put a hook through his finger and had to get medical treatment. It happens every year.

I failed to mention that trolling fly's from a boat using a flyrod with a level or sinking line and 15 feet or more monofilament, also works fine and is a lot easier to use than wire. Getting a kink in wire can cause an easy breaking point, resulting in a lost fish. Spinning rods are also adaptable for fly fishing with bobbers that can hold water and a 12-foot leader and a fly at the end. The fly can be cast a long distance , and can be allowed to sink or stay on the surface, depending on how much water is inserted into the bobber. An ear syringe is a great way to fill the bobber with water.

Wallum Lake opens this Saturday, and is governed by Rhode Island regulations. The daily limit is five trout of any kind. Unfortunately, to the best of my knowledge, there are no brood



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stock salmon available to date, but that could change. Wallum Lake can be fished with a Massachusetts Fishing license or a Rhode Island fishing license. The hey-days of fishing Wallum Lake has quieted down a lot, especially on opening day, but is still enjoyed by many anglers. I fondly remember sleeping overnight in my van, and cooking breakfast in the van prior to first light. This year, I will bring a light lunch. Hope to see you there.

Report of some large brown trout in the five-pound-plus size at Comet Pond in Hubbardston was exciting news for angler's that fished their last week. One angler caught three "whoppers" in a very short time. Some anglers also caught numerous impressive brook trout and rainbow trout. Comet pond is getting special treatment from someone in the area. Every year, the pond is stocked with large fish, and plenty of them. When brood stock salmon were available, the pond got a lot of them. Maybe this year will be different.

Dandelions are a great food source if you cook them right. They need to be harvested prior to them showing flowers, and in fact can be picked right now. Taking a long sharp knife and inserting it just under the plant, you can cut in off very easily. Shake off the dirt and wash them very good at home before cooking. The best place to harvest a few dandelions is at a farmer's field, but be sure to ask permission first. They cook up rather quickly, some-

what like spinach, but need to have a good piece of salt pork, and salt & pepper added when cooking them. After cooking they can be eaten as a side dish to any fish or meat. Placing a small amount of vinegar prior to eating can add to the flavor. Give them a try and take the family along to help harvest a few of these tasty greens.

Dandelions are also a good way to determine when tautog fishing starts. When the dandelions start to flower, it is time to pack up the rods, and go catch a few for the dinner table, and they go very good with some poached tautog fillets.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual trout fishing derby for members, this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be available. The pond was recently stocked with some very large trout. The Whitinsville fish & Game Club will hold their annual fishing derby on April 30, and will also serve a full breakfast.

Many people that had been working at home during the pandemic, and are now returning back to their office and have found that caring for their pets that they had purchased or adopted, are undecided what to do with them. Hopefully, they will do the right thing and find them a new home, or take them to an animal shelter. Abandoning them on the street, as many have done in the past, is cruel and dangerous for them. Do the right thing!

This is the time of year to harvest a good supply of nightcrawlers for the seasons fishing. Take along the family after dark, and visit some areas that have a good lawn. Be sure to ask for



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Ice fishing ended on the bright side for Jerry Gareri last week, taking this big bass at a lake near his cabin in Maine.

permission prior to picking the night-crawlers. Using a flashlight carefully scan the lawn with the light, and you will find the crawlers laying on top of the ground for easy picking. It is best to do this after a good rain. Store them in a good dark cool place in some grass sods. A wooden box is preferred! Cover them with a damp rag bag, and check them weekly to ensure that they are keeping well.

Take A Kid Fishing And Keep Them Rods Bending.

Start this year's garden preparation with a soil test



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Growing a beautiful landscape starts with the soil under your feet. The best place to start building a healthy soil foundation is with a soil test. The results will tell you what type and how much, if any, fertilizer is needed for the plants you are growing. Using the right type and amount of fertilizer is also good for your budget and the environment.

Test the soil when starting a new garden or one that is struggling. Since soil and fertilization practices vary greatly, collect and submit separate samples for each garden bed or landscape area to be tested. Repeat every four or five years to check on your garden maintenance.

You can take a soil test anytime the ground is not frozen and you have not recently fertilized. Early spring and fall are good times since you can make needed changes when preparing your garden.

Contact your local Extension service for details on submitting a sample. If they don't

have a soil testing lab, they will likely recommend a state certified lab that tests home lawn and garden soils, or you can search the internet for a certified lab near you.

Taking a soil test sample is simple. Use a clean trowel and bucket to gather a soil sample. Slide away any mulch or debris on the soil surface. Use a trowel and remove a slice of soil that is four to six inches deep and right where the plant roots grow.

Take several samples throughout the garden you want to test. Collect samples from each edge and several throughout the middle of the bed. Mix them together and place about a cup of the soil in a plastic bag or the one provided by the lab. Be sure to complete and include the submission form. This includes a place to list the types of plants that will be grown in the area being sampled. The lab uses this and test results to make the fertilization recommendations. Send the sample and form together to the soil testing lab.

Allow several weeks for the test to be completed and the results to be returned. Most basic soil tests report the amount of phosphorus and potassium in the soil. Phosphorus promotes flowering, fruiting, and root development. Potassium promotes drought tolerance, disease resistance and hardiness. Many soils are high to excessive in these plant nutrients. You cannot remove the excess but should avoid adding to the problem. Soil test reports can help you do just that.

Most labs do not measure the amount of nitrogen in the soil since the levels change quickly and are not easy to test accurately. Instead, they make nitrogen recommendations based on the plants you are or will grow in the area being tested.

Soil pH is also measured in most soil tests. Acidic soils with pH below neutral (7.0) are often referred to as sour, while alkaline soils with a pH above 7.0 are called sweet. Soil pH influences which nutrients in the soil are available for the plants to absorb and utilize for growth. Blueberries, azaleas, and red maples are examples of acid-loving plants. Clematis, crabapples and spirea are a few of the alkaline tolerant plants.

Always use soil test results when trying to change the pH. Lime is used to sweeten soils while sulfur is often used to lower pH. Using too much or the wrong amendment can negatively impact the health and productivity of your garden. Undoing misapplications can



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Before starting a new garden or planting one that has been struggling, take a soil test to know what, if any, fertilizer is needed to build a healthy soil foundation.

take years to correct. Growing plants suited to the soil pH may be the best solution for those with acceptable, although not ideal, soil pH.

Include soil testing when planning new gardens or helping those that are struggling. Understanding your soil can help you create a strong foundation important to the health, longevity and beauty of your gardens and landscapes.

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Easy Easter Ideas



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Easter is one of the most beloved annual holidays. Coloring eggs, early morning candy hunts, Easter lilies, and family tables heaped with festive fare, all make this spring celebration one of the most enjoyable holidays ever. Few family traditions are more enjoyable than those that happen at Easter time. Read on for some fun and easy Easter related tips - from a new twist on tinting eggs to preserving potted lilies.

Chalk it Up: Wondering what to do with all those eggshells left over from Easter? Why not be creative and teach the kids how to make sidewalk chalk? While you're at it, you can throw in a little recycling lesson! Eggshell chalk: four to five eggshells, one teaspoon flour, one teaspoon very hot tap water, food coloring (optional). Directions: Wash and dry eggshells. Put the shells into bowl or grinder and pulverize into a powder. Toss away any large pieces. Place flour and hot water in another bowl and add one tablespoon eggshell powder and mix until a paste forms. Add food coloring if desired. Shape and press mixture very firmly into the shape of a chalk stick, and roll up tightly in a strip of strong paper towel. Allow to dry approximately three days until hard. Remove paper towel and you've got homemade chalk! (Eggshell chalk is for sidewalks only.) Recipe can be doubled or tripled, depending upon

how many eggshells you have.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Longer Lilies: When your Easter

lily has seen better days, don't toss it out! Your potted lilies can last for years to come if you plant them outside. To do: When leaves and stems turn yellow and or brown, trim them back and plant the bulb directly into the garden after the threat of frost has passed. For best results, plant the bulb in about three inches of good soil in a sunny or partial shade area. Top with another three inches of mulch, peat moss, compost, etc. (bulb is six inches underground). Water as needed.

Keep in mind transplanted lilies won't bloom until next summer. Keep well mulched during the winter and next spring remove extra mulch to help lilies sprout up.

Everlasting Easter Blossoms

Want to preserve your Easter bouquet or corsage? It's easy to make them last almost indefinitely! Ingredients: 1 pint powdered Borax (in laundry aisle); two pints cornmeal; covered cardboard box (a shoebox is ideal); fresh flowers. Instructions: 1. Thoroughly mix borax and cornmeal. 2. Cover the bottom of the box with 3/4 of an inch of this mixture. 3. Cut flower stems about 1 inch long. Lay the flowers face down in this mixture. Spread the petals and leaves so that they lie as flat as possible. Do not place flowers too close together. 4. Cover the flowers with 3/4 of an inch of the mixture. 5. Place the lid on the box and keep at room temperature for 3 to 4 weeks. The flowers will stay summer fresh indefinitely.

Mystery Dots

This simple egg coloring method clearly illustrates a simple science experiment. Kids love it!

To do: Add about two teaspoons of cooking oil to each dye cup. (You might want to do this after you have finished dipping your eggs the traditional way.) When you dip in your egg, the dye won't adhere to the oil, creating mysterious spots on the egg!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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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 email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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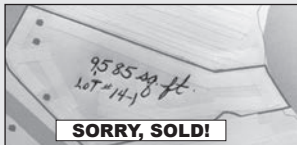
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OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen W. Gallant, Sr. and Cynthia J. Gallant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Lenders of America, LLC, dated May 23, 2017 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57154, Page 361 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Lenders of America, Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated May 27, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 62474, Page 283, and Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT dated March 3, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 64604, Page 58, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT dated May 11, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 65195, Page 185, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 43 Hawthorne Street, Auburn and Millbury, MA 01501 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on May

3, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The following described real estate situated partly in the Towns of Auburn and Millbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts described more particularly as follows: BEGINNING on the southerly line of Hawthorne Street in said Town of Auburn, at a point which is one hundred (100) feet westerly from the intersection of said Hawthorne Street with the southerly line of Brooks Street;

THENCE southerly by Lots #40 and #82 on a Plan hereinafter mentioned, two hundred feet (200) feet to the northerly line of Elmwood Street; THENCE westerly by said northerly line of Elmwood Street, one hundred feet to a point at Lot #85 on said Plan; THENCE northerly and parallel with the first described line by Lot #85 and through Lot #38, about one hundred seventy (170) feet more or less to the southeasterly line of Hawthorne Street in two courses one hundred and five (105) feet; THENCE northeasterly by said line of Hawthorne Street to the point of beginning. Being Lots #39, #83, #84 and the easterly part of Lot #38 on a Plan of Lots made by William I. Thompson, C.E., and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 7, Plan 23. Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Ami K. Beauregard and Mathieu M. Beauregard to Stephen W. Gallant, Sr. and Cynthia J. Gallant by deed recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57154, Page 359.

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.

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Longbridge Financial LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 27 Chestnut Avenue, given by David V. Shablin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, dated May 17, 2018, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58871, Page 23 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 2, 2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on March 15, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
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20692
April 8, 2022

Easter bread is a tradition in many homes

Families share many Easter traditions. Easter in a home with people who trace their ancestry to Italy will likely feature “Pane di Pasqua,” which translates to “Easter Bread.”

Easter Bread is a ring of sweet bread that can be adorned with candy sprinkles. Some people nestle colorful hard-boiled eggs within the twisted dough as well. Traditionally, Pane di Pasqua is made on Good Friday to help break the Lenten fast for Easter. The following recipe for “Pane di Pasqua” from “Feast of the Seven Fishes: A Brooklyn Italian’s Recipes Celebrating Food & Family” (Powerhouse Books) by Daniel Paterna makes enough dough to share the bread with friends and family.

Pane di Pasqua
Yields 7 to 8 loaves

- Dough
- 5 packages of dry yeast (1 1/4 teaspoons proof yeast in a 4-cup container)
 - 5 pounds unbleached all-purpose flour (approximately 17 cups)
 - 1 additional pound flour for adding to dough if needed, cleaning hands, and dusting boards and pans
 - 3 1/2 cups sugar
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 pound salted butter, softened, plus a bit more for coating rising dough
 - 24 medium to large eggs, beaten
 - 2 tablespoons anisette extract
- Decorating
- 6 ounces rainbow-colored nonpareils
 - 3 egg yolks
 - 3 tablespoons water

Combine the flour, sugar and salt in a 16-quart pot. Add the butter and mix by hand, squeezing and merging butter with the flour mixture. Add proofed yeast to the flour mixture; continue mixing ingredients.

Slowly stir in all the beaten eggs and anisette using a fork. Continue to mix until ingredients are combined and loose until dough begins to form.

Knead the dough with floured hands for approximately 45 minutes, or until it becomes smooth and elastic. Add flour to the dough if needed, or to scrape the dough off your hands and the bottom of the pot.

Once the dough is fully kneaded, leave it in the pot, lightly spread some butter over the top to keep it moist, and cover with a cloth. Leave at room temperature to rise for 8 hours or overnight. The dough is ready when it rises about 5 times its size.

When the dough has fully risen, punch it down, turn it out onto a floured surface, and form it into a ball. Cut the dough into 7 or 8 smaller dough balls using a sharp knife. Then cut each ball in half. Roll each half into strands approximately 16-inches long. To form a loaf, lay the strands side by side and cross them over at one end, offset by 3 inches.

Continue crossing one strand over the other while working the braid into a circle. The tie off can be challenging. Join the circle by tucking one end under the other, pinch the dough firmly together to seal, maintaining the twist and thickness of the loaf. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Butter and flour one 9-inch baking pan for each loaf. Place the braided



loaves in individual pans and set aside, covered in a warm, draft-free place to rise for another hour until the dough rises about 30 percent more.

At this point, preheat the oven to 250 F.

When the dough has risen, place the pans into the oven for about 10 minutes, then raise the temperature to 325 F. Bake until the bread is a dark golden brown and makes a hollow sound when lightly tapped on the bottom.

Prepare the egg wash for decorating. In a small bowl, beat the 3 egg yolks with 3 tablespoons of water and set aside.

When the breads are fully baked, remove them from the oven and pan using oven mitts, then decorate immediately. Brush the egg wash onto the hot surface of each loaf and sprinkle with the colored confetti. Set the loaves to cool the racks. Slice a wedge and spread with butter.

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Raelynn - 04/10
Age 4

I am a very special little girl!
Raelynn is a sweet young girl of Caucasian descent who enjoys playing with her toys, listening to music, going outside on the swings and taking long walks in her stroller. Raelynn also loves receiving attention and having physical contact with those around her. Her social worker describes her as "precious" and "very special."
Raelynn has complex medical needs and with support she has been able to make great progress. She is currently not able to walk or crawl, and will most likely be wheelchair dependent. However, her providers say that over the past year she has made great progress in terms of her health and cognitive development, and especially in her social development. Although Raelynn has resided in a medical facility her whole life, she has recently been able to transition to a specialized foster home.
Legally freed for adoption, Raelynn's social worker is seeking a loving family of any constellation that is able to support her medical and developmental needs. Her social worker feels that Raelynn will do well as an only-child or with siblings. Any family for Raelynn must be open to helping her maintain a relationship with her paternal grandparents who are very involved in her care and medical treatment.
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Can I Adopt?
If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts. The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.
To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.





TRUST Your Neighbors

1. Make formal introductions, get to know your neighbors.

2. Get out there, Participate

3. Build a community network

4. Assist those who need extra care

5. Keep promises, Try your best to keep your word

6. Manage confrontations, If a problem should arise try your best to handle it tactfully

7. Pool resources. Sharing resources can save money and build a sense of community

8. Be a neighbors' eyes and ears, just keeping an eye out for your neighbors can be a help.

9. Organize a community project, neighbors worked together for the community's greater good

10. Act responsibly, When neighbors have good boundaries, are respectful and considerate, and offer assistance to one another, it creates a lot of good will and trust and long-term, close relationships can grow,

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