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## A DAY AT THE AQUARIUM

Members of Auburn High School’s National Honor Society chapter enjoyed a day trip to the New England Aquarium in Boston last week. Photo courtesy of the school’s Twitter feed.

## Pet Rock Fest awards donations

AUBURN — Pet Rock Fest is pleased to announce that once again, the nonprofit animal welfare organization has awarded donations to several animal welfare charities.

With proceeds from its 2019 festival, Pet Rock Fest presented donations to organizations that benefit regularly from the festival, as well as some new charity recipients that have been added this year.

Several organizations received donations from Pet Rock Fest, with others to be named throughout the year. Among those awarded donations were CaRMaH (Cat Rescue of Marlborough and Hudson), Soft Landings, Community Cat Connection, Animal Legal Defense Fund, KIND NEWS-Red Rover, Foster Parrots-the New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary, MSPCA, Juno’s Place/People for Pets in Peril and Maple Farm Sanctuary.

“Pet Rock Fest is all about educating people about animal welfare issues and promoting kindness,” said Founding Partner Charlene Arsenault. “The mission is and has always been to bring as many organizations together as possible to share this message of

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# Auburn resident returns following intensive research project

WORCESTER — Ioannis Kyriazis of Auburn, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project through the WPI project center in Ecuador. The project was titled The Maria Amor Foundation: A Case Study on Holistic Healing. In

their project summary, the students wrote, “Ecuador has one of the highest domestic violence rates in Latin America, yet the quality and availability of treatment for victims is lacking. To address this gap, the Maria Amor Foundation developed a holistic treatment approach that extends beyond meeting basic short-term needs to address the multi-faceted challenges domestic abuse

victims face. This project used immersive observation and interviews with management and women using the services to offer a case study of their approach. In their project summary, the students wrote, “Many children in Cape Town, South Africa do not grow up with an involved father in their lives, often leading them to engage in delinquent behaviors. This project aimed to help

the Centre for Early Childhood Development (CECD) improve the involvement of fathers in early childhood development (ECD) in Cape Town.”

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at

one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real

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## Art by Auburn’s Abigail Baer chosen for student exhibition

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Art work by Abigail Baer of Auburn was chosen for the University of Hartford’s Goldfarb Juried Student Exhibition.

This exhibition, which includes works from the Hartford Art School’s most talented students, will be on display in the University’s Joseloff Gallery through Feb. 20. The gallery is located on the UHart campus at 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, Conn.

Each year, an invited juror chooses the art work to be displayed, and then selects two winners of the \$1,000 Purchase Prize. The 2020 juror was Namulen Bayarsaihan, Director of Education, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum.

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## Historian digs into region’s ancient history

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

WALES — If Alan Smith says something about being stoned, he doesn’t mean pot, but maybe something pots are made of. Or any number of things Native Americans sometimes used for tools, many of them literally under our feet.

Last weekend, he told several dozen people about the life of an archaeologist, and it’s not nearly as flamboyant or dangerous as Indiana Jones. But it is an insight into the life of Earth, and how our area came into being.

For example, did you know the eastern two-thirds of Massachusetts was once beach-front property in Africa? The rocks tell that story: around 550 million years ago, the Quabbin area was roughly where the ancient continent of Laurentia (which included western Mass) split from Gondwana (eastern Mass). Around 300 million years later, the two parts collided again, as a volcanic island chain was crushed between the two continents. When Africa split off again later, it left eastern Mass behind. One of those African terranes (rock belts) is known as the Southbridge belt.

“You’ll see it in how the road cuts along the Mass Pike are tipped up 40-50 degrees,” Smith said, noting various rock types and chemical tests can show the differences between the two areas. Such rocks, he adds, prove our culture – and humanity as a whole – is “just a blip in time.”

With 40 years of fieldwork under

his belt, Smith said he often works for power companies who need archaeological digs along power lines and related utility corridors. Those projects have led to finding all kinds of things, from Native American artifacts to beach deposits from early ice ages to far more ancient rocks, sometimes in unexpected places.

He’s probably most proud of getting the archaeological community to recognize that an odd stone called a chert should be seen as a Native artifact. Although they don’t look like much from the outside, if broken at the right angle, their usually-white inclusions form crystal crosses which

Natives collected, traded and used in ceremonies, he said.

Smith noted Natives made tools, containers and other useful items out of a wide range of local rocks, taking advantage of their varying hardness. At the low end of that spectrum is steatite, aka soapstone, which was soft enough to carve into various forms of pottery before they discovered true ceramics. The Grafton area has several Native mines of this stone, although Smith said it seems the local people didn’t use it much. At the high end is quartz, which comes in numerous varieties

Alan Smith answers questions from a lecture attendee after his talk Saturday.

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# New committee seeking solutions for yard debris

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A new informal committee in Charlton is seeking to help reduce the spread of diseases spread through ticks and other insects by spreading awareness of risks and best practices when it comes to yard debris and disposal.

During a meeting on Jan. 28, Selectman Deborah Noble introduced selectmen to the idea of a Charlton Sustainability Center, an unofficial committee of five individuals led by resident Bill Caulway seeking to provide advice and answers to questions about the proper disposal of yard debris. Selectman Noble said she had been in contact with the group and felt that it was a commendable community effort being put together by concerned citizens to address an often-overlooked issue in the community.

“I received an email from a group of individuals because they were interested in discussing how to deal with yard waste and debris - Because there is an issue with people getting rid of yard waste, in addition to that we have to start thinking long term about what

we’re going to do when we can no longer count of Casella because that will come up sooner rather than later. This is sort of an ad hoc committee. It’s nothing formalized but I know that we’re working towards that down the road,” Noble said.

Bill Caulway, a 30-year resident of Charlton, said he helped spearhead the committee with the support of the Board of Health to address the lack of disposal locations for yard debris in town. Caulway noticed that many properties have simply left their debris stacked in their yards making it a primary habitat for disease spreading insects like mosquitoes and ticks. With lime disease also a relevant concern and the EEE scare of 2019 still fresh in people’s minds, Caulway and his fellow committee members felt something needed to be done.

“I contracted lime disease pretty seriously and I wanted to do something about it. My effort is in these concentrated areas of housing, cul-de-sacs things like that, to try to give an avenue. Most people I know were bringing yard trimmings down 169 and you got rid of it. It was great. A change occurred where the address changed and specif-

ically said ‘no yard debris.’ So now, at least in my neighborhood, everybody’s back yard is up to their shoulders with this stuff which is a vector place for things that carry lime disease and the other five diseases that are happening,” Caulway told selectmen.

After visiting with his doctor to discuss his diagnoses Caulway said he was informed that lime disease is considered and “endemic” in Charlton, meaning it’s a rather common disease for local residents. After visiting with the Board of Health and receiving their blessing he helped spearhead the creation of the Charlton Sustainability Center efforts to find a solution.

“We can’t medicate our way or spray our way out of this. There needs to be some solution. This is the committee that we started, and this was just the interim, the integration of it,” said Caulway. “We’re trying to come up with some solutions. This is kind of an awareness (campaign) of sorts.”

One recent solution, and one of the first efforts of the committee, was a new program around Christmas time. Following the holiday, the committee helped organize a Treecycle program where Christmas trees were collected

and, thanks to volunteer efforts from a local business, the trees were shredded to create what Caulway called “tick barriers”. These barriers create a natural obstacle that ticks and other bugs won’t cross. In the first year of the program, 25 trees were collected.

Selectman Noble said the Treecycle program is a prime example of potential this committee has to help provide effective solutions for Charlton residents to embrace.

“Having the material to use as a tick barrier is extraordinarily important. Eventually spring will be here and with spring comes the ticks. With ticks come lime disease,” Noble said. “We can’t keep using pesticides. There are natural ways to do integrated pest management and the town I think has the ability to do it and people really want it.”

While no timeline has been set, Noble sees the committee becoming an official entity in the town in the near future with a focus on providing effective solutions and public safety awareness campaigns to decrease the number of insect-born illnesses plaguing Charlton.

## Dean’s, President’s List students named for UA Fall 2019 Term

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall semester at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean’s List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President’s List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s).

The UA Dean’s and President’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The following local students made the list:

Tiffany Ann Moen, of Auburn was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for fall 2019.

Bridget N White, of Auburn was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for fall 2019.

Lily F White, of Auburn was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall 2019.

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## Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with the Harrington Auxiliary

STURBRIDGE — Time to get your Irish on! The Harrington Auxiliary invites the general public to its annual traditional, all-you-can-eat Irish Feast, which will be held at the Publick House in Sturbridge on Monday, March 16. The menu features a corned beef and cabbage buffet and includes macaroni and cheese, tossed salad with maple vinaigrette dressing, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and soft drinks.

Two seatings are available: 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15; tickets for children age four to 12 are \$5.

Attendees also have an opportunity to participate in a 50-50 raffle.



Advance tickets are available at Harrington Volunteer Services. Checks should be pay-

able to HH Auxiliary. Hospital employees may also purchase tickets through payroll deduction. Call 508-765-6473 for more information. Tickets are available at the door; cash only please.

Proceeds from the event enable the Auxiliary to provide equipment and programs that benefit the health and well being of the members in the communities Harrington HealthCare System serves.

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# MOMS Club hosts S.O.A.R. to Success Fair



The Charlton MOMS Club speaks with visitors to the organizations S.O.A.R. to Success Fair



Here We Grow Preschool in Auburn took the opportunity to meet with Charlton parents at the fair.

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON – The Charlton MOMS Club help the second S.O.A.R. to Success fair at the Charlton Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 8, giving local parents and guardians a chance to network and learn about the many different programs and organizations serving local youth in the Charlton and Worcester

County area. Charlton MOMS Club President Cara Holland called the event a great success with 19 vendors on hand from across the region to connect with local residents throughout the late morning and early afternoon. “I think the vendors are really excited to be here. I’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback about having the opportunity to have a one stop shop with these sorts

of activities and programs. I think most people are finding things they didn’t even know about in the area. There are a couple new organizations and a couple of groups that are doing things with kids they may not have done in the past, so I feel it’s been successful,” said Holland. Everything from sports programs and theater groups to preschools, the YMCA and beyond were represented during the event. The S.O.A.R. to Success Fair actually started in 2018 but skipped a year in 2019 to exercise and online database approach. The MOMS Club found that the face-to-face interaction was more beneficial and so the event returned as a fair for a second year in 2020. According to Holland this format was so successful that they hope to continue it on a yearly basis. “I think sometimes it can be overwhelming when you’re stuck looking online for yourself what is even out there. Sometimes you don’t even know what to search for. To be able to walk in and have it set up for you, it’s convenient and it’s all in one place,” said Holland. “I think this is beneficial. I think being able to speak with the people who are passionate about what they’re doing is a great opportunity. Our hope is that this continues about this time each year. I think it’s helpful for parents and it’s good for the small businesses and organizations in our area to get the word out.” The fair style approach was heavily praised by several of the organizations involved with the fair. Cristi Corey, the Director of Here We Grow Preschool in Auburn, said she found it to be a great opportunity to connect directly with parents rather than sending them to a webpage. “This is an awesome opportunity for us to be here and be able to get our name out there. We’re located in Auburn, but we accept children from all over the Worcester area so it’s a great chance for us to network and get to know people face to face,” said Corey. Amy Stanley was on hand to represent Charlton Youth Soccer and said she too cherished the opportunity to connect directly with parents of poten-



Jason Bleau Photos

Amy Stanley was on hand representing Charlton Youth Soccer at the S.O.A.R. to Success Fair.

tial athletes to share information about the group and what they have to offer. “This was a great event and we’ve been able to discuss what Charlton Youth Soccer is all about,” said Stanley. “It’s nice to talk with people in person and make sure they get the information they need. This one-on-one approach allows us to answer questions right here and make sure the parents know what we offer.” Now that the Charlton MOMS Club has set the baseline for the S.O.A.R. to Success Fair the sky seems to be the limit at the group works to make the event a yearly offering that continues to grow and raise awareness of everything the region has to offer for local youth.

## “Barefoot in the Park” kicks off Gateway Players’ 45th season

SOUTHBIDGE — The final weekend of Gateway’s romantic comedy is almost here. This show, paired with dinner, flowers, or candy- makes a great way to celebrate Valentine’s weekend. Or just the theater will be appreciated! Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. will kick off Season 45 with the classic Neil Simon comedy, “Barefoot in the Park.” Performances will be held at Fellowship Hall of Elm St. Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge on Feb. 14,15,16. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., the Sunday matinee is at 2pm. Tickets are \$15, \$13 for seniors and youth and are available by calling 508-764-4531. Online sales are at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). Mary Gahagan is directing, with Barbara Day as producer, Erin Morin as stage manager and Cynthia Keane as set builder. Costumer is Pam Soper, Jeanne and Mike Dupuis are doing tech, David

Corkum is photographer and Chris McTigue is responsible for house. Cast includes Hadley Crane, Jason Iannone, Patrick Bracken, Gail Riva White, Sean Nault and Dennis Gahagan. In the play, Paul and Corie Bratter are newlyweds in every sense of the word. After a six day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie’s loopy mother and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their neighbor-in-the-attic Velasco, where everything that can go wrong, does. This classic Neil Simon comedy will delight and entertain and is a great way to celebrate February Valentine’s Day. This production is presented with permission of Samuel French Inc. Gateway Players had been located at the Arts Barn of Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, until structural damage required a change in venue. We are very appreciative of Elm St. Congregational Church for the use of their hall.



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Front: Jason Iannone, Hadley Crane, Gail Riva White. Back: Sean Nault, Dennis Gahagan, Patrick Bracken.

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welfare and kindness to animals. All animals. Not to overshadow that, but in the end, these organizations need funds to keep the message alive. That’s where all those who paid to go to the festival, our sponsors, our vendors, effect the cause in a real, tangible way.” “As we quickly approach our 22nd year celebrating Pet Rock Fest, we are proud to still be able to say we are a true charity, donating all but seed money to the nonprofits we serve,” said Founding Partner Jeannie Hebert. “Charlene and I donate our time and talent and are happy to do so to benefit animals and their welfare organizations. We offer grants in varying amounts to rescues and shelters, support disaster relief, funding for educational programs in animal rights and awareness, and organizations that bring to justice perpetrators of animal cruelty. Our mission is to promote compassion for all animals in our society and work for their best interests.” Members of the Pet Rock Fest team choose the beneficiaries after researching the work and reputation, as well as the impact on the welfare of animals in the New England area, of the ulti-

mately-chosen organizations. We are fortunate that the New England area has so many animal welfare organizations, rescues and shelters doing this outstanding work. Pet Rock Fest gives its proceeds to worthy animal related charities that support a variety of causes, from shelters to law reform to sanctuaries for farm animals. Pet Rock Fest has also supported several reward funds in local animal cruelty cases that aid in finding perpetrators of that cruelty, and has also paid for medical bills for pet guardians who were unable to afford it. Charity recipient Foster Parrots-the New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue and protection of unwanted and abused companion parrots and other displaced captive exotic animals. The organization provides a place, peace and protection for captive parrots; working from the belief that parrots and all wild animals should be free, and ideally not pets in the first place. “Receiving support from the Pet Rock Festival is such a welcome and important gift!” said Karen Windsor of Foster Parrots. “This funding helps us meet the overwhelming costs of providing more than 400 resident birds and animals with healthy, nutritional diets,

veterinary care, and toys and enrichments. It is more challenging than you can imagine to keep highly destructive, ambitious parrots in toys.” Cat Rescue of Marlborough and Hudson (CaRMaH) works to reduce the number of homeless cats in the community. The nonprofit does this through several avenues, including a successful adoption program with more than 325 adoptions per year, and a robust trap-neuter-return program that provides spay/neuter and vaccination services to more than 100 feral cats per year. “As CaRMaH’s outreach expanded in 2019, we received more rescue requests for cats, which in turn increased our vet expenses,” said Fiona Finch, the group’s treasurer. “We don’t always know about the medical history of the cats when they arrive. The generous \$250 donation we received from the Pet Rock Festival enabled us to have extra funds to put toward important medical expenses such as dental cleanings and extractions. We sincerely appreciate the support.” The 22nd annual Pet Rock Festival is planned for Sunday, Sept. 13 from noon to 5 p.m. at Wyman Gordon in North Grafton.

Celebrating more than 20 years, Pet Rock Fest is the largest event of its kind in the Northeast, an annual festival that promotes kindness to animals and responsible pet ownership. Pet Rock Fest, held in September each year, is a family festival that features guest speakers, vegetarian food, live music, games, events, a raffle, vendors, and hundreds of area animal welfare organizations. Pet Rock is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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# On the trail of Bonnie and Clyde

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The story of Bonnie and Clyde is a legendary one — two outlaws who met their end together in a barrage of bullets after tearing their way through the American south. The Texas bandits have been immortalized in pop culture through movies, documentaries and internet videos for decades but for historian Christopher Daley the real-life tale of these two lovers is so much more than just a classic example of the gangster era.

Daley, a history teacher and author, has long been fascinated with the gangster era of American crime especially the story of Bonnie and Clyde and their infamous escapades. This fascination eventually led him and his wife to visit numerous landmarks in the American south pertinent to the lives of the famed bandits. Their research and experience led Daley to put together a lecture called “On the Trail of Bonnie and Clyde” which he presented at the Charlton Public Library on Jan. 28.

“This is the story of

Bonnie and Clyde but it’s also part travel log because my wife and I went down and visited all of these sites where the hid out, where they robbed banks, where they lived and the place where they were shot down in Louisiana. We put this together to not only tell the story of Bonnie and Clyde but also our trip through these landmarks,” Daley said. “To go to a place and stand there and touch it, to be there makes it more real. I hope to bring that with this lecture with the little stories that we had along the way. It’s more than just telling the facts it’s also about what we encountered and how these places looked,”

The presentation provided insight into the truths and some surprising facts about the couple. Daley said those in attendance would be shocked to learn just how little Bonnie had to do with the robberies and killings, and yet the two are often seen as inseparable antagonists in their unified story.

“One thing they’d be surprised about is that Bonnie was married to another man, and not

Clyde, and that she didn’t take part in any of the robberies. She was an accomplice, and maybe drove the getaway car and did some loading,” Daley said. “There is one instance where they say she may have been seen shooting out a window in a gun fight. Another surprise might be the amount of people that were killed. Most likely, Clyde and other gang members killed 13 people.”

But there’s so much more to this story of two lovers on the run than just robberies and gunfights. Daley said what fascinates him most about these two figures, and what fascinates a lot of people, is now their story is one of two lovers on he run who met their tragic end together.

“It’s been somewhat romanticized. It’s kind of like a tragic love story, almost Shakespearean. In that way it needs to be preserved. Every other day you open the paper and there’s a robbery or something like that and it’s just another incident. This though, their story is kind of like a Greek tragedy. These two lovers did this together and

met their end together, ambushed by the law,” said Daley.

The legend of Bonnie and Clyde continues to be a fascinating one and will likely endure for even more decades to come. While Hollywood has ensured the legacy of these lovers and thieves will remain a part of pop culture, historians like Daley are also hard at work keeping the story alive. While it may seem odd to romanticize the lives of two of America’s most notorious thieves, beneath the death and violence is a very human story about two people who just happen to be on the wrong side of the law. In an era where the American public has become fascinated with tails of real life criminals and what makes them tick, one could easily consider Bonnie and Clyde’s story to be the original trend setter as one of the most tragic American true-crime stories ever told.



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Historian Christopher Daley showcased his lecture on Bonnie and Clyde at the Charlton Public Library last month.

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69. “Very” in musical terms  
70. Financial account

CLUES DOWN

1. Long, flat abdominal muscles  
2. Small Eurasian willow  
3. Justified in terms of profitability  
4. Required  
5. River that starts in Turkey  
6. Disfigure  
7. A way of communicating (abbr.)  
8. Leaks slowly  
9. Shady place under trees  
10. Made a speech  
11. Long, angry speech  
12. Mortar trough  
13. Autonomic nervous system  
19. Southern India island  
21. Grab quickly  
24. Ancient Mesopotamian city  
25. With three uneven sides  
26. Football visionary Hunt  
27. Primordial matters  
31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier  
32. “A Delicate Balance” writer  
34. Emits coherent radiation  
35. Commercial  
36. Groups of foot bones  
40. Out of print  
41. Partner to cheese  
45. German river  
47. Concluding speech  
48. Spanish dish  
52. Prominent California cape Point \_\_\_  
53. Any high mountain  
54. Ethiopian lake  
56. Mr.  
57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues  
59. Large, flightless bird  
60. Oil industry term (abbr.)  
61. Something one can draw  
62. Officers in charge  
63. Greek island

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(including amethyst and chert), several of which can be formed into sharp blades, arrow points, scrapers and the like, and the crystals themselves were often used by local medicine men.

At least two rocks didn’t become tools; they became pigments. Hematite was ground into red ochre for body, clothing and other paint and burial coloring, while graphite was turned into black powder for similar uses. A significant source of the latter existed in Sturbridge, where the Tantisques reservation still preserves some of the Native mines.

“Radiocarbon dating of archaeological remains shows that between nine and ten millennia ago, man began his domicile in New England,” historian

Howard Russell wrote in 1980’s “Indian New England Before the Mayflower.” “What had drawn him appears to have been the presence of large animals, caribou especially, which fed on the arctic tundra that had succeeded the glaciers as the ice retreated north....”

Smith noted more recent discoveries have pushed that date back. Another archaeologist dated a human site on the shores of Glacial Lake Hitchcock, which filled the Connecticut River valley for about 4,000 years, to about 12,500 years ago. There’s also a site in Northboro where researchers uncovered a Native woman’s skull in proximity to a mastodon, and other nearby mastodon skeletons have been dated to around 14,000 years ago. He said he’d like to see someone do a dissertation on that

discovery and date it to see if the human bones are the same age.

The glaciers created a lot of our region’s features. Beside numerous glacial lakes that have since emptied, often leaving fertile plains, there are kettle ponds (where chunks of ice melted after the glaciers pulled north), drumlins (rounded hills of glacial deposits, generally oriented north-south; they make up many of the hills in and around Spencer), and glacial erratics (boulders the glacier carried here), among other features.

“I just came to be exposed to this, and it’s fascinating,” said attendee Sandy Walsh of Belchertown. “It was interesting to learn what all this is and how they know.”

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## AUBURN

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problems that affect the quality of people’s lives and make a difference before they graduate.

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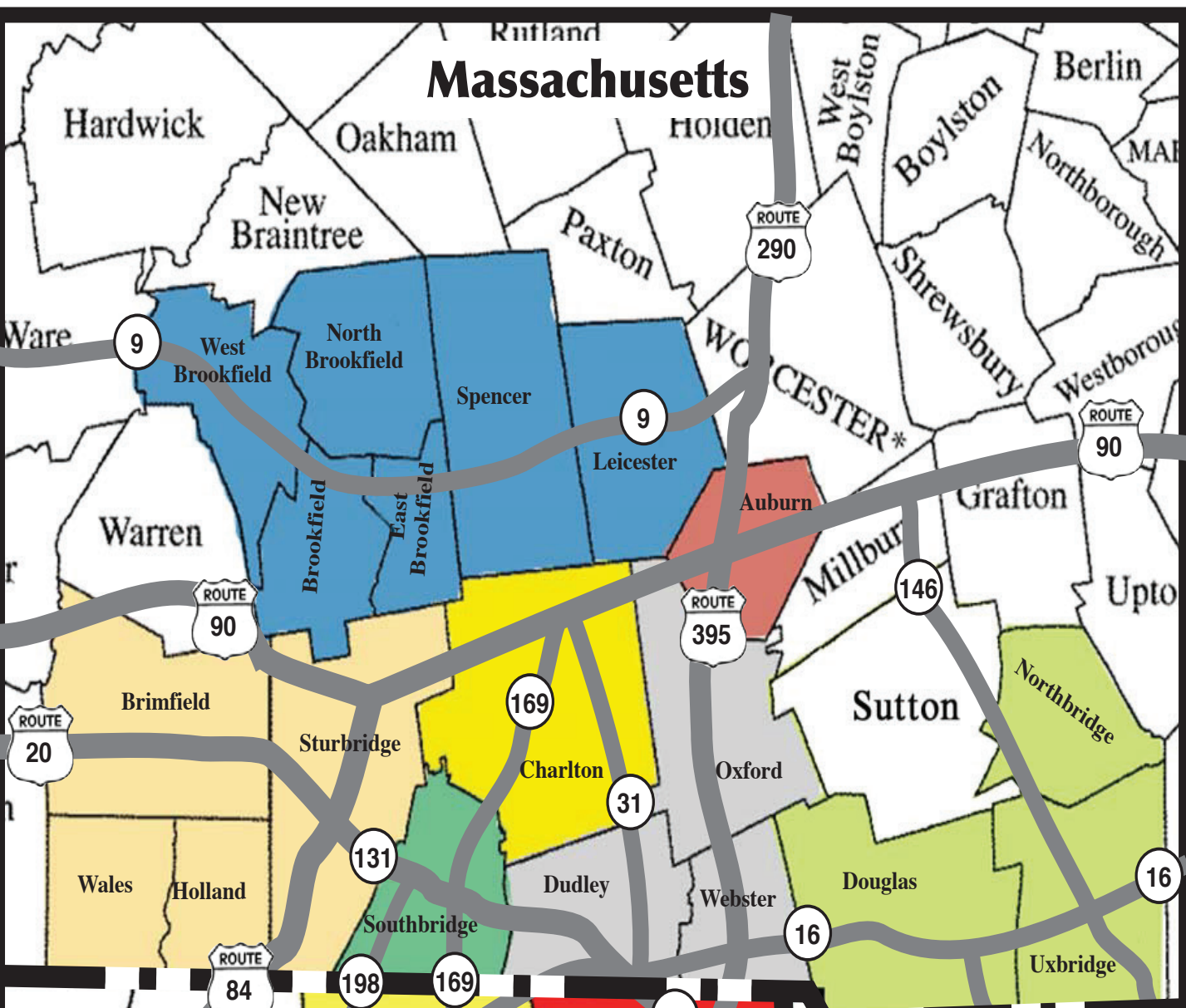
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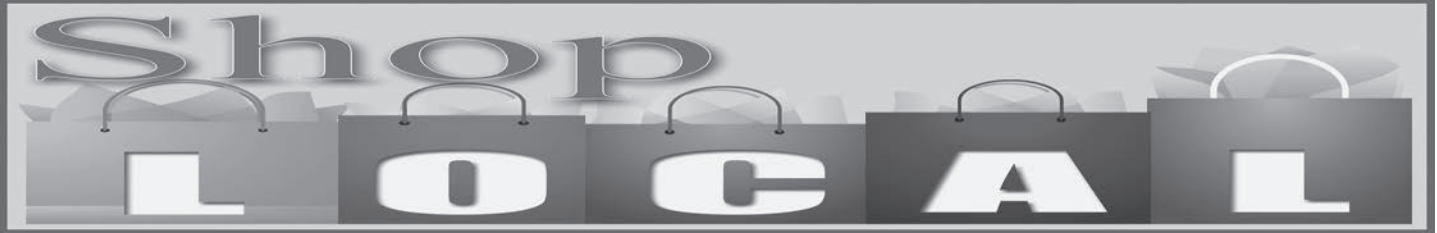


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**Docket 20 SM 000675**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:  
Amanda Giaquinto  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Freedom Mortgage Corporation, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 17 Field Street, given by Amanda Giaquinto to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated September 30, 2016, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56062, Page 242, and now held by 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 March 23, 2020 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 February 7, 2020  
Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
(20-000847 Orans)  
February 14, 2020

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
Premises: 1 Newland Street, Auburn, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly M. Bridge a/k/a Kimberly Bridge to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated September 24, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 49701 at Page 128 and now held by M&T Bank by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to M & T Bank recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on July 14, 2014 in book 52546, page 376 for breach of the conditions in said

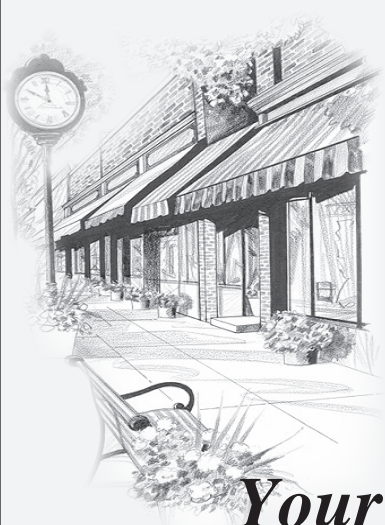
mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
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For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 20, 2009, and recorded in Book 44829 at Page 384 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.  
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270 Farmington Avenue  
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Attorney for M&T Bank  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868  
February 7, 2020  
February 14, 2020  
February 21, 2020  
**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
Premises: 32 Pinehurst Avenue, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Arthur Marcotte to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., said mortgage dated September 8, 2015, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 54294 at Page 375 and now held by Embrace Home Loans, Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. dated November 15, 2018 and recorded November 29, 2018 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59746 at Page 347 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 2, 2020 at 11:30 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
Legal Description  
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THENCE running northerly by said Reservoir 84 feet, more or less, to the point on said high water mark marking the southwest corner of Lot 12;  
THENCE running easterly by said Lot 12 a distance of 305 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.  
32 Pinehurst Ave., Auburn, MA. 004-219  
Title to the above described property conveyed to Arthur Marcotte from Sevim Bastug and Gabriel Bastug by Quit Claim Deed dated and recorded September 28, 2001 in Book 24928 Page 88 as Instrument No. 151930.  
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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**20 SM 000401**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:  
Steven F. Lavin, Sr.  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 15 Pinrock Road, given by Steven F. Lavin, Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Milend, Inc., dated September 28, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57870, Page 135 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 March 9, 2020 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 January 24, 2020.  
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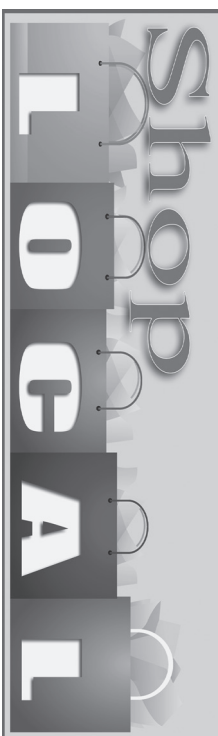
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## EDITORIAL

### A Valentine’s Day playlist

This Friday is Valentine’s Day, and love is in the air. For most, the day will consist of chocolates, roses, diamonds, gifts, candle lit dinners and all things heart shaped. Feb. 14 is a day that is either loved or hated. The once Pagan holiday turned Hallmark money maker is a day to celebrate love or to wallow in the ‘woe is me’ life of a single person.

If you’re single, ignore society’s ideals that we have to be involved in a relationship to find happiness. It’s simply not true, and there are millions of people across the globe who find themselves skipping happily down the sidewalk of life solo. If you do have a sweetheart, enjoy the day and all of the happiness that goes hand in hand as a result of Cupid’s arrow.

We think, as we often do, that the best part of any holiday is of course the music. Music is something we can enjoy regardless of our relationship status. Love has been the fuel for some of the greatest songs to pass over our ears. Below we came up with some favorites, and dug deeper to find the meaning behind the lyrics or how the songs came to be.

“Fly Me to the Moon” was originally titled “In Other Words” (for obvious reasons), and was written in 1954 by Bart Howard. In 1964, Frank Sinatra put a new spin on the old jazz standard and it has become a favorite classic. The song was written at the request of Howard’s publisher for a simpler song. Howard wrote the song in 20 minutes.

“I Say a Little Prayer,” another romantic classic with an unexpectedly deep message, was written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David in 1967 for Dionne Warwick. The song is about a woman’s concern for her significant other, serving in the Vietnam War. The song became one of the most successful hits of that era.

“What a Wonderful World” was written by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele and recorded, most famously, by Louis Armstrong in 1967. The writers originally had Tony Bennett in mind to record and release the song however Bennett turned it down. Weiss later admitted that he wrote the song expressly for Armstrong because of his ability to bring people of different backgrounds together. The song was a huge hit in the United Kingdom before it reached more fame in the United States almost ten years later. The reason for the halt, was the hesitation of ABC to promote the song.

“The Greatest Love of All” just might be the best song to belt out while driving down the highway, or in our minds, at the very least a close tie with Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody.” The ballad was written by Michael Masser and Linda Creed in 1977. The first to record the tune was George Benson who brought the song to number two on the charts. Whitney Houston took the song to a new level in 1985 where it reached the number one spot. The message is a good one, ‘learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all’.

“At Last” is a classic that was written in 1941 by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren for the movie “Sun Valley Serenade.” The lyrics were ultimately never heard in the movie, but the powerful vocal laid down by the legendary Etta James for Chess Records in 1960 led the song to the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999.

We can’t have a list of favorite love songs without including a power ballad from the 1980’s. What better band to honor today than Def Leppard. After all, nothing says “I love you” like big hair and fluorescent colored tank tops...at least, to us. In 1987, the song “Love Bites” was released, offering a tongue in cheek view of the pitfalls of romance. The song was written by five people, but it was celebrated producer Robert John “Mutt” Lange who brought the song to the attention of the band. The song was originally written with a Country artist in mind; however, Def Leppard added the rock flare that made the song climb the charts.

“Your Body is a Wonderland,” written by John Mayer in 2001, was apparently about Mayer’s first girlfriend at the age of 14. The original title was “Strawberry Wonderland,” but was later changed.

Last but not least to make our list is perhaps the definitive love song — “My Girl” by the Temptations. This classic was recorded in 1964. The song was written by Smokey Robinson and Ronald White. The inspiration for the song came from Robinson’s wife Claudette Rogers Robinson.

Valentine’s Day, with its tricky origins, still serves as a solid reminder that romance is timeless and we have the music to prove it.

### Always choose optimism

We came into this world without choice. We didn’t decide to be conceived. Two people we didn’t know decided that for us. We were carried for nine months, then pushed out with no consideration by our mother as to whether we wished to go or stay. We were suddenly and rudely squeezed out into a life that we didn’t decide to live. Then to add to the humiliation of coming into this world naked, a group of masked strangers examined our bare bodies and counted our fingers and toes, as if they’d never seen a tiny human before. Embarrassingly, we cried like little babies, when for no reason at all, one of the masked strangers grabbed us by our ankles, raised our naked bodies upside down and slapped us on our bottoms. Their actions told us for the first time, life is unfair.

That’s how it all began for me. Maybe you endured a similar experience?

We were given no choice. On one day we didn’t exist and on the next, we are a human life beginning to form and grow. We entered an imperfect and broken world and are told at an early age, “Life isn’t fair. Just deal with it.”

Even though we are forced onto this world we quickly begin establishing how we’ll live our lives by the choices we make. Those choices are made based upon how we see and interpret the world around us. The choices we make, determine our direction and the way we live our lives. We are where we are at this very moment, not by chance, but because of the choices we made. It is those choices that determine the quality of the life we lead and our impact on those around us.

The choice between optimism and pessimism may be the most impactful choice we make. It creates the foundation upon how we build and live our lives and the impact we have on others.

Where some people see sadness, others create happiness. Where some see no way out, others optimistically create their path. Where some see overwhelming odds, others see opportunity to succeed. The greatest difference I see in the lives of happy and successful people and those who are miserable and failing, begins with how they view life. The happiest and most successful among us, see the world as a beautiful place abundant with opportunities for happiness and success, while others see obstacles in their path and misery.

I always marvel at how an optimist

#### POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

and a pessimist can look at the same thing but see something different. It is a matter of prospective created by our attitude. We all have heard the example of those who see the glass half full while others see it half empty. That is applicable to any situation.

I paid my way through college selling vacuum cleaners, door to door. I graduated from college debt free, while nine out of ten people who started in that business quit in the first day because they could not see the opportunity. They focused on the prospects who slammed the door in their faces. I focused on those who did not and assumed they were happy to see me. Both were true but I focused on the positive.

Looking through the eyes of optimism encourages you to push forward. As I say almost every week, if you are pessimistic and assume failure, why would you even try? You already assume the worst.

Don’t blame others for your view of life.

Some of us are born into loving families who nurture and teach us right from wrong, while others are brought into lives where they were never wanted and learn to live their lives without nurturing or instruction. Regardless of which, it is the choices that we make that determine how we live our lives and how we ultimately impact others. Blaming your parents for your attitude is a foolish excuse. As soon as we are old enough to discern right from wrong, good from evil and positive from negative, our choices become our responsibility. Accepting responsibility for our own actions is paramount to living a happy, successful and optimistic life.

More important than success, the most optimistic people I know are also the kindest. The kindness we shared and the dignity in which we live makes a lasting impact on the world around us.

The time to think about the impact we have on others is not on our deathbed but while we are living our lives. Decide now the difference you wish to make, the joy and happiness you wish to share with others or positive education you can pass on.

Choose optimism and you are choosing a happier and more fruitful life.

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### A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

While most of the hint columns are theme based, sometimes there are some tips worth sharing that don’t fall into an upcoming category. The solution? Compile them for a potpourri of assorted tricks and tips! Read on for some everyday solutions to life’s little hassles:

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Flu season is here for at least another month. Want another weapon in the fight against flu? According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

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Washing your car this weekend? If you run out of car wash, just add a couple of capfuls of biodegradable shampoo such as Herbal Essence into a bucket of water. Does your car smell damp after a heavy rain? Sprinkle clay-based kitty litter under the car mats, leave for two days, then vac up after the odor is gone!

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Did you know not only can an apple a day keep the doctor away - it may even help keep the fat away! Pectin in apples contains soluble fiber, which absorbs water in the intestines, mixes the food into a gel and can actually limit the amount of fat your cells can absorb!



#### TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Hydrogen peroxide is a thrifty alternative to pricey products. Did you know 3% hydrogen peroxide can be used as an effective foot bath for athlete’s foot? Soak feet in one pint of hydrogen peroxide mixed with one gallon of warm water for a half hour each night. And it’s a natural disinfectant so use it full strength to kill germs on phones, keyboards or door handles.

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If you have symptoms of carpal tunnel, it could be the way you use your computer mouse. Relieve symptoms by using your fingers instead of your wrist to control the mouse - think piano lessons! And try grasping the mouse with the thumb and pinky - it takes the strain off the wrist.

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Did you know it’s easy to make delicious homemade applesauce in the crock pot? Peel, core and slice ten large apples, add one cup water, one cup sugar (if desired), and one teaspoon cinnamon. Cover cook on low for eight to ten hours! Start it in the morning and it’ll be done when you get home!

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Cleaning the house in a hurry? Slip a sticky lint roller replacement tube

### Valentine’s Day: Financial protection can be a great Valentine’s Day Gift



#### FINANCIAL FOCUS

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On Valentine’s Day, you can give your spouse or life partner a traditional gift such as candy or flowers. But once you’ve done that, why not think about something that can provide longer-lasting benefits for your loved one?

Specifically, think about ways to provide a lifetime of financial protection.

You can do this in several ways, including:

Protection while you’re alive – As you know, it’s usually necessary for both partners or spouses to work to maintain a household – so if your income were to disappear, even temporarily, it could present a big problem. Your current employer could offer disability income insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be enough for your needs, so you may want to consider purchasing your own policy. Keep in mind, though, that disability coverage typically only lasts for a few years, and, in any case, probably won’t completely replace your income. Consequently, it’s a good idea to build up your financial resources in other ways, so contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) and IRA during your working years. If you do become disabled, it may be possible for you to tap into these funds without incurring a tax penalty, though regular taxes may still be due.

Protection if you need care – If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care worker, you might find the costs to be considerable – and possibly a severe burden on your spouse or partner. In fact, 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 Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses. To protect your spouse or partner – not to mention your grown children – from possibly having to deal with these costs, you might consider purchasing long-term care insurance. As an alternative, you could purchase a “hybrid” policy that combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to your spouse or partner or another beneficiary you’ve named.

Protection when you’re gone – If you were to pass away, would your spouse or partner have the financial resources to continue the same lifestyle, pay the mortgage or, if you have children, provide for their education? If the answer is no, then you need to maintain adequate life insurance. How much is enough? There’s no one right answer for everyone. You might hear that you need a death benefit that’s worth seven or eight times your annual income, but the actual amount should be based on a variety of factors – your age, size of family, current income, spouse or partner’s income, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the appropriate amount of coverage.

Valentine’s Day is just one day on the calendar. But if it serves as another reminder of how much you value your spouse or partner and spurs you into action to protect her or him throughout your lifetime – and beyond – then it will be an important day indeed.

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# Antique and collectibles news

It's been over a month since my last report on antique and collectibles news. Collectibles articles top the recent news.

A very rare Hot Wheels Camaro white enamel prototype made in 1968 was recently found and purchased by a dealer, according to the Robb report. The car was a prototype that was painted in white enamel. The white painted cars were used by the designers to check for imperfections and weren't intended to reach retailers. A 2020 Camaro manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$25,000. The Hot Wheels car is estimated to be valued at \$100,000, 4 times the value of a new Camaro. Hot Wheels cars from this era originally retailed for 59 cents. The article didn't report how much the dealer paid for it.

An Air Force Veteran recently had a watch that he purchased in 1975 evaluated by



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an Antiques Roadshow appraiser according to People Magazine. The man was stationed in Southeast Asia where he admired the Rolex watches being worn by many of the pilots. He began scuba diving when he transferred to another base and learned that the watches were also good in water. That convinced him to purchase the watch through the base exchange for \$345.97, with his 10 percent discount. It was a sizable

purchase when most monthly salaries were then only \$300 to \$400 per month. He found the watch was too nice to use in salty water. He kept it in a safe deposit box since then, along "with the paperwork, receipts, and original box." The watch face is marked "Oyster Cosmograph" and is referred to as the Paul Newman watch. Newman wore a similar Rolex in the movie "Winning." The appraiser informed the owner that watches like his have been



selling for \$150,000 to \$200,000 at auction. Because he never wore it and because he kept the original box and paperwork, the appraiser said that his watch should sell for even more. He estimated it could bring \$500,000 to \$700,000 at auction.

For those of you who want a collectible you can imbibe, Glenfiddich Scotch is offering 100 bottles of their single malt scotch that were produced in 1975. Maxim reports that 100

bottles of the 44-year-old scotch were created only for the U.S. market. The 100 bottles were produced from 2 different casks. Cask 4706's description is "distinctive and rare rich gold whisky has a lively and vibrant bouquet imparting notes of oak, antique leather, tannin and crisp parchment, while maintaining its intriguing zestiness with hints of green apple and citrus." The scotch in the cask 5114 bottles is described as "a beautifully

rich and complex dark amber whisky envelops the nose with an intense spicy oak character and layers of dried fruits." The bottles are priced at \$9,000. Doing the math, that is a little over \$380 for just one drink.

Our Jan. 30 auction was very successful. Comic books, coins, sterling silver, gold jewelry and military memorabilia were some of the best sellers. Comic books have been selling so well recently that I will dedicate an upcoming column to them.

There is still time to register for my "Evaluating your antiques" on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. Other events are being scheduled. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other events.

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## Keep your Valentine flowers looking their best



Melinda Myers Photo  
Adding a few roses to bouquets with less fragrant flowers, like hydrangea, will add the aroma that many people desire when receiving a floral arrangement.

Nothing says Happy Valentine's Day like a fresh bouquet of flowers. Make sure your gift provides many days of enjoyment by selecting the freshest flowers and providing the best possible care.

Take some time to evaluate the quality of the cut flowers you plan to purchase. Select fresh flowers with upright and perky flowers and lots of firm buds that are just starting to open. Avoid flowers sitting in foul smelling water with drooping leaves and discolored slimy stems.

Consider color and fragrance as well as freshness. Many people love the sweet fragrance of roses, carnations and lilies. Some varieties are more fragrant than others, so you'll need to do the nose test. Other individuals prefer to look at and not smell their beautiful arrangement. For them, select non-fragrant varieties and other flowers like hydrangea, alstroemeria, gerbera daisies and lisianthus that lack a strong fragrance.

Select their favorite color or perhaps one that sends a message. Red is often used to represent love and passion, pink for happiness and sometimes love, yellow for friendship and cheer, and peach for gratitude. Include a card to make sure the message and sentiments are received.

Roses are a Valentine favorite, but a dozen may be out of reach for your budget. A single rose in a bud vase or large bloom floating in a shallow vase can bring a bit of beauty and lots of enjoyment to you or the recipient. Or add a few roses to your bouquet of other colorful flowers.

Once you make your selection, ask the florist to include a packet of floral preservative and wrap your flowers. This protects them from extreme temperatures and jostling during the ride home.

Extend the life of your floral gift with a few key steps before placing the flowers in a vase.

Remove the lower leaves, so just the leafless stems are sitting in the water.



### GARDEN MOMENTS

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This minimizes bacterial growth that can shorten the vase life of cut flowers. Recut the stems and arrange your blossoms in a clean vase filled with fresh water and floral preservative. Cutting the stems on an angle increases the amount

of exposed surface area to absorb water. Change the water, clean the vase if needed, recut the stems and add floral preservative every two to three days. Remove any flowers that have faded to keep your arrangement looking its best. Doing this can double the life of your cut flowers.

Further extend the vase life of cut flowers by displaying them in a cool, draft-free location. Or move them to a cooler spot at night and back in a prominent spot during the day.

Even if you do everything right, roses sometimes bend or droop at the neck and disappoint. This can happen if they have not received enough water at some point between harvest and your vase.

Fortunately, there is a way to revive roses. Remove the roses from the vase. Recut the stems and submerge the whole rose – stem, leaves, flowers and all – in a sink or tub of warm water. Leave the roses submerged for 30 minutes.

Clean and refill the vase with fresh water and a bit of floral preservative. Recut the stems on a slant, underwater if possible, and place the roses back in the vase. You will have perky fresh roses to enjoy for a week or more.

And pick up an additional bouquet for yourself. Fresh flowers are a great way to brighten your home and lift your spirits.

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onto a paint roller and wipe away ceiling dirt and cobwebs in a snap! Freshen carpets without a mess of by spritzing Febreze fabric freshener on the vacuum roller brushes. The sweet smell will spread across the room.

The fiery spice cayenne is also a hot commodity in home remedies. Have a head cold? A dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea relieves congestion. Touted as a natural antibiotic, a few shakes of Tabasco sauce into tomato juice is said to boost the immunity and fight flu. Never give

cayenne to kids!

Here's a quick energy saving tip that adds up to savings! Replace your shower head with a low flow model and instantly reduce your hot water consumption up to 30%! If your family showers 30 minutes a day, switching a five gallon per minute shower head with a 2.5 gallon per minute head will save about \$150 per year.

The virtues of a cup of tea go way beyond taste! A study conducted by Harvard University found that those who drank one or more cups of black tea per day had more than a 40 percent lower risk of having a heart attack compared to non-

tea drinkers. Need another reason to take a tea time break? Tea contains 1/3 less caffeine than coffee or cola!

Who says you can't teach an old cat new tricks? Instead of de-clawing your cat to prevent ruined upholstery, just tape instead tape clear carpet tape on areas of sofas and chairs, and your cat will avoid it like the dog next door! Replace tape when dirty or remove when cat stops scratching the area.

Resolving to walk more? These tips are for you! Walking to "digest your meal" is more than an after dinner pastime. Studies show when you walk within 30 minutes after eating you can increase the amount of

calories you burn by as much as 30 per cent! But be sure to avoid caffeinated beverages before you walk. They cause thirst and a loss of bodily fluids.

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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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# SPORTS

## Auburn’s defense clamps down on Minutemen in order to take home victory



Positioned in the corner, Bay Path’s Jackie Ross reaches out to catch a pass thrown her way.



Bay Path defenders Olivia Bowes (14) and Bethany Lasell reach out to disrupt a shot taken by Auburn’s Zoe Picard.



Bethany Lasell of Bay Path drives down the court on an Auburn defender.



Bay Path’s Christin Pink delivers a pass down the court before it can be blocked by an Auburn defender.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Not only were shots not dropping for the Auburn High girls’ varsity basketball team in first-half action versus Bay Path Regional last Wednesday, Feb. 5, but the Minutemen were also putting together some of their best basketball of the season. Add all that up and Bay Path held a 17-15 lead over the Rockets at intermission.

The halftime break helped Auburn, as they regrouped and came out recharged. The Rockets not only scored 25 points in second-half play, but they also limited the Minutemen to 7 thanks to a

scorching hot defense.

“I am very glad that we turned around that way because in the first half I felt like we were doing the things that we needed to do, but we weren’t producing,” Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost said, as the Rockets ultimately won a 40-24 decision. “I told them to keep up with the defensive intensity — that was keeping us in the game — and offensively to just keep working the ball, taking open shots and following your shot.”

With 5:36 to play in the third quarter, a string of three straight Bay Path turnovers — due in large part to Auburn’s pressing defense —

led to two baskets by Hanorah Murphy and two more by Olivia Mathews. That gave the Rockets the lead for good at 23-17.

Auburn eventually scored the first 17 points of the frame to pull ahead 32-17, and they led by a 33-19 count as play entered the fourth quarter.

The Rockets then won the low-scoring period 7-5 to claim a 16-point victory.

“My senior captains, Mick Sampson and Liv Mathews, they both had over five steals each and they really led us with their intensity,” LePrevost said of the defense being such a big factor in the second-half turnaround.



Olivia Bowes of Bay Path gets a step on an Auburn defender as she drives the ball into the lane.

Eight Auburn players scored in the game, who were led by Murphy’s 11 points. Mathews was close behind with 9 points.

LePrevost is hoping that the Rockets can continue to play strong basketball, as their record moved up to 7-8. They need to finish at 10-10 or better to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 2 postseason tournament.

“We’re clawing. We have five games and we need three of them to make districts,” she said. “They want it and if they want it they’ll keep working hard.”

The Rockets then followed the victory over the Minutemen with a loss to Grafton High and a victory over Oxford High. Auburn is now 8-9 as of press time with home games to play against Notre Dame Academy (Wednesday, Feb. 12) before hosting a four-team invitational tournament that also includes Nipmuc Regional, Quaboag Regional and Grafton (Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15).

On the other end of things,

Bay Path head coach John Selen was ecstatic with the way his team played in the first half, but also that it was a total tale of two halves.

“We played as good as we could play in the first half. [In the second half] we just started making fundamental mistakes, young mistakes, and the kids understand that we’re just not there yet,” he said. “We’re working toward it. We’re growing.”

After essentially losing their entire starting five from a year ago, the Minutemen have struggled this season to the tune of a 3-12 record.

Selen noted that after breaking the press with some ease in the first half that things changed over the final two quarters.

“The kids played hard, we just couldn’t put a second half together,” he concluded.

Bay Path’s scoring was balanced, as Jackie Ross and Olivia Bowes both finished with 6 points, which were team-high totals.

Nick Ethier photos



# SPORTS

## Rockets' extremely fast start does in Bay Path, 72-48



Auburn's Justin Skaparas drives the ball into the lane on Bay Path's defense.



Surrounded by Bay Path players, JB Whittemore of Auburn remains determined to get his interior shot off.



Auburn's Mike Dillon dribbles between his legs to avoid a Bay Path steal.



Jason McKay photos

Auburn's Coleman Picard slashes hard to the basket versus Bay Path.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Both individually and collectively, there are hot starts and then there are hot starts. The Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team enjoyed both kinds — individually and collectively — in its 72-48 win over Bay Path Regional on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Collective heat: The Rockets — winners of five consecutive games to improve to 9-8 with two regular-season games remaining — needed just four minutes and 22 seconds to score the first 17 points of the game. Comfortably ahead, Auburn cruised to leads of 22-8 after the first quarter, 49-17 at halftime and 60-27 after three periods.

Individual heat: The Rockets' first-half assault on the basket was led by senior Coleman Picard, who scored 23 of his game-high 29 points before intermission. Justin Skaparas, Picard's classmate, did his part in the first 16 minutes, too, scoring 15 of his 19 points before the break, all his first-half points coming on five of the six 3-pointers he buried in the game.

"I don't think we've gotten off to such a fast start in any of our other games this year. Everything we were doing was working — kick out 3s, fast breaks, driving to the hoop — everything was dropping," Picard said. "It's nice to have a night like this. We've worked so hard in practice and the games leading up to this, it was nice for everything to come together like it did tonight."

Auburn head coach Dan Koen said he could feel his team's sense of purpose right from the start of the game.

"We came in focused tonight, knowing if we want to have a chance to get into the Clark Tournament this was the game we needed to have," said Koen, whose team ended up falling just shy of qualifying for the Clark despite the win. "From the tip we definitely had the mindset that nothing was going to stop us; that we were going to do whatever it takes to win this game."

Auburn's point total was its third highest this season and increased the Rockets' average points per game to 56.1.

"We do have the potential to score," said Koen, whose team defeated Bay Path earlier in the season, picking up a 65-58 win in that game, played on New Year's Eve. "The shots we were hitting were all in the flow. We got some offensive rebounds and

some defensive stops that led to some baskets in transition. You could see the kids' confidence grow and the shots just kept falling. The kids have bought in and they want to keep playing."

Picard said the Rockets are a much different team during this five-game winning streak than the three-game losing skid that preceded it.

"Truthfully, it's just the team coming together. The start of the season was slow; most of us are multi-sport athletes so we came in having taken less shots than some of the teams on the early part of our schedule," Picard said. "Now we're playing with a different type of swagger and confidence. We can go out any night and perform and execute. We believe in coach and everything that has worked for us and we're excited for what's coming up."

Although the Rockets didn't reach the Clark Tournament, their recent play elevated them into the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. After defeating the Minutemen, Auburn also picked up a win against Oxford High improve to 10-8 and qualify for post-season play.

On Bay Path's side, head coach Al Greenough said he knew right away that the game was going to be a 32-minute struggle for his team.

"From the get-go we were flat; we didn't have it," said Greenough, whose team dropped to 3-12 with the loss. "It's disappointing because we came off what I thought was our best win of the season. On Monday we knocked off [11-5] Parker [Charter, 74-61] who is in first place in our league. The kids were excited about this game, both in practice yesterday and during warmups before the game."

"[Auburn] hit a couple of shots right off the bat — I don't know what they shot tonight but it had to be around 70 percent — and I think that just deflated us early and we never really ever got started," Greenough continued. "If you dig a hole that big, obviously you're not going to come back. They shot well and we couldn't get our offense going and we couldn't break the press. We didn't have anything going for us and by the time we did it was just too late."

The Minutemen were led by sophomore Dylan Cotton, who scored a team-high 17 points and hit four 3-pointers, and senior captain Ben LaPointe, who added 7 points.



SPORTS

Uxbridge boys, Grafton girls stake claim as SWCL Track Champions



Nick Ethier photos

The Southern Worcester County League indoor track and field championships were held at Tantasqua Regional on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — The title of Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) indoor track and field champion was up for grabs on Tuesday, Feb. 4 when the 12 member schools all visited Tantasqua Regional for the SWCL Championships. The Uxbridge High boys’ team and the Grafton High girls’ squad were team champions, with 24 event winners also rewarded. The team results and top-six finishers from each event are listed below. A first place finish earned 10 points toward the team total, with second place generating 8 points, third place accumulating 6 points, fourth place gaining 4 points, fifth place receiving 2 points and sixth place getting 1 point.

BOYS’ TEAM RESULTS

- 1. Uxbridge, 74 points
- 2. Millbury, 57
- 2. Grafton, 57
- 4. Auburn, 49
- 5. Tantasqua, 32
- 6. Quaboag, 27
- 7. Northbridge, 24
- 8. Bartlett, 20
- 9. Leicester, 16
- 10. Oxford, 4
- 10. Southbridge, 4

BOYS’ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 55-Meter Dash
- 1. Josh Fiore, Grafton, 6.95
  - 2. Hunter Wilcox, Grafton, 7.01
  - 3. Barry Rincon, Bartlett, 7.12
  - 4. Alex Torres, Southbridge, 7.13
  - 5. Eastyn Davis, Tantasqua, 7.13
  - 6. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 7.13
- 300-Meter Dash
- 1. Marcus Babi, Northbridge, 38.48
  - 2. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 39.63
  - 3. Theodore Miller, Leicester, 39.81
  - 4. Cabot Lacey, Quaboag, 40.04
  - 5. John-Paul Brennan, Grafton, 40.12
  - 6. Chandler Horn, Tantasqua, 40.52
- 600-Meter Run
- 1. Marcus Babi, Northbridge, 1:30.93
  - 2. Rigoberto Alfonso, Leicester, 1:31.18
  - 3. Brandon Rodrigues, Tantasqua, 1:32.61
  - 4. Grayson Logan, Grafton, 1:34.71
  - 5. Cameron Szalay, Auburn, 1:34.91
  - 6. Fidel Castro, Auburn, 1:35.59
- 1,000-Meter Run
- 1. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 2:48.65
  - 2. Aidan Ross, Uxbridge, 2:54.08

- 3. Zach Lapointe, Auburn, 2:55.98
  - 4. Stephen Sanches, Uxbridge, 3:02.10
  - 5. Thomas Burke, Uxbridge, 3:03.14
  - 6. Nevan Kelley, Grafton, 3:07.87
- One-Mile Run
- 1. Avinash Bissoondail, Millbury, 4:45.24
  - 2. Aidan Ross, Uxbridge, 4:47.05
  - 3. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 4:47.83
  - 4. Stephen Sanches, Uxbridge, 5:11.36
  - 5. Oscar Wyspanski, Auburn, 5:15.53
  - 6. Marhsall Knowlton, Grafton, 5:26.93
- Two-Mile Run
- 1. Keegan Gleason, Millbury, 10:17.92
  - 2. Colin Caso, Uxbridge, 10:34.33
  - 3. Carl Gallawan, Uxbridge, 10:39.78
  - 4. James Bernard, Uxbridge, 10:53.36
  - 5. Josh Anderson, Auburn, 11:26.67
  - 6. Eric Romanoff, Tantasqua, 11:28.52

- 55-Meter Hurdles
- 1. Joe Cook, Millbury, 8.53
  - 2. Casey Robidoux, Tantasqua, 8.69
  - 3. Cabot Lacey, Quaboag, 9.41
  - 4. Donald Speight, Bartlett, 10.09
  - 5. Alexander Majewski, Tantasqua, 10.11
  - 6. Jacob Gulledge, Grafton, 10.18
- 4x200-Meter Relay
- 1. Uxbridge (Robbie Mateer, Brendan Thompson, Jared Peniche, Ryan Silbor), 1:45.74
  - 2. Auburn (Caleb Scopetski, Kyle Jacques, Andrew Noonan, Anthony Cintron), 1:45.88
  - 3. Grafton (Hunter Wilcox, Zach Markt, Josh Fiore, Nimith Soth), 1:46.49
  - 4. Bartlett (Jake Richard, Sam Kontoes, Barry Rincon, Nicholas Violette), 1:49.89
  - 5. Oxford (Giovani Casiano, Myles Caft, Darius Richardson, Aiden Fahey), 1:51.55
  - 6. Quaboag (Andrew Gagnon, Justin Janosz, Chris Laprade, Thomas Snow), 1:57.80
- 4x400-Meter Relay
- 1. Auburn (Alex Bisceglia, Caleb Scopetski, Aaron Pigeon, Cameron Szalay), 4:03.34
  - 2. Quaboag (Tyler Jovic, Jordan Floria, Gage Lane, Austin Lourake), 4:07.03
  - 3. Tantasqua (Alexander Majewski, Eric Romanoff, Sam Smith, Brandon Rodrigues), 4:14.98
  - 4. Bartlett (Alexander Somicu, Ryan Truscott, Chase Czernicki, Lucas Wolfram), 4:23.47
  - 5. Leicester (Rigoberto Alfonso, Evan Benoit, Brett Carroll, Theodore Miller), 4:25.26

- 4x800-Meter Relay
- 1. Uxbridge (Thomas Burke, Colin Caso, Carl Gallawan, Ben Wojciechowski), 9:37.65
  - 2. Auburn (Josh Anderson, Oscar Wyspanski, Finn O’Donnell, Zach Lapointe), 9:51.60
  - 3. Grafton (Colin Frank, Justin Trihn, Nameer Khan, Marhsall Knowlton), 10:08.96
- High Jump
- 1. Ryan Silbor, Uxbridge, 5-10
  - 2. Cabot Lacey, Quaboag, 5-08
  - 3. Caleb Scopetski, Auburn, 5-06
  - 4. Anthony Cintron, Auburn, 5-04
  - 5. Richard Sayle, Bartlett, 5-04
  - 6. Nimith Soth, Grafton, 5-00
- Shot Put
- 1. Edwin Cochoran, Millbury, 46-00.00
  - 2. Charlie Mitchell, Millbury, 43-05.50
  - 3. Kyle Boone, Tantasqua, 43-03.50
  - 4. Jared Wielsma, Northbridge, 43-00.00
  - 5. Nick Geragonis, Oxford, 41-08.50
  - 6. Hunter Wilcox, Grafton, 40-04.50

GIRLS’ TEAM RESULTS

- 1. Grafton, 93 points
- 2. Tantasqua, 74
- 3. Uxbridge, 73.5
- 4. Auburn, 68
- 5. Leicester, 30
- 6. Millbury, 16.5
- 7. Quaboag, 8
- 8. Northbridge, 4
- 9. Oxford, 3
- 10. Bartlett, 1

GIRLS’ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 55-Meter Dash
- 1. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 7.97
  - 2. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 7.99
  - 3. Kylie Lambert, Auburn, 8.06
  - 4. Mackenzie Mackin, Auburn, 8.08
  - 5. Jackie Gilbert, Millbury, 8.12
  - 6. Julia Koshivos, Grafton, 8.27
- 300-Meter Dash
- 1. Aaliyah Hernandez, Leicester, 44.38
  - 2. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 45.47
  - 3. Annel Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 45.94
  - 4. Caroline Gilson, Grafton, 46.70
  - 5. Shannon Dunn, Tantasqua, 46.89
  - 6. Calley Brouillard, Millbury, 47.16
- 600-Meter Run
- 1. Andrea St. Jean, Grafton, 1:44.24
  - 2. Jordan Lapierre, Tantasqua, 1:49.84
  - 3. Claudia Oliver, Auburn, 1:50.07
  - 4. Samantha Chrabaszcz, Northbridge, 1:54.31
  - 5. Jena Taubert, Millbury, 1:54.39
  - 6. Carly Hayes, Auburn, 1:55.40
- 1,000-Meter Run
- 1. Taylor Blanton, Auburn, 3:23.85
  - 2. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 3:28.60
  - 3. Karina Sargent, Auburn, 3:31.18
  - 4. Mikayla Mannion, Grafton, 3:35.99
  - 5. Claire Godek, Tantasqua, 3:42.31
  - 6. Grace Cummings, Grafton, 3:46.38
- One-Mile Run
- 1. Olivia Magierowski, Tantasqua, 5:53.15
  - 2. Karina Sargent, Auburn, 5:55.09
  - 3. Mikayla Mannion, Grafton, 5:57.94
  - 4. Faith McCormack, Tantasqua, 6:13.59
  - 5. Grace Cummings, Grafton, 6:14.81
  - 6. Julia Philbrook, Uxbridge, 6:19.94
- Two-Mile Run
- 1. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 13:03.57
  - 2. Julia Philbrook, Uxbridge, 13:07.51
  - 3. Abigail Gahagan, Leicester, 13:12.19
  - 4. Megan Wajer, Grafton, 13:19.31
  - 5. Kate Downing, Tantasqua, 13:32.48
  - 6. Grace Foulkrod, Auburn, 13:35.66
- 55-Meter Hurdles
- 1. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 9.10
  - 2. Kathryn Morrill, Tantasqua, 9.65
  - 3. Riley Clark, Millbury, 9.93
  - 4. Morgan Martellio, Uxbridge, 10.22
  - 5. Ana Wengender, Tantasqua, 10.38
  - 6. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 10.71

- 4x200-Meter Relay
- 1. Tantasqua (Maeve Ashworth, Lila Ives, Jordan Lapierre, Shannon Dunn), 2:01.27
  - 2. Grafton (Olivia Follansbee, Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Chloe Bergeron, Julia Koshivos), 2:03.25
  - 3. Leicester (Jordan Clarke, Aaliyah Hernandez, Breanna Escobar, Hannah Collette), 2:05.15
  - 4. Auburn (Chizoba Igwenagu, Kylie Lambert, Sydney Mercadante, Haley Norris), 2:05.49
  - 5. Uxbridge (Danielle Healey, Morgan Martellio, Paige Seymour, Jenny Frick), 2:06.54



- 2:06.54
- 6. Millbury (Jenna Boria, Calley Brouillard, Hannah Irish, Allison Pogorek), 2:07.75
- 4x400-Meter Relay
- 1. Grafton (Annel Balogh de Galantha, Bridget Kennedy, Caroline Gilson, Andrea St. Jean), 4:37.34
  - 2. Auburn (Claudia Oliver, Chizoba Igwenagu, Taylor Blanton, Carly Hayes), 4:40.24
  - 3. Tantasqua (Kate Downing, Julia Howard, Olivia Magierowski, Faith McCormack), 4:46.29
  - 4. Uxbridge (Cecilia Schleinitz, Paige Seymour, Jillian Lutton, Jenny Frick), 5:01.05
  - 5. Millbury (Jenna Boria, Charlotte O’Neil, Hannah Irish, Elena Mimo), 5:15.41
- 4x800-Meter Relay
- 1. Grafton (Riley Cass, Helena Firlings, Abigail O’Toole, Megan Wajer), 11:46.05
  - 2. Quaboag (Phoebe Clowes, Isabella Clowes, Kate Landon, Annabel Melanson), 11:57.76
  - 3. Auburn (Grace Beauregard, Grace Foulkrod, Emily Dupuis, Marta Brzoska), 12:10.63
  - 4. Uxbridge (Avery Guillette, Kaylee Travares, Jalyn Gingras, Jillian Lutton), 12:16.91
  - 5. Millbury (Jena Taubert, Rebecca Goyette, Jayden Welsh, Allison Pogorek), 12:33.19
  - 6. Bartlett (Vivian Poplawski, Lily Picchioni, Jolin Etpison, Kathryn James), 12:42.77
- High Jump
- 1. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 5-00
  - 2. Genevieve Porter, Auburn, 5-00
  - 3. Kathryn Morrill, Tantasqua, 4-10
  - 4. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 4-08
  - 5. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 4-08
  - 6. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 4-06
  - 6. Jena Taubert, Millbury, 4-06

- Shot Put
- 1. Kaitlyn Boone, Tantasqua, 31-01.50
  - 2. Kelsey Prince, Uxbridge, 30-05.00
  - 3. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 30-00.75
  - 4. Faith Mwangi, Tantasqua, 29-01.00
  - 5. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 28-05.00
  - 6. Emily Masera, Grafton, 28-01.25



# OBITUARIES

## Dylan John Skeeane, 49



AUBURN – Dylan John Skeeane, 49, of Blaker Street, died peacefully on Saturday, February 8, 2020, in his home after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Annmarie (Rossik)

Skeeane of Auburn; three children, Natasha M. Skeeane of Worcester, Derek R. Skeeane of Worcester, and Matthew K. Skeeane of Auburn; his parents, Denis and Sandra (Malm) Skeeane of Oxford; his sister, Timi L. O'Connor of Spencer; his brother, Demian Skeeane of Oxford; a niece, Devon of Connecticut; two nephews, Kyle and Ryan of West Boylston; and his great niece, Avery.

He was born in Webster and lived most of his life in Auburn. He graduated from Auburn High School. Mr. Skeeane was a machinist at Allied Machine Products for 26 years. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and playing with his dogs Bella Rose and Zeus. Memorial calling hours are Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 11 a.m. – 2

p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the UMass Memorial Foundation, Cancer Research Fund, 333 South St., Suite 400, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. paradisifuneralhome.com

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 23

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

### 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.

### 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 chil-

dren 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 weigh-ins. 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.

# Thoughts on striper season



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Saltwater anglers are patiently waiting for the final results on striped bass sizes and limits for the 2020 fishing season in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The winter 2020 public hearings are scheduled for three dates, and are as follows: March 10 at the Coolidge Middle school, 89 Birch Meadow Dr., Reading, starting at 6 p.m.; next meeting will be held on March 12 at 9:30 a.m., Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring St., Vineyard Haven, Mass.; and the final meeting for public input will be on March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Mass. Marine Academy, Admirals Hall 101 Academy Dr., Buzzards Bay .

It is very important that all striper anglers attend one of the public hearings to voice their concerns and suggestions to the Mass. Marine Fisheries board at the above mentioned hearings. Slot size limits, daily bag limits and use of circle hooks are the major concerns of most striper anglers. Use of devices to remove striped bass from any waters will be discussed. Also on the agenda are Bluefish recreational possession limits, striped bass commercial seasons, fishing days and size limits. Sea bass commercial possession limits and by catch allowances, Summer flounder commercial possession limits, Menhaden commercial limits and permitting, and numerous other housekeeping items will be discussed.

Removal of menhaden by commercial fisherman is a hot topic annually. The removal of tons of menhaden annual-

ly has had major impacts on striper populations, because the stripers feed heavily on them. In past years, areas that once had big striper populations were negatively impacted by the removal of menhaden. One area was the Providence River. What once was a fantastic fishery for recreational anglers back only a few years ago, was extremely poor for the last few years. Removal of tons of Menhaden annually has also impacted the bluefish population in the area.

Bluefish populations are also in big trouble. Their numbers have plummeted dramatically over the last 10 years, and Marine Fisheries is finally addressing the problem. By the time the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association holds their annual fishing

show on March 27-29 this year, most regulations should be finalized. More on the show in the coming weeks.

This week's two pictures of 50-pound stripers are from last year's fishing season! This year, you may need to take a picture, and then release it, because of the possible slot limit which is expected to be 28 inches to 34 inches in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island.

Ice fishing is still on hold in the Valley! Looks like another poor ice fishing season due to bad ice.

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**WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd!** Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplce! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm & Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd!** Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



**CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT!** Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Is, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplce Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Fir & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes **NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM!** Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**



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#### WEBSTER - 5 SURREY LN



**BRAND NEW TO MARKET!** Gently Used 5 Bdrm Colonial, or 4 Bdrms & Game Room! This 24 x 28 3 Car Garage HAS HEAT! Radiant Heat in Floor. Open Concept Kitchen, Dining & Living Room, Full bath, Beautiful Granite Counters w/Breakfast Bar, Newer SS Appliances – Second Floor – 5 Over-sized Bdrms! Bath & Laundry Rm! Walk up Attic. **\$409,000.**

#### WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



2 Family – **1st Floor:** 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen, Fully Appliance, New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. **2nd Floor:** Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets – 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. **\$237,500.**

#### POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



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

#### WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully appliance kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

#### WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



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

#### WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



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

#### WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



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

#### WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

**Dudley** - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**  
**Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest \$132,900**  
**Webster** - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! w/water/sewer access **\$129,400**  
**Webster** - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design,Etc. **\$130,000.**  
**Oxford** - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

#### HOLLAND - 6 MAIDEN LN



A nice place to call home! Houses situated perfectly on the lot to promote privacy on this .44 acre Lot! 6 room 2 bedroom 1-1/2 Bath. 2 brick fireplaces! Furnace and roof approximately 6 years old. Plus a guest house! assisted sale **\$229,000.**

#### WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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



#### WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**





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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**PANCAKE SUPPER ON MARDI GRAS**  
5 to 7pm at Grace Church 270 Main St, Oxford. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee and tea. We are joined by parishoners from St. Thomas, Auburn and Christ Church, Rochdale. We have been flipping pancakes on Mardi Gras since 1974, so we know how! So wear your beads and maybe a funny het and come on down! More info? caroll-ee54@charter.net

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
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**  
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**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  
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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, 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).  
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**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 (Spoooner / Newton Murders)  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20,**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basket-

ball, 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** - EB Library - continues for five weeks.  
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30**

**BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR.**  
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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**OPEN HOUSE**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
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