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Re-living railroading golden age...in miniature



Gus Steeves photos

John Morgan looks up from his close-up video recording with his mom's phone of model trains in action.

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

AUBURN – Model railroads aren't just for kids anymore.

In fact, they might never have been, if the largely adult audience for Saturday's Worcester Model Railroaders annual show and sale at Auburn Elks is any indication. Of course, most of those now steering their trains around the enormous modular network that dominated the center of Elks Hall with iPhones started with simpler technology as kids.

"When I was about 8 years old, I got a train set for Christmas, and I got hooked on it," said Greg Maas of Northbridge, saying modeling is fun, artistic and challenging in how to make the scenery look realistic.

In his case, he did have a connection to real-world railroading – his father worked for them for 42 years.

"I wanted to, but he said 'Nope, you're going to school,'" Maas recalled. "If I were to do it again, I'd have done mechanical engineering and gone to work for the railroads."

Instead, he went into the military and built himself complex systems in his basement. After a while, though, that became cumbersome; whenever he was transferred, he had to rip the whole thing apart and rebuild it in his new home. After doing that a few times, he landed in Massachusetts, where a model show in Springfield introduced him to the concept of building them in modular sections. Today, the region's various clubs build their models using standard electrical connections and rail gauges, so any one can be connected to an any other.

And it showed Saturday. The giant central model, with several hundred feet of interwoven concentric

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Land Trust sponsors tree ID program

Just what is that tree in the backyard? And that tree down the street actually sheds its bark, what is that?

The Dudley Land Trust is going to help answer those questions and others Saturday, April 7 when naturalist Michael Wojtech presents Bark: Get to Know Your Trees at the Dudley Grange, 9 a.m. to noon.

Wojtech, a naturalist, writer, illustrator and educator, will present a three hour program with the first hour of classroom work to set the criteria for different tree bark, discussing the physical structure of bark and how it grows. This will include a practice session of looking at bark photos for ecology, structure and function.

Then it's out in the field for two hours in the Wieloch Woods examining and identifying different trees. There will be an exploration of bark, which is always visible no matter the season or the weather.

Attendees will learn a system for identifying trees by their bark and discover why such a variety of bark exists.

Who should attend?

Anyone who is interested in trees and forest ecology from high school students to adults; scouts to retirees. This event is free.

Dress appropriately.

Registration is required as space is limited. Call (508) 949-0250 and leave a voice mail including a name and contact phone number.

Breakfast snacks will be available before class begins, starting at 8:30 a.m.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Bay Path practical nursing students complete overview

WEST BOYLSTON — Five practical nursing students from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy have completed Medical Reserve Corps' deployment overview. The participants, Nicole Colon of Dudley, Reagan Gosselin of Sturbridge, Samantha Marcotte of Webster, Elizabeth Lamica and Jeanne Schultz both of Southbridge received valu-

able information from speakers JoAnn Griffin, LICSW, DMH and CEO Central Mass Disaster Animal Response Team and John Degnan, emergency response coordinator, Eastern Highlands Health District, CT.

The event was designed to share knowledge, experience, and information on most recent-ly Disaster Response Team

deployment to Texas following Hurricane Harvey. Lessons learned dating back to Hurricane Andrew 1992 and includes Joplin Tornado, Worcester Cold Storage Fire and Ice Storm 2008. During the event, John Degnan, MRC Director for the District, wel-

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Courtesy photo

From Left, Jeanne Schultz, Samantha Marcotte, Elizabeth Lamica, Getheline Bolandrina Practical Nursing Academy Director, Nicole Colon and Reagan Gosselin.

Annual municipal scholarship available



The Municipal Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that it will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a deserving June 2018 graduate.

The student must be a resident of Auburn and been accepted at a four-year or a two-year college, full or part-time, carrying a minimum of nine academic credits. The student must show a need for financial assistance, be a person of good character, show evidence of a good scholastic record, have participated in extra-curricular activities while in high school, and given back to his/her community through volunteer work.

Applications are now available in the guidance office at Auburn High School and are due by April 11.

The Municipal Scholarship fund is derived from donations made by Auburn residents on their quarterly real estate tax bills. All funds raised go directly to Auburn graduates who

meet the criteria established by the Scholarship Committee and in keeping with MGL Chapter 60, Section 3(c).

If you wish to donate to this fund, please do so via upcoming real estate tax bills or you may make a donation directly to the fund by sending a check made payable to "The Town of Auburn" and noting municipal scholarship in the memo line. All funds received go

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AUBURN ITEMS

ANNUAL IRISH BREAKFAST

Area seniors are welcome to enjoy an Irish breakfast sponsored by Senator Michael O'Patrick Moore (D-Millbury). The event is free and open to local senior residents. Reservations are encouraged by contacting the Senator's Office at (617) 722-1485. It will be held Friday, March 9, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM at Pakachoag Church, 203 Pakachoag St. Auburn.

LOCAL ATTORNEY JOINS RESOLUTION GROUP

WORCESTER — Attorney Laurie S. Raphaelson formerly of Auburn has joined YLitigate, a dispute resolution group located in Worcester.

Specializing in family law, Raphaelson has been a practicing attorney with the firm of Raphaelson and Raphaelson for nearly 30 years. Laurie earned her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1988; she also holds a B.A. in education from UMass Amherst and an M.A. in counseling psychology from Assumption College. Having completed extensive training through an alternative dispute resolution program approved by six Massachusetts Family and Probate Courts, she has been actively providing divorce mediation

services for more than 15 years. She is a member of Worcester County Bar Association, on the Board of Directors, Jewish Family Services of Worcester for over 20 years, Board of Directors, Project Light for 10 years, and a member, YMCA Youth Support Campaign for 15 years

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2017-18 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth. Among the students earning honors are: Tyler Anger of Auburn, Grade: 11, First Honors; Zukudo Igwenagu of Auburn, Grade: 11, Second Honors; Nathan Pickett of Auburn, Grade: 12, Headmaster's List; and James Topa of Auburn, Grade: 12, Headmaster's List.

DOYLESTOWN, PA — Jaimee Martin, a resident of Auburn, was honored for academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University for the Fall 2017 semester.

GARDNER — The following local

Mount Wachusett Community College students who completed a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 4.0 were named to the President's List for the fall 2017 semester: Cherry Valley: Abigail Bernier.

Imani Grant of Auburn has been named to the Dean's List at MWCC.

SUMTER, SC — Albert Smreczak of Auburn has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at USC Sumter. To be named to the Dean's Honor List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher (3.25 or higher for freshmen) earned on a minimum of 12 credited semester hours at the end of the previous semester.

MANCHESTER, NH — Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. Erin Collins of Auburn, business, class of 2018

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Tea Belog of Auburn excelled during the Fall 2017 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

DARTMOUTH — Shaleigh Brooks from Auburn has been named to the

Fall 2017 UMass Dartmouth Deans list in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.2 or higher of a possible 4.0.

DARTMOUTH — UMass Dartmouth students are named to the Chancellor's List in recognition of earning a Fall 2017 semester grade point average of 3.8 or higher of a possible 4.0: Elizabeth Anusauskas and Brianna Montville of Auburn have earned a place.

HAMDEN, CT — William Sjogren of Auburn was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester at Quinnipiac University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

WESTFIELD — Angela Johnson of Auburn has earned a place on the dean's list at Westfield State University. Her father, Alan Johnson of Auburn, reports since her acceptance at the University in 2014, she has managed to earn dean's list honors every year.

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comed and congratulated the student nurses for their interest and involvement in Disaster training. He reminded them about the need to put their skills into practice to become better prepared in times of hurricanes, floods, fires, terrorist attacks, plane crashes.

The event was held at the town hall selectmen's chambers and is part of the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer meeting and networking.

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directly to Auburn graduates who are furthering their education.

The Auburn Municipal Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 recipients have each been awarded \$1,000. The 2013 recipient was Korey Dupont; the 2014 recipient was Jamie McNamara; the 2015 recipient was Jordan Lavallee; the 2016 recipient was Lily White and the 2017 recipient was Andrea Bolduc.

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Hollywood producer to deliver Nichols College commencement address

DUDLEY — Nichols College has announced Hollywood film producer Louis A. Stroller '63 will deliver the address at the college's commencement exercises on Saturday, May 5 at the DCU Center in Worcester. During the ceremony, Stroller will also receive an honorary doctoral degree in communications and media from the college. The event starts at 5 p.m.

"Nichols College provided me with a nurturing environment that enabled me to grow as a person, a businessman, and a filmmaker," said Stroller. "My education and experiences there served as my foundation for my career. I hope the graduates of the Class of 2018 will be inspired to know that no matter where you come from, you can achieve your desires if you put in the time and effort. I also hope students will understand how instrumental Nichols was in providing me with the tools I needed to reach my dreams and goals."

Stroller has been an assistant director, production manager, and producer on more than 40 films, working with some of Hollywood's most renowned actors, including Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep, Angelina Jolie, Al Pacino, Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery, and Sissy Spacek. His notable list of film credits includes "The Bone Collector," "Snake Eyes," "The Rock," "Carrie," "Scarface," "Sea of Love," and "Carlito's Way."

Brooklyn-born and a 1963 graduate of Nichols College, Stroller humbly began his storied career as a gopher, sweeping stages, and fetching coffee and Danish for the crew at a New York City television studio. (One of his early assignments was to chauffeur Harry S. Truman to the studio for a documentary production on the former president.) He became the unit manager of the Mel Brooks comedy classic, "The Producers," and served as first assistant director on films such as "Charly," Woody Allen's "Take the Money and Run," and "Lovers and Other Strangers."

In 1978, following a move to California, Stroller began an association with producer Martin Bregman and actor/director Alan Alda, and teamed with them for "The Seduction of Joe Tynan." He

went on to produce four more Alda films.

For television, he produced HBO's "Half a Lifetime," which won four Cable ACE Award nominations, and the reality series, "Grease: You're the One That I Want."

Stroller is president of Lucky L. Productions, a charter member of the Directors Guild of America, and a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"In many ways, Louis Stroller is anything but the quintessential Nichols alum," said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. "Alumni commencement speakers during my seven years at Nichols included individuals who founded major investment management firms and who turned around major retail chains. I imagine Lou is the first member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to whom we have awarded an honorary degree. Lou found his passion, started on the ground floor, and found success. I hope students see Nichols College's vision statement — Learn. Lead. Succeed — come to life through Lou's remarks. I hope they also see that the skills, abilities, and confidence gained at Nichols prepare them for success, no matter which career they choose to pursue."

Stroller lived in California for many years and now resides in Maryland, outside of Washington, D.C., with his wife, Evelyne; and daughter, Leah.

In addition to Stroller, two other accomplished individuals will receive honorary degrees from Nichols College: M. Marcus Moran Jr. '66, recently retired CEO of W.E. Aubuchon Co. Inc.; and Marilyn Fels, an inspirational humanitarian and philanthropist.

Moran will receive an honorary doctoral degree of science in business administration.

Moran is a business and civic leader who has dedicated his career to the success of W.E. Aubuchon Co. Inc., the oldest family-owned and -managed chain of hardware stores in the U.S. He joined Aubuchon in 1970 and served in a variety of positions, including personnel manager and treasurer, before being named president in 1993 and CEO in

2011. Under his leadership, Aubuchon has grown to more than 125 hardware stores throughout New England and New York, which stock about 30,000 products, including plumbing, hardware, housewares, paint, and tools, effectively competing against national home improvement retailers.

A 1966 graduate of Nichols College, Moran earned a Master of business administration at Babson College in 1967 and was an instructor at Fitchburg State University, the National Retail Hardware Association, North Shore Community College, and Mount Wachusett Community College. He co-authored a business mathematics textbook for community colleges.

A devoted volunteer leader, he has served a number of educational, human service, and cultural institutions. Among them are Cushing Academy, Nichols College, Fitchburg State, Fitchburg-Leominster Boys & Girls Club, United Way of North Central Massachusetts, Thayer Symphony, and the St. Paul Consortium of Catholic Schools Inc.

Moran served on the board of IC Federal Credit Union for 29 years and as its chairman for 10 years.

In recognition of his contributions, Moran received the Key to the city of Fitchburg/Saving a Life as well as awards from Fitchburg State College, Mount Wachusett Community College, Boy Scouts, and the Bishop of Worcester. He lives in Westminster with his wife Tonia. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Fels will receive an honorary doctoral degree of humane letters for her contributions to the lives of Dudley and Webster residents. Her commitment to the community is pervasive and unparalleled.

Fels provided the primary funding for new facilities for the Webster-Dudley Boys and Girls Club, the Community Cat Connection in Webster, and the Webster Animal Shelter — organizations she continues to significantly support. She was a major donor to the construction of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley as well as to the new Webster public library, which is under construction. She was



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among the chief benefactors for the renovated Harrington Hospital Emergency Room in Webster, and her multi-million-dollar grant to build a new police station in Webster was hailed by the town administrator as an "unprecedented show of philanthropy."

In addition, Fels' contributions have helped secure a new vehicle for the Dudley Police Department, an echocardiograph machine for Harrington Hospital, and July 4 fireworks for the town of Webster for many years. She also supports the Worcester County Food Bank, the Webster-Dudley Food Share, area animal shelters, Webster and Dudley public schools, and is a dedicated congregant at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley.

Although she's not a graduate of Nichols College, Marilyn and her husband Gerald Fels — a 1966 Nichols graduate and a trustee emeritus — are equally credited for creating educational opportunities for area residents here at Nichols, through scholarship aid to hundreds of local students, and their support of the Bartlett Honors Academy, Remillard Hall, the Fels Student Center, and other Nichols initiatives.

They live in Webster and have two children and two grandchildren.

Making cents of coins

I've discussed coin collecting in previous columns. We have received many calls in the past few months from estate administrators and individuals looking to sell their collections, so I thought this topic was worth further discussion.

The number of members in groups such as The American Numismatic Association can provide some insight as to how many coin collectors there are in the United States. Some estimates begin at 1 million people. Ian Russell runs a coin business on the West Coast. He believes there could be 10 million coin collectors in America.

Coin collectors typically have a focus when they collect. They may try to collect every year and variety of one version of coin. For instance, they may collect every type of Lincoln penny from 1909 to the present. Type collectors collect one coin of every type. For example, they seek out one Barber, Walking Liberty, Ben Franklin and Kennedy half dollar. Depending on their budget, they may even collect older ones and rarer ones. Some collect error coins, such as the 1955 double die (struck twice) penny. Others collect coins from their birth year, novelty coins, tokens, medals, foreign coins or ancient coins. There are collectors of topical coins. For instance, fans of the Olympics may collect Olympic coins. Currency collectors specialize in paper money.

Many find coins to be a good investment as well. Dimes, quarters, half



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WAYNE TUISKULA

dollars and silver dollars from 1964 or earlier contain 90% silver. Some buy coins of this era strictly for the bullion. U.S. and foreign gold coins are also popular with collectors.

Both collectors and investors seek out rare coins. A rare gold St. Gaudens double eagle sold for \$7.5 million in 2002. A 1794, silver dollar that experts believe was the first struck at the mint, brought \$10 million at auction in 2013. Of course, there are other rare coins for those with smaller budgets.

When we handle the sale of coins from an estate, we typically encounter three types of situations. Sometimes the collection has been carefully curated. Some coins may be graded in plastic holders. Others may be in coin books. Other times, coins have just been passed down through the family. In one local estate, we found six coffee tins full of coins. The coins were spread throughout hiding spots in the cellar. Often, what we find is somewhere in between these two scenarios. Some coins have been placed in coin books, vinyl or cardboard holders, while others are in bags, boxes or tins.

When evaluating these coins, we check for rare types of coins, condition, dates and mint marks. Silver and gold coins are worth at least the melt value, but others can command prices well above the value of the metal. For example, we sold 58 Lincoln pennies from 1924 in one of our auctions. Despite 75,178,000 of these coins being minted, the outstanding conditions made them desirable. They sold for over \$11,000 at auction. Gold and rare silver coins



regularly sell in the hundreds to thousands. One rare Morgan silver dollar or other rare coin can be worth many Benjamin Franklins.

I'll be at the New Braintree Town Hall on March 4th from 12:00 to 3:00 appraising items for the Quaboag Historical Society. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class held at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on March 5th. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details on other events.

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I got my Real Estate license in 2004 and I took a 24 hour preclicensing class which was 3 hours on Wednesday nights for 8 weeks and then signed up for the test. They have increased the required hours to 40 hours but I am not sure if it is enough. To put it into

perspective. They do classes 2 weekends in a row for 10 hours each day on Saturday and Sunday. I could potentially decide on March 3rd in the morning to start the class and finish by March 11th and get licensed March 12th and be affiliated with an office that same day and be putting your home up for sale that night. Yes you do technically work under a Real Estate Broker for 3 years before you can open your own brokerage but typically the broker is not there watching your every move.

Every 2 years you need to complete continuing education of 12 hours. This can be done

by logging into an online system and playing videos for 12 hours with no requirement of passing a test. This makes it so pretty much anyone can decide to get a Real Estate license part time with very little money to get and hold a license and minimal education to get the licenses as well. It is around \$400 for the class plus around \$250 to get the license and have it be good for 2 years from your birthday.

This is why as a consumer I always suggest to ask educated questions when interviewing agents to ensure that you know you are hiring the right agent. Yes everyone has

to start somewhere and if you are hiring a new agent to help you with the largest financial decision of your life which is most likely buying and selling a home make sure you make the right decision. If they are new, ensure they are a professional which is someone who knows what they know and knows what they don't know and if they don't know then they know where to go to find the answer. Also, ensure they have a team backing them, which could be a mentor in the business that is showing them the ropes or they work on a Real Estate Team with seasoned professionals to help

them with the sale of your home.

This is why I always suggest you ask questions when interviewing an agent to ensure you can compare one to the other. Questions such as:

How many home did you sell last year?

Do you work full time or part time?

Do you have a written marketing plan?

What percentage of your listings sell?

What percentage of list price do your listings sell?

Can you provide references?

Time to collect gardening tips

After a New England winter spent poring over seed catalogs, most backyard gardeners are itching to get their hands into some soil this time of year. Whether you start seeds indoors, or prefer to wait to transplant commercial seedlings, this week's column will give you a head start on making the gardening chores ahead go a little smoother.

Seed Sense: Hard shelled seeds do not always germinate properly. But you can aid the germination process by making an x cut in the hard seed with a sharp knife. Or, to speed germination in without breaking the surface, try soaking hard shelled seeds overnight in water.

Corn Caper: Garden experts recommend this clever method to get a jump start on germinating corn: Place corn seeds in a wet paper towel, and fold over

towel, covering the top and bottom of the seeds. Allow to pre-sprout. As a bonus, corn seed treated this way is less likely to rot in cold soil.

To Sprout or Not to Sprout: If you are using last year's seeds, you can easily test the package by viability this way: Wrap a few of the seeds in a moist paper towel and then into a ziplock bag to keep the towel from drying out. Keep it at room temperature and within a week most of the seeds should sprout. If they don't, toss out the old seed package.

Sowing Seeds: Many veteran gardeners mix fine seeds in sand or very loose potting soil to allow for even seed distribution. Just make your row and drizzle the seed evenly. And, when you are planting dark seeds, you can better see where you're sprinkling them if you sprinkle some flour into the package and shake it up for even sowing.

Stamping Out Damping Off Disease: Damping off disease, which causes seedlings to die from fungi, is a gardener's nightmare. Here are some tips to prevent the common plant plague:

Since fungus thrives in moist conditions, a seedling bed provides the perfect source of growth. But you can up the odds of beating damp-



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ing off disease by watering this way: Thoroughly saturate the soil and then do not water again until the soil is dry but before plants begin to wilt. This procedure keeps the soil dry for the longest time possible without killing

the plants. Frequent sprinkling promotes fungal growth.

Let There Be Light: Did you know it isn't always necessary to purchase costly plant light bulbs for inside seedlings? It is possible to achieve satisfactory results by utilizing your ordinary shop lights. Simply replace the bulbs with two four watt bulbs, one cool white and one warm white. Hang the lights about two feet above the seedlings.

Can't wait to plant? Here's how to force blooms:

Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a sure-fire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include pussywillow, flowering dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch

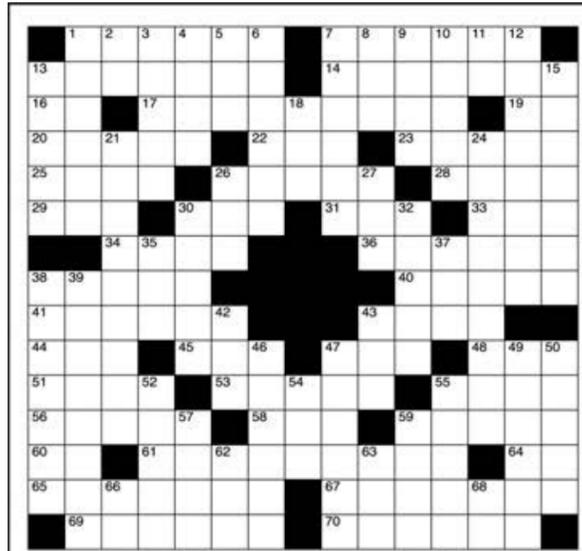
will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you'll be treated to the fragrance and color of springtime for several weeks.

Note: Expect pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; forsythia, two to three weeks; apple, three weeks; flowering dogwood, three weeks.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out 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 *The Southbridge Evening News*? Send questions and/or hints to: *Take the Hint!* C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO BOX 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Shaded inner regions
- 7. Overlapping part of a garment
- 13. Type of smartphone
- 14. Fall apart
- 16. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 17. Crocodilian reptile
- 19. Of I
- 20. Swamp plant
- 22. Sun can help you get one
- 23. Hops, ___ and jumps
- 25. Cuckoos
- 26. Small cavities in rocks
- 28. American traitor
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Popular fish
- 31. Ottoman military leader
- 33. Anger
- 34. Fish of the mackerel family
- 36. Some people can't eat it
- 38. Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- 40. Misleading ads
- 41. Atomic number 76
- 43. A type of castle security
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Very fast airplane
- 47. Vigor
- 48. 007's creator
- 51. ___ and that
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Brown and gray rail
- 56. Nocturnal insects
- 58. Make an incision
- 59. Norwegian village
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Criminal
- 64. Northeast
- 65. Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- 67. Mysterious things
- 69. One who won't be forgotten
- 70. Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Straighten
- 2. Gives medical advice (abbr.)
- 3. Touts
- 4. One's job
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Proofed
- 7. Capital of Angola
- 8. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 9. Ones who are financially compensated
- 10. Jacket
- 11. Electron volt
- 12. Tuned
- 13. Syrian leader
- 15. Reduces
- 18. Congress' investigative arm
- 21. Make uneasy
- 24. A fake
- 26. Any thick messy substance
- 27. Goad
- 30. Titan
- 32. Continental Congress delegate for NY
- 35. Peyton's younger brother
- 37. Fiddler crab
- 38. Delivers the mail
- 39. Liliaceous plant
- 42. Mountain Time
- 43. Where wrestlers work
- 46. Secured
- 47. Dog breed
- 49. Where rockers perform
- 50. Nostrils
- 52. Express doubt
- 54. Pointer
- 55. Slang for sergeant
- 57. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Holds nonperishables
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Exist
- 68. Meitnerium

A paddler's guide to safety

A free seminar, offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be held Wednesday April 18 at the Webster Fire Department, 6:30 to 9 PM

Our local USCGAux. Tri-State Flotilla 1002 in cooperation with the American Canoe Association are offering this FREE course about all aspects of paddling safety, situational awareness, equipment, and skills required to have an enjoyable experience.

Paddle Craft have become a rapidly growing and diversifying portion of the recreational watercraft community. Sea kayaks, sit on top kayaks, white water kayaks, rowing sculls, canoes, paddle boards, stand-up paddle boards, pedal propelled craft, and many others are now on the waters in untold numbers. Easily manufactured and purchased at many locations with various constructions. Easily transported to any shoreline, not requiring registration or a formal boat launch; an unprepared operator can find themselves in overwhelming conditions that can become deadly in minutes.

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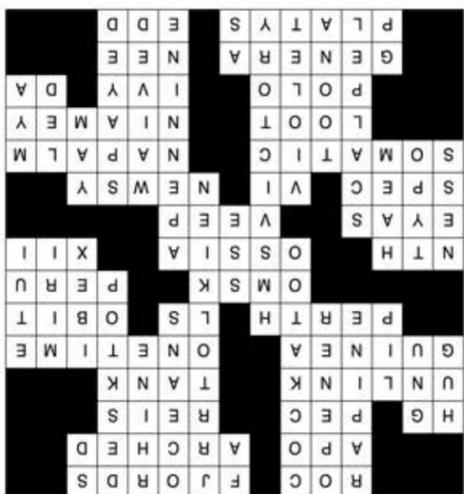
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Bay Path one of several schools to receive grants

LYNN — The Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$2.3 million in Skills Capital grants to seven high schools that will use the funds to purchase new industry-standard equipment, in a variety of fields, so students are better prepared for college and careers.

The goal of the Skills Capital Grants is to help high schools, colleges and other educational institutions invest in the most up-to-date training equipment to give their students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or particular area of study. The Skills Capital Grants cover a broad array of fields, from construction and engineering to health-care and hospitality.

With today's announcement, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$38.2 million to 124 different programs.

"Skills Capital Grants make an enormous difference in the education and training students receive at schools across the Commonwealth," Governor Charlie Baker said. "These grants will have a lasting impact by ensuring more residents are able to move into rewarding careers and more companies have the skilled employees they need to grow."

"Skills Capital Grants impact students' education and influence programs to meet the needs of employers across the Commonwealth seeking skilled employees," Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said. "We are encouraged every time we visit a school that was awarded one of these grants and hear students talk about the difference the new equipment makes in their educational experience."

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand, in order to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. The Economic Development legislation, proposed by the Administration and passed by



Gov. Charlie Baker with Lynn Tech students.

Courtesy photo

the Legislature, authorized \$45 million in funding to award over three years.

"The number of educational institutions that compete for Skills Capital Grants with well-thought out business partnerships is impressive," Education Secretary Jim Peyser said. "Schools that receive these grants are ensuring their students are well-prepared for college and careers, making a difference in their students' future successes."

"Massachusetts is a national leader in life sciences, healthcare, technology, and manufacturing sectors," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "These grants allow us to build a strong pipeline of talented workers throughout the Commonwealth to support these key industries. A skilled workforce is essential to making Massachusetts increasingly competitive for the jobs of today, and of tomorrow."

"The Skills Capital grant program is helping to fill current and future talent gaps in the workforce that are vital to the Commonwealth's economic

outlook," Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta said. "By continuing to invest in our workforce, we will ensure that the citizens of Massachusetts have the skills necessary to remain the best trained and educated in the nation."

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito created the Workforce Skills Cabinet in 2015, bringing together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development and Housing and Economic Development in order to align education, economic development and workforce policies, and to strategize around how to meet employers' demand for skilled workers in each region of the state.

The following high schools received grants:

BayPath Regional Vocational Technical High School - \$165,415: The school will purchase a Computer Numerical Control Door Production I Arch Machine for the cabinet making program. Students will develop advanced production skills used by cabinetmakers, furniture makers, bench car-

penters, machine operators, and CNC programmers by creating real world capstone projects for community partners. Additionally, the equipment will be used in the evening for adults who are interested in cabinet making careers or upgrading existing skills.

Belchertown High School - \$100,000: the high school will invest in STEM educational technology focused on information technology and engineering, including Cloud-based IT programming/coding language software, 3D printers, and robotics equipment. Students will receive hands-on applied learning on equipment aligned to standards in college and workplace environments.

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School - \$299,866: the school is launching a new engineering program that will expose students to opportunities in electrical, electronics, structural and civil engineering careers. The high school is working with local community colleges and universities to provide students with college to career pathways in engineering. With the award, the school

will invest in training system modules and kits that will be used during the day with students, and in the evening with adult learners. The school is partnering with local career centers, regional workforce boards, and industry partners to provide these new adult programs to support unemployed and underemployed adults.

Lynn Vocational Institute - \$395,685: the school will launch a new HVAC program, to support the North Shore region's construction trade industry. Students will gain hands-on experience using industry standard HVAC training equipment, including mounted split condensing units, heating units, simulated heating and AC for basement and attic areas, as well as gas-fired make up air units.

Northeast Metropolitan - \$491,387: the school will create a new industrial automation program to support the region's growing manufacturing industry. The school will purchase industrial robots, PLC workstations, 3D printers, digital oscilloscopes, function generators, multi-mechatronics kits, microcontrollers, and hydraulic trainers.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School - \$420,000: the school will create a new secondary dental assisting vocational program, and will offer a night program to community college students and adults already employed in the dental industry. The school will purchase dental chairs, analog and digital X-ray equipment, steri centers, autoclaves, wet model trimmers, polishing and grinding equipment, and a denture processing center.

Worcester Technical High School - \$465,616: the school will invest in new industry standard equipment for students in the IT, graphic design and marketing program. With the new equipment, students will be able to earn industry credentials, such as PrintEd GAERF/Skills USA Graphic Design, screen printing and Adobe Certified Associate.

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Oh deer! Elementary students learn about ruminants



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West Brookfield Elementary School students had fun learning about deer habitats from Richard Boos and other Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club members.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – As students come up through the ranks at West Brookfield Elementary School, they eagerly anticipate taking part in a fascinating fifth grade program. Whether

they see their older siblings or their friends getting involved, students always know about the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club essay contest long before they participate in it themselves.

For the ninth straight year, members of the club visited the school

with local wildlife officials to kick off the program. This year, fifth graders learned all about the white-tailed deer, from its habitat to its eating habits and descriptive features. They even learned that deer can reach thirty miles per hour at top speed, and they can be found as far south as Central and South America.

"We always have a lot of fun working with the kids," said Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club member Richard Boos. "It's a great opportunity for them to learn a lot while having fun."

Following the presentation, the kids did heavy research on white-tailed deer over the last few weeks in advance of writing their essays on the animals. But this year's essay contest features an interesting twist. Kids were asked to make up stories based on the life cycles of deer, melding their research and storytelling skills in a unique project. A few stories will likely be set in Texas,

which is home to the most white-tailed deer in the nation (about four million).

A total of 39 WBES fifth graders will submit essays as part of this year's contest. All essays will be judged by Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club members, and the top finishers will earn an array of prizes. The grand prize, as always, is an all-expenses-paid trip to Camp Marshall in Spencer to enjoy several activities in the great outdoors.

Of course, it will likely be a challenge again this year for the sportsmen's club members to judge the essays, which seem to get more thorough and creative every year. In years past, students have learned about everything from birds of prey to beavers during the annual visits. When possible, many of the presentations include club members bringing photographs and models of the animals featured in the essay contest.

This year, one of the



Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club member M.J. Haesche and others educated kids on deer habitats as part of an essay contest at West Brookfield Elementary School.

visiting wildlife specialists and sportsmen's club members, M.J. Haesche, brought two of her dogs to WBES for the kids to see.

School officials and sportsmen's club members alike have enjoyed the program over the years, which combines science, writing, art, and research into a single entity. At the end of

each year, the teachers include the essays in their students' final writing portfolios.

"We had a great time with the students. It means a lot to be able to visit the school each year," Boos told the New Leader.

A springtime presentation will be held at the school to announce the essay contest winners.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 4 Greenbriar Lane, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Vaughn H. Yenovkian to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MORTGAGEIT, INC., said mortgage dated May 14, 2007, and recorded May 18, 2007 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41167 at Page 127 and now held by MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by virtue of an assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. dated June 15, 2016 and recorded July 11, 2016 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55617 at Page 192, previously assigned by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated April 14, 2015 and recorded April 27, 2015 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) in Book 53639 at Page 220, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by virtue of an assignment dated August 4, 2011 and recorded August 12, 2011 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) in Book 47706 at Page 201, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **March 26, 2018 at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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Thence North 81° 58' East one hundred (100) feet along Loring Street to a point;

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Thence South 81° 58' West one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

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The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated March 27, 1990, and recorded March 28, 1990 in Book 12699 at Page 293 with the Worcester County (Worcester

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

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March 2, 2018

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For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34691, Page 239.

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Judith A. Frelander of Auburn MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Judith A. Frelander of Auburn MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEARNING

Planning a career change?

SPRINGFIELD — MGM Springfield is now offering a tuition reimbursement plan for students entering classes at the Massachusetts Casino Career Training Institute Gaming School in Springfield.

Students who successfully complete two or more courses at the new Gaming School, and obtain a job with MGM Springfield will be eligible for the tuition reimbursement if they remain employed with MGM Springfield for one year after the property's grand opening.

"This tuition reimbursement program is a real incentive to anyone considering enrollment in the new MCCTI

Gaming School," said Alex Dixon, general manager, MGM Springfield. "This is a testament to our commitment to the future employees who will make THE SHOW possible here at MGM Springfield. We can't wait for the first class of students to come through our career center doors, trained and ready to start down a successful new career path."

Classes for the new MCCTI Gaming School are forming now, with first classes beginning Monday, February 26. Successful completion of two or more classes guarantees a graduate an audition with MGM Springfield, where they will find flexible full- and part-

time table games dealer positions on day, swing and overnight shifts. No formal education is required to apply to the school, and beginners are welcome. MGM Springfield is seeking to hire 450 table games and poker dealers.

MCCTI is operated by Training and Workforce Options, a collaboration between Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College. MGM Springfield is scheduled to open in Q3 2018.

MGM Springfield covers three city blocks in the heart of downtown Springfield. Igniting a cultural and economic renaissance in a historic New England city, the approximate-

ly 2 million square-foot development, which combines new construction with revived historic buildings, will offer more than 125,000 square feet of gaming space, a 250-room boutique hotel on Main Street and superior spa services, inspired dining and diverse retail. MGM Springfield also will feature a luxury cinema, high-energy bowling complex, a seasonal skating rink and outdoor marketplace displaying local art, events and talent. MGM Springfield is scheduled to open in Q3 2018. www.mgmspringfield.com

Student drama includes local talent

WORCESTER — With the plight of the immigrant and refugee in today's spotlight, Worcester State University Theatre takes on the story of Anon(ymous) by Naomi Iizuka which tells the tale of the refugee.

Robbie Moll, a 2014 graduate of Auburn High School and resident of Auburn, takes on the role of Ali in this production.

The story follows Anon, a young refugee separated from his mother, who must navigate his way in a

strange land. Anon represents the anonymity and struggles of all refugees.

"What I think is the most unique element of our direction for this play is the way we are casting the main character. Since the theme of the play is to tell the story of all refugees rather than just one, we decided to cast multiple actors to play Anon - building off the idea of the anonymity many refugees face," said Edward Sanchez, director and WSU student.

The student directed play is co-produced by Worcester State's student theatre club, Almost Off Book, and Worcester State Theatre. Performances take place March 1, 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and March 4 at 2 p.m. in Worcester State's Fuller Theater at 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, Mass. Tickets may be purchased at VPABoxOffice@worchester.edu, (508) 929-8843, or at the door. Tickets are \$14 general public, \$10 senior citizens, and \$7 students.

Trash or treasure? Find out at appraisal event

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Have you always wondered how much those old antiques tucked away in the garage are worth? Or maybe you recently acquired a collectible item and are eager to learn how valuable it is. If so, you'll want to dust off those antiques and free up your schedule on the first Sunday of March.

The Quaboag Historical Society (QHS), based in West Brookfield, is sponsoring an antiques and collectibles appraisal event on March 4. Taking place at New Braintree Town Hall, the event will be held from 12-4 p.m. and is open to the public.

Residents are invited to bring their treasures for a free appraisal by Wayne Tuiskula, a longtime local auctioneer,

appraiser and columnist. Appraisal sessions will be limited to two items per person to ensure that multiple guests have a chance to get their antiques reviewed. Appraisals will be performed on a first-come basis; please plan to arrive early to give yourself the best opportunity to have items appraised.

A similar event was held last year at West Brookfield Town Hall, and residents brought plenty of old — and occasionally odd — collectibles for review. Now QHS members look forward to shifting north to New Braintree in 2018.

"We think this program is special — and a good one for a winter gathering," said QHS President Amy Dugas. "Lots of folks have things, perhaps family treasures, that they would like to know more about, including their value."

An antiques dealer since the 1980s, Tuiskula appeared as a collectibles appraiser on the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow." He sells antiques at the Brimfield Flea Market and other local shows, in addition to running several estate sales and auctions throughout Massachusetts. Moreover, he regularly writes about appraising antiques for weekly columns and also runs several classes, including programs for the Worcester public schools and Bay Path Adult Education.

Tuiskula will inform guests about the history and the approximate worth of their items. In the past, including the appraisal event in West Brookfield, several guests were shocked by how much certain items were worth. On a few occasions the owners had thought their items to be worthless, only to discover

that they are worth hundreds or even thousands. If Tuiskula isn't familiar with a particular item, he has been known to take down contact information so he can research it and get back to the owner with an answer.

And even if you're not an antiques collector or you don't have any items to be appraised, the event will still feature plenty of intrigue. It is also a great opportunity for local antiques collectors to meet others who share their passion.

"If you don't want to bring anything for appraisal, it is fun to see what other people bring and what they are worth," Dugas added.

Light refreshments will be provided during the event.

Local students among trial all stars

The Holy Name Mock Trial Team has won the 2018 District Championship!

This is a program where teams throughout the state are provided an actual court case, and then go to superior court before a superior court judge to either try the case or defend. Having won the District Championship, which they have done in 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, marks them as the best amongst all schools in Central Massachusetts, and has them once again heading to the state tournament where they have traditionally excelled as well.

We are all so proud of this talented, tenacious,

and hard-working group of students. This is a program that has produced many students who have gone on to law school and legal careers.

Student Mock Trial Team: from Auburn: Anna Pyche; from Grafton: Abby Carroll; from Hudson: Katie Regis; from Rutland: Erin Duncan; from Spencer: Will Demarski; from Sturbridge: Sarah Kowal; from Sutton: Reanna Mankaryous; from Upton: Mitchell Baker of Upton; from Westborough: Rachel Liazos; and from Worcester: Dyson Barbour, Carissa England, Saibatu Kamara, Cyndi Le, Hannah Lynch, Jaclynn Ngo, and Maggie O'Connor.

POETS CORNER

Goodbye, bullets fly...again

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Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye...

This is what we say;
I still don't know why,
We had to part today

Bullets fly, and fly, and fly
From the barrel of a gun.
Each met with a child's cry
And still, there is nothing
we have done.

Again, and again, and
again...
The trigger clicks.
Now we have to say, "good-
bye my friend,"
As it's the senseless targets
a person picks.

Not today, not tomorrow,
then when?
This has happened before.
Will we let it happen again?
Will we turn our backs
once more?

When are we going to learn
That it is our fault too?
Stormy clouds are rolling
in.
Bullets are raining down
on you.

For now, rest my child,
And will hold you for a
while.
For now, sleep my friend,
And one day, I will see you
again.

Just dream of a life of bliss.
Your world wasn't sup-
posed to end like this.
Find yourself a happy
place,
And I will wipe the tears

from your face.

Forget the painful screams.
Clearly, this world is not
what it seems.

Let the terror go away.
Find laughter once more in
your day.

Now, don't you worry
about what is to come.
I pray this world has
remorse for what has been
done.

Brother, sister, friend, son,
and daughter,
It is me, your sister, broth-
er, friend, mother, father.

This may be our last good-
bye,
But will this be the last
time?

How many more will have
to die,
Before we finally change
our minds?

From our responsibility we
do run.
It is time that we do not.
We keep saying goodbye to
our daughters our sons,
Until we've lost everything
we've got.

So, goodbye, goodbye,
goodbye...
This is what we say.
I still don't understand
why,
We had to part today.

For now, rest my child,
And I will hold you for a
while.
For now, sleep my friend.
When my day comes, I will
see you again.

NOT A HAPPY ENDING BUT...

There was a grand Super Bowl party held in the Performing Arts Center on a large projector screen for our residents here at The Overlook in Charlton! Sadly, all the cheering in the world couldn't bring home the trophy for our Patriots, but that's, ok, we all had a great time!



TOP:
The crowd goes wild as the
Pats score a touchdown!



BOTTOM:
Residents watching the
game on the big screen.



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EDITORIAL

30 years of notoriety

There is an old adage about squeaky wheels and etc., etc. Which is true up to a point. We truly do pay attention to a part or a piece making noise. We fix it, or oil it, or replace it entirely with a newer model. Keep that in mind.

Because we were enlightened this week by a "new" month that's been around for a whole 30 years and we were blissfully unaware. We probably knew, shrugged it off, and went about the business of actual work; but for some reason this year it slammed back in our faces again.

International Women's Month. Huh?

We know. We do know about inequality, we live it. We know about subversive behavior. We know about unfair labor practices and fighting for attention and how long it took to get the vote and all of it. The ERA is still out there sniveling.

But... While righteous women are celebrating what has been accomplished (and yes, me too). Because yes, it is true. And there are wars to be fought over the way people live worldwide; women in America? Really?

If you aren't happy with your pay, (and no one is, we all think we are worth more), either buck up and ask for more, find a different job, add a way to supplement your income, find ways to save money elsewhere so you aren't spending as much or join with other people around you in your place of business and ask what can be done. Don't whine internationally. Work locally.

If you don't like what is happening with the schools or the government or potholes in your street, then attend meetings, join a committee, talk to your neighbors, find the right people, find out how to vote for the people who will make a difference or run for office yourself. More women in office only happens if more women actually get involved. Don't whine. Get involved.

If you truly don't want something to happen in your children's schools; are fearful of the atmosphere, then find out about posing neighborhood watch groups, get involved with school based groups and committees and find out what is or can be done to keep kids safe; it starts in your own neighborhood, not with national laws.

Even with mental health issues. Can you help? Can you volunteer? Man a crisis intervention hot line? A suicide prevention phone?

Women are far from being the so called weaker sex here. They never have been. The expectations have changed because society has changed; and some women do adapt better than others.

As for history books and a whole month of paying attention? Well, ok. History books are always written by the winners; and for hundreds of years they have also been written by fusty old white men too. So if people want to get on their hobby horses and carry on about strong people we don't always hear about, that's good for us to know.

The day you stop learning is a bad thing.

On a whole different note we'd like to talk about local elections for a minute. In an age of tight budgets, slimmed down staffs and everything done via email, we are not going to be taking time to interview every single candidate for local public office this year. Instead, we will be sending out a survey of questions and requesting candidates take some thoughtful time to answer them, return them to us and we will print those answers the week before local elections. We are concentrating on the larger offices like selectmen and school committees; and contested offices; but we do invite everyone running for office to send their own letters to the editor explaining why they are choosing to run and a brief biography. We feel it is the best way to give space in the paper to everyone, to make certain everyone is fairly asked the same questions (we will be sending every candidate three or four questions to answer); and give everyone an equal opportunity to share their views and ideas.

Any questions please contact the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

Happy Birthday! Happy Reading!

With Dr. Seuss' birthday being today, March 2nd, this seemed the perfect time to encourage all of us to read daily - including to and with the young people in our lives - and this article, which I first wrote in 2010, fit the bill with some minor edits. Happy Reading!

Dr. Seuss said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." With Dr. Seuss' birthday being today, March 2nd - he would have turned 114 years of age - this seemed a perfect time to remind us all of the critical importance of reading to and with the children in our lives. In fact, reading is one of my favorite pastimes and I thank my parents for reading to and with me and my siblings on a regular basis, but especially my Mom who spent countless hours on the living room couch reading book after book, night after night.

The National Education Association (NEA), in recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday, celebrates Read Across America on March 2nd, but the message is one that is applicable the whole year through. The NEA first began this project in 1998 and it has grown every year since. As indicated on their website, they began this initiative because, "motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers." There are numerous websites that offer suggestions on how to celebrate reading, on March 2nd and every day, but one I found filled with activities for children of all ages is <http://teach.fcps.net/trt4/Dr.Seuss.htm> so I would encourage you to visit that site when a few quiet moments will allow.

Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. This is a fact that is well supported through various studies, but one need only speak to any number of teachers to have this statement affirmed via first-hand experience. When I reflect on my career as an educator, there are thousands of students who I remember, each of them fondly for his or her own talents, personality, comments, laughter and efforts. There are some, in particular, that when I think of them, I see them with a book in hand, or, more accurately stated, with their nose in a book. Whether it's Susan, Molly, Joshua, Alyssa, Brian or Rene, the image of each of them glued to a book is solidly planted in my memory. These young children, now adults themselves and perhaps even the parents of young children, chose to read as often as possible and each was a high-achieving all-around student, as well. From my perspective, that is not a coincidence.

The demands on our time these days, coupled with the allure of computers, apps, texting, social media and the like, seem, on some days, to leave little time for doing things we know we should: daily physical activity and spending time



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reading to and with our children each day.

The research strongly suggests that anyone who continues to stick with their New Year's resolution is in the extreme minority. What about if we use this opportunity, Dr. Seuss' birthday, to commit to making time for those activities we know will enhance our lives, whether it's for our physical health, our emotional health and/or our academic health, or that of our children.

But how, though, do we carve out time for daily reading - or even physical activity - when it seems that we're already stretched too thin? For each family, the answers may differ but one thing is certain: if you believe these activities are ones that can enhance you and your child's lives, we must start by making them a priority, reviewing through our daily activities now and determining which can be shifted to allow time for these new priorities. Perhaps logging the many activities undertaken in a day will provide a glimpse into which can be minimized, or perhaps even eliminated, for activities whose benefits far outweigh those currently consuming our energies.

As I sit at my computer this Sunday morning reflecting on how I've spent my time thus far this weekend, I readily admit that some minor shifts would have allowed for more constructive activities, including more physical activity and even more reading, although a fair amount of time was devoted to that already. So...what are we waiting for? The Auburn Public Schools has an expectation that all children read for at least 15 minutes each day, more as they progress through the grades, so let's recommit to doing so today.

So as we wish Dr. Seuss a Happy Birthday on what would have been his 114th, let's all renew our commitment to ensuring that we spend our precious time wisely, most importantly with those we love and especially with the children in our lives, those "little people" who learn more from our actions than they ever could from our words. Establish your priorities - doing it together as a family will greatly increase your likelihood at success - and then create a plan and get started.

In closing, Dr. Seuss reminds us that all we need to do is try and success will very likely be ours: "And will you succeed? Yes indeed, yes indeed! Ninety-eight and three-quarters percent guaranteed." After all, getting started is the first step on your road to success!

To contact me to share an idea, a concern or to ask a question, I can be reached at 508-832-7755 or via e-mail at mbrunelle@auburn.k12.ma.us. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Auburn Public Schools!

Women's Day - how can women make financial progress?



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On March 8, we observe International Women's Day. This year's theme is "Press for Progress," and events around the world will celebrate women's advancements in the political, social and cultural arenas. But right here in the United States, women still face barriers to their financial progress. If you're a woman, you need to recognize these challenges - and respond to them.

So, what are the key obstacles to financial security for a woman? Probably the first thing that comes to mind is the gender wage gap: Women generally earn around 80 cents for every dollar men earn, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. But women also face other threats to their financial security. For one thing, they are far more likely than men to take time away from the workforce to raise a family - and time away means smaller Social Security payments and significantly lower balances in 401(k) plans and other retirement accounts. And women's roles as caretakers don't end when their children are grown - in fact, women are twice as likely as their male siblings to end up caring for an elderly parent, according to a Princeton University study.

What, then, can you do to help ensure a comfortable retirement and achieve your other financial goals? Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Invest as much as you can afford each year, and every time you get a raise, increase your contributions. At the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Invest for the long term. Some evidence shows that women may be more conservative investors than men. But if you want to reach your long-term goals, you will need to consider some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio, factoring in your risk tolerance and time horizon. You may want to consult with a financial professional about the best way to invest for the long term.

Maximize your Social Security. If your spouse is the higher earner, you may want to consider how you can use this disparity to your advantage when you collect Social Security. Specifically, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits based on your spouse's earnings and Social Security record. You'll want to consult your tax advisor before making any moves.

Protect yourself from long-term care costs. More than two-thirds of nursing home residents are women, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. And the median rate nationwide for a private room in a nursing home is over \$97,000 per year, according to the Genworth 2017 Cost of Care Survey. Medicare generally pays very little for long-term care, so if you ever need these services, you'll have to find other ways to pay for them. A financial professional can suggest some ideas.

As a woman, you face special financial challenges, and striving to overcome them will be a lifelong activity. But it's worth the effort.

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Merchants of Death: America's toxic cult of violence turns deadly

"Mass shootings have become routine in the United States and speak to a society that relies on violence to feed the coffers of the merchants of death. Given the profits made by arms manufacturers, the defense industry, gun dealers and the lobbyists who represent them in Congress, it comes as no surprise that the culture of violence cannot be abstracted from either the culture of business or the corruption of politics. Violence runs through US society like an electric current offering instant pleasure from all cultural sources, whether it be the nightly news or a television series that glorifies serial killers."—Professor Henry A. Giroux

We are caught in a vicious cycle. With alarming regularity, the nation is being subjected to a spate of violence that terrorizes the public, destabilizes the country's fragile ecosystem, and gives the government greater justifications to crack down, lock down, and institute even more authoritarian policies for the so-called sake of national security without many objections from the citizenry.

Take the school shooting that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL on Valentine's Day: 17 people, students and teachers alike, were killed by Nikolas Cruz, a



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19-year-old former student armed with a gas mask, smoke grenades, magazines of ammunition, and an AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle.

This shooting, which is being chalked up to mental illness by the 19-year-old assassin, came months after a series of mass shootings in late 2017, one at a church in Texas and the other at an outdoor country music concert in Las Vegas. In both the Texas and Las Vegas attacks, the shooters were dressed like a soldier or militarized police officer and armed with military-style weapons.

As usual following one of these shootings, there is a vocal outcry for enacting more strident gun control measures, more mental health checks, and heightened school security measures.

Also as usual, in the midst of the finger-pointing, no one is pointing a finger at the American police state or the war-drenched, violence-imbued, profit-driven military industrial complex, both of which have made violence America's calling card.

Ask yourself: Why do these mass shootings keep happening? Who are these shooters modelling themselves after? Where are they finding the inspiration for their weaponry and tactics? Whose

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DON'T MISS A BEAT

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



Hottest pepper varieties to try this year

Turn up the heat and add a bit of spice to your meals with hot peppers. Add them to your garden, flower borders and containers for added beauty and easy picking.

Your biggest challenge will be narrowing down your choices. Let All-America Selections, all-america selections.org, winners help. This nonprofit organization tests new edible and ornamental varieties nationally for their suitability to home gardens and containers.

Grow a few cayenne peppers if you like Mexican, Cajun and Asian cuisine. They also add a bit of zip to dips, stews and marinades. Brighten your meals and garden with the brilliant red and tasty fruit of Red Ember. This 2018 AAS winner is pretty enough for flower gardens or containers. You'll be harvesting earlier and longer, providing more time to use and enjoy them. For a mildly spicy option with the same great flavor try Cayennetta. Its heat and cold tolerance makes it a great choice no matter



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where you garden.

If you like it even hotter, include a few habaneros in the garden. Then add heat and flavor to jerk chicken, chili, jam and other recipes. For those that like the flavor of habanero, but can't stand the heat, try Roulette habanero. It looks and tastes like a habanero in every aspect except it's not hot. Roulette is the perfect solution for families with different heat tolerances.

Add a full spectrum of color to containers and small space gardens with the early ripening Hungarian Mexican sunrise and sunset wax peppers. The conical shaped fruit transition from green to yellow, then orange and red. The fruit can be harvested and eaten at any stage.

But the longer it is on the plant, the better the flavor. Mexican Sunrise is semi-hot while Mexican Sunset is for those that like a bit more heat. Both can be eaten fresh, stuffed, baked, grilled or pickled.

Grow a few Aji Rico peppers to add warm heat with a hint of citrus to your dishes. Eat them fresh or cook into salsa and hot sauces. Control the heat with the number of seeds left in the fruit. The more seeds that remain; the greater the heat.

Roast them, use them fresh or string a few Giant Ristra peppers together to dry and use throughout the winter. Don't be fooled by its appearance. This 7-inch chili pepper looks like a sweet marconi but has the spiciness of a cayenne.

For those who want to crank up the heat try Emerald Fire at 2,500 Scoville units. Not the hottest pepper on the market, but this jalapeño is certainly one to respect. The deep green fruit resists cracking and

matures to red. Use them fresh, stuff with cream cheese, grill or can for later use.

If your taste lies on the other end of the heat spectrum start with Chili Pie and work your way to some of these hotter varieties. These miniature bell peppers are mildly hot when the fruit turns red. Be careful not to mix them in with your sweet bell peppers.

Heed this warning when growing and using any hot peppers. Clearly mark or better yet grow your hot peppers away from sweet peppers to avoid an unwelcome surprise. Keep your hands away from your eyes when working with hot peppers and wash them thoroughly when done.

Most importantly, have fun growing and using hot peppers in your garden, containers and meals. These beauties combine nicely with other vegetables, herbs and flowers to create stunning garden beds and containers. And their spicy flavor is sure to help you create memorable meals this season.



All-America Selections photo

Red Ember, a 2018 All-America Selections winner, is full of flavor and adds beauty to flower or container gardens.

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stance and techniques are they mirroring?

Mass shootings have taken place at churches, in nightclubs, on college campuses, on military bases, in elementary schools, in government offices, and at concerts. In almost every instance, you can connect the dots back to the military-industrial complex, which continues to dominate, dictate and shape almost every aspect of our lives.

We are a military culture engaged in continuous warfare.

We have been a nation at war for most of our existence.

We are a nation that makes a living from killing through defense contracts, weapons manufacturing and endless wars.

We are being fed a steady diet of violence through our entertainment, news and politics.

All of the military equipment featured in blockbuster movies is provided — at taxpayer expense — in exchange for carefully placed promotional spots.

Back when I was a boy growing up in the 1950s, almost every classic sci fi movie ended with the heroic American military saving the day, whether it was battle tanks in *Invaders from Mars* (1953) or military roadblocks in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956).

What I didn't know then as a schoolboy was the extent to which the Pentagon was paying to be cast as America's savior. By the time my own kids were growing up, it was Jerry Bruckheimer's blockbuster film *Top Gun* — created with Pentagon assistance and equipment — that boosted civic pride in the military.

Now it's my grandkids' turn to be awed and overwhelmed by child-focused military propaganda in the *X-Men* movies. Same goes for *The Avengers* and *Superman* and the *Transformers*. (Don't even get me started on the war propaganda churned out by the toy-makers.)

Even reality TV shows have gotten in on the gig, with the Pentagon's entertainment office influencing "American Idol," "The X-Factor," "Masterchef," "Cupcake Wars," numerous Oprah Winfrey shows, "Ice Road Truckers," "Battlefield Priests," "America's Got Talent," "Hawaii Five-O," lots of BBC, History Channel and National Geographic documentaries, "War Dogs," and "Big Kitchens." And that's just a sampling.

It's estimated that U.S. military intelligence agencies (including the NSA) have influenced over 1,800 movies and TV shows.

And then there are the growing number of video games, a number of which are engineered by or created for the military, which have accustomed players to interactive war play through military simulations and first-person shooter scenarios.

This is how you acclimate a population to war.

This is how you cultivate loyalty to a war machine.

This is how, to borrow from the subtitle to the 1964 film *Dr. Strangelove*, you teach a nation to "stop worrying and love the bomb."

As journalist David Sirota writes for Salon, "[C]ollusion between the military and Hollywood — including allowing Pentagon officials to line edit scripts — is once again on the rise, with new television programs and movies slated to celebrate the Navy SEALs...major Hollywood directors remain more than

happy to ideologically slant their films in precisely the pro-war, pro-militarist direction that the Pentagon demands in exchange for taxpayer-subsidized access to military hardware."

Why is the Pentagon (and the CIA and the government at large) so focused on using Hollywood as a propaganda machine?

To those who profit from war, it is — as Sirota recognizes — "a 'product' to be sold via pop culture products that sanitize war and, in the process, boost recruitment numbers. At a time when more and more Americans are questioning the fundamental tenets of militarism (i.e., budget-busting defense expenditures, never-ending wars/occupations, etc.), military officials are desperate to turn the public opinion tide back in a pro-militarist direction — and they know pop culture is the most effective tool to achieve that goal."

The media, eager to score higher ratings, has been equally complicit in making (real) war more palatable to the public by packaging it as TV friendly.

This is what professor Roger Stahl refers to as the representation of a "clean war": a war "without victims, without bodies, and without suffering": "Dehumanize destruction' by extracting all human imagery from target areas ... The language used to describe the clean war is as antiseptic as the pictures. Bombings are 'air strikes.' A future bombsite is a 'target of opportunity.' Unarmed areas are 'soft targets.' Civilians are 'collateral damage.' Destruction is always 'surgical.' By and large, the clean war wiped the humanity of civilians from the screen ... Create conditions by which war appears short, abstract, sanitized and even aesthetically beautiful. Minimize any sense of death: of soldiers or civilians."

This is how you sell war to a populace that may have grown weary of endless wars: sanitize the war coverage of anything graphic or discomfiting (present a clean war), gloss over the actual numbers of soldiers and civilians killed (human cost), cast the business of killing humans in a more abstract, palatable fashion (such as a hunt), demonize one's opponents, and make the weapons of war a source of wonder and delight.

"This obsession with weapons of war has a name: technofetishism," explains Stahl. "Weapons appear to take on a magical aura. They become centerpieces in a cult of worship."

"Apart from gazing at the majesty of these bombs, we were also invited to step inside these high-tech machines and take them for a spin," said Stahl. "Or if we have the means, we can purchase one of the military vehicles on the consumer market. Not only are we invited to fantasize about being in the driver's seat, we are routinely invited to peer through the crosshairs too. These repeated modes of imaging war cultivate new modes of perception, new relationships to the tools of state violence. In other words, we become accustomed to 'seeing' through the machines of war."

In order to sell war, you have to feed the public's appetite for entertainment.

Not satisfied with peddling its war propaganda through Hollywood, reality TV shows and embedded journalists whose reports came across as glorified promotional ads for the military, the Pentagon turned to sports to further advance its agenda, "tying the symbols of sports with the symbols of war."

The military has been firmly entrenched in the nation's sports spectacles ever since, having co-opted football, basketball, even NASCAR.

This is how you sustain the nation's

appetite for war.

No wonder entertainment violence is the hottest selling ticket at the box office. As professor Henry Giroux points out, "Popular culture not only trades in violence as entertainment, but also it delivers violence to a society addicted to a pleasure principle steeped in graphic and extreme images of human suffering, mayhem and torture."

No wonder the government continues to whet the nation's appetite for violence and war through paid propaganda programs (seeded throughout sports entertainment, Hollywood blockbusters and video games) — what Stahl refers to as "militainment" — that glorify the military and serve as recruiting tools for America's expanding military empire.

No wonder Americans from a very young age are being groomed to enlist as foot soldiers — even virtual ones — in America's Army (coincidentally, that's also the name of a first person shooter video game produced by the military). Explorer scouts, for example, are one of the most popular recruiting tools for the military and its civilian counterparts (law enforcement, Border Patrol, and the FBI).

Writing for *The Atlantic*, a former Explorer scout described the highlight of the program: monthly weekend maneuvers with the National Guard where scouts "got to fire live rounds from M16s, M60 machine guns, and M203 grenade launchers...we would have urban firefights (shooting blanks, of course) in *Combat Town*, a warren of concrete buildings designed for just that purpose. The exercise always devolved into a free-for-all, with all of us weekend warriors emptying clip after clip of blanks until we couldn't see past the end of our rifles for all the smoke in the air."

No wonder the United States is the number one consumer, exporter and perpetrator of violence and violent weapons in the world. Seriously, America spends more money on war than the combined military budgets of China, Russia, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, Saudi Arabia, India, Germany, Italy and Brazil. America polices the globe, with 800 military bases and troops stationed in 160 countries. Moreover, the war hawks have turned the American homeland into a quasi-battlefield with military gear, weapons and tactics. In turn, domestic police forces have become roving extensions of the military — a standing army.

So when you talk about the Florida shooting, keep in mind that you're not dealing with a single shooter scenario. Rather, you're dealing with a sophisticated, far-reaching war machine that has woven itself into the very fabric of this nation.

You want to stop the gun violence? Stop the worship of violence that permeates our culture.

Stop glorifying the military industrial complex with flyovers and salutes during sports spectacles.

Stop acting as if there is anything patriotic about military exercises and occupations that bomb hospitals and schools.

Stop treating guns and war as entertainment fodder in movies, music, video games, toys, amusement parks, reality TV and more.

Stop distributing weapons of war to the local police and turning them into extensions of the military — weapons that have no business being anywhere but on a battlefield.

This breakdown — triggered by polarizing circus politics, media-fed mass hysteria, militarization and militain-

ment (the selling of war and violence as entertainment), a sense of hopelessness and powerlessness in the face of growing corruption, the government's alienation from its populace, and an economy that has much of the population struggling to get by — is manifesting itself in madness, mayhem and an utter disregard for the very principles and liberties that have kept us out of the clutches of totalitarianism for so long.

Stop falling for the military industrial complex's psychological war games.

Niklas Cruz may have pulled the trigger that resulted in the mayhem in Parkland, FL but something else is driving the madness.

As Stahl concludes, "War has come to look very much like a video game. As viewers of the TV war, we are treated to endless flyovers. We are immersed in a general spirit of play. We are shown countless computer animations that contribute a sense of virtuality. We play alongside news anchors who watch on their monitors. We sit in front of the crosshairs directing missiles with a sense of interactivity. The destruction, if shown at all, seems unreal, distant. These repeated images foster habitual fantasies of crossing over."

We've got to do more than react in a knee-jerk fashion.

Those who want safety at all costs will clamor for more gun control measures (if not at an outright ban on weapons for non-military, non-police personnel), widespread mental health screening of the general population and greater scrutiny of military veterans, more threat assessments and behavioral sensing warnings, more CCTV cameras with facial recognition capabilities, more "See Something, Say Something" programs aimed at turning Americans into snitches and spies, more metal detectors and whole-body imaging devices at soft targets, more roaming squads of militarized police empowered to do random bag searches, more fusion centers to centralize and disseminate information to law enforcement agencies, and more surveillance of what Americans say and do, where they go, what they buy and how they spend their time.

All of these measures play into the government's hands.

As we have learned the hard way, the phantom promise of safety in exchange for restricted or regulated liberty is a false, misguided doctrine that has no basis in the truth.

What we need is a thoughtful, measured, apolitical response to these shootings and the violence that is plaguing our nation.

As I point out in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, the solution to most problems must start locally, in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities. We've got to de-militarize our police and lower the levels of violence here and abroad, whether it's violence we export to other countries, violence we glorify in entertainment, or violence we revel in when it's leveled at our so-called enemies, politically or otherwise.

Our prolonged exposure to the toxic culture of the American police state is deadly.

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SPORTS

Rockets' season closes with setback to Oxford in preliminary round district play



Nick Ethier photos

Matty Backlin of Auburn eyes a teammate down low while holding onto the ball and waiting for a perfect chance to make a pass, all while Oxford's Joe Grady defends.



Auburn's Max Joncas shovels a pass around Oxford's Alex Duval and down into the paint.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — The rollercoaster that was Auburn High's season in boys' varsity basketball came to a close with a hard-fought 65-58 loss to Oxford High on Monday, Feb. 26.

It wasn't the outcome the Rockets wanted in the preliminary round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament on their home court, as a full gym of fans cheered loud in support of Auburn. But the Rockets were able to accomplish a feat that they hadn't been able to do in a few years — qualify for both the Clark Tournament and districts.

Auburn finished the season with an official record of 10-11, but also lost an endowment game to Tewksbury High and a Clark semifinal tilt to Shepherd Hill Regional.

"They have done it all season, nothing came easy this year,

but these guys kept battling," Auburn head coach Andrew Niedzwiecki expressed. "I can't say enough about our seniors. They left it all out on the floor, it is obviously not the result we wanted here in our home gym, but they should be holding their heads up high.

"I can't say enough about our guys," added Niedzwiecki. "We hadn't made districts or Clark for three or four years, and for them to get us back into both of those is pretty special."

The senior troika of Max Joncas, Craigon Confer and Matty Backlin were certainly a big reason for the Rockets' success.

"All our seniors played well, especially Matty, who took over in the second half and made some great plays. It came down to being one short at the end, but I am proud of all our seniors: Max, Craigon and Tyler [Judice]. They gave us all

that they had and I think they learned some good life lessons about camaraderie and bringing people together rather than just being about basketball. If you look at this gym tonight and how packed it was they really brought a community together. It is very special."

Judice, the fourth senior, suffered a season-ending injury a few weeks back and was Auburn's season-leading scorer at the time.

Backlin scored team-high 21 points for the 15th ranked Rockets against No. 18 Oxford (8-12), including a nifty two in the paint with 1:05 remaining in the game.

With the score now tied, Oxford was able to bounce back and get a two of their own coming from Klaytin Silva with 32 seconds left to go back up two, 60-58.

That basket and the Pirates' full-court press that they ran all game got the best of the Rockets down the stretch.

"Oxford just made some great plays tonight," explained Niedzwiecki. "They made some one-on-one individual plays and that is what happens in district games. Everyone knows what the other is going to do, somebody has to step up and they had some guys step up and make some big plays for them.

"We don't play a lot of guys so our guys get tired," Niedzwiecki added. "When you get tired you start to make a few mistakes. We tried to prepare for it as well as we could. For the most part I thought we had good looks coming down, they just made some more plays than us."

Looking forward to next season, it begins in the offseason. Players gained the experience they needed and now they need to improve and put the work in.

"We got some good experience, we got some younger guys that got some significant minutes and we have some other guys who got enough minutes where they know what this is all about now," expressed Niedzwiecki. "Hopefully we will be able to build on it. Players are made in the offseason and I hope these players understand that and put the work in."

Four players will specifically be called upon to step up.

"The four guys that who were on varsity, you got Coleman Picard and Cam Bolduc, two very talented players, Justin Skaparos who I think can be a very, very good player, he just has to learn how to defend a little bit better to fit into our scheme. We do want him out on the court because he can shoot the ball. Then, Jason Henry is our utility guy who can do everything. It is going to be up to all four of them to keep each other in check so we can get to a better place next year," said Niedzwiecki.

Picard and Bolduc, both sophomores, scored 19 and 8 points against the Pirates, respectively.



With Oxford's McAddai Owusu defending tightly, Coleman Picard of Auburn keeps the ball away from him by holding it above his head while waiting for a play to develop.



Justin Skaparos of Auburn keeps the ball to the outside before passing it down to the corner of the court.



Auburn's Craigon Confer catches a pass with his back to the basket while teammate Matty Backlin calls for the ball.



Auburn's Cam Bolduc reaches his arms out to catch a pass thrown his way.

SPORTS

Auburn nearly pulls off upset, but Rams advance to Clark Tournament final

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — On paper, it appeared that the Shepherd Hill Regional-Auburn High boys' varsity basketball game, a

Clark Tournament Large Schools semifinal, would be a mismatch. The fourth seeded Rams play a Division 1 schedule and feature five players standing at least 6-foot-4.

The Rockets, meanwhile, were seeded eighth, play in Division 3 and don't have anyone over 6-foot-2.

But games aren't won on paper. So Auburn battled with Shepherd Hill for nearly 30 of the 32 minutes at the Kneller Athletic Center before tiring out and losing a 46-32 decision.

"We were tired down the stretch, which was going to happen, especially with the amount of physical-ness we were playing with," said Auburn head coach Andrew Niedzwiecki. "The fact that we were in the game with two minutes to go was a tribute to our guys. I can't be more proud of our guys."

Shepherd Hill's pair of 6-foot-5 giants, Kenny Flynn (17 points, 9 rebounds) and Jason O'Regan (10 points, 6 rebounds), eventually wore out the Rockets as they scored half of their team's 16 points in the fourth quarter.

"Their size was obviously a big problem down the stretch," said Niedzwiecki. "The fact that we played tough and hung in is a tribute to the guys."

Flynn, O'Regan and Shepherd Hill head coach Mike Byrnes all gave proper praise to the Rockets following the game.

"They were scrappy. They fought all the way through," said Flynn.

"We underestimated Auburn. They're a very good team, very well coached," added O'Regan.

And Byrnes said that the Rockets "were just real, real gritty. They did a better job than anybody else this season of slowing us down. We really couldn't get out and play our game."

Slowing the game down was exactly Auburn's plan.

"The point was to slow them down and try to take time off the clock when we can...and we had a chance," said Niedzwiecki.

"We trust each other, we trust the coaching staff, we stuck to our system and we believed that we could win a game, maybe two, maybe the whole thing," said Auburn's Coleman Picard, one of the Clark Tournament's rising stars.

The Rams raced out to a 4-0 lead on the Rockets, but Auburn hung in and trailed by just two points, 13-11, after the first quarter.

The Rockets then grabbed a 14-13 lead just moments into the second quarter when Picard canned a 3-pointer. But Shepherd Hill scored 11 of the final 15 points in the half to grab a 24-18 lead at intermission.

Auburn remained in the game, though, by winning third quarter scoring, 8-6. They trailed by four, 30-26, heading into the final eight-minute frame.

That's where the Rockets, who played six guys until the final minute, may have worn down. Shepherd Hill scored 16 points to Auburn's six, as the Rams moved on to face No. 3 Westborough High for the Clark title. Shepherd Hill then defeated the Rangers for the championship, 73-52.

"I thought we got some decent looks, but tired legs," Niedzwiecki noted of the fourth quarter play, where they shot just three of 13 from the field, including off the mark attempts on all seven 3-pointers.

Senior Craigon Confer finished with 10 points and five rebounds, while Picard had nine points and six rebounds. Picard's classmate, Cam Bolduc, scored seven points and dished out three assists, and senior Matty Backlin had six points.

"I think that Cam and Coleman...these guys were coming off the bench and now they've become guys that we can't take out of the game," Niedzwiecki said of his much-improved sophomore class.

The Rockets' strong Clark run included outlasting No. 1 Quabbin Regional, 57-52, to face Shepherd Hill. That win also vaulted Auburn into the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament, whereas a loss to the Panthers would have ended their season.

"I like the fire that we're playing with and the camaraderie that we have. In my 15 years I don't think I've seen a team grow through a season as much as we have, so that's been beautiful to watch, too," said Niedzwiecki.

"Now we have some momentum going into districts and I hope we can make a good run there, too," added Picard.

The Rockets grabbed the No. 15 seed in districts and are set to host No. 18 Oxford High (7-12) in a preliminary round matchup. The two teams split a pair of regular season matchups.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Auburn's Coleman Picard shoots up and over the reach of Shepherd Hill defender Kenny Flynn.



Auburn's Cam Bolduc sends a pass down to the left-side corner of the court.



Coleman Picard of Auburn looks to dish a pass down low into the paint to teammate Matty Backlin.



Max Joncas of Auburn slips the ball past a Shepherd Hill defender while driving into the lane.



Auburn's Craigon Confer dribbles the ball away from Shepherd Hill's defense while waiting for a play to develop.



Craigon Confer of Auburn elevates over Shepherd Hill's Aiden Bishop en route to the basket.

MARCH 2018

Bryn Mawr & Pakachoag Schools

LUNCH

Lunch Price \$2.75, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50.
Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

Menus are available online at www.auburn.k12.ma.us and are emailed through One Call and sent home each month.

Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Available Daily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Lunch Entrée Bagel w/Cream Cheese Cup and a 4 oz. Yogurt & Cheese Stick Lunch Launcher Meal/ Meat & Vegetarian Choices PBJ Meal 			<p>Chicken Ranch Wrap 1</p> <p>Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slices Glazed Carrots Pickles Fresh Fruits Pudding & Cream</p>	<p>Dr. Suess' Birthday 2</p> <p>Chicken Noodle Soup NEW Gill's Pizza Fun Size Potato Chips Seasoned Green Beans Dr. Suess Fruit Stick Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>National School Breakfast Week 5</p> <p>Fluffy Pancakes w/Syrup Sliced Ham</p> <p>Sidewinder French Fries Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes 6</p> <p>Corn Tidbits Seasoned Rice New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Soup du Jour American Chop Suey 7</p> <p>Shredded Cheese Garlic Breadstick Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Fruit Juice Bar</p>	<p>Tasty Sliced Turkey Dinner 8</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Sliced Carrots Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruits Jello & Cream Cup</p>	<p>Local Northeast Pizza 9</p> <p>Buttered Peas Cucumber Sticks w/Ranch Dressing Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Staff Development Day 12</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll 13</p> <p>Chili w/Beans Pickle Slices, Condiments Sliced Celery Sticks Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>"Pi Day" Soup du Jour Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread 14</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups School Made Pies Sticker Day!</p>	<p>Italian Spaghetti w/ Meatballs & Sauce 15</p> <p>Shredded Cheese Cheesy Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Taste of Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 16</p> <p>Seasoned Broccoli Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Turkey & Cheese on a Croissant 19</p> <p>Cute Smiley Fries Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Welcome Spring!! Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes 20</p> <p>Spring Cup w/ Baby Carrots & Hummus Dip Seasoned Rice Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Tasty Italian Meatballs 21</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cups or Fruit Juice Bar</p>	<p>Savory Crispy Chicken Dinner 22</p> <p>Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruits Jello & Cream Cup</p>	<p>Authentic Italian Pizza Slice - Varieties 23</p> <p>Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Baked Cheesy Macaroni & Cheese w/Goldfish Cracker Topping 26</p> <p>Seasoned Carrots Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served 27</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll 28</p> <p>Buttered Peas Pickles, Condiments New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Diced Turkey Dinner 29</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Seasoned Broccoli Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruits Jello & Cream Cup</p>	<p>Little Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 30</p> <p>Sidewinder French Fries Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>

Students may select: 1. One entrée. 2. Pick 1 fruit and 1 or 2 vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free Chocolate Milk 8 oz. or 1% White Milk 8 oz. or 8 oz. bottle of water. 4. Extra items may be offered occasionally such as pudding, WG cookie or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk. Elementary students can select 8 oz. milk or 8 oz. bottle water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. milk AND 8 oz. bottled water there will be a \$.50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water dispensers for all children at no charge.

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Auburn High School Rocket Zone Café

LUNCH

Lunch Price \$3.00, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50.
Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

Menus are available online at www.auburn.k12.ma.us and are emailed through One Call and sent home each month.

Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Available Daily!</p> <p>Mon. ~ Plain or Spicy Chicken Patty Tues. ~ Plain or Spicy Chicken Patty or Assorted Panini Wed. ~ Ind. 5" Pan Pizza or Chicken Patty Thurs. ~ Plain or Spicy Chicken Patty Fri. ~ Plain Chicken Patty or Chef's Special</p>			<p>Double Cheeseburger 1</p> <p>Condiments, Pickles Buttered Corn Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits Fruit Crisp & Cream</p>	<p>Soup du Jour 2</p> <p>NEW! Gill's Fresh Pizza Varieties</p> <p>Caesar Salad Sliced Cucumbers Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>National School Breakfast Week 5</p> <p>Waffles or French Toast Breaded Chicken Sausage Patty</p> <p>Potato Hashbrown Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Southwest Tacos w/Taco Shell 6</p> <p>Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Sour Cream Seasoned Rice, Buttered Corn Black Bean & Corn Salsa Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Soup du Jour American Chop Suey 7</p> <p>Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Garlic Breadstick Seasoned Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Savory Turkey Dinner 8</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Peas Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits, Pudding & Cream</p>	<p>Taste of Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 9</p> <p>Chef Salad w/Asst. Dressings Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Staff Development Day 12</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich 13</p> <p>Chili Cup Sliced Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>"Pi Day" Chicken Broccoli Alfredo w/Buttered Noodles 14</p> <p>Green Peas Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups School Made Pies</p>	<p>Zesty Pulled Pork w/Maple Sauce on WG Roll 15</p> <p>Veggie Cole Slaw Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Authentic Italian Pizza Slice - Varieties 16</p> <p>Crisp Caesar Salad Buttered Peas Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Fresh Baked Fish 19</p> <p>Lemon Zest Broccoli Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Garlic Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Welcome Spring! Tacos w/Taco Shell 20</p> <p>Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Sour Cream Seasoned Rice, Buttered Corn Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Hot Turkey on a Biscuit w/Savory Gravy 21</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Chicken Caesar Salad or Wrap 22</p> <p>Sidewinder French Fries Hummus Cup w/WG Crackers Condiments Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Fresh Fruits, Fruit Crisp</p>	<p>Little Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 23</p> <p>Chef Salad w/Asst. Dressings Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry w/Chop Sticks 26</p> <p>Stir Fry Veggies & Fried Rice Garlic Breadstick Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served 27</p>	<p>Turkey & Cheese Quesadilla 28</p> <p>Sidewinder French Fries Condiments Black Bean & Corn Salsa Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Glazed Ham Dinner 29</p> <p>Mashed Potato & Gravy Seasoned Carrots Biscuit Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits, Pudding & Cream</p>	<p>Pizza Day! 30</p> <p>Local Northeast Pizza</p> <p>Buttered Peas Chef Salad w/Asst. Dressing Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>

Students can select an 8 oz. fat free flavored milk or 1% white milk OR an 8 oz. bottle of water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. of milk AND 8 oz. bottle of water, there will be a \$.50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge.

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Auburn Middle School

LUNCH

Lunch Price \$3.00, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50.
Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

Our entrée options will include:
1. Hot Lunch Entrées
2. Romaine Salad w/Chicken Entrée Daily
3. Fresh Deli Sandwich Options Daily

Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Available Daily! Sandwiches on Whole Grain Rolls & Condiments</p> <p>Mon. ~ Chicken Patty, Turkey Grinders Tues. ~ Hot Dog, Chicken Patty, Ham Grinders Wed. ~ Ind. Pan Pizza, Chicken Patty Thurs. ~ Chicken Patty, Hamburger, Cheeseburger Fri. ~ Chef's Special, Chicken Patty</p> <p>All entrées served with vegetables, fruits, and sides of the day!</p>			<p>Turkey & Cheese on a Wrap 1</p> <p>Veggie Ginger Cole Slaw Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Fresh Fruits Blueberry Crisp</p>	<p>Dr. Suess' Birthday 2</p> <p>NEW Gill's Fresh Pizza Varieties</p> <p>Sidewinder French Fries Dr. Suess' Fruit Sticks Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>National School Breakfast Week 5</p> <p>Glazed French Toast Sliced Ham</p> <p>Hashbrown Potato Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Tacos w/Taco Shell 6</p> <p>Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Sour Cream Seasoned Rice Buttered Peas Black Bean & Corn Salsa Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>American Beef & Macaroni Casserole 7</p> <p>Shredded Cheese Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Chicken Caesar Wrap with Romaine Lettuce 8</p> <p>Seasoned Carrots Fresh Fruits Jell-O & Cream</p>	<p>Taste of Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 9</p> <p>Baby Spinach & Craisin Salad Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Staff Development Day 12</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>Turkey & Cheese Quesadilla 13</p> <p>Spring Cup w/ Baby Carrots & Hummus Dip Sidewinder French Fries Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>"Pi Day" Beef Burger or Cheeseburger 14</p> <p>Assorted Condiments Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slice Veggie Cole Slaw Assorted Fruit Cups School Made Pies</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Turkey & Cheese on a Croissant Roll 15</p> <p>Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cups Sticker Day!</p>	<p>Authentic Italian Pizza Slice - Varieties 16</p> <p>Caesar Salad Veggies w/Ranch Dip Assorted Fruit Cups</p>
<p>Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich 19</p> <p>Oven Roasted Fresh Potatoes Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Welcome Spring! Tacos w/Taco Shell 20</p> <p>Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Sour Cream Seasoned Rice, Corn Niblets Black Bean & Corn Salsa Fresh Fruits</p>	<p>Soup du Jour Chicken Fajita in a Wrap 21</p> <p>Salsa Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Italian Spaghetti w/ Plain or Meat Sauce 22</p> <p>Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressing Fresh Fruits Pudding & Cream</p>	<p>Local Northeast Pizza 23</p> <p>Zesty Pasta Salad Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>
<p>Soup du Jour Toasted Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Caesar Chicken Salad w/Romaine Lettuce 26</p> <p>Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served 27</p>	<p>Italian Meatball Grinder on a WG Roll 28</p> <p>Shredded Cheese Buttered Peas Assorted Fruit Cups</p>	<p>Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry 29</p> <p>Stir Fry Veggies Fried Rice Cucumbers w/Hummus Dip Assorted Fruit Cups School Baked Cookie</p>	<p>Little Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties 30</p> <p>Baby Spinach & Craisin Salad w/Red Onion Assorted Fruit Cups Lenten Special Available</p>

We offer 4 or 5 Entrée choices daily. Students may select: 1. One entrée. 2. Pick 1 or 2 fruit, and 1 or 2 vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either 8 oz. Fat Free Chocolate Milk or 1% White or Fat Free White Milk or 8 oz. Water. 4. Extra items may be offered such as more fruit or vegetable options, pudding, cake occasionally or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk.

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LUNCH

Lunch Price \$2.50, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk or Water \$.50 can be purchased for a lunch brought from home. Choice 8 oz 1% or Fat Free.

MARCH 2018

Auburn High Pre-Kindergarten
Rocket Zone Café

Menus are available online at www.auburn.k12.ma.us and are emailed through One Call and sent home each month.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
National School Breakfast Week				
5	6	7	8	9
Waffles w/Syrup Chicken Sausage Potato Hashbrown Condiments Assorted Fruit Cup	Tacos w/Taco Shell Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Black Bean & Corn Salsa Fresh Fruit	Soup du Jour American Chop Suey Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Garlic Breadstick Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup	Cheeseburger on WG Bun Condiments, Pickles Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit Fruit Crisp & Cream	Soup du Jour NEW! Gill's Fresh Pizza Varieties Caesar Salad Sliced Cucumbers Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available by Request</i>
12	13	14	15	16
Staff Development Day No School	Soup du Jour Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich 1/2 Chili Cup Sliced Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup	"Pi Day" Chicken Broccoli Alfredo w/Buttered Noodles Green Peas Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cup School Made Pie	Tasty Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Peas Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Pudding & Cream	Taste of Italy Pizza Cheese Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available by Request</i>
19	20	21	22	23
Baked Fish Nuggets Tartar Sauce Cup Lemon Zest Broccoli Garlic Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cup	Welcome Spring! Tacos w/Taco Shell Shredded Cheese, Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Seasoned Rice, Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit	Soup du Jour Hot Turkey on a Biscuit w/Savory Gravy Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup	Zesty Pulled Pork w/Maple Sauce on Mini Slider Roll Veggie Cole Slaw Dinner Roll w/Butter Fresh Fruit	Authentic Italian Pizza Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Buttered Peas Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available by Request</i>
26	27	28	29	30
Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry Stir Fry Veggies & Fried Rice Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cup	½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Sidewinder French Fries Ketchup Black Bean & Corn Salsa Assorted Fruit Cup	Glazed Sliced Ham Dinner Mashed Potato & Gravy Seasoned Carrots Soft Biscuit Fresh Fruit Pudding & Cream	Pizza Day! Local Northeast Pizza Broccoli Trees w/Ranch Dip Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available by Request</i>

Students can select an 8 oz. fat free flavored milk or 1% white milk OR an 8 oz. bottle of water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. of milk AND 8 oz. bottle of water, there will be a .50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge.

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LUNCH

Lunch Price \$2.50, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk or Water \$.50 can be purchased for a lunch brought from home. Choice 8 oz 1% or Fat Free.

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Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
National School Breakfast Week				
5	6	7	8	9
Fluffy Pancakes w/Syrup Sliced Ham Sidewinder French Fries Condiments Assorted Fruit Cup	Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Corn Tidbits Seasoned Rice New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	Soup du Jour American Chop Suey Shredded Cheese Garlic Breadstick Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup	Chicken Ranch Wrap Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slices Glazed Carrots Pickles Fresh Fruit Pudding & Cream	Dr. Suess' Birthday Chicken Noodle Soup NEW! Gill's Pizza Fun Size Potato Chips Seasoned Green Beans Dr. Suess Fruit Stick <i>Lenten Special Available on Request</i>
12	13	14	15	16
Staff Development Day No School	Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll Chili w/Beans Pickle Slices, Condiments Sliced Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit	"Pi Day" Soup du Jour Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup School Made Pie Sticker Day!	Tasty Sliced Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Sliced Carrots Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Jello & Cream Cup	Taste of Italy Pizza Cheese Pizza Seasoned Broccoli Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available on Request</i>
19	20	21	22	23
Turkey & Cheese on a Croissant Cute Smiley Potato Fries Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cup	Welcome Spring!! Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Spring Cup w/ Baby Carrots & Hummus Dip Seasoned Rice Fresh Fruit	Tasty Italian Meatballs Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Texas Toast Assorted Fruit Cup	Savory Crispy Chicken Dinner Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Jello & Cream Cup	Authentic Italian Pizza Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available on Request</i>
26	27	28	29	30
Baked Cheesy Macaroni & Cheese w/Goldfish Cracker Topping Seasoned Carrots Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cup	½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served	Soup du Jour Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll Buttered Peas Pickles, Condiments New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	Diced Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Seasoned Broccoli Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit Jello & Cream Cup	Little Italy Pizza Cheese Pizza Sidewinder French Fries Ketchup Assorted Fruit Cup <i>Lenten Special Available on Request</i>

Students can select an 8 oz. fat free flavored milk or 1% white milk OR an 8 oz. bottle of water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. of milk AND 8 oz. bottle of water, there will be a .50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge.

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LUNCH

Lunch Price \$2.75, \$.40 Reduced and Free for those eligible. Milk \$.50. Breakfast Price \$1.75, \$.30 Reduced and Free for those eligible.

MARCH 2018

Swanson Road Intermediate School

Menus are available online at www.auburn.k12.ma.us and are emailed through One Call and sent home each month.

Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Available Daily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hot Lunch Entrée 2. Bagel with 4 oz. Yogurt & Cheese Stick 3. Yogurt Fruit Parfait 4. Daily Sandwich Variety 5. Garden Salad Box w/Chicken 6. Garden Salad Box Vegetarian, Sunflower Seeds & Shredded Cheese 				
National School Breakfast Week				
5	6	7	8	9
Fluffy Pancakes w/Syrup Sliced Ham Oven Baked Fries Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups	Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Romaine Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Corn Tidbits, Salsa Seasoned Rice Fresh Fruits	Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a Roll Chili w/Beans Pickles, Condiments Seasoned Broccoli Assorted Fruit Cups	Soup du Jour Chicken Ranch Wrap Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slices Sweet Potato Fries Pickles Fresh Fruits Pudding & Cream	Dr. Suess' Birthday NEW! Gill's Pizza Variety Fun Size Potato Chips Seasoned Broccoli Dr. Suess Fruit Stick <i>Lenten Special Available</i>
12	13	14	15	16
Staff Development Day No School	Soup du Jour Hot Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Green Beans Assorted Fruit Cups Sticker Day	"Pi Day" Chicken Fajita in a Wrap Sautee Peppers & Onions Sweet Potato Fries Black Bean Salad Assorted Fruit Cups School Made Pies	Tasty Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Buttered Peas Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruits	Local Northeast Pizza Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups <i>Lenten Special Available</i>
19	20	21	22	23
Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry Stir Fry Veggies Asian Fried Rice Assorted Fruit Cups	Welcome Spring!! Taco's w/Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes Spring Cup w/ Baby Carrots & Hummus Dip Seasoned Rice Fresh Fruits	Soup du Jour Turkey & Cheese on a Croissant Cute Smiley Fries Ketchup Buttered Corn Assorted Fruit Cups	Italian Pasta Bar Italian Meat Sauce or Plain Marinara Sauce Shredded Cheese Cheesy Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruits, Jell-o & Cream	Authentic Italian Pizza Slice - Varieties Oven Roasted Fresh Potato Assorted Fruit Cups <i>Lenten Special Available</i>
26	27	28	29	30
Baked Cheesy Macaroni & Cheese w/Goldfish Cracker Topping Peas & Carrots Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups	½ Staff Development Day No Lunch Served	Soup du Jour Chicken Salad on a Croissant Roll Black Bean Salsa Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fruit Cups	Savory Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes w/Savory Gravy Steamed Broccoli WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruits Pudding & Cream Cup	Little Italy Pizza Slice - Varieties Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups <i>Lenten Special Available</i>

Students may select: 1. One entrée. 2. Pick 1 fruit and 1 or 2 vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free Chocolate Milk 8 oz. or 1% White Milk 8 oz. or 8 oz. bottle of water. 4. Extra items may be offered occasionally such as pudding, WG cookie or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk. Elementary students can select 8 oz. milk or 8 oz. bottle water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. milk AND 8 oz. bottled water there will be a \$.50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water dispensers for all children at no charge.

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End of winter sports and straight into spring



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Ice fishing anglers had hoped for a long season, but mother nature had other plans. With most lakes and ponds ice free, fishing with rod and reel has anglers catching numerous fish including trout. A reminder that Wallum Lake in Douglas is now closed to all fishing as of Feb. 28. Wallum Lake is an interstate pond and is governed by Rhode Island regulations. Wallum Lake reopens on the second Saturday of April. Local club ponds are also giving up some nice trout to members fishing with rod & reel.

Saltwater anglers are catching some nice cod at Coxes Ledge when the boats can get out, but heavy winds have kept most boats at their docks. Hopefully the weather will improve in the coming weeks and days, allowing the boats to get onto the fishing grounds. Boat captains have reported large schools of cod at the fishing grounds on past trips, with plenty of bait in the area to keep them there. Past trips have also had boat captains anchoring up on large schools of fish for their patrons on past trips, but they seemed to have lock jaw. The bite is expected to start any day now!!

While at the Springfield Sportsmen's show at the Big-E last week I had time to talk to a Captain of the "Captain

John Boat" at 10 Town Wharf Road in Plymouth! Some of the best haddock fishing in a long time was realized by his patrons during the last few years and he expects this year to be even better. Haddock fishing starts in early April, and a limit of 15 fish is expected again this year. Unfortunately this year, cod are not allowed again, to be retained on the Gulf of Maine. For a complete list of fishing opportunities and rates on the Captain John Boats, go to the web site at www.captainjohnboats.com.

Also while at the show I was fascinated by a small animal from Australia called the sugarbears. They are a tiny rodent like animal that pretty much resembles a chipmunk. Although somewhat cute they are certainly not something I would want in my home. They are also considered pocket pets and can be carried around in your pocket as you travel around on your daily chores. They cost around \$300 to \$ 500 each and can live to 15 years old. One person acknowledged to me that they do not make great pets, as the can become very noisy, need a lot of veterinarian care, and that they need company of another sugarbear. Now you got two new members of the family to care for.

Tautog management changes are coming to Massachusetts this year and they are long overdue. There will be no spring commercial fishing this year and for good reasons. As the tautog migrate back to coastal water in the spring, they are ready to spawn. Taking the fish before they spawn is ridiculous. "This species is one of the most localized of all popu-



Courtesy photos

Junior Ranger Steven from West Hill Dam shows off a nice redfish caught in South Carolina.



Charter boats off the Cape including the Island Current are bringing their customers to nice catches of cod.

lar recreational and commercial species, and the proposed changes to the new plan will create four regions — each with its own conversation goals and regulations" the report stated. Commercial fishermen will be required to place a small metal tag on each tautog that they keep to sell.

"Tracking commercial fishermen and their catch of tautog and their sale of fish in the past few years by Environmental Police have concerns about illegal and undocumented fish that are destined for instate and out of state sale, to markets and restaurants" the report stated.

The good news for Massachusetts fishermen is that the tautog stocks are healthy. Massachusetts and Rhode Island will be working together to maintain their healthy stocks of tautog in the

coming years.

This year recreational sea bass limits will be adjusted to open on May 20 and will close August 29. The five fish daily limit and 15 inch minimum size will remain.

Massachusetts recreational summer flounder regulations will also be changed this year. A four fish daily bag limit and an increase from 16 inches in length to 17 inches were made to comply with the AMC management plan. The season for summer flounder remains from May 22 to September 23.

If you fish saltwater you need to attend the New England Saltwater Fishing show in Providence on March 9-11. More on the show next week.

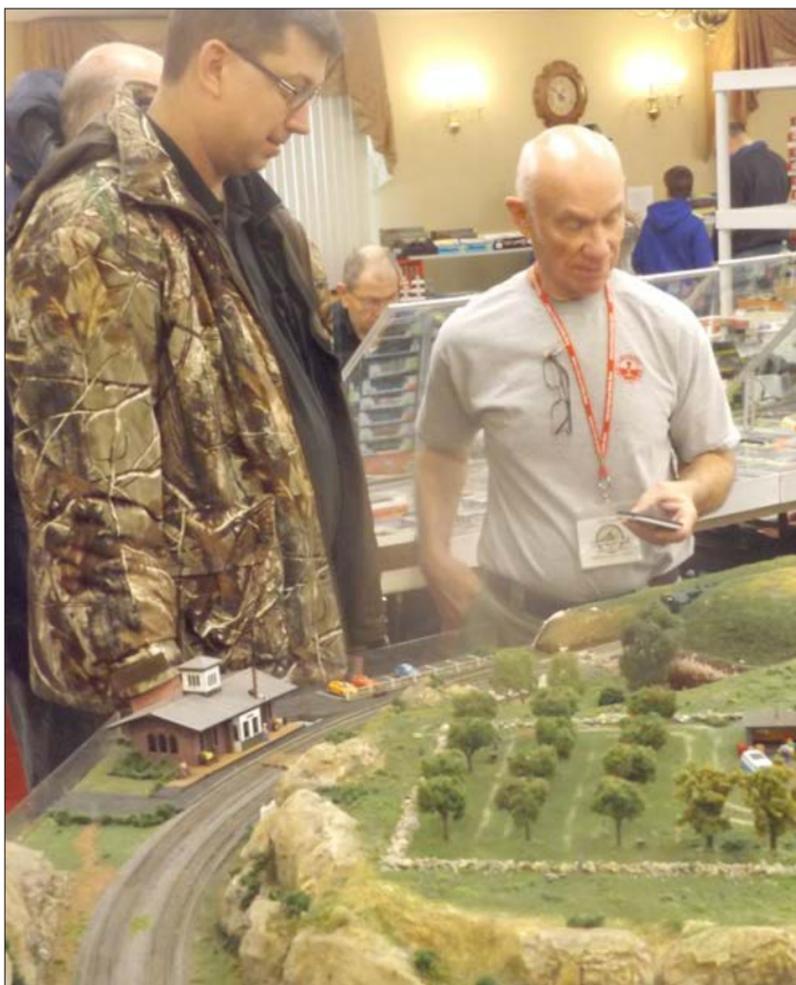
A public hearing will be held on March 7, at the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Headquarters in Westborough to discuss the possible exten-

sion of the archery deer season this year in zones 10-14. A good turnout is expected. There will be no changes in zones 1-9.

This week's picture shows Junior Ranger Steven, from the West Hill Dam group enjoying some fishing for Redfish while on vacation in South Carolina! Nice fish. Redfish are on my agenda of things to do before I get too old!

The second picture shows a nice cod taken on the Island Current charter boat recently.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Greg Maas, right, talks to another model railroad aficionado as they look over one corner of the show's central model complex.



One of the longer trains weaves its way through a section of the model.

TRAINS

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tracks and spurs of various lengths, clearly came from several different hands. Some builders preferred a more suburban layout, another section resembled desert, and a third rolled through hill country.

"I don't think we've ever put up the same layout twice," Maas said.

Most of the accessories to decorate the route could be found somewhere else in the show, with dozens of tables featuring fake rocks, tracks, buildings and signs, control systems and, of course, rail cars by the thousands.

Eric Grover and Shawn Invernizzi ran one of those tables, which had some cars but emphasized their own DVDs of trips along various real railroads, chasing and riding the trains. They noted they have regular jobs and have done this since 2005 "just for the fun. If you put your soul and heart into it, it takes away the fun," in Grover's words.

Grover said he did a college thesis on the CSX railway and came to feel that railroading is "cheaper, safer and easier" than almost any other form of transportation. Corporations have noticed that in recent years for transporting commercial goods, but public transit still lags because "people want instant

gratification," he said. Railroading, by contrast, takes time but has major benefits in terms of being "very relaxing" and allowing you to see beautiful places airplanes never go to.

Among their favorites have been Royal Gorge in Colorado and the Strasburg RR of Pennsylvania, and Invernizzi's brother worked for Connecticut's Edaville RR, so he's "been around trains all my life."

Stan Trzoniec of Shrewsbury had a very similar take on transit's woes.

"Passenger service is defunct, and that's what's missing in this country," he said. "We need it long-haul, but people aren't interested. They're in too much of a hurry."

Europe, China and Japan have invested heavily in high-speed rail (HSR), allowing their people to go cross-country at 120 mph or more. To do it requires long stretches of nearly straight track, among other things. By contrast, the US has a very limited high-speed network — brief sections of the Acela route can hit 150 mph, but most of it uses standard, slower tracks, and the only dedicated HSR line being proposed in California is way over budget and mired in planning problems.

A fatal December accident in Washington highlights why separation of the two rail types is important: A supposedly "high-speed" line (it peaked

at less than 100 mph) crashed during its inaugural run when it went around a curve that was marked for just 30 mph and derailed, spilling train cars onto Interstate 5.

For years, Trzoniec has been a writer for outdoors magazines, but in his spare time he takes side trips to photograph railroads and research their history. His table was covered with coffee table-style books of them, alongside one he wrote on cats "for the women."

One of those was with him — his wife, Inge, who said she came just to support him. "I'm happy he has a hobby. It's great he has one like this."

Across the room, Lisa Morgan of Rutland had a similar view regarding her autism-spectrum son, John, age 14. "He's into Thomas the Train, and I've been trying to introduce him to the adult version of trains since three years ago," she said. "This is our second train show. We missed the one in Springfield and he almost killed me."

While we talked, John was using her iPhone to record the rolling model trains very close-up, far more interested in them than people. She noted he's now starting to build his own sets, and their "next adventure" will be a real train ride. But she admits that will take a little extra courage from her, too, since she's never done it, not even on the MBTA.

Morgan said they found out about

the hobby from a friend in Holden's neighbor, who has a "huge basement set-up" in a room on which he'd painted "the whole background scenery on his walls." Since then, John has gotten "very creative with duct tape and cardboard and lots of paint. He's a builder."

Regarding Thomas the Train, she added she likes those stories because "they help him understand feelings and what helping others means."

Maas said he sees model railroading growing as a hobby as young people like John get involved, and several even younger kids (a few of them girls) milled around the place while we talked. To him, the hobby dovetails well with schools' emphasis on science and engineering skills, and appeals particularly to those who want to do something with electronics but not sit around playing video games. From his experience, the adults involved are willing to teach, and the hobby has lots of room for learning from mistakes, since "it's all fixable."

"Part of the draw is the community of people," Maas said. "This is the best group of people I've ever worked with on model railroads."

Worcester Model Railroaders (www.wmrr.org) moved from Worcester to Railroad Avenue in Webster last summer. The regional group meets twice weekly: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-12 on Saturday mornings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 10 & Sunday, March 11

CRAFT FAIR: annual town craft fair hosted by town of Auburn Park and Recreation Division, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St. For information call (508) 832-7736 or email kpappas@town.auburn.ma.us.

Tuesday, March 20

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET: The Auburn Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard drive, Auburn. Our speaker will be Bob Moffitt, noted coin and antique expert. His topic will be "the value may be in the name" (metal or token). Everyone is welcomed, the event is free and refreshments will be served.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step

Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open

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

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

sert 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 lisrichard15@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.



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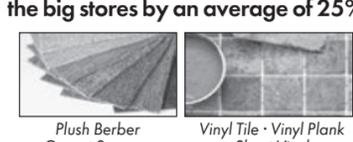
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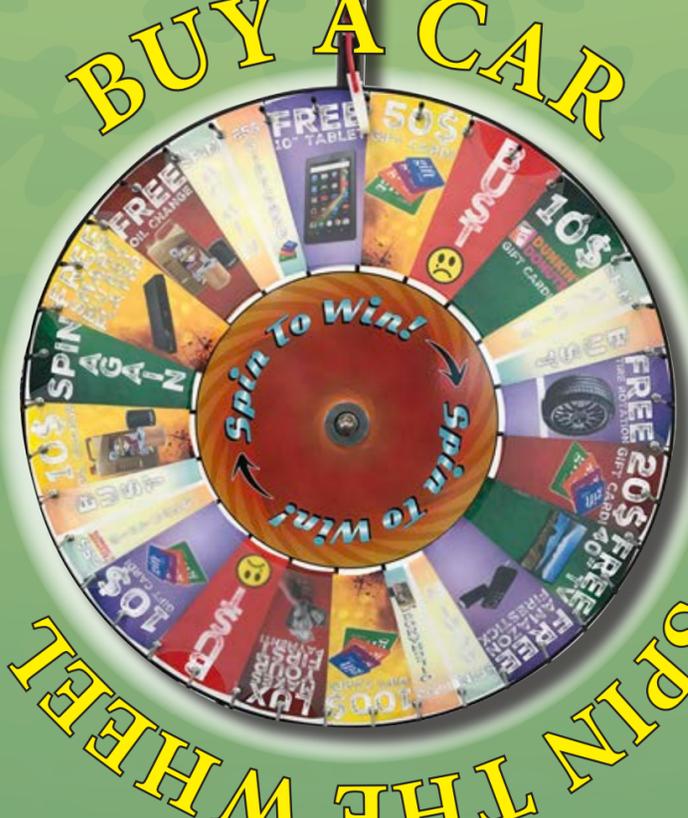


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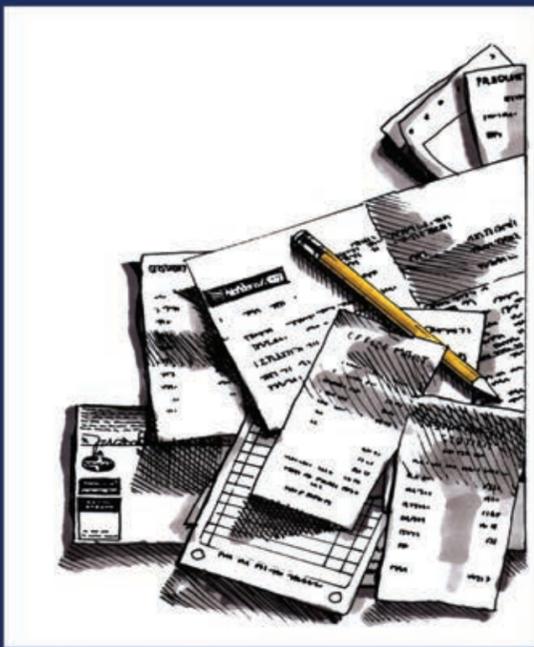
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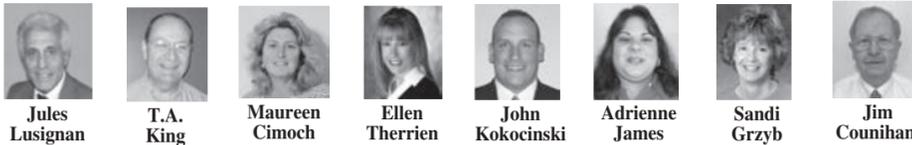
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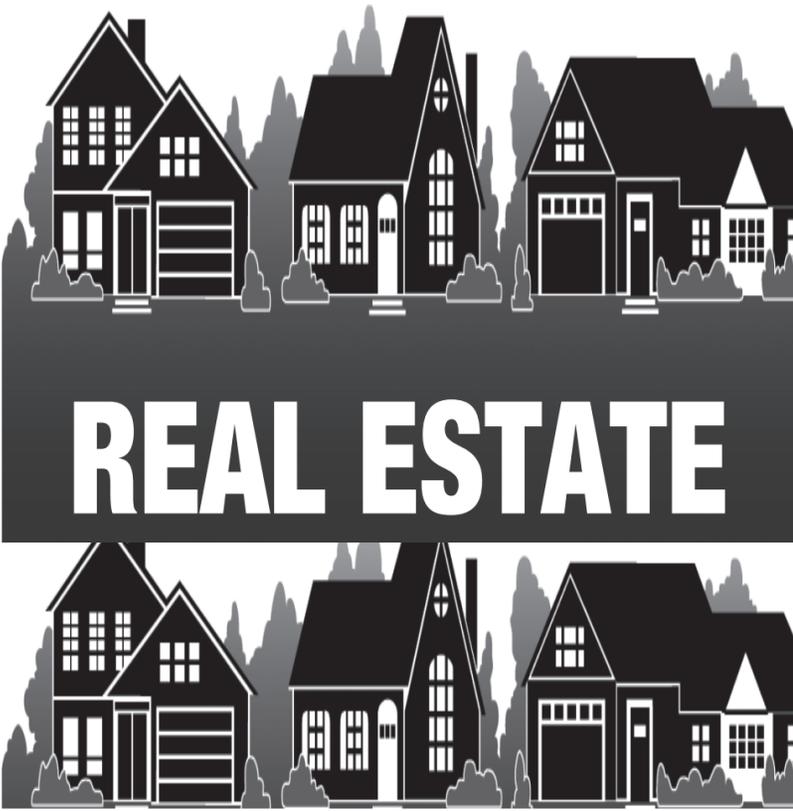
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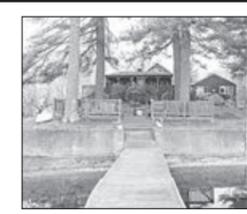
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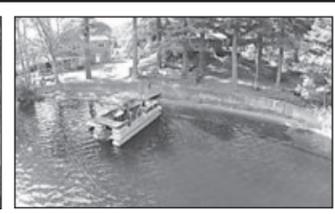


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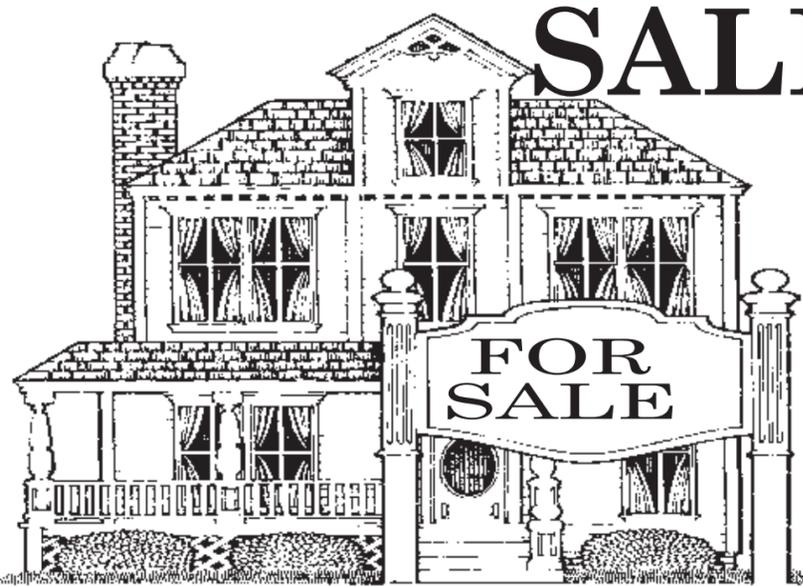


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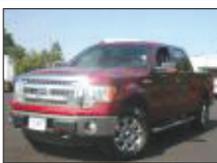

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