

Artwork by Auburn students on display in Worcester

AUBURN — Artwork from 12 Auburn students who attend three local schools will be on display at the Central Massachusetts Regional Youth Art Month Exhibit in the Higgins Education Wing of the Worcester Art Museum from March 1 - March 22.

Youth Art Month is a national celebration endorsed by Council for Art Education, the National Art Education Association, and the Massachusetts Art Education Association.

A family reception will be held on Sunday, March 22 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This reception will feature a recognition ceremony at 1:15 p.m., as well as performances by Oak Middle School Select Choir from 12:45-1:15 p.m. and the Auburn High School Chamber Singers and Acarockets from 1:45-2:15 p.m.

This annual celebration, which typically takes place in March, emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in public and private schools. The Museum is open Wednesday-

Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and the third Thursday of every month from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission to the YAM exhibit in the Higgins Education Wing is always free.

AHS Student Exhibitors:
Jayme Regan
Avery Bishop
Brian Bailey
Crystalis Lavergne

AMS Student Exhibitors:
Van Nguyen
Lexi Sens
Ivy Bowser

Candance Blanchard

SWIS Student Exhibitors:
Brody Coughlin
Ava Herrie
Ava McKellick
Delia Lambert

The purposes of the Youth Art Month celebration are to:
Recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curriculum that develops citizens of a global society.
Recognize art is a necessity for the full development of a better quality of life for all.

Direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking.
Expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs.
Encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere.
Provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning.
Increase community, business and governmental support.

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Historical Society kicks off 2020 season March 19

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society's March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Dr.

Val Stegman from the Blackstone Valley National Historic Corridor will be the featured speaker at this first meeting of the season for the Historical Society. He will present a program titled "The Civilian Conservation Corps in Auburn History," about the Civilian Conservation Corps of the Depression Era and how the work of the young men helped the town of Auburn.

This meeting is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

U.S. News & World Report names The Overlook among nation's best nursing homes

CHARLTON — The Overlook is among the 19 percent of U.S. skilled nursing facilities that have been recognized as a "Best Nursing Home for 2019-20" by U.S. News & World Report.

The Overlook earned Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating, for both their Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care neighborhoods. U.S. News gives the designation of Best Short Term Rehabilitation and Nursing Home only to those centers that satisfy U.S. News's assessment of quality measures such as the appropriate use of key services and consistent performance.

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is our people that make The Overlook such a special place.

Now in its 10th year, the U.S. News Best Nursing Homes Ratings and profiles offer comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing, and more for nearly all of the nation's 15,000-plus nursing homes. The Best Nursing Homes Ratings reflect U.S. News' exclusive analysis of publicly available data using a methodology that evaluates factors determined to most greatly impact patient and resident care, safety, and outcomes.

"For the aging population in America, a nursing home should meet the specific level of care based on the needs of each patient or resident," said Kim Castro, editor and chief content officer of U.S. News.

"The U.S. News Best Nursing Home Ratings hone in on measurements like emergency room visits, quality of staff and proper distribution of medical and physical therapy to help families make an informed decision," she said. "These

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

Students and staff put their Rockets pride on full display during Auburn High School's Winter Carnival last month. Photo courtesy of the school's Twitter feed.

Charlton Arts and Activities Center celebrates 10 years



CAAC Co-Chairs Barbara Benoit and Kristin Petrik accept a citation from State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost acknowledging the center's tenth anniversary.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A decade ago, a small group of volunteers and supporters of the arts came together on a mission, to bring a center of expression and artistry to the town of Charlton to cultivate the creativity hidden within the community. That mission would go on to become the Charlton Arts and Activities Center, a hub for community involvement and artistic education that celebrated its tenth anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Each year, the Arts and Activities Center plays host to numerous town events including play productions, the annual Blueberry Festival and Trunk or Treat and while most may only visit the facility once or twice a year to see it in passing through the center of town the center is constantly bustling with activity from cake decorating to visual arts and other forms of expression embraced by locals young and old.

For the tenth anniversary, the center hosted a special get together and open house showcasing many forms of art including painting, acting, music and



more to raise public awareness of the many different artistic talents hidden within the small town. Sandra Bacon, a founder of the center, said it has been a proud and humbling experience to see what the center has become over time.

"This was an abandoned building owned by the town just sitting here rotting away and our vision from the cultural council was to offer something for older adults and young people not involved in sports to give them an opportunity to learn about what else is out there," Bacon said. "I think looking at everything that has developed that goal has been met."

Barbara Benoit, one of two chairwomen of the center, said that the facility is

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Hannaford Helps campaign generates 7,600 pounds for Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Hannaford Supermarkets and its customers donated 7,620 pounds of food valued at \$12,345 to the Worcester County Food Bank as part of a hunger relief campaign that produced \$1.4 million dollars in nutritious food and cash to food banks and pantries throughout the Northeast.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger took place during the 2019 holiday season and included a you-buy-one, we-give-one component, whereby Hannaford pledged to donate identical products when customers purchased specific shelf-stable items, including apple-sauce, spaghetti, oats, green beans, and corn.

“Each year, we see the abundant generosity and caring of our customers through the Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program,” said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. “Donations that help families and children who might not otherwise have enough nutritious food is a true demonstration of the

impact we can all have in people’s lives. We are grateful for the partnership and commitment of our customers in helping to make our communities a stronger place.”

The annual campaign builds off the work that local Hannaford stores and distribution centers participate in daily. Hannaford donated nearly 25 million pounds of rescued food to Northeast hunger relief in 2019.

The Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Campaign had three parts:

- Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Boxes: Customers purchased boxes of food staples for \$10. The boxes are then donated to a pantry local to the store where it was purchased; or the customer has the option to keep the box and donate directly to another organization. Valued at \$930,000, a total of 93,000 Fight Hunger boxes were donated to hunger relief agencies throughout Hannaford’s five state presence, including 6,600

boxes or the equivalent of 52,800 meals in Massachusetts.

- Register Donation: Customers donated money to a local food pantry, right at the register. The register donations totaled \$251,978, including \$21,740 in Massachusetts.

- Buy One, Give One: Hannaford donated specific products identical to those items purchased by customers during a four-week period. Through the Buy One, Give One program, Hannaford donated 383 cases of nutritious food, equating to 7,620 pounds valued at more than \$12,000, to the Worcester County Food Bank. The Buy One, Give One donations across the Northeast totaled 8,663 cases of food – or 175,000 pounds valued at \$238,520.

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Landfill rumors draw interest in Charlton

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – Rumors have been swirling that the town of Southbridge could be exploring their own landfill project and Charlton’s Board of Health is expressing interest if the rumors are true.

During a meeting on Feb. 18, Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said he had heard rumors about the project but also acknowledged “there’s nothing to discuss yet.” However, with growing concerns about the status of Casella and the continued partnership between the neighboring communities if such an initiative were fully green let it seems that Charlton, or at least the Board of Health, may be interested in being a part of that effort.

“They have a special committee in Southbridge that’s working on that five-year plan, when it ends, what they’re going to do. It’s really outside of the control of the Board of Health,” said Gagner.

Board member Kathleen Walker said a commit-

tee in town has been working with Southbridge to set up a partnership for waste disposal. While the rumors of a Southbridge landfill may or may not be true, it does seem like the two communities are on board of work together on future endeavors.

“The Charlton Sustainability Committee is trying to set up and meeting in Southbridge. We’ve been in contact with the chairperson of that committee,” Walker said.

Later, she added, “We’re going to just kind of find out what they’re doing and see if there’s some way we can piggyback or take advantage of their knowledge.”

It might be a bit premature to talk about any impending partnerships simply based on rumors, but the very idea of a multi-town landfill has certainly caught the attention of Charlton’s Board of Health who have indicated their belief that having a landfill close to the town would likely be an attractive concept for not only town officials, but for citizens as well.

Kyle Novakoski named to Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Stonehill College

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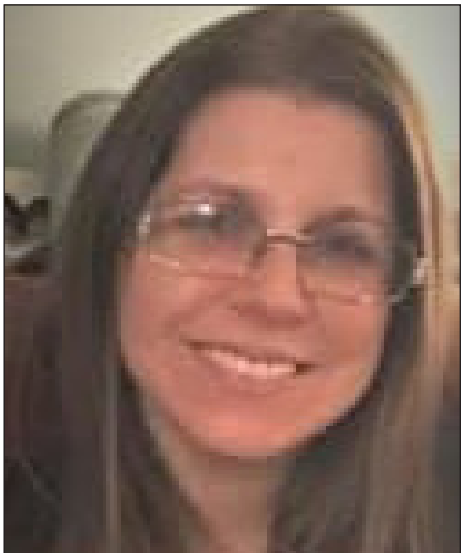
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LPN named Reliant Medical Group employee of the month



Shawna Esposito

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna Shawna Esposito, LPN of Hardwick was recently recognized as the employee of the month for the Reliant Medical Group, Orthopedics department. Esposito's employee of the month award is now followed by a nomination from one of the Orthopedic surgeons for employee of the quarter.

Esposito thanked Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for the education, training and opportunities she received. "After I graduated, I worked for three years at Beaumont Rehab as an LPN on their subacute unit," said Esposito. "I was supervisor at night (of the building) which also taught me so much."

Now as a triage nurse at the Reliant Medical Group, Esposito finds that "triage has challenged me, the ability to assess patient's conditions over the phone with subjective information can be difficult but rewarding in its own way."

Further, Esposito adds, "This is so inspiring for me. I've been challenged and have gained confidence over these years and reflect on how it all began so often. I'm so thankful for the experience and opportunity to change my life in the most fulfilling ways possible through the LPN program. I thank Mrs. Bolandrina and all the staff at Bay Path for their guidance, support and opportunities."

Esposito is praised for being a diligent former student who always went the extra mile, was a true asset to the PN Class of 2016, and represents the practical nursing education very well. Esposito qualified for the National Technical Honor Society and has volunteered as alumni mentor and tutored PN students in the past.

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Charlton officials increase social media presence

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – In an attempt to keep Charlton citizens better informed of town meetings and notices, the town itself is putting together a Facebook page, with selectmen approving a new policy for use of the social media account and related resources.

As one of his first major moves at Town Administrator in Charlton, Andre Gola brought forth a new approach to communication and an accompanying bylaw which selectmen approved unanimously during a Feb. 25 meeting. Gola said when he came to Charlton he realized the town didn't have its own dedicated

social media page which he planned to change to allow for easier access for meeting notices and other announcements for town residents.

"Currently, the absence of a town sponsored social media account really limits our ability to push out information that's relative to town business. I'm working to establish a town social media presence through Facebook and Twitter as an outlet to publishing the information for residents relative to the operations of town government," Gola said.

The Town Administrator then presented a bylaw which would control what could and couldn't be posted on that page and how comments would be handled including in circum-

stances where town officials felt inappropriate content was posted in the comments. The written policy received approval from all selectmen present and does not infringe on any previously agreed-upon contracts or the rights for other town entities to utilize their own established social media pages.

"Departments that currently use social media including police and fire rely on internal policies issued by department heads through their general orders. The intent of the proposed policy is meant in no way to limit anybody's free speech or infringe on any existing labor agreements, but this policy has been reviewed by the technology committee

and by legal counsel to conform with existing policies and laws," Gola said prior to the selectmen's vote.

Selectman David Singer further clarified that the olice apply only to the official town accounts on social media and does not affect anyone's ability to post on their own personal accounts. The Town of Charlton Facebook Page officially debuted the following day and will showcase town events, meeting notices and recorded meetings which are also available on the TVCharltonMass

YouTube account for residents to view at their leisure.

Championship chorus and quartets to perform benefit concert



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Come enjoy Sing into Spring on April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.

STURBRIDGE — Come enjoy Sing into Spring on April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.

Performing quartets include VOCE, the sixth place International quartet, and regional medalists Saffron and Phoenix Rising. All performers are members of Sweet Adelines International, a nonprofit educational organization of women dedicated to singing a cappella barbershop harmony.

Concert proceeds will benefit Southern Worcester County's homeless

shelter, St. Luke's Guesthouse, as well as Millennium Magic's local music education programs.

General admission tickets are \$15, students and seniors \$12, children 10 and under free. You can buy tickets in advance at <http://millenniummagic.bigcartel.com/> or buy at the door.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is at 345 Main St., Sturbridge. The church has ample parking and the building is handicapped accessible.

For more information about the concert or barbershop music in the area, see Facebook. To hear Millennium Magic's amazing sound before the concert, check YouTube.

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The Bank’s donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees, clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

“StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our community,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. “We are pleased to support this



Pictured, L to R: Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee (CDC) Todd M. Tallman.

organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children.”

To learn more about the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids or to become a volunteer, please visit them online at www.standupforkids.org/worcester or by calling 508-963-5576.

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Nine garden planning tips for the greatest return

We’ve all done it...gotten overzealous in spring and overplanted or planted the wrong varieties for our tastes and needs. Make this the year you plan your garden for the best return on your investment.

First, prepare a list before placing your catalog order or making that first trip to the garden center. Without a bit of preplanning our carts end up filled with more seeds and plants than space available or varieties that are not suited to our growing conditions or our family’s taste.

Make sure each plant you select provides the greatest return on investment by including winning varieties with a visit to the All-America Selections (AAS) website (all-america-selections.org). This non-profit trialing organization has test sites across the US and Canada that trial and select winning varieties for their taste and garden performance.

Review your favorite recipes and consider growing the ingredients you need on a regular basis. Salad lovers may want to plant a container of greens

that can be harvested daily. Sandy Lettuce and colorful mild flavored Red Kingdom Mizuna are slow to bolt, extending the harvest into warmer months. Add some super nutritious Prizm kale for your morning smoothies and salads. Prizm’s stemless stalks releaf quickly after harvest so you’ll have a continuous supply.

Fill a corner of the garden or container with a small-fruited tomato or two for salads, snacking and other daily treats. Red Celano grape tomato (a determinate for containers) and the light-yellow sweet Firefly tomato (an indeterminate for vertical or staked gardens) are attractive and very productive, ensuring more than enough for your whole family to enjoy.

Add a bit of crunch and color by growing Roxanne radishes. And don’t forget the cucumbers. Green Light cucumbers are seedless, sweet and prolific – great for salads or a refreshing summer drink. Keep a constant supply of these ingredients by making small plantings throughout the season.

Grow several containers of tasty and attractive Delizz strawberries. These everbearing plants will provide a pretty pot of fresh strawberries throughout the summer for your morning oatmeal or afternoon glass of wine.

Plant unusual vegetables you can’t purchase at the grocery store. Roulette pepper has the look and citrusy flavor of a habanero without the heat. And you won’t find anything like Yellow Apple tomato at the store. It has small unique apple-shaped fruit with a citrusy sweet flavor that’s perfect for snacks or stuffing with cheese.

Dedicate some space for those vegetables that are more expensive to buy than grow. Green peppers are a bargain in the summer, but the yellow, orange and red ones can cost two to three times more. Reduce the wait time and increase your enjoyment with early maturing colorful peppers like Orange Blaze or the yellow sweet peppers like Cornito Giallo, Escamillo or Just Sweet.

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At school, Janely is described as a kind and quiet student who is attentive and hard-working. She has been diagnosed with Epilepsy, which at times can make it difficult for her to comprehend her school work. Janely is in a mainstream classroom and receives extra academic supports in the areas of math and communication skills.

Not yet legally freed for adoption, Janely will bring joy and laughter to a family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. An ideal family for Janely will have some experience caring for children with medical needs and will be able to bring her to multiple neurology appointments. A family must be open to helping her maintain relationships with her biological family, including her brother.

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Oxford selectmen talk infrastructure and grants

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Selectmen focused mostly on infrastructure-related issues in their most recent meeting, Feb 25.

In light of the ongoing Route 20 project and a relatively new process to plan Main Street renovations, Cheryll LeBlanc noted, “We have other roads that are much bigger priorities that we’ve got to address,” particularly “the pool of roads that lead into Main Street.” Routes 20 and 12 are eligible for federal Transportation Improvement Plan funds, but many town roads are not.

Town Manager Jen Callahan agreed, saying she feels many of the latter were “approved prematurely” years ago, but she “wouldn’t want us to bypass” federal aid. The town

needs “a large number of projects for all these small roads,” some of which are already in the works, she said.

Indeed, one current effort is to assess the town’s roads for a pavement management plan, using a variety of ways of “looking in real time” to categorize them by condition and estimate true repair costs., she added. She also noted residents should expect construction on Sacarrappa Road bridge to begin in late summer or early fall, since the town still needs to get two state permits before seeking bids.

That prompted a couple selectmen to cite specific problems. John Saad noted repair crews have scraped the top layer of Dudley Road in preparation for resurfacing, but residents there are concerned that it also needs drainage work.

During a recent visit there, he said he saw water flowing down the dirt driveway of a construction site and freezing in the most damaged part of the road for “100 to 150 yards.”

Meghan Troiano also questioned when Route 56 lines will be painted, since she’s seen some confusion up there regarding how drivers line up at the intersection.

Other forms of infrastructure got passing discussion. Callahan talked about recently receiving several grants, including \$30,000 to fix and clean various town monuments and \$163,880 as Oxford’s first Green Communities grant. She said she hopes to use the latter to replace two old boilers, but noted she has “a long list of things that will be moving us toward substantial reductions” in energy use over time.

The town was just designated a Green Community, and is thus eligible for about \$200,000 a year in state aid for efficiency and related projects.

She said she’s also seeking Municipal Vulnerability Program designation, which will open up grants for climate-protection projects, and has reapplied for a trail grant to create a handicapped-accessible Greenbriar Park trail at “very little or no cost to the taxpayer.”

Also in progress are negotiations to draft a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with a major local solar developer, which she said should be done before May. She said the owner, Blue Wave, “sold it to a Wall Street corporation” recently, but she still aims to have “the town in the strongest position possible.” Because of a

state court ruling that exempts solar arrays from some taxes, the owner has filed for an abatement of already-paid taxes.

Selectmen also voted to send a proposal to create new solar zoning and related bylaws to the Planning Board for review and public hearings, with the goal of having Town Meeting vote on it this spring.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a license for a 1000-gallon above-ground diesel storage tank at Little River Recycling, 22 Town Forest Rd.; honored John Flynn for 22 years of town service as a library trustee, election worker and sewer study committee member; and renewed \$1.1 million in short-term bonds covering several recent projects.

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Plastics Hall of Fame honors Dennis Tully



Dennis Tully

CHARLTON — Every three years, the Plastics Academy inducts individuals into the Plastics Hall of Fame. MTD Micro Molding is honored to announce that our late president, Dennis Tully, is one of the six posthumous inductees this year.

Inductees are elected by the living members of the Hall of Fame after a lengthy screening process. Tully will be inducted at the March 24 ceremony that

is part of the Spring National Board Meeting of the Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS) in Washington, D.C.

“These new posthumous inductees proudly represent the length and breadth of our great industry, with a wealth of accomplishments in polymer science, engineering, manufacturing, equipment design and business management,” said Jay Gardiner, president of the Plastics Academy.

A UMass Lowell graduate of the plastics engineering program, Tully joined his father’s company, Miniature Tool & Die Inc in 1989. Two decades later, he bought the business from his father.

Tully had a big vision for the company when he rebranded it as MTD Micro Molding in 2010, repositioning it exclusively for the medical device market and steering it to enormous success. MTD became known around the world for its mastery of highly

precise, specialized miniature parts that no other company could produce. MTD manufactures medical components a fraction of a size of a sesame seed that perform critical functions like drug delivery and wound closure. Tully made numerous investments in innovation and R&D, often being the first injection molding company in North America to have the most state-of-the-art equipment or capabilities for producing micro medical breakthroughs. He built the capacity to have the entire molding process, from tooling to packaging, done in-house to optimize the manufacturing process for validated production.

Under Tully, MTD more than doubled its workforce, became one of the nation’s fastest growing companies, and won numerous awards. He grew the company from a \$1.9 million business in 2008 to \$8.8 million in 2019, an increase of 442%

over a 10.5-year period. A testament to Tully’s leadership and company culture, MTD has been twice named as a Plastics News Best Places to Work. Three times, MTD was named as one of the finalists for the plastics industry’s most prestigious award before finally winning the Plastics News Processor of the Year title in 2019—becoming the smallest company to win the title in its 22 years. The announcement came only days after Tully’s untimely passing.

Despite the company’s accolades, Tully was always most proud of his staff, for whom he cared deeply. As Plastics News editorial director Don Loepp wrote, “Now the history of MTD starts a new chapter, without its talisman, but with a strong culture and

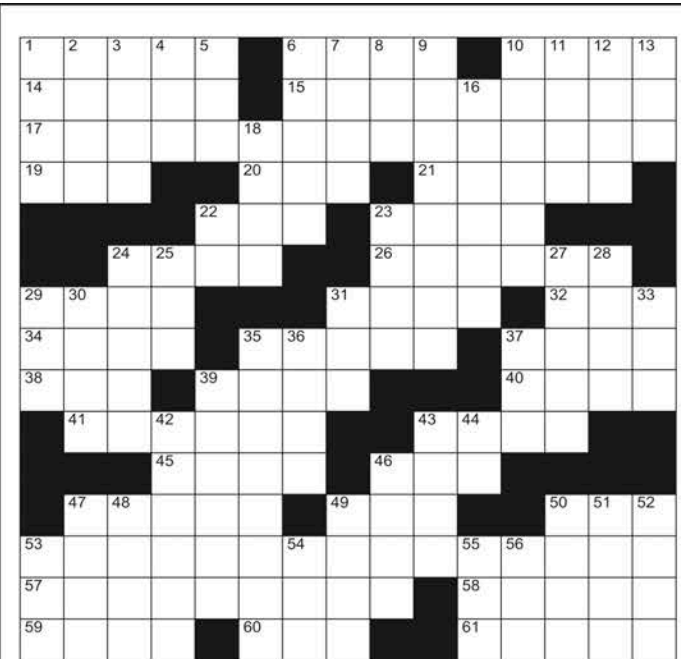
set of core values to keep it on the right track.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp
6. A type of gin
10. Japanese ankle sock
14. Swiss city
15. Applied to
17. Achievements
19. Japanese title
20. Possesses
21. Belgian city
22. Child
23. Great delight
24. Petty quarrel
26. Gathered
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Path
32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
34. A citizen of Denmark
35. Flat
37. Upper-class young women
38. Payment (abbr.)
39. Distort
40. Affirmative! (slang)
41. One who has a child
43. Without
45. Workplace safety agency
46. Political action committee
47. Period of plant and animal life
49. Swiss river
50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
53. State of being kept secret
57. Hobbies
58. One-time Korean ruler
59. Sudden attack
60. Born of
61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist
2. Famed composer
3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
4. Chief executive officer
5. Defunct Syrian political party
6. Thin wood
7. Polynesian garlands
8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
10. Multi-leveled
11. Influential diarist
12. Gambles
13. Many subconsciousnesses
16. Current unit
18. Illumination unit
22. Tantalum
23. Steps leading down to a river
24. Kids love him
25. Before
27. Fencing swords
28. Mountain range in China
29. Payroll company
30. A way to pack together
31. Business designation
33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
35. Forage fish
36. Greek temple pillars
37. Internet mgmt. company
39. Rouse oneself
42. In a way, covered
43. Elaborate silk garment
44. Cooling unit
46. Riley and O’Brien are two
47. ___ fide: genuine
48. Ancient Incan sun god
49. Poker stake
50. Trigonometric function
51. Interesting tidbit
52. Adieus
53. U.S. Treasury position
54. Midway between east and southeast
55. Doctors’ group
56. Women’s ___ movement

CHARLTON ARTS

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the result of a true community effort to respect and embrace many different art forms and that she is proud that Charlton opened its arms so willingly to the idea and has continued to support it for so long.

“In ten years, we have come from absolutely nothing to what we are today. We have so many classes now, so many wonderful instructors in music, dance and theater. We’re very happy with what we have, and we hope to continue adding more as time goes on,” said Benoit.

The day also saw state leaders pays a visit to the center to see what it’s all about. State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost presented a citation from the House of Representatives congratulating the center on its tenth anniversary. Both called the facility and important part of what makes Charlton such a special small town.

“I think this is a great community resource. It’s a great outlet for kids and adults alike. You don’t always get to see an adult acting crew here in town, so this is great,” Durant said. “I think this is quintessential New England. You have a small town where you can go, participate and be active in arts, crafts, acting, dancing, cake design and all kinds of things. It gives people the ability to be together as a group of people within the community to explore some avenues and interests that might only be available in bigger cities.”

Frost echoed his colleagues thoughts and said he enjoyed the experience of witnessing the work of the center and it’s artists first hand.

“Ten years of providing this community with an outlet for expression is outstanding. Just to get a little sample of what they do here is fantastic. It’s a nice hidden gem here but it’s a great place for an outlet for freedom of expression. It’s a great facility. I look forward to the next ten years – I think it fits right in here in Charlton and I think it supports everything Charlton represents,” said Frost.

But none of the center’s endeavors could be possible without the help of volunteers, which was something co-chair Kristin Petrik made clear in her opening speech for the main ceremony.

“The support of volunteers is really essential to our success,” Petrik said. “Every hour of volunteer work improves an event’s success, or it makes the ground look nicer, or gets information out to the public. All of that translates into a bigger and better CAAC. Every time you take a class here, you are not only supporting the instructor who is teaching the class, but you’re supporting the CAAC so that we



Young local painters show off their craft during the CAAC tenth anniversary event.

can continue to be a resource for Charlton and our neighboring towns.”

The Charlton Arts and Activities Center’s next event will be a production of Soup Du Jour in May and a production of “Coloring Book” in July before hosting the annual Blueberry Festival on July 26. For more information on upcoming CAAC events or how to volunteer and donate citizens can visit charltonarts.org.



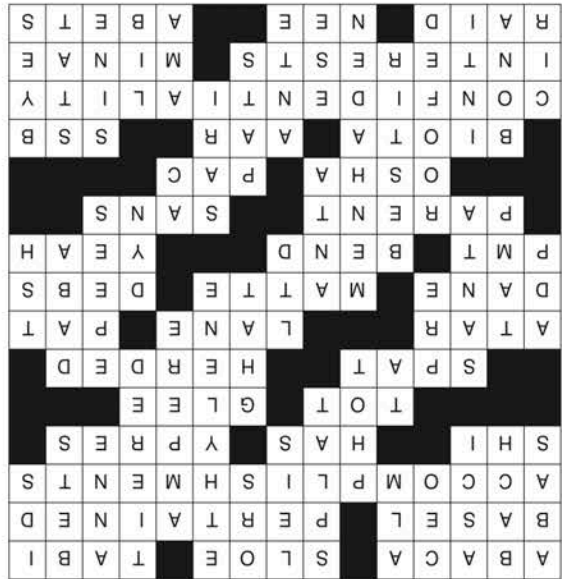
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University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean's List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students who received Dean's List honors for fall 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not

be released; therefore, their names are not included.

- Charlton: Grace MacGrath
- Charlton City: Isabelle Boria
- Northbridge: Ciara Larence
- Sutton: Anthony Sullivan, Rose Thayer
- Upton: Kyle Bernero
- Uxbridge: Dylan King

Whitinsville: Mina Helinski

About the University of Maine The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and grad-

uate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



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Milk bottle collectors convention to be held in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC) will hold its 40th Annual

Convention and Bottle Show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge on May 1 & 2.

The event provides association members and non-members the opportunity to share their knowledge and interests plus buy, sell, and trade milk bottles and other dairy items. The two-day event includes educational exhibits, an awards banquet, a hospitality mixer, educational seminars, and a large auction of milk bottles and other dairy memorabilia.

All attendees over the age of 16 must register at the Convention, beginning on Friday morning, May 1. Registration fees cover all Convention events, including the Saturday auction, except the banquet dinner. The Convention registration fee for NAMBC members is \$10. For non-members, the registration

fee of \$20 covers not only admission to the Convention and auction but also a one-year NAMBC membership, which includes a 12-issue subscription to the full-color publication, The Milk Route.

The Convention's 40-year history is testimony to its popularity and vitality. Everyone is welcome to

attend! Pre-registration by mail is highly recommended prior to April 10.

To join the NAMBC's nearly 700 members, the annual membership fee is \$25; \$27 for Canadian addresses; and \$30 for international locations (via Air Mail). Membership includes twelve issues of The Milk Route, the official monthly publication of the NAMBC (with free classified advertising for members) as well as a printed directory of all members. See our Web site, www.milkbottlecollectors.com, for an application form to join and registration forms for the hotel and Convention-Bottle Show.

Naomi Kathryn Jean Bylund named to Husson University's Dean's List

BANGOR, Maine — Auburn resident, Naomi Kathryn Jean Bylund, has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Bylund is a first-year student who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science program.

Students who make the Dean's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79 during the period.

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OVERLOOK

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ratings help individuals and their families begin their search for senior care and should be used in consultation with a medical professional and in-depth on-site visits."

This year, U.S. News introduced a new rating focused on long-term care. The Long-Term Care Rating aims to provide prospective residents who need help with daily activities, and their families, with analysis and information regarding the quality of care provided by nursing homes. The rating includes data on staffing, success in preventing emergency room visits, and pneumonia vaccination rates, among other metrics.

"The inclusion of the new Long-Term Care Rating in this year's Best Nursing Homes guide expands the

quality of data-driven decision support for patients, residents and families choosing a nursing facility," said Zach Adams, senior health data analyst at U.S. News. "Here at U.S. News we understand that every person researching a nursing home is looking for qualities specific to their needs. We have updated our methodology to reflect multiple dimensions of care that matter when making this important decision."

U.S. News also expanded the factors included in the Short-Term Rehabilitation Rating that assesses the performance of nursing homes in the care they provide to patients staying at the facility for fewer than 100 days. The quality measures included in this year's ratings include consistency of registered nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs, and success in preventing falls.

Garden Club welcomes Nancy Engle

CHARLTON — Come and join the Charlton Garden Club at its Monday, March 9 meeting, which will feature Nancy Engle, a medical aromatherapist trained in the south of France, and owner of Goodness Remedies. Engle has studied aromatic plants for 25 years, and will be speaking on The Lavender Festival.

Charlton Garden Club meetings are open to all interested in gardening and related themes. Whether you're a novice or accomplished gardener, the Charlton Garden Club is a great place to meet other gardening enthusiasts, learn about plants and planting, and to share your gardening tips and experiences. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church. A \$5 donation is suggested for non-members. If interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Co-Presidents, Virginia Charette at (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.




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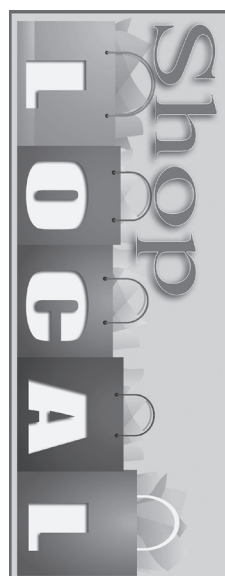
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EDITORIAL

Taking the Leap

This past weekend, we experienced a phenomenon that comes along once every four years — a Leap Day. This tradition of adding an extra day to the month of February has a more complex history than you might at first expect.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the calculation of a solar year comes down to 365.2425 days. Since the additional time must be accounted for even though Western culture has chosen to round a year's time off as 365 days, an extra day must be worked into the calendar every four years. The notion of an additional day originally came from Julius Caesar; however, it was Pope Gregory XIII who standardized the practice.

As with all traditions, Leap Year has generated its share of lore over the centuries. In fifth century Ireland, it was only during a Leap Year that a woman could propose marriage to a man. St. Patrick, legend says, was the one who made such a designation, resulting in Leap Day being nicknamed Bachelor's Day. If a man refused a woman's proposal, he was required by tradition to provide her with a pair of gloves to hide the fact that she bore no engagement ring.

In Greece, getting married on a Leap Day is considered bad luck.

A 'Leapling' is a person born on Feb. 29, and who can therefore only celebrate their birthday once every four years. The chance of a person being born on a Leap Day is one in 1,461. Those born on this day are invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are also Guinness Book of World Records Leap Day record holders, the most famous among them a family which saw three consecutive generations born on Feb. 29. Tradition says that in Scotland, it is considered to be bad luck if a person is born on a Leap Day, or if a couple chooses to tie the knot on a Leap Day.

The last major change to the Gregorian calendar embraced by Western culture occurred during the 16th century, when academics discovered that the timing was still off. Caesar's calculation that a year lasted 365.25 days was close, but still overestimated the solar year by 11 minutes. This caused the date on which Easter was observed to shift ten days further from its original position, the first Sunday after the first full moon.

It is our hope that all of you out there made this Leap Day one to remember... it truly is an event years in the making!

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Finding the beauty in others

I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn't like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we'll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we'll subconsciously work to make it true.

Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it's not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

I've always loved and trusted people. And yes, I have been deceived, hurt and disappointed a few times but overall, when I expect the best intentions from others, I usually get it. I believe when people realize you expect the best from them, they don't want to disappoint.

I've only known two people in my entire life that I felt were dishonest to the point of almost being evil. One male and one female. One systematically tried to destroy an entire business organization because he felt slighted. He didn't care how many families were hurt or jobs destroyed. The other lied and deceived me in ways that I still find mind-boggling and did so purposefully and without regret. So yes, there are bad people in the world. However, the vast majority would never allow themselves to treat others as these two did. If I were to base my beliefs in human nature on the actions of these two, I'd live a miserable life, always on guard and suspicious of others. I choose to recognize that of the thousands I have met, those two were an anomaly. The overwhelming vast majority of people are good natured and kind.

Rather than focusing on a couple of bad actors, I choose to believe and expect the best of others. I like and trust everyone I meet unless they give me a reason to feel otherwise. And even if for some reason I meet someone who does, I certainly don't wish them any harm. You may not be a friend but that does not mean you should be my enemy. Why should it have to be an either/or proposition? As my mother use to say, live and let live. I don't need nor want enemies in my life and I think most people with enemies helped create them.

Rather than making enemies, let's make a positive impact on others, friends or not. Make a lasting impression on others by being helpful and caring. Everyone you meet is going through something. Your kindness

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BY GARY W. MOORE

may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians 2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don't have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn't have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don't need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone's life when kindness is needed. I've met people who say that they don't need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relationships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I've mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I'm optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, "I pray for you daily." For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I'm hopeful I will not need help, but I know it's there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

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Heads Up on Garden Planning

Many a dreary winter's afternoon has been brightened by the thought of the first flowers of spring. From thumbing through floral seed catalogs to forcing indoor blooms, few simple pleasures compare to anticipating the first blossoms of the season. With an eye toward bountiful gardens, this week's column highlights the "how to" of forcing beautiful blooms from pre season branches.

And for those planning to cultivate a vegetable garden or fruit trees, a listing of the "cream of the crop" of seed catalogs follows below. So, curl up with a hot drink, grab a pen and paper to take notes, and prepare for some horticultural inspiration!

From Buds to Blooms: Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a surefire 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 historical 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



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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.\

Seed Catalogs: A garden can enhance an outdoor living space like nothing else, and planning a garden is almost as enjoyable as reaping its many benefits. While online seed catalogs are readily available, few simple pleasures compare to cozing up on a chilly winter's day with colorful catalogs and dreams of a budding spring garden. Thankfully, many seed companies still offer old fashioned catalogs to thumb through and curl up with! With a flurry of catalog offerings on the market, choosing those that suit your

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Women may need extra steps to reach financial security



FINANCIAL FOCUS

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

International Women's Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Yet, women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals. How can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you're up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn't disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don't come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to "max out" on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can't contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

- Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you're married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50% of your spouse's benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

- Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren't working full time, it doesn't mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it's part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It's not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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Taste of the Town puts local eateries in the spotlight

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton played host to a special event focusing on the many flavors of the community, both literally and figuratively, with the annual Taste of the Town event on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The yearly gathering showcased numerous local restaurants, businesses and eateries including package stores, alcohol vendors, health companies, coffee roasters, international chains and beyond who all offered small samples of the different food options available through their businesses.

The event helps support the Charlton Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors fund, which, as the name implies, provides energy assistance resources for seniors in Charlton to help support the health and wellness of the senior population on a fixed income by offsetting heating costs, food, prescription medication and daily necessities.



Visitors take a chance on the many raffle items up for grabs donated by local businesses and restaurants.



This line of deserts from Francesco's Italian Bakery was irresistible to visitors.



Chefs from Ronnie's Seafood put together small bite-sized sandwiches with lobster and other seafood items for sampling.

Jason Bleau Photos



The Castell and McKenzie families take a break from enjoying a selection of local food items.



Western Son Vodka provided samples of their products for locals to enjoy.



Representatives of Power Nutrition offered samples of their drink items for guests.



Tree House Brewing Company was a popular table for taste testing.



Local students from Bay Path showed off their culinary skills at the event.



The Bertrands and Eagers, both of Charlton enjoy a taste of some local grub.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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SPORTS

Resilient Rockets fight way to postseason before falling to Greater Lowell in first round



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Although the season didn't end quite the way it had wanted to, the Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team went on a six-game winning streak to turn a 4-8 season into a berth into the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.



Auburn's Justin Skaparas tangles with a Greater Lowell Tech defender while possessing the ball.



Auburn's Cam Bolduc has just enough room to loft a shot past the reach of a Greater Lowell Tech defender and toward the basket.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team lost to Grafton High 69-60 to fall to 4-8 on the season. A funny thing happened on the way to what certainly seemed like a second straight losing season.

The Rockets, collectively, picked themselves up off the hardwood, dusted themselves off and started winning games — not just possessions or quarters or halves — but games. Auburn reeled off six straight victories to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament and the Rockets finished the season 10-10.

Folks familiar with the team point to that loss to Grafton, a game in which Auburn led at halftime 34-32 and were behind by just two (47-45) at the end of three quarters before succumbing in the final frame to

the Indians, who improved to 9-2 with the victory that night.

Dan Koen, Auburn's second-year head coach, thinks his team's turnaround actually began four nights before the loss to Grafton. On that night, the Rockets lost in Sturbridge to Tantasqua Regional 49-28. In that game Auburn scored one point in the first quarter, eight points in the third period and five points in the fourth quarter.

"Everyone thinks I'm crazy, but I truly believe the turning point to our season was the Tantasqua game. We went out there and I got outcoached and the kids struggled. In the first, third and fourth quarters we scored a combined 14 points, one less than we scored in just the second quarter," Koen said. "After that game I told the team they could stay, or they could quit."

"I told them if they stayed

we'd get better, because as bad as that game was, there were a lot of positives to take out of it. After that game we lost to Grafton, but we played so much better; I was already seeing the team improve, and then we went on our six-game winning streak," Koen continued. "So, believe it or not, I think it was in the loss to Tantasqua that we really learned what we could do and how we could do it, and how we could compete. We did have some talent, we just needed to put all the pieces together."

Auburn's six-game winning streak came at the expense of Northbridge High, Millbury High (twice), Woodstock Academy, Bay Path Regional and Oxford High, the win over arch-rival Oxford qualifying the Rockets for the postseason.

Auburn lost its regular-season finale to Gardner High, and then lost in the first round



Nathan Judice of Auburn soars past a Greater Lowell Tech defender en route to the basket.



Mike Breen of Auburn hustles his way past a Greater Lowell Tech defender and into the lane.



J.B. Whittemore of Auburn battles with his opponent from Greater Lowell Tech for a rebound.

of the tournament at Greater Lowell Tech. Coleman Picard, the Rockets' senior guard, didn't play against Greater Lowell after having sprained his ankle in pre-game warmups before the Gardner game.

"Coleman played in the Gardner game, but he wasn't quite right," Koen said. "He tried to fight through the injury, but he's a player who relies on his explosiveness and you could just tell he didn't have it."

Picard was Auburn's leading scorer this year, averaging 20.7 points per game. He finished the season with 102 made free throws, third best in Central Mass. He scored in double digits from the free-throw line in four games for the Rockets and recorded nine made free throws in another game and eight freebies in yet another contest.

Fellow senior Justin Skaparas averaged 14.6 points per game for the Rockets and

another senior, Cam Bolduc, averaged 10.8 points per game. Other seniors who won't be returning to the team next year include Mike Breen, Josh Adams, Nathan Judice, Kyle Sebastianski and Michael Dillon.

Koen said he believes the rest of this year's team will return next season. Included on that list are current juniors Zion Burdick, Thomas Cowden, Tyrese Baffour, and sophomores J.B. Whittemore, Owen Fitzgerald, Ethan Madison-Heller and Tyler Kwamo.

"I think next year we're going to have to win in a different way. We might have to grind the game down a little bit. I think we'll have more overall size but maybe less scoring," Koen said. "Also, our middle school team went 17-2 this year, so there are some good players coming up in the pipeline in the next few years."



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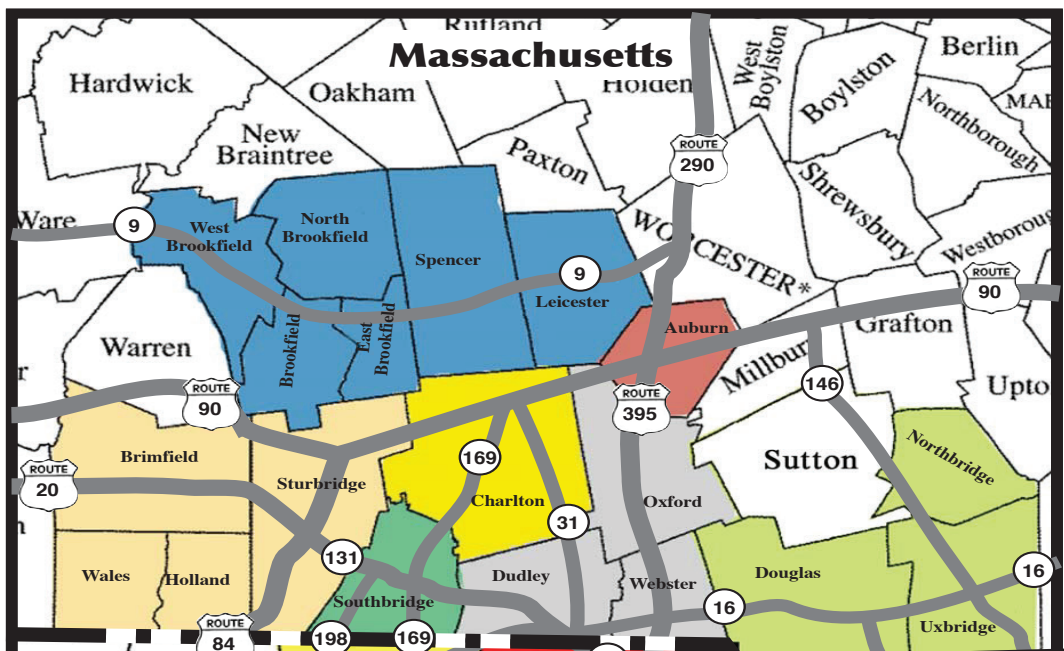
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OBITUARIES

Rudy Santana, 56



AUBURN - Rudy Santana, age 56, was found deceased in his home on Thursday February 20, 2020.

Rudy was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on September 26, 1963. Son of predeceased father, Luis Santana and mother, Ana Luisa Pagan.

He served honorably as a member of the United States Air Force until 1982. After serving, he lived in New York and worked as an IBM Sales Technician. In 1993 Rudy moved to Auburn MA, where he owned and operated PC Solutions for many years.

Rudy had an extensive wine collection, loved watching movies, enjoyed music, and had a great sense of humor.

Beloved father, survived by his two daughters Maria Judith Maury of Leicester, MA and Laura Marie Santana of Philadelphia, PA.

Beloved brother, survived by Mister Santana of Florida, Maribel Santana and

Marisol Zambrano of Massachusetts, Tito Rodriguez and Maritza Santana of Puerto Rico, Luis Santana of New Hampshire, and Guillermo Santana of Puerto Rico.

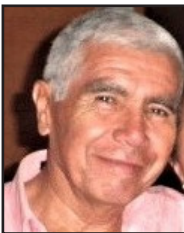
Predeceased by Rachel Pagan, Antonio Flores, Roberto Flores, Carmelo Aponte, and Marilu Santana. Beloved godfather, survived by Christina Ramirez; beloved grandfather, survived by 3 grandchildren; beloved uncle survived by many nieces and nephews.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory or light a candle in remembrance of Rudy.



Julio A. Peredo, 74



WORCESTER – Julio A. Peredo, 74, passed away on Monday March 2, 2020 at the Worcester Health Center with his family by his side.

Julio is survived by his wife Fortunata (Kcamt) Peredo; two sons: Julio A. and Julio C. both of Lima, Peru; two daughters: July L. of Auburn, MA and Karin J. of Lima, Peru; his brother William, of Lima, Peru; three sisters: Rosa, Mary, and Nancy, all of Lima, Peru; he also leaves six grandchildren, 5 grand-dogs, many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Julio was born in Lima, Peru on July 27, 1945, son of Antero and Inocenta (Martinez) Peredo; he worked, for many years, as an accountant. Julio was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend; he was always quick to help

anyone in need, but always put his family first. Julio worked hard and sacrificed tremendously to ensure that all his children would go to college; he had a great sense of humor, and an infectious laugh. Julio was a sports fan; he loved to play soccer, tennis, volleyball and bocce; soccer and tennis being his favorites. Julio played and taught people how to play soccer and tennis until becoming ill three years ago. Julio will be deeply missed by his loving family and his dear friends.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA, is honored to have been chosen by Julio's family to assist them to lay Julio to rest in his hometown of Lima, Peru where all funeral and committal services will be held.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Julio.

Richard A. Everitt, 79



NORTH OXFORD/ ESTERO, FL – Richard A. Everitt, 79, of Chestnut Hill Road, died Thursday, February 27, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nellie J. (MacLennan) Everitt of North Oxford; four children, Joseph M. Everitt of North Oxford, Allen S. Everitt of Dudley, David B. Everitt and his wife Paula of Worcester, and Cynthia L. Manos of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Christopher Everitt and his friend Tara, Justin Everitt and his friend Sarah, Scott Everitt, Katlyn Flannagan and her husband Steven, Nichole Olson and her husband Kevin, Tabbitha Robare, Nicholas Manos, and Michelle Manos; and eight great-grandchildren. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Alice C. Everitt, and lived in Worcester before moving to North Oxford over 50 years ago. He was raised by Joseph and Ethel Bonaventura from an early age. He graduated from Worcester Boys

Trade High School in Worcester in 1960.

Mr. Everitt was a route salesman for Wonder Bread in West Boylston for 34 years, retiring in 2001. Previously, he worked at Whiting Milk Company in Worcester and worked since the age of 14 at the Edgemere Drive-In theater for 25 years as assistant manager.

Mr. Everitt was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Oxford. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 170 for over 35 years and a former member of the Order of the Redmen. he was member of Royal Arcanum and the Central Mass. Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. He was an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 147 in Oxford and enjoyed camping and square dancing.

Memorial calling hours were Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701.

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AUBURN- Dorothy C. (Kniskern) Poulin, 83, died peacefully in her home on Saturday, February 29, 2020 after a short illness.

She is survived by her daughter Ann Marie Shea and her husband Joseph of Spencer; a son James and his wife Jacqueline of Auburn; sisters Shirley Rodgers of Shrewsbury and Patricia Martin of Thetford VT and her companion George Roberts of Auburn. She leaves a legacy of 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; many nieces & nephews and friends.

Jr. and a brother Robert Kniskern of Millbury.

Dorothy was born in Worcester and worked for many years as a Nursing Assistant at the Masonic Nursing Home and other area nursing homes. She was a longtime member of the Chester P. Tuttle American Legion Post 279 in Auburn. In her earlier days she enjoyed square dancing and was a round dance caller. She loved camping, traveling, playing cards, arts and crafts, and collecting various items. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

The funeral for Dorothy was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 11:30am in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. A calling hour was held from 10:30-11:30am prior to the funeral. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

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Mother Nature puts a damper on ice fishing

Ice fishing continues for numerous local anglers that have been traveling north to enjoy a bit of fishing. Unfortunately, this winter provided very little ice fishing locally. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club got tired of waiting for Mother Nature to make ice, so the club hired an ice breaker to remove some of the ice from the pond which allowed some limited rod & reel fishing this past Saturday. This week's picture shows Jim Lavallee, Vice President of the club breaking ice with his small pram and electric motor. Sometimes, drastic action needs to be taken when a few anglers want to go fishing. Many nice rainbow trout were caught as the two pictures show. The rain that was predicted for this week was expected to remove the remaining ice from the pond.

This is a good time to check out your fishing equipment, fresh & saltwater. The latest braided lines like Power Pro, last many years and do



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not need replacing, saving anglers a lot of money. Monofilament lines however do need attention, as they are subject to wear, and need replacing at least every other year. Mono lines often hold memory, and when cast have the line coming off of the spool in loops. Casting lines that have held memory from being unused for often only a few months, can ruin a day of fishing. Braided lines have solved that problem.

Almost every rod & reel that I own has braided lines on them. Attaching 20 or 30 feet of mono to the braid works very well as leader material, and makes changing hooks and lures a very simple task. Rod guides need to be checked every year for damage or wear, but the ceramic guides that manufactures use on most rods today have a long life compared to the old guides. A new coating of lacquer to the guide winding's will ensure the winding's do not become a problem.

Fishing reels today are very reliable and need very little care. Purchasing a new reel for your fishing rod can be very inexpensive if you shop around. You can find a good freshwater reel for less than \$50, but you can also spend a couple of hundred bucks for one. Fishing equipment has come a long way in the last 50 years, and they will last a long time if they are given a little care after each use. It is extremely important to wash them off with some fresh water after each use, especially use in saltwater.

New fishing rods can also be purchased for a reasonable price, but can also cost

over \$250 or more. If you are planning to purchase any new fishing equipment this year you should attend the Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence, R.I. on March 27-29 at the Convention Center. If you fish fresh or saltwater you need to attend this show! There is an unlimited amount of fishing tackle under one roof, and there are professional anglers that can set you up with the proper fishing tackle to fit your fishing needs.

Each year, I find myself purchasing a "New Used" fishing rod or reel at yard sales. Some of them still have the plastic coating on them. I have always said you can never have enough fishing equipment. Last year, I accidentally closed my car door on a fishing rod breaking six inches off of the rod tip. Luckily, I had bought it at a yard sale. It still ticked me off, as it was a favorite rod of mine. Rummaging through a shed in the back yard, I managed to locate another rod almost similar to the one I broke. It worked just fine.

Fishing tackle is another item that I have plenty of. The price of fishing lures and plugs has gone through the roof. \$25 or more for a new saltwater plug is ridiculous. Attending numerous yard sales annually, I find myself finding some of these expensive items for only a buck or two. Some of the old wooden plugs purchased at yard sales are not worth a lot because of their condition, but they can become a valuable bait in my tackle box by adding a couple of new hooks and a fresh coat of paint.

Some fish caught this year have broken records as far as size and weights concerned. A monster lake trout weighing in at a cool 37 pounds was caught in New Hampshire at Diamond Pond this winter. Nice fish. A large striped was also caught through the ice in Connecticut, which is extremely rare.

Some stripers do winter over at inlets and warm water discharges. The Providence River is just one of those areas that hold over schoolies all year, and sometimes a large one is caught. The Thames River in Connecticut, but out of state anglers need to purchase a non resident fishing license to fish the brackish water where stripers hang out. I had many good times fishing with the late Bob Tromby on the Thames River.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 21

CHURCH SUPPER: There will be a corned beef and cabbage community supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn, on Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

Saturday, April 4

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

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Thursday, May 7

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library

may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It’s a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

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

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

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6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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Moneysaving Crops: With produce prices escalating, a backyard garden offers a thrifty way to enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season and beyond. But what crops offer the most “bang” for your gardening buck? According to self sufficient living website Country Survival the following list represents the best return on your gardening investment, based on economic value of pounds produced per square foot, retail value per pound at harvest time, and length of time in the garden

1. Tomatoes; 2. Peppers; 3. Cucumbers; 4. Beets; 5. Green bunching onions; 6. Carrots; 7. Lettuce; 8. Summer Squash; 9. Broccoli; 10. Peas; 11. Swiss Chard; 12. Beans (pole or bush).

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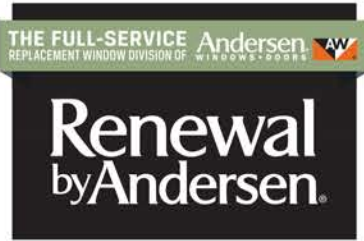
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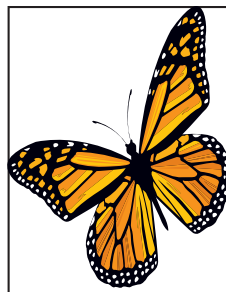
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AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Appliances Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Flr Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Frst! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Flr Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



OXFORD – 27 Rocky Hill Rd! Move Right Into this 6 Rm Ranch! Bright, Fresh Kitchen! Dining Rm! 20' Living Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Nice Bathrm! Deck w/Awning! All the Work has been Done! Roof, Siding, Windows, Insulation, Gas Furnace, Gas Hot Water Heater, AC, Front Porch Windows, Door, Living Rm Floor, Skylights, Kitchen, Bath & Dining Rm Floors! 2 Bdrms' Wall to Wall Carpeting & the Interior Freshly Painted 10/2019! Quick Closing Possible! **\$269,900.00**

WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 55/9 Rm! 3 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Flr w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Flr w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Flr w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

DUDLEY – 7 – 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities! 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! **\$399,900.00**

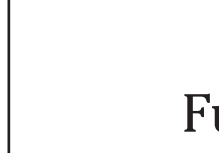


WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall over Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**

THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd! Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Frpl! 1st Flr Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**



DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit! Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

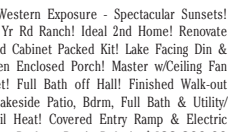
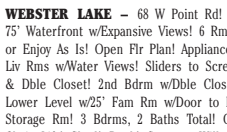
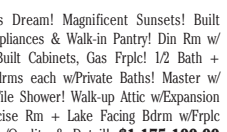


WEBSTER – 14 Summit Street! Conveniently Located 8 Room, 4 Bedroom Cape! Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Applianced Granite Eat-in Kitchen w/Custom Cabinetry & Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring! Formal Dining w/Hardwoods! Spacious Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 1st Floor Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! Newly Remodeled Full Tile Bath! 2nd Floor w/2 Bedrooms w/Hardwoods, Plenty of Closet & Storage Space! Updated Second Full Bath! Recently Oil Heat, Cast Iron Baseboard! Detached Garage! Corner Lot! **\$279,900.00**



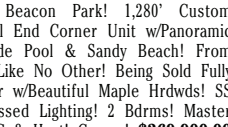
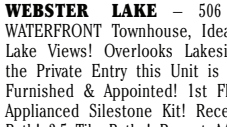
CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3' Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 3' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**

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



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

WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 5 SURREY LN



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WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST



4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 2600 SQ FT, 2 FULL BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, 2 CAR GARAGE, ABOVE GROUND POOL, 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM, UPDATES INCLUDE - RECENT WINDOWS, ROOF, UPSTAIRS BATH, FHW GAS HEATING SYSTEM!!! **\$339,000.**

BROAD BROOK, CT 52 HILLSIDE FARMS DR



SORRY, SOLD!

Condo Townhouse with 1746 Sq Ft, 2 Story, 3 beds 2-1/2 Baths Fireplace Hardwoods, Cathedral ceiling, Garage, pool, central air, & so much more **assisted sale \$193,500.**

WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



ON DEPOSIT

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

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



SORRY SOLD!

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

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



ON DEPOSIT

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

CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 season sunroom with attached deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st flr omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil tank. Passed Title V, well okay. **assisted sale \$299,000.**

OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



SORRY, SOLD!

VERY Affordable 3 Bedroom RANCH Located on 8+ Acres Abutting the French River!! Great Spot for the Nature Enthusiast 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Fireplace, **\$209,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



SORRY, SOLD!

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

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

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

THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



SORRY, SOLD!

There is **No Place Like Home!** - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$299,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



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

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD



SORRY, SOLD!

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



SORRY, SOLD!

WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

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

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12 Mill Rd - \$304,900

Woodstock, CT: 21+ acres, cedar log home, 4 bedroom, private setting, surrounded by wildlife
480 Rte. 197

Paxton: 3 outbuildings, 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 car garage, wide pine flooring, 1 acre
521 Pleasant St - \$264,900

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BROOKFIELD: WATERFRONT PRISTINE PROPERTY on Quabog Pond! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! First floor has updated kitchen, livingroom, bedroom & full bath. Master suite on second floor with wonderful water views! Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, walk in closet plus another room-big enough for family room and office. Full basement. Level lot with plenty of parking, easy access to water. Full recreational lake! **\$329,900.**



SOUTHBRIDGE: Spacious 8 room 4 bedroom 2 bath home for under \$200K! Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances! Front to back family room with wood stove, bay window & sliders to deck. First floor bedroom and bath. Second floor has two big bedrooms plus sitting area. Replacement windows. New HW. **\$189,900.**



SOUTHBRIDGE: Great package deal! Three buildings! Well maintained church in pristine condition! Beautiful entry way. Inspiring stain glass windows. Seating for up to 350 people. Balcony seating. Elevator to lower level for a Meeting Hall with kitchen & 2 baths. PLUS Rectory - a stately brick home which consists of 11 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. All rooms are large with high ceilings, many fireplaces, and first floor bedroom with private bath. PLUS large Carriage House converted to garage with workshop & storage. **\$465,000.**

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2018 JEEP RENEGADE NEW Retail Price: ~~\$27,120~~
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BACK-UP CAM, BLUETOOTH
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$16,377

SAVE \$10,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 FORD ESCAPE SUV NEW Retail Price: ~~\$32,475~~
#H1174L • TITANIUM TRIM, 4X4,
LEATHER, TURBO, MOONROOF
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,577

SAVE \$13,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

SPECIAL PURCHASE #P12700V
**Like New 2019 FORD
EDGE SEL SUV**

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$34,985
STARTING AT ONLY: \$24,377

6 Available
Heated Seats, Blind Spot Sensor, Turbo, Back-Up Cam, Alloys!

SAVE \$10,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 CHEVROLET CRUZE NEW Retail Price: ~~\$23,140~~
#40145LV • LT, HATCHBACK,
ALLOYS, KEYLESS START, 7" LCD
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$12,877

SAVE \$10,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 LINCOLN MKZ NEW Retail Price: ~~\$42,990~~
#P12491LV • RESERVE, ALLOYS,
NAV, BACK-UP CAM, MOONROOF
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$21,377

SAVE \$21,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE NEW Retail Price: ~~\$31,358~~
#TM90857A • AWD, 17" ALLOYS,
MOONROOF, BACK-UP CAM
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,577

SAVE \$12,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 CHRYSLER PACIFICA NEW Retail Price: ~~\$34,650~~
#D10391L • ALLOYS, LX TRIM, V6,
PARKING SENSORS, BACK-UP CAM
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,377

SAVE \$12,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**LIKE NEW 2017 TOYOTA TACOMA
DOUBLE CAB**
#19-396A

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$44,665
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$29,877

TRD Sport, 4x4, 3.5L V6, Alloys,
Satellite Radio, Nav, Towing Package.

SAVE \$14,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 RAM 1500 TRADESMAN NEW Retail Price: ~~\$36,650~~
#D10086L • 4X4, CREW CAB, 5.7L
V8 HEMI, ALLOYS, TOWING PKG
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$23,377

SAVE \$13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

**2017 HYUNDAI TUCSON
SPORT SUV**
#H1341V

NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$30,475
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,877

All-Wheel Drive, Premium Alloys,
Turbo, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats.

SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

SALE ENDS 03/11/20. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR PROMOTION AND MUST USE DEALER SOURCE FINANCING. SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ESTIMATED KBB VALUES BASED ON VEHICLE CONDITION. AMOUNT MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR MILEAGE, WEAR AND TEAR, AND OPTIONS. NEW RETAIL PRICE BASED ON MSRP OF NEW MODELS. NOT VALID WITH PRIOR SALES. SELLING PRICE INCLUDING OUR \$1,000 IMPERIAL TRADE ASSISTANCE BONUS FOR A QUALIFYING 2010 OR NEWER TRADES. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ADVERTISED PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX, TITLE, REGISTRATION OR DOCUMENTATION FEE. VEHICLE MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND TAKE SAME DAY DELIVERY 5 DAY OR 200 MILE RETURN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUR TOTAL CONFIDENCE - IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR IMPERIAL CERTIFIED USED VEHICLE, BRING IT BACK WITHIN 5 DAYS OR 200 MILES AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A CREDIT OF YOUR FULL PURCHASE PRICE TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER VEHICLE. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS. PHOTOS ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

8-18 UXBRIDGE ROAD, RTE. 16 | MENDON, MA
154 EAST MAIN STREET | MILFORD, MA
300 FORTUNE BLVD. | MILFORD, MA

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

Open House

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER"
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA
01571 Registration starts at 8:30am.
Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team
and \$40 for additional players. For
more information contact us at john-
paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our
facebook page: Friends of John Paire
Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the
John Paire Student Support Fund
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed),
High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. *
This tournament is open to anyone who would
like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

SATURDAY JULY 25

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND
First Thursday of the month
5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN
GRILL
Webster location
41 Worcester Rd., Webster,
MA
508-461-5070

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS

7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., W.
Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345
sailemcrossinn.com

THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT
UNLIMITED
meets the first Monday of every month from
September through May. We discuss a variety
of conservation programs to improve the local
cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities.
Our annual High
School Fly Fishing
Championship
(open to all MA
high school stu-
dents) And our
annual fund raising
banquet.
Auburn Sportsman's
Club
50 Elm St., Auburn,
MA

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
July/August every Thursday 6:00-8:00
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield. FREE -
Food and Drinks for sale.