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Candidates weigh in on issues

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER – Webster’s annual election is Monday, May 1 and five candidates have put their names forward of consideration to fill two available seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Incumbent selectmen Donald Bourque and Andrew Jolda are joined by Webster Finance Committee member Michael Finamore, Board of Health member James Avery, and former selectman Raymond

Regis on the ballot for 2017, each bringing their own perspective to the table as they seek to join the town’s leading elected board. Three are hoping to bring change to the board, while the two incumbents stress the significance of staying the course, but all of them believe they have the experience and knowledge needed to do the job.

Incumbent selectmen Donald Bourque and Andrew Jolda are hoping to earn new terms to continue the work they

have done over the past three years or the town, stressing the importance of consistency as Webster continues to make progress on numerous projects and initiatives. Their hope is to keep the Board of Selectmen intact as it is today.

“We have literally broken ground on so many new projects in town to keep Webster moving forward. It would make logical sense to continue with the same team because we know what’s going on,” said Bourque, who is seeking his

third term as a selectman. “Six of the last seven years I’ve been on the board and we’ve had a lot of projects come through. I want to see those projects to fruition. We’re not a controversial board as we stand right now. The board has good camaraderie and while we’ve had our differences we get along and if you have that kind of camaraderie then you can be successful.”

Jolda agreed saying it’s all about momentum and keeping Webster pointed in the right

direction. He is seeking his second term on the Board of Selectmen.

“We’ve been able to accomplish a lot of stuff to help the town be more transparent and increase communication between the town hall and the residents. We want to keep that going,” Jolda said. “Being on the Board of Selectmen is a unique situation where each member has their own voice and opinion, but only work-

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Easter fire damages home on Mason Road

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – Firefighters from four Massachusetts and one Connecticut department were called to the scene of a fire on Easter Sunday, April 16, on a property at 114 Mason Road Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski confirms was accidental in nature and displaced a family that was not home at the time of the incident.

Dudley was assisted by firefighters from Auburn, Southbridge, Quinebaug, and Webster in tackling the blaze that significantly damaged the end of the building in the late afternoon hours of Easter Sunday. Chief Kochanowski said the cause was determined to be a campfire left unattended when the owners left the property earlier in the afternoon. “They had a small campfire

outside. They went away from the home for a short time. It seems like they thought the fire was out, but it wasn’t and it seems like the embers got blown from the wind into a small debris pile behind the house and caught the debris pile on fire. That eventually led to the house catching as well,” said the Chief.

Reports came in for mutual aid just after 3:30 p.m. with crews managing the blaze through the late afternoon. Chief Kochanowski said that despite the event happening on a holiday, his department and the assisting departments were well prepared and handled the situation well.

“We had the same staffing on a holiday as we normally due being a 24/7 department. We had a quick response. My

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Oxford election sees uncontested slate

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — The town of Oxford will have a very mild election season as every seat up for grabs is uncontested as the May 16 election day approaches.

A few new faces are on the ballot this year including a new school committee member and a new selectman with a few big names deciding not to run for re-election.

On the Board of Selectmen, current vice chair Michael Voas is not making a run to maintain his seat. Instead, Meaghan Elizabeth Troiano will content for the seat. Troiano was part of a three-way battle for two seats on the board in 2016, losing to incumbent Alan Berthiaume and Cheryl LeBlanc at the time. This time around Troiano will have no competition as she and incumbent selectman John Saad are contending for two open seats on the board virtually guaranteeing their respective three-year terms.

On the school committee, new leadership will be in place after May 16 as the committee’s chairman Samir “Sam” Bitar, Jr. is not running for reelection. Vice Chair William Spitz is running for another three-

year term however and is being joined by September Forbes as the two contend for a pair of open seats for the committee.

Others on the ballot include incumbent town moderator Russell Rheault, incumbent library trustee John Flynn, and incumbent member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee Benjamin LaMountain, all seeking new three-year terms uncontested for their current seats.

One question was presented on the sample ballot for the annual town election in Oxford. Voters will be asked to allow the town of Oxford to assess an additional \$800,000 in real estate and personal property taxes to support the operating budget of the school for the 2018 fiscal year. Oxford’s budget numbers will be discussed in full during the annual town meeting prior to election day, on May 3 at the Oxford High School auditorium.

Oxford’s annual town election will be held throughout the day on May 16. Voting information and locations can be found on the Oxford town website or by contacting the Town Clerk’s office.



Gus Steeves photos

Scenes from Saturday’s Science March in Worcester.

Science rally draws hundreds

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

“When did science become a political agenda?”

To Charlton resident Jane Cutting, the fact that’s become an askable question was a key reason for braving a raw, drizzly day to participate in Worcester’s March for Science last weekend. It

was one of hundreds in many cities around the world.

“If each of us focuses, zeroes in on one issue, we can fight this,” she said. “I decided yesterday to work on rivers and food. Rivers are critical to our food sources. We need clean water for that.”

Cutting was one of several

hundred people gathered in Institute Park to hear a short and surprisingly optimistic yet serious speech before parading about a mile along Salisbury, Park, Institute and West streets. Many carried homemade signs bearing related themes, including

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Webster looking at small tax increase in budget

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — The town of Webster is gearing up for its annual spring town meeting on May 8, which will be accompanied by a special town meeting beforehand as well as a vote on the town’s FY18 budget proposal, which was recently

finalized and made available for public viewing.

The \$43.9 million sending plan calls for a \$21.4 million tax levy for taxpayers in Webster, a 3.6 percent increase totaling \$741,982 over the current year’s budget numbers. Town Administrator Doug Willardson said that this would

avoid a Proposition 2 ½ override vote as the projected value of new growth in Webster for FY18 is \$255,000.

Getting to these figures was not easy according to Willardson. The town had to make several compromises

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every time I come back for pictures I am shocked at the transformation that happened. Most stagers will be able to utilize the furniture you already have and make some recommendations for some purchases to make the home show best. We have also had stagers come in and stage the home using furniture they own. This can be a little more expensive as you are typically renting the furniture monthly while your home is on the market plus the cost of them setting it up but still most times you are getting more money if it is done correctly. The other option is to virtually stage

your home which would involve placing furniture in the picture so the buyers can see online how the space can be used. This is less expensive than bringing in furniture but when the buyers go to the home the furniture is not there so you want to disclose that it is virtually staged to show the space utilization. According to a 2015 survey by the National Association of Realtors, among Realtors who typically represent a buyer 49% said most buyers are affected by home staging and 47% said some buyers are affected by home staging which means almost every agent agrees that

home staging affects buyers purchasing decision. 32% of Buyers agents surveyed believed that staged homes increase the value buyers are willing to offer by 1%-5%. 16% of the agents surveyed believed it increases what a buyer is willing to pay by 6%-10%. Since the median dollar range to stage a home was \$675 and if you home is selling for \$300,000 almost half of the agents surveyed believe you will get at least a \$3,000 increase in your offer by staging your home. This tells me that spending a little money up front will definitely payoff in the end on the sale of your home.



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Fri 8am-8:45pm and Sat 8-11:30am.

PLAN AHEAD

The second annual Oxford's Operation Santa 5k road race is planned Saturday June 10. Race starts at 9 a.m. at Oxford Middle School. Registration is \$20 until May 15, then \$25 after. Any questions please contact Brittany Morgan @ 508-987-0156 or email Brittany1739@hotmail.com

ANNUAL BARGAINS:

The Black Tavern Historical Society is having its having its ninth annual Yard Sale on Saturday May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Center Road in Dudley. To donate items, call Linda at (508) 943-5509. BARTLETT HALL OF FAME The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee is soliciting worthy nominations from the community for the ninth class of

inductees which will be honored in the Fall of 2018. Anyone interested in nominating individuals for this recognition can submit a nomination through the Hall of Fame website at www.bhsathletichof.org. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 29. Athletes who are nominated for induction must have graduated high school at least seven years prior to being considered for induction (Class of 2011 or earlier). Other eligibility requirements are available on the organization's website. Supporting documentation, including statistics, are requested to be submitted to the committee with all nominations.

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Vernal pool values



If you're like me, you heard peepers in February. Then we had a cold snap, and with all the other crazy, yo-yo weather we've experienced this year, I feared the worst for our amphibian friends in vernal pools.

I mentioned my fear to Leslie Duthie of Opacum Land Trust and she reassured me that the vernal pool animals would re-hibernate and emerge again in warmer weather. And, sure enough, they did. I have seen lots of activity in area pools and have heard frogs again this week.

What is a vernal pool anyway? How does it differ from a pond or lake or other wetland? The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program describes such a pool on its website as having several

characteristics. Physically, it is short-lived, does not have another source of water (an inlet or an outlet), and occurs in a depression in the landscape where the snow melt or early spring precipitation gathers. This is its only source of water and it will dry up during the warmer weather of the summer. If it was deep enough, fear not: the nascent species will have matured by then and will be ready to head out on their own.

A crucial difference from lakes or ponds is an absence of fish. But many species of animals do find this a great place to live, including several salamanders — the mole, spotted, blue-spotted, Jefferson and marbled — plus wood frogs and fairy shrimp. These are known as "indicator species,"

every vernal pool has to have at least one. Other species may be present, but they don't have to be. Termed "facultative species," these are the American toad; the spring peeper, green, pickerel and grey tree frogs; four-toed salamander; the spotted turtle; larval caddisfly and dragonfly; fingernail clams and amphibious snails. Fish are predators and would eat egg sacs, pollywogs and larvae, the juvenile forms of these species.

According to Stephen H. Schneider's "Encyclopedia of Climate and Weather," the whole system depends on one thing: available water. Water makes up 80-90 percent of the weight of growing plants, provides rigidity and transports nutrients from the soil into the plant's fruit, stems and roots and the products of photosynthesis from leaves to the plant's other parts. Without water, plants will eventually die, as anyone has seen from not watering one during a vacation. Without plants, including cattails, marsh marigolds and mosses, a vernal pool is vulnerable to drying out from lack of cover, as well as wind and water erosion from lacking enough plants to hold the soil and water in place.

Although vernal pools are necessary spots for certain species to be born and mature, they also serve as "buffets" for migrating birds and reptiles. That may seem contradictory — why protect these creatures if they are just going to get

eaten? But not all amphibians, fairy shrimp and insects born in a vernal pool will be; some will go on to reproduce and start this cycle again. The migrators, some coming from as far as South America, also need food to continue their journeys so they can begin their cycles again.

Do you have a vernal pool near you that you'd like to certify? Please call or email your local Conservation Commission or visit www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/naturalheritage/vernal-pools. While you're there, take a look at their many interesting pages about the drought and our environment. You can also visit Natural Heritage's site (www.nhesp.org).

There were no Southbridge vernal pools listed in the Natural Heritage Atlas of 2000-01, but it did identify three priority habitats of rare species. In 2012's BioMap of Southbridge, however, vernal pools are listed as components of four of the 13 Core Habitats, defined as important areas for "rare, vulnerable, or uncommon mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, invertebrate, and plant species." These habitats surround the urban core of our town.

In the Bay State, two laws protect biodiversity: the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (General Laws c.131A and 321 CMR 10.00) and the Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.00). Vernal

pools are considered wetlands and are protected under the latter, and the several endangered vernal pool species are also protected under MESA. The Jefferson salamander, the blue-spotted salamander, and fairy shrimp are listed as a "special concern" (on the path to being endangered) and the marbled salamander is a "threatened" species. There are many dragonfly and damselfly species that are considered threatened, special concern or endangered, as are numerous vernal pool plants: arrowhead, milkweed, some asters, swamp birch, alder, many sedges, ferns and clovers. The State Wildlife Action Plan, which began in 2005, protects species that don't qualify for these levels of protection.

The vernal pools are valuable and important habitats that nurture biodiversity and give a good start to many of the wonderful creatures you see in the air and along the ground. We need to protect these beautiful incubators and value their contributions to biodiversity. As the BioMap booklet states, "Unless and until the BIOMAP 2 vision is fully realized, we must continue to protect our most imperiled species and their habitats."

Maureen Doyle is a Southbridge Conservation Commissioner, and can be reached at doylemaureen3@gmail.com.

Oxford voters face \$800K override

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – Although this year's town election ballot has no races, it features one important ballot question: an \$800,000 override for the schools.

"Like so many smaller districts in the Commonwealth, we're feeling the fact that the funding formula isn't keeping up with our costs," said Superintendent Mark Garceau, pointing especially to health insurance, retirement, special education and transportation. "We've tried to become as lean and efficient as we can ... but we've gone about as far as we can go. We've cut and cut, but we've seen the quality of programs for students improve."

He's referring to the last few years, where the schools were in danger of slipping into "underperforming" (level 4) status, but have been able to start climbing again. Town Manager Brian Palaia noted the system overall is now at Level 2, and the high school has returned to Level 1.

Palaia noted fiscal 2015 saw "drastic budget cuts because of reduction in state aid," and the resulting fall to Level 3 sparked popular complaints and an increase in school-choice-out. That year, voters approved a

\$800,000 capital bond debt exclusion with which the schools upgraded technology and security, but it only lasted one year. The district didn't get any extra funds for fiscal 2016, "but was able to work with that and implement some change," he said.

Garceau said that sum amounts to a hike of about \$65 per \$100,000 of house value, and "we wanted to keep it around the same number because it worked" and people were familiar with it. He said last year's lack of such a payment "let people breathe" a bit.

The override money "would just allow us to maintain level service," he added, noting failing to pass it will likely mean laying off seven teachers, five instructional assistants and a few administrators. In recent years, budgetary issues have prompted the schools to combine some services with the town, including sharing a business manager, human resources and custodians. Its school-choice-out numbers are still rather high -- about \$800,000 a year, including Bay Path -- but falling slowly, and he noted Oxford is starting to see some incoming choice students again.

"We're sure there are pockets of the community that are

concerned" about the personal financial impact of a new, this time permanent, increase, but Garceau said he hopes "those folks will remember when they were in school, somebody was supporting them."

The superintendent said four school unions all accepted no cost-of-living increases for last year and this year, and cuts to professional development, but the contracts still call for the regular step increases (there are nine) and bonuses ("lanes") for educational achievement. "The union itself has no place left to go," he added.

Besides the question, the ballot has two unopposed candidates for selectmen, incumbent John Saad and newcomer Meaghan Troiano (incumbent Mike Voas chose not to seek re-election), and two for School Committee, incumbent William Spitz and newcomer September Forbes. Russell Rheault is seeking re-election as Moderator, as are John Flynn for Library Trustee and Ben LaMountain for Bay Path School Committee.

Election Day is May 16, with polls in two locations -- Chaffee School and the middle school.

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POLICE LOGS

WEBSTER POLICE


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12. Univ. of Maryland mascot

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15. Greek letter

17. Law degree

19. Respected

20. Resin-like substance

23. A basis for

24. Popular horror movie franchise

25. Basements

26. Boxing promoter King

27. Plucked

28. Small amount

29. Shape-memory alloy

30. Metal plates

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34. Franz van __, German diplomat

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LEARNING

Bay Path plans summer program

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Bay Path is offering a very unique and exciting summer program this year. Parents can now register online through Bay Path’s website, where the entire schedule and course descriptions are available. Not only will there be a full sports schedule but a full vocational program as well.

Bay Path’s summer program will be running the whole summer, starting June 26 through the end of August. The days run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, but they will also be offering before and after care so parents can drop their child off at 7:45 and pick them up at 4:45, “which is real-

ly convenient,” said Assistant Vocational Director Jeremy Guay, who is now the director of summer programs as well.

“Normally I have the summers off and I have a child,” said Guay. “There are times I want to send them off to camp but by the time I sign them up they’re full. A lot of the area camps are only four days of the week or a few hours a day. It’s great to have, but it’s not as convenient as it could be. We saw a need for families whose moms and dads work in the summer and need a place to have their children go during the day. We thought it was a golden opportunity to utilize our facility, which is basically empty in the summertime. We have an amazing facility and

talented instructors. It’s really a three-way win.”

The summer program will offer everything from golf, soccer and basketball, but the vocational programs for younger children are what really make Bay Path’s summer program different from others in the area.

There will be a carpentry program where students will assemble a coat rack that resembles a large LEGO construction. The students will work on it all week and then take it home on Friday.

There’s a cosmetology program where students will learn hair care, nail art, styling and fantasy makeup.

The program also includes a graphic arts program where

the students will design and make their own silk screen t-shirt, coffee mug and some other items as well, using Photoshop.

There are also many STEM programs and opportunities for the students to use 3D printers.

Then there’s a culinary arts program, where the students will learn about different foods from different cultures. They’ll cook their own lunch. And in the afternoons, they’ll do baking and can bring the items home to their families every night.

“Not every child wants to go to a camp where it’s just sports,” explained Guay. “We have so many children who are hands-on. They want to build

things, they want to construct things, use tools. They want to do things that are just out of the ordinary. They can express themselves in ways they never have before.”

The vocational programs are being taught by licensed instructors that teach at Bay Path during the year.

The summer program is being offered at a competitive price, with each week averaging around \$150.

Parents can register their students online at www.bay-path.net at the summer program link. They can also register by downloading and printing a form that can be mailed in or dropped off at Bay Path.

Virtual school invites prospective families to event

TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School (TECCA), the state’s largest full-time, tuition-free public school for K-12 students, is now enrolling students for the 2017-18 school year and is hosting in-person information sessions across Massachusetts.

Interested families are encouraged to learn more about how virtual school works and if it’s the right fit for their students by attending one of the in-person information sessions held by TECCA over the coming weeks. An information session for families of potential students will be held in Auburn on May 8.

TECCA’s success is apparent in results of the school’s annual survey of parents, which was completed by an independent third party. Eighty-seven percent of parents indicate they

would recommend the school to other families, and 92 percent say their children are satisfied with TECCA’s program. Eighty-four percent of parents gave TECCA an “A” or “B” grade, whereas public school ratings from the 47th annual Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public’s Attitudes Toward the Public Schools shows that traditional public schools received 70 percent “A” or “B” grades from parents. Over ninety percent of parents surveyed are also satisfied with the helpfulness of their TECCA teachers and agree that the curriculum is high quality.

Families will have the opportunity to meet with a TECCA faculty member or representative, explore the program and curriculum, and ask questions about the enrollment process. Interested families may also attend Parent-to-Parent meetings for the opportunity to speak

with currently enrolled families in a more casual setting. For those unable to attend an in-person session, real-time interactive online information sessions and an on-demand session accessible 24/7 are also available. A complete list of events and links to the online information sessions are available on TECCA’s website.

Information session for prospective families interested in attending virtual school at TEC Connections Academy are scheduled May, May 8 beginning at noon at Fairfield Inn and Suites Worcester Auburn at 718 Southbridge St.

TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School (TECCA) is Massachusetts’ newest statewide, tuition-free, virtual public school for students in grades K-12. The school was approved in February

2014 by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and is now serving students for the 2016-2017 school year. TECCA provides students with the flexibility to learn from anywhere there is an Internet connection and with an innovative online school curriculum that meets rigorous state education standards. The combination of Massachusetts-credentialed teachers, an award-winning curriculum, engaging electives, technology tools, and social experiences provides a supportive online learning opportunity for students who want an individualized approach to education. The virtual school is sponsored by The Education Cooperative (TEC). For more information, call (800) 382-6010 or visit www.TECConnectionsAcademy.com.

SCIENCE RALLY

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“Save the EPA,” “Let’s NOT make America toxic again,” “There are no jobs on a dead planet,” and “Climate change is real.”

“It’s great to see so many people in Worcester supporting our march,” said Heather-Lyn Haley, an assistant professor at UMass Medical School. For her, the key issue is budget cuts for public health.

“Money for preventive medicine brings huge savings for America,” she said. “Taking money away from that to pay for the other side is ridiculous. Hopefully, the guy on stage was right and Trump is just ‘a bump in the road.’”

She’s quoting climate activist Gene Frye of Brookfield, whose Linked-in page describes him as a “global warming and energy efficiency consultant” who runs “a climate change information website with some 6,000 articles and 1,200 illustrations.” He has a doctorate in resource economics from Cornell University.

In a five-minute talk

citing both causes for hope and worry, he said he sees Trump’s rhetoric and policies as unlikely to change the fact “investors are turning rapidly to the sun (cheaper than coal) and wind (cheaper than gas). Global investment in renewables overtook fossil fuels two years ago.”

True, but renewables still have an uphill climb. The most recent Energy Information Agency website data (updated April 18) shows all renewables comprise 14.9 percent of the US supply, while fossil fuels combine for 66 percent, creating dangerous climate momentum.

“If warming rates of the last 20 years continue, eight US states become as hot as Las Vegas this century, plus four more by 2117,” Frye said. “Now the good news: world CO2 emissions peaked five years ago. So did China’s.”

The problem is the lag time: carbon dioxide (CO2) stays in the atmosphere for a century or more, while methane (CH4) sticks around for about 20 years, but packs an even bigger climate wallop. For the same quantity emitted, CH4 has about 86 times more

warming effect than CO2 over those 20 years, and 20 times more over a century (because it converts to CO2 and water). We’re incredibly lucky it’s now measured in the parts-per-trillion range, while CO2 just crossed the 410 parts-per-million level. CH4 has more than doubled since 1750, and CO2 is up about 130 points, according to the US Department of Energy.

“What happened last time we had this much CO2 in the air?” Frye asked. “Earth’s surface was 4-5 degrees Celsius hotter than now, and seas were 65 to 130 feet higher.”

He predicted the lag time, “even if we stop cold turkey today,” guarantees at least 2° Celsius warming in this century “and again as much later.” That means Kansas and Georgia will see Vegas heat in summer around 2300.

“But if we don’t phase out emissions until 2100, they become Las Vegas hot 200 years sooner. An awful lot else follows,” Frye added. The key word there is awful: “large reductions in our food supply, widespread extinctions, water wars, refugee movements that dwarf the Syrian exodus to Europe, and putting most of Florida [and many other coastal places] under water.”

Kim Wilson of Boston has a rather humorous potential solution to that: push President Trump to act by “appealing to his ego” and competitiveness. She suggested creating the Donald Trump Environmental Prize, and giving it to the world leader who makes the biggest strides toward fulfilling the Paris Climate Accords. If it’s him, “find an old crown, shine it up, and give it to him in front of Paris’s Arc de Triomphe for saving civilization from dying,” she said. If it’s China’s president, give it to him, “and get [Trump] jealous of China’s advances.”

Wilson said she isn’t a scientist, just a concerned citizen and active member of 350.org. She attended with her grandson, who carried a big, round sign he waved at passing cars.

Wilson is one of a growing number of people jolted into action in recent years, many of them because of November’s election. Some have been forming local Resistance, Indivisible and similar groups, and WPI teacher and software designer Scott Runstrom of Paxton is one of them. His Indivisible chapter has seen more than 100 people join recently, most of them without any previous political involvement.

“Climate change is a clear and present danger



said while walking. “But there’s also a denial of science across the board.”

Indeed, that broader issue brought many to the rally. Worcester State senior Cynthia Lapan said she sees it from the perspective of someone who wants to be a children’s librarian and has a sociology major.

“This is more than just a single-discipline issue. This gets to the foundation of our human rights. Under the UN Declaration of Human Rights, freedom of information is a human right,” she said. But with the current administration suppressing some information sources and putting money into fossil fuel research over climate work, she foresees worsening “devastation from social issues affecting vulnerable people.”

She pointed to Hurricane Katrina and Flint, MI, as examples.

Couple that with what seem to be “disincentives to creating an educated populace” coming from the policy and personnel choices of this administration, and Lapan said she expects even more climate change. To confront it, people need to encourage the many who did not vote in November to get involved.

“There is a right side to history, and they can be on it,” Lapan said. “We need to stop ‘siloeing,’ stop treating it as ‘those people’s problem,’ and realize this concerns all of us.”

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15 Chicken Mornay Couscous Roman Blend Vegetables Cookie*	16 Stuffed Pepper Casserole Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fresh Fruit	17 Caribbean Pork Steamed Rice with Vegetables Broccoli Pineapple	18 Meatloaf & Gravy Garlic Mashed Potatoes Country Blend Vegetables Pears	19 Chicken Cacciatore Penne Pasta Italian Blend Vegetables Mousse*
22 Swedish Meatballs Spiral Pasta Scandinavian Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	23 Pork Rib-i-que Yukon Gold Potato Chuck Wagon Corn Strawberries/Whip Topping Wheat Roll	24 Sloppy Joe Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit Wheat Roll	25 Buttermilk Chicken Red Bliss Potatoes Green Beans Birthday Cake Diet = Small Piece	26 Catch of the Day Rice Pilaf Tuscany Style Vegetables Brownie Diet=Plain Cake
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LEARNING

Tiny students learn about the world

SUTTON — Students at Country Montessori Preschool and Kindergarten of Sutton studied the countries of Madagascar and Italy during a week-long study program.

Kindergarten students learned many facts about Madagascar, a country in southeast Africa. They discovered Madagascar is an island that once was part of Africa by studying a three dimensional model of the country. The students learned that several species of animals like lemurs and fossa are found only in Madagascar. They learned that valuable Madagascar vanilla bean is derived from a beautiful orchid that blooms for one day.

“The children played a djembe, an African drum, made percussion instrument shakers and created drawings of the native ring-tailed lemurs and chameleons,” explained teacher Anne Williams. Students were taught about the tropical country’s typography and climate. The children sampled foods the Madagascar people eat such as bananas, mangoes and rice.

Preschoolers in Melissa Connors’, Erin Moore’s and Jen Lahue’s class learned to say several words in Italian, locate the country on the globe, listened to stories about ancient landmarks and created several arts and crafts projects during their study of Italy. They played with miniature Roman people on a foam mat illustration of the city of Rome displaying the Coliseum, Trevi Fountain and Roman Forum.

Children created models of the Tower of Pisa, practiced their fine motor skills while putting small beads on a strand of spaghetti and made Italian flags. They also enjoyed eating delicious pizza and pasta at snack time, too.

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Teacher Anne Williams holds an African drum while Ava Purcell plays it.



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Lily Heisson, Matthew Morin and Shayna Zetlan display their chameleon artwork.



Nathan DeBaggis points to a poster with information about Italy.



Matthew Morin and Allison Purcell are proud of their artwork.



Ryan Minor colors a drawing of the leaning tower of Pisa.



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Tips to Garden Large in a Small Space



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It's finally spring and that means gardeners everywhere are planning their vegetable crops. Did you know escalating food costs coupled with fresh food safety concerns have spurred a backyard gardening movement that translates into more than one third of the country's households growing some type of edible? It's true, and today's gardens know no boundaries — even if you're short on space. Read on for a few unconventional gardening options that promote purposeful planting and promise big yields in a limited space.

DIY Topsy Tomatoes: There are several upside-down tomato plant kits on the market, but you can do it yourself and save money! Perhaps the easiest and most sturdy option is simply to use a common hanging coco fiber basket with a wire frame. Just cut an X in the bottom of the coco material and push the root ball of a tomato plant up through the hole. Fill top of basket with a good soil mix with peat moss added. Carefully distribute soil around the root area and fill the basket enough to allow for ample root spread. Some growers completely fill the basket with soil and plant basil or other complementary herbs in the top, creating a “double duty” planter.

Three Sisters: Another strategy to reap as much volume as possible in a small space is to adopt the “three sisters” planting technique, a Native American tradition. The companion planting of pole beans, corn and squash not only saves space but encourages good growth. The pole beans climb up the corn stalks as the squash leaves form a natural shading to discourage weeds.

The Iroquois Museum website explains it this way: “The bacteria that occur naturally in beans absorb nitrogen from the air and convert it to nitrates, which fertilize the soil for the corn and squash. Beans are supported by winding around the corn stalks and the squash leaves provide ground cover between the corn and beans preventing weeds from growing and increasing the amount of rain that soaks into the ground.”

Trellis Planting: Using a trellis is an ideal solution to grow vining vegetables, such as cucumbers and beans, which can take up a lot of ground space. According to Homestead Harvest, cucumbers grown on trellises typically produce uniform fruit and two to three times more fruit than varieties grown on the ground!

Pole beans are avid climbers, and their light weight and lush leaves make an arbor or trellis an ideal support. Pole beans will continue to grow and produce more pods as the beans are picked, offering an attractive visual for the garden area throughout the growing season.

Peas and tomatoes are other

common garden plants that can be trained to grow along a trellis. The National Garden Bureau (NGB) suggests combining vining plants, such as beans and cucumbers on the same A-frame trellis thus yielding double the crop per space. It also notes vegetables grown on trellises should be set on the north side of the plot and toward the back of a row or bed so they do not block the sun from other, low-growing plants.

Trellis To do: The NGB directions to build a trellis with bamboo poles and netting is as follows: Use two poles for each end, tilt them towards each other and tie together about six inches from the top; then lay a fifth pole across the top and tie it securely to the trellis legs with twine. Insert legs about one foot into the soil, separating them at an angle for stability. Drape netting over the top and tie it to the legs in a few places. Sow seeds of plants, such as cucumbers and pole beans, along the length of both sides of the trellis; guide stems up onto the netting as they begin to grow.

To make a teepee simply tie five bamboo poles at the top with twine. Legs should be spread out and about 12 inches into the ground. Sow up to five pole bean seeds around each leg of the teepee.

Straw Bale Gardening: The virtues of straw bale gardening lies in its simplicity. Straw bales offer comfortable raised bed gardening sans the digging and weeding. The method eliminates crop rotation hassles, and at the end of the season, the

decomposed bales “give back” in the form of rich compost. In addition, this “soil free” method of planting is ideal for those with limited yard space and/or less than ideal soil conditions, and can be set up virtually anywhere to take advantage of sunny areas.

Tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, summer squashes, and lettuces are all good candidates for straw bale planting. Planting seedlings is perhaps the easiest and most efficient way for beginners to try their hand at straw planting. Follow the same instruction as conventional soil planting for plant placement (inches deep, inches apart). Using a trowel, dig into the straw to separate it. Plant the seedling down to the first leaf. Carefully close the gap back together. Water thoroughly.

To plant seeds, sprinkle a light layer of a compost/soil mixture over the top of the bale and plant seeds directly in the soil mixture. Cover with a sprinkling of peat moss (or soil) and water well.

Straw bales should be watered frequently; a soaker hose placed on the outside perimeter of the bales makes the task much easier. Straw bale plants require additional fertilizer. Veteran gardeners suggest feeding seedlings a compost tea or liquid fish emulsion once every other week, increasing the feedings to once a week as plant grows.

Tips:
*Only use straw (wheat, oat, or rye) or hay. (Note: pine straw will not work).

*It's important to plan out the location of straw beds. While you'll want to take advantage

of sun position, keep in mind the bales require more water than a conventional bed, so a nearby water source is a necessity.

*Place newspaper or another form of mulch on the ground before you set down the bales to prevent weeds and grass from growing up around the bales. Set bales out about four weeks ahead of time to prepare for planting. Water well and keep bales soaked to condition the straw for planting.

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Can You Free Yourself of Some Investment-related Taxes?



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Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that benefit society. Still, you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments,

leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making investing less “taxing”:

Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Follow a “buy-and-hold” strategy. If you sell investments you've owned for less than a year, and their value

has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6%. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20%. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33%, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends either staying at 20%, or possibly being reduced to 16.5%. In any case, you'll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

Consider municipal bonds. If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from “munis” are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from

state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administration and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix – so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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EDITORIAL

Strolling through the park one day

The traditional day for Earth Day was a dreary, nasty, wet one. Despite that, there were a number of people out in parks, on streets, near ponds and rivers, on highways and byways throughout the area.

They were dressed in boots and rain slickers; wearing heavy sweaters, gloves and winter coats but they were there.

We would like to make it a whole month of Earth Days because there should be rain dates.

We did learn of something intriguing today.

We're sure you've seen the times when there are piles of "things" just in the woods, or alongside the roadways. Why, you might think, can't the DPW just pick up those tires, or mattress or whatever?

Here is why.

The buffer zone owned by the municipal entity, whether it's a state road or a town road, sometimes fluctuates wildly due to old deed restrictions, realignment of property lines or roads, that sort of thing. So while the right of a government might be off the road 10 or 20 feet in one area, it might be only three or four feet elsewhere. The debris may be on private land, and not public land after all.

And if it's on privately owned land, it is up to the owner of the property to rid themselves of the mess. Unfortunate, but true.

The Mighty Mess Makers who choose the rest of the world to be their garbage dumps don't care. They don't want to have to pay to rid themselves of whatever it is they have to get rid of, so they just find a convenient, out of the way place to heave it.

To our detriment of course.

Our first reaction always is, we'd hate to see their homes. We have visions of Hoarders. But then we think, no; because if they were truly hoarders they'd keep their own junk. They foist off on us.

It's always a rant. It's always this time of year. Everyone is tired of hearing it and we are preaching to the choir. After all, none of YOU are guilty of this are you? It isn't any of you doing the dumping, you are the righteous ones doing the picking up and cleaning...right?

Yet someone is.

There's that old statistical joke about looking around the room and if the average is three out of four, and the fourth is you...it's you.

So, no. We're not accusing every one of you of throwing a whole roll of old carpet in the woods, or the tires or the giant TV; but what about that coffee cup or wrapper out the car window....see. Always the fourth one.


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VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Auxiliary: Lucky Ducks on their way

To the Editor:

I'm writing to inform you that the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its 26th Annual Lucky Duck and Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 7. Please note that this year Ducks has a new venue, Fay Mountain Farm on Cemetery Road in Charlton. The event will be held in conjunction with Harrington Hospital's 5K Color Run/Walk.

This year Duck Day features some exciting activities for kids as well as adults. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a photo booth, pie eating contest, face painting and much more. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and the "plucking of the duck" takes place at 2 p.m.

Parking is limited, but a shuttle bus will be available to transport visitors from their vehicles to the site of the event.

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For more information on where to purchase tickets, please call the Duck Hotline at (508) 765-6473 or stop by the Duck Ticket Tent on Sunday, May 1. You need not be present to win. Hope to see you there!

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Searching for classmates

To the Editor

The Southbridge High School class of 1967 will be holding its 50th reunion on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Cohasse Country Club.

We have been unable to contact the following members of our class: Michelle LaPierre Darnell, Ruby Jean Earnest DiFederico, Suzanne Lemoine Garrett, Cheryl Horonzewicz Gilman,

and David Savage. If anyone has information or and address for these classmates, please call (508) 765-9419 or send an email to panel18@aol.com. Thank you.

PETE AND BETH COURNOYER
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Milk bottles and dairy collectibles



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WAYNE TUISKULA

When the milk man dropped off milk for customers on his route brings back fond memories for many baby boomer and older individuals. Delivering milk wasn't limited to men though. Many women also made milk deliveries to homes as well. Although most people now buy their milk at the grocery store, some local companies still have milk trucks running routes delivering fresh milk to area homes.

The nostalgia with milk delivery is one reason milk bottle collectors seek bottles for their collections, but there are others. Some collectors worked at dairies or on dairy farms. Others collect bottles and other memorabilia from their home town or county. It is a field of collecting where a collector on a budget can buy a bottle for under \$5. An advanced collector may pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars to own a rare one.

There are many factors that affect milk bottle values. The shape is important. Some bottles held cream at the top. The cream top bottles can sometimes be shaped like a face. There are "cop top" bottles that look like police officers and "baby top" bottles that look like baby faces. The printing on milk bottles is called pyroglaze. More interesting graphics and more than one color on a bottle can increase value. Older bottles with embossed writing are also popular with collectors.

There are some dairies that are very popular and their memorabilia is in demand with collectors. Two local examples are Sibley's Dairy and Alta Crest Farms in Spencer. Some colleges also had dairies and their memorabilia can be very desirable.

Along with milk bottles, there are plenty of other dairy collectibles. Rare, small creamer bottles can command prices in the hundreds of dollars. Milk cans, carriers, porch boxes, bottle caps, crates and equipment like milk separators are other items wanted by dairy collectors.

Milk related advertising signs, clocks and other adverting pieces are highly desirable, as they are with most



collector groups.


When I was a boy I looked forward to the Hood Milk truck making deliveries to my home. On hot summer days he would give me a piece of ice as he made his way from the truck to my house. Bob Cousy promoted Hood products and I remember seeing a poster of Cousy on the side of some of the Hood trucks. I check online from time to time to see if one ever turns up in my search. I've yet to see one.

If you are interested in learning more about dairy memorabilia, there are collector groups available. The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors website milkbottlecollectors.com offers information on the club and their annual convention. They have a publication called the "Milk Route" that goes out to its members.

Our milk bottle and dairy memorabilia auction takes place on April 27 in Worcester. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events. My next scheduled appraisal event will be held at the Townshend Historical Society on June 10. I'll be appraising items at the Residence at Valley Farm in Ashland that coincides with the summer solstice on June 21.

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Do you need a license to carry...pepper spray?



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I received several questions recently about possession of "mace" or what can be commonly known as pepper spray. The person heard conflicting information on whether or not a license was needed to carry this product. I was asked to provide some information on this subject.

These "self defense sprays" are generally contained in a canister. They consist of concentrated hot pepper liquids, gasses, or powders which have irritants designed to be sprayed into the eyes and face of an attacker to temporality incapacitate them. Prior to 2014, a firearms license was needed to possess or carry these sprays. Due to their propellant nature, they were classified in the same category as ammunition. If a qualified person so chose, they could obtain a card limited only to these sprays, and not for guns or ammunition.

In 2014, the laws were changed to relax some of these restrictions. The changes can be found in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Sections 122C and D. People over the age of 18 can now purchase and possess self defense spray without a permit. It can be purchased through any authorized retailer. This makes it easier for people to obtain this product for self defense. Anyone under the age of 18, but older than 15, can also possess his product with a valid permit.

There are, however, some restrictions on the possession of this product. People who have been convicted of felonies (or certain other crimes), those who have been committed for mental health reasons, have active arrest warrants, have a current restraining order, or a few other reasons, cannot purchase or possess self defense sprays. Anyone who purchases or possesses this in violation of the law is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than two years or both such fine and imprisonment.

These sprays are very good options for those people who feel the need for some level of personal protection. You must remember they are only to be used in self defense situations. When used properly, a victim can gain a few extra moments to flee a dangerous situation. This can prevent injuries and save lives.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, Ma. 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



VIEWPOINT

Between the fishing and the turkey in the spring



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Saltwater fishing should start to explode with action by the time you read this column. Stripers are migrating up the coast, and school stripers are now being caught in Rhode Island waters. It is only a couple of weeks before the big boys arrive. Because I fish the Providence River for stripers, I try to stay informed on the arrival of the porgies (bait fish) by bait shops in the area. Snagging porgies and live lining them for stripers can be very exciting when the line starts screaming from my bait runner reel.

Using circle hooks to catch striper was the way to go up until last year when we had a lot of missed hook ups. This year I plan on using a treble hook to live line the porgies. I read in a recent article that suggested using a treble hook for live lining porgies, and it should work very well. The author recommended removing one of the barbs and then affix the remaining barbs into the baitfish mouth leaving one barbs exposed. I will give anything a try after last year's missed hook ups with stripers.

The new 2017 regulations on fluke and sea bass in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts was a bit of a disappointment to many saltwater anglers including this writer. Commercial rod and reel anglers fishing for fluke can catch up to 200 pounds of fish daily with the minimum size of 14 inches in RI. Recreational anglers can only possess four fish daily with a minimum size of 19 inches, up an inch from last year. The coveted commercial fluke fishing licenses for rod & reel anglers are no longer available for new anglers that would like to purchase one. Again this year we will be sitting next to numerous fishing boats with a commercial fishing license watching them keep almost every fluke they catch while we throw back fluke in the 14 inch to 19 inch size. Massachusetts also dropped the daily bag limit from six fluke daily to four fish and the length was increased from 16 to 17 inches. I guess they just do not want the recreational fishing public to take

home many fish for a family dinner.

The new saltwater fishing license implemented a couple of years ago is costing anglers more money to fish, but they can take home fewer fish for the family dinner table. Sea bass fishing in Rhode Island also has severe restrictions on dates and daily bag limits again this year. Three sea bass are allowed from May 25 to Aug. 31 and seven fish per day starting Sept. 1 to Sept. 22 at a time when most of the fishing public is gearing up for hunting. The last few years sea bass populations have exploded along the Rhode Island coastline in numbers we have never seen before, and the size of an average fish tipped the scales at three pounds plus, with numerous sea bass hitting the five & six pound range. This fish provides a lot of enjoyment for anglers catching them, and also are a great eating fish. Massachusetts and other bordering states also have seen a sharp spike in sea bass populations. Maine lobstermen are complaining that small lobsters are being gobbled up by the high population of sea bass, and I am sure other coastal states are having the same problem. Commercial anglers can harvest 600 pounds of sea bass a day in Rhode Island from Jan. 1 to July 31.

Last week I discussed the dwindling cod population in the Gulf of Maine from over fishing by commercial trawlers, and now recreational anglers are being pushed aside for commercial fishermen fishing for sea bass and fluke. If both commercial and recreational anglers received cuts it would be an easier pill to swallow.

Turkey hunters had a real nice opening day this past Monday and the birds were extremely vocal. The area that I was hunting had many birds gobbling at the same time, starting at 5:15 a.m.! It sounded like a choir for a solid hour! After the birds left the roost they continued the serenading for another hour, then it all went quiet.

I spotted a large group of birds heading my way. As they walked along the edge of the field, they followed each other and finally stopped approximately 50 yards from my blind. I made a couple soft hen calls and they looked right at my set up of turkey decoys. Suddenly the leader of the pack took a left and they all followed him



Courtesy photo

Trying for trout at Singletary in the cold spring waters.

into the woods. I contemplated a shot but passed it up. Little too far. Soon after they disappeared I started to feel a bit sleepy. The warm sun was heating up my blind, so I decided to take a short nap. Old age can sure slow you down.

After a small nap, I awoke almost falling out of the darn chair. After a brief moment, I peered out of the side window of my blind, only to find a big tom bird making his way thru the grass field heading my way. I made a couple of soft hen turkey calls and he immediately looked in my direction. He was huge. Carefully poking the gun barrel out of the front window of my blind I took careful aim and placed the red dot of my scope on his head. It was still a long shot but he seemed to get hung up. I estimated the bird at 50 yards away, and thought the 3 1/2 inch shell would be heavy enough to bring him down. Slowly squeezing the trigger the gun blast roared thru the valley and the bird reacted to the shot.

"Oh No!" He immediately took flight, and I knew I had screwed up a shot at a trophy bird. It was a great morning without a bird but he was a corker! Maybe later this week.

Trout fishing at three local clubs this past weekend had

anglers trying numerous flies and lures, hoping to catch a limit of trout. Some nice fish were caught, but it was very slow, and anglers needed to put the time in to catch a few. My brother Ken and I questioned the food that is being fed to the trout at fish hatcheries in the state. Complaints from the fishing public about the taste of the trout in the last few years that they are not as sweet tasting as in earlier years. It seems that the trout are indeed being fed a new diet of food that contains vegetable products. It is easier to keep hatchery pools cleaner from the waste the trout leave. Some people are smoking the trout and using a lot of spices. My wife and I sure miss the sweet taste of the trout in our earlier years. Almost any fish can be made to become edible, but we like the natural taste of all fish that we eat. Saltwater species are our favorite.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club is holding trap shoots every Friday night under the lights at the club grounds. The public is invited to participate.

This year I have noticed a dramatic increase in rubbish thrown along our highways and back roads. Everything from beer cans to bottles and plastic are along the side

of roads, and are an eye sore to anyone that travels them. One area in Uxbridge has a truck load of rubbish dumped alongside of the West River and has been there since last fall. Our back roads in the Douglas State Park have been gated off for a number of years now because of illegal dumping. For years local sportsmen could travel the roads to hunt and fish, but now we no longer have access to them. Please take your rubbish home. Please help to keep our forest and lakes clean.

Singletary Rod & Gun club held their annual spring fishing derby this past Sunday. The turnout was light but all those that fished the pond seemed to be having a good time. This week's picture shows a group of serious fly fishermen standing in chest high water at the Singletary Club hoping to catch a few trout.

Very few were interested in their array of fly being presented to them. Action was slow at all of last week's trout derbys.

The Quabbin Reservoir provided some great fishing for anglers trolling flies last week. Numerous salmon and lakereels were being caught on the surface.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

FIRE

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guys made a good stop and we got mutual aid from Webster, Southbridge, Auburn, and Quinebaug and all of them did a great job as well," Chief Kochanowski said. "The insurance company might deem the house a loss, but we stopped the fire and a good portion of the home is still untouched even if there is a lot of damage."

The chief said there were no injuries as a result of the fire

although the home is uninhabitable due to the extensive damage. The chief said he is confident this was an unfortunate situation where a recreational fire was left unattended and resulted in property damage. With warmer weather now arriving in New England, the chief said it's important that people use caution and common sense when dealing with brush burning and campfires especially as things begin to dry up.

"Campfires are allowed according to National Fire

Protection Association, but they have to be really small and contained. They have to be far enough away from your house. During open brush burning season the fire has to be at least 70 feet from your house. As everyone always says, make sure your fire is totally extinguished before you leave to go away. You just need to use common sense and safety when you're dealing with these things," the chief stated.

While many might think that firefighters would be emotionally invested in helping save a

home on a holiday of all days, Chief Kochanowski said that is not the case. In fact, he said, no matter whether it's Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, or some random day in April, his firefighters and those across the region are always fully invested in doing their job, which has contributed to the successful attack on the blaze on Mason Road and has helped save countless lives and properties in the past. Just because Easter Sunday was a holiday, doesn't mean firefighters needed that extra inspiration to get

the job done. That dedication is there every day.

"We work at the same high level 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We always operate at such a high level that we're always 100 percent invested in it no matter what day the fire takes place. The time of day, the weather, the condition, whether it's a holiday or not, doesn't change our willingness to do our jobs," Chief Kochanowski said.

BUDGET

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es while also dealing with a few significant increases to reach what the town administrator said is a "workable spending plan" for the next fiscal year. Willardson said education spending and health insurance played the biggest roles in the increase voters will see at the May 8 annual town meeting.

"I gave the school department \$800,000 and since that time we are expecting a little more state aid and I also found a \$20,000 variance that I was able to give them as well so they're getting around \$870,000 over what they got last year. That's where a bulk of the new money goes," Willardson said. "The other bulk of the new money is going to health insurance. That's a \$900,000 increase, which is a really big number and that line has been flat for a long time. So this is a little bit of a catch-up. With how our claims history has been this is what insurance companies are requiring us to pay. So those are the two big-ticket

items."

Webster selectmen has played with the idea of shifting town employees to a fully-insured program, but the costs proved to be higher. While sticking with a self-insured program costs the town \$900,000, it saved the town \$191,346 in comparison to the alternative option.

Other changes of note in expenses include several small shifts that Willardson said involved eliminating positions and reallocating expenses from one department to another to balance things out.

"On the town side a couple of things I did were we have a recreation director position that was created, but wasn't filled yet so I eliminated that position. There was a vacant custodial position I eliminated from the budget and we're going to use a part time person and pay for them from a grant. We were paying for the lifeguards for the beach out of the highway department budget so rather than do that we're going to pay for those directly from the recreation revolving fund. I made a few other

minor cuts as well," Willardson said. Among those other cuts were minor changes in utility and gas expenses and \$15,000 cut from legal services based on town trends.

With changes in expenses, there are also a few changes in revenues reflected in the budget as well. Willardson said one major change was recently approved by the Board of Selectmen to increase the demand fees residents would have to pay for late bill payments.

"On the revenue side the Board of Selectmen has increased the demand fee from \$10 to \$30. If you don't pay one of your bills, such as motor vehicle excise or property tax bill, a week or so after the due date they send out a demand notice and at that time you have to pay the bill and the demand fee. That will now be \$30 and we did that to bring in additional revenue," Willardson said. The town administrator called this an essential move by selectmen to help balance the budget. Webster is expected to see around \$180,000 in estimated rev-

enue as a result of the shift. Additional revenue estimates include a \$60,000 in motor vehicle excise taxes and an estimated \$5,000 in wetland fees. The town also transferred \$40,000 from the school department to help offset the cost of a school resource officer.

"I feel comfortable that the budget proposed is going to be workable and acceptable to everyone," said Willardson. "The selectmen did a good job and raised the demand fee, which was a big deal to help balance the budget. I think we're in a very good place, especially when you consider that our health insurance amount went up so much, to be able to give everyone almost everything they wanted I think we're in a very good place."

A full breakdown of the FY18 budget can be found on the Town Administrator page of the Webster town website. The budget and other items will all be discussed during the special and annual town meetings scheduled for Monday, May 8 starting at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively at Bartlett High School.

SPORTS

Shepherd Hill squeezes out win over Crusaders

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBIDGE — When the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity softball team matched up with the Whitinsville Christian School during April Vacation — the game was played on Tuesday, April 18, to be precise — the Rams were without four players, including three seniors and both captains, because of the annual foreign language trip put on by the school.

Shepherd Hill employed an underclassmen-heavy lineup composed of three freshmen, three sophomores and three juniors, but nearly the entire

roster had athletes on it that won one or more state championships during Charlton's Little League outings over the summer.

Cayley Fagan is one of those players with multiple state championships to her credit, and she pitched like a champion during the Rams' 5-1 victory over the Crusaders. Fagan's seven-inning complete game included an unearned run on one hit with two walks and 15 strikeouts.

"Our pitcher was fantastic," Shepherd Hill head coach Donny Loos said of Fagan. "We can go as far as she takes us in a lot of situations and she was

just phenomenal today."

Loos was quick to mention that the matchup was a true pitchers' duel, though, as Whitinsville Christian's Soriya Melanson was also impressive in the circle.

"She pitched a great game against us and really had us fooled and off-balance, especially early in the game," Loos said of Melanson, who only gave up one earned run on seven hits while walking one and striking out seven.

Loos was proud of the way the Rams adjusted to Melsanson's pitching technique as the game wore on.

"I told the kids after the game I liked the fact that we changed our approach. We started to get more aggressive about strikes early. She remained tough throughout, but we started to have better at-bats our second time through."

With the game scoreless in the top of the second inning, the Rams got on the board first when Kelly Cournoyer went up for her first varsity at-bat with a pair of runners on, thanks to an error and a single. Cournoyer then roped a line drive that grazed off the outfielder's glove and rolled further and further away from the infield. By the time the ball was retrieved and thrown back in, Cournoyer safely crossed home plate to give The Hill a 3-0 lead thanks to her de facto home run.

"You have to score that as an error in the scorebook at this level...but she hit that ball as hard as you can hit it," explained Loos of Cournoyer's swing. "You can't hit it harder than that."

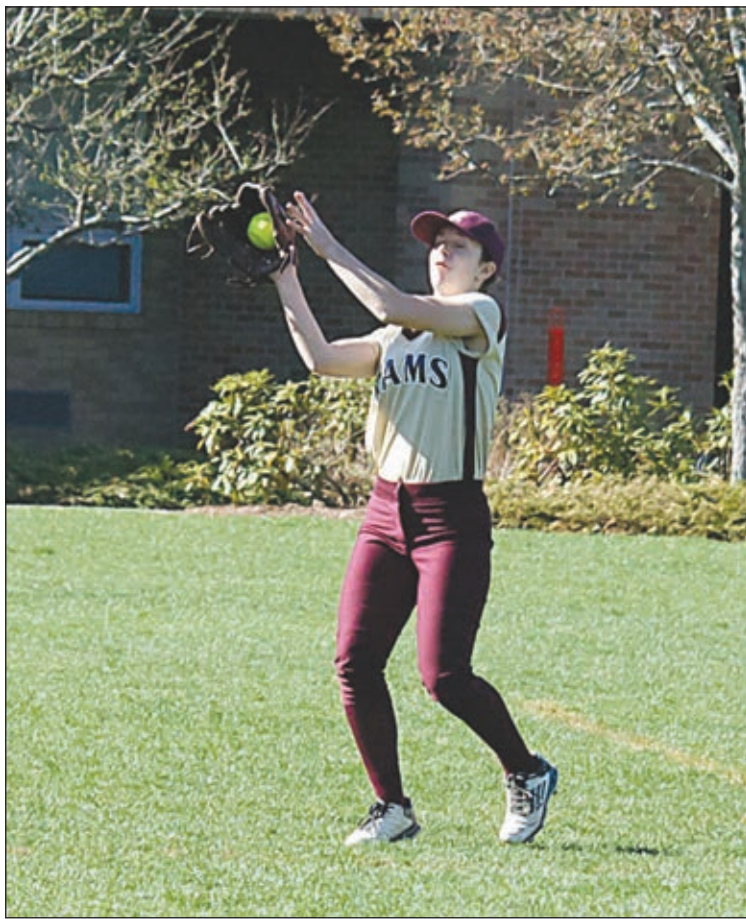
Now pitching with a 3-0 lead, Fagan registered 12 straight outs — eight via the K — to keep the score the same way until the bottom of the sixth inning.

In the sixth the Crusaders mounted a rally when a pair of errors eventually scored Melanson, who had reached base on a walk. Later in the frame, Whitinsville Christian had runners on second and third base with just one out, but Fagan kept her cool and



Nick Ethier photos

Kelly Cournoyer of Shepherd Hill crosses home plate just before Whitinsville Christian catcher Emily Cutler can apply the tag for a de facto home run in the Rams' 5-1 win versus the Crusaders.



Shepherd Hill center fielder Abby Morin watches the ball fall into her glove for an impressive catch.



Shepherd Hill second baseman Karina Provost watches the ball roll her way before recording an out at first base.



Keely Scotia of Shepherd Hill reaches out on a swing to make contact with the pitch.

retired the side with back-to-back strikeouts.

"She really dug in and fought her way out of it, she's a competitor like that," Loos said of Fagan.

Shepherd Hill added two insurance runs in the seventh inning when Keely Scotia walked, reached second base on a passed ball, hustled to third on a pitch that bounced before the catcher could grab the ball, and scored on the coin-

ciding throwing error. Fagan then launched an inside-the-park homer moments later to account for the 5-1 final, as the Rams improved to 2-1.

Whitinsville Christian, meanwhile, dropped to 1-4 as head coach Kevin Conway noted that Melanson certainly pitched well enough to earn the victory, but that the team "just needed a few more hits to help her out."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bartlett boys' varsity soccer information wanted

Current Bartlett High boys' varsity soccer head coach Ryan Renauld is looking to gather information before 2004 in regard to the Indians boys' soccer history. This fall marks the 50th anniversary on the program's inaugural season, and Renauld is compiling a history/record book.

Any information regarding end of season player statistics such as goals, assists and shutouts from any year previous to the fall of 2004 is greatly appreciated. Also, any awards such as team MVP, most improved player, unsung hero, league All-Star, Central Mass. All-Star and All State All-Star from the same time period (1968-2003) would be a great touch to the information already compiled.

Any and all materials would be returned safely and in a timely manner. One can mail or email Renauld these artifacts at Bartlett High School (52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA 01570) or rrenauld@webster-schools.org.

Join the free Charlton/Dudley Women's Basketball League

Please come and check out the Charlton/Dudley Women's Pickup Basketball League at the Heritage School in Charlton every Monday while school is in session from 7-9 p.m. There are no set teams and no fees. Come for the exercise and the fun of playing basketball. The league is for ages 18 and up.

Call Deb at (508) 248-3600 for information.

Night of comedy to benefit girls' soccer team

The Spirit of Liverpool 2001 Elite Girls' soccer team has spent the past year raising funds for the opportunity to travel to England this July. It is a trip that this group of young ladies has dreamed about for several years. The team is comprised of 14 and 15 year old girls from towns throughout Central Mass. and Northeast Connecticut, some of whom have played and trained together since they were 7-8 years old. The Spirit of Liverpool Soccer Club, based out of 5 Star Academy in Oxford, has strong ties to Liverpool, England. This "England Tour" would include a trip to Anfield Stadium in Liverpool, the home of the Liverpool EPL team. The tour would also include several training sessions in Liverpool and London, and the opportunity to play matches against local competition. This dedicated group of young women has worked throughout the year selling raffle tickets, working concession stands, and refereeing youth soccer games in an effort to make this trip affordable for every member of their team. On Friday, May 19, in conjunction with Frank's Comedy Safari, the team parents will be hosting a Night of Comedy at J. Anthony's in Auburn. The event begins at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$25 per person. The evening will also include some amazing silent auction items, including professional sports tickets, signed sports memorabilia, golf

packages and more. If you would like to purchase tickets to the show please email spiritofliverpoolmfg@gmail.com. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Donations can be made to "Friends of Liverpool FSC" and mailed to SLFC U16 Girls c/o Five Star Academy 94 Main St. Oxford, MA 01540.

Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer now accepting registration for 2017 season

The next registration for Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer is Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at two locations, including the Charlton Library and Dudley Town Hall.

Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer offers grade-based football and cheering for Pre-K (at least 5 years old) through eighth grade boys and girls in Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge and Thompson, Conn. We compete in the Central Mass Youth Football and Cheer conference, covering primarily Central Massachusetts.

Registration is \$130 per player/cheerleader (\$110 for each additional family member), \$110 for Tiny Mite players and cheerleaders (pre-K, K and first grade) and \$75 for flag football (Pre-K and first Grade). VISA and Mastercard are accepted. All participants will also be required to sell 20 raffle tickets.

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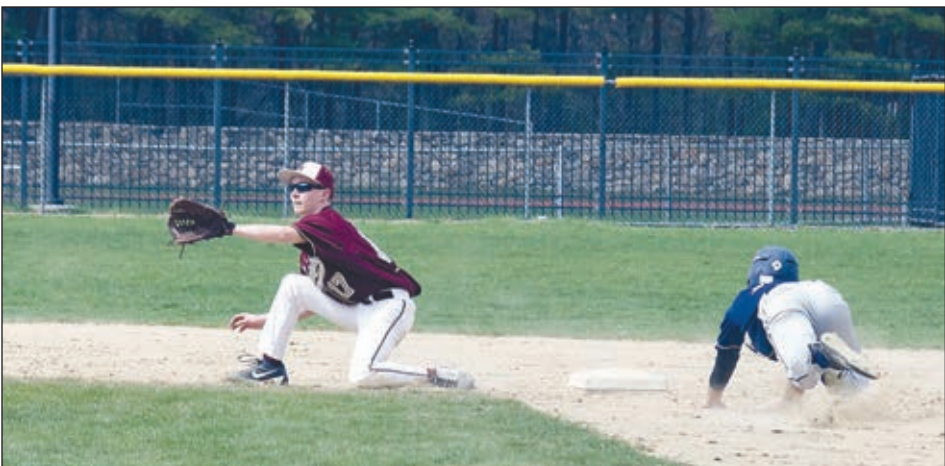
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SPORTS

Tough Shrewsbury team tops Rams in John Ahearn Tournament final



Hayden Wildes of Shepherd Hill waits for the throw while Shrewsbury's Korey Patwari steals second base.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

HUDSON — Shepherd Hill Regional varsity baseball coach Bear Dunn called Shrewsbury High — his team's opponent in the championship game of the 13th annual John Ahearn Memorial Tournament at Hudson High on Thursday, April 20 — near the top of all Central Mass. teams. He also stressed that you can't allow a good team additional opportunities, which is what the Rams did in the bottom of the fourth inning.

As a result the Colonials scored two runs on three

hits and two Shepherd Hill errors to turn a 1-0 nail-biter into a three-run advantage. That was more than enough for Shrewsbury pitcher Dylan Degon, who tossed a complete game shutout en route to a 3-0 victory over the Rams.

"You open the door for good teams and they're going to barge right in and put up a crooked number of some sort," explained Dunn.

Degon threw a no-walk four-hitter with seven strikeouts as The Hill wasn't able to capitalize on a few well-struck balls.

"The center fielder had

a play where he laid out, the left fielder had a play where he got a great jump and caught a ball [and] the shortstop had a leaping catch, so we were on him — just didn't get the breaks," said Dunn.

The Rams' best chance to score came in the top of the second inning with the game still scoreless. Aiden Bishop and Nate Carty both hit one-out singles, but Shepherd Hill attempted a double-steal that went sour. Carty took second base but Bishop was stuck in between second and third. He darted toward third but was thrown out. Degon then escaped the inning unscathed.

"It was a missed sign, unfortunately, by the lead runner and the tail runner has to see the lead runner and can't run up his tailpipe when he's not going," said Dunn.

Shrewsbury then scored its first run in the home half of the second when Korey Patwari reached base on an error with two outs. He then stole second base and was driven in courtesy of Tyler Hopping's RBI single to right field.

The Colonials then added their two other runs in the fourth inning, but Shepherd Hill starter Brendan McKeon was effective in his outing. He worked the first five innings and surrendered no earned runs while relinquishing six hits, walking three batters and striking out four.

"One thing we've been stressing is our pitchers working ahead...we stress pound the zone, hit your spots and you'll be much better off. He battled and made some great pitches," Dunn said of McKeon's outing.



Shepherd Hill's Mike Rousakos takes a swing versus Shrewsbury in the championship game of the John Ahearn Memorial Tournament.

Carty then pitched the sixth inning for the Rams and put Shrewsbury down in order.

"He'll definitely be getting some starts," Dunn said of Carty. "He's solid and he competes."

In Shepherd Hill's final turn up to bat, McKeon led off with a single. Mike Rousakos switched places with him after hitting a fielder's choice. Bishop then grounded out and Carty struck out, though, ending the Rams' final rally as they dropped to

1-3 in the early part of the season.

Shrewsbury is now 4-1. "We have inexperience, we're growing, we're coming into our own, it's just going to take continued practice and dedication to the team and our vision as Rams baseball," Dunn said of the first four games. "It's going to take some time, that's all. We'll get there."

Shepherd Hill reached the tournament final by defeating Marlborough High in the semifinals,

4-0, back on April 18. Dario Tarquinio, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, pitched a complete game three-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

"He was a bulldog," Dunn said of Tarquinio's pitching performance. "I stressed him to own the mound...and he stepped up."

Bishop and Mick Sullivan were also named to the All-Tournament Team for the Rams.



Shepherd Hill's Mick Sullivan makes a play from his shortstop position.

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Series over average — Joey Saad +31, Diane Levesque +29

Tuesday Bowlerettes
Single — Brenda Mayer 134, Charles Knorr 110, Mona Grande 103
Series — Brenda Mayer 336, Charles Knorr 298, Mona Grande 272

Thursday Coffee
Single — Tammy Moran 128, Jackie Arpin and Ruth Defoe 109
Series — Tammy Moran 328, Ruth Defoe 286, Marsha Kallgren 283



Series over average — Lorraine Puls +68

Saturday Youth
Single — Nathan Nardone 98, Brendan Moran 84, Ben Gervais and Brady Mullin 80, Isabelle Baldwin 86, Savannah St. John 75
Series — Nathan Nardone 258, Brendan Moran 221, Ben Gervais 211, Isabelle Baldwin 231, Savannah St. John 203
Series over average — Nathan Nardone +42, Isabelle Baldwin +33

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rochdale Baseball to join Central New England Baseball Association

The South Central Express of Charlton will now be known as the Rochdale Express, and their new home field will be at Rochdale Park, home of Becker College baseball. The team will be looking for players of all ages (19-plus) who have either graduated from their American Legion program or still want to play competitive baseball. The team is part of the Central New England Baseball Association (cneba.com), a wooden bat league. Anyone interested in playing in an adult men's baseball league is encouraged to contact Joel Hart at (508) 864-9709 or at hartattack31573@gmail.com. Tryouts will be in early May when field availability is made known, and spots at all positions are open.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball tryouts

Baseball players interested in playing for the Sturbridge American Legion team that are born on Jan. 1,

1998 or later are eligible to play. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. The team will conduct tryouts May 6, 7, and 13 at Tantasqua Regional High School, with times to be determined. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel at (774) 230-1784 or email jimrosseel@hotmail.com, coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or email raysull@charter.net, or coach Dave Proulx at (774) 230-6490 or email davidp7@hotmail.com.

U.S. Baseball Academy coming to Worcester State

The U.S. Baseball Academy, the nation's largest training program, is coming to Worcester State University from June 26-29. Advance registration is required. Kids sign up for the sessions they want, although most participate all four days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com for more details. You can also call the offices at 866-622-4487.

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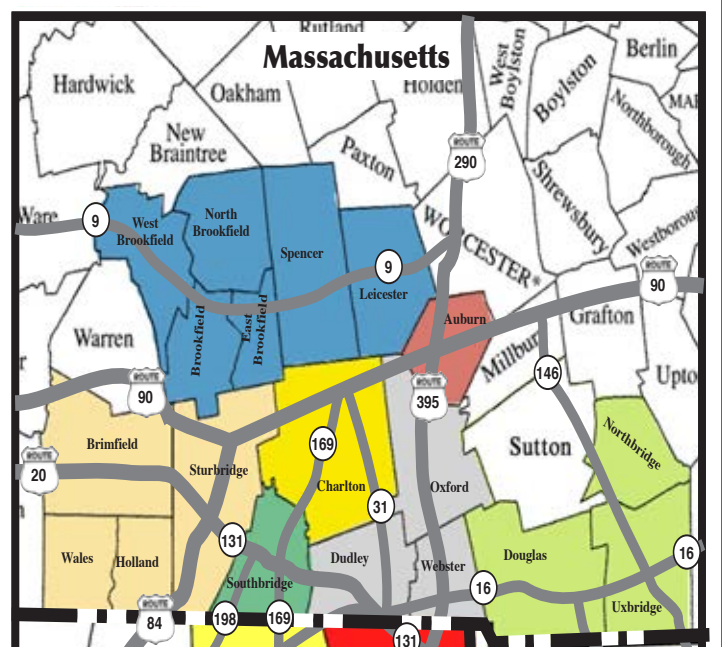
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SPORTS

Oxford’s bats heat up late in come-from-behind win over Indians

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — There’s no truth to the rumor that the Oxford High varsity softball team’s bats didn’t arrive at its game against Bartlett High, played on Monday, April 24, until the sixth inning. It just seemed that way.

The Pirates belted seven of their nine hits in the sixth and seventh innings and scored four times to defeat the pesky and determined Indians, 4-3, in a matchup of Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) rivals.

“It wasn’t pretty. It was a good win, but it wasn’t pretty,” Oxford coach Jamie Hetherman said. “We didn’t give up. We didn’t get down. We’re not a loud, yelling and screaming team. They stay in the game, they pay attention.”

Oxford, which improved to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the SWCL, scored the game winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

After freshman Skyler Hodson was thrown out trying to bunt her way on base, senior Karlie Parmenter singled to center field. For Parmenter, whose teammates call her “Eli” because her favorite athlete is New York Giants’ quarterback Eli Manning, it was her third hit of the game.

Parmenter moved to second when freshman Sam Meech

followed with her third hit of the game, a single to left field. Parmenter then went to third on Oxford’s third straight hit, a bloop single behind second base by senior Kayla Soto. When a Bartlett infielder attempted to cut Parmenter down at third the throw went out of play and Parmenter was awarded home.

The Pirates trailed, 3-0, heading into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Parmenter got the Oxford comeback started in the sixth when she opened the bottom of the frame with a single to center. She moved to second base when Meech followed with a single to right. Parmenter advanced to third and Meech to second on a fielder’s choice to short by Soto. Bartlett shortstop Madison Johns then made a throwing error on the play, allowing Parmenter to score to cut the Bartlett lead to 3-1 and moving Meech to third and Soto to second.

Meech cut the Pirates’ deficit to one, 3-2, when she scored on an RBI single to center off the bat of sophomore Hanna Buxton, Soto moving to third on the play. After Candice Nelson struck out, Buxton stole second. Soto then scored to tie the game, 3-3, and Buxton moved to third on an RBI single to center by senior Amanda Fradsham.

Bartlett pitcher, senior Lucy Orne, got the Indians

out of any further damage by fanning the next two Pirates to come to the plate. Those strikeouts were her 11th and 12th of the game.

Bartlett, which scored its first run of the season in the top of the second inning to take a 1-0 lead, extended its lead to 3-0 with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

With one out Orne reached base on an infield single and moved to second on a single to center by junior Alyssa Ward. Johns was up next and during her at-bat Orne moved to third and Ward to second on a wild pitch. Johns then struck out on another wild pitch, on which Orne alertly dashed home to give the Indians a 2-0 lead. Ward moved to third base on the strike-three wild pitch — on which Johns took first base — and then scored to give Bartlett a 3-0 lead on a groundout by junior Ashley Millett.

Hetherman credited the experience of some of the key players in the comeback as a big reason his team was able to rally for the come-from-behind win.

“Our catcher, Kayla Soto, is a senior captain. She played great behind the plate for us today; she tried to stop every ball with her body,” Hetherman said. “Eli, who plays second for us, is a senior captain. Her experience showed in the seventh when she tried to make a double play by tagging the runner out and then throwing on to first.



Oxford first baseman Amanda Fradsham reaches up and stretches for the ball.



Oxford shortstop Skyler Hodson waits for the throw to come her way at second base as Bartlett’s Emilee Leber attempts to steal the bag.



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Bartlett pitcher Lucy Orne pitched well versus Oxford but her team fell one run shy in the Indians’ 4-3 loss to the Pirates.



Olivia Houlihan of Bartlett lays down a bunt versus Oxford.



Bartlett’s Shannon Bombardier slides into the plate but gets blocked by Oxford catcher Kayla Soto.



Center fielder Sam Meech of Oxford makes the throw back to the infield.

Dipping into the derby: kids’ fishing day

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — It doesn’t matter if you’re a youngster with a pole in hand for the first time, or a veteran of countless excursions, it’s always a thrill to cast a line into the water and see what you can bring in.

Residents from throughout the area will take part in an annual tradition this weekend that is over a century old — the Spencer Fish and Game Club’s Trout Derby. Taking place at the club’s pond at 155 Mechanic Street, the two-day event is set for April 29-30. Registration will begin bright and early on both days at 6 a.m., with the derby getting started at 8 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including the first two catches of each day and top performers for length and weight.

“The first twenty minutes are always so exciting when the kids catch the fish and come running in to get their prizes,” said Holly Collette, the club’s secretary. “This event is a great tradition. A lot of families come from all over – some of them grew up doing it and are now bringing their own kids back.”

The event is free to all members of the club. For non-members ages 12 and under, the cost is \$5. For kids ages 13-17, the cost is \$10, while adults will pay \$10 per day or \$50 for admission and a year-ly club membership.

Club members always have the trout

derby date circled on their calendars each year, as well as countless residents who have welcomed in spring with the tradition for their entire lives.

“We had a great crowd here last year, and we’re hoping for another great event. This is always a good way to introduce kids to fishing and also introduce people to our club,” Collette added.

The April 29 program will take place from 8-3, while the April 30 finale has hours of 8-2. Awards and trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the April 30 program.

The derby will also include an archery shoot, face painting, breakfast and lunch available for purchase each day, and several other fun events for guests of all ages. No matter what your

experience level is, get your gear ready and head out to the club for a weekend of fun. The pond has been fully stocked with trout of varying size, including some heavy hitters and golden trout that will earn a few lucky guests prizes and bragging rights until next year’s derby.

For more information about the club and its upcoming schedule of events, visit www.SpencerFishAndGame.com or call 508-885-5925. The club also has a Facebook page for residents to check out the latest information and view photos.

The derby takes place rain or shine on both days, so bring your rain gear if needed.

WEBSTER CANDIDATES

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ing together as a whole do we help get things accomplished. If elected I want to continue to look out for the best interest of the town and to act as a resource of information for residents.”

In order to retain their seats, Bourque and Jolda will have to stave off competition from three other candidates, each with their own level of experience on Webster boards and commissions. The only one of those three to have previously served as a selectman is Raymond Regis, who has also served on the Finance Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals as well as being an interim building inspector for the town and a member of the Webster Lake Commission as a resident of Webster Lake. Regis last served on the board in 2003 and said accountability and concerns about Webster’s financial status are among several reasons he decided to run again.

“I’m retired now and people know I’m a guy who does his homework. I see some things heading in the wrong direction. I feel like the situation at Memorial Beach is deplorable. People used to raise kids there. Years ago, families would go to the beach and have a good day, but today they don’t even have that. I just see things today that aggravate me. The town finances bother me as well. I’ve been away from it for a while, but I still keep tabs on it,” Regis said.

The other two candidates on the ballot are potential newcomers to the Board of Selectmen, but certainly are no strangers to the public eye. Michael Finamore and James Avery are each running for their first term as selectmen and are hoping to exact change of their own should they earn the two available seats on the board.

Finamore, a longtime public servant in Webster and current finance committee member who has also been part of the housing authority, several town administrator search committees, and the Republican Town Committee, said he has run to become a selectman before and he feels his knowledge of finances and other aspects of the town make him a worthy candidate.

“There’s a difference between a finance committee member and a selectman. A finance committee member is a watchdog of the money and a selectman is a rules maker for the town and anybody without the experience of handling the money for the town of Webster and the budget continuously cannot actually do it as a selectman once a month or once every six months,” Finamore said. “You have to have that knowledge of what the money is doing and you have to follow the money trail.”

Finamore is also running to maintain his seat on the finance committee and should he win both election he will chose to be a selectman and vacate his position on the finance committee.

James Avery currently serves as the Board of Health vice-chair in Webster and decided to make an attempt at a selectman seat due to his desire to bring positive change to the community.

“I’m retired and I have plenty of time to devote to the position. I have some new policies I’d like to set and I’d like to review some existing ones and maybe help the town administrator with his job,” Avery said. “I’m running on my experience in town government and I do have free time on my hands as a retiree. I have time



Andrew Jolda



Raymond Regis



James Avery



Donald Bourque

to do things during the day without any problems.”

Avery said he would vacate his position on the Board of Health if he is victorious, but would maintain his position on the housing authority. Avery has also served as a member of the Bay Path School Committee and won election to the Board of Health in 2016.

Among the biggest issue the candidates will have to face if they are elected are economic development and Webster’s ongoing water issues, both of which have been major subjects of discussions among citizens preparing to make their decision on May 1. The three new challengers for the incumbents all have their own perspective on where Webster should focus when it comes to adding businesses and bringing economic development to town. Main Street, Memorial Beach and other assets were all noted as potential areas of focus to build on what Webster already has to offer.

Michael Finamore said he would like to see a devoted group of people volunteer their time to do research on the empty stores and lots that Webster has and see if they can put together a plan or enough data to lure in new businesses to help Webster becoming a booming economic center.

“These people would categorize every empty store in the town of Webster, where they are located, what the square footage of the stores are, and talk to the landlord of each and every store to find out the minimum rent they would take per cubic foot. I’d like the volunteers go onto the internet with pictures and descriptions of these properties and search out people looking for space to house their businesses. They could go to bigger storefronts, like Old Navy, and see if there is a person who would like to go into a business like that and see where it would fit in Webster,” said Finamore. “If you get 90 percent of your stores occupied I’d like to meet with the assessor, planning board, and selectmen every three months to find out what properties there are and what the zoning is for those properties and find something advantageous to do there. I don’t want a bedroom community. We can’t survive that way and that’s where we’re headed.”

Avery said downtown should be a focus when it comes to economic development in Webster and noted that he has an issue with a more recent project that would bring a very different kind of business to the Webster community.

“Downtown has been a work in progress for years, but there doesn’t seem to be enough money to refurbish these buildings. The issue always ends up being parking. You can refurbish the buildings all you want, but there’s no place to park. I’d like to explore some ideas and work with the Department of Housing and Urban Development on that front,” Avery said. “Also, right now as a Board of Health member we’re involved with this medical waste issue and I’m against that. I don’t like the

location. It’s not the business itself I don’t like.”

Regis put a focus on Memorial Beach, seeing it as an underutilized resource for tourism in the town that has been neglected for some time. He also has a few other ideas in mind that he believes will be good for the people of Webster and help make the community more business friendly.

“If I’m elected I want to work with the board and town administrator for a town wide trash pickup. People don’t get anything for their dollar right now. In Southbridge they have less trash around and they have a system that works. I want to do something good for the town. I think it would be cheaper in the long run. It’s something small, but it could be saving \$800 a year. I see things like that I want to bring in to town,” Regis said. “I also want to do some rezoning. We need some growth. We have 1,800 acres on the lake. What do we get out of that? Nothing. It’s not a tax base. You try to improvise someplace else. This was a big industrial town years ago. It was booming in the ‘70s and ‘80s and then all of a sudden regulation after regulation.”

Incumbent selectmen Bourque and Jolda feel that Webster has made significant progress during the last three years when it comes to economic development and each of them wants to continue to be a part of what they see as positive growth.

“The Board of Selectmen has taken a lot of initiatives in the office of community development. We have a new grant that will be starting to continue the French River Trail, completing the sidewalks on Davis Street and Frederick Street. The town administrator is looking into grants to maybe help with the facades for downtown. We want to continue that work and see Webster continue to grow,” Jolda said. “We’ve done a lot of projects over the last few years and a we need to think of what we want the town to look like in the future. We need to keep our capital improvement plan on track.”

“The Board of Selectmen put together an economic development team and we have volunteers serving to look at where the town can go in the future,” said Bourque. “Downtown Webster is unique because it has multiple zones. The town is working to put together programs to bring in new businesses and I consider East Main Street part of downtown because that is truly the area that’s expanding. We have a new business that will be opening up in the old AT&T store and we’re excited about that so we want to continue that positive growth. This board has a vision, and that’s to continue to move Webster forward. There are so many positive things that we can do. We have a carnival coming to Memorial Beach and those kinds of things elevate what Webster already has and could bring in more business to town as well. Cutting back on that and stopping now would be the wrong move.”

While each candidate has their own perspective when it comes to economic development, all of them seem to be on the same page when it comes to the water issue in Webster. Every candidate stressed this is something that needs to be addressed. The question is exactly how can or should the town proceed with those improvements?

“As a taxpayer and a homeowner my water was effected to. As a business owner, my water was affected. It’s a huge concern for everyone,” Bourque said. “I don’t like my own water coming out brown and I’m sure no one else does. Do we have to invest in it? Absolutely. Every town in the Commonwealth has water issues and it’s about how they deal with it. We’ve put it off for so long that it’s come to surface and now really is the time for us to take the initiative to fix it. We can’t do this alone and this is why we got the state involved. We do need help and with pipes being well over 50, 75, or 100 years old things will happen. Keeping everyone informed will help make the difference and we’re going to need to make some kind of investment to make that happen.”

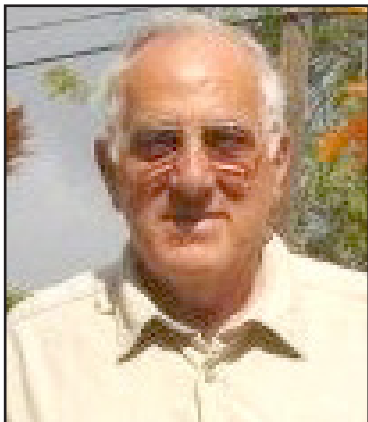
Jolda agreed, saying that the water issue is persistent and needs to be a focus of attention for any incoming selectman.

“What we can do to keep the water infrastructure on schedule is to make sure we keep the issues up front, asking for regular updates and making sure we get warrant issues in on time that are for financing for the new water filtration plant,” said Jolda. “We need to stay on top of the rates and know where things stand. We need to make sure we have the capital to keep moving forward. We’ve been in contact with the state ever sense we had a public hearing a year or town ago where public officials got to experience the frustration of citizens first hand and the state has committee to work with the town to make sure we have the resources we need to keep the filtration plant on track. It’s a multi-prong approach we need to continue to move forward.”

Avery brought up the concept of privatizing the water services in Webster. He believes this could be an effective path for Webster to take to make sure that the problem is solved within the best interests of the community at large.

“My own water gets so bad that I can’t take a shower sometimes. I’d like to see the town stop listening to the state all the time. We had the best water in the area for years until the state mandated all these chemicals and all this stuff going into it. It turned to garbage. People can’t drink the water in some parts of town anymore. I would like to see the town privatize the water actually. We’re always being compared to Putnam, Connecticut and they privatized it and the company is doing the whole town over with new water lines so I think we should look into that,” Avery said.

Regis agrees. Although he



Michael Finamore

admits that he had to warm up to the idea of privatization over the years, he believes taking that route could be the best option to give Webster’s water pipes the attention they really need.

“Years ago I was approached to privatize. The lobbyists were hitting me hard on it. I didn’t want to lose that independence, but the more I think about it privatizing would save the town on retirement and other expenses. If you privatize you save money,” Regis said. “We have to look outside the box. I know that the town got approved for a filtration system. Some places you can repair the mains instead of replacing them. We can explore what kind of work we have to do and where. There’s a lot of film that builds up inside those pipes. The town as a whole can’t spend \$50 million replacing pipes. We can explore grants and other options, but there are ways to save money with this project.”

Finamore said he addressed the issue in the early 1990s and would like to see the town make a renewed commitment to solving the water problems.

“In 1993 I addressed the water issue with the selectmen and the water department. That’s when we started and enterprise account to replace the old water lines, section by section,” Finamore said. “The money was used for everything else but that. I’d like to go back and let the people know that this is not a one-year project. It’s a 20 or 30-year project at a couple of million dollars per year. The people need to be made aware of the price and we would go out for all the grants we can get. We have a lot of pipes that have to be replaced and realigned and we need to do it in a way that’s the most advantageous to the people of Webster. The townspeople can’t keep paying these rates for no reason at all.”

Voters will be charged with choosing two of these five candidates to serve the town for the next three years as selectmen. Information on voting time and locations can be found on the town of Webster website or by calling the Town Clerk’s office. The only other contested election on the ballot is a three-way battle for two open seats on the Finance Committee. Finamore will be seeking reelection along with Neil Dixon. Sarah Sansom is the third candidate challenging the two incumbents for one of the two available seats for a three-year term.

Getting Out Your Lawn Mower: Safety Tips To Remember

(NAPS)

Spring is on its way and home owners are eager to get out their lawn mowers and start planting, trimming and sprucing. Before you fire up your outdoor power equipment, look over these smart tips.

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“Doing some basic maintenance will ensure your equipment operates safely and gets the job done,” said Kiser.

Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw, pruner or other piece of outdoor power equipment this season, OPEI says, remember to inspect the equipment, review owner’s manuals, and review safety procedures. Here are tips to help:

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2. Inspect your equipment. Check for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Replace



Doing some basic maintenance will ensure your outdoor equipment operates safely and gets the job done.

- any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative.
3. Drain old fuel. Don’t leave fuel sitting in the tank for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) left in the system will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running
 4. Use only E10 or less fuel. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher ethanol fuel blends, but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage—and is illegal to use in—small

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5. Label your fuel can with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put “old” gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don’t know the date of purchase, dispose of the fuel in the can safely and buy fresh fuel.
 6. Clean your equipment. Remove any dirt, oil or grass stuck to it. A clean machine will run more efficiently and last longer.
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Home Improvement On The Level



A laser level can be a bright idea for just about any home improvement project.

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- Whether your idea of a home improvement project involves DIY construction or hanging pictures, there’s one tool that saves time on these jobs and more—the self-leveling cross-line laser.
- The highly functional cross-line laser projects bright horizontal and vertical laser lines against a surface to ensure straight and level placement. You can use a line laser for wall positioning or to simplify time-consuming tasks like hanging artwork or placing holiday decorations.
- For example, if you want to install a shelf the most important task is making sure it’s level. Some DIYers use a tape measure and a carpenter’s level for this project, but the accuracy can be spotty. However, with a self-leveling cross-line laser the light beams both horizontally and vertically to outline precise shelf placement that’s perfectly level. For an expert finish, just double check that your lines are at the right height and wall location. That also goes for installing items like a wall sconce or light fixture.
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 5. Locate nail or fastener on wall
 6. Use laser to ensure picture is level top and bottom.
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- One self-leveling cross-line laser that fits homeowner requirements is the Bosch GLL 30. It features a compact design for easy movement around the home and projects easy-to-see cross lines at distances up to 30 ft. And it comes with a flexible mounting device with micro-fine adjustment that clamps on virtually any surface to project lines from every height or angle. It’s the tool you didn’t think you needed, but can’t do without. To learn more visit Boschtools.com.

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OBITUARIES

Nancy (Morin) Consiglio, 70

AUBURN — Nancy (Morin) Consiglio, age 70 of Auburn, died Monday, April 17, 2017.

She leaves her husband, Lawrence M. Consiglio of Auburn; two daughters, Holly Fevens and her husband Baaye, Heidi Consiglio of Worcester; two sisters, Barbara Gagliardi of Millbury and Joan Hamilton of Worcester; seven grandchildren.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Omer and Florence (Beauchesne) Morin and lived in Auburn for the past year. She was

a hairdresser and enjoyed crafts and crocheting.

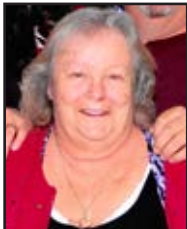
There are no calling hours.

Funeral services will be held in Worcester.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meeting Place Church, 63 Fountain Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home (shaw-majercik.com), 48 School Street, Webster, MA has been entrusted with final arrangements.

Luana L. (Langway) Lindberg, 75



WEBSTER — Luana L. (Langway) Lindberg, age 75, of Webster and a longtime resident of Oxford, died on Monday, April 17, 2017, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus after a long illness.

Mrs. Lindberg was married for 49 years to the late Raymond A. Lindberg who died in 2009. She is survived by her five children, Terry R. Lindberg and his companion Carolyn of Webster, Kim M. Rankovic of Webster, Dale W. Lindberg and his wife Elaine of Douglas, Lee A. Lindberg and his wife Louise of Webster and Eric R. Lindberg and his wife Tina of East Brookfield; a brother, Jerry Langway of Charlton; three sisters, Merle Hultberg of Southbridge, Jean Sweet of Brooklyn, CT, and Beverly Langway of Binemont,

AL; a brother-in-law, Russell Lindberg; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Luana was born in Charlton, the daughter of the late Leo and Evna (Prouty) Langway and is also predeceased by a son-in-law, Henry Rankovic.

Mrs. Lindberg worked for many years as a cashier at the Beacon Pharmacy in Oxford. She enjoyed playing many board games. However her favorites were Scrabble and Farkle. Luana also enjoyed playing bingo and especially liked taking day trips to Maine.

A funeral service was held Thursday, April 20 2017 in the Paradis Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in North Cemetery, Oxford.

Memorial contributions in memory of Luana may be made to Webster EMS, PO Box 869, Webster, MA 01570.

Frances E. (Santili) Walkowiak, 90

WEBSTER — Frances E. (Santili) Walkowiak, age 90, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, Francis J. ‘Lolly’ Walkowiak, a daughter, Janet L. Mielewski, two grandsons; Christopher A. Mielewski and his wife Jennifer of Chepatchet, Rhode Island and Jonathan F. Mielewski of Webster, two great grandsons; Mason and Findlay Mielewski and a brother, George Santilli of St. Petersburg, FL.

Frances was predeceased by a son William P. ‘Billy’ Walkowiak who died Nov.13, 2004, her son-in-law, Boguslaw ‘Bogi’ Mielewski who died April 14, 2015, and a brother, Edward Santilli.

She born in Southbridge, the daughter of the late Pietro and Theresa (Rossi) Santilli, she also attended Becker Jr. College in Worcester and lived in Webster, most of her life.

Fran worked at the former American Optical Co. in Southbridge in the personnel office and later worked at the Webster Credit Union for many years, before retiring.

She was a member of St. Joseph Basilica, a former member of the St. Joseph Polish Women’s Club and a former trustee at the Chester C. Corbin Public Library.

A Memorial Mass for Fran was Saturday, April 22, 2017 in St. Joseph’s Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St. Burial will be at a later date in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Friends of St. Joseph School Fund, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA. 01570 or to the charity of one’s choice.

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel (RJMlillerfunerals.net), 366 School St. is assisting Fran’s family with arrangements.

Roger J. ‘Buster’ LeBoeuf, 93



SOUTHBRIDGE — Roger J. “Buster” LeBoeuf, age 93, formerly of Roosevelt Drive, passed away on Tuesday, April 18th, in the Overlook Masonic Healthcare Center, Charlton, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 71 years, Georgette T. (Desaulniers) LeBoeuf; his son, Lawrence LeBoeuf and his wife Donna of Webster; his daughter, Susan Vallee and her husband Normand of Southbridge; his sister, Rejane Gaumond of Southbridge; five grandchildren, Eric LeBoeuf and his wife Wendy of Woodstock, CT, Jennifer Orsi of Florida, Tobe McLeish and her husband Bruce of Southbridge, Craig Vallee and his wife Amy of Brimfield and Cristy Morgan and her husband Jeff of North Easton; 14 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Hermas LeBoeuf.

He was born in Southbridge the

son of Romeo and Yvonne (Lippe) LeBoeuf. Buster was a US Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 296th Engineer Combat Battalion of the Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theatre.

Buster owned and operated Buster’s Rubbish Removal for many years. He later worked at Gentex in Dudley, retiring many years ago. He enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida. He also enjoyed gardening. Most of all he had a great love for his children and grandchildren.

His funeral was held on Saturday, April 22nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial was in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.



Donald F. Stockdale, 90



WEBSTER — Donald F. Stockdale, age 90, died Monday, April 17, 2017 at home after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Muriel E. (Follett) Stockdale; a son, Donald L. “Chet” Stockdale and his wife Mary of Webster; two stepsons, Walter D. Klebes and his wife Cathy of Dudley and Lewis L. Klebes and his wife Debbie of Claremont, NH; two grandchildren, Lori Hanlon and her husband Kevin, and Michael Stockdale, all of Webster; five step-grandchildren, Tracey, Jason, Jessica, Joshua and Bethany; two great-grandchildren, Ryan and Lindsey; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 13 years, Jeannette (Leslie) Stockdale in 1963, by his daughter Linda Cheroff in 2006, by three brothers, Douglas, Leslie and Phil Stockdale and by two sisters, Gwen Williams and Nancy Yuhas.

He was born in Warwick, RI, a son of Lawrence A. and Margaret (Ridgewell) Stockdale and lived in Webster

since his childhood. He attended the Providence School of the Deaf.

Mr. Stockdale owned and operated, along with his brother Les, Stockdale Brothers Auto Body for many years before retiring.

He was a life member of both the Worcester Deaf Club and the Providence Deaf Club and also belonged to the Central Mass. Deaf Senior Citizens Center in Worcester. He was a founder of the annual Deaf Timber Fest in Plainville. He was the proud owner of an Airstream trailer in which he visited 48 states and also wintered in Florida for many years. He loved camping and traveling. In his younger days, he was a pilot.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, May 2, at noon in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with Pastor John R. White officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 to the time of the service on Tuesday, May 2.

Donations in his name may be made to Central Mass. Deaf Senior Citizens Center, St. Matthew’s Church, 695 Southbridge St., Worcester, MA 01610.

SEND ALL OBITUARY NOTICES TO THE WEBSTER TIMES, PO Box 90, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550, OR BY E-MAIL TO RUTH@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 29

A NIGHT OUT: The St. Joseph School Home and School Association is sponsoring a Beer & Wine Tasting event on Saturday, April 29 from 7-10 p.m.at The Lodge Restaurant, 148 Gore Road, Webster. A sampling of alcoholic beverages will be provided by several vendors including Nipmuc Liquors, Wachusett Brewing Company, and Flying Dreams Brewing Company, which just received a second-place award for the People’s Choice Brewery at the Worcester Brew Woo and is rated the #6 brewery in Massachusetts. There will also be raffles and silent auctions. All proceeds benefit the children of St. Joseph School. Advance Tickets are \$25 per adult. At the door \$30. Advance tickets at the school, 47 Whitcomb St, Webster or call (508) 943-0378 or email hsa@sjs-webster.com.

LIFE SKILLS FAIR: 10th annual East Meets West health & business fair fundraiser and blood drive, Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bartlett High School gymnasium, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Presented by Life-Skills, Inc. and Page Chiropractic Health Center. FREE admission, raffles, screenings, demonstrations, giveaways & more! Enter to win a flat screen TV sponsored by Commerce Bank. Something for everyone. For a list of participants & activities, please visit life-skillsinc.org and click on News/Events. Vendors & Sponsors wanted – please email frs@life-skillsinc.org for more information. Proceeds benefit adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities served by Life-Skills, Inc.

CHICKEN DINNER: The American Legion Post 184 Ladies Auxiliary, 9 Houghton St. in Webster will be having a rotisserie chicken dinner on Saturday, April 29. The meal includes ½ rotisserie chicken, baked potato, salad and dessert. The cost is \$12 per ticket and may be purchased in the lounge. Pre-purchase of tickets is strongly advised. There will only be a limited number of tickets available the day of the dinner.

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS DINNER: Community Cat Connection hosts a dinner including salad, Italian bread and dessert at the United Church

of Christ, 4 Church St., Webster 4-7 p.m. Donation \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. Tickets available at the Shelter, 289 Thompson Road; some may be available at the door. For information call (508) 949-0779.

PASTA DINNER: Be sure to check out our Fabulous Raffle Table! Saturday April 29 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Greek Orthodox Church, 35 Lake Parkway, Webster. Adults: \$10.00 and Kids Under 12 at \$5.00

Sunday, April 30

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: The Oxford Girls Softball League is sponsoring its 18th annual Father Daughter Dance on April 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oxford Middle School. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Robbins Garden Center in Oxford. They can also be purchased at the door the day of the dance for \$6. All proceeds benefit the Oxford Lassie League. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Any questions contact John Guillotte at (508) 736-0046

Saturday, May 6

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE: The Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Congregational Church is holding a benefit rummage sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church located on 135 Center Road on Dudley Hill. Sale items are gently used clothing, hats, and accessories for men, women, and children, baby clothes and toys. Baked goods and coffee are for sale. Everything is reasonably priced. There should be something for everyone!

ANNUAL BARGAINS: The Black Tavern Historical Society is having its having its ninth annual Yard Sale on Saturday May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Center Road in Dudley. To donate items, call Linda at (508) 943-5509.

Tuesday, May 9

GARDEN ADVICE: Organic Gardening for Everyone, a 90 minute power point presentation featuring the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers using natural methods to promote soil and plant health, will be

offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the Dudley Garage, 139 Center St. in Dudley. Free; perennials for edible landscaping and attracting birds, butterflies, bees and other beneficiaries will be offered for sale. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Wednesday, May 10

Monthly writers group meets on Wednesday, April 12(2nd Wednesday) from 5-7 p.m. at Booklovers’ Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Free. Open to all genres and styles. Bring a piece to share or just come listen and offer feedback. Call 508-949-6232 for more information.

MEAL PLANNED: Blessed Backpack Brigade community fellowship meal served from 5-6 p.m.. at the American Legion Hall, 9 Houghton St, Webster. Please note that there is no handicapped access, but we will have volunteers to provide you with assistance. Menu: honey mustard glazed pork loin, rice, green beans, applesauce, dessert, sugar free Jello, coffee, tea, juice. Free hot meals to anyone in need. Everyone is welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, or to donate or sponsor a meal, please call Lisa Berg at (508) 330-7242 or Lauri Joseph (774) 230-8988.

Saturday & Sunday, May 20-21

PLANT SALE: the ninth annual Dudley Conservation Land Trust plant sale is scheduled 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on both days at Marty’s Liquors, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. A wide variety of vegetables, herbs, perennials and annuals available; specialty planters, trees and shrubs and the popular Garden Shed featuring accessories and tools. Saturday will include Master Gardeners available for questions.

ONGOING EVENTS

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT: The Webster Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn’t know what to do, or is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer’s, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease. Please come join with us at each meeting and you’ll be glad that you did. Each person has a different story to tell and you will be given tips to help you work through this agonizing and dreadful disease.

LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: The St. Louis League of Catholic Women is holding its annual membership drive. The purpose of the league is to bring together women to further their cultural, social, and religious interests. The league meets every first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January, February, July, August, and September. Programs this year will include cupcake decorating, Christmas sing-a-long, flowers in the Bible, movie night, crowning of Mary, and other interesting topics. If you are interested, please call Financial Secretary Louise Duval at 508-943-7695 or club President Carolyn Smith at 508-943-4732.

MEDITATION & YOGA: Guided Meditation on the second and fourth Wednesday every month, 6:30 p.m. at Generations Healing Center, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, Noon to 1 p.m., St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, 1 Eaton Place Worcester. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Saturdays, 8:15-9 a.m., Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

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6:30-7:30 p.m., Boucher School of Dance, 3 Millbury Boulevard, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Free Yoga Classes for Cancer Patients — Restorative yoga classes for cancer patients are offered weekly and are open to patients, survivors, and their families or caregivers. Classes are held every Saturday morning from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford, and on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Saint Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, One Eaton Place, Worcester. The Restorative Yoga program is a complementary therapy that is designed to help reduce lymphedema, increase range of motion, and soothe neuropathies that may occur during all stages of treatment and recovery. This program also promotes relaxation, which is a vital element in healing, as it brings emotional and physical relief from stress through moving meditation and gentle yoga stretches. These programs have been made possible through PinkHippy.Org, a 501(c)(3) non-profit holistic service and support organization that serves breast cancer patients, survivors and their families throughout Central MA, Northeastern CT, and Northwestern RI. Classes are free for those undergoing treatments or

in recovery from breast cancer. For more information please visit www.pinkhippy.org, call (508) 987-3310, or send an email to info@pinkhippy.org.

NUMISMATICS: The Nipmuck Coin Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Oxford Senior Center, 323 Main St., behind the Oxford Town Hall. For more information, contact Dick Lisi at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

TWICE AS NICE: The Central Mass. Mother of Twins is a non-profit club to benefit those who are raising multiples and provide support and an outlet. The club meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at the Oxford Community Center to discuss twins-related issues and have relaxing events such as movie nights and outings to take the children to and or your spouse or just for Moms. Anyone who is a childcare provider to multiples is welcomed and the meetings are held on the second floor of the building of the old school house.

HELP FOR HELPERS: Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone. Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so

much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, confidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

HOLISTIC HEALTH: Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner. This class of chair yoga is to expand the lungs and strengthen all the body's major muscle groups, for stability and mobility, balance, increasing flexibility, muscularity of hip and legs and increasing range of motion with our "rear view mirror" twists. We work through the entire body, quieting the nerves, relieving stress, realigning posture and we leave renewed. Chair yoga is open to adults of all ages. It is kept light-hearted with respect for every member of the class. We honor the body as it is right now and work to improve its overall health. We come to class as individuals and leave as family. Get to know yourself through the eyes of chair yoga and build a body that serves you better. Wear comfortable clothing. As with any exercise program, check with your

healthcare professional before starting.

KNOWING KNITTERS: Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at (508) 943-8107 or Jacqueline Vassar at (508) 892-4754.

GOT FOOD? The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Calvary Assembly of God, located at 105 Southbridge Road, is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. They are closed on holidays. They can be reached at 508-949-3711.

SUPPORT: The Cancer Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Monday of every month in the Boardroom on the 4th floor at Harrington Hospital, 100 South Street, Southbridge. Call (508) 764-2400 for more information.

SUPPORT: Overeaters Anonymous group meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Come to Room RHF-1 at Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT. We will welcome you! For more information, contact Kathryn at (508) 949-0819.

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APRIL 28, 29, 30

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(Rain date: April 30)
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523 Route 169
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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
APRIL 29 AND 30

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Cash prizes and trophies
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Registration and breakfast starts at 6:00 a.m.
Fishing hours:
8am-3pm Sat.
8am-2pm Sun.
Open to the public

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Free lecture
6:30-8:00 p.m.
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RSVP at
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MAY 5 AND 6

6:00 p.m.
63rd ANNUAL WINDHAM COUNTY 4-H AUCTION AND TAG SALE

at Windham County 4-H Center
326 Taft Pond Rd.
Pomfret, CT
Preview at 5:00 p.m.
Early bird buy in to Tag Sale - \$5 from 10:30-12:00 on Fri., May 5
Tag sale open to all from 12-5 on Fri and 9-5 on Sat.

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9:00 p.m.
Return performance for this local rock band playing fun covers
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12th ANNUAL WALK OF CHAMPIONS AT THE QUABBIN

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To benefit the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Clinic
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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 A.M. - afternoon
5th ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE IN WOODSTOCK
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Listings Always Needed - We're Always Busy Selling!!!

SOLD

DOUGLAS - 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Custom Colonial! 22 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry! Foyer! New Appliances! Granite Kit! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Hrds! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master Suite w/Cathedral! 2.5 Baths! Expandable 3rd Level! New Roof & Furnace! Cvac, Security, Irrigation! 2 Car Garage! **\$429,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

DUDLEY - 11 Jonathan Pass! 11 Rm 3,372' Center Hall Colonial includes 3 Rm In-law! Granite Kit w/Island, Formal Din Rm, Frplcd Liv Rm, Frplcd Den & 3 Bdrms All w/Hrds! 4 Total Bdrms! 3.5 Total Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Shed! Privacy - 3 Acres! **\$474,000.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 377 Dudley Oxford Rd! 7 Rm Split! 2+ Acres! Appliances! Kit w/ Breakfast Bar! Den w/ Pellet Stove! 12x20 Liv Rm w/ Cathedral! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Skylight! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Hearth! 12x20 Deck! 2 Car Detached Garage! 2 Sheds! New Roof! **\$234,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

OXFORD - 39 Fort Hill Rd! Fantastic 9 Rm Colonial w/Solar Electric Panels, In-ground Pool! Just under an Acre! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Is! & Hrds! Formal Din, Liv, Frplc Fam Rm w/Hrds! Great Rm w/ Cathedral, Skylights & Fans! Master Bath! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! 4 Bdrms w/Hrds! **\$399,900.00**

SOLD

CHARLTON - 175 Oxford Rd! 6+ Rm Split! 1.5 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrds, Anderson Slider to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrds & Bow Window! Master w/Hrds, Slider to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! **\$279,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof! 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/ In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frplc Fam Rm & Frplc Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrds & Wall to Wall! C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! **\$539,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

OXFORD - 11 Daniel Dr! 1:31 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 6 Rm End Unit! Appliances, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrds! Frplc Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck! Master/Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft Rm/Office! C/Air! Attached Garage! **\$234,900.00**

NEW PRICE

DUDLEY - 4 Laura Way! Country but yet Contemp 6 Rm Cape set on 1.14 Acres! Built 2010 but Better than New! Stainless Appliances! Eat-in Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Hrds! Floor! & Ceiling Fan! 1st Master Suite! Master Bath! 3/4 Bdrms! 2.5 Tile Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **\$287,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel 1 Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 13 Scenic Ave! 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Eat-in Kit w/Granite Island! Formal Din Rm w/Hrds! Cathedral Liv Rm w/2 Skylights & Hrds! Den/Office w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2.5 Baths! 18x14 Deck! In-Grnd Pool! Shed! 2 Car Detached Garage! **\$289,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 59 East Main St! Best Street for Business in Webster! Highest Traffic Count! Ideal for Most Business Applications! Complete Recent Remodel Inside & Out! Formally a Polish Deli & Convenience - Fully Equipped As Such - Full Kitchen! With Almost New Equipment - \$399,900.00 Without - **\$299,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

GRAFTON - 23 Maplewood Dr! Unique 5 Rm Brick Ranch! 3 Bedrooms! Corner Lot! Enjoy the Convenience of One Floor Easy Access Living Kit w/ Breakfast Bar! Fireplaced Liv Rm/ Dining Area! Master Bdrm w/Full Bath! 2 Baths! Total! Florida Rm! Private Back Yard! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$289,900.00**

SOLD

DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths! Master! Appliances! Granite! Hrds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! From **\$234,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

DUDLEY - 19 Lakeside Dr! Updated 5+ Rm Ranch! Appliances! Central Island Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrds! Floor! Master w/Hrds! Floor & Ceiling Fan! All 3 Bedrooms w/Hrds! Floors! Remodeled Bath w/Granite Vanity! Deck! Garage! Shed! Overlooking Merino Pond, Walk to Beach! **\$229,900.00**

SOLD

SUTTON - 4 Blueberry Meadow Dr! Spacious Hip Roof 8 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Kit! Formal Dining & Living Rms! Frplcd Fam Rm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total! Finished Lower Level! 2 Car Attached Garage! Nice Half Acre Lot - Cul-de-Sac! **\$409,900.00**

NEW PRICE

WEBSTER - 56 Poland St! 6 Rm Cape! Appliances! Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Chair Rail! Liv Rm w/Hrds under Carpet! Den w/Hrds! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Hrds! Ceramic Tile Bath! 2nd Flr Bdrms! 3 Season Porch! 2 Car Garage! **\$229,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 29 Crystal St! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch Set on a Nice 10,899' Lot! Appliances! Eat-in Kit w/Pantry! Closet! Liv Rm w/Picture Window & Hrds! Floor! Master w/Hrds & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms! Total! Finished Lower Level! Breezeway! 3 Seasons Porch! Garage! **\$164,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER - 38 Brook St! Ideal 2 Family! 5.5 Rooms! 22 Bedrooms! Appliances! Dining Rooms, Living Rooms and Bedrooms w/Hardwood Floors! Eat-in Pantry Kitchens w/Vinyl Flooring! Nice Bathrooms! Recent Roof! Updated Throughout! Convenient Location! **\$199,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 327 School St! 9 Rm Cape! Liv Rm, Foyer & Din Rm w/Hrds! Eat-in Country Kit w/Pantry! Half Bath w/Laundry! Fam Rm w/Hrds! Master w/Hrds, Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Tub/Shower! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Bonus Rm! Enclosed Porch! 2 Car Garage! **\$179,900.00**

NEW LISTING

SOUTHBRIDGE - 24 Lynn Lane! 5+ Rm Split! On a Cul de Sac! Liv Rm w/Hrds & Ceiling Fan! Appliances! Kit w/Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpet! Full Bath w/Ceramic Tile Floor! Expandable Lower Level w/Brick Hearth! Replacement Windows! Shed! 41 Acres! **\$169,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 16 Eddy St! Spacious 5 Rm Ranch! Appliances! Kit w/New Vinyl Flr! Liv Rm w/Hrds & Built-in! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Tile Bath! Sun Rm! Rms Freshly Painted! Newer Windows! Partially Finished Basement w/Pellet Stove! Oil Heat! Town Services! Attached Garage! **\$199,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 5 Church Court! Close to Everything! 8 Room Cape! Many Updates! Country Kitchen w/ Cathedral Ceiling & Skylights! Dining Rm & Living Rm w/Wood Floors! 3 Bedrooms! Unique Full Bath! 22x72 Detached 2 Story Barn w/Basement - Many Uses! **\$139,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Room Colonial to Webster Lake! Appliances! Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! **\$281,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WOODSTOCK - 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliances! Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **\$259,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6Rms! 1874'1 Open Floor Plan! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Hrds! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent C/Air, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! **\$429,900.00**

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Kildeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrds! Cathedral Ceiling! Living Rm w/Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling! 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! **\$469,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths! Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 56 Laurelwood Dr! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 12 Rms! 3,517' of Comfortable Living w/Super 4 Rm In-Law Apartment! Custom Built 2011 from Cherry! Stainless Appliances! Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! 1st Flr Living, Wine Cooler, Pantry & Cherry Hrds! Exquisite Formal Dining Rm w/Chair Rails, Crown Molding, Skylight! 1st Flr Living, Dining, Kitchen, Master Bath w/Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry! Lake Facing 3 Rm Master Suite w/Walk-in Closet, Slider to Private Deck, Master Bath w/Glass Multi Head Shower, Separate Tub & Dble Granite Vanity! 3.5 Granite Baths! Total! 3.5 Bedrooms! 2nd Granite Kitchen! Ceiling Stereo Throughout! 32 Gas Heat! 32 C/Air! Cvac! Security! Andersons! 2 Car Garage! One of the Newest & Best Homes For Sale on the Lake in Years! **\$849,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Ingrnd Pool! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Ingrnd Pool! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck! 3.5 Baths! Skylight Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law, 34,848' Lot! Appliances! Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **\$389,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Pano Lake Views! Most Rm's! Open Flr Plan! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Baths! 2 Car Garage! Dock! Add Lot Across St! Recent Roof! **\$699,900.00**

NEW PRICE

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100' of Shoreline! 53,94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks! Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity. Don't let this Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$179,900.00**

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Appliances! Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 3Rm! Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck! 3.5 Baths! Skylight Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law, 34,848' Lot! Appliances! Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **\$1,449,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 16 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunrises! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! **\$1,190,000.00**

NEW PRICE

HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 400 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling! Liv Rm w/Wood Stove! Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12x18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall! Side Entry Master Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedral! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rm's! Zoned Hydro Air! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! **\$749,900.00**

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Featured New Webster Lake Listing

WEBSTER LAKE- 198 KILLDEER ISLAND RD

Desirable Killdeer Island! 100' of Prestine Sandy Beach! Fantastic Views! 3800 sq.ft. of living area! 5 bedroom waterfront home! Open Floor Plan! Fireplace! Formal Living room! Formal Dining Room! Great Room with large deck! 2 full baths! 2 half baths! Large Walkout Basement to sandy beach! Just in time for summer. **\$724,900**

WEBSTER - 27R GENEVIEVE LN

Meticulously maintained 4 plus bedroom Colonial! Farmers porch invites you in to a front to back living room with maple wood floors, while sliders lead to a new deck with levels for entertaining and an above ground pool. Large formal dining room, flows into the stainless appliance kitchen. Privacy abounds in this meticulously maintained home in one of Webster's finest family friendly neighborhoods. **NEW PRICE \$299,900.**

WEBSTER - 6 BRIAN AVE

NEW LISTING

Brian Acres! LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! 3 bedroom Split Level home! Cathedral ceiling, cozy fireplace living room! m living room, dining and to kitchen! French doors to office with its separate entrance and pellet stove! Oversized deck! Great level backyard with privacy! Large master with bathroom! 3 zone New Budenex system! Updated electrical, recent windows! Lower level. Quiet Neighborhood! **\$262,000.**

WEBSTER - 40 CAMILE RD

A wonderful family home, great for entertaining! Featuring a large eat in, cabinet packed kitchen with granite counters, ceramic floor, recessed lighting, sunken living room! Stone fireplace! Formal dining room, office w/french doors! Large master suite, w/jetted tub, plus 2 large bedrooms! Finished lower level w/pellet stove, 2 full baths + 2 half baths! Heated in ground pool! **\$349,900.**

DUDLEY - 17 EAGLE DR

SORRY, SOLD!

First Time Offered! "WOW" is the Reaction when Entering this Beautiful Home! Outstanding Quality in this Custom Colonial! Large Upscale Kitchen w/ Solid Maple Cabinetry! GE Profile Appliances! Granite Counters! Lg Angled Breakfast Bar! Formal Dining Room! Hardwood Flrs Throughout! both Levels! Brick Fireplace, Cathedral Ceiling, Second Floor Balcony! 1st Flr Master w/Lit Bath & Sep. Shower, Double Vanity w/Ceramic! 1st Flr Laundry w/Sink! 2nd Flr - 3 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths, Rm above garage! Lg Deck! 14x200 Security Sys! Central A/C! Oversized Garage! **\$409,000.**

LAND: WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster Lake - Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Town Water & Sewer. **\$44,900**
Webster - Lot 119B Thompson Rd. Town Water & Sewer **\$38,500.**
Webster - Lot 119A Thompson Rd. Town Water & Sewer **\$38,500.**
Webster - 114 Lake St. Multi-Family Zoned, 2 lots, 12,000 +/- Sq Ft ea., Town Water & Sewer, and City Gas! **ON DEPOSIT \$56,900 ea.**

EAST LYME, CT - 22 WILLOW LN

SORRY, SOLD!

Dean's Ridge! Classic Victorian with large focus on detail! 3000 + sq ft of living area! 9 rooms, 2-1/2 baths, fireplace, hardwood floors, central air, finished lower level, 2 car garage, Huge slate patio! Association optional, but offers pool if desired. **assisted sale \$347,000.**

OXFORD - 9 THEMELI CT

Here's to country condo living at its best! Move in ready this immaculate unit is everything you are looking for! Open the doors to the spacious cathedral ceiling living room gleaming hardwoods! Enjoy central air! Bright kitchen/dining area w/ upgraded countertops, breakfast bar! Ceramic tile flooring! Open dining area! New sliders from dining area to private deck! Huge master bedroom has whole wall closet and full bath! 2nd bedroom, is very spacious! 2nd bathroom has washer/dryer hookups for main level accessibility! Lower level oversized family room! Close to all major highways! Welcome home! **NEW PRICE \$229,000.**

WEBSTER

Restaurant Business - Capacity 44, Beer & Wine License! Walk in cooler! Name brand equipment! All service ware included. Avg. Traffic count approx. 13K per day. **\$129,900.**

THOMPSON CT- 351 QUADDICK RD

SORRY, SOLD!

Welcome to the country at its best! This gorgeous 3 bedroom 2.5 Bath contemporary home, nestled on a private beautifully manicured yard on 2.64 Acres! Granite countertops and island! Brazilian cherrywood throughout kitchen, dining, & living room! Cathedral ceiling living rm! Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, full bath! First flr half bath w/ washer dryer, 2 car garage! **New Price \$299,900.**

DUDLEY - 48 MILL RD

SORRY, SOLD!

*FIRST TIME OFFERED! Well Maintained & Roomy 3 Bedroom Ranch! Fresh Paint & Hardwood Floors! Basement is Complete with Sheetrock and Heat! BONUS If You Like to Walk, there is a Convenient Nature/Walking Trail only Steps Away "Quinebaug River Valley Trail" **\$189,000.**

WEBSTER - 108 THOMPSON ROAD

SORRY, SOLD!

Presently being used as a single family Development Opportunity! Excellent Visibility - 131,987 SF CORNER LOCATION! Prime 3+ Acres! Multiple Applications & Possibilities. Recent Zoning Change to Business - New allows for Single & Multi Family Dwellings as well as Other Business Applications! OFFICE SPACE etc... EXCELLENT REGIONAL ACCESS to Interstate 395. Current Elevation Leads to easy Development... Corner Lot with almost 800' of Road Frontage on Ct. Street! 34.84 Acres! Frontage on Rt. 193 - 428 ft. on Tower St. & 338 ft. on Summit (paper rd). Access to Town Water/Sewer & Natural Gas! Multi family Structure on property is in need of work. **\$999,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 16 BLACK POINT RD

Build able lot on Webster Lake with limited access. 7,483 Sq. Ft., of Land. 50 ft. frontage **\$44,900**
Boat Accessible

WEBSTER LAKE - WATERFRONT LOT

22 SOUTH POINT RD. New to the Market. Southern Exposure! Panoramic Water View of South Pond! Breath taking morning sunrise! Have fun Kayaking, Sailing, Boating, Swimming, Snorkel, Skiing, Ice Boating, Snowmobiling, and Skating! Low level maintenance! Dock! Custom architectural hand drawings. Engineered and approved, conservation site plans, (needs to be resubmitted, expired) Conservation Site Plan DEP# 3223-0926. **\$229,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 14 PEBBLE BEACH RD

NEW LISTING

Webster Lake! Middle Pond - on Pebble Beach! Hard Find - Prime 50' Natural Sandy Shoreline. Family owned for 65 years. 4 Bedrooms, 2 full baths, Large living room, dining area, Second floor - 2nd full bath & laundry room. Two waterside bedrooms have sliders to walk out deck! Sunsets! Attached 2 car garage. Detached 20x30 garage with electricity & rough plumbing. Dead end street. **\$749,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD

WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime shoreline, large deep lot 10,899', flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BPs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year +/- young roof. **NEW PRICE \$440,000**



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LEGALS

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Office of the Collector of Taxes
April 28, 2017
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Maryann C. McGeary
Collector of Taxes
Town of Webster

Property Location 35 Pearl Street
Assessed Owners:
35 Pearl Street LLC
Supposed Current Owner:
35 Pearl Street LLC
Land Description: 5.102 Acres
Parcel Number: 15-A-1-0
Book 52732 Page 222
Bill Number 48
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$ 4,287.40

Property Location 19 Nelson Street
Assessed Owners:
Billings, Clara L. Life Est.
Supposed Current Owner: n/o Kruger, Christian A. Trustee
Land Description: 9,570 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 27-E-15-0
Book 53547 Page 290
Bill Number 544
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$4,015.71

Property Location 12 Oakmont Street
Assessed Owners: Braun, Manfred E. Braun, Judith C.
Supposed Current Owner:
Braun, Manfred E. Braun, Judith C.
Land Description: 5,000 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 45-K-6-0
Book 4114 Page 35
Bill Number 698
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$ 3,042.46

Property Location 0 Applebee Avenue
Assessed Owners:
Caplette, Robert C.
Irrevocable Realty TR
Supposed Current Owner:
Caplette, Robert C.
Irrevocable Realty TR
Land Description: 1.012 Acres
Parcel Number: 5-B-31-1
Book 45208 Page 330
Bill Number 863
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$ 1,052.23

Property Location 30 Batten Street
Assessed Owners:
Caplette, Robert C.
Irrevocable Realty Tr.
Supposed Current Owner:
Caplette, Robert C.
Irrevocable Realty Tr.
Land Description: 18,621 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 6 C-16-0
Book 45208 Page 330
Bill Number 864
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$1,207.48

Property Location 16 Pine Tree Lane
Assessed Owners: Denham , William
Supposed Current Owner:
Denham, William
Land Description:8,000 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 8-D-12-0
Book 46089 Page 178
Bill Number 1456
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$616.20

Property Location 6-8 Irene Avenue
Assessed Owners:
Denham, William M.
Supposed Current Owner: Denham, William M.
Land Description: 7,187 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 8-B-3-0
Book 49912 Page 384
Bill Number 1457
2016 Real Estate Taxes
Total Due 649.51

Property Location 15 Nancy Drive
Assessed Owners:
Donovan Tracy Administratrix
Supposed Current Owner: Donovan Tracy Administratrix
Land Description: 9,375 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 21-B-26-0
Book 4024 Page 573
Bill Number 1617
2016 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$2,480.66

Property Location 14 Highcrest Park
Assessed Owners:
Frabotta Richard Jr.
Supposed Current Owner:
Frabotta Richard Jr.
n/oTrifera LLC
Land Description: Condominium Unit
Parcel Number: 3-B-64-14
Book 55259 Page 71
Bill Number 2072
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$2,735.65

Property Location O Gore Road
Assessed Owners:
Kay/Bran Realty Trust
Supposed Current Owner:
n/o Gaeid, Joseph
Land Description: 2.017 Acres
Parcel Number: 74-A-8-0
Book 47756 Page 44
Bill Number 3088
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$ 1,639.09

Property Location 22 Fifth Avenue
Assessed Owners: Martin, Thomas M.
Supposed Current Owner:
Martin, Thomas M.
Land Description: 11,500 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 13-B-11-0
Book 24360 Page 204
Bill Number 3937
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$ 5,830.02

Property Location 4 Goddard Street
Assessed Owners: McKay George
Supposed Current Owner: McKay George
Land Description: 7,971 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 14-F-26-0
Book 20866 Page19
Bill Number 4062
2016 Real Estate Taxes
Total Due \$797.88

Property Location 14 Lake Parkway
Assessed Owners: Martin, Deborah
Supposed Current Owner: Martin, Deborah
Land Description: 25,092 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 30-D-21-0
Book 24463 Page180
Bill Number 3921
2016 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$4281.85

Property Location 8 Windy Ridge Road
Assessed Owners:
Medeiros, Michael A.
Supposed Current Owner: Medeiros, Michael A.
Land Description: 27,845 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 37-A-14-0
Book 28185 Page 31
Bill Number 4105
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$2,566.09

Property Location 42 Douglas Road
Assessed Owners: Ray, Sylvia
Supposed Current Owner: Ray, Sylvia
Land Description: 26,176 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 69-A-5-0
Book 22228 Page 102
Bill Number 5056
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$ 2,065.65

Property Location 20 West Wind Drive
Assessed Owners: Remie, E Elaine
Supposed Current Owner: Remie, E. Elaine
Land Description: 1.048 Acres
Parcel Number: 63-A-1-0
Book 15605 Page 51
Bill Number 5102
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$ 5,147.25

Property Location 25 Park Street
Assessed Owners: St. Francis, Ronald
Supposed Current Owner: St. Francis, Ronald
n/o Wilmington Trust, NATLAS
Land Description: 5,184 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 1-P-7-0
Book 56124 Page 329
Bill Number 5720
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$ 711.08

Property Location 18 Crosby Street
Assessed Owners: St. John, Wendy A.
Supposed Current Owner:
St. John, Wendy A.
Land Description: 4,626 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 3-J-5-0
Book 40922 Page 102
Bill Number 5735
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$1,728.64

Property Location 9-11 Lyndale Avenue
Assessed Owners:
Wasielewski, Dennis & Diane Azzaoui, Marcia R.
Supposed Current Owner:
Wasielewski, Dennis & Diane Azzaoui, Marcia R.
Land Description: 11,892 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 13-G-2-0

Book 26678 Page 191
Bill Number 6408
2016 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$1,075.19

Property Location
Old Worcester Road
Assessed Owners: Webster-Dudley Sand & Gravel
Supposed Current Owner:
Webster-Dudley Sand & Gravel
Land Description: 15,380 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 23-A-2-0
Book 17397 Page 327
Bill Number 6505
2016 Real Estate Taxes
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$167.40

Property Location 260 Main Street
Assessed Owners: Zmetra Ronald / Trustee
Supposed Current Owner: Zmetra Ronald / Trustee
Land Description: 5,576 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 1-M-6-0
Book 20251 Page 310
Bill Number 6771
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
Total Due \$10,846.80

Property Location 137 Gore Road
Assessed Owners:
Desmarais, Justin P.
Supposed Current Owner:
Desmarais, Justin P.
Land Description: 1.030 Acres
Parcel Number: 74-A-6-0
Book 52253 Page 201
Bill Number 1491
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$1,785.67

Property Location
6 Normandy Avenue
Assessed Owners: McGeary, Jane T. Trustee
Supposed Current Owner: McGeary, Jane T. Trustee
Land Description: 10,900 Square Feet
Parcel Number: 17-G-2-0
Book 43507 Page 348
Bill Number 4040
2016 Real Estate Taxes:
& Special Assessments
Total Due \$3,114.53
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17P1104EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Andrew Francis Murawski
Date of Death: 02/27/2017**
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul Sulminski of North Grafton MA** and **Martha Helkey of Santa Barbara CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Paul Sulminski of North Grafton MA** and **Martha Helkey of Santa Barbara CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/09/2017**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 13, 2017
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
CIVIL ACTION
No. 17-593C**

To Kerry C. Marshall
AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:
Webster First Federal Credit Union, a banking institution with a principal place of business in Worcester, Worcester County claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated Unit 4, Building 2, 2 Warsaw Avenue, Dudley, Worcester County given by Kerry C. Marshall recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 37881, Page 370, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the twenty-fourth day of May, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.
Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this twelfth day of April 2017.
Dennis P. McManus, Clerk
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17P1183EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Marguerite Ann Flynn
Date of Death: 10/14/2005**
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Peter J. Flynn of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Peter J. Flynn of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2017**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 14, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 28, 2017

LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Melville P. Summers
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **North Oxford**, numbered **66 Pleasant Street, Unit B12, aka Unit 6 Building B**, Fairway Woods Condominiums given by **Melville P. Summers and Lucille A. Summers to Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc.**, dated **August 31, 2004**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **34511**, Page **38**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
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Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on April 11, 2017
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(16-011020 OPC)
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17P1115EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
David W Germata
Also known as:
David William Germata
Date of Death: 01/16/2017
To all interested persons:**

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sharyn K Morin of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Sharyn K Morin of Webster MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2017
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO17P1193EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR**

**FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
James Wilfred Bazinet
Date of Death: 03/26/2017
To all interested persons:**
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lauren DiBonaventura of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Lauren DiBonaventura of Dudley MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2017**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 14, 2017
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 28, 2017

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
17 SM 001391
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Ronald J. Anderson; Duane A. Vaughn
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
U.S. Bank National Association as trustee on behalf of the holders of Banc of America Funding Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-H
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Webster**, numbered **3 Hall Road**, given by **Ronald J. Anderson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Opteum Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns.**, dated **July 25, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **39482**, Page **166**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **May 29, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.
Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on April 12, 2017
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(16-008318 OPC)
April 28, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17P0689EA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR
In the Estate of:
Paula A Snyder-McGeary
Late of: Oxford, MA 01540
Date of Death: 05/07/2016**
to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been

presented requesting that Vincent A Vilkas of Shrewsbury, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve With Personal Surety
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Worcester** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **05/23/2017**
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 14, 2017
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
April 28, 2017

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
17SM000463
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Beverly A. Belvery
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:
U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-BC1
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 10 Woodland Drive, given by Beverly A. Belvery to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Wilmington Finance, Inc., dated October 25, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40058, Page 379, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 5, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.
Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on April 18, 2017.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
17-028093
April 28, 2017

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
17 SM 001448
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
James A. Frissell
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §3901 *et seq.*:
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for RMAC Trust, Series 2015-5T
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 118 Pierpont Road, given by James A. Frissell to Champion Mortgage, a Division of KeyBank National Association, dated August 23, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37226, Page 79, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before June 5, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.
Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on April 18, 2017.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
April 28, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
16SM 012154 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Joshua Flanders and Jennifer Flanders and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq.:
Embrace Home Loans, Inc. claiming

to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 1 Konkell Drive, given by Joshua Flanders and Jennifer Flanders to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., dated March 31, 2016, and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55130, Page 213, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 29, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on April 11, 2017 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
April 28, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
26 Perryville Road, Webster, MA
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Virginia D. Gogolinski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc. and now held by Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc., said mortgage dated September 28, 2011, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47914, Page 339, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc. to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. by assignment dated January 25, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 54873 at Page 209; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 17, 2017 at 12:00PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at an iron pin at the northerly line of Perryville Road fifty three and twenty one hundredths (53.21) feet westerly from a proposed a proposed W. C. H. bound point and at land of William H. Sherwood;
Thence N. 18° 16' 28" W. by land, of said William H. Sherwood one hundred fifty seven and fifty eight hundredths (157.58) feet to an iron pin;
Thence S.67° 44', 20" W. seventy nine and forty nine hundredths (79.49) feet to an iron pipe;
Thence southwesterly one hundred seventy and forty one hundredths (170.41) feet on Goodwin Street, so called, to the northerly line of said Perryville Road;
Thence easterly by the northerly line of said Perryville Road one hundred eighty one and sixty five hundredths (181.65) feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning.
Less and excepting that parcel that was conveyed to William H. Sherwood in Book 4402 at Page 478 of the Worcester County Registry of Deeds.
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 18, 1976, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 6071, Page 304.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP
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Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Reverse Mortgage
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April 21, 2017
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HOME & GARDEN

How To Keep Your Garden Growing

(NAPS)

When it comes to creating a yard that makes the neighbors green with envy, many Americans are saving time and trouble by turning to a surprising “garden tool.”

The driving force behind the latest in backyard maintenance is a utility task vehicle (UTV).

Your UTV And You

A hardworking and smooth-riding vehicle, not only is it good for pulling out stumps and hauling rocks, mulch and heavy equipment, but a variety of attachments are available to turn it into a sprayer, tiller, rake or mower. Plus, when your yard work is done, you can use it for off-road adventures.

The No. 1-selling UTV lineup is that of the Polaris RANGER. The new XP 1000, available in base, EPS and new special editions, offers an industry-leading 1,000 ccs and 80-horsepower ProStar engine with gobs of torque, and a Three-Mode Throttle Control switch on the dash to enhance the driving experience. The Performance mode offers maximum and instant throttle response for snappier acceleration



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and is used predominantly for recreational purposes. For a traditional blend of torque and high-speed performance, the operator would select the Standard mode. The Work mode provides lengthened low-RPM

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What Else You Can Do

Here are five more tips to help your garden grow:

1. When you're dealing with Mother Nature, remember Father Time. Plant as early and as late in the

season as you can with the help of row covers, cold frames, tunnels and similar devices.

2. Go for perennials—let your crops plant themselves. Plants that come back year after year save time and maintenance, usually limited to annual weeding, fertilizing and mulching.

3. Resist rows. According to Colorado State University, you can quadruple per-square-foot production of many vegetables such as lettuce, carrots and beets by planting them in blocks within wide beds rather than in rows. Block planting makes efficient use of space by keeping the spacing between plants tight and eliminating unnecessary pathways.

4. Be bright about bulbs. Keep the local wildlife from dining on your daffodils and onions by staking netting over the bed. Cut holes in the cloth to let the plants grow through.

5. Be a good egg to your garden. Give your plants a calcium boost by grinding up empty egg shells and sprinkling them on the plants.

Learn More
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Protect Our Environment Year-Round—Here's How



Any time is a good time to help protect trees and plants from Hungry Pests.

(NAPS)

Invasive pests threaten to destroy the forests and crops that beautify our lives and put food on our tables. Fortunately, no matter the season, you can take simple steps to help stop the spread of these damaging, non-native insects and other species.

The USDA has identified 19 destructive “Hungry Pests,” the invasive species that people

are most likely to spread accidentally. While Hungry Pests often arrive through commercial trade, members of the public can unknowingly spread them once they are here. But by learning a few simple actions, you help to protect so much that we value. In fact, you could decide to take just two actions each season of the year and make a huge

difference!

Spring

As you to enjoy the days, invasive pests are also becoming active. April Plant Pest Awareness is a good time to learn the signs of these pests and how you can help stop their spread. When buying plants, buyers—including those online or outdoors—who regulations plants are free of pests. If you live in the northeast part of the country, look for egg mass-furniture and door items. Carefully remove and warm, soapy Summer Planning

come out to warm invasive pests are more is Invasive and Disease Month and to learn the pests and help stop them. When buying from dealers, those “pop-up” vendors follow USDA to ensure of invasive live in the of the country's moth es on patio other outdoor Carefully dunk them in water.

Fall

Enjoy campfires and roasting s'mores in the crisp, cool weather. But remember: If you move firewood to another area, you may also move invasive pests on or inside the wood. So buy or responsibly gather firewood near the place you

plan to burn it. If you bring in the harvest from your garden, but you live in an area known to have invasive pests, please keep your homegrown plants and produce at home.

Winter

Take your mind off the cold and plan for your spring garden. When buying seeds online, take care to only buy from established sources that follow USDA's regulations to keep plants pest-free. And please be careful when sending or receiving international gifts. Greenery, seeds, plants and citrus may be packing Hungry Pests.

When it comes to protecting our country from invasive pests, you make all the difference. Keep these tips as handy reminders of ways you can help throughout the year. Learn more about the pests of concern in your area by visiting www.HungryPests.com.

Gardening Tool Care

(NAPS)

Before diving into yard care, make sure your lawn and gardening tools are up to the task with proper maintenance. The tips below could save you money and time by extending the life of your tools.

Hand Tool Maintenance

To protect your investment in quality hand and gardening tools, clean them after each use, removing any dirt and debris. Then, wash and dry them, and lightly rub rusted areas with fine sandpaper.

Pruning shears should be placed in a bucket with water and scrubbed with a wire brush until the metal is clean after each use. Coat the blades and moving parts with a water displacement lubricant with a controllable spray pattern, such as the non-aerosol WD-40® Multi-Use Product Trigger Pro®. Its narrow spray pattern will give you more control, eliminating overspray for less mess, while preventing rust from building up and helping shears open and close smoothly.

Sharpening Tools

Sharp tools make yard chores easier for you and help plants heal faster after a trim. Pruning shears, hedge shears and grass clippers function in a similar scissor-like manner. To sharpen them, tighten the pivot nut and file the edge of the pruning blade following the factory-cut bevel in single strokes until fresh steel is exposed.

Power Equipment Maintenance

Check your power tools carefully for worn parts that may need replacement, and for loose screws, nuts or bolts. To stay in good condition, lawn mowers need yearly tune-ups. Protect the blades by coating them with WD-40 Multi-Use Product Trigger Pro's wide spray pattern to help prevent rust, and dirt and debris, from sticking to the blade.

Make sure your gardening tools are up for all tasks. For more information about how non-aerosol WD-40 Trigger Pro can help make your gardening tool maintenance easier, visit wd40.com.

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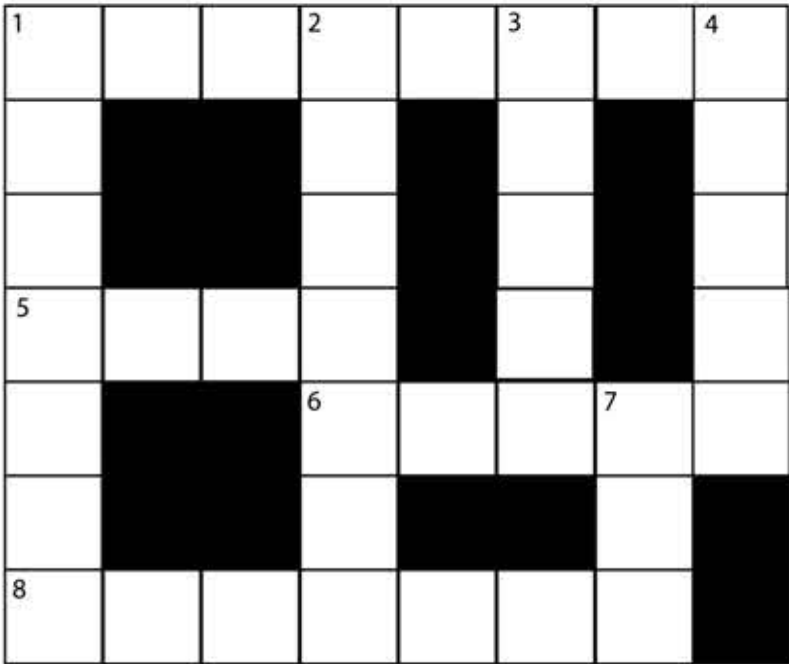


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- ACROSS**
- 1. Making happy sounds
 - 5. Pleasant
 - 6. Completely
 - 8. Showing happiness

- DOWN**
- 1. Silly people
 - 2. Happy
 - 3. Perfect
 - 4. Silly
 - 7. Carry with effort

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TRUE OR FALSE?
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ANSWER: TRUE

Answers:
Across
1. Laughing 5. Nice 6. Fully 8. Smiling
Down
1. Loonies 2. Glee 3. Ideal 4. Goofy 7. Lug



HUMOR

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- ENGLISH:** Laugh
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Clue: Ice crystals

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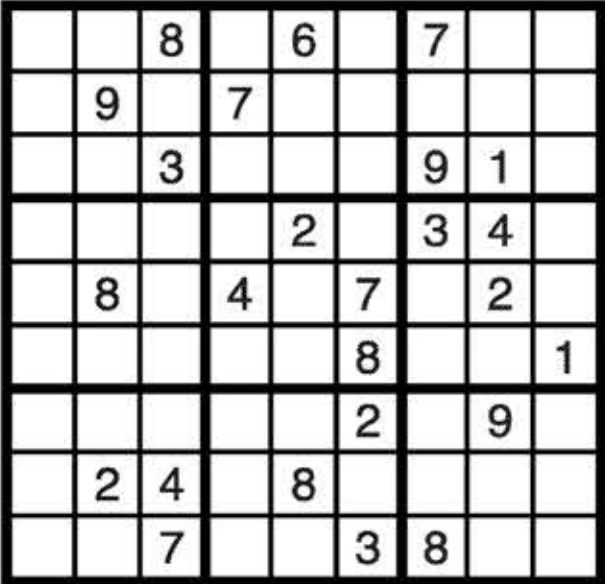
Clue: Frigid

D. 16 11 10 9 26 3

Clue: Taste

Answers: A. freezer B. frost C. cold D. flavor

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Level: Intermediate

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