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QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE HOST GUEST SPEAKER

On Jan. 6, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge had a packed house hosting a guest speaker RW. Michael Jarzabek, Past Junior Grand Warden, from The Grand Masonic Lodge in Boston. The Topic of the evening was “The Mason with a Thousand Faces”. He told stories of famous people who were Master Masons who set the stage and what it means to be a Freemason. Also, in the audience were members of Joel H. Prouty Lodge of Auburn who was led by Wor. Kevin O'Donnell to reclaim their Traveling Gavel and take back home to their lodge.

Auburn Public Schools to hold preschool & Kindergarten registration

AUBURN — The Auburn Public Schools will hold Preschool & Kindergarten Registration at Auburn High School on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Children are eligible to be registered for kindergarten if they will be five years old on or before Sept. 1. Children who will be three or four years of age on or before Sept. 1 are eligible to be registered for preschool.

Registration will be held between the hours of 3-7 p.m.

Parents must bring a copy of a birth certificate, two proofs of residency, and immunization records. Children do not need to attend the registration.

Packets for registration are available at Bryn Mawr School, Pakachoag Elementary School, the Superintendent's Office at 5 West Street, Town Hall, the Auburn Public Library and various preschools.

Please pass this information along to friends and neighbors who may have children who will be eligible to attend preschool or kindergarten but may not yet be involved with the school system. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stanick at 508-832-7788 or Marie Mahan at 508-832-7733.

Sen. Mike Moore named NCSL appointee to Public Safety Advisory Committee

BOSTON – Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) was recently appointed the National Conference of State Legislatures representative on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The PSAC was established in 2013 and consists of 42 representatives

from both traditional and non-traditional public safety responder associations and organization as well as members of local state, territorial, tribal and federal governments. The committee formed to assist the First Responder Network Authority in its mis-

sion to build, deploy, operate and maintain the FirstNet Network.

“I am honored that the NCSL has chosen me to represent its membership on this committee and I look forward to engaging with this group on matters that

will have significant impacts on public safety not only here in the Commonwealth but across the nation,” said Moore. “With troops currently being deployed and the daily threats to our nation’s safety I am humbled to be able to contribute to ensuring first respond-

ers have the tools they need to meet these ever changing challenges.”

First Net was required to establish the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) as part of the Middle Class Tax

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LPN uses love of nursing to inspire others

CHARLTON — Nursing is her passion and ever since she was a little girl Ana Parks, LPN knew that is what she wanted to do.

“I’ve always wanted to be a nurse, and I’ve been one since 2015,” she said.

As Parks got promoted to Unit Manager at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center at Northbridge, her love for nursing grew and so did her desire to inspire others in fulfilling their dream to become a nurse. She knows how difficult nursing school is.



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Ana Parks with Rachel Carlisle.

“I did not have a formal mentor when I was a nursing student, but our instructors gave us guidance. I learned so much from my instructors and I did some things on a trial and error basis. I had great family support and friends from the healthcare industry,” said Parks.

She is aware that not everyone is blessed with the same experience or support.

That’s why she has made it her mission to help practical nursing students with the same passion and love for the science and art of nursing.

Several years ago, at the invitation of Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s Director, Parks gave an inspirational talk to encourage the class as they progress from term 1 to term 2 and battle the hurdle that is, Medical-Surgical Nursing. This year, PN Class of 2020 was welcomed into term 2 by Ana Parks, LPN and

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From Oct. 1 through the 4th, the Lions Sight Mobile was parked at the Elementary, Heritage and Middle Schools to conduct vision and hearing screening for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th grade classes.

Lions test sight and hearing at Charlton schools

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The state requires sight and hearing testing for the children in these grades, and that heavy burden falls on the school nurses. Four

years ago, Marilyn Gerrard, RN, the Nurse Coordinator for the Dudley Charlton School District, reached out to the Charlton Lions Club for help. According to Ms. Gerrard, the School Nurses’ days are totally full. In addition to handling what most of us associate with school nurses; sick kids, bumps and bruises, rashes and bug bites, they now have to help school children who have

significant medical needs, such as feeding tubes, diabetes and other major medical conditions (almost about 25 percent of the kids). Their offices are usually full, from beginning to end, and oh yes, let’s not forget the paperwork they have to do when the kids are gone. Enter the out of the box thinking by Marilyn Gerrard; let’s get

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Massachusetts clean energy industry grows for ninth consecutive year

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) today announced the state’s clean energy sector has continued its trend of upward growth, adding 1,069 workers to the clean energy workforce between 2018 and 2019. The figures, released as part of MassCEC’s 2019 Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report, found that the industry now employs over 111,836 workers in the Commonwealth, an increase of 86 percent since 2010.

“Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in building a dynamic clean energy industry, and we are pleased to see continued growth in jobs across the industry as well as in emerging markets like energy storage,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Ensuring a resilient, clean and affordable energy portfolio is critical to our administration’s efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change while delivering cost savings and environmental benefits to cities and towns across the Commonwealth.”

“We have built a vibrant clean energy industry by cultivating an innovative business climate here in the Commonwealth while investing in the bright entrepreneurs pursuing solutions to our greatest energy challenges,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “As the clean energy industry grows, we continue to see the benefits of job creation, business development, and economic impact in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.”

The clean energy industry saw robust growth in its contribution to Massachusetts’ Gross State Product (GSP), increasing five percent over the last year to contribute nearly \$14 billion to the statewide economy, accounting for roughly 2.5 percent of the GSP.

The report found that the clean energy industry employs residents in every region of Massachusetts and makes up about 3.1 percent of the Massachusetts workforce. The Southeast region saw the most job growth, with a 1.5 percent increase from 2018 to 2019, followed by the Northeast region, which recorded a 1.1 percent increase. The Northeast region, which includes Boston, makes up about 48 percent of total clean energy employment, with over 53,000 workers. Western Massachusetts saw a 3.2 percent increase in clean energy businesses and 0.6 percent increase in jobs, followed by Central Massachusetts which saw 3 percent growth in total clean energy businesses, and a 0.1 percent

increase in jobs.

“By championing nation-leading clean energy policies, the Baker-Polito Administration has laid the foundation for a mature clean energy industry to continue to grow in Massachusetts,” said Energy and Environment Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “With our procurement of large-scale clean energy resources like offshore wind and hydropower, in addition to increased solar deployment through the SMART program, the outlook for clean energy in the Commonwealth is bright.”

“The clean energy industry has seen significant growth over the last decade, adding over 52,000 workers since 2010,” said MassCEC CEO Stephen Pike. “While Massachusetts has created a hub for cleantech innovation, the Commonwealth is positioned to capitalize on opportunities in emerging markets including clean transportation, building efficiency and offshore wind as we work to meet the challenges of climate change.”

Other findings show that energy efficiency, demand and management, and clean heating and cooling jobs make up the largest portion of clean energy employment, representing 81,293 jobs, followed closely by renewable energy with 27,510 jobs. The fastest growing sector of the clean energy workforce was alternative transportation, with 15 percent growth.

This report reflects the Baker-Polito Administration’s ongoing efforts to grow the Commonwealth’s clean energy economy and meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. In 2016, Governor Baker signed into law bipartisan comprehensive energy diversification legislation requiring utilities to competitively solicit and contract for approximately 1,600MW of offshore wind and approximately 1,200MW of clean energy. Under an environmental bond bill signed by Gov. Baker in 2018, DOER was directed to create a new clean peak standard for electricity suppliers to increase the usage of clean energy during periods of high, carbon intensive, and expensive electricity demand. The administration’s solar incentive program, Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART), is supporting at least an additional 1,600 MW of solar in Massachusetts, nearly doubling the amount previously installed at half the estimated pricing of prior programs.

Administration is focused on investing in clean transportation solutions. The Commonwealth is currently working with 10 other states across the Northeast and the District of Columbia to develop a market-based ‘cap-and-invest’ program to reduce the emissions that cause climate change, while creating economic opportunity and investing in clean transportation options. Last week, the administration announced a reopening of the Commonwealth’s electric vehicle rebate program, Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) beginning on January 1, 2020 and lasting through at least December 31, 2021, and an investment of at least \$27 million per year in 2020 and 2021 to electric vehicle incentive programs including MOR-EV.

“It is exciting to see that our already robust clean energy industry is becoming even stronger,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I am particularly pleased to see the economic and employment benefits of combatting climate change stretch to every corner of our Commonwealth. To that end, I look forward to seeing this industry expand even more as we embark on new solutions to reduce harmful emissions through the use of renewable resources and technology.”

“Massachusetts nation-leading environmental and energy policies have propelled continued growth of the clean energy industry over the past decade creating more and more jobs across the Commonwealth,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “Not only have we created business opportunity, but we have cultivated innovation and cut our greenhouse gas emissions as a result of our forward-looking laws. I’m proud of the House’s ongoing support for these issues.”

“Massachusetts continues to generate growth in clean energy because we use a comprehensive combination of investments, regulations, incentives, and collaboration to build from a solid foundation,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). “Collectively, these efforts have propelled us into leading the nation in reducing energy consumption while simultaneously helping us create economic opportunities for citizens and advances for our environment.”



sector,” said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). “Under the Baker-Polito Administration, Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in pursuing innovative clean energy policies that are designed to enhance consumer options while also providing many important environmental benefits.”

“Global warming is breathing down our necks,” said Senator Mike Barrett (D-Lexington), State Senate Chair of the Legislature’s Committee on Energy. “We need to push back harder in this new decade than we did in the last. Which means we need a stronger CEC, to make sure the R&D and the cutting-edge innovation gets done.”

“The continued success of the clean energy sector in Massachusetts as detailed in MassCEC’s latest report shows how committed Speaker DeLeo and the Baker-Polito Administration are to building a thriving green economy in the Bay State,” said State Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. “The House continues to pursue further opportunities for growth this session, including the House’s unanimous passage of the \$1.3 billion GreenWorks bill, and looks forward to working with the Administration and others to spread the benefits of a clean energy future to every corner of the Commonwealth.”

ABOUT MASSCEC

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is dedicated to growing the state’s clean energy economy while helping to meet the Commonwealth’s clean energy, climate, and economic development goals. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects, and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers. MassCEC constructed and operates the Wind Technology Testing Center and the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal. Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides chairs MassCEC’s board of directors.



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Students named to University of Vermont Dean’s List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — To be named to the dean’s list at the University of Vermont, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. The following students from your area have been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2019 semester:

Meaghan Contois of Auburn
Brianna Leon of Auburn
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Lasell University students named to Dean’s List

NEWTON — Students at Lasell University, listed below, were named to the Dean’s List for their strong academic performance in fall 2019.

Renee Ordway of Auburn
Zhanna Gonchar of Auburn
Kaitlyn Johnson of Auburn

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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Doing Burpees for a cause



Nichols College students meet with Quinn Waters, a young cancer patient who was the inspiration for the 1,000 Burpees for \$1,000 Challenge at the college

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Nichols College students accomplished quite the feat in late 2019 completing the “1,000 Burpees for \$1,000 Challenge” to benefit childhood cancer research.

In a release from the college last month, it was revealed that numerous

students came together to complete the challenge raising \$1,000 on behalf of Weymouth resident Quinn Waters, a three-year-old boy battling a cancerous brain tumor. The challenge concept originated from Assistant Professor Priscila Alfaro-Barrantes and three of her students from her Sports Management and Fan Engagement course, Melody Millett, Thomas Budzinski and Ethan

Cayer all members of the class of 2021. Alfaro-Barrantes said she was drawn to Quinn Waters after his story received the attention of several big names including the Dropkick Murphys, New England Patriots and Boston Bruins but no colleges had taken the time to visit the young man. Alfaro-Barrantes and her students wanted to change that.

“I heard it on the news and thought,



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“Someone has to go, a college has to go,” Alfaro-Barrantes said in a press release.

This led Alfaro-Barrantes and her students to utilize one the grueling exercise of burpees in their challenge which resulted in student athletes completing 2,192 total burpees in only five minutes. The \$1,000 raised was donated to the Jimmy Fund to help fight childhood cancer and assist patients like Quinn. As for the young patient, Quinn’s mother Tara Waters said that tests in October showed no growth of the disease and that Quinn was expected to return to school in the new year. She commended the students for their efforts and said she appreciated that the students were willing to step up and be a part of Quinn’s story.

“To be going through academics and a social life and to make time for a kid like Quinn is really unbelievable,” Tara Waters said in a release.

She also stressed the importance of blood donations to helping with cancer battles all across the country.

“Since Quinn’s diagnosis we learned about the desperate need for blood and platelet donations. We lost count of how many transfusions he had,” she added.

The Waters family has asked anyone interested in doing their part to help cancer patients young and old to donate blood as local blood drives.

Cornerstone Bank contributes to Cops ‘N’ Kids & Lions Toy Drive

SOUTHBIDGE — Cornerstone Bank, its employees, and customers worked together this holiday season to donate toys in support of the Cops ‘N’ Kids & Lions Toy Drive. Cornerstone Bank was also proud to donate an additional \$1,500 to three different toy drives

throughout Central MA, of which \$500 was donated to the Southbridge Police Department’s Cops ‘N’ Kids & Lions Toy Drive.

The mission of the Cops ‘N’ Kids & Lions Toy Drive is to help bring Christmas to deserving children in

our area by collecting and distributing new, unwrapped toys. Branches of Cornerstone Bank served as drop-off locations for the program from Nov. 25 through Dec. 17. Additionally, Bank employees donated toys, as well as helped organize the donations made by the community.

“We’re always looking for ways to be a part of the communities we serve, and this toy drive is a great way to do that,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman.

The Bank is proud to participate in this program and once again, its customers and employees came through with an abundance of great toys.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender, and SBA Preferred Lender. For more information, visit online at cornerstonebank.com, on Facebook or call 800-939-9103.



Cornerstone Bank employees and Southbridge Police Officers pose with donations recently made to the Bank’s annual toy drive. Pictured here (L to R) are Business Development Sales Manager Carly Wilson, Teller Arielle Brackett, Customer Service Sales Manager Christina Abbotts, Business Development Sales Manager Andrew Philbrook, Deputy Chief Jose A Dingui, and fellow members of the Southbridge Police Department.

Matthew Smith named to Dean’s List at the University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. —Matthew Smith, of Auburn, a student in the Tagliatela College of Engineering of the University of New Haven has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall, 2019.

Smith is working on a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Networks.

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Do you want to paint a snowman?



Charlton Public Library Assistant Children's Librarian Melinda Beaudette shows kids the painting they were meant to replicate during a special youth paint and sip night.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – They say art is one of the most important forms of creative expression, so it's no surprise that artforms like painting have become a popular pastime especially in the form of paint and sips. While the traditional versions of these modern group activities involve adult beverages and maybe a few laughs at each other's expense, the Charlton Public Library children's programs have adapted the idea to a more kid friendly version allowing youngsters an opportunity to stretch the limits of their own creativity while also embracing structure.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Charlton Children's Library hosted a special paint and sip night of their own giving participating youngsters the chance to enjoy hot chocolate while trying their hand at painting a snowman. Assistant Children's Librarian Melinda Beaudette led the exercise and painting the original painting the children were meant to replicate. She said the library hosts several programs each month for kids to enjoy and the goal is to not only help them learn the value of creativity and originality while balancing structure and direction but also to show that there's more to a library than just books,

"There's a wide array of kids and ages involved. It's a nice mix. Just coming to the library is huge for them. For them to know this exists and that there's more to the library than just books is important. It gives them a chance to do crafts or activities they may normally not get to do at home," Beaudette said.

Funded through the Friend of the Charlton Library, events like the paint and sip also give children an opportunity to meet new friends and to learn that they're form of expression might be different from others. While some kids put their own spin on their snowmen others worked hard to replicate the painting as closely as possible, but nobody's painting was considered better or worse than anyone else's. Lessons like this are what



A few young ladies put the finishing touches on their snowmen.


makes the paint and sip night and its sister programs so valuable to the library. The programs are also important for the parents too, allowing them a chance to network with others and to allow their children time to learn in the company of other local youngsters.

"We work so hard to connect with these kids. Reading and creativity are important at any age so we like to introduce it as early as we can. It's not just about the kids either. While the kids are here it's a huge


outlet for the parents as well where they can communicate with each other. We also see a lot of grandparents here too bringing their grandkids for activities," said Beaudette.

The Charlton Public Library hosts weekly activities for different age groups. These include story time, yoga, a LEGO Club, and other themed activities. A full schedule of the library's activities can be found at www.charltonlibrary.org/children.

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Friday's Child



Jermani
Age 6

Hi! My name is Jermani and I like to explore the outdoors!

Jermani is a friendly, outgoing six-year-old boy of African American/Hispanic descent. He has a great sense of humor and enjoys showing affection towards those he cares about. Jermani is a very energetic child who likes to be active in the outdoors. His other interests include books, art, building and music. Jermani is developmentally on target and he enjoys school. He is well liked by his teachers and his peers.

The ideal family for Jermani is one that is active and patient. He can be placed in a one or two-parent family as the youngest or only child in the home. Jermani is legally free for adoption and his social worker is currently exploring in-state and local families given his need for a lengthier transition.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

Experience an “Evening of Illumination” at Old Sturbridge Village



Courtesy Photo

How did New England families spend their evenings before the intrusion of texting, telephones, TVs and computers? Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village will get a rare chance find out as they tour the historic Village lit only by candles, oil lamps, lanterns, and firelight during Old Sturbridge Village's “Evening of Illumination.”

STURBRIDGE — How did New England families spend their evenings before the intrusion of texting, telephones, TVs and computers? Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village will get a rare chance find out as they tour the historic Village lit only by candles, oil lamps, lanterns, and firelight during Old Sturbridge Village's “Evening of Illumination.”

Guided by lantern light around the Village Common, guests visit select homes and shops to see how early New Englanders spent their evenings in the days before electricity. Visitors will be treated to music and storytelling throughout the tour, and will see Village artisans at work by candlelight.

Following the tours, visitors return to the Bullard Tavern for light refreshments, mulled cider, and a cash bar. Tours are limited to 15 people, and leave from the Visitor Center every 10 minutes from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Advance registration is recommended as this event historically sells out. Register by clicking your desired time below.

According to Old

Sturbridge Village historians, early New Englanders stayed warm and productive during the fall and winter despite dwindling daylight and long hours of darkness. With light and heat coming only from candles, oil lamps, lanterns, and fireplaces, 19th-century families gathered around the fire and played music, games, or listened quietly as someone read aloud by candlelight. In contrast, today's hectic schedules rarely allow for quiet time like this in the evening – unless the power goes out in a snowstorm.



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Oxford residents encouraged to join electricity aggregation program

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The town will be reaching out to encourage more residents to join its electricity aggregation program, after hearing it has seen a total savings of “over \$1 million.” About \$780,000 of that went to households in town since the program began in July 2017.

That came from Good Energy spokesman John O’Rourke, who told selectmen his firm recently negotiated another two-year term through December 2022 with Nextera Energy Services at a fixed rate of 10.316 cents per kWh. There’s also a 100 percent renewable option at 12.366 per kWh.

“Going forward, we’re not expecting the May adjustment for National Grid to be below that 10.316,” he said, referring to the rate non-aggregators pay for energy. But, he notes, “savings are not guaranteed.”

Oxford worked out a deal in cooperation with Charlton and Millbury in 2017 whereby residents and businesses sign up with O’Rourke’s firm, who bids on the national level, rather than the more regional level and timeframe National Grid does. The Grid, however, still delivers the power.

One issue, he said, is that Oxford’s participation is lower than most communities – just 65 percent vs 85-90 percent. He attributed that to two factors operating when it began: the fact the initial rate wasn’t that much below National Grid’s rate and “a lot of misinformation put out over your very active social media in Oxford.”

Residents can, however, join “at any time,” he added.

Noting he “know[s] nothing about electricity,” Chairman Dennis Lamarche asked something many people probably wonder: Why rates drop in

summer and rise in winter. O’Rourke said National Grid and Eversource have to bid on power “at very specific times of year ... and the suppliers know that,” while aggregators can do so “at strategic times.”

Town Manager Jen Callahan said Good Energy agreed to three years when several other potential aggregators only offered rates for six months, citing uncertainty in energy prices.

“I wanted to put the town in for the long haul because I was concerned about that volatility,” she said.

O’Rourke noted the state recently added a new factor to that equation, by bumping energy firms’ renewable energy portfolio minimum to 16 percent, and hiking it 2 percent per year hereafter.

“That slice, that 2 percent, is going to be a little more expensive,” causing utility rates to keep rising, he said.

In other business, selectmen gave the

green light to licenses for new and used vehicle sales for a new trash truck firm on Pioneer Drive.

Environmental Equipment Sales and Service spokesman Dan Cowher said the firm started in Sutton in 2016, but recently bought 10 acres in Oxford. Describing the business as “not like a high-volume car dealership,” he said it’ll have up to 12 trucks on site at a time, each being custom-made at about \$325,000 per truck. He noted they have seven employees, but hope to hire more.

Also, Callahan announced that Oxford’s charter changes were recently approved by the Legislature, but she had not yet heard whether the governor had signed it. She later added the town’s first Employee of the Year is DPW Director Sean Divoll.

Antique firearms



Firearms manufactured prior to 1899 are considered antiques. As with most other antiques, there are many collectors specializing in antique guns.

The first recorded use of a firearm dates back to 1364, according to the PBS “History Detectives” Web site. By 1380, handguns were “known across Europe.” During the 1400’s, matchlock guns came into use. They “were fired by holding a burning wick to a ‘touch hole’ in the barrel igniting the powder inside.” The principal of rifling was discovered in 1498. In 1509 the wheel lock or rose lock was invented. A spark was generated mechanically, and a wick no longer was needed for ignition. In 1540 more accurate



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began being produced using the rifling that was discovered in 1498. “The first true flintlock” was made in 1630. According to PBS, a lid was added to firearms’ flash pans. The lid had to be moved manually until the flintlock was created to “push back the lid and spark a flint at the same time.” Proof marks were first used in 1637. From 1750 to 1850 dueling pistols were used. In 1777, a standard was even created for dueling pistols. They called for “a 9 or 10 inch barreled, smooth bore flintlock of 1 inch bore, carrying a ball of 48 to the pound.” In 1807 the percussion-detonating principal was patented. By 1825 percussion cap guns were in general use. The back action lock appeared in 1830. The first Colt revolver was produced in 1835. According

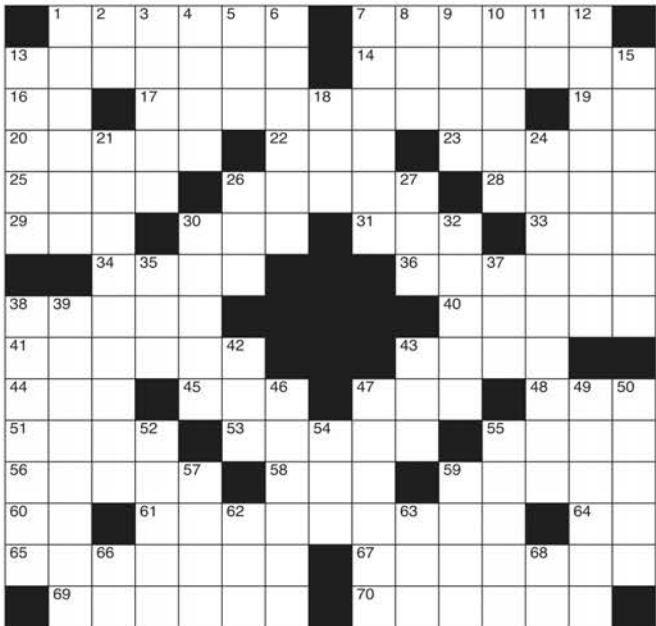
to “History Detectives” “Samuel Colt developed the first mass-produced, multi-shot, revolving firearms.” In 1840 pin-fire cartridges were developed. “True shotguns” came into common use in 1850 according to PBS. The first full rim-fire cartridge was introduced in 1859. Breech loading guns came into common use in 1861. In 1873, Winchester began mass producing affordable rifles. 1877 saw the first effective double-action revolver. Firearm innovations continued through the 1900’s and still continue today.

Antique guns often bring some great auction results. We sold a Colt revolver several years ago that brought \$2,000. Many of the most valuable guns that have sold at auction have a connection to someone famous. Some were valuable because of their rarity alone though. For example, one of the first repeating revolvers by Samuel Colt sold for \$977,500 according to Money Magazine’s “The 10 Most Expensive Guns Ever Sold at Auction” list. A gold inlaid pocket revolver from 1849 went for \$1.1 million. WQAD of Moline, IL reported that a record was set when a rare “Walker” Colt revolver was auctioned for \$1.84 million. One set of guns with historical ties that brought six figure sums at auction were Simon Bolivar’s (South American instrumental in revolutions against the Spanish Empire) flintlock pistols which sold for \$1.68 million. George Washington’s saddle pistols hit the mark when they sold for a

little under \$2 million at auction.

We have another colt revolver, a Kentucky long rifle and other antique firearms in our January 30th auction. My “Evaluating your antiques” class will be held on March 3rd at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School in Charlton. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Recurring TV show

7. Throws out

13. Iberian Peninsula microstate

14. Gossip

16. Atomic #20

17. Ivy League institution

19. Of I

20. “He Is ___!”: Scripture excerpt

22. Musical genre

23. Heavy cavalry sword

25. Ancient Olympic Site

26. Satisfies

28. Popular flower

29. Shared services center

30. Drain

31. A way to attack

33. Urban Transit Authority

34. Spiritual leader

36. Postponed

38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
40. Gazes unpleasantly

41. Gets up

43. Capital of Ukraine

44. Returned material

45. Golf score

47. Superhigh frequency

48. Swiss river

51. Felons

53. Succulent plants

55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

56. Deliberately setting fire to

58. Infamous singer Zadora

59. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

60. Influential sports mag

61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant

64. Sixth note of a major scale

65. Unit of explosive power

67. Large watertight chamber

69. Popular street

70. A way of watering

CLUES DOWN

1. Mollusks

2. __, denotes past

3. Anchor ropes

4. Large Middle Eastern country

5. To make a mistake

6. Ancient governor

7. Extends

8. Chinese surname

9. NYC subway “residents”

10. Essential oil used as perfume

11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)

12. Session

13. Units of land areas

15. Goes over once more

18. Where wrestlers work

21. Italian islanders

24. Avenue

26. __ Adams, U.S. President

27. Rest with legs bent

30. Type of flour

32. The Golden State (abbr.)
35. More (Spanish)

37. Stinging, winged insect

38. The use of irony to mock

39. Arsenal

42. Pouch

43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

46. Violent seizure of property

47. Restrict

49. Something comparable to another

50. Punishment device made from stems

52. Soul and calypso songs

54. Formerly OSS

55. Athabaskan language

57. __ bene: observe carefully

59. Six (Spanish)

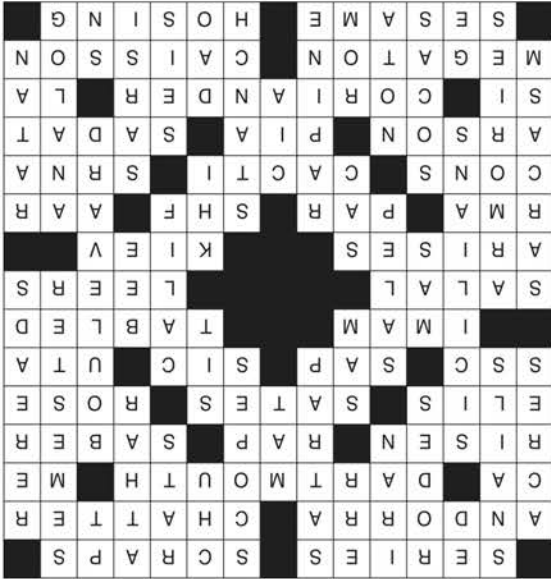
62. Read-only memory

63. Chinese philosophical principle

66. American conglomerate

68. Tin

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The catch of a lifetime could be just hours away



A call to Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle Shop in Pulaski, N.Y. this past weekend revealed some great news for anglers that enjoy catching Steelhead trout on the famous Salmon River. A four hour ride to upstate New York can have you catching a fish of your lifetime,

if you can handle the extreme cold weather that the area has every year. This past weekend was prime time to fish for steelhead trout as far as the weather was concerned, but the break in the weather is short lived at this time of year.

If it is your first time fishing

the Salmon River, you need to talk to the pros at Fat Nancy's Tackle shop. They will give you information on fishing tactics , proper gear including corkers (a type of non-skid equipment that attaches to the bottom of your boots or waders). The rocks and bottom structure

are extremely slippery, and are necessary to avoid a fall in the fast moving current.

This week's picture shows an angler with a large steelhead taken from the Salmon River in past years. Check out Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop on the web for more information. Good luck, and stay safe.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual Founders Day supper this Saturday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at their club house on White Court in Douglas! A full course meal including Prime Rib will be served during the event. Homemade pastries will follow the supper. Games and raffles will be held throughout the night. There were very few tickets left as of this past Sunday. The public is invited to attend the celebration.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club stocked their club pond this past weekend with trout, and had hoped to hold their annual fishing derby this Saturday. Unfortunately, the warm weather left the pond ice free. It is unlikely the cold weather for the next two days will change the conditions of the ice. Call the club for updates on the derby.

The Springfield Sportsmen's show at the BIG-E will be held on Feb. 21-23. The annual show draws a few thousand



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sportsmen to the show annually. More on the show in the coming weeks. The New England Fishing Expo in Boxborough Mass. will open their doors on Jan. 24-26. Dan Kenney has taken over the show which was once held at the Worcester Centrum, and has made the annual event worth attending. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the show, as we wait for spring to arrive.

Fishnet Charters with Captain Mel True, Jr. is holding another fishing show on Feb. 8-9 at Whites of Westport. The Tried & True show will have many vendors selling used fishing tackle as well as tables of new fishing equipment. Whites of Westport is located on Route 66, State Road, Westport! Check him out on his Web site at Capt.MelTrue@gmail.com.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods Bending!

Navigating garden catalogs to plan for the season ahead



Melinda Myers Photo

Quality garden catalogs will list the cold hardiness zone of trees, shrubs and perennials and usually include the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Hardiness Zone Map.



GARDEN MOMENTS

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As garden catalogs are piling up and online versions fill your inbox, your thoughts may turn to the growing season ahead. With so many choices of beautiful flowers and scrumptious vegetables it can be overwhelming and hard to resist buying more seeds and plants than you have space to grow and time to tend.

Start by flipping through the pages of various catalogs and searching gardening websites and online catalogs to

gather ideas and inspiration. Narrow down your search by selecting plants suited to your climate and growing conditions. Quality catalogs will list the cold hardiness zone of trees, shrubs and perennials and often include the Plant Hardiness Zone Map developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These hardiness zones are based on the average minimum winter temperature. The lower the number, the more cold-tolerant the plant.

Sunset Climate Zones for North America may be new to many gardeners. A variety of factors beyond high and low temperatures were considered when the 45 hardiness zones were

created. Microclimates, growing season, rainfall, humidity, wind patterns, and ocean currents were some of the other factors that went into defining these zones. Read the plant description and select plants that match the light, soil and moisture in your garden. Make sure annual flowers and vegetables you select have time to flower and produce before your season ends. Those with a longer time to harvest than your growing season allows will need to be started indoors. You will need time and indoor growing space to start your own long-season plants from seed indoors.

Select the most disease resistant and low maintenance varieties

whenever possible. Make sure you have enough space in the garden or containers for all the plants you select and for each of them to reach their mature size. Overcrowding plants increases the risk of disease and can reduce flowering and productivity. Look for award-winning plants when reviewing the catalogs. All-America Selections' winners (AAS) are tested nationally and selected for improved growth habit, flowering, pest resistance or some other unique feature for the home garden. Perennial Plant, Hosta and Daylilies of the Year are selected by members of the various organizations for their outstanding performance.

Consult your local University Extension service. Most create lists of plants and varieties that are best suited to your region. They often recommend planting dates based on the average local soil and air temperatures. Your next step – inventory any leftover seeds saved from last season. When properly stored in a cool dark location many seeds can last for years. Longevity does vary with the type of seed, but you may be surprised to find you can get years of planting from one packet of seeds. Onions, parsley, verbena and salvia usually last about a year, whereas properly stored Brussels sprouts, cabbage and zinnias can last an average of five years.

Create your list and set it aside for a day or two before placing your orders. A bit of planning can save you money and increase success as you grow plants best suited to your climate and gardening space. Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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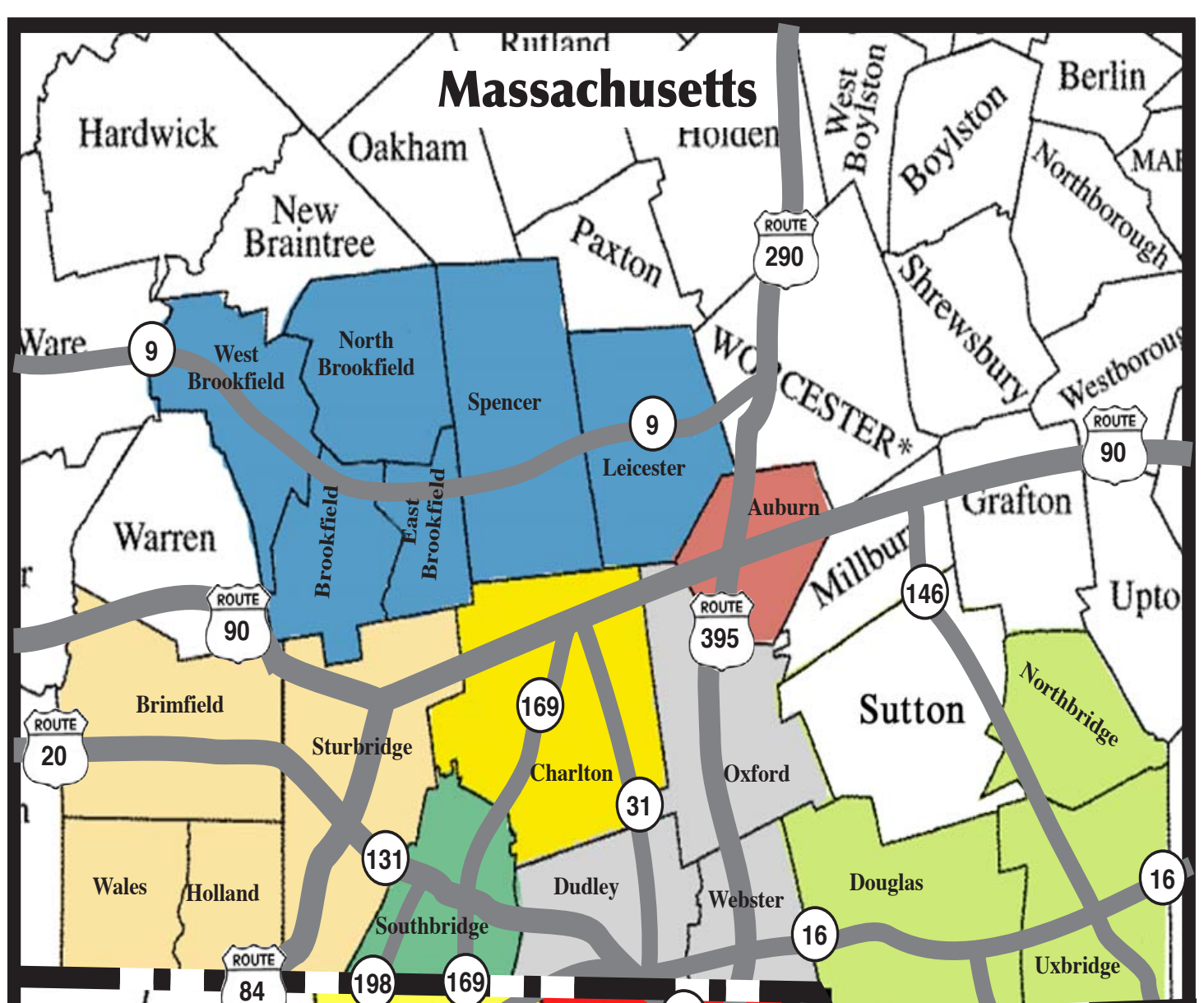
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EDITORIAL

A legacy we must remember

Offices will close nationwide next Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 until his assassination in 1968. The federal holiday falls around the King's birth date, Jan. 15.

Republican President Ronald Reagan made the holiday official in 1983. In 1986, the first observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day took place. In the year 2000, the holiday was observed by all 50 states for the first time since 1986.

Labor unions in contract negotiations were the first to bring forward the idea of celebrating King via national holiday. Republican Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Democrat John Conyers of Michigan brought forth the legislation in 1979 where it was five votes shy of passing in the house.

Those in opposition to the notion of adding yet another federal holiday to a calendar cited costs, arguing that it was ridiculous to ask taxpayers to shoulder the burden of paying for so many unproductive labor hours. Others stated that honoring a private citizen would go against tradition, given that King never held a public office.

In 1980, singer Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to shed light on the campaign. The largest petition in favor of an issue in the history of the United States gathered six million signatures.

Two Republican senators from North Carolina (Jesse Helms and John Porter) opposed the bill because of King's public opposition to the Vietnam War, and also accused King of being a communist, despite the fact that an FBI investigation dating back to 1963 had turned up no evidence that King had ever been under the influence of the Soviets.

The bill passed the House of Representatives, 338-90. Within the bill was language establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. King's wife, Coretta Scott King, was made a lifelong member of this commission by President George H.W. Bush in May of 1989.

Martin Luther King Day is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans. While there are few traditions surrounding the holiday, many educators use the day to teach their students about the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In New Hampshire and Arizona, the day is combined with Civil Rights Day. In Idaho, the day is referred to as 'Human Rights Day' and in Wyoming, 'Equality Day.'

King, who was born in 1929, was an American Baptist minister from Atlanta, Ga. In 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in promoting nonviolent resistance and for advocating for Civil Rights.

On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated at the age of 39 in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray. Ray, 41, was sentenced to 99 years in prison. The assassin died in prison in 1998 from hepatitis.

As we prepare to celebrate the life of this great American and the principles of unity and inclusiveness for which he stood, which are arguably more important for us to cling to now than ever before, let us remember the words of one of his most famous speeches, delivered during the March on Washington in 1963:

"So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire; let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York; let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania; let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado; let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia; let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee; let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

In 2020, be an encourager

THE WORLD ALREADY HAS ENOUGH NAYSAYERS

Want to make a positive and profound difference in 2020? Be an encourager of others. There are already too many voices telling us what is wrong with everything from our personal lives to world events. What the world needs is more positive encouragers.

As I've mentioned before, our local school districts are desperate for substitute teachers. There's a shortage of willing substitutes. I can't do it often but jump in when I can. I don't do it for the money. It doesn't pay much, but I do it for the opportunity to stand in front of a classroom of students and provide positive encouragement.

Children and adults alike, all benefit from positive affirmation. Whether it is purposefully provided from an optimistic encourager or not, the kids are going to find affirmation somewhere and it's not always positive. "Come on try it ... all the popular kids are doing it" or "come on smoking makes you look older." I can go on and on, but I'm sure you get the picture. Our children are going to be influenced somewhere by someone ... why not you in a positive way? Why not step out this year and make a purposeful effort to be a positive influence in your family, workplace and community?

Last year, I accidentally accepted a substitute teaching job for the day with kindergarteners. I generally only do junior high or older. I misunderstood the assignment, but with encouragement from my wife, I didn't call and cancel.

I headed out to the school and when I arrived was introduced to my teaching assistant for the day. She immediately lined up the class of the cutest little boys and girls I've ever seen. She pointed to the first in line and loudly said, "This is the one who hides and sucks his thumb. He's too old to act like a baby." She pointed to the next and said, "This little girl never tells the truth, so don't believe anything she says." I was stunned. She pointed to the next little boy, but before the spoke, I interrupted her and said, "Thank you, but I think I'll make my own judgment." I smiled and introduced myself to the class and said, "I am so excited to be here. I have a feeling this is the best kindergarten class I have ever met, and I believe you will be cooperative and well-mannered today. We are going to learn some fun new things, so lets all take a seat and begin."

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

I spent the day encouraging, complimenting and doing everything I could to uplift and positively affirm these kids. I expected them to be cooperative and well-mannered and they were. At the end of the day, they didn't want to leave. As one little girl was boarding the bus, she turned and asked, "Why are you so nice?" I said, "Because you deserve it." Her smile made the whole day worthwhile.

I headed back to the room to get my things and the teaching assistant asked, "Are you coming back tomorrow?" I answered that I was not. She said, "Good. These kids don't need someone telling them how good they are. They need someone telling them the truth."

I won't go into detail of how I responded. I certainly told her what I thought about her attempted introduction of the students that morning.

Life can be tough and rarely fair. To shield others from harsh realities doesn't serve them well, but every human will benefit from kindness, encouragement and compassion. You can make a difference in the lives of others by being the conduit of encouragement.


Offer positive input and praise. Your discouragement isn't needed or helpful. The line of those wanting to rain on the parade of others is long and not too distinguished. Everyone has a reason you can't do something and shouldn't try. "What if you fail?" the majority will ask. Why not be the lone and needed voice crying out from the wilderness that asks, "What if you succeed?"

What we focus on is what we make happen. Focus on the negative creates more negativity. I find when I encourage others, I become personally encouraged. Why not make it your personal mission to make a positive difference by being an encourager this year? You can do it.

Where should you start? Begin at home and see what happens. I think you will like the result!

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Who can help you with your estate plans?



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You may know you want to leave something behind for the next generation, but, if you're like many people, you're less sure about how to do it. Simply put, you need an estate plan. But who can help you create one?

A comprehensive estate plan can be complex, involving various areas – investments, laws and taxes – so you may well need assistance from more than one source. Specifically, you may need to work with a team consisting of a financial advisor, an attorney specializing in estate planning, and a tax professional.

Putting together such a team may take some effort, but it doesn't have to be as complex as your estate plan itself. Your first contact may be the professional who knows you on the deepest level, and that's likely to be your financial advisor. If you've worked with a financial advisor for years, you've probably shared your hopes and dreams, as well as all your personal financial information. Yet, 64 percent of Americans report never having discussed estate goals and legacy plans with their financial advisors, according to the recent Leaving a Legacy survey commissioned by Edward Jones.

This figure may indicate a lack of urgency on the part of investors. But it might also show a lack of awareness on just how much a financial advisor can help with planning your estate. Since your financial advisor is likely the one who helped you position your key investments – IRA, 401(k), etc. – into your overall financial strategy, it's likely this same person can assist you in integrating these types of assets into your estate plans.

Furthermore, your financial advisor is likely well-connected to tax and legal professionals and can help find the ones who are the best fit for you in developing other key parts of your estate plan. For example, a tax professional can help you determine if your estate is subject to estate or inheritance taxes, and, if so, can suggest strategies to reduce the amount of taxes owed. Also, a tax professional can advise you on the possible tax consequences of the investments and retirement accounts you wish to leave to your heirs. And a legal professional can help you create a will, living trust, health care directive and any other arrangements you might need in place to carry out your estate plans.

Keep in mind that the lines between tax and legal advisors can sometimes become blurred, as some lawyers who focus on estate planning can handle some of the same tasks as a tax professional. But, in any case, your financial advisor is almost certainly going to be the one with the broadest view of your needs and wishes, and the greatest understanding of what you have wanted to accomplish with your wealth throughout your life. If you're familiar with football analogies, you could say your financial advisor is the quarterback of your team, helping guide the other professionals in carrying out their specialties.

So, the next time you meet with your financial advisor, consider bringing up the topic of estate and legacy planning, assuming it isn't already part of your discussions. And don't wait too long. You can't predict the future, but you should do whatever you can to prepare for it.

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Cost Friendly Home Remedies: Massage and Bath Oils

If your new year vows include a healthy lifestyle as well as saving money, this week's column does double duty to help you stay on track with your resolutions! Offering natural massage oils, bath oils and more, the following cost friendly "home remedies" feature a variety of options that go beyond reaching into a medicine cabinet.

Note: Please note the following suggestions are not intended as medical advice or treatment. Do NOT try these home remedies without consulting a health professional to make sure they are appropriate for you. Any treatment, including these home remedies, should be used only under medical supervision. Suggestions offered should not be used as a substitute for proper medical treatment.

Massage, Oils, and Bath Blends for What Ails You

Massage has long been recognized as a therapeutic health benefit. Add the potency of essential oils, along with a dash of hydrotherapy, and the stimulated senses of touch and smell can be a powerful tool in self healing. From soothing body aches to calming anxiety, natural options often translate into successful treatments.

Headache Relief: Massage helps relax the contracted muscles of a tension headache. If you feel a headache coming on, try this manner of self massage. Let your head drop until your chin is almost resting on your desk.. With your palms on the back of your head, press very gently so that you are stretching out your neck but not straining it. Imagine these muscles as loose and soft. If they feel hard and knotted, work to



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gently soften them. Begin to work your thumbs and fingers down the back of your neck from your skull to your shoulders. Shake your head gently from side to side now and then as you work. Once your neck begins to feel more relaxed, work your finger up over your temples and back down to your neck. Push your thumbs against your scalp and rotate them firmly in small circles. Press the palms and heels of your hands against the sides of your head, using the most pressure at the softest points on either side. Rather than pressing in, pull up toward the top of your head.

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Soothing Foot Massage: Foot massage can induce serenity and relieve tension all over the body. It also invigorates tired, aching feet. To do: Sit on a chair and place one foot on the opposite thigh. Rub some oil or lotion onto your foot if you like. Apply pressure with your thumbs to the sole of your foot, working from the bottom of your arch to the top near your big toe. Repeat several times. Make a fist and press your knuckles into the bottom of your foot, moving from your heel to your toes. Repeat several times. Now massage each toe by holding it firmly and moving it from side to side. Extend each toe gently out and away from the ball of your foot. Now apply pressure to the areas between your toes. Hold your toes in one hand and bend them backward holding them there for five to ten seconds. Then bend them in the opposite direction and hold for five to ten seconds. Repeat three times. Press and roll your thumbs between the bones of the ball of your foot. Now switch to the other foot.

TRIPS OFFERED

The “Trips Offered” section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to *Trips Offered*, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stone-bridgepress.news.

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Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center
Pick up is from St. Joseph’s Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton
Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette

at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women’s organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley’s Country Jubilee, “Noah the Musical,” and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyse-niors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

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May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines “GEM” SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov’t Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

*Japan: March 26 to April 9, 2020
*Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020
*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020
*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021
*Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich. Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included. Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then coach to Munich/Fussen.

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us
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some help from our local Lions Club. Lions are internationally renowned as the Knights of the Blind, and dedicate many of their efforts to help with sight and hearing issues.

Gerrard contacted the Charlton Club and got the Lions to volunteer and perform the vision and hearing testing at the schools. The Lions tested 854 students during the four days, with the help of the school nurses and many parent and PTO volunteers from the town. Also, Gretheline Bolandrina, Director of the nursing program at the Bay Path Vocational High School, also sent over volunteers from Bay Path to help with the testing. Stephanie Moisan, the nurse

for the Elementary School, said that it would have taken her several months to squeeze the first grade students into her busy schedule. Instead, the Charlton Lions did it in a day. The Lions continued the next two days at Heritage, testing 420 students, and then finished with 350 students at the Middle School. Ms. Gerrard estimated that it would have taken the nurses over 150 hours to test all students at the three schools. They now have that extra time to devote to helping the school children with their daily needs. Ms. Gerrard said that the Charlton Lions have been a huge help by finishing this important screening program. It helps the nurses achieve their primary goal; keeping the kids healthy and in class. Gerrard said the Lions were also great role models for

the children by showing them adults who were volunteering their time to help others.

Helene Doucette from the Charlton Lions spearheaded the Club’s efforts. There were over 15 Lions and friends who staffed the Sight Mobile from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each of the four days. Doucette said the Lions and volunteers find it so rewarding to work with the young children, and knowing that Lions can help out, makes it all worthwhile. There’s a lot of planning and effort that goes into this week, but Helene said the Lions love a good challenge. The Lions Sight Mobile is funded by the Lions Clubs in Central Massachusetts, and is equipped with sight testing equipment, and a sound proof hearing booth. The use of the Sight Mobile, and the time of the Lions and friends, were all

donated. Everything all week was free of charge to the Town and Schools.

Doucette praised the school nurses and school volunteers for their great coordination, commenting “They had the children ready to go so that we could screen everyone this week.”

The Charlton Lions would like to send out our special thanks to our great school nurses; Stephanie Moison, RN (Elementary School), Marilyn Gerrard, RN (Heritage School)

MOORE

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Relief Act of 2012. The PSAC is charged with the following duties:

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Provides subject matter expertise on concepts (e.g., policies, procedures, technologies, operational methods developed by FirstNet)

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Conducts regular meetings to remain informed and up to date on FirstNet’s progress

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her giving continues. She spoke about her nursing journey specifically her learning strategies, experience as a student nurse and her current role as Unit Manager.

Rachel Carlisle of Oxford, a member of the PN Class of 2020 and a Certified Nursing

Assistant also at Beaumont, said Parks played such an important role in her own nursing journey. Ana is her mentor and cheerleader. Carlisle looks up to and is inspired by Parks’ work as an LPN. Both wanted to do the same in the lives of other nursing students.

“Bay Path Practical Nursing pushed me as an individual, both in my professional and personal

capacities. Being an LPN pushed me to become a better person,” said Parks.

Parks motivates future nurses and nursing assistants to never give up and be the best they can be, she also teaches them about the important role they play in giving back to the Bay Path community.

before each use. Massage joints gently. Sore Muscles Blend: Another “recipe” to try to tame muscle aches. Mix together one ounce carrier oil to the following essential oils: 3 drops ginger, 2 drops black pepper, 5 drops peppermint, 5 drops eucalyptus. Blend well and massage sore muscles gently.

Relaxing Back Rub Oil: Mix one ounce carrier oil with 8 drops each of mint and eucalyptus oils. Apply to back and massage.

Insomnia Massage Oil: This oil, applied with a light massage, will lull you off to blissful sleep. Mix together four ounces of carrier oil with nine drops each of lavender, marjoram, clary sage essential oils.

Foot Massage Oil: Lavender’s role in inducing calm is legendary, and this foot massage oil soothes away stress. Mix four ounces of carrier oil with 12 drops of lavender oil. Massage on the bottom of the feet.

Oil Treatments and Bath Blends: Add oils to bathwater after it has cooled a

bit. Very hot water makes essential oils evaporate too quickly.

Antidepressant Aromatherapy Bath: This simple bath blend has been praised for its calming antidepressant properties. Simply add three drops of rose essential oil and four drops of ylang ylang essential oil to a tub full of warm water. To induce further relaxation, bath by candlelight.

Anti-Anxiety Bath: Add six drops geranium and four drops basil oils to a tub of warm water.

Ginger Bath Blend for Arthritis: Soak in this bath to relieve arthritis pain and stiffness. Mix together four drops ginger essential oil and two drops each lavender, rosemary and lemon eucalyptus oils to one quarter cup honey or Epsom salts. Mix oils together with honey or salts. Add solution to warm bath water. Soak and Relax.

Anti-Stretchmark Oil: Apply to the skin a few times a day to prevent or reduce the eruption of stretch marks. (from Aromatherapy and Massage for Mother and Baby by Allison England). To four tablespoons of almond oil and one tablespoon of avocado oil, add seven drops of lavender and five drops of

mandarin or tangerine oil. Apply to the skin a few times a day to prevent or reduce the eruption of stretch marks.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino.

You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

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November 12, 2020 – Thursday – Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

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You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

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The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

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May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours --\$115.

June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91

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Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Tours - \$101.

Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.


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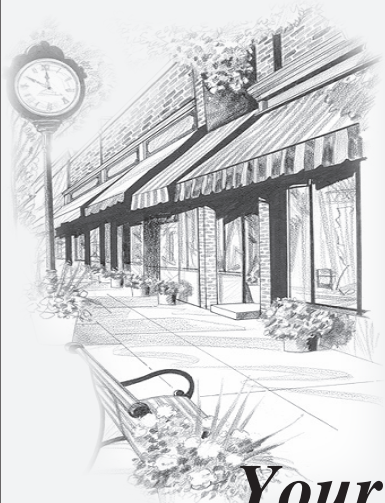
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SPORTS

Auburn's total team effort enough to push past Pioneers



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Auburn's Hanorah Murphy lays the ball off the glass and into the basket for two points.



With a hand in her face, Meghan Stevens of Auburn elevates to attempt a jump shot over a Southbridge defender.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — The 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons weren't kind to the Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team — "we're coming off of two pretty tough seasons," conceded head coach Nicole LePrevost of a combined nine victories in 40 games (3-17 and 6-14) — but, thanks to a talented and deep lineup, better things could be on the horizon for the Rockets.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, Auburn's 13-player roster saw 11 players score and 11 grab at least one rebound as the Rockets pulled away late to defeat a determined Southbridge High squad, 67-35.

"I have a lot of girls that can contribute, very equal caliber girls," said LePrevost. "We don't have one same leading scorer every game and it's something that can make us a threat because they're a very equal caliber team so everybody can bring it every night."

On this night Hanorah Murphy led the team in scoring with 16 points and tied for the team lead with 9 rebounds. Olivia Mathews was right behind her with 15 points and 9 rebounds. Meghan Stevens chipped in 8 points, while Jill Zaparaskas added 6 more.

Early on it was Murphy who established Auburn's scoring presence, as with 3:33 remaining in the first quarter she knocked down a 3-pointer — her seventh, eighth and ninth points of the frame — as the Rockets led 15-2.

Auburn was ahead 17-9 after the first and led 25-12 in the second when Southbridge made its comeback. Jomarieliz Lebron (9 points) converted three straight layups to close the gap to 31-18 and Ashanti Morales-Rivers buried a 3-pointer to make it 31-21.

Then, as the halftime buzzer sounded, Morales-Rivers made a 3-pointer from NBA distance to officially put the Pioneers back in the game, 31-24.

"She's our gunner," Pioneers' head coach Elvin Rodriguez said of Morales-Rivers, who scored a game-high 19 points. "She's everything, the heart and soul of this team. [Morales-Rivers, a junior, has] been playing heavily since the eighth grade."

Auburn then pulled away slightly in the third quarter thanks to single baskets by Mathews, Michaela Sampson, Zoe Picard, Zaparaskas, Kasey Simmons and Maura Donahue, plus a free throw from Mathews, to take a 44-32 lead into the final frame.

There, the Rockets outscored a tired Pioneers' team — they had just seven players suited up — by a 23-3 count to ice the game. Auburn is now 4-3.

"This is the first time we've been above .500 in three years," LePrevost said aside from a 1-0 start to this season, but she knows that there is still plenty of work to be done if they want to make a run toward 10 wins and the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament. "This team wants to make Districts. I



Michaela Sampson of Auburn dishes a pass off to her right.



Auburn's Hanorah Murphy fights through traffic to be able to take a shot.



Auburn's Mia DelloStritto prepares to bounce a pass down the court to teammate Hanorah Murphy.

think they have the confidence in themselves to get there, but we know that we're going to have to have some scrappy wins."

Southbridge, despite a now 0-9 record, had much to be pleased with in this performance.

"There were good things going on here," said Rodriguez. "These girls played their rear ends off. From start to finish, they did not give up. They showed more than just a couple flashes — it was basically 32 minutes of good basketball. We ran out of steam in the fourth quarter."

"At the end of that first half these girls were smiling and giggling, and that's what I want to see. It's going to be a tough year — everybody knows it — but I just want them to improve every game going forward. They'll all be back next year, I have no seniors again, so the future is very bright for the program," he concluded.



Emily Turcotte of Auburn protects the interior against Southbridge's Ashanti Morales-Rivers.

SPORTS

Trio of Rockets combine for 77 points to race past Southbridge



Nick Ethier photos

Auburn's Justin Skaparas slips through the traffic provided by Southbridge defenders Samuel Ortiz and Jose Hiciano (22) on his way to the basket.



Cam Bolduc of Auburn works his way into the paint while being defended by Southbridge's Zachary Besse.



Coleman Picard of Auburn drives into the lane on Southbridge's Reniel Vazquez.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — After a back-and-forth first quarter that saw the lead change hands four times, the Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team — and specifically seniors Coleman Picard, Cam Bolduc and Justin Skaparas — turned it around and built a lead as big as 18 points versus Southbridge High before emerging victorious 80-68 on Friday, Jan. 10.

"Southbridge came out with a lot of aggressiveness, a lot of intensity with that man-to-man, which took us a couple of minutes to settle down," explained Rockets' head coach Dan Koen. "Southbridge did a really good job of pressuring us, forcing us into stuff, getting us out of our sets, so we had to call a timeout or two to calm them down."

The Pioneers led 13-12 after one quarter and were ahead 14-12 early in the second when Auburn surged ahead 20-14 thanks to an 8-0 run. They never lost the lead from there.

"We started getting some fouls called for us and we were able to get to the free throw line and get some easy points that way," said Koen, as the Rockets scored 6 of their 27 second-quarter points from the charity stripe and finished at 73 percent for the game. "That's actually been a little bit of an Achilles heel for the year. I was very impressed, we shot very well from the line."

Auburn held a 39-28 lead at the half. And at the intermission, the coaching staff switched Cam Bolduc, primarily used as an off-guard, to the point position.

"I'm especially proud of Cam Bolduc. We actually had to make him play the point guard," said Koen. "This is the first time he's played it all year, that was our big adjustment at halftime. They were denying Skaparas and Coleman... so we had Bolduc handle the ball, bring their big kid out so he could make those

entry passes."

The switch worked wonders for the Rockets. Not only did Auburn extend its lead to 14 points (60-46) by quarter's end, but Picard and Skaparas heated up offensively. In the frame Skaparas buried three 3-pointers and had 11 points, while Picard chipped in 7 more, including a buzzer-beating fadeaway.

The 14-point advantage was too much for the Pioneers, as they could never trim the deficit down to single digits in the fourth quarter.

"They started pulling away and we lost our aggressiveness," said Southbridge head coach Victor Colon, although he was pleased with his team's will to try and battle back. "I loved our fight. We hit some shots late."

Colon could do nothing but give props to the Auburn trio of Picard (29 points), Bolduc (25 points, 11 rebounds) and Skaparas (23 points), who combined for 77 of the Rockets' 80 points.

"They were hitting shots. I knew we'd be going man so they wouldn't get open shots — most of them were contested — so that means they're great shooters," Colon said.

The Pioneers had a balanced scoring effort — "I love that," Colon noted — as Jose Colon-Rivera (15 points), Jose Hiciano (11 points, 13 rebounds), Zachary Besse (11 points, 8 rebounds), Johnathon Cortez (11 points) and Reniel Vazquez (9 points) led the charge.

Southbridge is now a disappointing 1-6, but even if they don't finish 10-10 or better, they can still qualify for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament via the Sullivan Rule. The Pioneers play over 70 percent of their Southern Worcester County League games against higher-division opponents — Auburn is a Division 3 team, for example — so they must go .500 or better against common D4 opponents. They play six Division 4 games and are currently 1-1 as of press time.

"We're playing some tough teams



Auburn's Mike Breen plays a tight defense on Jose Colon-Rivera of Southbridge.



Auburn's Tyrese Baffour toes the line to remain inbounds.

where if we get in we're battle-tested," said Colon.

The Rockets don't have the Sullivan Rule luxury, so they must finish .500 or better to play in their postseason tournament. They are currently 4-5 after a 4-15 season in 2018-19.

"I think our biggest issue this year is that the seniors almost want it too bad, so they pressure themselves too much. But it's a good thing, they've been working really hard in practice and they definitely want to win," said Koen.

SPORTS

Punishing full-court press pushes Beavers out of slow start, into win column vs. Bay Path



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Christin Pink tries to win the game-opening jump ball tip versus Blackstone Valley Tech.



Bay Path's Jackie Ross looks toward the interior and a teammate to pass the ball to.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech girls' varsity basketball team, despite its strong early-season record, hasn't shown the tenacity that head coach Britt Kahler is looking for. And when the Beavers hosted Bay Path Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 7, she called an early timeout with her team, again, being outworked.

"Coming into this game we were 5-1, but we're a struggling 5-1. We've been battling every game. We're lucky because we're pretty talented this year, but we've been out-hustled every single game," Kahler said. "We're learning to push ourselves and we're looking and searching for people to step up."

The Minutemen held a 4-2 lead early in the first, but that timeout sparked the Beavers. They scored the quarter's final 23 points — and embarked on an overall run of 29-0 bridging the first and second quarters — en route to a lopsided 72-21 victory.

"I saw things tonight that I haven't seen yet. They played as a team, they were talking, they were moving really well,

passing really well," Kahler said of the turnaround, as BVT committed just three first-half turnovers as they held a 46-8 lead at the break.

And it was the full-court man-to-man press that worked wonders for the Beavers. They continually produced a steal, finished off a fast-break layup, and then repeated the process.

"Momentum, we needed it," Kahler said of the importance of the full-court press, which was only used in the first quarter as a big lead of 25-4 was established after the initial eight minutes of action. "They are fast. I think at the half we had 14 steals, so that's a big deal. We do much better when we're pushing the ball. But they know in order to push we have to get stops — it always starts with defense."

Bay Path head coach John Selen conceded that his youthful team hadn't seen a press that effective yet this season.

"We've got young players that aren't used to playing the up-tempo, the pressure, so this is their first experience of that," he noted. "They're a fast team, they're a good team, they're a well-coached team. We have trouble replicating

that type of energy in practice. The older kids that were there that could help us replicate that aren't with us any longer, so with the younger kids we're not there. We're in a rebuild right now — we're all freshmen and sophomores with a couple underclassmen."

Blackstone Valley Tech then won the third (14-6) and fourth quarters (12-7) with all 15 rostered players getting plenty of minutes. In all, 13 of them scored. Victoria Russian led the way with 14 points, while Madison Magri (11), Mackenzie Vollmer (9), Maddison Mathieu (6) and Sarah Trumm (6) also chipped in offensively.

"I was really, really proud of them," Kahler said. "If you look at the box scores, we have a good eight kids scoring every night, if not more than that."

Now at 6-1, Kahler is hoping that her team has found its stride.

"I think we're starting to get it," she said. "We'll keep working and if we keep getting a little better every day, that's all we're asking."

Bay Path, meanwhile, slipped to 1-4. Kalyn Saez and Bethany Lasell each scored 6 points for the Minutemen.



Nalin Koo of Bay Path fights her way toward the basket and draws the foul.



Bethany Lasell of Bay Path lets go of a first-quarter free throw attempt.



Bay Path's Kalyn Saez gets fouled while in the act of shooting.

OBITUARIES

Richard P. Croteau Jr., 54



On Friday, December 27, 2019, Richard P. Croteau Jr., husband and father of four children passed away at the age of 54.

Rich is remembered with love by his wife, Lisa Vigeant and children Heather, Sean, Nicole, Corinne and granddaughter Erin. He is also survived by his parents, Richard P. Croteau Sr. and Frances (Flannery) Kosciusko, step-parents, Nancy Davis and Ray Kosciusko and sister, Sheila Hathaway.

Rich was born on July 23, 1965, in Putnam, CT. After graduating from Wachusett Regional High School in 1983 he fulfilled a long held ambition and proudly entered service in the United States Army, serving overseas before returning home to earn his Bachelor's degree from Worcester State College.

The patriotism and call he felt early on in life led him to reenlist in 2003 serving his country again in Iraq for one tour with the 1060th National Guard unit out

of Framingham, MA. Rich was an enthusiast for military history that fueled his longtime passion for historical reenactments and was an early member of the LARP community for which he became a self-taught craftsman, painstakingly creating chain-mail for many events and is remembered fondly by his LARP brethren for his contagious energy and enthusiasm.

He was known to all for his excitement and passionate commitment for whatever he turned his mind to.

In lieu of flowers, please celebrate Rich's life by donating to your local veteran's organization, Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust or Fisher House.

A Celebration of Life for friends and family to gather will be held at the American Legion Hall, 17 Thompson Hill Rd. North Grosvenordale, CT at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 29, 2020. www.bartelfuneralhome.com



Ella May (Jaskoviak) McCullough, 94



DUDLEY – Ella May (Jaskoviak) McCullough, 94, of June Street, died Monday, January 6, 2020, at Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband,

Joseph Andrew McCullough who died in 1985. She is survived by two children, Sara J. Smith and her husband Douglas of Brookfield, and Bruce J. McCullough and his wife Sandra of Dudley; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a grandson, James Joshua Smith. She was born in Oxford, daughter of the late John T. and Sarah A. (Furness-Barnes) Jaskoviak, and lived in Oxford before moving to Auburn 6

years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School.

Mrs. McCullough worked at Cranston Print Works in Webster for many years. Previously, she worked at American Optical in Southbridge for 10 years. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, painting, shopping at thrift stores, and vacationing in Maine.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at North Cemetery, Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brookdale Senior Living, c/o Activities, 669 Washington St., Auburn, MA 01501, or to Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center, 378 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605. Paradise-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Virginia E. “Ginny” Lussier, 101



ROCHDALE / SPENCER- Virginia E. “Ginny” (Paquette) Lussier, 101, of Rochdale, formerly of Spencer and Auburn, went to heaven Friday, Jan. 10 at Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton surrounded

by family.

Her husband of 61 years, John A. Lussier, Sr. predeceased her in 2001. She leaves her sons John A. Lussier, Jr. and his wife Christine Lesinski of Randolph, VT, Gerald F. Lussier of Delmar, NY, James R. Lussier and his wife Alice of Phoenix, AZ, Jay R. Lussier and his wife Andrea of Spencer, a daughter Jill M. Terrien and her husband Stephen of Rochdale, 9 grandchildren; Kim, Kirk, Joe, Kelly, Craig, Amy, Kevin, Zachary and Hailey and 14 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a granddaughter Cierra Terrien in 1997, a daughter in law Joyce Lussier in 1997, a brother Royal Paquette and a sister Dora Heuer.

Born in Jewett City, CT, she was the daughter of Solomon and Evelyn (Bradford) Paquette. She graduated from the former Commerce High and Ollis Hairdressing Academy in

Worcester. She was a business woman, owner/operator of Virginia's Beauty Shoppe in Auburn, MA for more than 50 years. She and John introduced their family to Stiles Lake in Spencer, MA where good times were had by all and in latter years, Port Charlotte, FL where they were snowbirds. She enjoyed crocheting, dancing and laughter. Above all else she cherished her family and will be most remembered for her kindness, strength and love.

Ginny's family would like to acknowledge the compassionate and loving care provided to her for more than 4 years on the 4th floor of Overlook where staff treated her as family with dignity and respect.

Ginny's funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 13 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester. Burial followed in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were held on Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home prior to the church service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Overlook Masonic Home Patient Activities Fund, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507 or the charity of your choice. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



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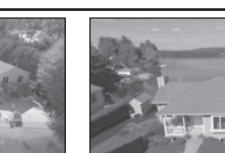
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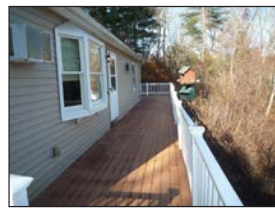







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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Amy B. Hasting AKA Amy B. Hastings and Marc A. Messina to Bank of America, N.A., dated October 4, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41910, Page 335, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing, LLC by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51963, Page 104, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust by Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 59619, Page 86 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 24, 2020 at 4 Vincent Street, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The following land with the buildings thereon in Auburn located on the southerly side of Vincent Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Vincent Street, One Hundred Fifty (150') feet easterly from the easterly line of Oxford Street;

Thence running southerly by Lot Number 15 on a Plan of Prospect Heights House Lots, Worcester District Deeds, Plan Book 24, Plan 57, One Hundred Two and Six Tenths

(102.6') feet to land now or formerly of the Stoneville Company;

Thence easterly by land of said Company Seventy One and One Hundredth (70.01') feet to a point;

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For title reference see that deed of Daniel M. Hastings, Mary Ann Ulevich, Terrence J.

Hastings, John J. Hastings, Michael R. Hastings to Amy B. Hastings and Marc A.

Messina, deed dated 5/1/1998 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds on

6/18/1998 in Book 20076, Page 387. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A.,
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John J. Gokey Sr. and Rachael E. Gokey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Mortgage Network, INC., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, A DE Corp., its successors and assigns, dated February 28, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38498, Page 275 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on January 31, 2014 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 51995, Page 213, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., dba American Mortgage network of MA, a DE Corp, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47346, Page 92 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on January 31, 2020 at 36 Chestnut Avenue, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Auburn, with the buildings thereon, being shown as Lot 41 on a Plan of Pond Acres, dated February, 1951, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 173, Plan 87, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone bound at the most westerly corner thereof, it being the intersection of the northerly line of Clark Street and the southeasterly line of Chestnut Avenue; Thence North 88 degrees 35' 30" East ninety-six and thirty hundredths (96.30) feet by the northerly line of Clark Street to an iron pipe at the southwesterly corner of Lot 40 on said plan; Thence North 1 degree 24' 30" West one hundred five (105) feet by said Lot 40 to an iron pipe in the southerly line of Lot 42 on said plan at the northwesterly corner of said Lot 40; Thence South 88 degrees 35' 30" West fifty and eighty-eight hundredths (50.88) feet by said Lot 42 to an iron pipe on the southeasterly line of Chestnut Avenue, it being the most westerly corner of Lot

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